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Legislature comes up short at the end of the day

Lack of action on key bills has insiders and outsiders calling for a better way

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Advocates, activists, and others with business before the Legislature woke up Thursday to see what lawmakers accomplished in their final, 23-hour-long day of formal proceedings, and expressed the same sentiment again and again: disappointment.

Left behind

Major bills the Legislature failed to pass

- Change to Boston's property tax method
- Economic stimulus for life sciences and other industries
- Additional liquor licenses in Boston
- New stadium for New England Revolution

More, B1.

The House and Senate gavelled out after 19 months of work, having sent to Governor Maura Healey three major legislative packages, including a \$5.2 billion housing bill, but left on the table numerous others intended to tackle some of the most pressing issues facing the state.

It's hardly the first time the Legislature has left important work to the final minute: Two years prior, a similar scenario unfolded with lawmakers up all night, only for a major tax relief proposal to die at the close of session. Current and former politicians, however, said the dysfunction in the Legislature has increased in recent years, as control over what legislation moves forward is increasingly consolidated

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Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich was released Thursday after 16 months in a Russian prison.



Some of the prisoners released by Russia (from left): American citizens Alsu Kurmasheva and Paul Whelan; another Western prisoner, Vladimir Kara-Murza; political prisoners and human rights advocates Oleg Orlov, Sasha Skochilenko, Ilya Yashin, and Andrei Pivovarov; and Lilia Chanysheva, one of the prisoners with ties to Alexei Navalny.

Trump's attack no surprise to Democrats

False claims about race recall birther strategy with Obama

By Tal Kopan and Sam Brodey
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WASHINGTON — Former president Donald Trump's attacks this week on Vice President Kamala Harris's biracial background brought a new dimension to the 2024 election, but for veterans of the political arena, they felt like a well-known throwback.

Trump's false suggestions that Harris has recently switched her racial identification from Indian to Black are reminiscent of his promotion of conspiracy theories about former President Barack Obama's heritage, the beginning of a through-line of his political career of attacking the racial heritage of nonwhite opponents and rivals.

So though they decried Wednesday's attacks, Democrats said they found them unsurprising.

"This is who he is," said Georgia Senator Raphael Warnock. "He came into politics riding on the birtherism line. And now he's trying to convince Black people that their greatest adversary is brown people. It's un-American."

Harris is the daughter of a Jamaican father and

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'Their brutal ordeal is over'

3 Americans, including Wall St. Journal reporter, freed from Russia in swap

By Anton Troianovski and Mark Mazzetti
NEW YORK TIMES

BERLIN — A prisoner swap Thursday among seven countries freed Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and two other Americans held in Russia, along with several jailed Russian dissidents, in a deal whose size and complexity has no parallel in the post-Soviet era.

The trade freed 15 people imprisoned by Russia and one by its ally Belarus, in return for eight held in Western countries, including a convicted assassin and several held as Russian spies. It was all the more remarkable for taking place 2½ years into Russia's

invasion of Ukraine, which the Kremlin has cast as a war for Russian survival against the United States and its allies who are arming and financing Ukraine.

The deal, culminating a long and elaborate

► Russian convicted in Boston of hacking is among the released prisoners. B2.

web of negotiations behind the scenes, delivered a diplomatic victory for President Biden, who has long pledged to bring home imprisoned Americans and to support Russia's ruthlessly repressed democracy advocates, journalists, and war critics.

"Their brutal ordeal is over, and they're

free," Biden said at the White House, speaking of the freed Americans, whose relatives flanked him. "Moments ago, their families and I were able to speak to them on the phone from the Oval Office," he said, and he wished them "welcome almost home."

The exchange took place at the international airport in Ankara, Turkey's capital, and involved seven planes ferrying the 24 prisoners from the United States, Germany, Poland, Slovenia, Norway, and Russia, according to the Turkish government, which has positioned itself as a mediator between Moscow and the United States throughout the war in Ukraine.

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Months later, arrests still follow student protesters

Hundreds of cases remain unresolved

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AMHERST — Since her arrest at a protest at the University of Massachusetts, Annie McGrew has been pivoting between two sets of hearings: one in court, for misdemeanor charges, another at school, for violations of the college's conduct code.

It has kept the graduate student from work toward finishing her dissertation in economics.

"It's been a really rough few months for me since my arrest,"

McGrew said. "I never imagined this is how UMass would respond."

Some 3,200 people were arrested on college campuses this spring during a wave of pro-Palestinian tent encampments protesting the war in Gaza. While some schools ended demonstrations by striking deals with the students, or simply waited them out, others called in police when protesters refused to leave.

Many students had those charges

dismissed. But hundreds of cases have yet to be resolved on campuses with the highest number of arrests, according to an analysis of data gathered by the Associated Press and partner newsrooms, including The Boston Globe.

Some of those students face uncertainty in their academic careers, while others harbor doubts about whether to stay enrolled in college at

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2024 PARIS OLYMPICS



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SHE DOES IT AGAIN — Simone Biles came from behind in the all-around gymnastics final on Thursday to pick up another gold medal — her sixth, and ninth medal overall. She also became the third woman to be a two-time Olympic champion, and at 27, the oldest all-around champion since 1952. **More on the day, C1, 4-6.**

Charger issue has Black drivers saying no to EVs

By Hiawatha Bray
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As producer of a podcast and radio show on automotive technology, Ken Chester drives plenty of electric vehicles. He likes their quick acceleration, creature comforts, and quiet rides. But he still won't give up his gasoline-powered SUV for an electric car.

Chester is emblematic of two facts of life in the auto industry. First, EVs remain a hard sell. And second, they are a particularly hard sell in Black communities.

Black car buyers such as Chester are embracing EVs at a much slower pace than other consumers. Black people, who buy about 8 percent of all new cars, purchased only 4.5 percent of the EVs sold in the United States in the first quarter of the year, according to the research firm S&P

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Leaders in Boston and Chelsea asked the governor to rescind her new shelter policy restricting stays to five days. **B1.**

The MBTA's new "tap-to-go" payment system got mixed reviews from subway riders. **B1.**

Celtics star Jaylen Brown took the first step toward his goal of creating a "Black Wall Street" in Boston by launching Boston XChange. **B5.**

Generation X and millennials have an increased risk of getting certain cancers compared with older generations. **A2.**

Israel said it killed the Hamas commander believed to have been an Oct. 7 planner. **A4.**

Patriots linebacker Matthew Judon was back on the field after missing workouts because of a contract issue. **C1.**



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GOP opposition dooms tax deal in the Senate

Bipartisan plan fails on vote pushed by Schumer

By Andrew Duehren
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Senate rejected a bill Thursday that would have restored lapsed tax breaks for businesses and expanded the child tax credit, as many Republicans in the chamber lined up against the bipartisan deal in hopes of gaining an advantage in bigger tax legislation expected next year.

The roughly \$80 billion bill had seemed to have everything. It soared through the House earlier this year with broad bipartisan support, a rare feat. Business groups loved it and hoped Congress would again allow companies to immediately deduct the full cost of capital investments and research expenses from their tax bills. And antipoverty activists cheered its expansion of federal support for parents with children.

But the effort — spearheaded by Representative Jason Smith, Republican of Missouri

and the Ways and Means Committee chair; and Senator Ron Wyden, Democrat of Oregon and the Finance Committee chair — still ran aground in the Senate. Republican senators worried that the bill's expansion of the child tax credit veered into creating a new welfare program, stalling the legislation.

Though Republican opposition doomed the bill's fate months ago, Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York and the majority leader, brought it up for a procedural vote Thursday. The vote failed 48-44, falling short of the 60 votes needed to advance. Three Republicans joined Democrats in favor of the bill, while two independents who caucus with Democrats — Senator Joe Manchin III of West Virginia and Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont — opposed it. Schumer also ultimately voted against the bill, a decision that allows

him to potentially bring it back up for another vote.

With the procedural vote, top Democrats saw an opportunity to score political points in an election year. They hammered Republicans for opposing changes that would give more low-income families access to the child tax credit and make it more valuable for parents with multiple children.

Senator JD Vance, Republican of Ohio and the party's vice-presidential nominee, has recently come under fire for past comments criticizing “childless cat ladies.” While Vance has walked back some of those comments, he has continued to argue that Democrats have pursued anti-family policies.

“Senate Republicans love to say they care about families, yet it seems like most of them will block a bill that expands the child tax credit, lifts half a million kids out of poverty, and expands benefits to 16 million



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children,” Schumer said Wednesday before the vote. Vance did not vote Thursday.

The attempt to pass the tax bill was also a dry run for a broader tax debate that Congress will undertake next year. Many tax cuts approved by former president Donald Trump and a Republican Congress in 2017, including measures like

lower marginal income tax rates and a bigger standard deduction, will expire after 2025. Letting those and other measures expire could raise taxes on millions of American households, and lawmakers in both parties are already working on ways to renew many of the cuts before the deadline. Top Senate Republicans rea-

soned that they may be in a better negotiating position after November's election, when they could win control of the chamber. They chose to hold out on the House-approved bill and plan on addressing the business tax breaks later.

“I think we can do better next year,” said Senator John Cornyn, Republican of Texas.

Still, the decision was a disappointment to many business lobbyists. The tax breaks they sought had lapsed under provisions in the 2017 tax law; Republicans ended them as a way to contain the cost of that legislation.

Because the tax breaks incentivize investment and scientific research, they are largely uncontroversial and were expected to be reinstated.

The legislation would have expanded a tax credit aimed at bolstering the supply of low-income housing, provided tax relief to disaster victims, and laid the groundwork for a bilateral tax agreement with Taiwan.

DAILY BRIEFING



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PLAYING HARBALL — Video game performers and their supporters chanted slogans on a SAG-AFTRA picket line outside Warner Bros. Games headquarters Thursday. Hollywood's video game performers are striking after talks for a new contract with major game studios broke down over artificial intelligence protections.

Utah Supreme Court upholds a block on a strict abortion ban

The Utah Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a suspension of the state's near-total ban on abortion, meaning the procedure remains legal while a court challenge to the law proceeds.

When the US Supreme Court ruled to overturn Roe v. Wade, it cleared the way for two Utah laws to come into force: a ban on

most abortions after the 18th week of pregnancy, which was passed in 2019 and is currently in effect, and a near-total abortion ban passed in 2020 that would prohibit the procedure at any time during pregnancy, with very limited exceptions, including for cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother.

The near-total abortion ban took effect in 2022, but the Planned Parenthood Association of Utah almost immediately filed a lawsuit in the state seeking to block the ban. The organization argued that the ban violated several provisions in the state constitution, including those that guarantee a right to

determine family composition and a right to gender equality.

A trial court issued a preliminary injunction in July 2022 blocking the state from enforcing the near-total ban while the case proceeded. Utah state officials appealed, but the state Supreme Court left the injunction in place.

NEW YORK TIMES

Toddler rescued from pipe in Kan. yard

Emergency crews rescued a terrified and screaming toddler after he fell into a narrow pipe and got stuck around a dozen feet below ground in the yard of his Kansas home.

“There we go,” Officer Ronnie Wagner of the Moundridge Police Department can be heard saying on body camera video, clearly relieved, as crews pulled the uninjured 14-month-old boy from the hole Sunday.

Wagner had arrived at the home just 15 minutes earlier. The toddler was sobbing as his father yelled into the hole: “Hey buddy. We are going to get you up.”

Wagner explained in a phone

interview Thursday that the boy was playing in the yard when he stepped on a lid covering the hole. It came off and he tumbled down as his mother watched.

At the scene, she clutched a younger baby in her arms, as the boy's father comforted her and the toddler's older brother.

But those screams were encouraging — showing he was conscious — as was the fact that he could stand up, Wagner said.

Wagner said the boy may have a few bruises but didn't even require a trip to the hospital. Wagner suspects he slowed his descent as he fell by flailing his arms.

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Brother of airman killed by deputy fatally shot

ATLANTA — The teenage brother of a US Air Force airman who was shot and killed in his home by a Florida sheriff's deputy in May has been killed in a shooting in the Atlanta area, police said.

Andre Fortson, Senior Airman Roger Fortson's 16-year-old brother, was killed this week in DeKalb County, DeKalb County police said.

Andre Fortson was found shot to death in the breezeway of an apartment complex on Tuesday, police said. Two groups of people had been shooting at each other for unknown reasons, DeKalb County police said.

A 20-year-old man was identified as one of the shooters and arrested on an aggravated assault charge, police said. He was booked into the DeKalb County Jail. Jail records did not list an attorney who could be reached for comment on his behalf.

The killing comes about three months after Roger Fortson, 23, was killed by Okaloosa County sheriff's Deputy Eddie Duran at Fortson's apartment in Fort Walton Beach, Fla. The airman had answered the door while holding a handgun pointed toward the floor and was killed within seconds, body camera video shows.

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Former FBI agent sentenced to life for child rape in Ala.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A former FBI agent was sentenced to life in prison Thursday for sexually assaulting an 11-year-old girl while serving as an Alabama state trooper.

Alabama's state police hired Christopher Bauer even after he was kicked out of the FBI amid earlier claims he raped a co-worker at a knife point.

An Associated Press investigation showed Bauer, 45, moved

from one law enforcement job to another with the help of a forged letter making it appear he was “eligible for rehire.”

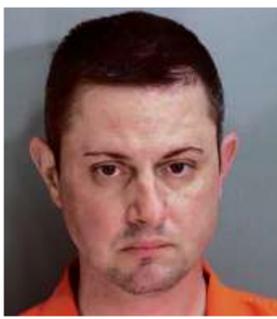
The forgery prompted an FBI investigation but federal authorities held off charging Bauer as the state proceedings played out.

A jury convicted Bauer in June of first-degree sodomy and sexual abuse of a child under 12 following a weeklong trial in

which defense attorneys claimed the girl made up the allegations.

The girl's mother stood with prosecutors, who asked for the maximum sentence. Daryl D. Bailey, the Montgomery County district attorney, called Bauer a “sexual predator” following his conviction, saying he needed to be “removed from our streets forever.”

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Christopher Bauer

Gen X, millennials face higher cancer risk than others

Rates for 13 types rising for younger patients

By Lindsey Bever
WASHINGTON POST

Generation X and millennials are at an increased risk of developing certain cancers compared with older generations, a shift that is probably due to generational changes in diet, lifestyle, and environmental exposures, a large new study suggests.

In a new study published Wednesday in the *Lancet Public Health* journal, researchers from the American Cancer Society reported that cancer rates for 17 of the 34 most common cancers are increasing in progressively younger generations. The findings included:

- Cancers with the most significant increased risk are kidney, pancreatic, and small intestine, which are two to three times as high for millennial men and women as baby boomers.

- Millennial women also are at higher risk of liver and bile duct cancers compared with baby boomers.

- Although the risk of getting cancer is rising, for most cancers, the risk of dying of the disease stabilized or declined among younger people. But mortality rates increased for gallbladder, colorectal, testicular, and uterine cancers, as well as for liver cancer among younger women.

“It is a concern,” said Ahmedin Jemal, senior vice president of the American Cancer Society's surveillance and health equity science department, who was the senior author of the study.

If the current trend continues, the increased cancer and mortality rates among younger people may “halt or even reverse the progress that we have made in reducing cancer mortality over the past several decades,” he added.

While there is no clear explanation for the increased cancer rates among younger people, the researchers suggest that there may be several contributing factors, including rising obesity rates; altered microbiomes from unhealthy diets high in saturated fats, red meat, and ultra-processed foods or antibiotic use; poor sleep; sedentary lifestyles; and environmental factors, including exposure to pollutants and carcinogenic chemicals.

Researchers analyzed data from more than 23.5 million patients who had been diagnosed with 34 types of cancer from 2000 to 2019. They also

studied mortality data that included 7 million deaths from 25 types of cancer among people ages 25 to 84 in the United States.

Expanding on their previous research, which had identified eight types of cancer in which incidence rates increased with each successive generation, the researchers have found an additional nine, including some that had previously declined among older birth cohorts before rising in younger populations.

The study did not examine factors including household income, insurance status, race, or ethnicity.

Younger people, or those under 50, represent a minority of the overall population of those who develop cancer, “but the concern is that cancer is occurring at younger and younger ages, so this increased incidence raises very real concerns as that population continues to age,” said Ernest Hawk, vice president and head of the division of cancer prevention and population sciences at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

At the same time, the researchers also noted that there has been a drop in cervical cancer rates among younger women, which they attribute to vaccination against the human papillomavirus. Smoking-related cancers such as lung, larynx, and esophageal squamous cell carcinoma also declined, though progress has slowed among the youngest age groups, the researchers said.

Routine screening tests are recommended for only four cancers — colon, cervical, breast, and, for some people, lung — and a number of younger people who are at average risk do not meet the age requirements or, for various reasons, are not getting screened.

“The problem becomes that patients are getting younger and younger, we don't always have good screening to begin with, and then we can't really screen such large populations,” said Andrea Cercek, a gastrointestinal oncologist and co-director of the Center for Young Onset Colorectal and Gastrointestinal Cancers at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

In the new study, breast, gallbladder and other biliary cancers, and uterine cancer rates increased across almost all age groups, rising faster among younger generations. While breast cancer rates among women younger than 40 remain low, in a separate study, breast cancer still accounted for the highest number of early-onset cancer cases.

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DAILY BRIEFING

Stabbing suspect's name is released

LONDON — Seeking to quell a surge of misinformation-fueled unrest, a British judge Thursday took the unusual step of naming the 17-year-old suspect in a stabbing rampage that left three children dead and eight injured in northwestern England this week.

The suspect, Axel Muganwa Rudakubana, appeared in a Liverpool court to face three counts of murder and 10 counts of attempted murder.

The stabbing spree, at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class in the town of Southport on Monday, stunned Britain and ignited two days of racially fueled riots, in multiple cities, that were incited by far-right provocateurs.

Although police announced that the suspect had been born in Cardiff, Wales, erroneous posts on social media claimed he was an immigrant who was in the country illegally, which triggered protests that reached almost to the gates of No. 10 Downing St. NEW YORK TIMES

S. Korea offers aid to N. Korea

SEOUL — South Korea on Thursday offered to send humanitarian aid to North Korea after the isolated North reported extensive damage from floods in towns along its western border with China.

North Korea did not immediately respond. If the North accepts the offer, it could lead to the first official contact between the two Koreas in several years. After the collapse of direct diplomacy between its leader, Kim Jong Un, and then-President Donald Trump, North Korea in 2020 cut off all official channels of dialogue with the South.

In recent days, North Korea has reported severe floods near the estuary where the Yalu River empties into the Yellow Sea after flowing along the North Korea-China border. State media reported that roads, railways, and more than 4,100 homes were submerged, along with large swaths of farmland. NEW YORK TIMES

Deaths during Nigeria protests

ABUJA, Nigeria — Security forces fired gunshots and tear gas to quell mass protests across Nigeria on Thursday as thousands, mostly young people, poured onto the streets to rally against the country's worst cost-of-living crisis in a generation. At least two people were reported killed.

The deaths occurred in Niger state where demonstrators clashed with security forces after blocking a major road, local newspapers reported.

Police opened fire in at least two other states as crowds demanded an end to the economic crisis that has rendered the people of Africa's top oil producer among the poorest in the world.

The demonstrations called for an end to chronic corruption and bad governance. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel confirms death of 3rd militant

As tensions rise, so do concerns on fate of cease-fire

By Aaron Boxerman, Farnaz Fassihi, Euan Ward, and Michael Levenson
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military said Thursday it had killed Muhammad Deif, the Hamas commander who is believed to have been a planner of the Oct. 7 attack on Israel, in an airstrike last month, which would make him the third Iranian-backed militant leader slain in recent weeks.

The Israeli announcement confirming the death of Deif, the leader of Hamas's military wing, came as thousands of mourners attended the funerals of another Hamas leader and a Hezbollah commander whose assassinations this week have amplified fears of a wider regional war.

Deif was killed in an Israeli airstrike on a compound in the southern Gaza Strip on July 13, according to the Israeli military. It said his death had been confirmed by an intelligence assessment but did not provide further details. At least 90 other people were killed in the strike, according to Gaza's health officials.

Hamas has not confirmed or denied Deif's death. The No. 2 Hamas leader in Gaza, he would be the group's most senior military leader slain by Israeli forces during the offensive in Gaza that has also killed more than 38,000 people, according to the territory's health officials. Israel began its campaign in the enclave after a Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on Oct. 7, during which 1,200 people were killed and about 250 abducted to Gaza.

Israeli leaders, who have said they will continue fighting in Gaza until they destroy Hamas's military and governing capabilities, celebrated the announcement of Deif's death, the latest revelation in a dizzying two days that have shaken the leadership of Hamas and Hezbollah, both of which are backed by Iran.

"Deif was responsible for the terrible massacre of Oct. 7 and for many murderous attacks against Israeli civilians," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said in a statement. "He was Israel's most-wanted person for years. His elimination establishes a very clear principle — whoever harms us, we will retaliate against them."

The announcement came as large public funeral processions were held in Iran's capital, Tehran, for Hamas's political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, who was killed Wednesday by an explosion in Tehran; and near Lebanon's capital, Beirut, for a Hezbollah commander, Fouad

Shukur, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike Tuesday.

By Ronen Bergman, Mark Mazzetti, and Farnaz Fassihi
NEW YORK TIMES

Ismail Haniyeh, a top leader of Hamas, was assassinated Wednesday by an explosive device covertly smuggled into the Tehran guesthouse where he was staying, according to seven Middle Eastern officials, including two Iranians, and a US official.

The bomb had been hidden approximately two months ago in the guesthouse, according to five of the Middle Eastern officials. The guesthouse is run and protected by Iran's Revolutionary Guard and is part of a large compound, known as Neshat, in an upscale neighborhood of northern Tehran.

Haniyeh was in Iran's capital for the presidential inauguration. The bomb was detonated



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Iranians followed a truck carrying the coffins of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and his bodyguard.

Shukur, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike Tuesday.

Israel has not admitted to killing Haniyeh, but US officials have assessed that it was responsible for the attack. Iran and Hamas blamed Israel, and Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, ordered a direct strike on Israel in retaliation, according to three Iranian officials briefed on the order.

The killings of Shukur and Haniyeh have threatened to engulf the Middle East in a wider war and to derail cease-fire talks aimed at stopping the fighting in Gaza and releasing the remaining hostages there.

As the region braced for a possible escalation, some major airlines suspended flights to Tel Aviv and Beirut, and some of the families of the hostages protested outside Israeli military headquarters in Tel Aviv, expressing concern that a cease-fire deal was slipping away.

"Prime minister, there's a deal on the table — a deal that you proposed," Ella Ben-Ami, whose father, Ohad, remains held captive by Hamas, said at a rally in Tel Aviv. "Please, don't sabotage it. Don't break this deal. Bring them home."

Haniyeh, who was a top negotiator in the cease-fire talks, was killed by a bomb planted and remotely detonated in the guesthouse in Tehran where he was staying after attending the inauguration of Iran's new president.

Hours before Haniyeh was killed, Israeli fighter jets flew over Beirut's southern suburbs and killed Shukur, a senior member of Hezbollah, the Lebanese militia that has been exchanging strikes with Israel for months in what it calls a show of solidarity with Hamas. Israel



MUSTAFA JAMALDDINE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mourners and Hezbollah fighters carried the coffin of their top commander Fouad Shukur, who was killed by an Israeli airstrike on Tuesday.

has said Shukur oversaw Hezbollah's campaign against Israel, including a rocket attack that killed 12 children and teenagers in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights last weekend.

On Thursday, throngs of mourners crowded the streets of Tehran for Haniyeh's funeral procession, surrounding a canopied truck adorned with flowers and streamers and bearing his coffin. Many waved the flags of Iran, Palestine, and Hezbollah.

Khamenei and Iran's new president, Masoud Pezeshkian, wiped away tears during prayers for Haniyeh, video of the funeral showed. The ayatollah also hugged and greeted Haniyeh's son, who was in Tehran for the funeral.

The commander of Iran's armed forces, General Mohammad Bagheri, also vowed to avenge the killing, saying at the funeral, "We are currently examining how we and the resistance will avenge the blood." He added, "Different actions will take place that will make the Zionists regret it."

At Shukur's funeral inside a packed auditorium in Beirut's southern suburbs, the crowd chanted, "Death to Israel," and shouted, "We are here for you, Nasrallah," as Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, appeared on a video screen.

In his speech, Nasrallah said that Hezbollah would retaliate against Israel for the killing of Shukur. Hezbollah and its allies were working on "a true re-

sponse, not a show response, as some are trying to suggest," he said. His unusually brief remarks appeared to stop short of the full-throated pledge to escalate Hezbollah's fight with Israel that some had been expecting.

"We have entered a new phase," Nasrallah said. Addressing Israel, he said, "You do not realize the red lines you have crossed."

Hezbollah has dialed back its attacks along Israel's northern border since the killing of Shukur, and Nasrallah said in his speech that he had ordered his fighters to remain calm. But he said that the group would resume operations Friday and that retaliation for Shukur's death would come later.

Bomb in Iran guesthouse kills top Hamas leader

Device had been hidden in place two months ago

remotely, the five officials said, once it was confirmed that he was inside his room at the guesthouse. The blast also killed a bodyguard.

The explosion shook the building, shattered some windows, and caused the partial collapse of an exterior wall, according to the two Iranian officials, members of the Revolutionary Guard briefed on the incident. Such damage was also evident in a photograph of the building shared with The New York Times.

Haniyeh, who had led Hamas's political office in Qatar, had stayed at the guesthouse several times when visiting Tehran, according to the Middle Eastern officials. All of the officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to share sensitive details about the assassination.

Iranian officials and Hamas said Wednesday that Israel was responsible for the assassination, an assessment also reached by several US officials who requested anonymity. The assassination threatened to un-

leash another wave of violence in the Middle East and upend the ongoing negotiations to end the war in the Gaza Strip. Haniyeh had been a top negotiator in the cease-fire talks.

Israel has not publicly ac-

The guesthouse is run and protected by Iran's Revolutionary Guard.

knowledge responsibility for the killing, but Israeli intelligence officials briefed the United States and other Western governments on the details of the operation in the immediate aftermath, according to the five Middle Eastern officials.

On Wednesday, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the United States had received no advance knowledge of the assassination plot.

In the hours after the killing,

speculation immediately focused on the possibility that Israel had killed Haniyeh with a missile strike, possibly fired from a drone or a plane, similar to how Israel had launched a missile on a military base in Isfahan, Iran, in April.

That missile theory raised questions about how Israel might have been able to evade Iranian air defense systems again to execute such a brazen airstrike in the capital.

As it turns out, the assassins were able to exploit a different kind of gap in Iran's defenses: a lapse in the security of a supposedly tightly guarded compound that allowed a bomb to be planted and to remain hidden for many weeks before it would eventually be triggered.

Such a breach, three Iranian officials said, was a catastrophic failure of intelligence and security for Iran and a tremendous embarrassment for the Revolutionary Guard, which uses the compound for housing prominent guests such as Haniyeh.

How the bomb was stashed

in the guesthouse remained unclear. The Middle Eastern officials said the planning for the assassination took months and required extensive surveillance of the compound. The two Iranian officials who described the assassination said they did not know how or when the explosives were planted in the room.

Israel decided to carry out the assassination outside Qatar, where Haniyeh and other senior members of Hamas's political leadership live. The Qatari government has been mediating the negotiations between Israel and Hamas over a cease-fire in Gaza.

Four hours after the blast, the Revolutionary Guard issued a statement that Haniyeh had been killed. By 7 a.m., Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, had summoned the members of Iran's Supreme National Security Council to his compound for an emergency meeting, at which he issued an order to strike Israel in retaliation, according to the three Iranian officials.

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Israel boosts security for Olympians

Military actions escalate concern for athletes

By Talya Minsberg and Johnatan Reiss
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Israeli athletes who had already been moving around the Paris Games with a security apparatus befitting a head of state can expect heightened protection after the recent assassinations of Hezbollah and Hamas leaders caused security officials to fear for the athletes' safety.

On Saturday, a rocket from Lebanon hit a soccer field in Majdal Shams, an Arab Druse village in the Israeli-controlled Golan Heights. Israel blamed the deadly rocket attack on Hezbollah, which denied responsibility. On Tuesday, an Israeli airstrike killed a Hezbollah commander near Beirut, the Lebanese capital, in retaliation.

The tension in the region intensified Wednesday morning, when Hamas and Iran accused Israel of assassinating Ismail Haniyeh, one of the most senior Hamas leaders. Israel has not publicly addressed the killing.

"There's no doubt that an attack by Hezbollah, which knows and is capable of operating abroad, should increase the level of security provided to the delegation," Shmulik Philosof, a former head of a Shin Bet unit that was responsible for securing Israeli delegations, said of the Israeli team now competing in the Summer Olympics.

Concerns for the Israeli team — which has been shrouded in protection at every Games since 11 of its athletes and coaches were killed at the Munich Olympics in 1972 — have substantially increased since the Oct. 7 terrorist attacks, the subsequent war in the Gaza Strip, global protests, and continuing threats.

Before traveling to Paris, Israeli athletes reported receiving anonymous emails that threatened, "We intend to repeat the



Riot police and regular officers patrolled the streets around Parc des Princes before Israel's soccer match with Mali, at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris on July 24.

events of Munich 1972."

Mark Adams, a spokesperson for the International Olympic Committee, would not comment on whether security had been augmented Wednesday for the Israeli team. "Rest assured there is very good, very strong security," he said.

French authorities have dedicated a special team to protect the Israeli delegation, according to Philosof, as host countries have done in previous Olympics. But, he added, "our policy is not to rely solely on local security anywhere, ever."

Israel is one of the few nations that rely on their own security operation to supplement the security provided by the Olympic host country. Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security agency, spent two years preparing the plan for the Paris Olympics, a process that included numerous meetings between agency officials and their French counterparts, according to two former Shin Bet senior officers. In early June, Israel's culture and sports minister, Miki Zohar,

said the delegation's security budget had increased 50 percent.

Israeli athletes had already been preparing for an abnormal Olympic experience. They expected their time at the Games to be marked as much by protests, heavy security, intense scrutiny, and questions around politics and the war raging in Gaza as their own competitions.

"It's a bummer, but it is what it is," Maor Tiyouri, an Israeli marathoner, said before she arrived in Paris.

Tiyouri, who also ran the marathon at the Tokyo Olympics three years ago, has competed internationally since she was 16. Now 33, she doesn't wear any national gear when she travels, she said, and has taped over the Israeli flag on her national team backpack.

"It's always been this way," Tiyouri, said, adding, "It's hard but that's just the reality of things, and if that means I'm more safe, then that's what I'm going to do."

It's not so different for Anat Lelior, an Israeli surfer, who has reached the round of 16 in the women's event. Representing Israel is "nowadays a lot different," she said from Teahupo'o, Tahiti, where the surfing competition is being held. "I don't go around saying I'm Israeli as much as I have, just for my safety."

Israeli athletes have been instructed to not engage in protests or discussions, or to share their own opinions about the war, regardless of what they may be. Being asked to censor themselves is exhausting yet expected, many say.

There have been some strained interactions among athletes. Adam Maraana, a 100-meter backstroke swimmer and the first Israeli Arab to represent Israel since 1976, tried to swap pins with Algerian athletes but was turned away, he said. (Pin trading is a tradition at the Olympic Games.)

"I do understand it's their choice, but it's a little bit disappointing," Maraana said.

US says opposition won in Venezuela

Discredits claim of victory by Maduro

By Regina Garcia Cano, Gabriela Sá Pessoa, and E. Eduardo Castillo
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CARACAS, Venezuela — The US government on Thursday recognized Venezuelan opposition candidate Edmundo González as the winner of the South American country's presidential election, discrediting the results announced by electoral authorities who declared President Nicolás Maduro the victor.

"Given the overwhelming evidence, it is clear to the United States and, most importantly, to the Venezuelan people that Edmundo González Urrutia won the most votes in Venezuela's July 28 presidential election," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement.

The National Electoral Council declared Maduro the winner of Sunday's highly anticipated election, but the president's main challenger, González, and opposition leader Maria Corina Machado have said they obtained more than two-thirds of the tally sheets that each electronic voting machine printed after polls closed.

They said the release of the data on those tallies would prove Maduro lost.

The announcement from the US government came amid diplomatic efforts to persuade Maduro to release vote tallies from the election and increasing calls for an independent review of the results, according to officials from Brazil and Mexico.

Government officials from Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico have been in constant communication with Maduro's administration to convince him that he must show the vote tally sheets from Sunday's election and allow impartial verification, a Bra-

zilian government official told the Associated Press Thursday.

The officials have told Venezuela's government that showing the data is the only way to dispel any doubt in the results, said the Brazilian official, who asked not be identified because they are not authorized to publicly speak about the diplomatic efforts.

A Mexican official, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity for the same reason, confirmed that the three governments have been discussing the issue with Venezuela but did not provide details. Earlier, Mexico President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said he planned to speak with President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil and President Gustavo Petro of Colombia, and that his government believes it's important that the electoral tallies be made public.

Later Thursday, the governments of Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico issued a joint statement calling on Venezuela's electoral authorities "to move forward expeditiously and publicly release" detailed voting data, but they did not confirm any backroom diplomatic efforts to persuade Maduro's government to publish the vote tallies.

On Monday, after the National Electoral Council declared Maduro the winner of the election, thousands of opposition supporters took to the streets. The government said it arrested hundreds of protesters and Venezuela-based human rights organization Foro Penal said 11 people were killed. Dozens more were arrested the following day, including a former opposition candidate, Freddy Superlano.

Opposition leader Machado — who was barred from running for president — and González addressed a huge rally of their supporters in the capital, Caracas, on Tuesday. Later that day, the president of the National Assembly, Jorge Rodríguez, called for their arrest, calling them criminals and fascists.

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Trump's focus on race no surprise to Democrats

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Indian mother who brought her to civil rights demonstrations while still in her stroller in the 1960s, as she has recounted many times. Harris grew up visiting and was shaped by both sides of her family, but wrote in her 2019 memoir that her mother was keenly aware society would see her and her sister as Black and wanted to raise them immersed in both cultures.

On Wednesday, speaking at a convention of Black journalists in Chicago, Trump falsely maligned that heritage.

"I didn't know she was Black until a number of years ago when she happened to turn Black and now she wants to be known as Black," Trump said. "So, I don't know, is she Indian or is she Black?"

Later in the day, with outrage growing over Trump's comments, large screens at his rally in Pennsylvania showed headlines from 2016 describing Harris as the first Indian American senator. (Missing was the context that Harris is Black, but not the first Black senator.) On Thursday, Trump posted a photo on his social media site of Harris wearing what appears to be a sari.

Starting in 2011, Trump began invoking the birtherism conspiracy against Obama, which falsely suggested the president was born abroad though he was actually born in Hawaii. Trump, at the time best known as a celebrity real estate mogul, was one of the most high-profile promoters of the theory, which fueled the rise in his popularity among Tea Party conservatives. (Obama's mocking of Trump over the attacks fueled a grudge that is believed to have contributed to Trump's entry into politics in the 2016 cycle.)

Since then, Trump has continued to turn the racial backgrounds of his rivals into fodder for broadsides or innuendo. He called his 2016 primary opponent Texas Senator Ted Cruz by the Republican's given name, Rafael, noted Cruz's birthplace of Canada as a possible liability (scholars widely agreed Cruz, who was born to American parents, qualifies as



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Donald Trump, shown last month in Michigan, has a history of using rivals' racial backgrounds as fodder for innuendo.

a natural-born citizen), and seized on Cruz's Cuban ancestry to question his faith, saying "Not too many evangelicals come out of Cuba, OK?"

This year, Trump attacked former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley during the Republican primary by using multiple misspellings of her birth name, Nimarata, to falsely suggest her Indian immigrant parents made her ineligible to be president. (Haley has always used her middle name.)

Harris herself dismissed the comments about her race on Wednesday as "the same old show: the divisiveness and the disrespect."

Democrats echoed that line on Thursday, calling Trump's efforts despicable but designed to be a distraction.

"Bruce Springsteen is from New Jersey, Beyonce can sing, and yes, Kamala is Black," said New Jersey Senator Cory Booker. "It is an insidiously effective tool that obviously is having an effect, because we're not talking about those issues [that matter to voters], we're talking about this."

"It's the only ball he's got to

play and so he plays it," said California Senator Laphonza Butler, a longtime ally of Harris. "Distraction and degradation."

Some Republicans also criticized the remarks, which came after party leaders told their own rank and file to avoid commenting about Harris's race in talking to the press.

"It should not be about which nasty name you can call somebody: it should be about the issues," said Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, a moderate who has tangled with Trump. "The American people deserve more than what we're seeing with this approach to a campaign. I just think it's wrong."

But most Republicans retreated to a familiar posture: avoiding Trump. As they prepared to leave Washington for August recess on Thursday, GOP senators wanted to talk about anything but Trump's continued comments on Harris.

Some attempted to pivot to Harris's policy record — and show where they believe the focus should be — while others rejected the idea of engaging with questions about Trump at

all.

"I can't take the bait," said Senator Thom Tillis, a North Carolina Republican, when asked about Trump's comments.

Pressed on why Trump continued to bring up Harris's heritage, Senator Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, said, "That's up to him."

Cruz responded to a Globe reporter's questions on the Harris attacks by recounting how he lost a bet to Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey when the Boston Celtics defeated the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA Finals. Cruz declined to answer additional questions.

Senator John Thune of South Dakota, who is vying to become the next Senate Republican leader, gently vocalized what most Republicans wish Trump would do: just drop the topic.

"I'm focused on the issues and winning a Senate majority in November," Thune told reporters. "And I think if we stay focused on issues, he can win the presidency, too."

There's an additional dimension to Trump's attacks on

Harris that makes the context of his rhetoric much different than it was in 2016: the former president's 2024 campaign has made a conspicuous show of its efforts to win over voters of color — particularly Black voters — and gleefully seized on polls showing President Biden's support slipping among those groups before he stepped aside.

Their hopes to court the Black vote spurred Trump's appearance at the conference for Black journalists — and, as Warnock suggested, may have motivated the attempts to denigrate Harris's Black heritage.

Senator Tammy Duckworth, an Illinois Democrat who is of Thai ancestry, argued that Trump's rhetoric will undermine his campaign's attempts to build support from diverse groups.

"If he's trying to win over Black and Asian voters," Duckworth said, "attacking Kamala Harris for her ethnicity is not the way to do it."

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Harris eulogizes Jackson Lee as coalition builder

HOUSTON — Vice President Kamala Harris on Thursday eulogized longtime Representative Sheila

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Jackson Lee as a

"force of nature" as memorials for the longtime Democratic lawmaker drew to a close.

Harris took time away from her presidential campaign to describe Jackson Lee, who represented Houston in Congress, as a coalition builder and expert in the legislative process. Harris joked about hiding in the hall when Jackson Lee walked by because the lawmaker was so intense.

"She always expected in all of us that we would rise to a point of excellence, knowing that life was too short and there's too much to be done," Harris said. She said she called Jackson Lee, who died July 19 at age 74 after being treated for pancreatic cancer, a few days before then to express her gratitude for their friendship.

"To honor her memory, let us continue to fight," Harris said.

Harris is poised to be the first Black woman to be a major party's presidential candidate, and Jackson Lee was one of Congress' most prominent Black women during her nearly three decades in Washington. Jackson Lee helped lead federal efforts to protect women from domestic violence and recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday.

More than 50 members of the US House attended Thursday's funeral service. New York Representative Hakeem Jeffries, the House Democratic leader, said Jackson Lee was a "voice for the voiceless."

The crowd of several hundred in the church cheered and often stood during the service and at times people in

the audience yelled out, "Thank you Sheila."

Former president Bill Clinton said Jackson Lee was on his "just say yes" list whenever she called him during his time in office. She "really believed that we are all created equal," he said, emphasizing, "We are the longest lasting democracy in human history because we had enough people like Sheila Jackson Lee."

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Trump calls Schumer 'member of Hamas'

Former president Donald Trump falsely accused Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, Democrat of New York, of being a "proud member of Hamas" at a rally Wednesday night, lodging another insult directed at a prominent Jewish American.

"Chuck Schumer refused to shake the Israeli prime minister's hand," Trump told his supporters in Harrisburg, Pa. "Chuck Schumer has become a Palestinian. Can you believe it? He's become a proud member of Hamas."

In response, Schumer said in a statement: "The lower [Trump] drops in polls, the more unhinged he becomes."

At the rally, Trump was referring to actions by the Senate majority leader — who is currently the highest-ranking Jewish official in the United States — when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made a joint address to Congress last week amid the war in Gaza that has killed at least 39,445 Palestinians, according to the Gaza Health Ministry.

While Schumer attended the speech, he nodded rather than shook Netanyahu's hand. "Well, look, you know, I went to this speech, because the relationship between Israel and America is ironclad, and I wanted to show that. But, at



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Former secretary of state Hilary Clinton spoke at the funeral service for Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

the same time, as everyone knows, I have serious disagreements with the way [Netanyahu] has conducted these policies," Schumer told CBS News on Sunday.

Trump made the remarks as he criticized Vice President Kamala Harris — the presumptive Democratic nominee for president and his new campaign rival — for declining to preside over Netanyahu's joint address to Congress. Harris did not attend the speech, citing scheduling conflicts — but she did meet with Netanyahu in the days afterward and called for a cease-fire and the release of hostages in the ongoing conflict there.

Trump's comments come one day after he said on a radio show that Harris "doesn't like Jewish people," even though her husband Doug Emhoff is Jewish. Trump also appeared to agree with the radio host who described Emhoff as a "crappy Jew." Emhoff is a leading voice in the White House's efforts to combat antisemitism.

The Trump campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment on his remarks about Schumer.

Schumer is staunchly pro-Israel and one of the country's biggest supporters in the Senate, but he called earlier this year for new elections in Israel amid frustrations about how Netanyahu is conducting the war in Gaza, enraging the Israeli leader.

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Shapiro, on short list for VP spot, cancels events

Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, one of the front-runners to be Vice President Kamala Harris's running mate, has abruptly canceled a three-event fund-raising swing through the Hamptons just days before Harris is expected to make her selection.

Shapiro had been expected to headline three different events throughout the wealthy New York island towns, according to invitations seen by the Times. But gradually, throughout Wednesday, hosts were informed that Shapiro would no longer take part, according to two people briefed on the matter. The Shapiro team had hoped the cancellation would not be made public until later in the week, but the news began to get out on

Tech flaws abetted Trump's gunman

Secret Service tools failed to detect Pa. rally shooter

By Eric Lipton and David A. Fahrenthold
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — After a week of oversights and failures, the officers protecting former president Donald Trump at a campaign rally in Butler, Pa., still had one last chance to get it right. The chance lasted about 30 seconds.

It began when a local police officer peered over the roof of the AGR International warehouse near the rally grounds and found the suspicious man he and other officers were hunting. Ninety minutes of confusion about Thomas Crooks's intentions and whereabouts had ended in an instant.

