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US judge rules Google is 'a monopolist'

Landmark decision says it abused search dominance; may limit Big Tech's power

By David McCabe
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Google acted illegally to maintain a monopoly in online search, a federal judge ruled Monday, a landmark decision that strikes at the power of tech giants in the modern internet era and that may fundamentally alter the way they do business.

Judge Amit P. Mehta of US District Court for the District of Colum-

bia said in a 277-page ruling that Google had abused a monopoly over the search business. The Justice Department and states had sued Google, accusing it of illegally cementing its dominance, in part, by paying other companies, such as Apple and Samsung, billions of dollars a year to have Google automatically handle search queries on their smartphones and web browsers.

"Google is a monopolist, and it

has acted as one to maintain its monopoly," Mehta said in his ruling.

The ruling is a harsh verdict on the rise of giant technology companies that have used their roots in the internet to influence the way we shop, consume information, and search online — and indicates a potential limit of Big Tech's power. It is likely to influence other government antitrust lawsuits against Google, Apple, Amazon, and Meta, the owner of Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp. The last significant antitrust ruling against a tech company targeted Microsoft more than two

decades ago.

The decision is a major blow to Google, which had fiercely defended itself against the allegations. Internet search is a core driver of the company's profits, and the ruling could have major ramifications for its future success, especially as Google spends heavily to compete in the race over artificial intelligence.

Monday's ruling did not include remedies for Google's behavior. Mehta will now decide that, potentially forcing the company to change the way it runs or to sell off part of

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Recession fears fuel deep slide for stocks

Investors worry that Fed decision to keep rates high will trigger major job losses

By Larry Edelman
GLOBE STAFF

Fear is back on Wall Street.

Stock prices plummeted on Monday, led by the same big-name tech stocks that had powered this year's rally, as investors here and abroad grew panicky that a deteriorating job market could drag the US economy into a recession.

The sell-off extended losses sustained on Friday after the Labor Department reported weak job growth for July and an unexpected rise in unemployment.

The losses abated somewhat after a stomach-churning morning plunge, but the Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the day down 3 percent, its biggest decline in nearly two years. The Dow Jones industrial average lost

Dow
-2.6%

S&P 500
-3%

Nasdaq
-3.4%

►Dow drops 1,000 points in sell-off. D4.

2.6 percent and the tech-laden Nasdaq Composite index fell 3.4 percent.

While past market darlings such as AI chip giant Nvidia (down 6.4 percent) and Apple (down 4.8 percent) were hard hit, the damage was widespread. Small stocks, which enjoyed a sharp runup in July amid hopes of falling interest rates, also got

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'We have to take the risk of dialogue. We have to try to listen and hear each other.'

ARCHBISHOP-ELECT RICHARD G. HENNING



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During a Mass in Bethany Chapel in Braintree on Monday, Bishop Richard G. Henning (right), of Providence, embraced Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley. The archbishop-elect said he was humbled by the size and history of the Boston Archdiocese.

A NEW SHEPHERD FOR THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL

Archdiocese introduces Bishop Henning of Providence as cardinal's successor

By Danny McDonald, John R. Ellement, and Shelley Murphy
GLOBE STAFF

BRAINTREE — Boston's next archbishop struck a tone of humility Monday as he was formally named the successor to Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, who will retire this fall after more than 20 years at the helm of the region's 1.8 million-member Roman Catholic community.

"I am not worthy of this call," said archbishop-elect Richard G. Henning, who was tapped by Pope Francis for the role, during an introductory press conference at the archdiocese's pastoral center in Braintree. "I was deeply shocked and surprised by this call."

The news of O'Malley's retirement was not unexpected — he turned 80 in June, and can no longer vote in papal elections as a cardinal — but it represents the end of an era in Boston, the two-decade aftermath of the explosion of the sex abuse scandal here and around the world. After years of settlements, policy revisions, church closings, and efforts to rebuild the church's financial stability, O'Malley, a distinctive figure in his brown Capuchin robe and white beard, will be replaced by a relatively unknown, much younger man, who has served less than seven years as bishop, not quite two years of which were spent in Providence.

The new bishop will face a raft of issues that are riddling Greater Boston, including

a migrant crisis, a housing and affordability crunch, and an opioid scourge, to say nothing of a politically polarized society.

Henning described himself as neither an activist nor a politician, but rather "a sinner in need of grace." He said he was humbled by the size and history of the Boston Archdiocese.

"I'm not that exciting," said Henning, 59, who is currently the bishop of Providence.

Henning and O'Malley were peppered with questions on a wide array of topics — immigration, abortion, election politics, clergy sex abuse — during the half-hour news conference. Henning's rhetoric was plain-spoken and conciliatory.

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Family faced financial ruin before tragedy

Murder-suicide report details lies, events that preceded deaths in Dover

By Dana Gerber
GLOBE STAFF

When police officers first walked into the stately foyer in the Kamal family's 21-room mansion in Dover on Dec. 28, they found a typed message on a piece of paper — intended, it appeared, for the person scheduled to retrieve the keys for the foreclosed property that day.

"Please Note," it read, "Before entering call the Police to first check three bedrooms on the second floor. Each room will be marked by a white sheet of paper."

Behind those doors, police soon found, were the bodies of Teena and Rakesh "Rick" Kamal and their daughter, Arianna Kamal. Authorities would later determine that Rick Kamal killed his wife and daughter in their beds, before turning an unregistered Glock pistol on himself in a second-floor bathtub.

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For nonprofit pharmacy users, a bitter pill

Program that allows steep drug price discounts faces industry call for cutbacks

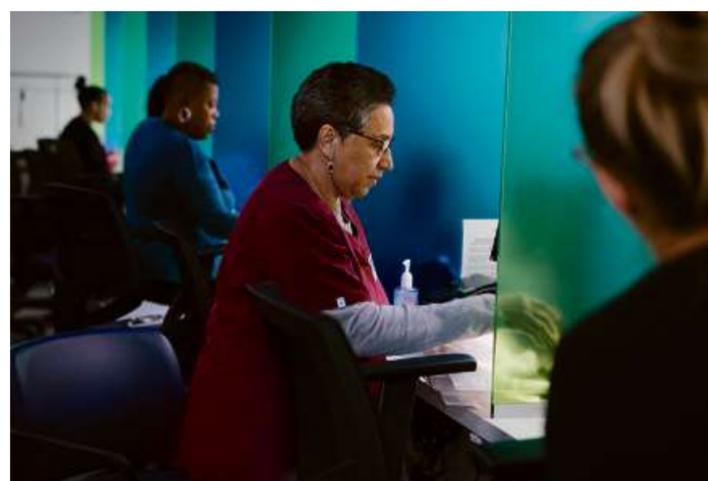
By Thomas Lee, Diti Kohli, and Tiana Woodard
GLOBE STAFF

BROCKTON — Since the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center opened its own pharmacy more than a year ago, the facility has acted as an oasis for a community that sorely lacks drugstores.

As CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid closed hundreds of stores across the state in recent years, nonprofit community pharmacies like the one in Brockton — and others in Dorchester, South Boston, and Roxbury — have stepped up to fill the void.

But they face an uncertain future. Drug companies and front-line providers have been battling over a rapidly growing federal program that these

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As chain pharmacies close, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center helps fill a gap, passing on to customers savings from a drug discount program.



What a drip

Tuesday: Cloudy, showers.
High 70-75, low 60-65.

Wednesday: A pleasant day.
High 66-71, low 60-65.

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Taking aspirin on a regular basis can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer for individuals who have unhealthy habits like smoking, drinking, or leading a sedentary lifestyle, Harvard scientists reported. **B1**.

A health system that operates hospitals for low-income people said it made a bid for all Steward Health Care hospitals in Massachusetts but couldn't reach an agreement. Steward is planning to close two of those hospitals. **D1**.

Tropical Storm Debby slammed Florida with catastrophic flooding and was blamed for multiple deaths, with historic Southern cities next in its path. **A2**.

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The Nation

Storm brings record rain to Florida

Multiple deaths, widespread flooding reported

By Jeff Martin and Christopher O'Meara
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HORSESHOE BEACH, Fla. — Tropical Storm Debby slammed into Florida on Monday with torrential rain and high winds, contributing to at least four deaths in the state and the rescue of hundreds from flooded homes before turning menacingly toward the Eastern Seaboard's low-lying regions and threatening to flood some of America's most historic Southern cities.

Record-setting rain was causing flash flooding, with up to 30 inches possible in some areas, the National Hurricane Center said.

About 500 people were rescued from flooded homes in Sarasota, Fla., a beach city popular with tourists, the Sarasota Police Department said in a social media post. It was one of the cities hardest hit by flooding on Monday.

"Essentially we've had twice the amount of the rain that was predicted for us to have," Sarasota County fire Chief David Rathbun said in a social media update.

Just north of Sarasota, officials in Manatee County said in a news release that 186 people were rescued from flood waters.

"We are facing an unprecedented weather event with Hurricane Debby," said Jodie Fiske, public safety director for Manatee County public. "The safety of our residents is our top priority, and we are doing everything in our power to respond effectively to this crisis."