"Long gun!" the officer broadcast over the local law enforcement radio system, according to congressional testimony from the Secret Service this week.

It was urgent news that should have instantly traveled to a command center shared by the local police and the Secret Service, and then to agents close enough to throw their bodies in front of Trump. They still had time to disrupt an assassination attempt.

But the radio message never got to the Secret Service, and 30 seconds later Crooks unleashed his first shots.

Dropped communication was one of several instances in which technologies that might have protected former president Donald Trump from getting shot July 13 did not.

That dropped communication was one of several instances in which technologies that might have protected Trump from getting shot July 13 did not — either because they malfunctioned, were improperly deployed, or the Secret Service decided not to use them in the first place.

The Secret Service, for instance, turned down offers to use a surveillance drone at the Butler Farm Show rally site. The agency also did not bring a system to boost the agents' device signals in an area with poor cellular service. And some of the equipment the agency did bring, including a system to detect drone use by others, did not work when it was most needed.

The result was that a 20-year-old gunman had a technological advantage over a \$3 billion federal agency.

The acting Secret Service director, Ronald Rowe Jr., told Senate lawmakers in a hearing this week that the agency had the tools that could have spotted Crooks and allowed agents to interrogate him before the shooting, but failed to properly use them.

"That has cost me a lot of sleep," Rowe testified. "It is something that I have struggled with to understand, and I have no — I have no explanation for it."

Trump was injured in the shooting, as were three rally attendees, one fatally, in one of the biggest failures of the Secret Service in decades. Rowe, in his testimony, said that he could not understand why the Secret Service chose to exclude the warehouse Crooks used, about 450 feet from Trump's lectern, from its secure perimeter and why no countersniper was assigned to its roof.

But the problems were more than strategic errors on how to use law enforcement personnel. Current and former Secret Service and federal government officials, in interviews, acknowledged that the agency has long struggled to incorporate technology.

"We are living in 2024," said Mike Matrenga, a former Secret Service officer who now runs his own security firm. "Why is the government the last one to be able to develop and deliver technology to their advantage?"

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Legislature comes up short at the end of the day

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to a few high-ranking lawmakers. Many legislators spent much of Wednesday night and the early hours of Thursday morning simply waiting for something to happen.

"This has been getting worse and worse, this mash-up at the end of session, and all the signs for a long time were that this was going to be the worst ever," said Jonathan Hecht, a former state representative who now advocates for legislative reform.

"There's so much evidence now that the Legislature doesn't function and the concentration of power in the hands of a few people . . . means it can veer into crisis very easily," he added. "It's just not like the way most legislatures operate, where there's a regular flow of business."

A study from FiscalNote, which makes software for policy makers, found that in 2021, Massachusetts introduced the second-highest number of bills but enacted the second fewest of any state legislature. Proponents of reform in the Legislature said they suspect productivity has only worsened since then.

Bills the Legislature failed to complete included ones on economic development, maternal health, supervised consumption sites, and clean energy. On Thursday morning, a couple dozen environmental justice activists assembled at the State House to express their displeasure, chanting, "This is not OK. Climate change doesn't wait."

"Even a small, cautious step forward would have been better than nothing," said Dan Zackin, the legislative coordinator at 350 Mass, a climate advocacy group. "By choosing inaction, they have validated some of the more radical voices in the movement who say that people in power will never be our al-

lies."

"This is a deeply broken Legislature in what is supposed to be one of the most progressive states in the entire country," he added, "and it's incredibly pathetic."

Even Healey weighed in after making a late-night appearance at the building Wednesday. "There were a number of urgent priorities left on the table," the governor said, pointing to an economic development bill that would allocate hundreds of millions to the life sciences industry.

At least some in power see nothing wrong with the status quo. House Speaker Ron Mariano told reporters at 7 a.m. Thursday that he viewed the late marathon sessions as the norm. "It's just the nature of the business that we're in," he said. When asked if that was an efficient way of law making, he shrugged and said, "Why wouldn't it be?"

His counterpart in the Senate, however, sounded less confident. Senate President Karen E. Spilka said she hopes that the late-night sessions would not be a pattern, and that it is "certainly something that we will be taking a look at."

Auditor Diana DiZogio, who is championing a ballot question that would allow her office to scrutinize the Legislature, emphasized a need for more legislators to be involved in the process.

"Any observer of this legislative session will come to the same conclusion: government is not supposed to operate the way the Massachusetts Legislature is operating right now," she said in an interview.

"If an all-hands-on-deck approach was taken, where the entire body was empowered to work on assignments to ensure important legislation crossed the finish line, I believe we'd see



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Senate Clerk Michael Hurley carried bills as he left the Senate chamber.

real, meaningful, and positive change," DiZogio added.

As late night became early Thursday morning, legislators passed blame on who was at fault for the breakdown in negotiations.

Senator Michael Barrett told reporters around midnight that his House counterparts were the obstacle on a sweeping climate bill. The acrimony, he said, was not exclusive to his bill.

"There seems to be a larger game afoot," he said of negotiations. "There are all kinds of problems with all kinds of conference committees."

Across the building, Representative Jeff Roy, the House's chief negotiator on the bill, accused the Senate of having "gone back on its word." He said Senate and House leaders,

along with Healey, had all agreed on language that would reshape the way that energy projects are approved and sited in Massachusetts.

But for advocates of many policy proposals that stalled when the chambers gaveled out, specifics did not matter so much as the results, or lack thereof.

And at least one candidate running for office seized on the Legislature's inability to push through more legislation as part of a campaign pitch: Evan MacKay, a Democrat running to unseat incumbent Representative Marjorie Decker of Cambridge, issued a statement saying they were "heartbroken and enraged" by the lack of transparency in final negotiations, which they said "lets politicians hide and shirk responsibility."

"Under the status quo, legislators delay and delay to create the illusion of progress at the last minute when bills like this should have passed months ago," MacKay said of the Massachusetts Parentage Act, one of the few pieces of legislation sent to Healey's desk in the final days of the session.

The Massachusetts GOP, too, blasted the leadership infighting on the final day of formal sessions, calling it "a chaotic display of Democratic supermajority arrogance and disorganized legislating."

And the dysfunction also disappointed business leaders, typically reluctant to criticize policy makers. The Kraft Group voiced its displeasure that a plan that would allow it to build a soccer stadium for the New

England Revolution in Everett did not make it out of committee. James Rooney, chief executive of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, also said "there is still more work to do," pointing to incomplete energy and economic development legislation.

Doug Howgate, president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, said movement on legislation is still possible in informal sessions over the rest of the year, though approval can be stopped by one lawmaker. Leaders indicated they would aim to see legislation through in those sessions.

"Before we get to the post-mortem, let's figure out how to get these bills done," Howgate said.

But he added that lawmakers might get more done by end of session if they took up legislation earlier on, saying, "Going forward, how do we try to make sure that major pieces of legislation are not all kind of competing with each other for time and attention?"

The sentiment extended to members as well: Senator Marc Pacheco, a Taunton Democrat who will retire following this session after over three decades, said his parting message was for colleagues to consider moving bills quicker and earlier on, and for advocates to continue to put pressure on legislators.

"Citizen participation," he said, "is a big deal and people in the Legislature need to hear from people all the time because it's about political will: Are you willing to do what you need to do to get done what really needs to take place?"

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Lack of chargers has many Black drivers saying no to EVs

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Global. By contrast, 14.4 percent of EVs were purchased by Hispanics (about 17 percent of new car buyers) and 31.5 percent by Asians (8.4 percent of new car buyers).

The reasons are familiar to anyone who's considered buying an electric vehicle: EVs cost more than comparable gasoline-powered cars; their batteries have limited range; and, finding chargers can be an anxiety-inducing adventure that few people want to take.

And historic disparities in housing and income have magnified those drawbacks in Black communities and made EV ownership especially challenging for Black consumers.

The overwhelming majority of EV owners live in single-family homes where they can install EV chargers. But only about 44 percent of Black households occupy single-family homes; most reside in apartments or condominiums, which rarely provide EV chargers.

That makes the need for public chargers even greater in Black communities. But a Globe survey of Boston-area census tracts found that the higher the Black population of an area, the fewer the car chargers.

Consider Blue Hill Avenue, a major artery that runs for 4 miles through mostly Black areas of Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan. The most recent map from the US Department of Energy shows no EV chargers on Blue Hill itself, and only a handful nearby, at parking lots in Roxbury and Mattapan.

"In places where there are a lot of Black folks, they don't have a lot of charging stations, regardless of how much money they make," said Sheryl Ponds, founder of Dai Technologies Corp., which installs EV chargers in the Washington, D.C., area.

Chester, for example, lives in an apartment in a suburb of Des Moines. His building lacks EV chargers, and the nearest high-speed charging station is 3 miles away.

"I'm going to keep my 2018 Equinox for a while yet," Chester said.

Electric vehicles are a key component of the Biden admin-



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Rich Benoit, whose garages specialize in EVs, said many Black people dislike the cars' image. "They're not cool," he said

istration's climate strategy as it looks to clean up a transportation sector responsible for more than one-quarter of US greenhouse gas emissions. EV sales, boosted by tax breaks and other incentives, have grown steadily in recent years, but still account for just 7.6 percent of overall vehicle sales, according to data from Cox Automotive.

EV sales cooled in the first three months of the year, falling 15.3 percent from the last quarter of 2024. It was the first quarterly decline in nearly four years. But sales rebounded in the second quarter, jumping 23 percent over the previous three-month period and climbing more than 11 percent from the same period in 2023.

The relatively slow adoption of EVs by Black consumers isn't for lack of interest. A 2022 survey by Cox Automotive found that 38 percent expressed inter-

est in owning an EV, compared to 33 percent of white consumers.

But turning that interest into purchases has run into roadblocks, including their higher costs. Black car buyers, in general, have less money to spend. The 2022 median income of Black households was \$53,000, nearly 30 percent below the national figure of \$75,000.

Meanwhile, EVs, on average, cost about 42 percent more than gas-powered cars, before incentives, according to the automotive research firm Edmunds.

Chester, for example, likes the Hyundai's all-electric Genesis GV70, but that car sells for \$74,000 — far beyond his budget. Chester figures he can buy a comparable gas-powered car, such as the Hyundai Palisade or Kia Telluride, for around \$50,000, and get many of the

same advanced features of the Genesis.

Peter Satchell, an information technology support specialist who lives in Mattapan, said he's also put off by the difficulties in servicing EVs. Of the 214,000 mechanics in the United States holding auto repair certificates from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, only about 3,900 are certified to work on EVs. That forces drivers to seek out dealerships, where repairs tend to cost more.

"Since they own the monopoly on their parts, they can charge a premium," said Satchell, who drives a gas-powered 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee. "I'd rather have a mom-and-pop shop give me a second opinion."

One of the few independent repair shops specializing in EVs is The Electrified Garage, which was founded by a Black man,

Rich Benoit. He estimates he fixes thousands of cars a year at his two locations in Amesbury and Ocala, Fla., with 10 to 20 percent owned by Black drivers.

Benoit, a YouTube influencer whose channel Rich Rebuilds has 1.4 million followers, and author of the book "Going Fast and Fixing Things," acknowledged that both costs and the recharging challenges have slowed adoption among Black drivers. But another reason, he said, is EVs are not regarded as prestigious or fashionable by Black consumers, many of whom associate electric cars with the basic — and, some would say, boring — Tesla Model 3 sedan.

"They're not cool," said Benoit, who drives a Rivian R1T electric pickup. "I think a lot of Black people want a cool car."

But one Black Tesla Model 3

owner, Cedric Henderson, a 29-year-old Stoneham resident who works in the financial industry, called it "the most fun car I've ever driven." But he does get ribbed for the Model 3's dowdy appearance.

"My mother thinks my car looks ugly compared to other cars," Henderson said. "She said that for all the money I paid I could get a flyer-looking car."

Carmakers are trying to change the image of EVs. GM's Cadillac brand, still revered by many Black consumers, is promoting electric vehicles such as the Lyriq and the new electric version of the venerable Escalade SUV. The company advertises in Black-oriented media and cosponsors the Southwestern Athletic Conference, a sports league made up of historically Black colleges. Cadillac also features rapper Big Boi, a car collector and longtime Cadillac fan, in its ads for the electric Escalade.

Italian carmaker Fiat created a TV ad featuring famed Black entertainers Spike Lee and Giancarlo Esposito to introduce its new 500-E electric car to the United States. Fiat's parent company, Stellantis, which also makes Dodge, Chrysler, Ram, and Jeep vehicles, last year signed Kentucky-based TKT & Associates as its first Black-owned ad agency, with a mandate to boost EV sales among Black car buyers.

The 2021 federal infrastructure law dedicates \$2.5 billion of \$7.5 billion for EV chargers to low-income urban and rural neighborhoods. And a consortium of major automakers called Ionna plans to build 30,000 high-speed car chargers in the United States by 2030.

Carmakers would be wise to find ways to make EVs more attractive and accessible to Black drivers, said Marc Bland, S&P Global's chief diversity officer. Black Americans bought over 916,000 new cars in 2023.

"I believe," Bland said, "the automaker that provides education and true awareness and leans into African Americans will win their hearts and minds."

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EDITORIAL

Who's their best at 3 a.m.? Not the Massachusetts Legislature.

Just after 8:30 a.m. on Thursday as the Senate prepared to vote on a major housing bond bill, Republican Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr took the floor. Members, he said, had gotten the \$5.16 billion bill after pulling an all-nighter, with no time to review it, hours after formal legislative sessions were supposed to have concluded at midnight. “We can’t accept this,” Tarr said. “It can’t become normal. It can’t be institutionalized. Members deserve better than that. Citizens of the Commonwealth deserve better than that.”

Tarr is right. A legislative process that starts with months of inaction and ends in a flurry of overnight lawmaking — where important legislation is left on the cutting room floor simply because time expires — does not serve members or the public.

To its credit, the Legislature completed one of its most important tasks this session. Lawmakers reached agreement on a housing bond bill that will invest in building all kinds of housing that the state desperately needs to address sky-high prices, a homelessness crisis, and a cost of living that threatens to chase companies out of state. The bill will provide money for affordable housing, public housing, mixed-income housing, market-rate housing, and the conversion of commercial to residential properties, among other initiatives. It will allow acces-

sory dwelling units to be built without special permits everywhere in Massachusetts.

While the housing bill was a top priority of Governor Maura Healey — who introduced her version of it last fall, giving the Legislature ample time — there were real differences between the versions passed by the House and Senate, and passage wasn’t assured until a compromise was reached early Thursday.

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is less overnight work today than 20 or 30 years ago when “working around the clock happened all the time.”

Caffeine-fueled levity powered lawmakers through the night. Representative Brian Ashe, a Longmeadow Democrat, said he would offer a quote — then snored loudly. Retiring Representative Smitty Pignatelli, a Lenox Democrat, said he was “humbled that in my last formal session my colleagues don’t want me to leave.”

But on a more serious note, Pignatelli called it “frustrating” and “disappointing” that lawmakers failed to agree on the economic development bill. “The bond bills give everybody across the Commonwealth opportunities to get some money and put it to work,” Pignatelli said. Ashe added, “Staying this late, sometimes you might expect that. What you hope is you get the results with it.”

While buying coffee at the State House café, Representative Rodney Elliott, a Lowell Democrat, called it “disappointing” given the urgency of climate change that lawmakers failed to pass an energy bill.

The Legislature will meet in informal sessions through the end of the year, so there will be opportunities to pass more bills — and lawmakers can and should keep working. Both Spilka and Mariano said they would. But the objection of a single lawmaker can derail a bill in informal sessions, and bond bills like the economic development bill can only pass in formal sessions since they require approval by a two-thirds majority of members in a roll call vote.

Legislative leaders did find time to pass hundreds of thousands of dollars in state budget earmarks benefiting their districts, the Globe reported. Democratic senators found time to hold a 9:30 a.m. fundraiser on July 31, according to State House News Service. It’s a shame they couldn’t find time to pass vital legislation affecting the health, environment, and economic prosperity of the people of Massachusetts.

House Speaker Ron Mariano said health care negotiators were trying to consider the hospital oversight and prescription drug bills together, and it simply became too difficult at the last minute. “I’d rather have a good bill than bills with errors and mistakes,” Mariano told reporters.

The economic development bill — a \$3.40 billion bill in the House and a \$2.86 billion bill in the Senate, according to the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation — also fell

through. Those bills included major investments in climate technology and life sciences. They were also loaded with policy priorities, many of which differed between the House and Senate, ranging from allowing happy hour to advancing a proposed Everett soccer stadium.

Legislation related to energy project siting also fell through, even though there was agreement on core parts of the bill; the Globe reported key negotiators blamed the collapse on differences related to natural gas usage policy.

The House and Senate each passed a flurry of last-minute bills in the last few days on topics as diverse as Boston property taxes, animal rights, and safe injection sites. But as Mariano himself said — a line Senate President Karen Spilka repeated back to him — passing a bill at the very last minute “tells me you’re not serious about getting the bill done.”

To be sure, there’s nothing like a deadline to motivate action. Key lawmakers defended the flurry of last-minute lawmaking as the way Beacon Hill has always done business. Representative Paul Donato, a Medford Democrat and a representative for 23 years, said lawmakers working on conference committees “have to stay here as long as we can until we figure that we can’t do anything else.” Mariano called all-night sessions “the nature of the business we’re in.” Senate Ways and Means Chair Michael Rodrigues said there

RENÉE LOTH

Boston's planning chief departs with a brief but meaningful legacy

When it comes to development in the City of Boston, perhaps the hardest thing to build is not a skyscraper or affordable housing but trust. Developers, neighborhood advocates, and public officials here tend to view one another with a wariness verging on suspicion, a culture that impedes progress nearly as much as interest rates or labor costs.

So it’s particularly poignant to say farewell to the city’s chief of planning, Arthur Jemison, who announced his departure Thursday, just a month after Mayor Michelle Wu achieved her major campaign goal of absorbing the Boston Planning and Development Agency into a new city planning department.

“This was a difficult decision,” Jemison wrote in an email to his staff. “I believe deeply in the work that we are doing together.” Jemison will be returning to Michigan to join his wife and two high school-age children (a third is at college in Amherst). In an interview, he said that two years of commuting, juggling parenting, and some family health challenges compelled him to move home. “I need to be near my kids,” he said simply.

Jemison is a former chief of planning, housing, and development for the city of Detroit, and he expects to continue working on housing issues there. His deputy, Devin Quirk, will step in as Boston’s interim chief. Jemison’s last day will be Sept. 13.

In the scant two years since Wu appointed Jemison to execute her vision for a revamped development process, he has worked to reassure businesses and community groups alike that Wu’s pledge to “abolish” the quasi-independent BPDA and bring most of its functions under City Hall control will make zoning more predictable and equitable. The delicate balancing act required Jemison to enlist neighborhood residents in the new arrangement without alienating major developers who were used to decades of cozy one-off negotiations with mayors to bring their projects into compliance with Boston’s byzantine zoning laws.

“Arthur is one of a kind,” Wu said in an interview. “He has a special way of listening that just gets to the core of what someone is saying, no matter what end of the spectrum they’re coming from.”

At a time when Boston’s housing crisis is at a peak of urgency, Jemison said that longtime traditions “can’t keep pace with the type of growth the city needs.” Boston’s housing production goal of 13,000 new units by 2025 is daunting in any circumstance, and “we can’t touch that if every project has to have a hearing with that kind of in-depth, grinding review,” he said.

Instead, Jemison and Wu believe a planning-focused agenda for Boston will eventually streamline zoning and reduce the time and money developers spend on

permitting. A year ago the city began a “modernization project” for Article 80, the key building and design review for larger developments. “We are operating with a new way of thinking about our growth,” Wu said, one that is more transparent and accountable, and that genuinely engages ordinary citizens in shaping their own communities.

Despite uncertainties about the BPDA’s future, the enduring hangover of the COVID-19 pandemic, and high interest rates, Jemison can point to 40 million square feet of development approved during his term, including 11,000 housing units (30 percent of them affordable). He oversaw the development of



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Arthur Jemison, Boston’s city’s chief of planning, announced his departure Thursday.

new community zoning plans for Charlestown, East Boston, Mattapan, and the industrial Newmarket neighborhood. Opportunities he sees ahead include the city’s focus on converting commercial and industrial space into more housing, which already has attracted applications to convert 15 buildings into 500 housing units; a new mixed-use project in Nubian Square; and the redevelopment of the former Edison plant in South Boston.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority was created in 1957 to help jolt a then-moribund city into the modern era. In recent years a procession of mayoral candidates pledged to reform the agency, which had grown hidebound and stymied by competing missions of planning and development. Former mayor Marty Walsh changed the name of the agency and launched the “Imagine Boston 2030” planning process but never codified the ideas into zoning. Wu is the first one to carry through, and she credits Jemison with achieving a “monumental transition” for the city.

What Jemison says he loves most about Boston — what has brought the MIT graduate back here repeatedly between other stints in Detroit and Washington, D.C. — are the “layers of history and heritage” that rub up against the contemporary city and “the waves of brilliant people who make a contribution to the way Boston looks and feels.”

Jemison is too modest to count himself among them. But others will.

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Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump at a campaign rally, July 31, in Harrisburg, Pa.

SCOT LEHIGH

Fickle fortune frowns upon The Great Trumpkin

A frisson of fear fretted the frustrated and forlorn facial features of The Great Trumpkin.

It had all been going so well, until now. The messaging propaganda at the Trump-pubcan National Convention had soared so far above the landscape of actuality that inconvenient facts like a large drop in violent crime had gone unnoticed beneath, making it ever so easy to instill the fear essential to authoritarianism.

Everybody was saying nobody had ever seen anything like it. Why, it was even more glorious than the beauty pageants the Trumpkin once ran — and that was saying something, since those events had given him repeated opportunities to barge boorishly into dressing rooms full of half-naked young women.

But then the Trumpkin had rambled on for so long in his own speech that the clock had struck midnight, whereupon everything had started to change. No, it wasn't as bad as it had been for Cinderella, who had seen her carriage turn into a pumpkin and her horse into mice. But JD Vance, his running mate, had been reduced to a chameleon, and he himself had been diminished into a no-longer-quite-so-great Trumpkin.

Why, people were even invoking one of the few words he himself found too ugly to utter, at least about himself. The M word, as in "Mistake." Some thought his selection of Vance had been one. Sure, he was aware Vance hadn't always been a dedicated Trumpswab. That was OK. After all, forcing former critics to kiss his ample rump was one of the power-demonstrating rituals the Trumpkin loved best. Long was the line of Republicans who had undergone that humiliating political conversion therapy!

But the Trumpkin was haunted by a nightmare in which, on the evening of the vice presidential debate, the cherubic, unbearded spirit of a younger Vance showed up at the opposite podium and in a spectral quaver quoted back to today's Vance everything he'd once said about Trump — and then was judged the debate winner everywhere, except on prime-time Fox News and certain other psychiatric wards.

That is, that he was "America's Hitler," a "morally reprehensible human being," "a disaster," a "bad man," a "demagogue," and a politician who was like "cultural heroin." Heroin was considered a bad thing, so the Trumpkin had gradually come to realize that the JD of old probably hadn't meant *any* of those comments in a flattering way.

And now Mother Jones had dug up a clip from a University of Chicago's Institute of Politics event in which Vance, discussing the 2016 election, had said that "some

people who voted for Trump were racists, and they voted for him for racist reasons."

In Vance's defense, he had also said that most Trump voters were attracted by his economic message and that Trump "being really outrageous and offensive" only made up about 5 percent of his rally messaging. (Thankfully, JD had apparently failed whatever math course it was that taught you how to calculate percentages.)

Still, this latest blast from the past had come just as the Trumpkin had reverted to his dog-whistle tactics, accusing Vice President Kamala Harris of exploiting her Black heritage for political advantage, something he hoped would refocus the campaign on race. That juxtaposition had been embarrassing even for the Trumpkin, a man all but immune to chagrin.

But what troubled him most was Harris herself. She was no Sleepy Joe. With her rat-a-tat-tat prosecutor's manner, she was going at him the way a woodpecker does an ancient, rot-hollowed pine.

He didn't want to debate her, but how to duck out with dignity? He'd already seen the cartoons and T-shirts featuring a rooster with Trump-like plumage making its way across a highway, accompanied by this punchline: "Why did the chicken cross the road? So he didn't have to debate Kamala."

He knew exactly who was to blame for the mess he was in.

"You?" Melania had asked, feigning the unironic innocence of an angel.

Of course not! Mike Pence. Why, the Trumpkin's steal-the-election scheme might have worked if his then-vice president hadn't put such a childish emphasis on his sworn duty to uphold the US Constitution.

Then the Trumpkin would still be in the White House, finishing a second term, instead of running again in the desperate hope of closing down the federal prosecutions that could land him in prison.

Damn Pence. And damn the Constitution!

Say what they would about JD, he'd made it crystal clear that he wouldn't have had any qualms about stealing the election. That was the kind of loyalty the Trumpkin wanted!

Choosing Pence in 2016 had been his real mis ... mistaaa ... his real M word.

The Trumpkin shook his head ruefully.

If only his last VP had been an Ohio shillbilly rather than an Indiana hoosier loser!

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INBOX

Trump takes a wild swing at Harris

Media, don't fall for his schtick

I am shocked by how little journalists have learned after nine years of covering Donald Trump. Since the human mind is more likely to remember information presented to it first, journalists have been repeatedly urged not to print Trump's lies before presenting the truth that contradicts his lies. Yet on the front page of the Globe on Aug. 1 over a New York Times news service story, the headline read, "Trump attacks Harris over racial identity" and the subhead read, "Tells Black journalists she was Indian, 'made a turn.'"

The article citing Trump's remarks about Vice President Kamala Harris, his likely presidential opponent, continued on the back page of the front section with the headline "Trump attacks Harris over racial identity, says she became Black." But in the article's third paragraph the reader was told, "Headlines from her earliest political victories dating back to the early 2000s highlighted both identities."

The way the mainstream media covered Trump during the 2016 presidential campaign made many believe they were complicit in getting him elected. I fear that they might help him get elected again in 2024.

MICHAEL BIALES
Acton

Trump seems to have a problem seeing the humanity in his foes

How sad that former president Donald Trump has questioned Vice President Kamala Harris's identity. Trump seems incapable of seeing the humanity in the people with whom he disagrees. He should heed the words of author Amin Maalouf: "What makes me myself rather than anyone else is the very fact that I am poised between two countries, two or three languages, and several cultural traditions. It is precisely this that defines my identity. Would I exist more authentically if I cut off a part of myself?"

TERRY HANSEN
Milwaukee

Is the former president slipping?

Nikki Haley is proud of her Indian heritage. Could Donald Trump be confusing Kamala Harris with her — like he confused Haley with Nancy Pelosi in remarks he made about the insurrection? Could this be a repetitive memory mistake suggesting a sign of cognitive decline??

CYNTHIA GLYNN
Dedham

The name game

If our former president continues to mispronounce Vice President Kamala Harris's first name, maybe we should start referring to him as Darn-old Trump.

JERALD BARONOFSKY
Brookline

Nurses are a safety net against the 'July effect' at teaching hospitals

As an intensive care registered nurse and an acute care nurse practitioner for 40 years in large teaching hospitals, I thought there was a huge omission in the article "Why 'July effect' medical errors are minimal" (Metro, July 27), namely the "safety net" of nursing staff.

An experienced nursing staff catches interns' or residents' errors at the bedside before those errors even come to the attention of supervising, or attending, physicians. Experienced nurses will not execute care orders that are faulty. The nurse will offer the intern or resident an alternate order and suggest that they seek advice from a supervising doctor. All nurses are on high alert during July, when interns begin their residencies.

The July effect is why many interns have informed me that they are told unofficially to collaborate with nurses in a friendly and professional manner and to freely ask care questions to learn from their nurse colleagues.

Excellent care doesn't depend only on people with medical degrees, whether new or experienced. It also depends on the smooth and often immediate collaboration of nurses and many other care providers, such as respiratory therapists, physical therapists, nutritionists, and pharmacists.

NORMA OSBORN
Arlington

Roxbury neighbors have valid concerns about planned development

Diti Kohli's article on one family's effort to develop their Roxbury home into rental housing reads more like a public-relations campaign to undermine urban neighborhoods that struggle to protect their spaces from rampant overdevelopment ("Grass-roots housing plan stuck in weeds: Stalled Roxbury effort is a case study of city's approval process maze," Page A1, July 29).

Highland Park has long fought for more housing — not less — to be built in the open lots left by white flight, insurance fires, and city divestment of the mid-1960s, while preserving the trees, community gardens, and parks it cherishes. Its organizations have consistently advocated for 1/3-1/3-1/3 housing (market rate, mid-rate, and affordable), insisting that the affordable be truly affordable, while aggressively defending the need to build Black generational wealth.

However, cramming a multistory tower (now down from seven stories to six, thanks to neighborhood opposition) of 39 micro-units renting at \$2,400, with street parking (in other words, no newly created parking), into the neighborhood has no redeeming qualities except to enrich mainly one Black family. This de facto student housing would force rents up and crowd the streets with more traffic.

On Sept. 13, 2022, the Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition voted 27-4, with one abstention, to deny support for this project, and the Roxbury Neighborhood Council supported our position. It's a shame the Globe did not report these details.

KATE PHELPS
Roxbury

The author is writing on behalf of the Highland Park Neighborhood Coalition Development Subcommittee, of which she is a member.

ALEX BEAM

Whose 'Lord of the Rings' is it anyway?

It has not gone unnoticed that the political right has glommed on to the writings of J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the revered, fictional "The Lord of the Rings" saga. When Republican vice presidential candidate JD Vance co-founded a venture capital company in 2019, he named it Narya Capital, after one of the "rings of power" in the Tolkien saga.

In 2021, Vance told the "Grounded" podcast, "I think ... a lot of my conservative worldview was influenced by Tolkien growing up."

Vance's mentor, Silicon Valley titan Peter Thiel, is quite the Hobbit-head himself. Thiel cofounded an investment company named Mithril, which is a fictional metal used to make armor in LOTR. Thiel had previously started Palantir Technologies, named after an indestructible crystal ball fashioned by Tolkien's Elves of Valinor.

Thiel, an on-again, off-again Trumpista, is something of a Dark Lord. A friend of mine likened him to Ar-Gimilzor, a corrupt king who was obsessed with attaining immortality and surveilling his enemies.

Italy's right-wing prime minister, Giorgia Meloni, is likewise a Tolkien devotee. As a "post-Fascist" youth activist she attended "Hobbit Camp" and visited schools dressed in character. "I think that Tolkien could say better than us what conservatives believe in," she told The New York Times in 2022. The Times reported that "Ms. Meloni's supporters have interpreted her calls to defend Italy from mass migration — and the replacement of native Italians by invaders —

as a battle cry to protect Middle-earth."

Odd? Yes. Inexplicable? No.

Tolkien, a professor of Anglo-Saxon and English at Oxford University from 1925 to 1959, was both a pedagogical and religious conservative. In the late 1920s, according to Harry Lee Poe's book, "The Inklings of Oxford," Tolkien thought that Oxford's English syllabus should emphasize medieval writers, "with only minor glimpses at 'modern writers.'" By modern writers, Tolkien meant Geoffrey Chaucer, Edmund Spenser, and "the popular entertainer William Shakespeare."

An expert on the Norse sagas and pagan myths, Tolkien once explained to his friend C.S. Lewis the difference between the story of Jesus Christ and the many salvation/resurrection tales common to other belief systems: "It really happened."

If the Vance-Thielites and Italy's "post-fascists" want to claim Tolkien as their own, they need to get in line. Middle-earth is well-plowed ground. The Marxists have had their shot. In the abstract to a 2012 paper called "Ideology in The Lord of the Rings: a Marxist Analysis," we read about class divisions within the Hobbits' homeland — the fictional Shire — "with its hobbits from 'poor families,' and those of a higher status, such as Bilbo, and Frodo, the Ringbearer."

Tolkien initially published LOTR in the 1950s, but it was Ballantine's 1965 paperback edition that kindled the trilogy's wildfire success in the United States. LOTR "became a central text of the 1960s counterculture and a source of inspiration to the

radical environmental movement," according to Andrew O'Hehir's famous encomium, "The Book of the Century."

Tolkien was profoundly shaken by urban development in his childhood hometown outside of Birmingham, and some environmentalists seized upon what Lewis called the "profound melancholy" of LOTR, which chronicles the loss of innocence among its Hobbit protagonists. There is even speculation — almost certainly false — that Tolkien was an early proponent of cannabis smoking, citing the Hobbits' fondness for "pipe-weed."

LOTR is like a mirror in which critics see themselves. The saga is said to be deeply religious; "Frodo, as the Ring-Bearer, emerges as a Christ figure, the one who bears the Cross, and with it the sins and the hopes of humanity," according to an essay in The Imaginative Conservative. Quite the opposite, insists another critic: "One of the great things in favor of Tolkien, in the opinion of many of his readers who have rejected formal religion, and they are in the millions, is that there is no religion in 'The Lord of the Rings.'"

"The Lord of the Rings" is a work of literature, not propaganda. It belongs to no faction or ideology, despite fans' and critics' insistence on shaping it to their will. To quote another saga often hijacked by the left and right alike: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Matthew 11:15)

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Reporter among 3 Americans freed in swap

► PRISONERS

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It was a triumph of a different sort for President Vladimir Putin of Russia, who has long highlighted his loyalty to Russian agents captured abroad. In nearly a quarter-century in power, he has leveraged the Russian law enforcement and court systems for political advantage, using them as tools of domestic repression but also for the prosecution of foreigners, sometimes on sham espionage charges or drug offenses, for use in prisoner swaps.

The trade freed Gershkovich, 32, who had spent 16 months in a Russian prison; Alsu Kurmasheva, 47, a Russian American editor for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty who was also arrested last year; and Paul Whelan, 54, arrested in 2018. Five of those released were Germans or people with dual German and Russian nationality.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, while traveling in Japan, told reporters that he had spoken with the Americans and that “they all sounded strong of voice, strong of mind, strong of spirit.” Officials said the three boarded a plane in Ankara bound for Joint Base Andrews near Washington, where Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris planned to meet them.

The deal also freed some of the best-known Russian critics of the Kremlin: Vladimir Kara-Murza, 42, a Washington Post contributor who won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary this year; Ilya Yashin, 41, a politician who spoke out against the war in Ukraine, an act Russia has criminalized; and Lilia Chanysheva, 42, and Ksenia V. Fadeyeva, 32, two associates of opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who died at 47 in a Russian prison in February.

Oleg Orlov, 71, cochair of Memorial, the Russian human rights group, and Aleksandra Y. Skochilenko, 33, an artist who left price tags with antiwar messages in a supermarket, were also released.

In a statement, the Kremlin said that Putin had pardoned those convicted in Russia to enable their release and that the country was “grateful to the leadership of all countries that assisted.”

In exchange, Germany released Vadim Krasikov, a Russian convicted of murdering a Chechen former separatist



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The daughter (right) and relatives of freed American Alsu Kurmasheva listened to details of the prisoner swap.

fighter in Berlin in 2019 on orders from the Russian government.

Slovenia set free Maria Mayer and Ludwig Gisch, whom Slovenian authorities arrested in December 2022, accusing them of being Russian “illegals” — deep-cover spies — posing as Argentine immigrants and living in Ljubljana, the capital, under pseudonyms. On Wednesday, the two pleaded guilty to espionage and were sentenced by a Slovenian court.

The United States, Norway, and Poland each released one person accused of spying for Russia, and the US government also returned two Russian hackers convicted of financial cybercrimes.

Hours after the trade in Ankara, Putin greeted the Russians freed by the West on a red carpet laid out on the tarmac at the Vnukovo Airport in Moscow. State television showed him embracing Krasikov, the first off the plane, and clapping him on the back and upper arm.

“I want to congratulate all of

you on your return to the motherland,” Putin told the group of returned Russians.

The deal was negotiated primarily by senior officials of the CIA; its German counterpart, the BND; and the Federal Security Service, or FSB, the Russian domestic intelligence agency formerly known as the KGB.

The swap was the latest and largest of several prisoner exchanges that the Biden administration has negotiated with Putin even as the relationship between Russia and the United States has hit new lows over the war in Ukraine. In 2022, the United States freed Viktor Bout, a convicted Russian arms trafficker, in exchange for Russia’s release of Brittney Griner, the basketball star arrested on cannabis possession charges.

For Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany, agreeing to the release of Krasikov, the convicted assassin, was politically risky — a signal of his commitment to the alliance with the United States and to supporting the

Russian opposition, but a gamble that voters would not punish his government for releasing the man convicted of one of the highest-profile killings in Germany’s recent history.

“I particularly owe a great sense of gratitude to the chancellor,” Biden said at the White House. “The demands they were making of me required me to get some significant concessions from Germany, which they originally concluded they could not do because of the person in question.”

The president took a swipe at Donald Trump, his predecessor, who has denigrated American allies and alliances. “For anyone who questions whether allies matter — they do; they matter,” Biden said. “And today is a powerful example of why it’s vital to have friends in this world.”

When a reporter asked about Trump’s claim that he could win the release of Americans from Russia without giving anything in return, Biden shot back, “Why didn’t he do it when he was president?”

The negotiations for a prisoner swap accelerated with the arrest of Gershkovich in March 2023 on espionage charges that were widely seen outside Russia as fabricated and denounced as fiction by his employer and the US government.

Russian prosecutors accused the reporter of gathering classified information for the CIA about a major military factory near Yekaterinburg, in the Ural Mountains. But they have not made public any evidence to back up the charge, and his trial was held behind closed doors.

Gershkovich, the American-born son of immigrants from the Soviet Union, became widely recognized in the West as a symbol of press freedom — or the lack of it — and of the threat to journalists in authoritarian countries. Before his arrest, he had lived and worked in Russia for six years, developing what friends described as a deep affection for the country’s people and culture.

The Wall Street Journal and journalist groups mounted a

campaign throughout his incarceration to keep him in the public eye and maintain pressure for his release. In a joint statement Wednesday, the Journal’s publisher, Almar Latour, and editor-in-chief, Emma Tucker, said, “We condemn in the strongest terms Vladimir Putin’s regime in Russia, which orchestrated Evan’s 491-day wrongful imprisonment based on sham accusations and a fake trial as part of an all-out assault on the free press and truth.

“Evan and his family have displayed unrivaled courage, resilience, and poise during this ordeal,” they added, “which came to an end because of broad advocacy for his release around the world.”

Gershkovich’s family thanked Biden and other officials who made the trade happen, along with the journalists who came to his support. “It’s hard to describe what today feels like,” the family said in a statement. “We can’t wait to give him the biggest hug and see his sweet and brave smile up close.”

Russia made it clear that the prisoner it most wanted from the West was Krasikov, the assassin imprisoned in Germany. Putin praised Krasikov when former Fox News host Tucker Carlson asked him about Gershkovich in February. Dismissing the fact that Krasikov had been convicted of murder, Putin described him as having been motivated by “patriotic sentiments.”

In recent weeks, the court proceedings against the released Americans suddenly accelerated, suggesting that negotiations for their exchange were speeding up, too; Russia often insists that only after a verdict can an inmate be considered for trade. Russian espionage cases typically last for months, but July 19, only the third day of trial proceedings against Gershkovich, he was convicted and sentenced to 16 years in prison.

The same day, a different Russian court convicted Kurmasheva, the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty editor, and sentenced her to 6½ years in prison. She had been charged with failure to register as a foreign agent, a designation Russia applied to journalists, or anyone else, receiving foreign support or subject to foreign influence.

Months later, arrests still follow student protesters across US

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all. Some had injuries that interfered with their school work.

At Emerson College in Boston, 118 people were arrested, including 69 Emerson students, when police enforced a city ordinance against camping on public property. All were charged with disturbing the peace and granted “pre-arrest diversion,” which means no charges would be filed in exchange for 40 hours of community service, prosecutors said.

Owen Buxton, an Emerson student, said he suffered a concussion after being shoved by police into a bronze statue in the alleyway where the protest took place on April 25. He took an Uber to a nearby emergency room after being released from jail.

It was the second time Buxton, 22, was arrested last semester for protesting the war in Gaza. He must complete 80 hours of community service to avoid being charged. The concussion and trauma of experiencing what he called “state violence” made it hard for Buxton to concentrate or participate in his classes for the rest of the spring semester, he said. Emerson allowed students to take the semester pass-fail after the arrests.

“It stifled all my creativity. I didn’t make anything for months, which is not typical of me,” said Buxton, a filmmaker. “Even right now, talking is more difficult, getting ideas out is more difficult. There’s a constant haze over everything that I’m doing, and it’s really frustrating.”

A spokesperson for the Boston Police Department said individuals with concerns can file complaints with its internal affairs office.

A spokesperson for Emerson said the college “cares about the well-being of all of our students” and “encourages any student in need of physical or mental health services to reach out for support.”

As students return this fall, colleges are bracing for more protests against both Israel’s military and Hamas, and strategizing over tactics, including when to call in law enforcement — decisions that have lasting reverberations.

Some college leaders said calling in the police was the only option to end protests that stood in the way of commencement ceremonies, disrupted campus life, and included instances of antisemitic signs and language. Student groups and some faculty members have criticized college leaders for inviting police inside their gates.

The vast majority of cases against the demonstrators, whether against students, faculty, or people without any ties to the colleges, involve misdemeanors or lower-level charges such as trespassing and disorderly conduct.

In many cases, officials indicated they do not intend to pursue low-level violations, according to AP’s review of data on campuses with at least 100 arrests.

In upstate New York, the Ulster County district attorney asked judges to dismiss 129 cases stemming from arrests at the State University of New York at New Paltz.

One SUNY-New Paltz student demonstrator, Ezra Baptist, said he was taken to a hospital with a concussion and a cut after being thrown forward and hitting his head during his arrest by state troopers. He was supposed to



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Owen Buxton, a student at Emerson, said he suffered a concussion after being shoved by police. He said he’s still struggling: “There’s a constant haze over everything that I’m doing.”

avoid looking at screens because of his injury and could not complete one class that he needed to graduate in May.

New York State Police said anyone who believes troopers acted inappropriately can file a complaint so it can be investigated. Another police agency at the scene, the county sheriff’s office, said that officers showed restraint and that a trooper was injured when demonstrators threw bottles.

In St. Louis, Valencia Alvarez is waiting to hear what will come of the potential charges she and 99 others could face for a protest on April 27 that lasted less than half a day at Washington Univer-

sity in St. Louis.

Twenty-three of those arrested were students. In June, the university gave them two options: a hearing with the Office of Student Conduct, or “accept responsibility” and forgo further investigation. Alvarez took the first option.

“I don’t really plan on being quiet about this, and I think that’s the goal of the second option,” Alvarez said.

While she awaits the resolution of her case, Alvarez does not have the master’s degree in public health she would have received by now if not for her arrest.

“I want that degree,” Alvarez

said. “I worked four jobs throughout my two years at Wash U to be able to afford tuition without pulling out any loans.”