A flash flood emergency was issued into Monday evening for the Lake City area in the north central part of the state, where



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Flooding from rain and storm surge in Cedar Key, Fla. The slow moving storm headed toward Georgia and the Carolinas.

up to a foot of rain had fallen and more was expected.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis warned that the state could continue to see threats as waterways north of the border fill up and flow south.

Debby made landfall along the Gulf Coast of Florida early Monday as a category 1 hurricane. It since has weakened to a tropical storm and is moving slowly, covering roads with water and contributing to at least five deaths.

A truck driver died on Interstate 75 in the Tampa area after he lost control of his tractor trailer, which flipped over a concrete wall and dangled over the edge before the cab dropped into the water below. Sheriff's of-

fice divers located the driver, a 64-year-old man from Mississippi, in the cab 40 feet below the surface, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

A 13-year-old boy died Monday morning after a tree fell on a mobile home southwest of Gainesville, according to the Levy County Sheriff's Office.

And in Dixie County, just east of where the storm made landfall, a 38-year-old woman and a 12-year-old boy died in a car crash on wet roads Sunday night. The Florida Highway Patrol said a 14-year-old boy who was a passenger was hospitalized with serious injuries.

In southern Georgia, a 19-year-old man died Monday afternoon when a large tree fell

onto a porch at a home in Moultrie, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Nearly 200,000 customers remained without power in Florida and Georgia on Monday afternoon, down from a peak of more than 350,000, according to PowerOutage.us and Georgia Electric Membership Corp.

Airports were also affected. More than 1,600 flights had been canceled nationwide, many of them to and from Florida airports, according to Flight-Aware.com.

The potential for high water also threatened Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. Local leaders in Savannah said flooding could happen in areas that don't usually get high water if Debby

stalls out over the city. With winds and rainfall expected to worsen overnight, authorities issued a curfew from 10 p.m. Monday until 6 a.m. Tuesday.

In South Carolina, Charleston County interim emergency director Ben Webster called Debby a "historic and potentially unprecedented event" three times in a 90-second briefing Monday morning.

North Carolina is also under a state of emergency after Governor Roy Cooper declared it in an executive order signed Monday. Several areas along the state's coastline are prone to flooding, such as Wilmington and the Outer Banks, according to the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program.

Pelosi driven to defeat Trump

She details effort to push Biden out

By Carl Hulse
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — To hear Representative Nancy Pelosi tell it, her quiet but firm push to get President Biden to withdraw from the 2024 race was a simple matter of the ruthless political math that she has spent decades honing a talent for on Capitol Hill.

"My goal is defeat Donald Trump," Pelosi, the former speaker, said in a recent interview before the release this week of a book on her years in Congress. "And when you make a decision to defeat somebody, you make every decision in favor of that. You don't mess around with it, OK? What is in furtherance of reaching that goal? I thought we had to have a better campaign."

To the former speaker, the imperative to end Trump's political career far outweighed the need for any deference to Biden, particularly since Democrats were at grave risk of losing the House and Senate if the president remained on the ticket. She seemed willing to accept the consequences of anger from Biden and his inner circle considering what was at stake.

The book, titled "The Art of Power," is Pelosi's retelling of major moments of critical decision-making during the Iraq War, a catastrophic financial meltdown, the passage of the Affordable Care Act, and multiple clashes with former president Donald Trump, among other events.

But it may be her most recent deft exercise of political finesse and muscle — one that took place well after the book was written — that will stand as a final testament to Pelosi's stature as the Democratic Party's premiere powerhouse of recent decades. In a formidable display of her enduring clout, she helped persuade the incumbent president to abandon his reelection bid to give her party a better chance of holding the White House in November.

Pelosi plays down her role in nudging Biden aside and insists the decision was his alone to make. The former speaker said she did not initiate calls with colleagues, trying to dispel claims that she had orchestrated the ouster of Biden, a longtime ally. But if Democrats triumph this fall after staring down the prospect of a resounding defeat, the maneuvering by Pelosi — along with personal appeals to Biden from Democratic congressional leaders Senator Chuck Schumer and Representative Hakeem Jeffries, both of New York — may turn out to be among her most significant acts over her career.

The words Pelosi and power have been inextricably linked in Washington for more than 20 years, and her book sets out to document how she did it. She rose to the top at a time when men presumed to dominate in Congress and hold women beneath the "marble ceiling," a term she uses in a nod to the common building block on Capitol Hill that is far more difficult to break than glass. She was prompted to run for the party's No. 2 leadership post in 2001, after a string of congressional losses to Republicans that began in 1994. She won that race and became the top House Democrat a year later, a position she held until 2022.



Nancy Pelosi said she knew what was at stake.

DAILY BRIEFING

Chief to face charges over newspaper raid

TOPEKA, Kan. — Two special prosecutors said Monday that they plan to file a criminal obstruction of justice charge against a former central Kansas police chief over his conduct following a raid last year on his town's newspaper.

In an lengthy report summarizing the findings of their investigation, the special prosecutors, Sedgwick County District Attorney Marc Bennett and Riley County Attorney Barry Wilkerson, note that the staff of the newspaper that was raided, the Marion County Record, committed no crimes.

It wasn't clear whether they planned to charge former Marion Police Chief Gideon Cody with a felony or a misdemeanor. The prosecutors also hadn't filed their criminal case as of Monday. It could be days before they file it, because they were working with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, which stepped in at the request of its Kansas counterpart.

The prosecutors detailed events before, during, and after the Aug. 11, 2023, raid on the Record and the home of its publisher, Eric Meyer. The report suggested that Marion police, led by Cody, reached "erroneous conclusions" that Meyer and reporter Phyllis Zorn had committed identity theft or computer crimes.

Cody had accused Meyer and Zorn of identity theft to get a local business owner's driving record to get warrants for the raid. Prosecutors say that Cody obstructed a subsequent probe by omitting two pages of a written statement made by the business owner after the raid.

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FISH ARE JUMPIN' —

Participants tried to catch Asian carp in nets as they competed in Betty DeFord's Original Redneck Fishin' Tournament in the Illinois River on Sunday in Bath, Ill. The tourney targets Asian carp, an invasive species that has been destructive to the natural ecosystem.

Marijuana sales set to begin in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Recreational marijuana sales will begin across Ohio on Tuesday when the state issues its first operating certificates.

Nearly 100 medical marijuana dispensaries will be able to begin sales immediately, although it's not clear how many will be ready to open, the Division of Cannabis Control said Monday.

Many will be ready right away while others could be delayed by staffing or inventory issues.

The first round of operation certificates will go to 98 locations, according to the Division of Cannabis Control.

Ohio voters last November overwhelmingly approved allowing those over 21 to possess, purchase and grow limited amounts of cannabis for personal use.

But recreational sales remained on hold while the state set up a regulated system for legal marijuana purchases and worked out other rules.

The new law allows adults 21 and over to buy and possess up to 2.5 ounces of cannabis and to grow up to six plants per individual or 12 plants per household at home.

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S. Dakota court revives abortion lawsuit

The South Dakota Supreme Court has reversed a judge's ruling that dismissed a lawsuit aiming to remove an abortion rights initiative from the November ballot.

The court reversed the order of dismissal and sent the case back for further proceedings. The antiabortion group Life Defense Fund had appealed Judge John Pekas's ruling that dismissed its lawsuit seeking to invalidate the measure.

Life Defense Fund co-chair Leslee Unruh said the group is thrilled.

"[Measure leader] Rick Weiland and his paid posse

have broken laws, tricked South Dakotans into signing their abortion petition, left petitions unattended, and much more," she said. "Dakotans for Health illegally gathered signatures to get it on the ballot, therefore it should not be up for a vote this November."

The measure would bar the state from regulating "a pregnant woman's abortion decision and its effectuation" in the first trimester, but it would allow second-trimester regulations "only in ways that are reasonably related to the physical health of the pregnant woman."

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Bloomberg News apologizes over prisoner swap story

Bloomberg News apologized and disciplined employees on Monday for prematurely publishing a story last week that revealed a prisoner exchange involving the United States and Russia that led to the release of detained American journalist Evan Gershkovich.

Bloomberg's story, released before the prisoners had actually been freed, violated the

company's ethical standards, John Micklethwait, Bloomberg's editor, said in a memo to staff.

The company would not say how many employees were disciplined and would not identify them. The story carried the bylines of Jennifer Jacobs, senior White House reporter for Bloomberg News, and Cagan Koc, Amsterdam bureau chief.

Besides Wall Street Journal reporter Gershkovich, the exchange freed Paul Whelan, a Michigan corporate security executive jailed since 2018, and Alsu Kurmasheva, a journalist with dual US-Russia citizenship. In return, the US and other countries gave up Russians who had been charged or convicted of serious crimes.

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NEW YORK TIMES

Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich had been charged with espionage.

The World

DAILY BRIEFING

Starmer blames UK violence on 'far-right thuggery'

LONDON — British Prime Minister Keir Starmer said Monday that a “standing army” of specialist police would be set up to deal with rioting, and that the justice system would be ramped up to handle hundreds of arrests after violent disorder rocked cities across the nation over the past week.