Students were not the only ones to experience lasting effects from the protests.

Annelise Orleck, a history professor at Dartmouth College, recently restarted therapy for post-traumatic stress symptoms after being arrested on the college green on May 1.

Eighty-nine people were arrested, including two student journalists whose charges were later dropped.

Orleck was charged with criminal trespassing, but prose-

cutors dropped her charge in July, Orleck said. Charges have been dropped for 34 people; another 54 people have had their charges reduced to violations; and one person faces a misdemeanor for resisting arrest, a spokesperson for the Hanover Police Department said.

Orleck said state police in riot gear shoved her to the ground, then knelt on her back. She told them she couldn’t breathe.

A spokesperson for Dartmouth declined to comment.

At UMass Amherst, students recalled a peaceful demonstration before police arrived May 7 and arrested 134 people. UMass chancellor Javier Reyes later wrote in a letter to the campus community that he ordered the sweep as an “absolute last resort” after discussions with protesters broke down.

As arrestees were processed, Charles Sullivan, a graduate student in anthropology who is transgender, said they felt humiliated by campus police. An officer, Sullivan said, forced them to loudly describe their genitalia to gain access to a restroom.

Sullivan has since decided to leave the university to continue their studies, in part because of the arrest. Sullivan will move to Ohio in the fall to pursue a Ph.D., instead of continuing at UMass.

“I think mostly I’m just kind of ready to get out of this place,” Sullivan said.

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Lawmakers' lack of deals puts plans in doubt

Vineyard beach dispute suddenly has the attention of Beacon Hill

By Matt Stout
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For two decades, wealthy property owners on Martha's Vineyard's south shore have jostled in court over control of a private stretch of beach. The Legislature just plunked itself into the middle of it.

With no debate, the House last week passed a bill that seeks to clarify when a beach that has literally changed locations — moved by erosion, storms, or rising sea levels — qualifies as public land. Massachusetts has among the most restrictive

ocean access laws in the country, which allow people to own land all the way to the low-tide line, clearing the way for private ownership of beaches.

The seemingly esoteric language approved by the House immediately inflamed the long-running legal dispute an island away. One side accused lawmakers of embracing a proposal that, while presented as a public benefit, stands to help the wealthy developer they've long battled in court. The bill's sponsors say the measure is

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As dawn broke Thursday on Beacon Hill, Massachusetts lawmakers brokered a deal on a long-awaited \$5.2 billion bond bill targeting the state's housing crisis, but they failed to reach accords on an array of plans touching everything from health care to a potential professional soccer stadium in Everett.

Legislative leaders unveiled the newly hatched housing agreement — and the deaths of several others — nearly 20 hours into a final marathon session that stretched until 9:57 a.m. on Thursday in the Senate, nearly 23 hours after it started. Among the bills to collapse was a substantial economic development

bill, the second in as many sessions in which talks faltered at the end of formal sessions despite lawmakers blowing past a midnight deadline to finish their work.

Lawmakers' failure to reach consensus cast uncertainty on several major plans, including ones that would allow the Kraft Group to build a new home for the New England Revolution in Everett, and funnel hundreds of millions of dollars toward the state's life sciences and climate technology industries, a top priority of Governor Maura Healey.

Lawmakers blamed one another for the chambers' dysfunction in the waning hours of what is a 19-month formal session. Among other bills to stall in closed-door talks was one that would tighten oversight of hospitals, especially for-profit systems such as bankrupt

Steward Health Care, and the Legislature's latest attempt at addressing clean energy.

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, the House's budget chief, said deteriorating relationships between the chambers' Democratic leaders hampered their ability to get long-promised bills across the finish line.

"We kept trying and trying to engage and just ran against brick walls," the North End Democrat said. "Eventually, we had to stop running into the brick wall."

Senate President Karen E. Spilka shrugged off the criticism. "You can make blame," the Ashland Democrat said, "but that gets us nowhere."

Lawmakers entered the last day of formal sessions on Wednesday with at

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Marty Kedian and his wife, Gina Defeudis, entered the reception thrown for him at the Mission Oak Grill on Thursday in Newburyport.

AFTER CANCER, MAN RECLAIMS VOICE

By Jason Laughlin
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On Thursday morning, Marty Kedian did something that was beyond his abilities for years: He sat at a table with his wife and friends and had a conversation.

Diagnosed with larynx cancer a decade ago, Kedian had suffered through his voice being reduced to a whisper. By last year, he wasn't able to speak at all. Without the ability to communicate, he avoided social events, he said.

But in February, Kedian, 59, had his larynx removed and received a donor organ in its place. For almost six months, he recovered and relearned to speak, eat, and breathe near the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. On Thursday, his friends and family spanning three generations welcomed the Haverhill man home.

"I'm able to speak again," he said Thursday, loud enough for a crowd of two dozen to hear him clearly. "You're never going to shut me up."

"It's great to hear your voice again," shouted his cousin Nina Cullen-Hamzeh, of Swampscott.

Kedian's voice, soft but clear and steady, is his own, recognizable and with his Boston accent intact, his family said.

"The feeling of being able to pick up the phone and call him is out of this world," said his son Robert.

Kedian is the first of an anticipated 10 people participating in a clinical trial at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona exploring ways to restore voices to people with damaged or removed larynxes. Just three Americans have received total larynx transplants, the clinic reported.

Despite being colloquially called a voice box, the larynx also plays an important role in breathing and

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'I'm able to speak again. You're never going to shut me up.'

MARTY KEDIAN
Cancer patient who had a rare larynx replacement

Mass. city leaders ask to rescind shelter rule

Oppose 5-day limit and cascading events

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More than a week after the Healey administration announced a new policy saying migrant and homeless families living in overflow shelter sites would be kicked out after five business days, leaders in Boston and Chelsea are asking the governor to rescind the policy.

The Healey administration said Wednesday it would let operators relax the rules for some families, such as those who are close to securing housing. But on Thursday, nine Boston councilors sent a letter to Governor Maura Healey urging her to "reverse course" and scrap the five-day limit.

"We join together in opposition to this policy change that will fall heavily on immigrant families and the municipalities that will be left to deal with the consequences," the letter said. "Housing is a human right, and we cannot sit idly by when faced with a policy that may result in young children being forced to sleep on our city streets."

More than a dozen elected leaders in Chelsea, where the state operates an overflow shelter at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, also sent a letter to the administration Thursday calling on the state to rescind the limit, which took effect Aug. 1. The letters came one day after the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities issued a fact sheet to shelter providers stating that they can grant "administrative extensions" of up to 30 business days at "any point in a families' stay."

City Council president Ruthzee Louijeune was among the councilors who signed the letter, which called the potential extensions a "welcome alteration" of the rule but still asked the administration to "take more time to come up with a feasible solution."

Karissa Hand, a spokesperson for Healey, would not comment Thursday

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Healey says new contactless payments modernize the T

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Governor Maura Healey descended the flight of stairs at Park Street Station on Thursday morning to try the MBTA's new "tap-to-go" payment method for buses and subways.

She was holding a press conference at the station where the occasional T worker or rider passed by the crowd. Healey said the contactless payment modernized the T and made it easier to use and more accessible for riders.

"You don't have to hunt for change anymore," she said.

Most people at the station, though, were not using the new reader. One

person repeatedly tapped their CharlieCard on the scanner, hoping it would allow them to pass, and grew increasingly frustrated as it did not.

The payment can only work on credit or debit cards that have the contactless symbol, which is four curved lines resembling radio waves. CharlieCards and daily or monthly passes can not work on the new payment screen.

While most people were not using the new payment method on its first day, they had opinions about tap-to-go. Some thought it would be great for the public and increase ridership. Others were indifferent, especially be-

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Governor Maura Healey used the new contactless pay system at the MBTA Park Street Station to celebrate its launch on Thursday.

INSIDE

Mass. man sentenced for role in Bulger death

One of two Massachusetts men accused of beating South Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger to death at a federal prison in West Virginia in 2018 was sentenced Thursday to more than four years in prison for assault after the government dropped murder charges against him. **B2**

Police groups vs. audits

Two law enforcement groups are pushing back on proposed regulations that would expand the authority of the state's police oversight agency, referred to as POST. **B2**

Man sentenced for role in Bulger's death

By Shelley Murphy
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CLARKSBURG, W. Va. — One of two Massachusetts men accused of beating notorious South Boston gangster James “Whitey” Bulger to death at a federal prison in West Virginia in 2018 was sentenced Thursday to more than four years in prison for assault after the government dropped murder charges against him.

As part of a plea agreement disclosed during a hearing in US District Court, federal prosecutors backed off their claim that Paul J. DeCologero, 50, of Lowell, actively participated in the vicious attack on Bulger and agreed he served as a lookout while another inmate, Fotios “Freddy” Geas, a Mafia enforcer from West Springfield, killed the elderly crime boss.

DeCologero, who stood handcuffed with shackles around his waist, pleaded guilty to one count of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. In exchange, prosecutors dropped the two other charges against him: first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder, which each carried a maximum sentence of life in prison.

DeCologero declined to speak before the judge handed down his sentence, but one of his attorneys, Patrick Nash, said, “He asked me to specifically apologize to the Bulger family, to his own family, and to publicly say how sorry he is for the pain his actions have caused in this matter.”

Nash said the plea agreement reflected DeCologero’s “limited role” in the fatal attack.

US District Court Judge Thomas Kleeh, adopting a joint recommendation by prosecutors and the defense, ordered DeCologero to serve 51 months in prison, on top of a 25-year sentence he is serving for a racketeering conviction in Boston.

informant in Boston who provided information about local Mafia leaders, yet was transferred to US Penitentiary Hazelton and placed in general population alongside organized crime figures from Massachusetts.

Bulger, who spent 16 years

was released.

On Thursday, Assistant US Attorney Brandon Flower provided an account of the last minutes of Bulger’s life as he read from the plea agreement that was signed by DeCologero in April and unsealed after he was sentenced.

Surveillance video showed DeCologero entering Bulger’s cell, 132, just after 6 on the morning after Bulger’s arrival when the doors on the unit were unlocked and inmates could walk around freely. He was followed by Geas.

“Geas and Bulger became involved in a verbal altercation. Geas then struck Bulger in the head,” according to the plea agreement. “DeCologero served as a lookout as Geas assaulted Bulger in cell 132. Further, DeCologero assisted Geas in placing Bulger’s body in his bunk and covering him with bedding.”

The pair left the cell at 6:12 a.m., according to the agreement. But it wasn’t until 8:07 a.m. that staff discovered Bulger “lying in his bunk with blankets and sheets covering most of his body, except for the top of his head.”

Staff observed blood on Bulger’s head and he was unresponsive, according to the agreement. Staff attempted emergency medical treatment, but Bulger was pronounced dead at 9:04 a.m.

Authorities later found DeCologero’s DNA on two of the blankets, Flower said.

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CHARGED IN ATTACK
Paul J. DeCologero (left) and Fotios “Freddy” Geas (right)



“The court believes it to be a fair, just and reasonable conclusion,” Kleeh said.

DeCologero has less than 2 1/2 years left in that sentence for his role in a North Shore organized crime group, operated by his uncle, that robbed rival drug dealers in Greater Boston and killed a teenage girl they feared might give them up.

During Thursday’s hearing, Nash said DeCologero had “an incredibly difficult life,” enduring abuse and neglect as a child and becoming “a person who is easily led.”

DeCologero has not agreed to cooperate against Geas, who has a sealed plea agreement and is scheduled to appear in court Sept. 6 for a change-of-plea and sentencing hearing. He is serving a life sentence for his role in the 2003 murders of Springfield mob boss Adolfo “Big Al” Bruno and an associate.

The case has drawn intense public scrutiny over the government’s handling of Bulger, who was publicly identified as an FBI

on the run and was a fixture on the FBI’s 10 Most Wanted list before his capture in 2011, was sentenced to life in prison in 2013 for killing 11 people while running a sprawling criminal enterprise from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Bulger was 89 and in a wheelchair when he was killed at Hazelton on the morning of Oct. 30, 2018, less than 12 hours after he was transferred to the prison under questionable circumstances.

Four years after the slaying, a federal grand jury indicted DeCologero, Geas, and a former inmate, Sean McKinnon, who was initially charged with serving as a lookout while the other two beat Bulger to death. In June, prosecutors dropped their claim that McKinnon was involved in the slaying and he pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI when he claimed he didn’t know the other two men killed Bulger. He was sentenced to time served — the 22 months he spent in prison since his 2022 indictment — and

Russian jailed in Boston released in swap

Was convicted of insider trading

By John R. Ellement and Shelley Murphy
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Vladislav Klyushin, a Russian millionaire imprisoned after being convicted for hacking and insider trading in Boston last year, was among those released during the multination prisoner swap with Russia, his attorney said Thursday.

The prisoner exchange between the United States, Russia, and several other countries led to the release of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and fellow American Paul Whelan, along with several Russian dissidents. In return, Klyushin, whose company has ties to the Kremlin, and Vadim Krasikov, a Russian assassin convicted in Germany in 2021 of killing a former Chechen rebel in a Berlin park, were released into Russian custody, according to Klyushin’s attorney and wire reports. Russia also received six others in the exchange.

Klyushin had been serving a nine-year prison sentence imposed in 2023 by US District Court Judge Patti B. Saris.

“I got confirmation that the swap, which included Vlad, is complete,” his lawyer, Maksim Nemtsev, said by email Thursday. “I expect he will be home with his wife and children shortly. I am sure they are all elated, and I am very happy for them as well.”

During Klyushin’s trial in US District Court in Boston, federal prosecutors said his company, which provides media moni-



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Vladislav Klyushin’s Russian Ministry of Defense ID. He had been serving a nine-year prison sentence imposed in 2023.

toring and cybersecurity services, had contracts with the Russian government. Klyushin has “powerful friends in the highest echelons of Russian society,” a prosecutor said last year.

One of his co-defendants in the insider trading scheme is also under indictment in connection to Russian efforts to influence the 2016 presidential election, the Globe has reported. He was last known to be in Russia.

Klyushin was convicted of hacking into two American companies with access to Wall Street information before it became public.

The scheme netted \$90 million, with Klyushin using the information for illegal stock buys that netted him \$38 million, prosecutors alleged.

He was prosecuted in Boston because at least one com-

Klyushin was convicted of hacking into two American companies with access to Wall Street information before it became public. The scheme netted \$90 million.

puter address involved in the hacking was based here, officials said.

In addition to the prison sentence, he was ordered to forfeit \$34 million in assets. Prosecutors in Acting US Attorney Joshua Levy’s office were push-

ing in recent months to seize Klyushin’s assets.

Saris, the judge, has authorized the seizure of two bank accounts in Cyprus, although the amount of money they contained was not disclosed. Prosecutors were also seeking to seize a \$1.2 million apartment in London but had not obtained the court’s approval, records show.

Klyushin has been jailed since December 2021. He was arrested at a Swiss airport that year after he arrived for a vacation and then extradited to the United States.

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This day in history

Today is Friday, Aug. 2, the 215th day of 2024. There are 151 days left in the year.

► Birthdays: Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 87. Author Isabel Allende is 82. Butch Patrick (TV: “The Munsters”) is 71. Rock music producer/drummer Butch Vig is 69. Writer-actor-director Kevin Smith is 54. TV meteorologist Dylan Dreyer (TV: “Today”) is 43. Actor Lily Gladstone is 38.

► In 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

► In 1790, the first United States Census was conducted under the supervision of Thom-

as Jefferson; a total of 3,929,214 US residents were counted.

► In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco.

► In 1876, frontiersman “Wild Bill” Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

► In 1921, a jury in Chicago acquitted several former members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team and two others of conspiring to defraud the public in the notorious “Black Sox” scandal (though they would be banned from Major League Baseball for life by Commission-

er Kenesaw Mountain Landis).

► In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Coolidge became president.

► In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler’s complete takeover.

► In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

► In 1945, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and Britain’s new prime minister, Clement Attlee, concluded the Potsdam conference.

► In 1974, former White

House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cover-up. (Dean served four months.)

► In 1985, 137 people were killed when Delta Air Lines Flight 191, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

► In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out by the US in Operation Desert Storm.)

► In 2018, Pope Francis decreed that the death penalty is “inadmissible” under all circumstances and the Catholic Church should campaign to abolish it.

Police groups voice concerns on POST Commission audits

By Dan Glau
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A pair of influential law enforcement groups is pushing back on proposed regulations that would expand the authority of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, the state’s police oversight agency.

The leaders of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and the Massachusetts Association for Professional Law Enforcement voiced concerns about the scope and bureaucratic burdens of the regulations, which would allow the commission to audit entire police departments. Currently, POST certifies individual officers but does not verify whether agencies are properly reporting misconduct complaints and internal investigations.

“We’re concerned that the POST Commission is seeking to establish audit procedures before clearly defining the requisite criteria that partners will be evaluated on,” Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association general counsel Eric Atstupenas said Thursday morning at a public hearing on the regulations. “This approach is akin to putting the cart before the horse.”

The POST Commission was created by state law in 2020 amid mass protests for police accountability. The agency was tasked with putting together a new certification system for officers in all of Massachusetts’ around 430 law enforcement agencies, in addition to creating a public database of sustained police misconduct cases.

That process proved complex and prone to missteps. Some agencies mistakenly reported unfounded complaints or minor incidents that were exempt from disclosure. This prompted protests from police unions and forced the commission to scrub cases from its public database. Other agencies failed to report at all or provided an insufficient level of details, leaving both POST and the public in the dark about officer misconduct.

Last month, a Globe analysis of POST data found that more than one-third of departments have no publicly disclosed disciplinary cases.

Many of those departments might legitimately have no cases that meet POST’s standards, which only require reporting substantiated cases for officers who were still actively serving as of July 2021. But the Globe identified cases that seemingly should have been included. En-

rique Zuniga, the commission’s director, acknowledged in a June interview with the Globe that it is difficult to tell exactly how complete the database truly is.

The regulations are designed to give the commission more oversight powers to make sure information is properly reported, including the ability to fine departments that don’t comply with rules.

The commission solicited public comment on the regulations and heard from stakeholders at Thursday morning’s hearing. No vote on the proposal has been scheduled.

Atstupenas presented a list of concerns about the regulations. Some focused on the administrative burden that would be imposed by expanded record-keeping requirements. He advocated for stronger guarantees of confidentiality for records reviewed by auditors.

But he also voiced broader objections to POST’s proposal, opposing language that would allow the commission to conduct unscheduled audits. He said the commission should develop specific audit criteria so that departments know exactly what standards they have to meet.

Dennis Galvin, president of the Massachusetts Association for Professional Law Enforcement, expressed concern that individual officers responsible for record keeping could end up in disciplinary trouble for non-malicious errors. He criticized a proposed requirement for agencies to permanently maintain every complaint in an officer’s personnel file, saying that unsustainable complaints should eventually be expunged.

“Officers will drive back from engagement simply because of the fear of having those complaints issued,” Galvin said at the hearing.

Commissioner Larry Calderone, who leads the Boston Police patrolmen’s union, said that a provision requiring officers to maintain their own personnel files would create an unreasonable amount of work. “That’s a tremendous amount of information, paperwork, etc. that we’re going to put the burden on the officer of acquiring and keeping in maintaining,” Calderone said. “Let the department maintain those folders of those files.”

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10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

A photograph of Pete Frates was shown on the center-field screen at Fenway Park on Thursday during a ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS. Frates, who had ALS and died in 2019, helped launch the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS in 2014 that increased awareness and raised millions.

Mass. man reclaims voice after transplant

► **KDEIAN**
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eating. Vocal cords are critical to allowing air into the lungs and keeping food and drink down. Kedian has had a hole in his throat that assists his breathing, called a tracheostomy, for about five years, he said. Swallowing has been difficult, and before the transplant, he hadn't breathed through his mouth and nose for four years. Now, he is doing both, and he is hopeful that as his recovery continues, the trach tube will be removed.

Dr. Girish Mour, medical director of the Mayo Clinic's Larynx and Trachea Transplant Program, hopes the clinical trial will lead to larynx transplants becoming more common. They are rare now, because patients can live without larynxes, and the immunosuppressive drugs that transplant patients must take have their own side effects.

Yet removing a larynx, the more common treatment for patients with laryngeal cancer, can have devastating consequences, including the need for a tracheostomy to breathe and the risk of losing speech or replacing their own voice with a robotic-sounding voice box. The result, doctors said, is that patients withdraw socially.

"It may not be life-saving, per se," said Dr. David Lott, chair of the Mayo Clinic's Department of Otolaryngology and one of Kedian's six surgeons, of the transplant procedure, "but it is life-giving, because these people are so reclusive."

Transplants are often a poor option for cancer patients because the immunosuppressive drugs can make it more likely their cancer will return, doctors said.

Kedian was a particularly good candidate, because he was already taking immunosuppressive drugs after a kidney trans-



SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF

Marty Kedian (right) was able to speak with his friend Alan Sawtelle at his welcome home reception in Newburyport on Thursday.

plant and because his cancer was a slow-growing one.

Before the transplant, Kedian received more than a dozen surgeries as he attempted to stay ahead of his rare laryngeal cartilage cancer. Kedian's 21-hour transplant surgery included removing his thyroid and parathyroid glands, his upper esophagus, blood vessels, and nerves. Lott described essentially rewiring Kedian's nerves in a laborious process designed to ensure he could properly breathe and swallow with his new larynx. It takes six months to a year to fully determine how well the patient's nerves regenerate after the procedure, Lott said, but so far Kedian's recovery is going well.

Dr. Derrick Lin, chief of head and neck oncology at Mass Eye and Ear, said that ideal patients for this procedure are those who

cannot tolerate living with a tracheostomy. Otherwise, the risk of nerves not regenerating properly and of the cancer coming back may make physicians wary of recommending the procedure.

"For people who really cannot imagine having that hole in your neck and really frustrated by it, that would be somebody you consider doing a transplant for," he said.

He is interested in seeing how patients such as Kedian progress in the years after their transplants.

As Kedian talked with his wife, Gina, and friends, he glanced at his son Robert and grinned.

"I haven't seen him smile in over a year," his son marveled.

Kedian's other son, Nik, helped organize the Thursday reunion at his workplace, Steeple Hall at Mission Oak Grill, an

event venue in Newburyport. If Kedian was the star of the event, Nik's daughter, Charlotte, was the co-star, getting almost as much attention. She's almost 2 years old and is Kedian's only grandchild, though another is on the way. His desire to be an involved grandparent was a major factor in his decision to undergo the rare procedure.

"He wants to be able to take her to the park," Nik said. "He wants to be able to read her a bedtime story."

Kedian, now cancer-free, also wants to advocate to expand access to the surgery he received.

"Everybody should have a voice," he said.

Material from the Associated Press is included in this report. Jason Laughlin can be reached at jason.laughlin@globe.com. Follow him @jasmlaughlin.

Riders begin using new MBTA fare system

► **MBTA**
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cause the New York MTA rolled out contactless payment in 2019.

Still more were skeptical of the upgrade's practicality and unsure if it's better than a monthly pass.

"How would they know if I have senior discount if I tapped with my card?" asked Elaine Ruben, 68, a salesperson.

Others like Maggie Yick, 19, a patient-care assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital, thought the mobile payment was really convenient.

"It's good for young people to pay because we're always on our phones," she said.

Riders can look for the fare reader at the fare gate or vehicle door, tap their card or device, and wait for the green checkmark. All-door boarding on buses, which is expected to

speed up travel, will be coming at a later date.

On Thursday morning after the press conference, Healey rode the Green Line from Park Street to Kenmore, talking with riders along the way. Outside of Kenmore Station, Healey announced riders can use their CharlieCards, phone, or Apple Watch as a way to pay the fare.

On buses, the Green Line, and the Mattapan Trolley, the T said riders should hold their bags away from the fare readers to avoid the possibility of accidental taps and charges.

escalate to \$50 for the second, third, and fourth offenses, then \$100 for the fifth and any subsequent offenses within a three-year period.

Riders who are part of a reduced fare program can link their benefits to their new fare payment method at charlie.mbta.com, by calling the Customer Support Center at 617-222-3200, or by visiting the Charlie Service Center.

Boston now joins cities from Chicago to Rome to Johannesburg utilizing the easier-to-use fare collection system. It's been a long time coming.

The new contactless payment system was supposed to replace the MBTA's old fare collection system by 2021 under a more than \$700 million contract with San Diego-based Cubic Corp. and United Kingdom-based financier John Laing. But technological glitches with the

Cubic fare readers and other problems, in 2020, pushed back implementation and raised the cost of the project to nearly \$1 billion.

The next phase, which the T said will be rolled out in the spring, will include new CharlieCards and new vending machines for people who don't have credit cards or smartphones, or simply prefer the existing system. Paying via cash on board will also remain an option.

By the spring of 2026, the T said, riders will also be able to use their credit cards and phones to board commuter rail trains and ferries.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) will hold two remote public hearings on Friday, August 23, 2024, at the respective times listed below, relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulations.

1. 9:00 a.m.: 101 CMR 414.00: Rates for Family Stabilization Services

The proposed amended regulation contains rates effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2024. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

101 CMR 414.00 governs the payment rates for family stabilization services provided to publicly aided individuals by governmental units. These services are purchased by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Department of Mental Health (DMH).

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D (f/k/a Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008), EOHHS is required to establish by regulation and biennially review the rates to be paid by governmental units for social service programs. In accordance with this statutory requirement, the proposed amendment replaces an MCB service that was erroneously deleted in the previous promulgation and updates the rate for that one service.

The total estimated FY24 annualized cost to state government from the one increased rate in this proposed amendment is \$6,547,783.78, which represents an increase of 20.9% over FY23 spending of approximately \$5,372,723. The FY24 fiscal impact to state government will be approximately \$3,274 for the increase to the one existing rate. The increase in spending in FY24 will be covered through a combination of the Chapter 257 Reserve Account and the purchasing agency's FY24 budget.

2. 10:00 a.m.: 101 CMR 411.00: Rates for Certain Placement, Support, and Shared Living Services

The proposed amended regulation contains rates effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2024. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

101 CMR 411.00 governs the rates paid by governmental units for certain placement, support, and shared living services provided to publicly aided individuals. Services with rates established by this regulation are purchased by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), and the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB).

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 118E, Section 13D (f/k/a Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2008), EOHHS is required to establish by regulation and biennially review the rates to be paid by governmental units for social service programs, which include certain placement, support, and shared living services. In accordance with this requirement, the rates for these services are being updated to include an increase by cost adjustment factor (CAF) of 2.58%. The CAF was determined by using baseline and prospective Massachusetts Economic Indicator data from IHS Economics - Fall 2023 Forecast, optimistic scenario data. The CAF reflects the period between the rates' base period (calendar year 2024 Q2) and the prospective period of fiscal years 2025 and 2026. Staff salaries have been benchmarked to the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) median wages as dated May 2022 at the 53rd percentile. The tax and fringe rate has been benchmarked to 27.38%. The benchmarked rate for the MCB Comptroller's FY24 approved rate less terminal leave and retirement. Administrative allocation has been benchmarked to 12%, which is the standard rate applied across all Chapter 257 regulations. A new service has also been added for an off-site direct service provider that monitors and responds to individuals' needs using live communications and non-verbal monitoring technology in the language in the severity section has also been updated for consistency across EOHHS rate regulations.

The total annualized cost to state government from the proposed amendments to this regulation is approximately \$42.44 million, which represents an increase of 20.9% over FY23 spending of approximately \$35.026 million for these services. Of this amount, the estimated annualized cost to DCF is \$12,457,874.94; the estimated annualized cost to DHS is \$25,188,533; the estimated annualized cost to DDS is \$29,226,853.47; the estimated annualized cost to MCB is \$147,618.61; and the estimated annualized cost to MCB is \$352,193.78. The increase in spending in FY25 will be covered through the Chapter 257 Reserve Account.

To register to testify at the hearings and to get instructions on how to join the hearings online, go to www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings. To join the hearings by phone, call (646) 556-8656 and enter meeting ID 935 397 8200# when prompted.

You may also submit written testimony instead of, or in addition to, live testimony. To submit written testimony, please email your PDF document or as text within the body of the email with the name of the regulation in the subject line. All written testimony must include the sender's full name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Individuals who are unable to submit testimony by email should submit written testimony to the Department of Children and Families, 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. Written testimony will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024. EOHHS specifically invites comments as to how the amendments may affect beneficiary access to care for MassHealth-covered services.

To review the current drafts of the proposed regulations, go to www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings or request a copy in writing from EOHHS@mass.gov or by the same mail to 6th Floor, Quincy, MA 02171. To view or download related supporting materials, go to www.mass.gov/info-details/proposed-regulations-supporting-materials.

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EOHHS may adopt a revised version of the proposed regulations taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to its attention.

In case of inclement weather or other emergency, hearing cancellation and rescheduling information is posted on the MassHealth website at www.mass.gov/info-details/executive-office-of-health-and-human-services-public-hearings.

August 2, 2024

NOTICE OF SALE, NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. Premises: 3929 Mystic Valley Parkway, Unit 1011, Medford, Massachusetts 02155. By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Ahmed N. Alomrani, MD to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a company organized under the laws of the State of America, N.A., dated June 25, 2013, and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1644902, and noted on Certificate of Title No. U22962, and by virtue of the same with said mortgage from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Bank of America, N.A., dated December 18, 2019, and recorded with said Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1833455, and noted on Certificate of Title No. U22962, as affected by an assignment of mortgage from Bank of America, N.A. to Specialized Loan Servicing LLC, dated April 28, 2020, and recorded with said Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1936304, and noted on Certificate of Title No. U22962, as affected by an assignment of mortgage from Specialized Loan Servicing LLC to US Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, dated December 14, 2023, and recorded with said Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1950207 and noted on Certificate of Title No. U22962, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosure, the same will be sold by Public Auction at 10 o'clock A.M. on the 23rd day of August, 2024 at the mortgaged premises located at 3920 Mystic Valley Parkway, Unit #1011, Medford, MA 02155, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage. To wit: Unit No. 1011 of Mystic River Park Condominium created by Master Deed dated August 11, 1998 and recorded in Middlesex South Registry of Deeds District of the Land Court as Document No. 780601 as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed dated September 30, 1998, and filed with said Registry as Document No. 784879 and Second Amendment to Master Deed dated October 11, 1998 and filed with said Registry as Document No. 786962 (hereinafter referred to as the "Master Deed") The Post Office address of the unit is: 3920 Mystic Valley Parkway, Unit #1011, Medford, MA 02155. The unit contains 1229 square feet approximately and is laid out as shown on a plan recorded herewith and affixed to which is the verified statement of a registered and licensed surveyor that the plan shows the unit designation of the Unit hereby conveyed and of immediately adjoining units, and that it fully and accurately depicts the layout of the Unit, its location, dimensions, approximate area, and more, and immediately common area to which it has access, as built and in the form provided by M.G.L. c.183A, section 9, and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in the Master Deed, the documents establishing the organization of unit owners and the By-Laws as amended of record. Each of the units in the Condominium is intended for residential purposes and such other uses as are set forth in the Master Deed. For Mortgagee's title, see deed dated June 13, 2013, filed as Document No. 1644901, and noted on Certificate of Title No. U22962, and recorded with said Registry of Deeds. Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A cash offer of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. High bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of the high bid. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by cash or bank check at Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser upon recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other than to be an agent or attorney-in-fact of the Massachusetts National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, Present holder of said mortgage, its Attorneys, Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004

Lawmakers' lack of consensus puts plans in doubt

► LEGISLATURE

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least nine major bills bottled up in negotiations before they teed up several more for talks by Wednesday night. By the time they gaveled out Thursday, lawmakers had pushed just three of those agreements to Healey's desk, including a bill expanding who legally qualifies as a parent, a change long sought by LGBTQ advocates, and another that would increase the benefits that veterans receive.

Lawmakers also passed a significant housing bond bill that would authorize \$5.16 billion in borrowing to invest in affordable housing and tax credits as well as make other changes aimed at the housing crisis, such as legalizing accessory dwelling units — so-called granny flats — in Massachusetts. It would dedicate billions toward public housing and spurring more production around the state.

Other legislation appeared to be in limbo, or worse: A plan to add more than 200 liquor licenses in Boston sat unfinished as of Thursday morning, though Senator William Brownsberger, who also helped negotiate it, said "it'll get done" at some point.

A bill intended to strengthen oversight of the state's hospitals was a priority of House Speaker Ron Mariano especially, though the Quincy Democrat said he hopes to pass it in the informal sessions that dot the Legislature's calendar the rest of the year. In such sessions, any individual lawmaker can oppose a bill's passage, making approval a riskier proposition.

Another casualty was a multi-billion dollar borrowing bill designed to grease the state's economic engine. The House and Senate both passed plans that would dedicate hundreds of millions to the state's life sciences industry, though there was a wide gap in the proposal: Senate lawmakers propose to borrow \$225 million over five years for the sector — less than half of the \$500 million over a decade that Healey and House lawmakers sought.

Senator Michael Rodrigues, the chamber's budget chief, called the bill's collapse "certainly a disappointment."

"But we live to fight another day," he said.

The bill's failure left in doubt a provision that would allow the Kraft Group to build a 25,000-seat waterfront stadium near the Encore Boston Harbor casino for the Revolution.

The proposal would remove 43 acres in Everett from what's known as a Designated Port Area, a state designation that limits certain waterfront parcels to industrial uses. The property currently is home to a decommissioned section of a power plant that Wynn Resorts acquired last year, and sits on Boston's doorstep, just across the Mystic from Charlestown. Slicing the parcel from the port area is viewed as one of the first steps to enabling a stadium to be built there.

Boston officials, including Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, chafed at the proposal, which was included in the Senate version of the bill but not the House, lamenting the city was left out of negotiations between



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF/FILE/2018

Real estate developer Richard Friedman has fought to get a swath of beach on Martha's Vineyard designated as public land.

Beach dispute has attention of Beacon Hill

► BEACH DISPUTE

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about ensuring access to the state's beautiful coastline for not just one person but for all.

A central player in the drama is Richard Friedman, a wealthy and colorful real estate specialist who says his push behind the bill passed by the House is to let "people have use of what they already own."

The dispute has a decades-long back story. When Friedman bought property near Oyster Pond in Edgartown in the early 1980s, he believed his deed gave him ownership rights to a barrier beach that separates the 208-acre pond from the Atlantic Ocean.

His neighbors, who claim ownership to a large swath of the beach, disagreed. The two sides have been locked in litigation for years that is still ongoing in a state appellate court. Eventually, Friedman came up with a different argument, as the Globe reported in 2016: The stretch of beach he and his neighbors had long fought over should be public.

Oyster Pond and the nearby Jobs Neck Pond, which also borders the beach in question, are considered "great ponds," bodies of water of at least 10 acres that, under Massachusetts law, are considered public property. The beach itself, however, has slowly been shifting northward — propelled either by sea level rise, waves, or winds — to the point it now rests within the ponds themselves.

For more than a decade, Friedman has pushed a version of legislation that seeks to declare that a barrier beach that moves into a publicly owned great pond "shall be and shall remain" public property itself.

To the surprise of many on Beacon Hill, the legislation fi-

nally moved July 25, passing the House without any debate, without a recorded roll call vote, and in the closing days of the Legislature's final sessions for the year.

Representative Sean Garballey, an Arlington Democrat who sponsored the bill, said a state study suggested there are as many as 28 great ponds separated from the Atlantic Ocean by barrier beaches, many of which are on Martha's Vineyard.

While he said he's aware of the legal dispute over "who has the rights to these properties" on Martha's Vineyard's south shore, he said his motivation

would not "convert ownership" of any private property to the public — an apparent attempt to address concerns that it could mean the state would be taking privately held land and, therefore, have to reimburse the owners or face expensive litigation.

But the barrier beaches, like the one in dispute near Oyster Pond and Jobs Neck Pond, have never been publicly owned, meaning the language is "essentially double speak," said Eric Peters, an Edgartown attorney and another member of the trust that's fought Friedman in court. Peters wrote in a letter this week to Senate leaders that

'For me, this is not a personal vendetta or an ego trip, it is simply great public policy that benefits citizens across the Commonwealth'

RICHARD FRIEDMAN, *Edgartown property owner on the legal effort to clarify what is considered public lands.*

was to preserve public access to the ocean. Garballey, who heads the House committee on global warming and climate change, said he has not spoken to Friedman "in person or by email."

"I believe the biggest win about this bill is that this is a win for the public," he said.

Members of a trust battling Friedman in court are not convinced. Jeff Flynn, one of the trustees, charged in a statement that the bill is "for the direct and personal benefit of Dick Friedman."

"Any suggestion that this narrow and targeted bill is about expanding access for the broader public is simply not credible," Flynn said.

It gets more complicated. The bill the House adopted included language stating that it

the "exposure of the Commonwealth to eminent domain takings is enormous," warning the state would be on the hook to pay property owners for any private beach that becomes public land, regardless of that language.

The bill "turns settled real estate law on its head," he wrote, later adding: "There is no public interest in this legislation. Rather, there are only nice sounding but confusing words that, once carefully read, are trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

Friedman denies that. In a statement, he said the bill simply clarifies that the public would have access to a beach that, he argues, "has been masquerading as private."

He also said he has no "per-

sonal benefit" in the bill passing, given he gained beach rights through other nearby property he owns. He and other property owners who are actively fighting the opposing trusts are awaiting a decision from a state appellate court over their latest dispute, this one over the so-called Jobs Neck section of the beach.

"For me, this is not a personal vendetta or an ego trip, it is simply great public policy that benefits citizens across the Commonwealth," Friedman said. The bill, he contends, would not put any added cost on taxpayers.

"Due to global warming, sea level rising, etc., there is a need to address and clarify this issue," he said. "I am proud to have played a role with others in these efforts."

It's unclear if or when the bill could emerge in the Senate, which too must pass it for it to reach Governor Maura Healey's desk. Lawmakers wrapped up formal sessions Thursday after a marathon 23-hour session during which the bill did not surface. It's possible that legislation could pass later in the year during one of the so-called informal sessions that dot the Legislature's calendar the rest of the year, though a single dissenting lawmaker can jam up a bill in one of these lightly attended sessions.

Senator Julian Cyr, a Provincetown Democrat who filed a similar bill in his chamber and represents Martha's Vineyard, said he, too, is concerned about access for the public at large.

"I want to be supportive of any opportunity to expand public beach access," he said.

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'We kept trying and trying to engage and just ran against brick walls. Eventually, we had to stop running into the brick wall.'

REPRESENTATIVE
AARON MICHLEWITZ
House budget chief

the Kraft Group and Everett. Some environmental groups also criticized the plan, calling it as a product of backroom dealing.

State Senator Sal DiDomenico, an Everett lawmaker who pushed the proposal, said "multiple options" remain for trying to get it passed, including pursuing a standalone bill. "I'm not giving up, I'm committed," he said. "It's the right thing for my community."

With several priorities on the line, Healey, a first-term Democrat, inserted herself into talks. She arrived on Beacon Hill late Wednesday night, and according to lawmakers, her staff had been deeply involved in discussions on the clean energy bill.

In a statement Thursday, Healey urged lawmakers to "find a way" to pass the funding for the life sciences and climate technology industries included in the economic development bill.

"The book should not be closed on this bill. It is too important," Healey said.

To pass the hundreds of millions of dollars in borrowing the bill proposed, lawmakers are required to take a roll-call vote, something they need a formal session to do. Legislative leaders have historically been reluctant to call special formal sessions.

Democratic leaders had already begun Wednesday's sessions short on agreements and long on tension. Frustration began spilling over Monday, when Mariano chafed at the Senate's eleventh-hour proposal to allow cities or towns to approve sites that could offer supervised consumption of illegal drugs — a measure the House had not debated.

"It sort of tells me you're not really serious about passing the bill to begin with," Mariano said.

The next day Spilka batted back at Mariano after the House passed a bill sought by Wu that would allow Boston officials to temporarily change the city's taxing authority, mimicking his critical line: "It sort of tells you that they're not really serious about passing the bill to begin with."

Neither of the two proposals made it to the finish line Thursday.

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Boston-area leaders ask Healey to rescind 5-day shelter limit

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on the letters. Instead, she referred the Globe to a statement issued last weekend, when the paper reported that migrant families were sleeping on Boston's streets.

"Massachusetts currently does not have space available in Emergency Assistance shelters or at any of our four safety-net sites," the statement said. "The key reason for transitioning safety-net sites to temporary respite centers and limiting stays to five days is to free up space and provide short term respite to newly arriving families in need."

Extensions to the five-day limit, which can range from five to 30 business days, could be granted for families whose housing plans are in flux, are on the verge of securing rides or flights to their next location, or have health issues. The goal, officials say, is diverting people out of the permanent emergen-

cy shelters.

Caseworkers will work to connect families with a friend or family member. If staying with someone else is not an option, caseworkers will direct families to other "safe alternatives," according to the fact

reapply.

Last week, the Healey administration announced they will be transitioned to "temporary respite centers" with a five-day limit and no option to stay longer.

Those families would be eli-

government turn away from the values that have made Massachusetts a beacon of hope to families in need for decades, if not centuries," the letter said. "These families deserve and need our help, and our state government needs to either

Globe reported on migrant families who are sleeping on the streets of Boston while overflow sites reach capacity and the waitlist for temporary housing stretches to more than 750 families long.

"In Massachusetts, we are

ority list to include families with veterans or who become unhoused by natural disasters, which Healey acknowledged means prioritizing vulnerable Massachusetts residents over newly arrived migrants.

The administration has taken steps to control the costs of the emergency assistance program, which was born out of the state's 1986 right-to-shelter law. In October, the state capped capacity in shelters at 7,500 families and then in April limited shelter stays to nine months. Families overstaying the new nine-month policy got 90-day notices to leave, and those staying in Logan Airport were kicked out.



ADVOCATING FOR MIGRANT FAMILIES

Boston City Council president Ruthzee Louijeune was among the councilors who signed the letter, which called the potential shelter-stay extensions a "welcome alteration" of the rule but still asked the Healey administration to "take more time to come up with a feasible solution."

sheet. Families who have subsidies to help pay for rent can also move into an apartment or house if they've found an eligible unit, officials said.

Overflow shelter sites in Chelsea, Lexington, Cambridge, and Norfolk have capacity for more than 300 families and had previously allowed stays of 30 days with options to

be flown out of Massachusetts on the state's tab or apply for a subsidy to help pay for rent, officials said.

In a joint letter sent to the Healey administration, Chelsea city councilors and School Committee members criticized Healey's new policy as a betrayal of the state's values.

"We are witnessing our state

support them or provide municipalities with the resources to do so.

"If not," the statement said, "we will be left with the same question these families are facing: where should they go? If the answer is 'to the streets,' we will not stand for it."

The news of possible extensions came two days after the

kind and a generous people. We are also full here," Healey said on GBH's Boston Public Radio program Wednesday.

Healey also said last week that people will have to wait at least six months before they could qualify for placement at a longer-term facility.

For those long-term shelter sites, the state expanded its pri-

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Business

In late-night session, lawmakers pass \$5.2b housing bill

Legislation seeks to address a soaring housing crisis as well as legalizing 'granny flats' across Commonwealth

By Andrew Brinker

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Hours into an all-night marathon to close out the legislative session, House and Senate lawmakers agreed on a \$5.2 billion housing bond package that will enact significant zoning reform to legalize accessory dwelling units, sometimes referred to as "granny flats," statewide, and authorize billions of dollars for the affordable housing system.

The bill, the Legislature's first major housing bill in three years, marks a victory for some advocates, particularly zoning reform proponents and affordable housing supporters. But it left others disappointed.

The measure is Governor Maura Healey's first big housing policy package since taking office last year and aimed to deliver the bold action she promised on the campaign trail to address a hous-

ing crisis that is rapidly warping the lives of everyday people and has become one of the state's most urgent issues. But the final version left many policies on the table, including a fee on high-dollar real estate transactions to fund affordable housing, a measure that could have eliminated broker's fees for tenants, and a \$1 billion expansion of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority pushed by House Speaker Ron Mariano that could have enabled more housing in some South Shore towns.

"This is a really nice step forward," said Clark Ziegler, executive director of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership. "There's a lot of good in this bill that I hope is laying the groundwork for us to pursue more ambitious policies in the future. But you have to start somewhere, and I think this is a great start."

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A construction crew in Concord worked on a granny flat last year.



PAT GREENHOUSE/GLOBE STAFF

Jaylen Brown was all smiles last July at a press conference at MIT Media Lab where he signed what was then NBA's richest contract. The Celtics star said he would use some of the money to create a "Black Wall Street" in Boston.

GAME CHANGER

Celtics star Jaylen Brown is setting out to generate \$5 billion in generational wealth for communities of color. He just took the first step.

SHIRLEY LEUNG



A year ago, Celtics star Jaylen Brown declared he wanted to create a "Black Wall Street" in Boston after inking what was then the richest contract in NBA history.

Now he is taking the first step with the launch of Boston XChange (BXC), a non-profit initiative to generate \$5 billion in generational wealth in communities of color. The NBA Finals MVP has tapped local partners from MIT to the City of Boston to help shape his vision to support entrepreneurs in the so-called creative economy.

BXC's first program kicks off today with applications being accepted for the Boston Creator Incubator + Accelerator. The program, a collaboration with Celtics team-

mate Jrue Holiday and his wife Lauren's JLH Social Impact Fund, will sponsor 10 entrepreneurs in Greater Boston in design, arts, media, entertainment, fashion, and culinary arts.

Boston may be a hub of innovation, but the accelerators and incubators tend to churn out tech and life science companies. That's what makes Brown's concept stand out. Partnering with institutions such as MIT, Harvard Business School, and Roxbury Community College, the BXC accelerator offers each entrepreneur up to \$100,000 in grant funding over three years, and access to work space and business services valued at more than \$150,000. Applications can be found at

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City planning czar Jemison will leave in September

Move comes amid a transition in Boston's approach to planning

By Catherine Carlock and Jon Chesto

GLOBE STAFF

James Arthur Jemison, a highly regarded city official who shepherded Mayor Michelle Wu's vision to overhaul planning and development, will leave his role as Boston's first chief of planning next month.

He will depart the city amid a time of enormous transformation for the erstwhile Boston Planning and Development Agency — which Jemison also leads — the newly created city Planning Department, and the city's real estate industry.

Just a month ago, the BPDA formally transitioned from a quasi-public agency that operated outside of the city's budget into an internal, city-run planning department. But that laborious process faced a setback this week, with the state

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James Arthur Jemison, chief of planning, intends to move home to Michigan.

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No goal for Kraft Group after state fails to move on soccer stadium

Measure to enable Revolution venue died in House, Senate negotiations, leaving future plans in limbo

By Jon Chesto

GLOBE STAFF

The Kraft Group issued strongly worded criticism on Thursday after the Legislature failed to pass a measure before formal sessions ended for the year that could have paved the way for the company to build a 25,000-seat soccer stadium in Everett for the New England Revolution.

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Kraft Group had been pushing for a measure filed by Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett that would remove a 43-acre site along the Mystic River from what's known as a designated port area, a state-regulated zone that only allows marine industrial uses. Moving the property out of the DPA would be the first key step in an estimated \$500 mil-

lion project that would give a local sports team with a growing fan base a new home in the core of Greater Boston.

The measure had become a sticking point between the House and the Senate in negotiations over a broader economic development bill. The Senate included DiDomenico's measure in its version of the bill, but the House did not. The negotiators failed to reach a deal before formal sessions ended for the year on Thursday morning.

The Krafts have long sought a site in Greater Boston to build a soccer-specific stadium so the New England Revolution can have their own home, instead of sharing Gillette Stadium in Foxborough with the New England Patriots. Their search brought them to this Everett site — home

to a shuttered power plant that's now owned by Wynn Resorts, which operates the Encore Boston Harbor casino across the street.

Now, the Legislature's inaction leaves the fate of the stadium proposal up in the air.

The Krafts' statement, issued via a spokesperson, began: "This legislative session, our Commonwealth missed a vital opportunity to clean up a brownfields site for an environmental justice community, robbing the city of Everett and its community of the ability to remove a dilapidated and decommissioned power plant and remediate a site contaminated over the decades and replace it with a public park, water front access, and a privately funded soccer stadium — which

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THE KRAFT GROUP

The proposed New England Revolution soccer stadium along the Mystic River in Everett would provide a home for a growing fan base in the core of Greater Boston, but now, with formal legislative sessions ending for the year, the stadium's fate is up in the air.

Biogen raises earnings forecast on Leqembi sales

By Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

Biogen raised its full-year earnings forecast Thursday as cost-cutting and the rollout of new products, including the closely watched Alzheimer's drug Leqembi, helped make up for declining sales of the Cambridge biotech's multiple sclerosis treatments.

The drug firm now expects full-year adjusted earnings to come in at \$15.75 to \$16.25 per share, higher than a prior forecast of \$15 to \$16 per share.

Almost 13 months after the Food and Drug Administration fully approved Leqembi for patients with early Alzheimer's symptoms, Biogen said the drug generated \$40 million in global sales for the second quarter, beating analysts' projections of \$29 million to \$33 million.

About \$30 million of the sales were in the United States. Leqembi has also been approved in China, Japan, Hong Kong, Israel, and South Korea.

Biogen's chief executive, Christopher A. Viehbacher, in a phone call with re-

porters before an earnings call, declined to specify how many US patients were on Leqembi. He cited difficulties in converting the number of drug vials sold and the number of patients listed on registries into the number of recipients of the treatment.

Nonetheless, he said the rollout of the drug has accelerated after a slow start.

"Leqembi is on a good path," he said.

Nearly 40 percent of all patients on Leqembi began receiving the treatment in the second quarter, Biogen said, and the total number of prescribing physicians increased by 50 percent.

Leqembi is the first drug to unambiguously, if modestly, slow the progression of Alzheimer's in patients in the early phases of the disease. Over 18 months, it slowed the advance by an average of 27 percent, or by about five months, in a clinical trial of some 1,800 patients with mild cognitive impairment or mild dementia.

The drug is a twice-a-month infusion that clears a sticky toxic protein called

amyloid from the brain. Clumps of the protein are a hallmark of the disease, although scientists vigorously debate the role amyloid plays in development of the disease.

In February, the company said that only about 2,000 patients were taking the drug nationwide. Analysts said in June that about 5,000 patients in the United States were on the treatment.

Viehbacher has attributed the slow uptake to the need for patients to undergo brain scans or spinal taps to confirm the presence of amyloid and the time it takes hospitals and doctors to arrange infusions sites.

Biogen shares the \$26,500-a-year drug with its Japanese business partner Eisai, the lead developer of Leqembi. Eisai is expected to share more information about the medicine in an earnings call on Friday.

At the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Philadelphia this week, executives from Eisai and Biogen said that the benefits of Leqembi continued and grew slightly in patients

who stayed on the drug for three years.

The manufacturers said the new data supported long-term use of the drug, even after it clears amyloid, although some experts disputed the significance of the data.

Although Viehbacher said uptake in Leqembi has improved, the medication faces several challenges.

Last week, drug regulators for the European Union rejected Leqembi, concluding that its benefits didn't outweigh potentially serious side effects, including brain bleeds and brain swelling. The makers of Leqembi plan to appeal the recommendation.

In addition, Lilly recently won approval of a rival amyloid-clearing drug, Kisunla, which has the advantage of requiring only monthly infusions. However, Viehbacher said he believes that Lilly's entry into the market will benefit Biogen, including by spurring the establishment of more infusion sites.

Biogen is working on other potential treatments for Alzheimer's, including a drug that targets another toxic protein

called tau, which forms tangles in the brain.

The company also reported better-than-expected sales of Skyclarys, a treatment for a rare disease of the nervous system called Friedreich's ataxia, and of Zurzuvae, a drug for postpartum depression. Skyclarys generated \$100 million for the quarter, Zurzuvae \$15 million. Both are new products.

Biogen, which has employees in 40 countries, including the United States, has made deep job cuts in an effort to save \$700 million in net operating expenses by 2025.

A homegrown biotech founded in 1978, Biogen has slashed hundreds of jobs from its Massachusetts workforce in recent years. The cuts came in response to competition by generic rivals to its expensive multiple sclerosis drugs and the flop of a controversial earlier Alzheimer's medicine, Aduhelm, also developed by Biogen and Eisai.

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Brown launches nonprofit initiative

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www.bxchange.org and are due Aug. 15.

But consider that just the tip off to Brown's ambitious plan to close the racial wealth gap in Boston — something he hopes people will remember him for as much as his basketball prowess.

With a \$304 million contract extension that keeps him on the Celtics through the 2028-29 season, he plans to devote millions of dollars to BXC so, he said, it can "be part of my legacy while I'm here in Boston."

What's also exciting is Brown wants to develop a state-of-the-art space to nurture the creative economy. He has been on the hunt for a marquee location in Boston. Think of BXC as part incubator, part maker space with mentoring, coaching, and other resources to help startups succeed.

"It will be a hub for diverse creators and entrepreneurs," Brown told me. "It will operate kind of at the intersection between business and culture. I believe that when you invest in the creator and the culture, it strengthens entire cities."

Brown said his time in Boston — he was the Celtics's top draft pick in 2016 — has made him want to address the economic disparities in underserved communities. He cited the Boston Federal Reserve Bank's 2015 study that found that non-immigrant Black households in Greater Boston had median net worth of \$8.

Brown has already founded



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one nonprofit, The 7uice Foundation, which aims to bridge the opportunity gap for Black and brown youth. BXC feels bolder. By year's end, Brown hopes to lock down a location and launch a search underway for an executive director.

Brown has engaged two consultants: Boston diversity and inclusion strategist Malia Lazu and Kim Tignor, executive director of Take Creative Control, a Washington advocacy group for creators of color.

Over the past two months, they have held listening sessions with a couple dozen local thought leaders and other organizations advancing economic and racial justice, such as the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, the Mill Cities Community Investments, and the Boston Impact Initiative. They've held these gatherings to get feedback and ideas, and ensure that BXC does not cannibalize the work of existing nonprofits that have long tried to close the racial wealth gap.

"One of our goals is to identify

gaps and amplify the incredible work that's already taken place," Brown said. "We have been building resources for more than a year, but BXC is just getting started, and we can't do it alone."

To that end, BXC also plans to give grants to nonprofits working to reduce economic disparities as a way to strengthen the ecosystem that does this work.

Still, Brown's star power can be a game-changer in the quest to make Boston more equitable. That's not lost on City Hall, which is working with his team.

"Jaylen has been changing the game on and off the court, and we are so blessed in Boston to partner with him once again — now with his visionary leadership setting a national standard for innovation and wealth creation," Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said in a statement. "Boston XChange is an example of what's possible when we work together with urgency to create opportunities connecting creators and entrepreneurs to sustainable wealth building that helps our entire community

thrive."

For those in Boston's innovation economy, Brown's focus on supporting creators of color — the fashion designers, filmmakers, musicians, and video game developers — is what has been missing.

"This is a lonely and hard road. You want to meet other people like yourself and a community of mentors and advisors," said Ysaira Jimenez, an MIT lecturer and serial entrepreneur who helped develop BXC's accelerator. "For far too long, Boston has had this reputation of being a very segregated city ... We want there to be a true exchange. What does it look like for Roxbury-based creators to be able to grow in downtown Boston and vice versa?"

2024 is shaping up to be a banner year for Brown. He collected two MVP titles on his way to helping the Celtics secure Banner 18. Perhaps the best is yet to come with BXC.

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Jaylen Brown of the Celtics went hands in after posing for a pre-game photo with people from the "7uice Foundation" which he founded. Now, Brown has launched a new nonprofit, Boston XChange.

Boston planning czar Jemison to depart in September

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Legislature failing to pass a home-rule petition that would allow the city to rewrite the decades-old legal structures that created the agency.

Jemison, who came to City Hall from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and before that worked for the city of Detroit, will move back to Michigan to be with his family, he said in an email to staff Thursday.

"This was a difficult decision because I believe deeply in the work that we are doing together," Jemison's email said. "With the [agency] transition complete and a new school year about to begin, now is a good time for me to step away from this role for my family."

He did not return a message from the Globe seeking further comment. Devin Quirk, the former deputy chief of the BPDA and now the deputy chief of the Planning Department, will serve as acting director when Jemison departs Sept. 13.

"Arthur has been an exceptional leader and partner to accomplish our shared vision for Boston's growth — grounded in affordability, resiliency, and equity," Wu said in a statement.

Jemison, who grew up in public housing in Amherst, has spent his career in planning and development, working for both the Boston Redevelopment Authority and

the Boston Housing Authority and serving as a state housing official under former governor Deval Patrick before he headed to Detroit and then Washington.

Since his return to Boston in May 2022 to join the Wu administration, Jemison guided myriad policy changes — many of which were met by resistance from Boston's powerful development community and in some cases from neighborhood groups accustomed to exerting sizable influence on what gets built where. Beyond the transition to a city planning department, the BPDA explored overhauling the city's zoning code and launched smaller rezoning initiatives in neighborhood centers, studied reforms to the city's development-review process, and boosted affordable housing requirements in new construction.

Jemison often served as a buffer between Wu and the development community, with whom her relationship has often been uneasy. Developers who often balked at Wu's policy changes nonetheless regarded Jemison as trustworthy.

"He was trusted by the development community to be honest and authentic with them, and to have an understanding of the vicissitudes of the development process in the midst of high interest rates and supply chain issues," said Ted Landsmark, a BPDA board member and professor at Northeastern University. "He initiated a trans-

'Were developers always thrilled with the final policy? Maybe not always, but you could never point a finger at Arthur.'

TAMARA SMALL
Chief executive of development trade group NAIOP Massachusetts

formative process that laid the foundation for changes the mayor promised."

Jemison was also often a "calm, cool, collected" voice in community meetings where tensions can run high, said Anthony D'Isidoro, president of the Allston Civic Association.

"I think there was always a sense that he needed to try to explain why all this was happening," D'Isidoro said.

Many developers give Jemison credit for trying to redo Boston's complex planning and development system without holding up projects in the process.

"It's really a huge loss," said Matthew Kiefer, a real estate lawyer at Goulston & Storrs. "People have very different feelings about development in our city. ... That means you have to be able to resolve those differences. Arthur has done that. He's personally involved in doing that on a lot of projects, to forge some kind of consensus ... and he's been doing it with uncommon grace and humor."

To Tamara Small, chief executive of development trade group NAIOP Massachusetts, Jemison was pragmatic and "someone who listened to all sides."

"Were developers always thrilled with the final policy? Maybe not always, but you could never point a finger at Arthur," Small said.

Brian Kavogian, managing partner at National Development,

said Jemison leaves large shoes to fill. He noted that it has been a particularly challenging stretch for the sector, with relatively high interest rates and tight capital markets all but freezing major construction in the city.

"He did an extraordinary job of bridging the policy goals of the Mayor with the needs of developers," Kavogian said in an email. "He understood the risks and challenges inherent in major urban development and did what he could to make projects happen, while at the same time balancing the needs of the city and its residents."

Some worried Jemison's departure would further erode morale at the BPDA. City Councilor John FitzGerald, who worked at the former redevelopment authority for some 17 years and opposed creating a planning department while serving on the council, said he's heard reports of low morale due to the many changes facing the department's 210 employees.

"I think we've already seen a drain of institutional knowledge come out of that agency," FitzGerald said. "The timing is tough right now. We need to make sure the city continues to grow."

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Moderna faces clouded future after vaccine setbacks

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BLOOMBERG NEWS

Moderna's post-pandemic future was thrown into question Thursday after it disclosed multiple setbacks that disappointed investors.

The biotech company has been largely shut out of the COVID vaccine market in Europe and expects low sales there. It's facing increased competitive pressure in the United States, leading to a disappointing launch of its new RSV vaccine.

The obstacles prompted the company to reduce its sales expectations for the year. The shares fell more than 20 percent Thursday, erasing their 2024 gains.

The Cambridge-based company is trying to manage the decline of its COVID vaccine business as it spends billions to develop new uses for mRNA technology. While Moderna has added an RSV vaccine to its portfolio, how soon investors can expect additional products that could boost sales — including a flu shot and highly anticipated cancer vaccine — remains unclear.

Despite cost cuts, Moderna posted a second straight quarterly loss. It now sees 2024 sales ranging between \$3 billion and \$3.5 billion, down from its previous outlook of about \$4 billion, according to a second-quarter earnings statement. The company has said it doesn't expect to break even until 2026.

The forecast cut "heightens concerns, given Moderna is already running net losses and raises doubt about hitting profitability and cash burn goals," Jefferies analyst Michael Yee said in a note.

Revenue for the quarter was \$241 million. While that's down about 30 percent from the same period a year ago, it surpassed analysts' expectations. The company gets the bulk of its sales in the second half of the year when people seek COVID shots to prepare for the colder months and the rise of most respiratory infections.

Moderna chief financial officer James Mock attributed the sharp year-on-year sales decline to the fact that some 2022 vaccine orders were included in last year's figures. The quarter's sales beat expectations because more people are getting immunized than had been anticipated, he said.

"There's been a steady amount of vaccinations that was more than we had assumed in our revenue guidance," he said in an interview.

Moderna has been in discussions to sell its COVID shot in Europe, where Pfizer and its partner, BioNTech, already have a deal in place. Based on recent discussions, Moderna said it now expects "very low" sales in the region. The company also cut its revenue guidance for the year because some international sales are tied to vaccination rates and may be deferred to next year, according to Mock.

After the May US approval of its RSV vaccine in older adults, Moderna began deliveries in July. But new data presented in June showed the efficacy of Moderna's shot fell sharply over time and was lower than rival vaccines.

The results could raise doubts over how much the product will financially benefit Moderna, which was third to the market after Pfizer and GSK introduced vaccines last year for RSV, an illness that affects elderly adults and babies most severely.

TALKING POINTS

NIGHTLIFE

CITY OF BOSTON TO SPEND \$300,000 BOOSTING NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES

Boston City Hall is looking to boost the local after-hours scene with a \$300,000 investment in “nighttime activities.” The money from the Office of Nightlife Economy — split into 42 grants up to \$10,000 — will support business improvement districts, cultural organizations, and event series. Among the grantees are a South End summer jazz series, a Roslindale pop-up opera, trivia nights, parades, and even a non-alcoholic beer garden. The events will span 13 neighborhoods and be open to the public. Corean Reynolds, the city-sanctioned night life czar, said in a statement that “by amplifying community-led solutions and supporting diverse and inclusive events across our neighborhoods, we aim to create a thriving nighttime economy that benefits all residents.” The city received 198 applications after the grants launched in April. — DITI KOHLI



DIGITAL HEALTH CARE

AMWELL HAS LAID OFF ABOUT 100 WORKERS

Digital health care company Amwell disclosed that it has laid off more than 10 percent of its workforce, or about 100 workers, since the beginning of the year. The Boston company, which provides software for virtual doctors visits, said it expects to lose somewhat less money for the rest of the year as a result of the cost-cutting effort. “We had a high degree of focus on cost-cutting initiatives in the first half of the year,” chief executive Ido Schoenberg said on a call with analysts on Wednesday evening. “We are beginning to deliver the significant savings and efficiencies that are part of our path to profitability.” Shares of Amwell jumped more than 40 percent Thursday. Still, the shares remain down from an adjusted peak of \$856 hit in January, 2021, when pandemic closures gave the company’s business a massive boost. But revenue — and the company’s stock price — have shrunk since 2022. A company spokesperson confirmed the cuts. “In the past year, we’ve taken steps to calibrate our team to ensure we’re in the best possible position to meet the needs of our healthcare clients,” she said in an email. The company employed 1,104 people at the end of 2023, according to its annual 10-K report. Amwell cut workers in its sales organization at the end of 2023 and in the first quarter of 2024, chief financial officer Robert Shepardson said on the call. More recent cuts have been in the sales support unit and in general and administrative positions. On Wednesday, Amwell said it expected to lose \$145 million to \$150 million for the year, excluding some costs. That reflected a \$10 million improvement from the company’s initial 2024 forecast three months ago. But the company maintained its 2024 revenue forecast of \$259 million to \$269 million, which would demonstrate growth of up to 4 percent from 2023. — AARON PRESSMAN

INTERNATIONAL

BANK OF ENGLAND CUTS INTEREST RATES FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2020



The Bank of England cut interest rates for the first time since early 2020 and signaled further cautious reductions ahead, offering some relief to households after a year of the UK’s highest borrowing costs for a generation. Governor Andrew Bailey’s casting vote clinched the quarter-point drop in the benchmark to 5 percent. The decision was “finely balanced” for some of those supporting the move, and opposed by a minority of four on the nine-member Monetary Policy Committee, according to minutes of the meeting. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

MEDIA

CBS OVERHAULS ITS EVENING NEWS PROGRAM

“CBS Evening News,” one of America’s longest-running newscasts, is getting a significant overhaul, one that will put the role of a singular and towering Walter Cronkite-like evening news anchor in the rearview mirror. Just two days after Norah O’Donnell announced that she would depart the show’s anchor chair this fall, CBS News executives said she would be replaced by John Dickerson, the network’s lead political analyst and the host of an evening CBS News streaming show, and Maurice DuBois, a longtime anchor for the CBS affiliate in New York. Additionally, the network named Lonnie Quinn, a local weather forecaster and DuBois’ colleague at WCBS-TV, the first-ever chief weathercaster for “Evening News.” Other veteran CBS journalists, such as Jim Axelrod, Steve Hartman, and Margaret Brennan, are expected to be regular presences on the show, as will other correspondents. DuBois and Quinn will continue in their local roles as well, the network said. — NEW YORK TIMES

WEIGHT LOSS

WEIGHTWATCHERS LAYING OFF WORKERS AS OBESITY TREATMENTS CHANGE LANDSCAPE

WW International Inc., better known as WeightWatchers, is laying off employees and cutting costs as it struggles to stay afloat in a new era of obesity treatment. The New York company will save about \$100 million a year by streamlining its business and cutting an undisclosed number of jobs, WeightWatchers said Thursday. The company’s shares dropped by 5 percent in premarket trading. Shares have lost about 90 percent of their value this year as the escalating popularity of weight-loss treatments from Eli Lilly and Novo Nordisk have decimated demand for its trademark diet plans. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



ENERGY

WORLD’S DEEPEST OIL AND GAS WELL TO BE DRILLED IN COLOMBIA

The oil industry is pushing the limits of offshore exploration with plans to drill a record-setting deepwater well in Colombia within months. Occidental Petroleum and Ecopetrol are gearing up to plumb the depths of Colombia’s Caribbean waters in search of natural gas and oil. The plan is to drill the Komodo-1 well before the year is out in seas close to 13,000 feet deep. That’s equal to about 10 Empire State Buildings stacked on top of each other and would shatter the current water-depth record holder in Angola. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

PHARMACEUTICALS

LILLY’S WEIGHT-LOSS DRUG HELPS THOSE WITH HEART FAILURE, STUDY FINDS



Eli Lilly’s blockbuster Zepbound improved the long-term health of patients with obesity-related heart failure in a study, illuminating the cardiovascular benefits of the weight-loss shot. The risk of death, hospitalization, and other bad outcomes was 38 percent lower in patients given Zepbound compared with those who received a placebo, Lilly said Thursday. The drug also significantly reduced heart failure symptoms, including shortness of breath, fatigue, and an irregular heartbeat. The two-year trial involving more than 700 patients is part of Lilly’s broader effort to prove that Zepbound, already in high demand for its effects on body weight, can do more than just shrink waistlines. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

MORTGAGES

RATES FALL

The average rate on a 30-year mortgage fell this week to its lowest level since early February, easing borrowing costs for prospective homebuyers facing record-high home prices. The rate fell to 6.73 percent from 6.78 percent last week, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday. A year ago, the rate averaged 6.9 percent. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUTOMOTIVE

NISSAN AND HONDA TEAM UP ON EVS

Japanese automakers Nissan and Honda say they plan to share components for electric vehicles like batteries and jointly research software for autonomous driving. A third Japanese manufacturer, Mitsubishi Motors Corp., has joined the Nissan-Honda partnership, sharing the view that speed and size are crucial in responding to dramatic changes in the auto industry centered around electrification. — ASSOCIATED PRESS



ROCKLAND TRUST BANK

Lawmakers pass housing bond bill

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Bond bills for housing come up every five years, typically for the Legislature to reauthorize bond spending for housing programs and development. Healey used this year’s bond bill to advance wide-ranging housing policy legislation, which complicated its path and drew intense lobbying from real estate interests and housing advocates.

Perhaps the most significant new policy in the final bill is a measure that will broadly legalize ADUs, which are smaller housing units typically built in the backyard or basement of a single-family home. Should Healey sign it, the law would allow ADUs in all single-family-zoned lots statewide without requiring local permitting.

While towns could enact some “reasonable restrictions,” such as setbacks from property lines, stricter rules requiring more than one parking spot per unit or limiting who can live there — as some communities have done historically — would be barred. Broad statewide legalization, advocates say, will also make it easier for developers to produce ADUs at scale, since they won’t need to customize projects to fit countless town-level rules.

“This is a huge victory,” said Jesse Kanson-Benanav, executive director of the pro-housing group Abundant Housing Massachusetts. “ADUs have proven to be a really critical part of the housing production strategy in other states. This will result in more homes for Massachusetts residents, and I believe Massachusetts now has one of the strongest ADU laws in the country.”

The Healey administration predicts the rule will generate some 8,000 units over the next five years, though the state housing office will still have to develop regulations that dictate height and setback rules. That could prove contentious, as many local officials and residents remain highly skeptical of ADUs, seeing them as disruptive to suburban single-family neighborhoods.

Another big victory, housing advocates say, is \$2 billion in bond authorizations for the state’s aging public housing portfolio. The money will be used to repair 40,000 state-funded units, which have been falling into disrepair over decades as the state delivered little new money to maintain them. Residents have complained of significant rodent and pest issues, and some buildings have deteriorating stairs and floors. Others are in such bad shape they have had to be condemned.

The money outlined in the bill comes in the form of bond authorizations, which allow the state to spend money on the specified items. But it does not guarantee that the money will get spent. The last several bond bills only saw about two-thirds of the funding that was authorized actually be spent, and Healey’s recent capital plan calls for far less in spending than is outlined in the bond bill.

Other housing programs, like a new fund to help jump-start stalled mixed-income developments, received money as well. And in a victory for tenant advocates, the bill included a measure that will allow eviction records to be sealed in some cases. It will also create a new office for fair housing.

Still, some advocates Thursday could not help but focus on what is not in the bill. Most notably, the Legislature killed Healey’s proposal to allow cities and towns to enact a fee of 0.5 percent to 2 percent on property sales over \$1 million or those above the county’s median home sales price in places where that exceeds \$1 million.

The measure was a priority of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and had the support of numerous communities that are wrestling with high housing costs. Studies have indicated the transfer tax could have collected hundreds of millions of dollars for affordable housing, but the real estate industry mobilized an aggressive campaign against it, worried that it would further dampen the housing and struggling commercial real estate markets.

“There are massive, historic investments in the bonding part of this bill,” said Mark Martinez, who leads a coalition that supports the transfer fee. “But by leaving the transfer fee out, you’re leaving out the possibility of real dollars for affordable housing in perpetuity. So it’s really, really hard to believe that we’re taking this housing crisis seriously when we’re leaving policies like that on the table.”

Also excluded from the final bill was a \$1 billion expansion of the MWRA, allowing it to reach beyond the 60 communities it currently operates in, bolstering water infrastructure in communities that have said they cannot support more housing development without it.

And some measures that would have benefited tenants, like a policy that would have required landlords to pay broker’s fees instead of tenants, and a rule that would have given renters the opportunity to buy their unit when their landlord moved to sell their building.

“What’s missing [in the bill] is any kind of policy that is going to help struggling renters now,” Martinez said.

Still, lawmakers said, the measure includes a lot of money and some valuable policy changes that they hope will help turn the tide on a housing crisis that seems to only get worse by the year.

“It’s a big crisis, but this is a big bill,” said state Senator Will Brownsberger, one of the chamber’s negotiators on the bill. “It’s gonna make a dent.”

Matt Stout of the Globe Staff contributed to this report. Andrew Brinker can be reached at andrew.brinker@globe.com.

Jobless claims at highest level in a year

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The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits jumped to its highest level in a year last week, even as the labor market remains surprisingly healthy in an era of high interest rates.

Jobless claims for the week ending July 27 climbed by 14,000 to 249,000, from 235,000 the previous week, the Labor Department reported Thursday. It’s the most since the first week of August last year and the 10th straight week that claims have come in above 220,000. Before that stretch, claims had remained below that level in all but three weeks this year.

Weekly unemployment claims are widely considered as representative of layoffs, and though they have been slightly higher the past couple of months, they remain at histori-

cally healthy levels.

Massachusetts reported 6,672 “advance” initial claims for unemployment insurance last week.

The unemployment rate in the United States ticked up to 4.1 percent in June, despite the fact that America’s employers added 206,000 jobs. US job openings also fell slightly last month.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out some of the weekly ups and downs, rose by 2,500 to 238,000.

The total number of Americans collecting unemployment benefits for the week of July 20 jumped by 33,000 to 1.88 million. The four-week average for continuing claims rose to 1,857,000, the most since December of 2021.

Dana Gerber of the Globe staff contributed to this report.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Natasha Napier, Novellette Napier to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bear Stearns Residential Mortgage Corporation, dated June 12, 2006 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39790, Page 71, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated February 1, 2017, and recorded with said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 57546, Page 139, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bear Stearns Residential Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the certificateholders of Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Bear Stearns Mortgage Funding Trust 2006-AR1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR1, recorded on March 12, 2012, in Book No. 49196, at Page 248.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., solely as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Bear Stearns Mortgage Funding Trust 2006-AR1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AR1, recorded on February 10, 2017, in Book No. 57546, at Page 134.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Mortgage Investments II Inc., Bear Stearns Mortgage Funding Trust 2006-AR1, recorded on July 20, 2023, in Book No. 69236, at Page 118.

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on August 23, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at Temple Street, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land situated in that part of Boston called Dorchester in the County of Suffolk, with the buildings thereon, situated on the southerly side of Sanford Street, and being shown as Lot B on a plan of land at Dorchester Lower Mills belonging to the estate of Estelle Hall dated August 1924, Frederick P. Hall, Surveyor, recorded in Book 4625, Page 122 in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY by Sanford Street, thirty-five (35) feet as shown on said plan; easterly by land of owner or owners unknown, seventy-four and 15/100 (74.15) feet as shown on said plan; SOUTHERLY by land of owner or owners unknown, thirty-five and 52/100 (35.52) feet as shown on said plan; and WESTERLY by Lot A, seventy-four and 38/100 (74.38) feet as shown on said plan, containing 2618 square feet, according to said plan, be any and all of said measurements or contents more or less or however otherwise said premises may be measured, bounded or described, together with a right of way beginning at Temple Street at the SOUTHERLY line of Lot A where it meets the southerly line of Lot B and running SOUTHERLY forty-two and 95/100 (42.95) feet to the boundary of Lots A and B as shown on said plan; thence running WESTERLY ten (10) feet on said boundary line; thence running NORTHERLY forty-two and 95/100 feet to Temple Street; thence running along Temple Street ten (10) feet to point of beginning. This right of way is to be used in common with the owners and occupants of Lot A for all purposes for which is driveway is used.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39790, Page 69.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and in the benefit of all rights, restrictions, covenants, easements, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02458-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser or recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2006-AR1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR1 Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 24017

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Graham C. Hawkins to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Citimortgage, Inc. to Citimortgage, Inc., recorded on September 24, 2012, in Book No. 50209, at Page 302

CitiMortgage, Inc. to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., recorded on July 21, 2017, in Book No. 58263, at Page 274.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., recorded on December 9, 2022, in Book No. 68485, at Page 168.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing recorded on October 18, 2023, in Book No. 69534, at Page 260

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, recorded on October 24, 2023, in Book No. 69555, at Page 342

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to US Bank Trust National Association, Not in its Individual Capacity But Solely as Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust, recorded on July 2, 2024, in Book No. 70349, at Page 273

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on August 23, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 411 Marlborough Street, Unit No. 7, 411 Marlborough Street Condominium, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK/PAGE 41296-94 AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 7 (THE "UNIT") IN 411 MARLBOROUGH STREET CONDOMINIUM (THE "CONDOMINIUM"), SITUATED AT AND WITH A POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF 411 MARLBOROUGH STREET, BOSTON, SUFFOLK COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, CREATED BY MASTER DEED DATED MAY 17, 1982 AND RECORDED WITH SUFFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 9956, PAGE 209 AS AMENDED BY INSTRUMENTS OF RECORD, INCLUDING SAID DEED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 183A AS AMENDED (CHAPTER 183A), THE UNIT IS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE MASTER DEED, AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS RECORDED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE MASTER DEED, AND IS HEREBY CONVEYED TOGETHER WITH THE UNIT OWNER'S UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES OF THE CONDOMINIUM (THE "COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES") AS SET FORTH IN THE MASTER DEED AND TOGETHER WITH ANY OTHER RIGHTS, SET FORTH IN THE MASTER DEED OR THE UNIT DEED, INCLUDING EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS TO PARKING SPACES AND STORAGE SPACES, IF ANY, THE UNIT AND SUCH UNDIVIDED 7.248 PERCENT INTEREST IN THE COMMON AREAS AND FACILITIES ARE CONVEYED WITH THE BENEFIT OF AND SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, COVENANTS, AGREEMENTS, OBLIGATIONS, CONDITIONS AND OTHER PROVISIONS REFERRED TO OR SET FORTH IN THE MASTER DEED, THE PROVISIONS OF THE INSTRUMENT ESTABLISHING THE UNIT OWNERS' ORGANIZATION FORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 10 OF CHAPTER 183A (THE "CONDOMINIUM TRUST"), THE BYLAWS CONTAINED THEREIN AND ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO, INsofar AS THE SAME ARE NOW IN FORCE AND APPLICABLE.

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US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, MA 02458 (617)558-0500 22350

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CITATIONS BY PUBLICATION - TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: MELISSA BAKER LKA 7914 MASSACHUSETTS AVE BOSTON, MA 02118

formerly of and now parts unknown

Case Number: 669-2024-TR-00005

Preliminary Hearing

A petition to terminate parental rights over your minor child(ren) has been filed in this Court. You are hereby cited to appear at a Court to respond to this petition as follows:

Date: November 05, 2024 Time: 3:30 AM Time Allocated: 30 Minutes 26 Green St. Plymouth NH 03264

CAUTION TO RESPONDENT

It is very important that you personally appear in this Court on the date, time and place provided in this notice. If you fail to personally appear, you may be defaulted and your parental rights may be terminated even if you are represented by an attorney who has filed a written appearance and/or personally appears at this hearing.

IMPORTANT RIGHTS OF PARENTS

THIS PETITION IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS OVER CHILD(REN) SHALL BE TERMINATED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP MEANS THE TERMINATION SHALL DIVEST YOU OF ALL LEGAL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE LOSS OF ALL RIGHTS TO CUSTODY, VISITATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD(REN). IF TERMINATION IS GRANTED, YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTICE OF FUTURE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING YOUR CHILD(REN). You are hereby notified that you have a right to be represented by an attorney. You also have the right to oppose the proceedings, to attend the hearing and to present evidence. If you desire an attorney, you may notify this Court within ten (10) days of receiving this notice and upon a finding of indigency, the Court will appoint an attorney without cost to you. If you enter an appearance, notice of any future hearings regarding this child(ren) will be by first class mail to you, your attorney and all other interested parties not less than ten (10) days prior to any scheduled hearing. Additional information may be obtained from the Family Division Court identified in the heading of this Order of Notice.

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July 17, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COURT Deborah A. Nichols, Clerk of Court

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Division of Medical Assistance

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Medicaid

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Under the authority of M.G.L. c. 6A, section 16 and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 90A, the Division of Medical Assistance (the Division) will hold a remote public hearing on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 11 a.m. relative to the adoption of amendments to the following regulation:

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The proposed regulation is planned to go into effect no sooner than January 1, 2025. There is no fiscal impact on cities and towns.

The proposed amendments to 130 CMR 630.000 update the following: definitions, services, provider eligibility requirements, and conditions for payment of services. The proposed amendments also add specifications related to electronic visit verification (EVV) and telehealth requirements.

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August 2, 2024

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ALL RISK PROPERTY & BOILER INSURANCE FOR FEDERAL FACILITIES BHA JOB NO.: 2279-01

The Boston Housing Authority invites all interested parties to submit proposals to provide All Risk Property/Boiler & Machinery insurance coverage on a replacement cost basis for its federally funded properties. Proposals must be received at the office of the Boston Housing Authority, Procurement Office, by hard copy hand delivery to Chief Procurement Officer, Bids/Proposals Drop-Off Box located in the basement of 56 Chauncy Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111 no later than 2:00 PM ET on Friday, August 9, 2024. The contract is estimated at \$3,685,000 per year. The coverage is to be effective for a one (1) year period commencing August 14, 2024. BHA will accept either Full Program or Lead/Layered Program proposals in response to this RFP. Program requirements and specifications are described in this RFP.

For the RFP package, please look for 2279-01 on <https://www.bostonhousing.org/en/Bid-Opportunities/Current-Bid-Opportunities.aspx>

Requests for clarifications, interpretations, explanations, corrections, modifications, and/or questions, comments, and all other communications regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing via email to bids@bostonhousing.org no later than 12:00 PM Tuesday August 6, 2024 and will be accepted and processed by BHA solely in accordance with the terms of this provision. Any and all responses to inquiries received by the BHA by or before the RFP Questions Submission Deadline will be issued in the form of an addendum to this RFP to all persons and entities on record as having obtained a copy of this RFP from the BHA if the BHA, in its sole discretion, determines that the inquiries require a substantive response. Proposer's requests for the assignment of markets must be sent to tom.ryan@bostonhousing.org and received no later than 2:00 PM Friday August 2, 2024. The BHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any and all informalities.

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 2024-01764 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: William Bradley, Heirs, Devises and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Sarah E. Bradley

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. s. 50 53901 (et seq);

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dorchester (Boston), numbered 2 Howe Terrace, Unit 18, Howe Terrace Condominium, given by Sarah E. Bradley to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated July 12, 2017, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58228, Page 239, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 9, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on July 29, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 25830

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Requests for clarifications, interpretations, explanations, corrections, modifications, and/or questions, comments, and all other communications regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing via email to bids@bostonhousing.org no later than 12:00 PM Tuesday August 6, 2024 and will be accepted and processed by BHA solely in accordance with the terms of this provision. Any and all responses to inquiries received by the BHA by or before the RFP Questions Submission Deadline will be issued in the form of an addendum to this RFP to all persons and entities on record as having obtained a copy of this RFP from the BHA if the BHA, in its sole discretion, determines that the inquiries require a substantive response. Proposer's requests for the assignment of markets must be sent to tom.ryan@bostonhousing.org and received no later than 2:00 PM Friday August 2, 2024. The BHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any and all informalities.

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 2024-01764 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: William Bradley, Heirs, Devises and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Sarah E. Bradley

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. s. 50 53901 (et seq);

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dorchester (Boston), numbered 2 Howe Terrace, Unit 18, Howe Terrace Condominium, given by Sarah E. Bradley to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated July 12, 2017, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58228, Page 239, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 9, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on July 29, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 25830

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Stadium measure irks Krafts

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was just one piece of this very significant project."

The Kraft Group thanked DiDomenico and Senate President Karen Spilka for advancing the project and their "commitment to doing the right thing for the Everett community" but said the company is "deeply disappointed that the House would not take up this legislation on its own, and that the Legislature was unable to act on major legislation at the end of this session."

"This inaction on language that had no financial commitments from state or local government has halted the public process to determine the feasibility of this project before it could even begin and passing this legislation was strictly about allowing us to start the process of determining the viability of this project for Everett," the Krafts added. "Massachusetts' political landscape is one of the only places where creating opportunities in environmental justice communities and rehabilitation is dictated by the needs and bargaining of political leaders with outside influences and we had hoped for a different outcome for the citizens of Everett and environmental justice for that community."

For the rest of the year, the Legislature only meets in informal sessions

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Olympics: Track and field, 1 p.m., NBC
Olympics: Swimming finals, 2:30 p.m., NBC
Baseball: Red Sox-Rangers, 8:05 p.m., NESN
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2024 PARIS OLYMPICS



EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

Simone Biles executed a fearless flip over the narrow balance beam to win the event and spark her gold-medal victory in the women's all-around gymnastics competition.

Two for the show

TARA SULLIVAN

Biles' all-around gold showcased her mettle



PARIS — Every other competitor was finished when Simone Biles took the floor. And then soared to the heavens. With a first tumbling pass that propelled her insanely high above the mat, Biles practically launched herself into orbit around Bercy Arena Thursday night, taking a jam-packed stadium along for the thrilling ride. Biles barely came back to earth during her scintillating floor exercise, which closed out the final rotation of the Olympic women's all-around gymnastics competition. She held a full arena in her thrall, and when it was over, when

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JOHN POWERS

ON OLYMPICS

US gymnasts Biles, Lee share medal spotlight

PARIS — They were celebrating all by themselves on the floor at Bercy Arena, two Olympic champions sharing an American flag in triumph. That hadn't happened for a US women's gymnastics team until it happened here on Thursday night. Sunisa Lee had won the all-around gold medal in Tokyo three years ago. Simone Biles, who'd collected her first in Rio de Janeiro eight years ago, had just earned her second. "Team competition is always my favorite because we all get to go out there and compete together and it's just such a fun time," said Biles after she'd been draped with her sixth gold and ninth Olympic medal. "But for me tonight,

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Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles (left) and bronze winner Sunisa Lee shared Old Glory after the US won the all-around a sixth consecutive time.

How 'Nadalcaraz' became one of Paris's glitziest attractions

By Nicole Yang
GLOBE STAFF

PARIS — Suzanne Lenglen Court at Stade Roland Garros was hardly full Tuesday afternoon. With Paris experiencing its first hot day of the Summer Games, the vast majority of the unshaded seats remained unoccupied for the duration of the women's singles match

between Slovakia's Anna Karolina Schmiedlová and Italy's Jasmine Paolini. As soon as Schmiedlová closed out the three-set match, however, those empty sections started to fill up. By the time Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz took the court moments later, the stands were entirely full for their second-round men's doubles match. The duo, which fans have playfully dubbed, "Nadalcaraz," undoubtedly became one of the biggest draws through the first week of the Paris Olympics. Whether on Suzanne Lenglen, which seats just over 10,000, or the larger Philippe-Chatrier, which seats 15,000, the three "Nadalcaraz" matches

reached capacity. Fans even treated their practice sessions on the infinitesimally smaller Court 3 as main events, flooding the bleachers. Many of those who didn't claim one of the first-come, first-serve spots opted to queue at the entrance, with hopes of eventually getting a turn to watch the pair. After advancing to the quarterfinals

on Tuesday, Alcaraz shared a photo of the two via Instagram with the caption, "Quién quiere un poco más de Nadalcaraz?" (Translation: Who wants a little more of Nadalcaraz?) The answer: Basically everyone. Wednesday night, though, proved to

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New callup Sogard has retooled swing

By Alex Speier
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox players poured onto the field to celebrate Rafael Devers' walkoff double on Wednesday afternoon. Yet trailing the familiar faces like Jarren Duran and Tyler O'Neill into the celebration in the middle of the infield, another player on the periphery of the scrum soaked up the proceedings with an unusual perspective. Wednesday was Nick Sogard's first day as a big leaguer. In a way, his participation in the postgame celebration represented the passing through a threshold, his first official on-field act in the big leagues. "That's probably a unique

way to be the first time you set foot on a big league field — celebrating a walkoff hit," mused Sogard. "I guess I have that." The celebration represented the culmination of a long-awaited series of events. WooSox manager Chad Tracy summoned the 26-year-old infielder into his office at Polar Park around noon to deliver the message that players chase for a lifetime. The opportunity to deliver such messages represents one of the foremost joys of a Triple A manager's job — a chance to see hard work rewarded with the fulfillment of part of a dream. In his three years as WooSox

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JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

After missing practice time earlier this week, Matthew Judon was on the field yesterday, in familiar red sleeves.

Judon returns to Patriots practice

Godchaux also back with team

By Christopher Price
GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — Matthew Judon is back on the field. The Patriots linebacker, who was missing for most of the last two workouts — likely because of a contract issue — returned to the field for Thursday's practice. And while it wasn't a padded workout, the veteran did not appear to be limited in team drills, and he took his usual reps in 11-on-11 work. Patriots coach Jerod Mayo heralded the return of Judon,

saying the two had a productive conversation, all about looking ahead. "Had a great meeting with Judon, and we're all moving forward," Mayo said. "I remember as a player, it's always a difficult time. It's always a difficult time when you go through contract negotiations and things like that. And in saying that, for the rest of the team, we're pushing forward. "Honestly, we're a week away from playing football. I'm kind of excited to watch the Hall of Fame Game tonight. So the guys are ready to come out here and compete." PATRIOTS, Page C2

PATRIOTS TRAINING CAMP AT GILLETTE STADIUM



JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

Jerod Mayo put the Patriots through a two-hour practice without pads during the hottest day of training camp.

TRAINING CAMP OBSERVATIONS

FOXBOROUGH — Takeaways from the Patriots' seventh practice of training camp, a two-hour session Thursday without pads: **1. Are we sure Jerod Mayo is a "player's coach"?**

This was the hottest day of camp so far, with the heat index topping out at 98 degrees. The Patriots practiced for a full two hours, with ultra-competitive one-on-one drills for wide receivers and cornerbacks, followed by nearly an hour of team drills.

But 40 minutes into practice, the Patriots still hadn't touched a football. Mayo had most of the players do extra conditioning runs before breaking into individual drills.

"It's kind of good to get out there, get moving, and then you're tired when you get to drills," said nine-year veteran Jonathan Jones. "So it's building that aspect of conditioning, your mental toughness and mental conditioning."

The last few practices have not been easy — a full two hours in the heat, often followed by 10 minutes of sprints on the field or the hill behind the field. The Patriots also have reintroduced penalty laps; the entire offense or defense has to run for certain infractions.

"Coach Mayo said it in a meeting the other day — we will be a running team," rookie receiver Ja'Lynn Polk said.

Mayo is supposed to be a "player's coach," but not during practices.

"We need it — we need all the adversity we can get," Jones said. "I don't think 'player's coach' means you don't work hard. I think more so 'player's coach' is things off the field."

"But if you're not working hard, another team is, and when it comes to the season, you'll see the results on the scoreboard if you haven't been working hard."

2. Drake Maye might be at his best when throwing on the run.

The rookie first-round pick had a better day. In a seven-on-seven red zone drill, he threw touchdown passes on 2 of 5 snaps, the same as Jacoby Brissett. In an 11-on-11 drill, Maye did a nice job of identifying the blitz, calling a hot route, and getting the ball out quickly to Jacob Warren.

He also had a beautiful 20-yard throw to Mitchell Wilcox on a play-action pass to the left sideline.

Maye still has a long way to go learning how to run the offense, and his arm strength looks good but not overly impressive. But one thing I have noticed the last few days is that he might be at his best throwing on the run.

He had a beautiful touchdown pass to K.J. Osborn Thursday when rolling to his right, putting the ball perfectly away from the defender. On Wednesday, I thought his best throw was an incompleteness to Polk on which he rolled to his left, threw against his body, and put it right on Polk's hands, though Jones knocked it away with tight coverage.

Most elite quarterbacks can make athletic throws when the play breaks down. The last Patriots quarterback couldn't. Maye's ability to throw on the run portends well.

3. Matthew Judon and the Patriots are both treading lightly.

Judon doesn't really want to leave New England. And the Patriots don't really want to get rid of him. They're going to need to win with defense, and trading Judon for a draft pick only makes the team worse — by a lot. Especially with Christian Barmore going down.

So Judon was back, practicing with his teammates and avoiding the media. And the Patriots are hoping that a cooling-off period will be enough to get him back with the program.

But let's see how long Judon plays ball if the Patriots don't adjust his contract soon.

BEN VOLIN



JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

Rookie quarterback Drake Maye was improved in Thursday's drills, going 5 for 6 in 11-on-11s, and 2 for 4 in 7-on-7s.

QUARTERBACK WATCH

FOXBOROUGH — Each day during Patriots training camp, we'll provide a quick check on the quarterbacks and their progress. Here's a look at how they fared Thursday:

■ **Jacoby Brissett:** The bulk of the offensive work came in the red zone, so you take the touchdown totals with a grain of salt. But this was another steady session for the veteran, who went 6 for 9 in 11-on-11 work, including connections with Austin Hooper and DeMario Douglas. He was 3 for 5 in seven-on-sevens, with touchdown connections to Hunter Henry and Tyquan Thornton.

One thing that doesn't show up in the numbers: Whenever someone on the offense makes a play, regardless of whether Brissett is in on the action, he makes sure to congratulate them.

■ **Drake Maye:** After struggling the last two days, the rookie had a better practice, at least from a statistical standpoint. He was 5 for 6 in 11-on-11s, which included a ball that he zipped to Douglas on a sharp-looking crossing route. In seven-on-sevens, he was 2 for 4, with the highlight coming on a nifty connection with K.J. Osborn for a touchdown.

After the issues he had Monday and Tuesday, this could be classified as a bounce-back for the third overall pick.

■ **Joe Milton:** When it came to team work, "Bazooka Joe" saw action only in the seven-on-seven session, and had just one series of reps. He made the most of it, however, going 3 for 5 with touchdown passes to Kayshon Boutte and Ja'Lynn Polk.

■ **Bailey Zappe:** He again saw limited reps, working toward the end of practice in just 11-on-11s. He finished the day 1 for 4, with a nice completion to Boutte.

CHRISTOPHER PRICE

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Andrew's focus on family issue

By Christopher Price

GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — On Thursday afternoon, veteran Patriots center **David Andrews** explained his recent absence from practice, saying he was dealing with a family health matter.

"Our baby has actually been in the hospital," said Andrews. "I think he's going home today. But everything is good. He's been down at Hasbro [Children's Hospital in Rhode Island], so I just want to thank all the ER nurses, the ICU nurses, doctors, everybody down there.

"I'm going to try and go in tomorrow and hopefully get some good news from the wife."

After practice, Andrews also discussed the potential road ahead for defensive lineman **Christian Barmore**, who was recently diagnosed with a blood clot issue. Andrews sat out the 2019 season because of a similar problem.

"I haven't really talked to Christian yet," Andrews said. "It's such a whirlwind. I don't know where he is in this whole process. These situations are different. But when the time comes, I'm going to talk to him. Obviously, it's not a knee. It's not a shoulder. It's something a little different. It's definitely scary. I'm glad he's doing well. But it is different. And each case is different. So I'm not sure exactly what is going on. But I look forward to talking to him."

Coach **Jerod Mayo** said he is unsure about Barmore's status as it relates to the regular season.



JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

It didn't take long for the Patriots to get warmed up on a steamy 90-degree afternoon.

son.

"I've had a couple of conversations with him," Mayo said. "He's in good spirits. It's one of those things that you really can't control, but when he's ready to go, he'll be here."

Taking attendance

Andrews and linebacker **Matthew Judon** returned to practice after missing Tuesday's session. Barmore, tackle **Tyrone Wheatley**, and tight end **Jaheim Bell** were not spotted. Safety **Jabrill Peppers** was on the field in sweats but was a nonparticipant. And wide receiver **Kendrick Bourne**, left guard **Cole Strange**, offensive lineman **Jake Andrews**, and linebacker **Sione Takitaki** all remain on PUP. . . . Even though he hasn't been on the field, Bourne has been an energetic presence along the

sideline, pumping up the offense and providing tips for the young receivers. "It's always good to have a vet who can come in with great energy each and every day," rookie receiver **Ja'Lynn Polk** said. "To have somebody who can come in there each and every day with great energy and excitement, who can see us go out there and ball, and show excitement to get out there and be there with us, it's pretty cool."

DT Purcell is signed

With an open roster spot and some uncertainty around Barmore, the Patriots added some depth at defensive tackle with the signing of **Mike Purcell**. Purcell, 33, is a 6-foot-4-inch, 328-pounder who has been in the league since 2014. He spent the last five seasons with the Bron-

cos. In 16 games last year, he had 25 total tackles with five quarterback hits and three passes defended. . . . The kicking competition continues, as **Chad Ryland** narrowly bested **Joey Slye** in a field-goal session near the end of practice. Ryland was a perfect 4 for 4, while Slye went 3 for 4, with his only miss going just barely left. Through seven practices, Ryland is 12 for 13, while Slye is 11 for 13. . . . There was a brief dustup near the end of practice involving tight end **Hunter Henry** and an unidentified defensive player. No one was removed from practice. . . . The Patriots are back on the practice field Friday; gates open at 10 a.m., practice starts at 11.

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JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

Patriots defensive lineman Davon Godchaux was in good spirits at camp Thursday, a day after signing a two-year extension.

Judon, Godchaux return to practice

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Another defensive player ready to compete was defensive tackle Davon Godchaux. The 6-foot-3-inch, 330-pounder was gifted a two-year extension Wednesday, a contract that included \$16.5 million in guaranteed money. He couldn't contain a smile when speaking with the media after the two-hour session held in 90-degree temperatures.

"It's good to be back," he said. "Good to be out here with my brothers, making plays and getting ready for the 2024 season."

"My wife made me realize something. . . . you know, every time, you're not going to get what you want. Just always be grateful for it. I'm grateful for her words. I'm grateful for my agent, working it out with the Patriots' Eliot Wolf, Matt Groh. I'm glad we got something done."

"The thing about Godchaux is he's a huge piece of what we do," Mayo said. "It's never been just a clean process of, 'All right, you want a deal? Here's a deal. All right, we're done.' This was a little bit more extensive, but I'm

happy to have him here. I'm happy to have Davon here happy and ready to go."

Godchaux took time to lobby for Judon to be next in line for a new deal.

"I still want to see my brother Matthew Judon get his contract," he said. "As we all know, it's a business, but he deserves to have a new contract. We're all pulling for him, because he's been a relentless pass rusher for us for the last three years. We came in together. I would love to keep building with him. But we all know this is a business."

"We all want to see him. That's our brother. That's one of us. He goes to war with us on Sundays. I would love to see him get his contract. But like I said, that's up to the guys in the front office, and I'm sure he understands that."

Mayo said it was good to get some closure regarding Godchaux's situation.

"Absolutely," he said. "Look, that was a long process, but I'm glad we got that deal finished. Once again, it goes to the point of we want to sign players that we know still have good ball in them."

It would appear the decks now are clear for a Judon deal. Last week, the 31-year-old pass rusher expressed displeasure about his contract situation, and on Monday, he was seen having an animated conversation with Mayo and team executives before he left the field. He wasn't spotted on the field Tuesday.

"Look, we had a conversation," Mayo said when asked about Monday. "I have a great relationship with Matthew. I have a great relationship with the players. But we're moving forward."

"I always encourage those guys to come in and speak with me or speak with Eliot Wolf. That's what it is. And those things should happen inside those walls."

After the off day Wednesday, Judon was on the field at the start of Thursday's practice. The high-energy linebacker appeared to be a little more subdued; he usually bounds onto the practice field, tossing footballs with fans and signing autographs. On Thursday, he took the back way out to the field and stayed away from the crowds.

Mayo indicated that being an

ex-player has helped the process when it comes to smoothing things over with Judon.

"It's helped a lot," he said. "In saying that, I will say each situation is unique to itself, and so we can't sit here and say, 'You should do this or do that.' There are all different situations."

"But like I said earlier, I feel good about where we are right now. About the way the players are operating out here on the field. I feel good about the way Eliot and his staff are going about this stuff, because obviously, he's very heavily involved. We're in a good place."

Judon is heading into the last year of a four-year deal he signed in 2021. Several of his teammates have received new contracts since the end of last season, including Godchaux, defensive lineman Christian Barmore, safeties Kyle Dugger and Jabrill Peppers, offensive lineman Michael Onwenu, tight end Hunter Henry, and running back Rhamondre Stevenson.

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Baseball

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Video review sparks Smith

By Julian McWilliams

GLOBE STAFF

Hitting coach **Pete Fatse** went back and dusted off some old **Dom Smith** high school tapes a few weeks back. He wanted to understand his swing a bit more. The foundation of it, at least. Then, he aimed to include one more component: show it to Smith, reminding him of who he was.

“He was like ‘Why did you get away from that?’” Smith recalled recently, regarding their conversation.

The “that” Fatse alluded to made Smith a first-round pick out of high school back in 2013 by the Mets. The “that” Fatse showed Smith illustrated such a natural and buttery-smooth stroke at the plate that made him one of the fiercest hitters in his draft class.

“I’m a handsy hitter,” said Smith. “I’m very old school when it comes to hitting. With these new-age mechanics you have to hold certain angles and certain positions. Your swing needs to be a certain way to get results. That’s something that I got really caught up in the last few years.”

Ever since Fatse showed Smith that film of him and what made him special, he’s taken off.

In 76 plate appearances in July, Smith batted .290/.355/.565 with a .921 OPS, three homers and 10 doubles. In the Sox’ recent series win over the Mariners, a team that carries one of the best pitching staff in the majors, Smith was 5 for 12 with a homer and four doubles. He’s peppered the ball from alley to alley with authority, using the gift of the Green Monster for lefthanded hitters.

“[He’s been like] Wade Boggs,” manager **Alex Cora** joked recently. “We were joking with him, he’s just peppering the wall. First of all, he controls the strike zone. He doesn’t rush through the at-bat. The pinch-hit at-bat in Colorado, he drove to left-center. He drove a

Red Sox-Rangers series thumbnails

at **Globe Life Field, Arlington, Texas**
Friday, 8:05 p.m.
NESN, WEEL-FM (93.7).

	W-L	ERA
RHP Kutter Crawford	6-8	3.60
TBD	—	—

Saturday, 7:05 p.m.
NESN, WEEL-FM (93.7).

	W-L	ERA
RHP Tanner Houck	8-7	2.79
TBD	—	—

Sunday, 2:35 p.m.
NESN, WEEL-FM (93.7).

	W-L	ERA
RHP Nick Pivetta	5-7	4.47
RHP Nathan Eovaldi	8-4	3.38

Head to head: This is the first of two series. The Sox went 3-3 vs. Texas last season.

Miscellany: The Rangers have lost five of six . . . Eovaldi has recorded a quality start in five of his last six outings . . . Texas acquired LHP Andrew Chafin and C Carson Kelly at the trade deadline . . . OF Evan Carter (back) is likely out for the season.

few balls in LA. We were talking to him like at home you should hit the ball the other way and on the road, do whatever. “

Smith’s at-bats run synony-mous with his West Coast disposition. He’s cool in the batter’s box. As Cora noted, he doesn’t seem to ever rush through the at-bat. He’s always on time with his swing, too, and has flashed easy pop with pristine bat control.

“I think a lot of [my success] is some of the experience, being around, understanding the situations, and what pitches are trying to do to me and understanding what my weaknesses are so I can counter that,” said Smith. “And at the same time, since I’ve been here, this whole staff that’s just gave me confidence to go out there and play my game. It’s just been refreshing being around the different staff that’s very commu-

nitive and that’s open to learning you.”

The Sox originally signed Smith after he opted out of his minor-league deal with the Rays on May 1. They needed a replacement for **Triston Casas**, who has been out since April because of a rib cage fracture.

With Casas on a rehab assignment in Worcester, the Red Sox will have to make a decision on what to do with Smith, who continues to produce. “Like Pete said, there’s a reason why you get drafted. There’s a reason why you get to the big leagues,” Smith said.

Mayer on the shelf

Marcelo Mayer was placed on the seven-day injured list by Double A Portland due to mild hip soreness. He is not expected to miss more than seven days. The Sea Dogs needed to add players on a thin roster, so they made the decision to IL Mayer rather than go day-to-day . . . **Vaughn Grissom** and Casas both played in a rehab game for Triple A Worcester Thursday. Grissom went 1 for 4 with a solo home run, scored a run, and played second base. Casas played first and went 1 for 3 with a run scored . . . Righthander **Chase Anderson**, designated for assignment on Sunday, elected free agency rather than an out-right assignment to Triple A Worcester . . . **Yordanny Monegro**, **Cooper Adams**, and **Isaac Stebens** combined on a no-hitter for Single A Greenville against Wilmington. They struck out eight with one walk in a 4-0 victory. The trio threw 108 pitches . . . The Red Sox begin a three-game road set against the Rangers Friday and will start **Kutter Crawford**, **Tanner Houck**, and **Nick Pivetta**.

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
EAST							
Baltimore	65	45	.591	—	—	5-5	L 1
New York	65	45	.591	—	—	6-4	W 5
Boston	57	50	.533	6½	2	4-6	W 1
Tampa Bay	55	53	.509	9	4½	6-4	L 1
Toronto	50	59	.459	14½	10	5-5	L 2
CENTRAL							
Cleveland	66	42	.611	—	—	7-3	W 4
Kansas City	61	49	.555	6	—	6-4	W 4
Minnesota	59	48	.551	6½	—	5-5	W 1
Detroit	52	58	.473	15	8½	3-7	L 4
Chicago	27	84	.243	40½	34	0-10	L 17
WEST							
Houston	56	52	.519	—	—	4-6	W 1
Seattle	57	53	.518	—	3½	5-5	L 1
Texas	52	57	.477	4½	8	5-5	L 2
*Los Angeles	47	61	.435	9	12½	6-4	L 1
Oakland	45	65	.409	12	15½	6-4	L 1

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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
EAST							
Philadelphia	65	43	.602	—	—	3-7	L 4
Atlanta	59	49	.546	6	—	5-5	W 3
New York	57	51	.528	8	½	7-3	L 1
Washington	49	60	.450	16½	9	3-7	L 4
Miami	40	69	.367	25½	18	5-5	L 1
CENTRAL							
Milwaukee	61	47	.565	—	—	5-5	L 2
St. Louis	56	53	.514	5½	2	4-6	L 1
Pittsburgh	55	53	.509	6	2½	5-5	L 1
Cincinnati	52	56	.481	9	5½	5-5	L 1
Chicago	53	58	.477	9½	6	5-5	W 2
WEST							
Los Angeles	63	46	.578	—	—	5-5	L 2
San Diego	59	51	.536	4½	—	9-1	W 2
Arizona	58	51	.532	5	—	7-3	W 3
San Francisco	54	56	.491	9½	4½	6-4	W 1
*Colorado	39	70	.358	24	19	3-7	W 1

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At Boston 3 (10 inn.)	Seattle 2	At St. Louis 10	Texas 1				
Miami 6	at Tampa Bay 2	At Arizona 5	Washington 4				
NY Yankees 6	at Philadelphia 5	Chi. Cubs 13	at Cincinnati 4				
At Baltimore 10	Toronto 4	At Houston 5	Pittsburgh 4				
Minnesota 8	at NY Mets 3	At San Diego 8	LA Dodgers 1				
Atlanta 6	at Milwaukee 2	Colorado 2	at LA Angels 1				
Kansas City 10	at Chi. White Sox 3	At San Francisco 1	Oakland 0				



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Guardians’ **José Ramírez** tracked his two-run home run off Orioles’ reliever **Albert Suarez** during the seventh inning of a 10-3 Cleveland win.

FRIDAY'S GAMES										
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	Odds	W-L	ERA	rec.	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
BOSTON AT TEXAS, 8:05 p.m.										
Crawford (R)	Off	6-8	3.60	7-14	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.2	5.94
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
ST. LOUIS AT CHICAGO CUBS, 2:20 p.m.										
Fedde (R)	Off	7-4	3.11	8-13	0-0	5.0	5.40	1-1	15.1	2.93
Assad (R)	Off	5-3	3.23	10-9	0-1	7.1	8.59	1-0	11.2	4.63
ARIZONA AT PITTSBURGH, 6:40 p.m.										
Pfaadt (R)	-135	5-6	3.92	11-10	1-0	6.0	7.50	2-0	19.0	2.37
Ortiz (R)	+115	5-2	2.75	3-2	0-0	5.0	5.40	1-0	17.2	2.04
KANSAS CITY AT DETROIT, 6:40 p.m.										
Ragans (L)	+100	7-7	3.37	10-12	1-0	6.0	0.00	2-1	18.2	3.86
Skubal (L)	-120	12-3	2.35	14-7	1-1	12.0	3.75	2-0	20.0	2.25
MILWAUKEE AT WASHINGTON, 6:45 p.m.										
Montas (R)	+120	4-8	5.01	6-13	1-1	10.2	5.91	0-2	16.0	9.00
Irvin (R)	-100	8-8	3.44	10-12	0-1	4.0	13.50	1-1	16.1	5.51
TORONTO AT NY YANKEES, 7:05 p.m.										
Gausman (R)	+140	9-8	4.44	11-10	0-2	10.2	10.97	3-0	22.2	3.57
Stroman (R)	-165	7-5	3.64	14-7	0-0	15.2	2.87	0-1	13.0	4.15
BALTIMORE AT CLEVELAND, 7:10 p.m.										
Kremer (R)	-130	4-7	4.20	6-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.0	3.38
Carrasco (R)	+110	3-9	5.68	7-12	0-0	5.0	3.60	0-3	14.0	8.36
SAN FRANCISCO AT CINCINNATI, 7:10 p.m.										
Harrison (L)	Off	6-4	3.69	12-6	0-0	5.0	5.40	2-0	17.0	1.06
Abbott (L)	Off	9-7	3.38	12-9	1-0	5.0	3.60	0-1	14.0	5.79
MIAMI AT ATLANTA, 7:20 p.m.										
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Schwellenbach (R)	Off	4-5	4.06	4-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	20.0	2.25
CHICAGO WHITE SOX AT MINNESOTA, 8:10 p.m.										
Martin (R)	+235	0-0	3.38	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Ryan (R)	-290	6-7	3.62	10-11	1-0	12.0	3.75	0-2	17.1	5.71
TAMPA BAY AT HOUSTON, 8:10 p.m.										
Baz (R)	+135	0-1	3.66	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	13.2	3.29
Kikuchi (L)	-160	4-9	4.75	7-15	0-1	4.1	6.23	0-1	14.1	10.05
NY METS AT LA ANGELS, 9:38 p.m.										
Blackburn (R)	Off	4-2	4.41	7-2	1-0	5.0	7.20	2-1	16.0	6.75
Anderson (L)	Off	8-9	2.96	11-10	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	18.2	3.86
COLORADO AT SAN DIEGO, 9:40 p.m.										
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Vásquez (R)	Off	3-6	4.82	6-9	0-1	6.1	12.79	1-2	13.0	5.54
LA DODGERS AT OAKLAND, 9:40 p.m.										
Stone (R)	-150	9-4	3.34	13-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	15.2	5.17
Estes (R)	+130	4-4	4.32	6-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	13.1	8.10
PHILADELPHIA AT SEATTLE, 9:40 p.m.										
Phillips (R)	+100	3-0	1.80	3-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	21.0	1.71
Woo (R)	-120	4-1	2.35	8-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	13.0	4.15

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season.

Sogard ready for his chance

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manager, Tracy had informed 56 different players (some several times) that they’d gotten the call to Boston, including 19 for their big league debuts. But Sogard was different.

“Best one ever,” Tracy texted. “Been waiting for that one.”

That sentiment was informed by the fact that Sogard had played 266 games with over 1,000 plate appearances in Worcester — the most of any WooSox player in the four years since the Red Sox’ Triple A affiliate relocated from Pawtucket. He shuttled between Double A and Triple A in 2022, then spent all of both 2023 and the first four months of 2024 with Tracy and the WooSox.

In 2022-23, Sogard was a skinny, sure-handed, versatile defender and a switch-hitter who put up strong numbers against lefties (.320/.429/.479) and good on-base numbers but with no power when batting lefthanded against right-handed pitchers. He commanded considerable respect for his reliability and work ethic, but his future was capped by his physical limitations. He had the profile of a fringy big leaguer who might get a cup of coffee.

But Sogard — who’d never been ranked among a team’s top 30 prospects, and whose ability to advance professionally would rely on his ability to continually improve — didn’t want to be a player who simply bided his time, waiting for an opportunity. He sought more.

“You try to just kind of leave them no choice,” said Sogard. “That’s kind of what motivates me — leave no doubt as to where I should be.”

Towards that end, Sogard changed some of his weight room routines to add strength and also got on a bat speed training program during the 2023 season, with a particular emphasis on adding strength from the left side. He also worked to improve his swing path from the left side so that he would more frequently be in position to drive the ball.

The work paid off this year. Sogard’s offense across the board showed improvement.

He hit .279/.382/.439 in 89 games, including a breakthrough .283/.395/.429 line while batting lefthanded. He’s hitting the ball



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Nick Sogard has improved his bat speed and the switch-hitter is batting .283 from the left side, earning a promotion Wednesday.

harder than ever, with a 30 percent hard-hit rate — up from his 23 percent rate on batted balls in 2023. In combination with the ability to play in six different spots (all four infield spots and the two corner outfield positions — with particularly solid defense at second and third), Sogard’s combination of skills positioned him for a callup.

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MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP
Kate Douglass stands on the podium after receiving a gold medal for winning the 200-meter breaststroke.

Olympic medals

Table with columns: G (Gold), S (Silver), B (Bronze), All. Lists medal counts for various countries including USA, France, China, etc.

THURSDAY'S MEDALISTS

- Athletics: Men's 20km Race Walk, Women's 20km Race Walk, Men's Kayak Single, Women's Foil Team, Fencing, Women's Judo, Women's -78 kg, Rowing, Men's Double Sculls, Women's Double Sculls, Shooting, 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men, Swimming, Men's 200m Backstroke, Women's 200m Butterfly, Women's 200m Breaststroke, Women's 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay.

Corrigan, US men row to fours victory

By Aiden Sprole
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Connecticut native and former Harvard rower Liam Corrigan delivered a career-defining gold medal performance for the US men's four crew Thursday, putting an end to Team USA's 64-year first-place drought in the race.

History was not on the red, white, and blue's side — the last time the men's four medaled at all was in London back in the 2012 Olympics, when the US earned a bronze.

Corrigan, accompanied by his teammates Nick Mead, Justin Best, and Michael Grady, could not be stopped. Clocking in at an efficient 5:49.03, the Americans led the race wire to wire, with New Zealand running on fumes with 500 meters left.

Best lauded Corrigan for making the decision to push at the right time.

"When you make that call,



BERTRAND GUAY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES
Connecticut's Liam Corrigan (left), along with Michael Grady, Justin Best, and Nick Mead enjoy the golden moment.

'Red!', you see 'red,' Best said. "You put your bowball out in front, some of the bigger strokes that you take in the race. Liam made that call 'Red!' and I went with him, and I know Nick went and I could see Brady going because he's right in front of me.

"That was enough to kind of like double that move and take us into our sprint," Best added. "So it was pretty flawless execution on the call. And we trusted

each other to all make that move together. And it was effective."

From that point on, there was nothing stopping Team USA from winning for the first time since the 1960 Games in Rome.

"It literally felt like a dream," Corrigan said. "I thought I'd have some insane celebration, start jumping, but it was just utter disbelief."

The 26-year-old Old Lyme

native has compiled an impressive pedigree. The former Harvard crew captain competed in Tokyo, placing fourth in the eights.

The four rowers have been together since last season, winning silver at worlds last year and gold at the world cup race in Lucerne earlier this year.

On the women's side of the four finals, Wellesley's Daisy Mazzio-Manson, Rhode Island's Emily Kalfelz, and Connecticut's Kelsey Reelick finished fifth in 6:34.88.

The US women's eight boat has a chance to compete in Saturday's final after dominating in the repechage, beating Canada by more than a second. That team features Margaret Hedeman of Concord, Regina Salmons of Methuen, and Harvard graduate Olivia Coffey.

Jacob Plihal, a Northeastern grad, did not qualify for the men's single sculls final. In the

women's double sculls, Weston's Kristi Wagner and teammate Sophia Vitas finished ninth in 6:50.74. It was Wagner's second Olympics.

On Friday, Dartmouth grads William Bender of Vermont and Oliver Bub of Connecticut seek to bring a medal home in the men's pairs for the first time since 2000. Also on Friday, former Dartmouth rower Molly Reckford will compete in the women's double sculls with teammate Michelle Sechser.

On Saturday, Dover's Henry Hollingsworth, New Hampshire's Chris Carlson, and Harvard grads Clark Dean and Pieter Quinton will row in the men's eight finals. The boat is ranked third behind only the Netherlands and Romania.

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CHANG W. LEE/THE NEW YORK TIMES
Simone Biles knew she was golden in all-around after scoring a 15.066 on her floor routine.

Biles showcased Olympic mettle in all-around gold

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her beaming smile said everything we needed to know about what she'd done — the score of 15.066 that flashed on the scoreboard was mere formality.

Simone Biles, all-around gold medalist.

Again. Biles has made a career of making the impossible look easy, yet what she accomplished Thursday night in Paris proved her Olympic mettle in ways that are difficult to comprehend, never mind quantify.

Like the silver goat necklace she wore around her neck after securing a second career all-around gold — the first gymnast in history to do so in non-consecutive Olympics — Biles's status as the greatest of all time is secure. Greatest gymnast, toughest competitor, most inspiring human.

Begin with the backdrop of Biles's stunning withdrawal from the Tokyo Games three years ago, when, as she said Thursday, "I never thought I'd set foot on a gymnastics mat again." Work through the years of therapy and focus on her mental health that ensued, life-saving efforts that opened the door to a possible return to the sport. Remember the reunion with coaches who were supportive and willing to help her regain her skills, and watch as together they helped her re-ascend to the top of the gymnastics world.

Then take the trip with her to France, where those Olympic rings welcomed her back but were sure set out to make her earn their glory once more.

The world might have assumed Biles's solo gold as a foregone conclusion, given that she hadn't lost an all-around competition she'd entered since 2013. But on Thursday night, with her right calf still wrapped in tape, with a costly mistake on her second rotation on the uneven bars, and with Brazilian gymnast Re-

beca Andrade hot on her tail, she had to earn every point.

Andrade actually led the standings after two rounds, leaving Biles to exclaim in mock horror after it was all over, "I don't want to compete with Rebecca no more. I'm tired. She's way too close. I've never had an athlete that close before, so it actually put me on my toes and brought out the best in myself.

"I'm excited and proud to compete with her. But, uh-uh, I was feeling uncomfortable, guys, and I didn't like how I was feeling. I was stressing."

As Biles laughed, her teammate Suni Lee, sitting by her side, confirmed the report of on-floor anxiety. Lee understood the stress, feeling plenty herself on the way to capturing a thrilling bronze medal.

Remember, it was Lee who stepped out of Biles's shadow in Tokyo to win the all-around gold medal, a title that brought her to Paris as the defending champion. But her ensuing years were no easier than Biles's, with a debilitating kidney condition topping a list of many health issues. Tied for fourth before her final rotation, Lee also brought down the house on floor, scoring 13.66 to move her .132 ahead of Italian Alice D'Amato and onto the podium.

There the two of them were, after Biles completed her floor routine, making their way back onto the elevated mat, this time clutching an American flag between them. They waved, blew kisses, and celebrated toward every corner of the packed arena, a crowd that included men's basketball stars Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant.

Star power like theirs continues to make gymnastics one of the most popular Olympic events, with Biles, and her transcendent skill, pulling more eyeballs than anyone else.

"Honestly, Simone, I feel like a lot of it has to do with you," said Lee, turning toward Biles.

Then, facing the assembled media, she continued, "She's one of the greatest, so it's super special. I feel like a lot of people want to watch that, and I think that's what they all came to do here."

Boy, did Biles deliver. Taking some time to herself after the bars routine, when she didn't fall but botched a transition from the high bar to the low, bending her knees and nearly losing her swing, she refocused, reset, and recharged.

"I knew if I did my work it would all be fine," she said. "But after the bars, when I saw the score come up, I was like, 'Oh my goodness.'"

Her mind drifted back to the opening rotation on vault, where an original relatively conservative plan was replaced by her signature double Yurchenko trick, a nod to Andrade's abilities. She told herself: "In each event, we're very similar in scores, so on this event I think I have to bring out the big guns tonight."

One whopping 15.766 later and she'd banked just enough cushion to offset the ensuing flub. And then came the beam. That 4-inch width of elevated wood has felled many great gymnasts, but Biles, game face on, delivered a 14.566, nearly half a point better than Andrade.

Game, set, match. Coronation to come.

"All in all, I'm super proud of my performance tonight and the fight that I've had the last three years to get back to competing on the world stage," Biles said. "I couldn't be prouder."

From the depths of inner torment to the top of the gymnastics world, Biles redefines the notion of toughness, recasts the role of hero, and returns to the Olympic summit.

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Biles, Lee share glory on podium

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it means the world to me."

Only two other women had won this event twice — Larisa Latynina of the Soviet Union in 1956 and 1960 and Vera Caslavka of Czechoslovakia in 1964 and 1968.

That was when women's gymnastics still was in the Middle Ages. In the 21st century, the US owns the sport.

This was the sixth consecutive time the Americans have won the Olympic all-around and the third time since 2008 they've put two of their own on the medal stand, with Lee taking the bronze behind Brazil's Rebeca Andrade. That is what global dominance looks like.

Yet if you'd asked Biles and Lee not long after the Tokyo Games they likely would have told you that they wouldn't be back on the podium here.

Biles still was working on restoring her mental health after abruptly withdrawing from the team competition. "Three years ago, I never thought I'd set foot on a gymnastics floor again," she said. "Just because of everything that had happened."

And Lee was dealing with rare kidney ailments that left her not recognizing her bloated body. "Just to be here is absolutely amazing," said Lee, the first all-around champion since Nadia Comaneci in 1980 to win a medal in the event at the next Games.

But once the two women made the US team again they came here as champions revitalized. And when things looked iffy during the evening each of them summoned up the resilience that once had put them on top of the award stand.

Lee had started off with an underwhelming vault that left her in seventh after the opening rotation. And Biles had an uncharacteristic hiccup on uneven bars that put her in 16th place on the apparatus and dropped her to third behind Andrade and Algeria's Kaylia Nemour midway through.

"We were both freaking out," said Lee, who was still only in fifth place. "I don't even know how to do math in my head. She was like, me either."

They both knew that a botched beam routine would have them watching the medal ceremony from a folding chair. So Biles calmly won the event, Lee stayed in the mix and they moved on to floor.

Andrade, who was second to Lee in Tokyo and to Biles at last year's world championships, was less than 17-hundredths of a point away from gold. But when she stepped out of bounds on her first tumbling pass she gave Biles just enough of a cushion that a clean trip would be enough.

Biles used the floor as her runway and took flight for one of the greatest performances of her life that left Andrade smiling and clapping in appreciation.

"What happened [to Biles] in Tokyo was a difficult situation,"



CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES
Sunisa Lee wrapped up the bronze medal for the US with a dazzling floor routine.

Andrade said. "Here she was back to 100 percent and gave her maximum. That was great to see."

It was no coincidence that Biles was able to reclaim her title and that Lee found a way to share a flag with her. They are among a small group of women who know how to deliver on the day on the world stage.

USA Gymnastics has been producing champions like them for nearly three decades now. The Magnificent Seven set the tone with their team gold in 1996 and Carly Patterson began the run of all-around titlists in 2004.

Since then there've been Nastia Liukin, Gabby Douglas, Biles, Lee and Biles again. They came out of a continuous pipeline that identifies girls as young as 8 and develops them into world-teamers.

But what has changed from the "Pumpkin Generation" that was inspired by Mary Lou Retton's gold medal in 1984 is that the day of multiple teenagers wearing star-spangled leotards has passed.

This is the oldest US Olympic women's team since 1952. Biles is 27, Jade Carey 24, Jordan Chiles 23 and Lee 21. Hezly Rivera, their wide-eyed kid sister, is 16. That age used to be near the upper limit.

Now the team has women who've competed in college — Lee at Auburn, Chiles at UCLA, Carey at Oregon State. They're used to performing in front of huge crowds with championships on the line.

All but Rivera were members of the Tokyo group that had to carry on without Biles and still managed to get the silver behind the Russians. They expected to get medals here and they have, with seven more chances in the upcoming apparatus finals.

Several of them belong to Biles, who'll be favored in vault and on floor and has another golden shot on beam.

"I'm just ecstatic with my performance tonight and we still have three finals left for me," she said. "Now it's time to have fun and the hard part is over."

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NOTEBOOK

Silver gives Ledecy 13 medals

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With a silver in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay Thursday night in the pool in Nanterre, **Katie Ledecy** collected the 13th career Olympic medal to become the most decorated woman in swimming history.

She would've preferred it to be gold, but that went to an Australian squad led by individual gold medalists **Mollie O'Callaghan** and **Ariane Titmus**.

Still, in her next-to-last event of these games, Ledecy broke the overall mark she shared with fellow Americans **Dara Torres**, **Natalie Coughlin**, and **Jenny Thompson**. The 27-year-old now has eight golds, four silvers and one bronze over four Olympics, with every intention of swimming in Los Angeles in 2028.

Canadian teenage sensation **Summer McIntosh** cruised to victory in the 200 butterfly, dealing American **Regan Smith** a familiar silver-medal finish.

But **Kate Douglass** put the US on the top of the podium in the 200 breaststroke, a race that essentially served as a changing of the guard. Longtime American star **Lilly King**, competing in her final Olympics, finished last in the final.

It was the fourth swimming gold for the US, to go along with 11 silver medals and six bronzes.

Douglass claimed the lead on the second of four laps and held off South Africa's **Tatjana Smith** to win in 2:19.24.

"For a while, I wasn't sure if Olympic champion was going to be possible for me to say," said the 22-year-old Douglass, who will go for another medal in the 200 individual medley.

In the 4x200 relay, 200 free gold medalist O'Callaghan started things off for the Australians, giving them a lead they never relinquished. **Lani Pallister** and **Briana Throssell** kept their team out front, even as Ledecy tried in vain to chase down Throssell on the third leg.

When Titmus dove in on the anchor leg with the lead, it was essentially over, and she wrapped up the gold in an Olympic record of 7:38.08. **Erin Gemmell** held off China to give the US silver in 7:40.86. **Claire Weinstein** and **Paige Madden** rounded out the US squad.

In the 200 fly, the 17-year-old McIntosh powered to the lead on the third 50 and left no doubt on the closing lap, winning in an Olympic-record of 2:03.03. Smith was second in 2:03.84 for the fourth silver of her career.

US women plow on

Breanna Stewart scored 26 points and the US women's basketball team beat Belgium, 87-74, to clinch a spot in the Olympic quarterfinals.

A'ja Wilson added 23 points and 13 rebounds for the Americans, who have a 57-game Olympic winning streak that dates to the 1992 Barcelona Games. This was one of the closer games during the historic run of seven consecutive gold medals. Only three contests have been single-digit victories.



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

Team USA needed all of **Breanna Stewart's 26 points** as Belgium put up another stiff test in an 87-74 US victory.

The US built an early 13-point lead behind Stewart, but Belgium cut it to eight at the half and closed to 50-46 in the third. The Americans led 60-53 heading into the fourth and then scored eight of the first 10 points to go up 13. **Antonia Delaere** tried to keep Belgium in the game with consecutive 3-pointers, but it wasn't enough.

Emma Meesseman scored 24 points and Delaere added 16 for Belgium (0-2), which needs to win its final game against Japan to have a shot of advancing to the elimination round. The US closes out pool play on Sunday against Germany (2-0).

In other games, Germany and France both advanced to the quarterfinals with wins over Ja-

pan and Nigeria, respectively. Australia topped Canada to keep its hopes of advancing alive.

Swap pleases Griner

Brittney Griner knows the swirling emotions of being involved in a prisoner swap, and she said she is "head over heels" that fellow Americans are coming home from Russia.

"It's a great day," Griner said after the US victory. "We'll talk more about it later. But head over heels happy for the families right now. Any day that Americans come home, that's a win."

The two-time Olympic gold medalist went through her own prisoner exchange with Russia in 2022, after having been sentenced to nine years in jail for drug possession and smuggling. So she was thrilled hearing that Wall Street Journal reporter **Ev-an Gershkovich** and **Paul Whelan**, a corporate security executive from Michigan, both convicted of espionage charges that the U.S. government considered baseless, were coming home.

US fencing golden

Lee Kiefer became the first American fencer to win three Olympic gold medals as the US got its first-ever team fencing gold in women's foil. The team of two-time individual gold medalist Kiefer, silver medalist **Lauren Scruggs** from Harvard, **Jacqueline Dubrovich**, and **Maia Weintraub** held on for a 45-39 win over Italy in the final.

Scruggs faced a late rally from Italy's **Arianna Errigo**, who cut an eight-point US lead to three, but the 21-year-old took the next three points to close out the win and celebrated with a shout of delight.

"I just didn't want to be that person who loses after a big lead," Scruggs said. "I was like, 'Oh, man, I can't lose for my own pride.' It's kind of what pushed me forward and made me snap out of it."

The US now has four fencing medals in Paris and two gold medals in fencing at the same Olympics for the first time.

Men's golf tees off

Hideki Matsuyama quietly went about his business for an 8-under 63 and a two-shot lead at a packed Le Golf National with over 20,000 outside the ropes as the men's golf tournament teed off. Right behind was at 65 was American **Xander Schauffele**, 10 days removed from his British Open title.

Matsuyama, who lost in a seven-man playoff for the bronze in the Tokyo Games, had six birdies through 10 holes and kept a clean card with a 15-foot par save on the 17th.

Carlos Ortiz of Mexico challenged for the lead, but then hit his tee shot into the water on the par-3 16th for a double bogey and then a bogey for a 69. **Joaquin Niemann** of Chile, **Emiliano Grillo** of Argentina and **Tom Kim** of South Korea were at 66, with Masters champion and tourney favorite **Scottie Scheffler** at 67.



CARL DE SOUZA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Spain's Rafael Nadal (left) embraces Carlos Alcaraz after losing in the quarterfinals of the Olympic men's doubles.

'Nadalcaraz' is what the Olympics are about

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be the finale for "Nadalcaraz," as Team USA's Austin Krajicek and Rajeev Ram eliminated the duo, 6-2, 6-4.

The result was not necessarily surprising, as Krajicek and Ram, both seasoned doubles players, are seeded fourth in the tournament. Still, the loss marked the end of a pairing that was a dream come true for Alcaraz, Spaniards, and tennis fans alike.

"It was an unbelievable experience for me," Alcaraz said via a translator. "Something that I will never forget, that's for sure. Playing on the same side of the net with Rafa and learning from him so closely, it has been great for me. I tried to enjoy every single second that we played together."

Nadal and Alcaraz had never teamed up prior to this year's Olympics, with Alcaraz having played just six total doubles matches in his professional career. But "Nadalcaraz" immediately achieved fan favorite status, without having played a point together.

The week in Paris only solidified their standing as the most beloved doubles pairing. Even their opponents would agree.

"I think 98 percent [of the crowd] was against us," said Wesley Koolhof of the Netherlands team "Nadalcaraz" beat in the second round. "If you play them, anybody in the world, wherever they're from, will support them."

For each of their three matches, dozens of Spanish flags scattered throughout the crowd. "Ra-fa, Ra-fa" chants broke out at every opportunity, as did cheers for "Carlitos."

Fans embraced their every move, from Nadal telling Alcaraz to stay in his place on the court, to their synchronized celebrations, to photographs of them playing the Spanish board game Parchis during their free time in the Olympic Village.

Within the Village, fellow athletes also want in on the action. Nadal and Alcaraz are two of the most famous athletes to elect to live in the Village, so they're constantly fielding — and

agreeing to — photo requests.

"I'm definitely going out of my way to find Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz," Australian field hockey player Tatum Stewart said earlier this week.

Brazilian beach volleyball player George Souto Maior Wanderley shared his news as if it were a source of pride, "We saw Rafael Nadal; we saw Carlos Alcaraz."

It certainly seems as though nobody could get enough of "Nadalcaraz."

Part of the interest stemmed from the fact that the 38-year-old Nadal could be retiring as soon as this year. Although he has not confirmed anything about his future plans — and continued to keep mum when asked during the Olympics — Nadal has played in just two of the last seven Grand Slams because of injuries. It's possible Wednesday's match could be his last ever.

Part of the interest stems from the fact that Nadal, considered to be one of the greatest tennis players of all time, partnered with the 21-year-old Alcaraz, considered to have the brightest future among ATP Tour players.

"Honestly, at this stage of my career, I play for feelings, I play for emotions more than for results," Nadal said via a translator. "I've won enough in my career — I've won much more than what I have dreamt — so, for me, it's about enjoying different experiences. And this is another lifetime experience to share with Carlos. He's an amazing player that I think is going to be one of the best in the history of this sport."

If Nadal does, in fact, decide to retire, then "Nadalcaraz" will be the closing memory of his 24-year career.

Going out with a championship will always be considered the pinnacle of storybook endings. But going out representing his country to a standing ovation at a venue he calls "the most important place" of his career cannot be far behind.

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Olympics on TV Friday

TIME	EVENT	CHANNEL
7 a.m.	Basketball 3x3: Women, US vs. France	USA
7 a.m.	Handball: Men, Argentina vs. France*	E!
7:30 a.m.	Basketball: Men, Australia vs. Greece	USA
8 a.m.	Equestrian: Jumping team final	E!
9 a.m.	Beach volleyball: Men, US vs. Spain	NBC
9:15 a.m.	Archery: Mixed team semifinals	USA
10 a.m.	Swimming: Qualifying heats*	NBC
10:10 a.m.	Badminton: Mixed doubles final	USA
10:15 a.m.	Trampoline gymnastics: Women's final*	E!
10:40 a.m.	Archery: Mixed Team medal match	NBC
11 a.m.	Beach volleyball: Women, Brazil vs. Netherlands	USA
11:15 a.m.	Equestrian: Jumping team final*	NBC
noon	Water polo: Women, Greece vs. Italy*	USA
noon	Basketball 3x3: Women, US vs. Canada	NBC
12:30 p.m.	Water polo: Women, US vs. France	USA
12:35 p.m.	Basketball 3x3: Men, US vs. France	NBC
1 p.m.	Track and field: Evening session	NBC
1:45 p.m.	Canoe slalom: Kayak cross qualifying*	USA
2:15 p.m.	Rowing: Finals*	USA
2:30 p.m.	Swimming: Finals	NBC
3 p.m.	Volleyball: Men, US vs. Japan	USA
3:50 p.m.	Basketball: Men, France vs. Germany	E!
4 p.m.	Beach volleyball: Women, US vs. Germany	NBC
4:45 p.m.	Basketball 3x3: Men, US vs. China*	E!
5 p.m.	Boxing: Elimination rounds*	USA
5 p.m.	Volleyball: Men, US vs. Japan*	NBC
5:15 p.m.	Fencing: Men's epee team medal matches*	E!
5:30 p.m.	Cycling BMX racing: Finals*	USA
8 p.m.	Diving: Men's synchronized 3m springboard final*	NBC
8 p.m.	Swimming: Finals*	NBC
8 p.m.	Track and field: Evening session*	NBC
8 p.m.	Trampoline gymnastics: Men's final*	USA
11 p.m.	Water polo: Women, US vs. France*	USA
3 a.m.	Beach volleyball: Men, Germany vs. Poland	USA
3 a.m.	Golf: Men's Round 3	Golf
5 a.m.	Cycling: Men's road race	CNBC
5 a.m.	Swimming: Qualifying heats	USA
5 a.m.	Track and field: Qualifying	NBC

*Recorded on the same or previous day; bold indicates medal competition

Wade takes first shot as courtside analyst on Olympic coverage

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SPORTS MEDIA



The United States men's basketball team is such a juggernaut that during its opening victory Sunday over Serbia, Jayson Tatum essentially was relegated to the by-stander role Svi Mykhailiuk played — or didn't play, if we're being literal — for the champion Celtics this past season.

In Team USA's 103-86 victory over South Sudan on Wednesday, it was Joel Embiid who took a seat, while Tatum got the start. This roster's riches? Beyond abundant.

Yet for their preposterous talent, there is still room for improvement.

South Sudan threatened an all-timer of an upset in a pre-Olympic exhibition game before LeBron James hoisted the United States to a 101-100 victory.

South Sudan remained feisty Wednesday, but feistiness didn't result in much suspense. The Americans took a 19-point lead into halftime and most-

ly glided from there.

Yes, that counts as progress. Here's hoping that progress continues to translate from the court to courtside, and NBC's broadcasts of Team USA's games keep improving as well.

There's no reason why they shouldn't. Noah Eagle is an easy listen as a play-by-play broadcaster, and no qualifier such as "for someone so young" — he's 26 — is necessary. He already has an array of comfortable calls for made baskets (I especially liked "[Devin] Booker laces it from downtown!").

It's amusing that his cadence makes him sound more like Jim Nantz than his accomplished dad, Ian, but he's someone we'll be hearing calling big games for decades to come.

Dwyane Wade, the color analyst, is a novice, but should have one significant advantage: he has been an Olympian, a gold-medal winner, and a peer of Team USA's older core of James, Kevin Durant, and Stephen Curry. He is one of the few people who can relate to what Team USA's players are experiencing.

Yet in tandem, Eagle and Wade are a work in progress. That's understand-

able given they've been partners for roughly a week. But given the interest and magnitude of Team USA's games, they are obligated to improve, fast.

That first broadcast on Sunday felt like . . . a first broadcast. Coach Steve Kerr's unexpected decision to sit Tatum has more juice in Boston, of course, but it was mentioned only briefly by the announcers.

Wade also has a habit, probably a nervous one, of laughing after virtually any observation, which became grating well before the halftime break. I was disheartened Wednesday to realize that he hadn't tempered the chronic chuckles at all.

In the first game, he made one major rookie mistake: attempting a catchphrase that definitely required further workshoping, if not outright abandonment. When Durant buried a barrage of shots in the second quarter, Wade declared, "America, y'all know him as Kevin Durant. I know him personally. His pronouns are he/him."

He said the same thing, save for a different name, on a James highlight later in the game. It didn't work any better the second time.

Part of the issue in the first game is that Eagle deferred to Wade much in the same way Drew Carter did to Brian Scalabrine when he first began calling Celtics games. That sometimes leads to jocular spilling into moments when the action needs to be called.

In most Olympic sports, particularly the obscure ones, the analyst has to be the star because explanations of tactics and techniques are required.

With basketball, where the stars and storylines are so familiar, play-by-play should still drive the broadcast, especially when the action passes so quickly in 40-minute Olympic games.

Wade would be at his best offering I've-been-there insight, anecdotes about his time as an Olympian, and brief explanations of why something is working or why it is not.

They were better Wednesday. Wade was still a serial laugher, but he did not test-drive a single catchphrase, and conversation with Eagle was more comfortable and flowing.

Wade's best moment came midway through the third quarter, when he pointed out after Derrick White got clobbered on a screen that a teammate

(we'll ignore that it was Jrue Holiday) left him in harm's way.

"That's when you've got to get on your teammate," said Wade, as White checked the inventory on his body parts. "You've got to get on your teammate. [Your teammate has] got to call it out early. He's got to scream it to you that it's coming."

There's a long list of superstar athletes who were mediocre-at-best analysts, but there are real signs that Wade wants to get better.

At one point in the opener, Eagle noted that Curry had asked Wade if he was doing his homework after he spotted him studying up on rosters and statistics.

"I've got my pen, I've got my head down, I'm in these papers, I'm doing my work," said Wade.

We saw and heard incremental benefits of that on Wednesday. But the proof of real progress will come later on, if they can make their final broadcast of the Olympics their best one.

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2024 PARIS OLYMPICS

Transgender boxer advances

Algeria's Khelif wins after opponent quits

By Greg Beacham ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILLEPINTE, France — Imane Khelif of Algeria won her opening Olympic boxing bout on Thursday when opponent Angela Carini of Italy quit after just 46 seconds.

Khelif was disqualified from the 2023 world championships after failing an unspecified gender eligibility test, and her presence at the Paris Olympics has become a divisive issue.

Carini and Khelif exchanged only a few punches before Carini walked away and abandoned the bout, an extremely unusual occurrence in Olympic boxing. Carini, whose headgear apparently became dislodged at least once before she quit, didn't shake Khelif's hand after the decision was announced, but she cried in the ring on her knees.

Afterward, a still-tearful Carini said she quit because of intense pain in her nose after the opening punches. Carini, who had a spot of blood on her trunks, said she wasn't making a political statement and was not refusing to fight Khelif.

"I felt a severe pain in my nose, and with the maturity of a boxer, I said 'enough,' because I didn't want to, I didn't want to, I couldn't finish the match," Carini said.

Carini further said she is not qualified to decide whether Khelif should be allowed to compete.

"I am not here to judge or pass judgment," Carini said. "If an athlete is this way, and in that sense it's not right or it is right, it's not up to me to decide. I just did my job as a boxer. I got into the ring and fought. I did it with my head held high and with a broken heart for not having finished the last kilometer."

Khelif is an accomplished amateur who won a silver medal at the International Boxing Association's 2022 world



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Italy's Angela Carini quit her bout after 46 seconds due to a bloodied nose.

championships. The IBA — which has been banned from the Olympics since 2019 after years of disputes with the IOC — disqualified her from last year's championships shortly before her gold-medal match because of what it claimed were elevated levels of testosterone.

The 25-year-old entered the ring at the North Paris Arena to a chorus of cheers, but the crowd was confused by the bout's sudden end. Italy coach Emanuele Renzini said he discussed the matchup with Carini and offered to allow her to back out earlier, but the boxer had been "very determined" to fight until the opening minute.

"I am heartbroken because I am a fighter," Carini said. "My father taught me to be a warrior. I have always stepped into the ring with honor and I have always [served] my country with loyalty. And this time I couldn't do it because I couldn't fight anymore, and so I ended the match."

Khelif could clinch an Olympic med-

al with a victory in her quarterfinal bout on Saturday against Anna Luca Hamori, Hungary's first Olympic boxer.

Hamori expressed no concern about fighting Khelif.

"I'm not scared," said Hamori, who trounced Marissa Williamson Pohlman of Australia. "I don't care about the press story and social media. If she or he is a man, it will be a bigger victory for me if I win."

After years of competition in amateur tournaments around the world, Khelif and Lin Yu-ting of Taiwan suddenly have received massive scrutiny for their presence in Paris. Lin won IBA world championships in 2018 and 2022, but the governing body stripped her of a bronze medal last year because it claimed she failed to meet unspecified eligibility requirements in a biochemical test.

Lin begins her Paris run Friday as the No. 1 seed in the 57-kilogram category vs. Sitora Turdibekova of Uzbekistan.

SportsLog

Caleb Williams, the Bears' No. 1 overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft, was a sideline spectator for Thursday night's Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio. Brett Rypien threw three touchdowns in Chicago's 21-17 win over the Texans. The game was called with 3:31 left in the third quarter when a storm swept through the area.



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Trout needs second knee surgery, done for season

Angels star Mike Trout needs a second surgery for a torn meniscus in his left knee, ending another injury-marred campaign for the three-time MVP. Trout said Thursday in a social media post that an MRI revealed the new meniscus tear. He previously had surgery on May 3 to repair the meniscus and had been working toward a return before his rehab was shut down on Tuesday. Trout batted .220 with 10 homers and 14 RBIs in 29 games this season. The AL MVP in 2014, 2016 and 2019 and an 11-time All-Star, the 32-year-old Trout has been limited by injuries over the past four years. He hasn't played more than 119 games in any of the past five years, was limited to 36 games in 2021, and 82 last year. Trout is making \$37.1 million in the sixth year of a 12-year, \$426.5 million contract and will earn that salary in each of the next six seasons.

Bookie in Ohtani case pleads guilty

A Southern California bookmaker who took thousands of sports bets from the ex-interpreter for baseball star Shohei Ohtani has agreed to plead guilty to running an illegal gambling business, US authorities announced. Mathew Bowyer's business operated for at least five years in Southern California and Las Vegas, and took wagers from more than 700 bettors, including Ohtani's former interpreter Ipppei Mizuhara, the US Attorney's office in Los Angeles said. Bowyer has agreed to plead guilty to running an illegal gambling business, money laundering, and subscribing to a false tax return. He is expected to enter the pleas in court on Aug. 9.

FOOTBALL

Sunday Ticket ruling overturned

A federal judge in Los Angeles has overturned a jury's \$4.7 billion verdict in the class-action lawsuit filed by "Sunday Ticket" subscribers against the NFL and has granted judgment to the NFL. U.S. District Judge Philip Gutierrez ruled that the testimony of two witnesses for the subscribers had flawed methodologies and should have been excluded. The jury on June 27 awarded \$4.7 billion in damages to residential and commercial subscribers after it ruled the NFL violated an-

titrust laws in distributing out-of-market Sunday afternoon games on a premium subscription service. The lawsuit covered 2.4 million residential subscribers and 48,000 businesses in the United States who paid for the package on DirecTV of out-of-market games from the 2011 through 2022 seasons. It is likely the plaintiffs will again appeal to the 9th Circuit.

Titans WR Hopkins injures knee

Titans star wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins could miss 4-to-6 weeks with a knee injury suffered in practice, multiple outlets reported. Hopkins joined the Titans last season and led the team with 75 receptions for 1,057 yards and seven touchdowns. If Hopkins is out for a month, he could return in time for the Titans' season opener against the Chicago Bears on Sept. 8.

QB Herbert to sit for two weeks

Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert will miss at least the next two weeks because of an injury to the plantar fascia in his right foot. Doctors expect the fifth-year All-Pro will be ready for the regular-season opener on Sept. 8 against the Raiders. Herbert will spend two weeks in a walking boot followed by what the Chargers termed "a graduated return to play protocol." Easton Stick, who started four games last season, will get most of the snaps with the first team.

TB's Wirfs now highest paid OL

Tampa Bay's Tristan Wirfs became the highest-paid offensive lineman in NFL history after agreeing to a five-year, \$140.63 million contract extension. The deal, which runs through 2029, surpasses extensions signed this year by Minnesota's Christian Darrisaw (four years, \$113 million) and Detroit's Penei Sewell (four years, \$112 million). ESPN reported it includes \$88.24 million guaranteed. Wirfs, the 13th overall pick in the 2020 draft, has made the last three Pro Bowls, including last season when he made a smooth transition to left tackle. . . . Jets running back and return specialist Tarik Cohen informed the team he's ending his comeback bid and will retire from playing football.

Scoreboard

Scoreboard table showing results for FRI 8/2, SAT 8/3, SUN 8/4, MON 8/5, TUE 8/6, WED 8/7, THU 8/8. Includes logos for TEX NESN, KC NESN, and NAS* AppleTV.

ON THE AIR

Table listing various sports events on TV, including Baseball (St. Louis at Chicago Cubs), Basketball (TBT semifinal), Golf (LPGA: Portland Classic), and Soccer (CONCACAF U-20: US vs. Panama).

Transactions

Arizona: P Miguel Castro released. 1B Pavin Smith sent to minors. P Joe Jacques outrighted to minors. Baltimore: P Keegan Akin, LF Heston Kjerfve sent to minors. P Vinny Nittoli refused minor league assignment free agent. CF Cristian Pache designated for assignment. SS Jordan Westburg placed on 10-day IL. Boston: P Chase Anderson refused minor league assignment - free agent. Chi. White Sox: P Corey Knebel released. Detroit: P Sean Guenther, P Brennan Hanifan purchased from minors. SS Javier Báez reinstated from bereavement/family medical emergency list. Kansas City: P Jonathan Bowlan sent to minors. LA Dodgers: C Hunter Feduccia sent to minors. NY Yankees: P Nick Burdi sent to minors. P Cody Poteet transferred to 60-day IL. P Nick Burdi removed from 60-day IL. P Nick Burdi recalled from minors rehab. Oakland: P Brett Harris sent to minors. San Francisco: C Blake Sabol, 3B David Villar sent to minors. St. Louis: P Ryan Loutos, P Michael McGreevey sent to minors. Toronto: P Paolo Espino, C Nick Rospo sent to minors. C Nick Rospo acquired off waivers. NFL: Atlanta: WR Daylen Baldwin, QB John Padock cut. QB Nathan Rourke, TE Jordan Thomas signed. Carolina: TE Stephen Sullivan, WR Dae-wood Davis on IR. TE Curtis Hodges signed. Cleveland: LB Charlie Thomas III on IR. LB Caleb Johnson signed. Denver: T Quincy Bailey on IR. T Oliver Jervis signed. Detroit: G Neane Muti on IR. G Jake Bivort on IR. South Korea: D E Pat Connor signed/unrest FA. New England: DT Mike Purcell signed/unrest FA. New Orleans: TE Tommy Hudson cut. WR Marquez Callaway signed. NY Jets: RB Tarik Cohen retired. Pittsburgh: LB David Peralas cut. LB Markus Golden re-signed/unrest FA. Tampa Bay: T Tristan Wirfs signed. NHL: Colorado: J Ivan Prosvetov signed with European team. Los Angeles: D Jordan Spence re-signed. Philadelphia: LW Denis Guriyanov signed with European team. San Jose: RW Alexander Barabanov signed with European team.

Baseball

Baseball schedule table for Triple-A International and Double-A Eastern leagues, listing teams and scores.

Portland, 6-5

Baseball game recap for Portland vs. Worcester, 6-5. Includes batting order and game statistics.

Worcester, 9-8

Baseball game recap for Worcester vs. Buffalo, 9-8. Includes batting order and game statistics.

Greenville, 4-0

Baseball game recap for Greenville vs. Wilmington, 4-0. Includes batting order and game statistics.

High-A South Atlantic

High-A South Atlantic game recap for Greensboro vs. Wilmington, 14-5. Includes batting order and game statistics.

Greenville, 4-0

Baseball game recap for Greenville vs. Wilmington, 4-0. Includes batting order and game statistics.

CAPE COD LEAGUE

CAPE COD LEAGUE game recap for Worcester vs. Buffalo, 10-9. Includes batting order and game statistics.

Golf

OLYMPICS: MEN

Table listing Olympic medalists in men's golf, including Hideki Matsuyama (Japan), Emiliano Grillo (Argentina), and Tom Kim (South Korea).

Tennis

MUBADALA CITI DC OPEN

Tennis match results for Mubadala Citi DC Open, including winners like Flavia Cobelli and Denis Kovacevic.

MLS

MLS standings table showing team rankings, wins, losses, and points for various teams like Miami, Cincinnati, and LA Galaxy.

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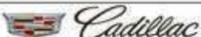
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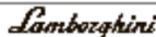
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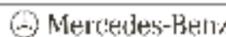
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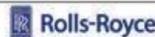


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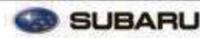
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Of Waltham and Melbourne, FL, July 30, 2024. Husband of Mary Nolan Geary. Father of Michelle McElhiney (Mike) of Bedford, Deanne Gaudet (Lincoln) of Natick and Caitlin Geary of Melbourne, FL. Grandfather of Jennifer, Brian and Connor Hopkins and Emily, Ethan and Ella Gaudet. Brother of Elizabeth "Betty" Featherstone of Orlando, FL and Richard Geary of Leominster. Uncle of MaryBeth Featherstone (Charlie) of Orlando, FL and Kristin Featherstone of Sarasota, FL. Jim was predeceased by his first wife Marilyn (Petrino) Geary and his brother-in-law Ret. Cmdr. James Featherstone, USN. Family and friends will honor and remember Jim's life by gathering for Calling Hours in the Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), WALTHAM, on Saturday, August 3, from 9 to 11 a.m., before leaving in procession to Saint Mary's Church, 133 School Street, Waltham, where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated, at 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Waltham. For complete obituary, guestbook and directions, please visit www.JoyceFuneralHome.com

MANSFIELD, Michael G.



Age 62, of Medway, passed away on Monday, July 29, 2024. Born in Saratoga Springs, New York, he was the son of Barbara (Hlavaty) and the late Paul E. Mansfield. He was the beloved husband of 6 years to Susan M. (Croke) Mansfield. Michael attended SUNY Maritime College in the Bronx, New York. He proudly served in the United States Navy for 21 years, where he retired as a Commander in 2004, earning much respect and admiration for his dedication and leadership. For 19 years, he worked as a Program Manager at Raytheon Technologies, the renowned aerospace and defense company. He loved sharing his faith with the next generation by serving as a Catholic Youth group leader. He also loved sharing his passion for baseball and baseball history by volunteering for his daughters as a softball coach. In addition to his wife, Michael is survived by his beloved children and step-children, Shannon Mansfield, Maggie Mansfield, Shauna Wassmus and Brendan Wassmus. He is also survived by his brother, Patrick Mansfield, and his wife, Laura; Christopher Mansfield, and his wife, Antoinette; and his many beloved nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours will be held on Sunday, August 4, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Chesmore Funeral Home, 854 Washington St., HOLLISTON. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, August 5, at 9:00 a.m., at Saint Mary's Church, Holliston. Burial will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, danafarber.org or to Disabled American Veterans, dav.org

RAFTERY, James "JR"



(Ret. Lt. BFD), March 20, 1937-July 30, 2024, 87 years old, of West Roxbury, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of the late Frances (Murphy) Raftery; devoted father of Michelle (Jessica Farnham) of Brookline, Steven (Doreen) of Humarock, David (Paula) of Milton, Colleen Jordan (Kyle) of Westwood and Gregory (Siobhan) of Westwood; dear brother of Mary Nagle of Dedham, Francis of Sandwich, David (Barbara) of Hull, John (Moira) of Jamaica Plain, Thomas of Hull, Kae Steeves of Dedham and Eileen Boyle (James) of Dedham; loving grandfather of Parker and Sophie Farnham, Courtney Beerman, Taylor Murray, Brendan, Kyle, Julia, James, Jack, and David Raftery, Catherine, Olivia, Meghan and Sarah Jordan, Emma, Anna and Elle Raftery; as well as four great-grandchildren, Charlie and Liam Beerman and Henry and Ava Murray. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. The son of Irish immigrants, the late Michael and Julia (O'Connor), JR was born in Mission Hill, Roxbury, the fourth of eight children. After being schooled in Boston, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 17 and was stationed in Europe, an experience that would shape the man that he would become. On his return, he married the love of his life, Franny Murphy. Together they would make their way to Dedham, MA to raise their children. JR dedicated his working life to the Boston Fire Department, rising to the rank of Lieutenant, closing out his career as an investigator in the Arson Unit, he received multiple commendations for his work. Loving nothing more than being surrounded by his family, JR could often be found in Humarock or Englewood, FL, holding court with his ever-growing family and any and all friends. As quick with his wit as he was handy with his tools, JR never stopped entertaining or fixing any problem that should arise in the home of a family member, friend or neighbor. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Tuesday, August 6, at 9:00am, followed by a Funeral Mass, in St. Theresa of Avila Church, at 10:00am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Visiting Hours, Monday, August 5, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of JR's late wife, Frances, may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or www.alz.org For guest book please visit www.gormleyfuneral.com

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SOWSY, Shirley Elizabeth (Hoffman)



Of Revere, Chestnut Hill and Sunapee, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at the age of 95. Known for her vibrant personality and zest for life, Shirley was proud and fiercely independent. She lived life on her own terms, remaining active and engaged until the very end.

Shirley was predeceased by her beloved husband, Dr. Gerald Sowsy; her parents, Tillie Shapiro Hoffman and Samuel Hoffman; and her brother, Myron Hoffman. She leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter, cherished by her family and friends.

Shirley is survived by her loving children, Gail Katz (Steven), Craig Sowsy (Amy) and Marjorie Boyle (Terry). She was a doting nana to her seven adored grandchildren, Tracey and Michael Katz, Allison Sowsy, Vessella (Joseph) and Bradley Sowsy and Colin and Caitlin Boyle.

A Funeral Service will be held at Torf Funeral Service, 151 Washington Ave., CHELSEA, on Sunday, August 4, at 11:00 AM. Shiva will be held at the Jack Satter House, in Revere, on Sunday, from 1:00PM-4:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Shirley's memory to Congregation 420, at 420 Revere Beach Blvd., or Hebrew Senior Life, causes close to her heart.

Shirley will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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Obituaries

Kathy Willens, a trailblazing photojournalist, at 74

By Trip Gabriel
NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — The best news photographers know it's not enough to be in the right place at the right time. They also must know precisely how to frame a shot and when to click.

Kathy Willens, who was a photographer for the Associated Press for nearly 45 years, covering politics, war, sports, and many other subjects, understood both aspects of timing.

She also understood one other: She began her career when there were very few women in photojournalism, in the 1970s, but exactly at the moment when the field was soon to crack open for them, bowing to changing times and pressure from pioneering figures like herself.

Ms. Willens died at her home in Brooklyn on July 16. The cause was ovarian cancer, which was diagnosed just after her retirement in 2021, the AP reported. She was 74.

Ms. Willens's best photographs look like the definitive images of their subjects, even if a viewer has never seen them before: President-elect George H.W. Bush fishing in deep surf; a Miami man looking downcast after rioting over the acquittal of police officers in a 1979 death; a tugboat crammed with Cuban refugees in the 1980 Mariel boatlift; Billie Jean King winding up for a devastating backhand, which became the cover shot of her autobiography, "All In."

Ms. Willens photographed war-ravaged Somalia, Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign, Muhammad Ali training at a Miami Beach boxing gym, and, especially, big sporting events.

The AP said she covered six Olympics, 11 Super Bowls, and innumerable World Series and NBA Finals.

Upon her retirement, the New York Yankees paid tribute to her work in a pregame ceremony on the field.

"For me, sports has the ability to capture these moments of extreme emotion," she told BuzzFeed News after retiring.



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Above, in 2021, Aaron Boone presented an autographed picture as the New York Yankees paid tribute to Ms. Willens's work in a pregame ceremony on the field. At right, a photo snapped by Ms. Willens of Miami after a riot in 1980.

"The joy of it, it's right there in front of you all the time."

Ms. Willens was almost always the only woman on the field when she shot professional sports.

Kathy Ann Willens was born Dec. 8, 1949, in Detroit, one of two children of G. Lionel Willens, who owned a jewelry store, and Gertrude Willens, a dental hygienist. The family lived in the suburb of Farmington Hills, Mich.

Ms. Willens was hired in 1974 by The Miami News, which has since folded, as a darkroom technician, then became a staff photographer. She



KATHY WILLENS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

knew of just two other women who were working as photographers for Florida newspapers. On slow days, she was told to photograph women on the beach.

"I found a woman wearing the skimpiest bikini that I could find," she told BuzzFeed, "and I took her photo, printed it out and blew it up and put it on our office wall, and told everyone that this was the last woman I would take a picture of in a bikini."

In 1976, the AP hired her for its Miami bureau, where she worked before relocating to New York in 1993. She became known for consistently returning from an assignment with a defining image.

"Sometimes you had to look at her pictures for an extra second to really get them," Peter Morgan, a photo editor for the AP, told the news agency for its obituary of Ms. Willens. "But once you saw them, you got how brilliant they were."

Kenneth Grange, 95, industrial designer of modern life

By Michael S. Rosenwald
NEW YORK TIMES

Sir Kenneth Grange, a British industrial designer whose cameras, food mixers, trains, taxis, parking meters, pens, alarm clocks, lamps, and razors were among the most celebrated objects of modernist, post-World War II design, died July 21 at his home in London. He was 95.

His wife, Apryl Grange, confirmed the death.

Spare, aesthetically pleasing, with a near maniacal focus on ease of use, Sir Kenneth's creations modernized the look, feel and routine of daily life, especially in Britain — from waking up to switching on a lamp, to a tidy shave to a purée for breakfast and then the commute to work by taxi or train.

"When I think of his work, I do not immediately think of the designer but of the millions of users that have been beneficiaries of his care and thought," Sir Jony Ive, the former head of design for Apple, wrote in the foreword to "Kenneth Grange: Designing the Modern World," which was published this year. "He created products that assumed such a rare cultural significance that they ultimately became icons."

Sir Kenneth, a founder of the global design firm Pentagram, began his career in the late 1950s, when consumers started seeking out more lively, colorful, and sleek products than the dowdy and chunky objects that personified consumer and home goods from the Victorian era well into World War II, when manufacturers were focused on the war effort, not smart design.

His first major project, in 1958, was an upside-down, teardrop-shaped parking meter. Its stark design and simplicity attracted the attention of consumer goods manufacturers such as Kenwood, which hired him to redesign its once-popular but out-of-style Chef mixer.

"Grange's redesign of the

Chef introduced a sharper, modern silhouette with a streamlined body and arm, softly curved at the corners," British curator and cultural commentator Lucy Johnston wrote in "Kenneth Grange: Designing the Modern World."

He also added weight. "We read a lot into the weight of things, so when you pick something up, in that moment you make an assumption about its value," Sir Kenneth said in

'He created products that assumed such a rare cultural significance that they ultimately became icons.'

SIR JONY IVE,
Former head of design for Apple, in the foreword to the book 'Kenneth Grange: Designing the Modern World'

"The Brits Who Designed the Modern World," a 2016 BBC documentary. "Slightly heavier says longer life, better value, so I asked them to use a particular material that is heavier and certainly weightier in the fingers."

The updated food mixer became an instant status symbol among consumers, particularly women, who then purchased them as presents for their newlywed friends.

Sir Kenneth commuted to work in two of his most memorable designs: the London Taxi TX1, a streamlined update of the city's famous black cab, and the InterCity 125 train, an aerodynamic marvel in bright yellow that was credited with reinvigorating interest in rail travel in Britain.

His other hits included several cameras for Kodak, most notably the Brownie 44A, the first to use an all-plastic lens, and the Instamatic 33, a point-and-shoot that used easy-to-insert film cartridges; the Parker 25 fountain pen, with a sleek steel design; the Anglepoise Type 75 desk lamp; and Wilkinson Sword ra-

zors.

To Sir Kenneth, every object of daily life was eligible for an upgraded design. His wife recalled the daily struggle of walking through London with him. He'd spot a new angle on a bus stop overhang and then immediately cross the street to inspect it.

"There is no doubt that domestic harmony is endangered by having a designer about," Sir Kenneth told The Daily Tele-

graph in 2012. "If you are good at your job you cannot avoid looking at everything and, given half a chance, affecting it. I even have an opinion about a tea towel — I just cannot help it."

Kenneth Henry Grange was born on July 17, 1929, in London. His father, Harry Grange, was a constable for the Metropolitan Police. His mother, Hilda (Long) Grange, worked as a machinist at a spring factory well into her 70s.

He grew up, he recalled, in "a good-old-fashioned house, a bacon-and-eggs kind of house." It was "all brown and cream," he added, with "daffodils on the wallpaper."

His mother, he said, was responsible for one unconventional piece of décor.

"Instead of having a lamp next to the chair in the front room, like most people had, we had a great big spring that was barely liftable," Sir Kenneth told The Daily Telegraph. "It was her pride and joy. She was somebody completely in love with manufacturing and was an influence on me — her work ethic particu-

larly."

As a teenager, Sir Kenneth worked at the spring factory and studied drawing and lettering at the Willesden School of Art and Crafts. After graduating in 1947, he worked for several architects, including Jack Howe, who also did industrial design work on bus shelters and lampposts.

Sir Kenneth opened his own design firm in 1958. He founded Pentagram in 1972 with graphic designers Colin Forbes, Alan Fletcher and Mervyn Kurlansky, and architect Theo Crosby. He won the Duke of Edinburgh's Prize for Elegant Design, later renamed the Prince Philip Designers Prize, twice.

He was knighted in 2013. Sir Kenneth's marriages to Assunta Santella in 1952 and Philippa Algeo in 1971 ended in divorce.

He married Apryl Swift in 1984. She is his only immediate survivor.

Sir Kenneth designed and built his own coffin. He got the idea after his mother died in 1997.

"I was at the undertakers looking through a terrible green catalog of coffins, all of which were awful and expensive, but we had to pick one," he told The Daily Telegraph. "I thought to myself how ridiculous it is that I am spending my life haranguing people to live with well-designed things and when I go, it could be in one of these dumb boxes."

He built a bookshelf that matched the shape of his body.

"This one fits me like a glove, and the lid is behind it — it's just a matter of taking the bookshelves out, screwing the lid on and away we go," he said. "The only problem will be getting whoever is responsible to follow my instruction."

That would be his wife, Apryl.

"It's a bit macabre, isn't it?" she said. "So I think it might have to stay as a very useful bookcase."

Robin Warren, at 87; pathologist rewrote the science on ulcers

By Brian Murphy
WASHINGTON POST

Robin Warren, an Australian pathologist who shared a Nobel Prize for rewriting medical views on gut health with research that included his partner drinking a bacteria-laced brew to show how microbes can cause ulcers, died July 23 in Perth, Australia. He was 87.

The death was announced by the University of Western Australia, where Dr. Warren was a professor emeritus. The statement gave no other details.

The discoveries by Dr. Warren and Barry Marshall at Royal Perth Hospital completely upended long-standing medical assumptions that the stomach's gastric fluids would kill any invasive bacteria. Yet, for more than a decade, the two researchers confronted a medical community slow to accept their theories and acknowledge their findings.

As Marshall once put it, "To gastroenterologists, the concept of a germ causing ulcers was like saying that the Earth is flat."

For patients, there are now antibiotic treatments for peptic ulcers — once considered a chronic condition — as well as a noninvasive breath test to diagnose ulcers and avoid possible biopsies. In wider medical research, the work by Dr. Warren and Marshall also introduced theories about possible bacterial factors in ailments caused by inflammation, such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and as potential triggers for cancers.

Until the studies by Dr. Warren and Marshall, the medical consensus was that ulcers and other gastric troubles were often attributed to stress or lifestyle choices such as eating spicy foods or drinking alcohol.

"With tenacity and a prepared mind [they] challenged prevailing dogmas," said a statement from the Nobel committee when Dr. Warren and Marshall received the prize for medicine in 2005.

The journey began with a glance in 1979 at a biopsy sample at the Royal Perth Hospital, where Dr. Warren was a chief pathologist. He noticed bacteria on tissue from a patient with ulcers. Dr. Warren had long mulled over an alternative "germ theory" for ulcers, but he had scant evidence to bolster his ideas and almost no supporters.

"Bacteria had been seen before, but these findings had been disregarded as some odd curiosities or just contaminations," said Swedish microbiologist Staffan Normark at the Nobel Prize announcement in Stockholm.

Marshall, as a young clinical researcher, watched the eyerolls at Dr. Warren during medical conferences. "He would mention these bacteria and the surgeons would be saying 'ha ha ha, Robin's talking about his bacteria again,'" recalled Marshall in an interview with the Medical Republic, an Australian health and science site.

The biopsy sample spotted by Dr. Warren gave him a tangible lead. He recruited Marshall, and they began studying tissue from patients with ulcers and other digestive problems. Nearly all the samples showed the presence of the same bacteria. They dubbed it *Helicobacter pylori*, or *H. pylori*: "helico," as in helicopter, for its spiral shape, and "pylori" for the pylorus valve at the bottom of the stomach.

They announced their findings in a series of papers, including in the British journal *The Lancet*, in the early 1980s. The medical community remained skeptical.

"For about 100 years, or 1,000 years, the standard teaching in medicine was that the stomach was sterile and nothing grew there because of corrosive gastric juices," Dr. Warren said. "So everybody believed there were no bacteria in the stomach. When I said they were there, no one believed it."

In July 1984, Marshall turned himself into a lab subject. He swallowed a bacterial broth in an attempt to draw conclusive links between *H. pylori* and ulcers. Test animals such as pigs and rats were immune to the bacteria. Dr. Warren already had

an *H. pylori* infection, and they feared he could have built an immunity.

"So, Barry, I think it has to be you," Marshall recalled Dr. Warren telling him.

After about three days, Marshall became sick. "I started vomiting. I was waking up in the middle of the night, I couldn't eat well, I was having night sweats," he told the Australian, a newspaper based near Sydney, in 2005. "I had the endoscopy after a week and it showed the bacteria had taken hold."

The test revealed *H. pylori* around an inflamed part of his stomach. He was better after a course of antibiotics, further advancing their findings toward a cure.

About two-thirds of the world population has been infected with *H. pylori*, often during childhood, but the bacteria leads to health problems in a relatively small number of people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Infections can also bring an increased risk of gastric cancers or a lymphoma known as mucosal associated-lymphoid-type, or MALT, the CDC says.

The precise reason *H. pylori* becomes aggressive in some people is not fully understood. But when it happens, the bacteria can cause ulcers by damaging the stomach lining and making it more vulnerable to digestive fluids. *H. pylori* causes more than 90 percent of duodenal stomach ulcers and 80 percent of upper-intestinal ulcers, the Nobel committee said. Other causes are overuse of some drugs that can compromise the stomach lining.

"The idea of stress and things like that was just so entrenched nobody could really believe that it was bacteria," Dr. Warren once said. "It had to come from some weird place like Perth, Western Australia, because I think nobody else would have even considered it."

John Robin Warren was born on June 11, 1937, in Adelaide, Australia. His father was a winemaker. His mother was a nurse.

"I cannot remember my mother ever pressuring me to study medicine, but somehow this always seemed to be my aim," Dr. Warren wrote in his biographical essay for the Nobel committee.

Months after receiving a university scholarship to study medicine, he had his first grand mal seizure and was diagnosed with epilepsy. He was prescribed drugs that helped control the seizures, but he could not receive a driver's license and used his bicycle for appointments and classes. His family had discussions — without Robin's knowledge — about whether to demand that he pass up medical school because of his condition.

"It was only years later that I came to appreciate just how much my mother had gone through to support my independence. ... Apparently, mother was worried sick, but she never said a word about it," he wrote.

After receiving a degree in medicine from the University of Adelaide in 1961, he trained in clinical pathology at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. Dr. Warren sought a position in Papua New Guinea, then under Australian control, in hopes of studying more "exotic and usual diseases."

Instead, he was recruited by the Royal Perth Hospital in 1968 as a staff specialist in pathology, which included an affiliation with the University of Western Australia. He retired from the hospital in 1999 and was named a professor emeritus at the university in 2005.

In 2007, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia, the country's highest civilian honor.

During the early 1980s, Dr. Warren said, he and Marshall felt almost like outcasts with their bacteria research. "Otherwise," Dr. Warren said, "it seemed that only our wives stood beside us."

He married the former Winifred Theresa Williams in 1962, and they had five children. She died in 1997. Complete information on survivors was not immediately available.

LivingArts

By Kara Baskin

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

It's somehow August, which means that school starts, gulp, in roughly four weeks. (I realized how quickly summer fizzled when I saw Halloween candy at Target next to the sunscreen. Really?) When I'm preparing my kids for September, I'm mainly thinking about my chores: adjust their off-kilter sleep schedules so they can wake up at 7 without moaning; scrape pretzel dust from their lunch bags; calibrate aftercare, extracurricular carpooling; and pre-first-day haircuts.

What teachers need isn't really on my radar unless I get a back-to-school email, at which point I dutifully click over to Amazon, order the requisite crayons and three-ring binder (even though we must have a stack somewhere), and pray that the off-brand markers — the only ones left — don't dry up on the second day.

But how can we make the year easier for teachers? That's what I asked this week: I want to give teachers a voice and a chance to express what they wish parents knew about their jobs and what they really need, beyond Clorox wipes (though they definitely wouldn't mind those, too).

Consider this your unofficial welcome-back email.

"As a special needs parent and a teacher, the biggest need is to get kids into a good, healthy sleep routine a week or more before school starts." — *Jennifer, Somerville*

"I teach Pre-K, so my wishlist for the school year is that all my students' belongings are labeled with their name; that they're well-rested, and that they're fully potty trained.

"I wish [parents] knew how much work goes on behind the scenes in order to give their kids a great school experience: It's a lot of labeling, printing, laminating so children know where their belongings go, what our schedule will be each day, and what's expected of them. The classroom setup also entails a lot of heavy lifting: moving furniture around, unpacking boxes, not to mention all the thought and planning.

"Another thing parents may not realize is all the professional development teachers are required to fulfill in order to stay licensed. It's a huge lift in terms of time and sometimes money. We teachers do so much learning!" — *Kim, Belmont*

"I always need and never get enough of — and schools don't supply — tissues, disinfectant wipes, electronic pencil sharpeners, and pencils and erasers for students who don't have them." — *Victoria, Cambridge*

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Teachers share what they really need from parents



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for your kids at home to support them at school. Keep [your kids] reading in the summer and try to minimize screen time — I get it, my daughter is sitting next to me on an iPad — and guide your children to be kind and respectful." — *Bethan, Wattertown*

"My biggest wish is that we settle our contract: Negotiations started last spring, and I'm worried how far apart we still are. No teacher wants the distraction and uncertainty that goes along with bargaining." — *Shami, Revere*

"Both of my dear and experienced classroom assistant teachers moved out of state, so my biggest wish is to get a wonderful assistant or two." — *Lea, Belmont*

"Honestly, the thing I wish for most is respect: from administration, from families of my students, and society in general. Everyone loves to say, 'It must be nice to have summers off,' as if that's the whole of teaching.

"For something tangible, we're always in need of consumables: class snacks because many kids aren't able to bring a snack from home; dry-erase markers; all sizes of Ziplock bags; Clorox wipes; hand wipes and sanitizer; colored duct tape; and Ticonderoga pencils." — *Melisa, Roslindale*

"Teachers do a lot in the summer, which families may not know. We spend a lot of time taking classes for professional development, developing and adapting curriculum, and working other jobs. In the past, I've taught collegiate courses. This is a great way to connect with young professionals and reexamine why I teach what I teach.

"Another summer goal was to read more and recenter. It takes a long time to decompress from the business and decision-making that teachers run into on a daily basis. We make so many quick decisions, and that's exhausting. I absolutely adore my job, and I'm excited to see students in September. I want to be the best, freshest teacher I can be for the upcoming school year.

"Also, there are certain plastic bins that I always need for my classroom. They're \$5 at Target but really at least double that in other places!" — *Sara, Belmont*

"I'm purchasing most things for my class because I have EL students who have recently arrived in America. I do provide each student with a

supply list, but most of the time, families are busy working or don't have the means for it. I like to provide each student with crayons, pencils, and if I can afford it, a pencil case to each student. This is in addition to the notebooks and folders I've also purchased.

"Last year, our PTO was very generous in helping the newcomer classes in our building by emailing us asking what things we might need for our class, since all the other classes have room parents who can help provide things teachers need like tissues, paper towels, copy paper, or more pencils." — *Florence, Medford*

"My wish list for next year is books — 'Elephant and Piggy,' 'Pete the Cat' — for my classroom library. And things like extra snacks for the kids who don't have any or forget to bring. I usually use my own money to get a big container of pretzels or goldfish." — *Eugene, Hyde Park*

"Be on time! If a student has an issue or concern, talk to the teacher in person: I'm much more understanding about missed deadlines, poor work, or distracted behavior when the student can tell me what, why, and how so we can problem-solve together." — *Bianca, Cambridge*

"Aside from the usual material items like tissues, copy paper, and paper towels that absorb liquid, I'd

like paraprofessionals and education support professionals to be paid a living wage and respected as essential members of school teams. I couldn't do my job without them, but statewide the pay doesn't reflect their value." — *Nicole, Waltham*

"The number-one thing I need at school is pencils! Please send pre-sharpened pencils, and send in another box each season. If I could add something to not put on the list: smartwatches. I find I'm losing the battle with that particular distraction." — *Rachel, Belmont*

"The only thing I really want is another human with me: Our district is one of the few in the state that doesn't have paraprofessionals in kindergarten classrooms." — *Jaime, Waltham*

"I wish parents knew that teachers always need snacks, tissues, cleaning supplies — and they will always need more. You never need to ask. We always appreciate paper towels, sanitizer, tissues, et cetera. I spend a lot of money every year on snacks. Hungry kids simply can't learn as well, so donations make a huge difference." — *Lily, Cambridge*

"I'm going to spend most of September working really hard to understand who your kids are: what motivates them, what overwhelms them, what academic skills need more support. This also means that I'm going to adjust and tailor some of my approaches in the classrooms as the weeks progress.

"The big things won't — and shouldn't! — change year to year, but I'll emphasize different things and tweak my systems every year. I'd appreciate parents' help in this process of getting to know their kids when it's possible, and I'd also appreciate it if they could show some patience when I'm adjusting my practices to best fit the needs of the students I work with each year." — *Christopher, Charlestown*

"I would love it if parents knew that a box of tissues, wipes, and hand sanitizer mean the world to us. Especially when cold season comes around, the last thing I want to spend money on at school, when I already do it at home, is tissues for all the stuffy noses.

"I also think parents should know that most teachers love involvement. Where I work, there are some parents whom I've never spoken to for the entire year, and it's difficult. And I want parents to know that we're on the same team: All we want is what's best for the kids." — *Allie, Everett*

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'Gatsby' and 'Versailles' bring Broadway fans to Boston

By Andrew Zucker

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Last March, Evan LaChance's hopes for a summer trip to Boston banked on scoring a ticket to "Gatsby," a musical based on the great American novel at the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge. It wasn't easy.

"I was at the gym with my phone by my side in my virtual queue just updating, waiting for the 'Gatsby' tickets to refresh," recalled LaChance, a 31-year-old Manhattanite.

After a few hours, he finally snagged a seat. But his plans weren't fully locked until he purchased another theater ticket. This time, he splurged on "The Queen of Versailles," a production at the Emerson Colonial Theatre destined for Broadway in the 2025-26 season. The musical is based on the 2012 documentary of the same name.

"The intent was always to go back and see both of them," he said. "But when there was that moment when you could kind of get that two-for-one, I was like, 'OK, I have to do this.'"

For some out-of-town theatergoers, trips to see this summer's buzzy musicals in Boston have become popular excursions. "Gatsby" and "Queen of Versailles" shared seven performance days when audiences could see both shows in a single day. If visitors stay two days, they can add even more chances to knock out both shows in one visit.

Some have dubbed the phenomenon Boston's own version of 'Barbenheimer,' last summer's billion-dollar craze when fans attended double showings of "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer." Although those movies were radically different, the double features eventized cinema-going.

Until "Gatsby," which opened on May 26, announced an August extension late this spring, the two shows



For some out-of-town theatergoers, trips to see this summer's buzzy musicals, "Gatsby" (left) and "The Queen of Versailles" (right), in Boston — sometimes on the same day — have become popular excursions.

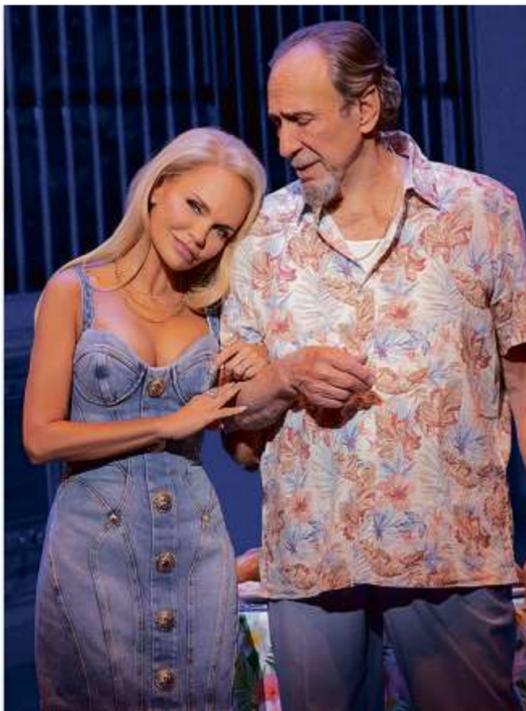
were set to overlap for only four days. But the ART was able to add dates through Aug. 3, while "Queen of Versailles," which premiered on July 16, will close on Aug. 25.

Like 'Barbenheimer,' the two shows are tonally mismatched. "Gatsby" is based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's dark magnum opus, while "Queen of Versailles," about a rich family's financial downfall and starring the effervescent Kristin Chenoweth, is more lighthearted. Both shows, however, share themes concern-

ing the American Dream and its fragility.

Premiering two Broadway-destined musicals at once in Boston reinforces the city's strength as a theater town.

"For many, many years, Boston has been a great out-of-town city," said Nathan Gehan, who runs a Broadway general management company, (he had planned a Gatsby-Versailles trip for late July). "It allows a sophisticated audience to come in and allow the producers and creative team to finesse it be-



LEFT: JULIETA CERVANTES; RIGHT: MATTHEW MURPHY

fore it would then come to New York."

In the summer of 2018, the ART's "Jagged Little Pill" overlapped with "Moulin Rouge! The Musical," which opened at the then newly revamped Emerson Colonial Theatre. According to Joey Riddle, the general manager of the Emerson Colonial Theatre, 10 percent of "Moulin Rouge's" surveyed audience said they attended with the intent of also seeing "Jagged Little Pill" that summer.

Kelvin Dinkins Jr., the executive di-

rector of ART, said he didn't believe "Gatsby" sales greatly benefited from "Queen of Versailles."

"We've been sold out pretty regularly on the 'Gatsby' run and still are even in the extension, so it's hard to actually even look at a boost because our seat inventory is so low," he said. "We were selling well even before the uptick in 'Versailles' sales happened."

Bill Damaschke, a producer of "Queen of Versailles," said he personally knew between 15 and 20 people in his show's audience on Saturday, July 20, who had seen "Gatsby" earlier that day. He added that ticket sales have been strong, but it is difficult to determine whether "Queen of Versailles" has received a notable box office boost due to audiences hoping to see both shows.

Corey Steinfast is one of those audience members. Steinfast, who works at a Broadway experiences company, had heard about "Gatsby" at the ART, but had no plans to visit Boston. That changed when "Queen of Versailles" announced its Boston dates.

"When 'Versailles' came around, I was like, 'Perfect, this is awesome,'" Steinfast said. "It was perfect to be able to fit 'Gatsby' in to do the matinee the day before, have the night, and then go see 'Versailles' on a Monday, so I can get it all done in two days and kind of be in and out."

Some theater nerds have tried creating portmanteaus in the spirit of 'Barbenheimer,' including 'Queen-by,' pronounced like "queen bee."

Though the box-office numbers might not match those of the dual Hollywood mega-hits of last summer, the coinciding shows have created extra hype in a theater-loving city.

"We know that people are doing it and are having a lot of fun doing it," Riddle said.

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Colman Domingo (center) and Sean San José (right) in "Sing Sing," directed and co-written by Greg Kwedar.

MOVIES

In 'Sing Sing,' art is a safe space

Colman Domingo gives a career-best performance in Greg Kwedar's gentle — and beautiful — film based on a true story about a theater troupe led by incarcerated men

By Odie Henderson
GLOBE STAFF

Sing Sing Correctional Facility, the setting of director Greg Kwedar's lovely and uplifting drama "Sing Sing," sits on the east bank of the Hudson River. The Hudson line of the Metro-North Railroad runs right through it, and the tourist boats that cruise the Hudson into upstate New York pass by it. The guides always point out its location in Ossining, N.Y.

Those tourist boats provide a far more majestic view of the Hudson than the view from Manhattan, a cruel trick of nature to anyone "sent up the river" since the prison opened in 1826. It's because of Sing Sing's location that the euphemism "sent up the river" was coined.

"Sing Sing" tells the story of the RTA, a real-life



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Clarence Maclin (left) and Colman Domingo in "Sing Sing."

theater troupe led by incarcerated men. The screenplay by Kwedar and Clint Bentley follows John "Divine G" Whitfield (Colman Domingo), who is on the group's steering committee. In addition to vetting potential new members, he performs in productions and writes material for the cast. He's also working on submitting to the prison board evidence that proves he was wrongfully incarcerated for murder.

The film opens with Divine G in performance as Lysander in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." It's Act I, Scene I, where Lysander utters one of the Bard's most well-known quotes: "The course of true love never did run smooth." Kwedar gives Domingo an intimate close-up that would make Lillian Gish green with envy, then proceeds to shoot much of this film in that manner.

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MOVIES

A heist-gone-wrong movie done right? Nope.

Wasted talent in 'The Instigators' is a crime

By Odie Henderson
GLOBE STAFF

If the only thing you require in a movie is that it take place in Boston, you'll find some joy in AppleTV's "The Instigators." Perhaps you'll feel giddy pointing out the shooting locations while yelling "Oh, look! It's [fill in Boston location you've seen in every movie about Boston]!"

Maybe you'll cheer for local guys

Matt Damon and co-writer Casey Affleck as they become embroiled in a plotline involving a botched robbery, a stolen bracelet with a safe combination on it, and \$32,480, an amount uttered so often you should slam a shot of booze every time you hear it. And of course "The Instigators" also has to be a crime movie because practically every other movie that takes place in Boston is about a crime being committed.

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From left: Hong Chau, Casey Affleck, and Matt Damon in "The Instigators," which is set in Boston.

MUSIC

Don't sleep on these down-bill acts at the Newport Jazz Festival

By James Sullivan
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Happy 70th anniversary to the Newport Jazz Festival. You don't look a day over 30.

When the Newport socialite Elaine Lorillard invited George Wein to create an outdoor jazz festival back in 1954, the Boston promoter created a blueprint that still holds up today. From the beginning, Newport — the nation's first outdoor jazz festival — presented youthful newcomers alongside household names. Billie Holiday, Dizzy Gillespie, and Ella Fitzgerald, who all performed during that inaugural weekend, were by then well-established as giants of the music. Gerry Mulligan and the members of the Modern Jazz Quartet, among others,



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soon would be, too.

"Popular artists were the attractions that sold tickets," recalled Wein, who died in 2021 at age 95, "but it was the

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Kamasi Washington (pictured in New York in June) will be among the headliners at this year's Newport Jazz Festival.

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Pop & Rock

BLACK PUMAS Singer-songwriter Eric Burton and guitar virtuoso Adrian Quesada's pairing has resulted in boatloads of Grammy nominations and TV-soundtrack ubiquity; last year they released "Chronicles of a Diamond," a psychedelia-tinged journey to the center of modern soul music. *Aug. 2, 7:30 p.m. Leader Bank Pavilion. 617-728-1600, livenation.com*

PYNKIE New Jersey singer-songwriter and nurse Lindsey Rae Radice makes gently hooky pop songs that breeze by like the cloud formation on the cover of her latest full-length, "Songies." *Aug. 3, 8 p.m. doors. O'Brien's Pub. 617-782-6245, obrienspub-boston.com*

LUCKY DAYE: THE ALGORITHM TOUR The R&B shape-shifter's just-released album, "Algorithm," is taut and seductive, with songs like the glittering "Think Different" and the sparkling "Soft" spinning out of irresistible grooves. With Fana Hues, whose new full-length, "Moth," is searching and hopeful, even when the soulful singer-songwriter is ruminating on heartbreak. *Aug. 6, 7 p.m. House of Blues Boston. 888-693-2583, houseofblues.com/boston*

MAURA JOHNSTON

Folk, World, Country

JUPITER & OKWESS Planning on spending your Friday evening seeing Jupiter Bokondji and his band Okwess play the music he calls "Bofenia Rock," a melding of Afropop and traditional Congolese rhythms from his native country with the rock and funk he heard while living in Germany? Make sure you get a good night's sleep beforehand, because the ferocious, nonstop pace of the music will likely wear you out. *Aug. 2, 8 p.m. \$28, \$35. Crystal Ballroom at Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville. 617-876-4275, www.globalartslive.org*

ALAN JACKSON And you thought he'd retired. Wrong! Arguably the finest proponent of '90s neo-traditional country music is back, at least one more time, as he adds a new string of dates to his "Last Call: One More for the Road" tour, which began and seemingly ended two years ago. Maybe the road does go on forever . . . *Aug. 2, 7 p.m. \$90 and up. TD Garden, 100 Legends Way. 800-653-8000, www.ticketmaster.com*

WHITEY MORGAN AND THE 78'S Like Alan Jackson, Whitey Morgan (Eric David Allen's nom du twang) lives on country's traditionalist side, but his music reaches farther back in the music's history; it's shot through with the sound and sensibility of '70s outlaw country. So if Waylon and Paycheck are your thing, this would be a good place to be Saturday evening. And if you get there early, you'll likely enjoy opener Taylor Hunnicutt as well. *Aug. 3, 8 p.m. \$25. The Sinclair, 52 Church St., Cambridge. 888-929-7849, www.aazs.com*

STUART MUNRO

Jazz & Blues

DANIELLE MIRAGLIA & THE GLORY JUNKIES The Outdoor Summer Concert Series at 19 Carter presents singer, songwriter, and guitarist Miraglia and band, who were named Blues Act of the Year at the 2021 New England Music Awards. *Aug. 3, 6 p.m. \$20-\$25. 19 Carter St., Berlin. 19carter.org*

HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN With their ebullient blend of western swing and Hot Club of France-style jazz, Elana James (violin/vocals), Whit Smith (guitar/vocals), and Zack Sapunor (bass/vocals) have toured with the likes of Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan — who hired James to play fiddle in his road band! *Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$30. Bull Run Restaurant, 215 Great Road, Route 2A, Shirley. bullrunresta-*



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Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

It's been 25 years since Parsons Dance appeared at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, so the popular company's return is a season highlight. The program includes greatest hits, such as the exhilarating "Caught," plus the Pillow debut of choreographer Jamar Roberts, whose new work for the company is set to music by jazz legend Miles Davis. The week also features contemporary dance troupe Gibney Company in performances on the outdoor Henry J. Leir Stage.

Aug. 7-11. \$40-\$95. Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Becket. www.jacobspillow.org KAREN CAMPBELL

rant.com; Aug. 6, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$40. City Winery, 80 Beverly at One Canal, Boston. citywinery.com/boston

THE BLACK LAMB TRIO The Creative Music Series presents an evening of adventurous jazz featuring two New Yorkers, searching multi-saxophonist Andrew Lamb and buoyant bassist Joe Fonda (Anthony Braxton), with Boston-based drum dynamo Luther Gray. *Aug. 8, 8 p.m. \$15-\$18. The Lilypad, 1353 Cambridge St., Cambridge. lilypadinman.com*

KEVIN LOWENTHAL

Classical

TANGLEWOOD The Boston Pops and conductors David Newman and Ken-David Masur celebrate Henry Mancini and more with the ever-popular John Williams' Film Night (Aug. 2 and 3); the BSO returns to the Shed for Sunday afternoon (Aug. 4) for an all-Beethoven program featuring conductor Alan Gilbert and soloists Joshua Bell (violin), Steven Isserlis (cello), and Kirill Gerstein (piano). The Tanglewood Learning Institute also hosts a few appealing events this weekend, including a family program in collaboration with the Norman Rockwell Museum and two cabaret programs, one featuring Gerstein. Gilbert stays around for a Tanglewood Music Center Orchestra concert, sharing the podium with this year's conducting fellows (Aug. 5), and Tuesday the gates are thrown wide for the all-day extravaganza that is Tanglewood on Parade (Aug. 6). *Lenox. 617-266-1200, www.tanglewood.org*

OPERA ON TAP Four singers from Opera on Tap collaborate with four artists from Circus 617 at Milton's picturesque Governor Hutchinson's Field for an event that combines arias and aerial acrobatics. *Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. Governor Hutchinson's Field, Milton. www.operaontapboston.com*

CAPE COD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL It's a tremendously active week for the Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival, as it welcomes the Borromeo String Quartet (Aug. 2), the Ying Quartet (Aug. 5 and 6), and Tangent Winds (Aug. 9) to various venues up and down the Cape. *508-247-9400, www.capecodchambermusic.org*

A.Z. MADONNA

ARTS

Theater

GATSBY This world premiere is a haunting production that finds a

perfect match in the soaring, soulful music of Florence Welch (of Florence + the Machine) and Thomas Bartlett, a book by Martyna Majok ("The Cost of Living"), and choreography by Sonya Tayeh ("Moulin Rouge"). Under the seamless direction of Rachel Chavkin ("Hadestown"), this story moves with the unrelenting rhythms of the ocean currents that so fascinated Nick Carraway, the story's narrator. All of the performers combine glorious voices with impeccable dance skills and detailed characterizations. But the real gift of this creative team is their ability to bring together a stunningly talented ensemble to breathe life, and even some unexpected insights, into these characters. *Through Aug. 3. Presented by the American Repertory Theater, Loeb Drama Center. https://americanrepertorytheater.org/shows-events/gatsby/*

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC Award-winner Kathleen Turner takes on Madame Armfeldt ("Liaisons") while Boston native Nik Walker ("Hamilton") plays Count Carl-Magnus in this Sondheim favorite. The story, based on the Ingmar Bergman film "Smiles of a Summer Night," explores several couples who change partners, learning from their losses and embracing second chances. *Through Aug. 17. Ogunquit Playhouse, Ogunquit, Maine. www.ogunquitplayhouse.org/2024-a-little-night-music*

THE QUEEN OF VERSAILLES This world premiere, pre-Broadway production boasts an award-winning team, this time led by "Wicked" collaborators Kristin Chenoweth, who originated the role of Glinda, and composer Stephen Schwartz. Chenoweth stars as the title character opposite Oscar winner F. Murray Abraham as her husband. Based on Lauren Greenfield's 2012 documentary, the musical explores what happens when a lavish lifestyle clashes with an economic downturn. *Through Aug. 25. At the Emerson Colonial Theatre. emersoncolonialtheatre.com*

THE SUPPLIANT WOMEN Refugees are at the center of David Greig's timely adaptation of the play by Aeschylus. Facing forced marriages in North Africa, 50 women "flee across the Mediterranean by boat, seeking asylum in Greece." The actors in this outdoor production will speak in both English and Spanish and the chorus features Chelsea residents. *Aug. 2-17. Presented by Apollinaire Theatre Company at PORT Park, Chelsea. www.apollinairetheatre.com*

TERRY BYRNE

Dance

FEET KEEP THE BEAT FESTIVAL The capstone of this impressive little percussive dance celebration, now in its second year, is the world premiere of a festival-commissioned collaboration among local artists representing a wide range of disciplines. This year's lineup is Ariaki Dandawate (Kathak), Yosi Karahashi (Flamenco), Antonio Tran (Flamenco guitar), Joh Camara (West African), Lekisha Limage (Step), and Ryan Casey (Tap). *Aug. 2. \$35. Center for the Arts at the Armory, Somerville. https://artsatthearmory.org/*

BOSTON TAP PARTY This fourth annual celebration of the art of tap dance culminates with an always entertaining faculty showcase. The performance draws from a stellar slate of faculty, which this year includes Ian Berg, Josh Hilberman, Khalid Hill, Kelly Kaleta, and Aaron Tolson, among others, with Beantown Tap Festival founder Julia Boynton, Jai Underhill, and Dianne "Lady Di" Walker serving as special festival consultants. The cabaret-style show features live music by Paul Arslanian's band. *Aug. 3. \$40. Arts at the Armory, Somerville. www.bostontapparty.com*

JANIE BRENDEL & FRIENDS The notable modern dancer brings her New York City-based company to Windhover Center for the Performing Arts to present excerpts from their show, "Inspired." The work, set to the music of Johannes Brahms and featuring choreography by Adam Hougland and Peggy Baker, is a tribute to Howard Gilman, the visionary founder of the utopian dance and conservation center White Oak, where Brendel spent three summer residencies. *Aug. 2-3. \$10-\$20. Windhover Center for the Performing Arts, Rockport. https://windhover.org/*

KAREN CAMPBELL

Visual art

HEW LOCKE: THE PROCESSION One-hundred forty life-size figures make up "The Procession," British artist Hew Locke's sprawling, carnival-esque installation commissioned by the Tate Britain in 2022. At the ICA's summer-seasonal Watershed, it finds a site simpatico with the themes Locke explored in its original making: Notions of colonialism and the inequities of global exchange between Europe and the Caribbean are as present right here as they are across the pond. Perched on the edge of Boston Harbor, a historic Colonial port with its own fraught histories of triangular trade and the movement of enslaved people, it fits seamlessly, though an ocean away. *Through Sept. 2. ICA Watershed, 25 Harbor Shore Drive. 617-478-3100, www.icaboston.org*

JEREMY FREY: WOVEN Frey, a Passamaquoddy artist from Ed-dington, Maine, has thoroughly reinvented the ancient practice of Wabanaki basket making. His intricate woven pieces employ millennia-old technique with a uniquely contemporary flair all his own — a fact that has made him not only a central figure in an ongoing Indigenous cultural revival, but an international art star. This show, his first solo survey in a museum, brings together 20 years of work, including pieces made for the occasion. *Through Sept. 15. Portland Museum of Art, 7 Congress Square, Portland, Maine. 207-775-6148, www.portlandmuseum.org*

UNSEEN FIGURES: BLACK PRESENCE AND ABSENCE IN THE EARLY AMERICAN NORTH Last chance: The picturesque, perfectly preserved early New England village of Historic Deerfield has, like so many, some unsightly history: Many of its early residents held enslaved people as household labor. This exhibition, conceived by the American Folk

Art Museum in New York, arrived here this summer to feel almost site-specific: The enslavement story looms large over the American South, but has conventionally been a footnote in the North, where narratives of abolition have long been favored. At Deerfield, carefully-selected examples of northern folk art from New England and beyond that capture the spectral presence of Black residents are now installed on the same street where recently-installed memorial plaques to the town's known enslaved residents are now embedded in the earth by the homes they once served. *Through Aug. 4. Historic Deerfield, 4B Old Main St., Deerfield. 413-774-5581, www.historic-deerfield.org*

MURRAY WHYTE

TO A RETURNING CLOUD — INAS HALABI The Palestinian artist and filmmaker's video installations contend with historic and ongoing impacts that systems of power have on cities and natural environments. In "Hopscotch (The Centre of the Sun's Radiance)" and "We Have Always Known the Wind's Direction," the mining, transportation, and disposal of nuclear materials thread through twisting narratives. Radioactivity becomes a symbol of power: potent, toxic, and invisible. *Through Oct. 26. Brookline Arts Center, 86 Monmouth St., Brookline. www.brooklinearts-center.org*

CATE McQUAID

EVENTS

Comedy

BEST OF BOSTON COMEDY SHOWCASE A five-comic bill highlighting some of Boston's headliners and up-and-comers, featuring Janet McNamara, Jason Cordova, Jay Martin, Mary Spadaro, and Chris Kinback. *Aug. 3, 7 p.m. \$25. Laugh Boston, 425 Summer St. 617-725-2844, www.laughboston.com*

THE NASTY SHOW For devotees of the rude and profane, Giggles brings you "The Nasty Show," billed as an evening "where political correctness means nothing." Starring Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling, Lenny Clarke, Steve Sweeney, and Christine Hurley. *Aug. 2-3, 8:30 p.m. \$35-\$40. Giggles Comedy Club, 517 Broadway (Route 1), Saugus. 978-395-9060, www.princerestaurant.com*

AN HOUR WITH MYQ KAPLAN The Comedy Studio is back in Harvard Square in its soft opening phase, launching with some showcase shows over the weekend and these headlining shows from Kaplan, an old favorite of the club, plus Bethany Van Delft. *Aug. 7, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. \$22-\$30. The Comedy Studio, 5 John F. Kennedy St., Cambridge. 617-661-6507, www.thecomedy-studio.com*

NICK A. ZAINO III

Family

THE AMAZING ACRO-CATS The troupe of trained rescues and strays will give a one-of-a-kind 90-minute performance filled with tricks like skateboarding, jumping through hoops, and other acts exhibiting agility. *Aug. 2, 7 p.m. \$40. Regent Theatre, 7 Medford St. regenttheatre.com*

NEPONSET DAY Join in on this family-friendly, public celebration of the Neponset River and its parks and wildlife. Activities include canoeing, kayaking, a spray deck, and food trucks. Bring a blanket and picnic and enjoy a day outside. *Aug. 3, 9 a.m. Free admission. Neponset Park, Hill Top Street at Granite Avenue. neponset.org*

STUFFED ANIMAL CAMPOUT Drop off your child's stuffed animal for a camping experience fit for a human. Follow along on Instagram and Facebook for updates on your fuzzy friends as they participate in activities like hide-and-seek, making stores, and sing-alongs. *Aug. 4, 6 p.m. Free admission. Somerville Community Growing Center, 22 Vinal St. thebostoncalendar.com*

ARUSHI JACOB



CAMERAN SCHWARZ/BROOKLINE ARTS CENTER

Inas Halabi's "We Have Always Known the Wind's Direction" is part of "To a Returning Cloud" at Brookline Arts Center.



KIRA EMERY

Lowell's The Ghouls claimed the Rock & Roll Rumble crown this year, netting a major achievement for Mill City's music scene.

New venues, thriving artists reaffirm Lowell as a launchpad for local music

By Victoria Wasylak
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

As crowds weaved through Lowell last weekend during the city's annual Folk Festival, thousands of guests found a front-row seat to music from around the globe — and many tunes composed in the cobblestone-street heart of Mill City. Funk-spiked melodies from **The Squires of Soul** flowed at Thirsty First Tavern. Searing guitar riffs from bands like **Roser** ricocheted off historic buildings outside of the Worthen House Cafe. And on Merrimack Street, pop-rock outfit **blinks** helped christen the stage at Koto Asian Fusion, the just-opened second location of the Salem restaurant and rock club.

Koto isn't the only new addition to Lowell's music community; Western Avenue club Taffeta opened in 2022, and a smaller performance space called The Overlook debuted within Mill No. 5 last January. The recent addition of The Town and The

City Festival, a multi-venue event that celebrates the local arts scene, has only boosted Lowell's musical lore. With more performance and entertainment options consistently popping up in the area, Lowell's role as a launchpad for local music seems more important than ever — just ask 2024 Rock & Roll Rumble winners **The Ghouls**.

The alt-rock band formed at UMass Lowell, and even though three of the band's four members have since graduated from the university, The Ghouls still claim Lowell as their home turf.

"There's a lot going on here, and now we're at a point where you can't ignore it," says bassist and lifelong Lowellian Jacob Babcock.

While Lowell's musical growth spurt might go unnoticed out of town, the city's standout acts are more difficult to overlook. Post-metal band **Astronoid** are currently performing at arenas across the country as an opener for **blink-182** and **Pierce The Veil**. (**PVRIS**, the

Lowell synth-pop stars who currently boast over 2 million monthly Spotify listeners, gained serious momentum opening for Pierce The Veil as well). Ethereal art-rock group **Tysk Tysk Task** also secured their biggest show to date this

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bassist for *The Ghouls*

spring when they took the stage at Boston Calling.

The Ghouls' victory at the Rock & Rumble in May completes the trifecta of recent Lowell-based achievements, although the city's bands have historically been a force to reckon with at the competition, with

acts like **Western Education** and **Corner Soul** advancing to the semifinals and finals (respectively) in years past.

"After the Rumble, we're able to be like, 'yeah, we're from Lowell' and have it be, honestly, kind of a selling point," Babcock notes. "There's a sort of underdog spirit to it."

The attitude transcends genres on recent releases from Lowell acts, ranging from the collaboration-centric hip-hop project "CHAMPION SOUND" by **DeevoDaGenius**, to the ominous darkwave permeating **Blood Wisteria's** "Cryptid" EP. (Not to mention a healthy smattering of rock released from acts including **WLKRZ**, **Roser**, **Duck Island**, **Knock Over City**, **Subpunch**, and **Burp**.)

Considering the influx of venues, artist milestones, and wellspring of new music, it feels appropriate to amend the city's old marketing tagline: "There's a lot to like about Lowell" — and even more to appreciate if you listen closely.

GIG GUIDE

Metallica's "M72" world tour guarantees a "no repeat weekend" at Gillette Stadium, with the heavy metal icons barreling through two entirely different sets on Friday and Sunday. The band hasn't performed in Foxborough since 2017, and their most recent local appearance was headlining the 2022 edition of Boston Calling.

At Royale, Swazi-born DJ and producer **Uncle Waffles** serves up her vibrant amapiano — an offshoot of house music created in South Africa — on Friday. Brooklyn shoegaze act **DIIV** bring their gauzy fourth record "Frog In Boiling Water" to the venue on Monday with support from Boston's **Horse Jumper of Love**.

MGM Music Hall at Fenway offers a dizzying array of performers this weekend, with French electronic duo **Justice** pulling up on Friday, **Cheap Trick** blitzing through their 50-year career on Saturday, and viral rapper **Ice Spice** celebrating her debut album Y2K! on Sunday.

At Brighton Music Hall on Friday, Illinois-born rapper **Futuristic** maps his current chapter with his June record, "ikigai," while Los Angeles garage group **Together Pangea** look back at their 2014 opus "Badillac" on Wednesday for the record's 10th anniversary tour.

Roughly one year after the release of her record "Nayborhood Healer," **Nay Speaks** teams up with fellow Boston emcee **kei** for "The Healer Experience" at the Middle East Downstairs this Sunday. Both rappers have already brought heat to some of the summer's biggest festivals; Nay Speaks graced the stage at BAMS Fest in June, and kei set Boston Calling's Orange Stage ablaze in May.

Fenway Park welcomes back **Def Leppard** and **Journey** on Monday for a co-headlining tour that also features the **Steve Miller Band**; pop-punk "Saviors" **Green Day** headline the ballpark on Wednesday, with plans to perform the albums "Dookie" and "American Idiot" in their entirety.

NOW SPINNING

Kate Bollinger, "What's This About (La La La La)." As the newest single from Kate Bollinger's forthcoming album, "Songs From a Thousand



GILLES O'KANE

Kate Bollinger crafts fluttering retro pop on her new single, "What's This About (La La La La)."

Frames of Mind." "What's This About (La La La La)" must represent the state of euphoria. The Virginia-born artist's fluttering retro pop offers an instant attitude adjustment that's iced with her saccharine vocals.

The Downhalls and Duck & Cover, "Trash Fest." Do record names get more punk than this? The split 7-inch EP from gritty Boston rock groups The Downhalls and Duck & Cover compiles back-to-back ragers that salute the "Trashfest" shows once held at the Abbey Lounge, the now-shuttered Inman Square dive. The EP makes a rollicking debut on Friday at a Deep Cuts release show.

Jenova 7, "Lost Sci-Fi Movie Themes." For every hokey B-movie, there's dozens of dialog clips ready to be weaved into an ace soundtrack by Jenova 7. On his first release since 2019's "Dusted Jazz Vol. 3," the Boston trip-hop producer traverses a mashup of boom-bap beats and lo-fi atmospheres, honing the sound of a palpably mellow future.

BONUS TRACK

Metallica fans can pass the time between Gillette shows at the Somerville Theatre's Metallica Film Fest on Saturday. The event gathers hours of interviews and performance footage via back-to-back screenings of video releases like "Cliff 'Em All" and "Orgullo, Pasión y Gloria: Tres Noches En La Ciudad de México." Ten points to anyone who can find Dave Mustaine in recordings that predate his firing from the band.

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A new kind of music festival celebrates artists on the spectrum

By Noah Schaffer
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In 2013, Camden Fichter went with his family to see Paul McCartney at Fenway Park. Soon he began making his own music, creating expansive EDM soundscapes as KingCamdenTheGreat. Last year a friend texted him about a contest for autistic musicians. "I was skeptical," admits Fichter, but he was lured by the prize: a chance to be the one performing at Fenway.

The Cape Cod-based DJ did exactly that at last year's Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism's 25th anniversary event. Now he's gearing up to play the first major music festival devoted to the autism community, STARS of the Spectrum, on Saturday at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Quincy.

The daylong bash includes headliners like R&B star Faith Evans, whose son lives with autism, and autistic "America's Got Talent" winner Kodi Lee. Internationally touring Boston band Couch and two-time "The Voice" contestant Sam James will collaborate with autistic musicians during their sets. Dozens of other artists from the autism community will appear, ranging from rapper C-Quig to sibling multi-instrumentalists Jake 'n Sky to West African drummer Victoria Djembe. An album created by 15 autistic musicians, also called "STARS of the Spectrum," will be performed live.

The festival and the album are reflective of a major commitment to music by the Flutie Foundation, which was founded a quarter-century ago by former BC and NFL quarterback Doug Flutie Sr. and his wife, Laurie, in honor of their son. Flutie Sr. will perform with the Flutie Brothers Band.

Flutie Foundation executive director Nick Savarese explains that during the COVID-19 lockdown the foundation produced a live stream that provided resources for families before fin-



Camden Fichter (above), who creates expansive EDM soundscapes as KingCamdenTheGreat, and Jen Msumba (below) will perform at Saturday's festival in Quincy.



ishing with a performance. "We're always leading with the voices of the autism self-advocates," he says. "We just kept meeting these super-talented musicians from around the country, and it has just exploded and grown organically since then."

For his STARS of the Spectrum track, KingCamdenTheGreat collaborated with

singer-songwriter and fellow contest winner Jen Msumba say that music has been an invaluable outlet for them. "I've been through a really huge depression that felt really endless, and besides the comfort of my family, the only real drug that gave me happiness was music," says Fichter. "It's been a huge lifesaver. The melodies give me a calm feeling and help me move on."

While Msumba's charming original songs are often optimistic, she's also used music as a form of therapy. "My mom always says to keep a diary, and I tell her that my songs are my diary," she says. Msumba was subjected to electric shock therapy treatment while enrolled at the Judge Rotenberg Center in Canton, and she's been a vocal critic of the practice.

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banger," adds Fichter proudly.

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done wrong things to me in the name of helping me, music is my way of putting it out into the air."

Both one of Msumba's songs and a documentary in progress are called "The Fish Don't Care When It Rains." "They're already wet," she explains. "For me, I don't know anything but being me, and having autism, and going through what I've been through."

Savarese says that the Flutie Foundation has found that "music is the universal language, and it doesn't seem to have some of the same barriers that [autistic] people can encounter in other aspects of their lives."

"Sometimes conversations can be hard, but they're not when I'm performing," adds Msumba.

While all are welcome, the festival bills itself as being "by autism, for autism." Sponsors have enabled free ticket distri-

bution to members of the autism community. "We're trying to be very intentional in creating an autism-welcoming environment and a sensory-inclusive environment," says Savarese. "It's a loud concert, but we'll also have an air-conditioned sensory tent where it's a bit quieter, where someone can go if they get a bit overwhelmed. And we'll be giving out kits with things like earplugs and fidget spinners."

The STARS of the Spectrum musical ambassadors have performed everywhere from the Boston Marathon's finish line to private corporate Autism Acceptance Month events. Both Fichter and Msumba say that some of their favorite performances have been when members of the autism community are in the audience.

"The attendees can be themselves. You don't have to worry about the way you dance or the way you enjoy music," says Msumba. "I can see people dancing and jumping up and down, or if there's a beautiful ballad they'll have tears. The audience is with us, and they know how we feel, because they're autistic, too."

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For local comedy staples, leaving Boston is about jump-starting creativity — not chasing fame

By Nick A. Zaino III
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The Boston comedy scene is forever expanding and contracting, and it's about to lose a couple of talented staples. Danya Trommer, who headlines Nick's Comedy Stop Friday and Saturday, is leaving for Philadelphia at the end of the summer. Angela Sawyer, who has already packed up and moved to Brooklyn, opens the shows.

Sometimes comedians leave for New York or Los Angeles to be closer to the centers of the entertainment industry. For Trommer and Sawyer, moving is more about jump-starting creativity with a change of scenery.

"I've kind of hit a wall, not just comedy, but just like, you know, emotionally with how I am with the city," says Trommer. "I think I'm kind of itching to get somewhere new."

Originally from South Jersey, Trommer moved to the Hub to attend Boston University and graduated in 2021. She dipped her toes in comedy in the Philly scene when she was still in high school. She's still getting a sense of what that scene is like in the City of Brotherly Love, but feels it's a bit grittier than Boston.

"There's a lot more weird stuff happening there, I'll say, or at least [an] opportunity for weird stuff," Trommer says. "I feel like a lot of the venues that weird stuff was happening here, they all

DANYA TROMMER
With Angela Sawyer
At Nick's Comedy Stop, Aug. 2-3.
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closed."

Sawyer lived in Boston for 35 years after moving from Denver as a teenager, because she "wanted to be where angry people live." She started out performing experimental music and felt like comedy was a natural extension of that.

"It's not as different from stand-up as you might guess," she says. "I've been doing little bar shows and running little open mics and just sort of hanging around Boston doing whatever there was for a long time."

The pandemic changed the scene for Sawyer. She had previously felt like, if she moved somewhere else, she wouldn't be able to come back to Boston. But the scene quieted down because of the COVID-19 outbreak, and made her more comfortable with the notion of leaving. And while shows are ramping up again, Sawyer's comedy schedule still doesn't match pre-pandemic levels.

"In 2019, I did, I think I did almost 200 performances," Sawyer says. "And there were at least three [open] mics a week that would get 60-plus people up a night. And now maybe once or twice a



Danya Trommer (left) and Angela Sawyer perform at Nick's Comedy Stop this weekend.

week I perform, and a mic that gets 30 people is really slamming. So it's just quieter."

Sawyer didn't start comedy until she was 42, and at 54, she often feels like the oldest comedian at open mics in Boston.

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DANYA TROMMER, *on the reason for her upcoming move from Boston to Philadelphia*

"That oddity is starting to creep into my material," Sawyer says. "And I realized if I moved to a bigger city, I would be on bills where there would be other



DEVIN CONROY (LEFT); CANDICE CONNER

people who were 40. It wouldn't be odd to have somebody over 40."

"And I realized," she adds, "if I don't move, if I don't try out New York for a while and have my New York era, it's going to be too late."

Neither comic is leaving with any ill will toward Boston. They agree the local community was an ideal place for them to start, and they plan to return often.

"Boston will always be home to me," says Sawyer. "I've lived there way too long for anything else to be the case."

Part of the reason Trommer chose BU was because of Boston's comedy community. She became president of the university's stand-up club and started making forays into the local scene, doing gigs like Shawn Carter's debate show, "Pick A Side Stupid," at Maggy's Lounge in Quincy.

"I met so many people, and that was my favorite thing," Trommer says. "And through that, Shawn started booking me on bar shows and stuff."

Trommer was just blossoming into

her comedy career as a paid performer when the pandemic hit. That blunted her ability to grow into the scene a bit, but she still saw success performing at the Boston Comedy Festival and landing a 10-minute "Don't Tell Comedy" special, which debuted last month on YouTube. She'll headline Nick's Comedy Stop for the first time this weekend.

"I've picked up momentum recently, which is really cool, and not something that I ever thought would happen," Trommer says. "Headlining Nick's, if you told that to me even a year ago, I'd be, like, you're absolutely insane."

Talking to Trommer and Sawyer, there is a sense that neither of them are pursuing stand-up to become celebrities. They are both looking to recharge creatively by finding a new environment and looking for something a little deeper than industry rewards.

"I used to want to be famous, you know, be a famous comedian, but I think it's kind of morphed now," says Trommer. Wherever she moved, there had to be a comedy scene, but she also wanted to be able to do other things, like go see live music. "[Comedy is] something that I absolutely love, and want to keep pushing at it. But I have other passions too, and when I neglect those other passions, I become a very sad person."

As a self-described weirdo, Sawyer wants to carve out a unique creative space for herself.

"My goal isn't necessarily to get on TV," Sawyer says. "And my goal isn't necessarily to be in a writer's room. I actually like stand-up, and not the 14 things that are adjacent to stand-up. So I think the goal is to find a place where I can be the most me."

"I realized I could fit in here," she adds. "I didn't come here to get famous necessarily. I just came here to go to open mics and be happy about it."

Down-bill acts jazz up Newport

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important unsung jazz heroes from the traditional to avant-garde that attracted the critics and gave the festival an artistic credibility."

Seventy years after Wein organized his first festival on a makeshift bandstand at the Newport Casino, his philosophy endures. Under the leadership of his handpicked successor, Jay Sweet (who also oversees the Newport Folk Festival, which Wein cofounded in 1959), and longtime artistic director Christian McBride, the Newport Jazz Festival remains one of the concert world's best annual showcases for new music discovery.

As usual, this year's headliners at Fort Adams State Park feature an abundance of jazz and jazz-adjacent fixtures, including the prolific bandleader Kamasi Washington, the adventurous rock and soul artist Brittany Howard, and pianist Robert Glasper, whose fusion experiments over the past two decades have ushered jazz into the hip-hop era. Pop fans of a certain age will be plenty familiar with Elvis Costello, the British songwriter who has made a career of genre-hopping, and Nile Rodgers, whose band Chic helped define the sound of disco. And younger fans have been flocking to shows by Laufey, the Icelandic princess who has made bossa nova chic again.

Curious ticketholders will be eager to find out how the hip-hop superstar André 3000 translates his debut solo album, "New Blue Sun," to the stage. The 2023 album, which featured the erstwhile rapper playing various wind instruments in a New Age setting, took the music world by surprise.

But the biggest rewards at Newport often reveal themselves during daytime slots by lesser-known performers. Witness Samara Joy, who made her Newport debut in 2022. By the time she returned in 2023, she'd been named Best New Artist at the Grammy Awards. For her three-peat appearance next weekend, she'll arrive as one of the week-end's most recognizable names.

It's a safe bet that one or two of this year's secondary acts will follow in those giant steps. We've highlighted a few below.

Shabaka

For the past decade or so, Shabaka Hutchings has been a leader of his native England's jazz revival. With his groups Sons of Kemet and The Comet Is Coming, now billed just under his first name, he plays saxophone, clarinet, and flute. His recent solo debut, "Perceive Its Beauty, Acknowledge Its Grace," is a meditative travelogue.

Julius Rodriguez

Just 25, the classically trained pianist also plays drums and guitar and has toured with A\$AP Rocky and accompanied Wynton Marsalis, among many others. Like several of this year's Jazz Fest performers, Rodriguez has been featured on one of NPR's Tiny



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Julius Rodriguez (above) and Alex Isley (below) will perform in Newport.



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Desk Concerts, which can be career-making.

Chief Adjua

This "newcomer" has actually been in the spotlight for nearly two decades. Born Christian Scott, the New Orleans multi-instrumentalist has at least a dozen albums and a half-dozen Grammy nods under his belt. But the Berklee graduate has been reborn in the image of his grandfather, Big Chief Donald Harrison Sr., the late, longtime Mardi Gras Indian leader. On "Bark Out Thunder Roar Out Lightning" (2023), his first album released under his new name, Adjua sets aside his customary trumpet in favor of several brass instruments of his own design as well as the "Adjua bow," a hybrid West African-style harp.

Anat Cohen Quartetinho

Led by another Berklee alumnus, this intimate "little quartet" marks a departure for the Tel Aviv native, whose other recent work has featured a tentet. She plays clarinet and saxophone and often delves into Brazilian music.

Alex Isley

Her last name should be familiar: She's the daughter of Ernie Isley of the Isley Brothers. Just as her father helped

define the "Quiet Storm" era of the 1980s with his band's slow jams, the singer specializes in sultry R&B. She claims she has synesthesia: "There's a canvas in my mind, and the whole thing is painted, or it's a continuous wave of color."

Amaro Freitas

After debuting a few years ago with a modern twist on Brazilian jazz, the pianist has been venturing deeper into the Amazon. His latest album, "Y'Y," uses prepared piano and various whistles to mimic the sound of the rain forest itself. Shabaka Hutchings, guitarist Jeff Parker, and harpist Brandee Younger each appear on the album, and they're all booked at Newport, too, ensuring more of the festival's trademark cross-pollinating sets.

Lianne La Havas

Born in London to a Greek father and Jamaican mother, at a young age she attracted the attention of Prince, who featured La Havas during a 2014 appearance on "Saturday Night Live." Following the 2020 success of her self-titled song cycle about a breakup, her latest single is a guest spot with the Brazilian legend Milton Nascimento, from an album he's set to release with Esperanza Spalding.

Cimafunk

When this Cuban bandleader and his exuberant entourage packed the small stage at the Brighton Music Hall in September 2022, it felt like an exorcism for the pandemic. He's been anointed as the new funk master by none other than George Clinton: "He's the one, the new one — straight off the Mothership."

Luke Stewart

With his various ensembles, the upright bass player is keeping alive the spirit of "creative music" — the radical free jazz of the 1960s and '70s. He's part of the literary-themed group Irreversible Entanglements, whose 2017 debut has been cited as one of the decade's best. Like the Newport Jazz Festival itself, Stewart spans the past, present, and future. "He holds so much history," the poet Camae Ayewa recently told The New York Times. "He's a genius in that regard, of how he considers the generations before him."

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'Instigators' is a crime

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Think I'm being hyperbolic about the crime-movie numbers? Even "The Instigators" knows I'm right. When Ron Perlman's corrupt mayor can't get into his safe full of kickbacks and bribes (because of his aforementioned bracelet being stolen), he yells out, "What the [bleep] happened to the city of Boston? You can't find one [bleeperbleeper] to crack a [bleeperbleepin'] safe!"

"The Friends of Eddie Coyle" this is not.

At least Perlman's line is the rare funny one that lands. "The Instigators" wants to be amusing and irreverent while it partakes in car crashes, high-speed chases, and numerous gasoline-based explosions. But its characters are not smart criminals, and their incompetence tests the limits of believability. They ramble on and argue incessantly, even when their survival depends on silence. It's not a good sign when you're agreeing with the villain's complaint about how hard it is to find good help.

The film opens with a reunion of Damon and Hong Chau, the stars of Alexander Payne's dismal 2017 film "Downsizing." Damon plays Rory, an ex-Marine whose wife divorced him, and Chau is Dr. Rivera, his shrink. Rory is her patient; his depression stems from the fact he can't afford to pay the child support and legal fees that will allow him to see his son. The amount in question is — you guessed it — \$32,480.

Affleck plays Cobby, a drunk who enlists little kids to blow into the Breathalyzer attached to his motorcycle so he can drive it to a Quincy bar run by Mr. Kelly (André De Shields, the film's one bright spot). Cobby just finished a two-year bid, covering for his friend Scalvo (Jack Harlow) after their last criminal deal went awry.

Now Scalvo has a new deal for Cobby, pulling a heist for business owners Mr. Besegai (Michael Stuhlbarg) and his partner, Richie Dechico (Alfred Molina). They plan to rob the election HQ of Mayor Miccelli (Perlman) on the night of the mayoral election runoff. The campaign will be too busy celebrating to notice.

This plan is based entirely on the prediction that Miccelli will beat his competitor, Mark Choi (Ronnie Cho). I don't have to tell you what happens in that election, do I?

Rory becomes part of this plan out

MOVIE REVIEW

★½

THE INSTIGATORS

Directed by Doug Liman. Written by Casey Affleck and Chuck MacLean. Starring Matt Damon, Affleck, Hong Chau, Ving Rhames, Jack Harlow, Michael Stuhlbarg, Alfred Molina, André De Shields. 101 minutes. At Alamo Drafthouse Seaport, suburbs (on AppleTV+ starting Aug. 9). R (wicked cah crashes and profanity)

of desperation. He's not a criminal by any means, but he's the most logical person in the trio — including Scalvo and Cobby — to execute the robbery. In what passes for a cinematic Boston accent nowadays, Mr. Besegai calls this motley crew "a buncha Woody Woodpeckahs."

Once everything goes sideways (and Scalvo gets his face blown off by Miccelli's security detail), Rory and a wounded Cobby go on the run. Along the way, they enlist the help of Dr. Rivera to dig out Cobby's bullet (she's an E.R. MD, too). She tells them to pretend she's a hostage so she can avoid being an accessory to their crime.

Throughout the ordeal, Dr. Rivera constantly asks Rory how he is feeling, as if he were lying on the couch in her office, even when he's driving her car in a getaway chase scene inexplicably set to Petula Clark's "Downtown." It's all very dumb, and not in a fun way.

Meanwhile, Besegai and Richie also go on the run after being visited by a corrupt cop played by a slow-moving (yet still intimidating) Ving Rhames. They attempt to hike to Quebec in the dead of winter. A mid-credits sequence shows their fate. I don't have to tell you what that is, either.

It's sad when a film wastes the talents of so many fine actors. Sad for us, that is, because I'm sure they were all paid handsomely.

"The Instigators" is being called a Boston homecoming for Damon (I guess those Dunkin' ads don't count). It's also a re-teaming of Damon with his "Bourne Identity" director, Doug Liman, whose work has seen far better days. Their reunion brings bad-movie shame to a city formerly known for great heist movies.

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APPLE

Matt Damon and Casey Affleck in "The Instigators."



In ‘Dìdi,’ being 13 brings nothing but bad luck

By Odie Henderson
GLOBE STAFF

“Dìdi” is advertised as a movie “for anyone who’s ever been a teenager.” That tagline should be amended to read “a teenager *in 2008*.” Writer-director Sean Wang fills the screen with AOL Messenger, MySpace, skateboarding, the early days of YouTube, and other details designed to feed the nostalgia machine churning out movies for millennials born on the cusp of Gen Z.

Even if you’re not in that age group, you’ll still find much to enjoy in this film. Perhaps you’ll see some remnants of your own adolescence in the trials and tribulations of Chris (Izaak Wang), the 13-year-old Taiwanese-American protagonist who’s nicknamed “Dìdi” by his family. I found him to be unlikable and irritating. He got on my last nerve, to use a phrase I often heard from my own mother when I was 13.

But there’s no law that says you have to like the main character for a movie to be good. “Dìdi” deservedly won the US Dramatic Special Jury Award for Ensemble at Sundance. It is very well acted by Wang, who is supported by a cast that includes Joan Chen as his mother, Chungsing, and Shirley Chen as his older sister, Vivian. Chang Li Hua is also great as Nai-Nai, the type of mother-in-law advice columnists hear about all the time.

About to enter a Bay Area high school with his buddies, Hardeep (Tarnvir Singh), Fahad (Raul Dial), and Soup (Aaron Chang), Chris tries to fit into his new surroundings by any means necessary. Meanwhile, his hormones are raging and his home life drives him crazy. It’s a confusing time, and “Dìdi” has no intention of making things easy for him. Wang’s screenplay puts Chris through a gauntlet of missteps and embarrassing situations, occasionally resorting to surreal imagery to make things even more cringey.

“Dìdi” also realistically depicts adolescents experimenting with drugs, booze, and sex. There’s a scene with a game called “Are You Nervous?” that might make some parents nervous.

Chris urinates in his sister’s eczema lotion when she makes him mad, lies



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Izaak Wang (top) plays a 13-year-old Taiwanese-American boy and Joan Chen (above) is his mom in “Dìdi.”

MOVIE REVIEW

★★★

DIDI

Written and directed by Sean Wang. Starring Izaak Wang, Joan Chen, Shirley Chen, Chang Li Hua, Tarnvir Singh, Raul Dial, Aaron Chang. At Coolidge Corner, AMC Boston Common, Landmark Kendall Square. 94 minutes. R (the teens drink, cuss, do drugs, and try to get lucky)

repeatedly, and at one point denies his father’s Asian heritage by saying he’s white. If I spoke to my mother at 13 the way he speaks to Chungsing, I’d still be grounded at 54. (Who am I kidding — my mother would have stuffed me into a cannon and shot me into the sun.)

In the opening scene, Chris blows up a mailbox which, we later learn, had a dead squirrel in it. Don’t worry. The squirrel gets his revenge.

“Dìdi” reminded me of Todd Solondz’s horrifying and hilarious teenager movie, “Welcome to the Dollhouse,” which was made the same year Chris was born. It also has a teenage protagonist we’re supposed to empathize with, Dawn Wiener, played by Heather Matarazzo. Like this film, “Dollhouse” doesn’t shy away from showing that Dawn can also be as pet-

ty and mean as her tormentors.

Director Wang has more affection for Chris than Solondz had for Dawn Wiener, which makes “Dìdi” lose some of its sting near the end. But I sense that Wang sees himself in Chris; the result feels like a memory-lane trip combined with an exorcism of the demons that trip conjured up.

If nothing else, “Dìdi” understands, to an astonishing degree, what it’s like to be an awkward teenage boy. But it also finds some empathy for the older sister who clashes with her brother nonstop, yet is there for him in a desperate moment, and for friends who hurt each other out of fear rather than malice.

Most surprisingly, the film has a lot of love for Chungsing, an artist whose career has stalled while she raises two angry kids on her own. Her husband is in Taiwan, but his mother lives with her and is extremely critical of almost everything. Chen conveys an unwavering love for her children (no matter how disrespectful they get) while also wondering what might have been had she built an art career rather than a family. Her final scene with Chris may hit you where you live.

“Dìdi” reminds us that our parents aren’t just our parents — they’re people who have their own hopes and dreams. It’s not just about us.

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‘Kneecap’: the somewhat true tale of an Irish-language hip-hop group

By Odie Henderson
GLOBE STAFF

“Kneecap” is a fictionalized biopic about a rap group from Belfast that caused controversy by rapping in the Irish language. The members of Kneecap — Naoise Ó Cairealláin (a.k.a. Móglaí Bap), Liam Óg Ó Hannaidh (a.k.a. Mo Chara), and JJ Ó Dochartaigh (a.k.a. DJ Provai) — play themselves and perform several musical numbers in the film.

Knowing nothing about this group, I went to the film’s press kit. It told me that Kneecap the band had been “banned by Irish State Broadcaster RTE. Kicked out of their own headline show in Dublin. Publicly condemned by the political party the DUP.”

I saw few of those details dramatized. What I got was a frenetic, repetitive movie that looked as if writer-director Rich Peppiatt had seen “Trainspotting” too many times. It runs out of story about midway through, and spends more time attempting to make these guys look cool than showing us the importance of their acts of linguistic civil disobedience. Their Irish lyrics are meant to draw attention to the endangered language, which was once banned by the British and, at the time of Kneecap’s ascent, still hadn’t been given the same native-language status as English.

“Kneecap” could have told a richly defined story of national pride and identity, but instead it becomes nothing more than a “snobs vs. slobs” comedy. Except here, the snobs might try to kill the slobs. It’s also a stoner movie that, despite its Danny Boyle-like antics and amoral stance on drug use, is no more sophisticated than the cinematic canon of Cheech & Chong. By the fourth time I was bombarded with a drug-fueled visual joke, I began to lose interest.

For star power and international box-office draw, Peppiatt cast Michael Fassbender as Naoise’s IRA revolutionary dad, Arlo, who must disappear and fake his own death to evade capture. Fassbender, who rose to fame playing IRA member Bobby Sands in Steve McQueen’s “Hunger,” even gets to tell a Bobby Sands joke, a sign that the movie isn’t afraid of potentially offensive humor. (Funny jokes about The Troubles and the potato famine are also present.)

Fluent Irish speaker Arlo tells the younger versions of his son and Liam that “Every word of Irish spoken is a bullet fired at British imperialism.” His son takes this message to heart.

JJ’s Irish fluency leads to crossing paths with Liam. He’s called to translate when Liam won’t speak English to the officers who collared him for resisting arrest. JJ’s wife usually handles this request — she’s active in the movement to classify Irish on the same level as English — but she’s too impaired to drive. Sensing that the young lad is being railroaded by the evil Detective Ellis (Josie Walker), JJ purposely mistranslates the conversation and slips Liam’s

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KNEECAP

Written and directed by Rich Peppiatt. Starring Naoise Ó Cairealláin, Liam Óg Ó Hannaidh, JJ Ó Dochartaigh, Michael Fassbender, Josie Walker. At Alamo Drafthouse Seaport, AMC Boston Common, Coolidge Corner. 105 minutes. R (sex, drugs, and Irish rap, plus loads of cussing)



HELEN SLOAN

Michael Fassbender (above) and Naoise Ó Cairealláin and Liam Óg Ó Hannaidh (below) in “Kneecap.”

notebook (which has drugs in it) into his own pocket.

As luck would have it, the notebook is full of lyrics. Even luckier, JJ has a studio in his garage that contains two turntables and a mic, as well as mixing boards. He sets the band’s lyrics to beats and, since he must shield his identity to keep his teaching job, JJ puts on a balaclava when he appears onstage. The trio take loads of drugs and, at one point, confuse coke for ketamine.

Conflict comes in the guise of the RRAD, an anti-drug group that shares Kneecap’s political views but violently condemns Liam and Naoise’s drug dealing. There’s also a subplot involving Liam’s relationship with Detective Ellis’s niece, whose pro-British sentiment doesn’t deter his lust. None of this is especially compelling.

“Kneecap” is at its best during the musical numbers. Even if you aren’t fond of its songs, the group has an energy that’s infectious. Still, I couldn’t help but think that the film was not only mocking hip-hop biopics — which is fine — but the music itself, which is not fine. The plot reads as “two working-class drug dealers find success in the rap game — but they’re white!” We’re left with a movie that has the sensibility of “8 Mile” but the effect of “Cool as Ice.”

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RYAN KERNAGHAN

Art lifts up a theater troupe of incarcerated men in ‘Sing Sing’

►“SING SING”
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The result is a love letter to the faces of its cast, making the humanity of their characters inescapable and unforgettable. This is important, as 85 percent of the cast is made up of formerly incarcerated participants, most of whom play themselves. “Sing Sing” refuses to pass any judgment while inviting the audience to acknowledge the incontrovertible fact that these people are humans just like us.

During a warmup exercise commissioned by the troupe’s director, Brent Buell (Paul Raci), one of the RTA cast members talks about staring across the Hudson from the prison yard while imagining his mother on the other side. Every so often, she’d walk down the mountain to the river, he tells us, to look at Sing Sing, as if telepathically visiting her son. Perhaps, as her son explains, luck would have it that the two would be looking at the same time, meeting each other’s imagined gaze.

“Sing Sing” is full of scenes like this

one, little moments of storytelling that touch your heart, fill your tear ducts, or make you clench your fists in anger. You don’t see them coming; this is such a delicately made film that its overall gentleness sneaks up on you. Along with the unexpected amount of humor, that gentle tone is the film’s biggest surprise.

Still, Kwedar never lets us forget how intense the taste of freedom is for these men, simply because it’s just out of reach. Sing Sing is one of the few prisons in the world with a commuter train running through it; the sounds of the Metro-North are a regularly scheduled reminder of the world that exists just outside the prison walls.

Though the film has brief moments of crisis and threat, most of “Sing Sing” is concerned with the performance of an upcoming play, and the recruitment of a new actor, Divine Eye (Clarence “Divine Eye” Maclin, playing himself). The troupe is tired of playing tragedies and assumes the population is equally tired of wallowing in misery. As Preston

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SING SING

Directed by Greg Kwedar. Written by Kwedar and Clint Bentley, based on “Breakin’ the Mummy’s Code” by Brent Buell and “The Sing Sing Follies” by John H. Richardson. Starring Colman Domingo, Clarence “Divine Eye” Maclin, Paul Raci, Sean “Dino” Johnson, Sean San José. At Coolidge Corner, AMC Boston Common. 105 minutes. R (lots of profanity, all of it well-earned)

Sturges’s “Sullivan’s Travels” proved, the downtrodden want their entertainment to counter their daily existence.

A comedy is what the troupe demands: one that features Egyptian princes, mummies, time travel, gladiators, a love story, Hamlet, and Freddy Krueger, the razor-fingered killer from “A Nightmare on Elm Street.” Since no

such play exists, Brett decides to write it. The audition scenes are a major highlight in “Sing Sing.”

The play Brent and his RTA members conjure up, “Breakin’ the Mummy’s Code,” really did exist. Like most “based on a true story” movies, “Sing Sing” shows some of the real performance, though its placement is uniquely clever. Also clever is the cameo by the real Divine G, who interacts with his cinematic counterpart without calling attention to the meta moment.

The Divines clash on occasion — Divine Eye is a brash “yard bandit” who shakes down prisoners for money, and Divine G is a more reserved type — but the two form a friendship based on mutual respect and stories about the family they left on the outside. Divine G is also quite close to Mike-Mike (Sean San José), his next door neighbor in their cell block. San José is so good I thought he was the real Mike-Mike; the reason an actor was cast is explained in one of the film’s more haunting tributes.

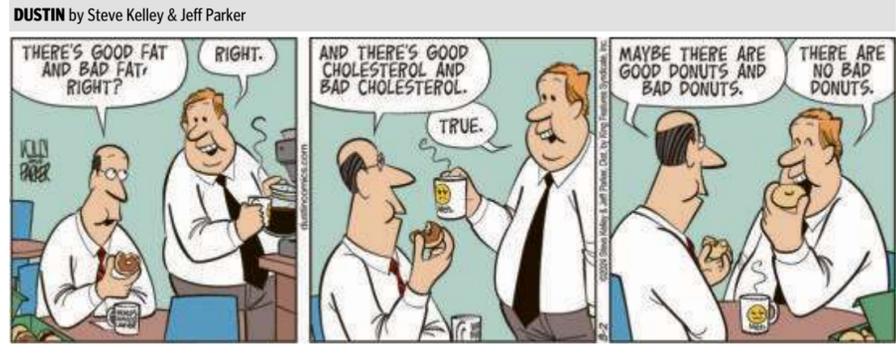
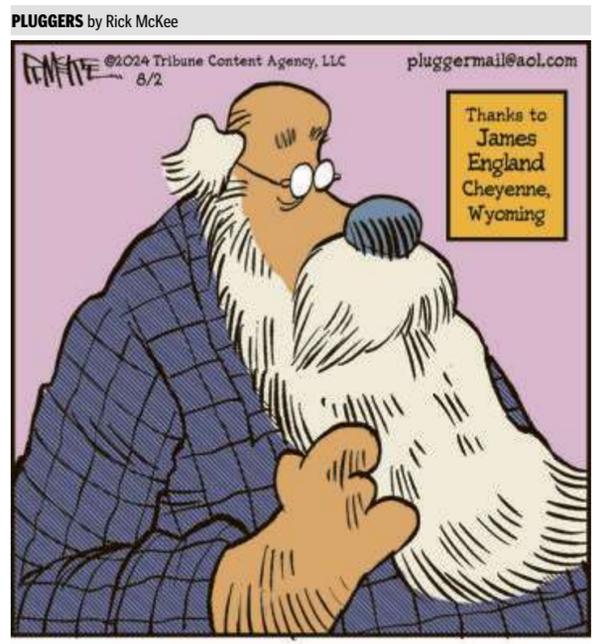
The cast is uniformly excellent, espe-

cially Maclin. Domingo’s work in “Rustin” may have gotten all the buzz at last year’s Toronto International Film Festival, but there was also a less-reported rumble for his performance here, which may be his finest yet. Raci is also spectacular as the soft-spoken motivator who guides the troupe through its paces.

“We here to become human again,” Sean “Dino” Johnson (playing himself) says in a powerful monologue late in the film. “Here” is the RTA program, where art allows a safe space for tough guys to be vulnerable, to show love, and to escape the harshness of prison life by strutting and fretting their hour upon the stage.

But these are not Macbeth’s silenced “poor players” — they will continue to be heard through endeavors like “Sing Sing.” It’s a beautiful film, a must-see that showcases the true power of the empathy machine we call the movies.

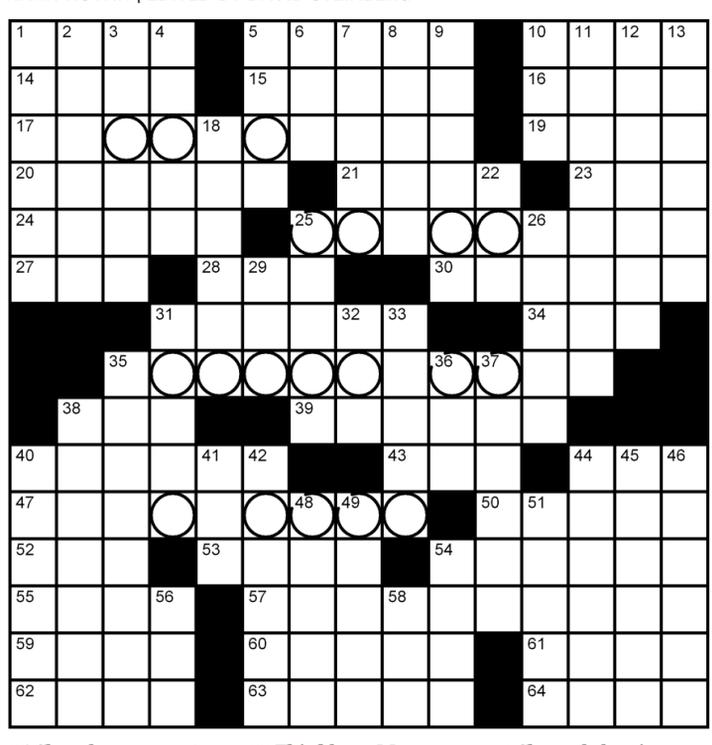
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UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

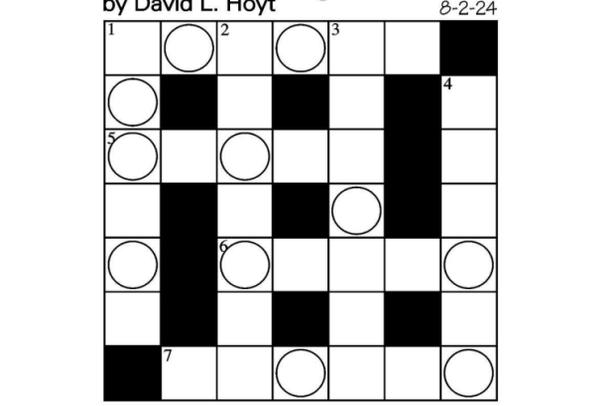
PARTING WORD BY HANH HUYNH | EDITED BY DAVID STEINBERG

- ACROSS**
- 1 Campus military grp.
 - 5 "It's the same for me"
 - 10 Lump of mass
 - 14 Wicked
 - 15 Warrant
 - 16 Hawaiian root
 - 17 Iced tea garnishes (In this answer, note letters 3-6, minus letter 5)
 - 19 Loosen, as a knot
 - 20 Fever and Dream venues
 - 21 Theater production
 - 23 It is contracted long ago!
 - 24 Loses steam
 - 25 Fight card highlight (... letters 1-5, minus letter 3)
 - 27 Creatures in "A Quiet Place," for short
 - 28 Guevara who wore a beret
 - 30 Works at the Met
 - 31 Steam rooms
 - 34 "More Cowbell" show, briefly
 - 35 Exams taken on a treadmill (... letters 2-9, minus letter 7)
 - 38 Slime
 - 39 Japanese dogs
 - 40 Golfer Palmer
 - 43 Beam of sunlight
 - 44 Communication syst. in which "V" is the peace sign
 - 47 Winter footwear (... letters 4-9, minus letter 5)
- DOWN**
- 1 Give an account of
 - 2 Not dwelling on that anymore
 - 3 Dingy gadgets
 - 4 One who might say "I was duped?"
 - 5 Concert equipment
 - 6 "Told ya so!"
 - 7 South American flatbread
 - 8 ___ Vanilli
 - 9 "We've decided to pass on this"
 - 10 AC measure
 - 11 They're lit on the last day of Lunar New Year celebrations
 - 12 Cardinal's counterpart
 - 13 Raises
 - 18 Daytona 500 org.
 - 22 "Uh-huh"
 - 25 Brainy org.



- 14 Alabama city in civil rights history
- 52 Floor covering
- 53 Arnaz of "I Love Lucy"
- 54 Adidas shoes named for Brazilian dances
- 55 43,560 square feet
- 57 Quibble, or a hint to what the four skipped letters spell
- 59 Take out of the freezer
- 60 Instant decaf brand
- 61 Obsessed with
- 62 "___ Like It Hot"
- 63 Commencement
- 64 What a perfect season lacks
- 26 Sleeveless garments
- 29 Former Vietnamese capital, or a tint
- 31 Seat at the bar
- 32 Request
- 33 Mixes
- 35 Baby picture
- 36 Greek H
- 37 Opens up for a doctor
- 38 Third-born Marx brother
- 40 "Oh, crud!"
- 41 Trippy drug
- 42 Childish comeback
- 44 White elephant, for example
- 45 Brainpower
- 46 Rodeo ropes
- 48 Channel showing hearings
- 49 Ovens for potters
- 51 It might bounce back from a sports data, briefly
- 56 She's a sheep
- 58 Eisenhower's nickname

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS



- by David L. Hoyt 8-2-24
- CLUE ACROSS ANSWER**
- 1. ___ movie NTIACO
 - 5. Keepsake LCIER
 - 6. Sharp EUTCA
 - 7. Lake ___ EAGNVE
- CLUE DOWN ANSWER**
- 1. Concurred REAGDE
 - 2. Agriculture LATGILE
 - 3. Block, prevent UDLGCEO
 - 4. Movie theater EAMCIN
- CLUE:** She was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 1988.
- BONUS**
- How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
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Boston's forecast

TODAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 85-90 LOW 72-77 A thunderstorm this afternoon. Winds ESE 6-12 mph. A thunderstorm this evening. Winds S 6-12 mph.

SATURDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 85-90 LOW 71-76 Clouds and sunshine with thunderstorms; humid. Winds SW 8-16 mph. A thunderstorm tomorrow evening; otherwise, humid with low clouds. Winds SW 7-14 mph.

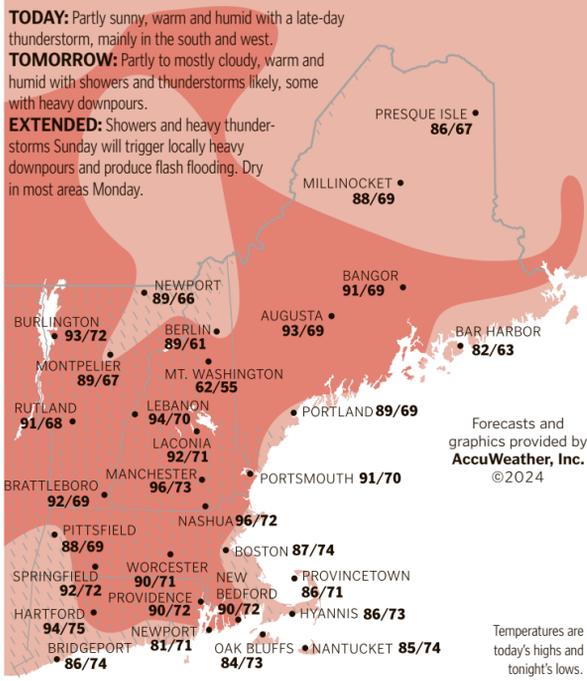
SUNDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 82-87 LOW 70-75 Showers and a heavier thunderstorm. Winds WSW 7-14 mph. Partly to mostly cloudy and humid at night. Winds W 7-14 mph.

AccuWeather

MONDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 83-88 LOW 67-72 Partly sunny with an afternoon and evening thunderstorm. Winds WSW 8-16 mph. A thunderstorm Monday evening; otherwise, partly cloudy. Winds W 7-14 mph.

TUESDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 74-79 LOW 64-69 A shower in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy. Winds SSE 7-14 mph. Partly cloudy at night. Winds S 4-8 mph.

New England forecast



Almanac

Yesterday's high/low 95°/74° Sunrise 5:38 a.m. Sunset 8:02 p.m. Moonrise 3:13 a.m. Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday) Weather Dense fog Visibility 0 miles Wind west-northwest at 27 m.p.h. High/low temperature 59/55 Snow depth at 5 p.m. 0.0"

24 Hr. Precipitation

Yesterday Trace Month to date 0.00" Year to date 30.44" Precip days in August 0 Norm. month to date 0.11" Norm. year to date 25.05"

Tides

Table with columns for A.M., P.M., High tides, and locations like Boston, Gloucester, and Hyannis Port.

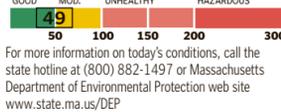
New England marine forecast

Table with columns for Wind, Seas, and Temp for locations like Boston Harbor, East Cape, and Buzzards Bay.

Allergies

Trees Weeds Grass Mold Absent Low Absent N.A. Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality



SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART East dealer — Both sides vulnerable

North ♠ 10 9 2 ♥ K Q ♦ K 5 2 ♣ J 8 6 5 2 West ♠ Q 8 6 5 ♥ 7 3 ♦ Q J 7 4 ♣ 10 9 3 East ♠ K 7 3 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A 10 9 8 3 ♣ A Q 7 South ♠ A J 4 ♥ A J 10 9 8 5 2 ♦ 6 ♣ K 4

Opening lead — ♦ Q

On a bitter-cold day last winter, my club's heating system had decided to throw in the towel. The usual warmth had given way to a meat-locker chill, but the penny game was still on. One player had on earmuffs, another was handling the dummy, as best he could, wearing gloves.

"They're determined," an overcoated kibitzer said. "It's a case of 'Many are cold, but few are frozen.'"

Things heated up in today's deal. At four hearts, South ruffed the second diamond, led a trump to dummy and passed the 10 of spades, losing to the queen.

South ruffed the diamond return, led a trump to dummy and returned a second spade. His jack won, but he couldn't get back to dummy. He had to lead clubs from his hand, losing to East's A-Q. Down one.

"Your play wasn't so hot," North grumbled. South's brain must have been frozen. When he wins the first trump in dummy, he must lead a low spade to his jack. When back in dummy, he lets the 10 ride. Then he can lead toward his king of clubs.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K 7 3 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A 10 9 8 3 ♣ A Q 7. You open one diamond, your partner bids one spade, you raise to two spades and he tries 2NT. What do you say? ANSWER: Partner's 2NT is a try for game and suggests about 11 points, balanced pattern and probably four spades. Since your values are near-minimum, you can't accept, nor should you go to three spades with only three-card support. To pass might be best; a sound option is to bid three diamonds.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 2, 2024: You are direct and straightforward, and you identify with your goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This month is a poor time to buy computers, cars, trucks, or cell-phones, because Mercury is retrograde. Forewarned is forearmed. This is why delays and silly mistakes will haunt you at work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Old flames are back in your world, and this will continue for the next month. (This will be interesting for some, and horrific for others, depending on the romantic history from your past.) Some of you will also hear from your kids who have been out of touch for a while. Tonight: A surprise encounter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your ruler Mercury is retrograde this month, which is why it's the classic time for family reunions. Even if you don't have an official family reunion, you can expect to hear from family members who have been out of touch.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have a bit of a challenging month ahead, because Mercury is retrograde, and this could create transportation problems for you — flat tires, engine problems, whatever. You can also expect mixed-up communications this month. Tonight: Rebellious!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This month, checks in the mail will be late and financial transactions will be delayed or lost because Mercury retrograde is taking place in your Money House. This month is a poor time to buy ground transportation or electronics. Tonight: Secrets are revealed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) On Sunday, Mercury will go retrograde in your sign and stay that way for the rest of the month, which is why you're bumping into ex-partners and old friends from your past. This could be an excellent opportunity for closure or clarification. Tonight: A friendly surprise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Because Mercury will be retrograde for the rest of this month, you will have an excellent opportunity to do research of any kind. It will be easy for you to delve into the past or study history. Admittedly, it can create confusion and mixed-up messages with others. Tonight: You may encounter authority figures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will hear from friends and members of groups from your past this month, because Mercury retrograde is taking place in your House of Friendships. It's good to have history with others. Expect to be hearing from people you haven't talked to in a long time. Tonight: Plans change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) For this entire month, Mercury will be retrograde at the top of your chart, which is a signal that you'll hear from bosses, parents, and authority figures from your past. This might be pleasant, or

not. Prepare yourself for these surprise encounters. Tonight: Check your finances. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Travel plans might be delayed, canceled, or radically changed this month because of Mercury retrograde. Likewise, appointments might be delayed or even canceled. Make sure you are up on the latest details. Assume nothing. Tonight: Expect a curveball.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) This month will be a challenge because Mercury retrograde will trigger delays and problems related to your job. Confused communications, late deliveries, equipment breakdowns and computer problems will be classic. On the upside, it will be easy to finish old business. Tonight: Guard your pets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Like Virgo, you will probably hear from ex-partners and old friends from the past this month. You might want to consider how you look when you go out. (Living well is the best revenge.) Expect some surprise encounters. Tonight: Check your kids.

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Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MARK FEENEY



NETFLIX

"Mountain Queen: The Summits of Lhakpa Sherpa" is now streaming on Netflix.

Way, way up there in Netflix's 'Mountain Queen'

It sounds like a Hallmark Channel brand extension into extreme sports. A Nepali woman who's summited Mount Everest nine times now lives in West Hartford, Conn., where she works at a Whole Foods to support her two daughters, Sunny and Shiny. She resolves to go back to the Himalayas and climb Everest again, hoping to inspire her girls. That's a tall order, even for so expert a climber of the world's tallest mountain. "I want to change my life for my children," she says. Here's the thing, though: Lhakpa Sherpa is an actual person, and that really is her story. Sherpa, 50, is the subject of Lucy Walker's "Mountain Queen: The Summits of Lhakpa Sherpa." After a brief theatrical run earlier this month, the documentary started streaming on Netflix Wednesday. The child of yak farmers, Sherpa was one of 11 siblings; being female, she received no formal education. In 2000, she became the first Nepali woman to summit Everest and survive. That final word indicates how high the stakes are in the Himalayas. She left her abusive husband, also a

mountaineer, in 2012. The remarkable details accumulate. Another is that Sherpa holds the record for most female summits of Everest. But all of those details put together still aren't as remarkable as the woman they apply to. Walker's documentary has elements of travelogue and mountaineering film and feminist parable — mother-daughter drama, too (Shiny goes to Nepal with her mother, Sunny stays home). What Walker's really made, though, is a character study, a character study of an indomitable woman whose indomitability extends well beyond getting to the top of Everest. Maybe Netflix didn't plan it this way, but "Mountain Queen" arrives doubly well timed. With this humid summer weather, those snow-capped mountain vistas look awfully inviting — assuming, that is, you don't have to climb them. And the Olympics are well underway. It's such a thrill to see all these athletes competing in Paris soar high and triumph. But no athlete — or anyone still subject to gravity — has soared higher or more triumphantly than Lhakpa Sherpa.

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

He's phubbing me (and others)



Meredith is seeking questions about everything from dating and marriage to life after divorce. Scan the QR code to make your anonymous submission.

Q. My partner and I are 30, live together, and are getting married next month. I genuinely love him. After four years, we have worked hard to have healthy communication. I think we've come a long way. However, my main issue is ... his phone. He is on his phone constantly. If you're picturing what that might look like in your mind, double that.

If we're having a conversation on the couch, he is scrolling. If we're enjoying a glass of wine with my parents at their house, he is scrolling. I even see him do it at baseball games or while watching his favorite shows, so I know it isn't just when he's bored. (Multiple people have told me he is on his phone a lot, too.) It is something that I've more or less brought up about 30 times. I tell him often, "Can you get off your phone while we chat about this," or "Please put your phone away so we can both pay attention to the movie." Sometimes he listens, but sometimes he gets defensive. He tells me that I'm on my phone a lot, too, etc. It's become something that bothers me a lot and I don't know if this requires a bigger, sit-down conversation.

I told him recently I'd like to prioritize time together where we have each other's undivided attention, so we decided to cook together more often and go on date nights every Friday night, but I still think the phone issue is not going away on a daily basis. I don't want this to become an argument but I feel like every time I see him take out his phone, I get irrationally angry. I truly think at this stage in our relationship, so close to marriage, our life together feels really wonderful. I just don't want him to pass his life by on his phone. I would love advice on how to approach this.

PHONE POLICE

A. I'm so sorry. The phone thing is difficult because it seems like it's not a big deal — everybody's on their phones, right? — but it's annoying, hurtful, and can ruin relationships. There have been a bunch of studies about "phubbing" (what they call it when someone snubs you for their phone). Months ago, I spoke to one researcher at the University of Bath — Yasin Rofcanin — who told me that people who are phubbed at home can feel negative effects in the workplace. It messes with their ability to be creative — and it's especially bad for women — which I have theories about. (Perhaps I'll write a bit more about that.)

Other studies show that using a phone around a partner can contribute to loneliness over time. You could show your partner what comes up when you google "phubbing" — because the science says it all. Also, it might help to ask, on any given night when he takes out his phone, "Hey, do you need some time alone?" Because he might need more space. Sometimes when I grab my phone, it feels like compulsive behavior — like I can't sit still with my own thoughts, or that I'm so used to being entertained

and getting up-to-the-second news that I'm drawn to more scrolling. (I'm working on this; the election cycle is not helping.) Other times, though, it's a way to dismiss myself from the rest of the world.

If I'm with friends for two hours — even people I adore — the phone might give my introvert brain a way to take a break. It would be better if I said to loved ones, "Hey, I need to power my brain down for a bit," but sometimes the phone is in my hand before I know it. Maybe offering to walk away will help him assess his needs.

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

People who are in need of constant stimulation and/or distraction with their phones have some unaddressed mental health issue going on. BONECOLD

You're getting married in a few weeks, you have to accept the guy who he is at this point. LUPELOVE

You have carved out at least two times each week where he is not on his phone when with you. That's a good start. It sounds like he has an addiction and that is going to take time to break. Give him time to break it, assuming that is what he wants, and celebrate the small victories along the way. SUNALSORISES

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