Starmer convened an urgent meeting after lawlessness he blamed on “far-right thuggery” that was driven in part by misinformation on social media that whipped up anger over a stabbing rampage at a dance class that killed three girls and wounded 10 people. False rumors spread online that the suspect was a Muslim asylum-seeker led to attacks on immigrants and mosques.

“Whatever the apparent motivation, this is not protest. It is pure violence and we will not tolerate attacks on mosques or our Muslim communities,” Starmer said.

On Sunday, angry mobs attacked two hotels used to house asylum seekers, breaking windows and lighting fires before police dispersed the crowds and residents were evacuated.

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US hands over its last military base in Niger

WASHINGTON — The US military turned over control of its last base in Niger to local forces Monday, ending a years-long counterterrorism mission in the West African country even as violent extremism remains on the rise in the region.

A group of US troops boarded an Air Force cargo plane and flew out of a \$110 million air base in central Niger that was built with Pentagon money, among the last of 1,000 personnel that Washington had agreed to pull out by Sept. 15.

“The withdrawal of US forces and assets from Air Base 201 in Agadez is complete,” the Pentagon’s Africa Command said in a statement, referring to the installation in central Niger.

Relations between the on-close partners soured after Niger’s military toppled the civilian-led government last year and ordered the US troops to leave. Military juntas in Mali and Burkina Faso have also ordered US and French troops out in recent months, and US officials are now scrambling to find new security partners in coastal West Africa.

NEW YORK TIMES

Thousands rally for Pakistan’s jailed ex-leader

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Thousands of supporters of Pakistan’s imprisoned former prime minister rallied Monday in the country’s volatile northwest to mark the first anniversary of his arrest and demand his immediate release, officials said.

The protest is part of Inram Khan’s Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf or PTI opposition party’s campaign aimed at pressuring the current government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to free him without any further delay.

The rally was held in Swabi, in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, where the PTI rules.

More than 10,000 supporters of Khan were seen waving the party’s flags and chanting slogans in his favor in Swabi. Top party leaders in their speeches told the demonstrators that Khan would soon be among them, though they did not elaborate. It was one of the biggest protests since 2022 when Khan was ousted in a no-confidence vote in the parliament.

Khan was arrested in August 2023 after a court in Islamabad handed him a 3-year jail sentence in a graft case.

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Facing protests, Bangladesh leader quits

Army announces her flight; power struggle expected

By Saif Hasnat and Shayeza Walid
NEW YORK TIMES

DHAKA, Bangladesh — They came prepared for violence. A day after about 100 people were killed in antigovernment protests, hundreds of thousands took to the streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh’s capital, defying a curfew imposed by the government and demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

They got their wish. After 15 years of increasingly autocratic rule during which she crushed the opposition and brought the armed forces and the judiciary under her control, Hasina bowed to pressure and, according to the military, quit her post and fled the country in a helicopter.

The downfall of her government, in a country known for its messy and sometimes bloody politics, plunged Bangladesh into lawless uncertainty and all but guaranteed that there will be a fresh battle for power between leaders of her political party, the Awami League, and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, its main opposition.

It remained unclear what role the military, which has seized power in the past, will play — or whether it had a hand in persuading Hasina to leave. On Monday afternoon, General Waker-uz-Zaman, the Bangladesh army chief of staff, announced her departure and said he would request the formation of an interim government.

Neither Hasina, 76, nor the Awami League made any public comment on the head-spinning turn of events that few people had predicted.

The recent unrest began



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Protesters carried a member of the army on their shoulders as they celebrated the prime minister’s resignation Monday.

with student-led demonstrations against a quota system for government jobs, but they quickly broadened into protests against a government seen as increasingly authoritarian, and were met with a brutal crackdown. Thousands were arrested and scores were killed.

Student leaders had initially called for a march Tuesday but decided to accelerate that timetable, moving the event to Monday after about 100 people died in clashes Sunday. In a video message, Asif Mahmud, a protest leader, said: “The time has come for the final battle. Come to Dhaka to be a part of history.”

The Hasina government declared a curfew Sunday evening. However, protesters defied the curfew Monday morn-

ing despite police barricades and heavy security. Later that day, the security forces made little effort to enforce the curfew.

In Dhaka, what could have been a day of street battles turned into a street party, as many jubilant protesters, shaking their fists in celebration, marched through the city center. Thronging alleys and streets, demonstrators waved national flags and bandanas, booed Hasina and called her a dictator, and then cheered the announcement that she was gone.

“It is the victory of the students, the victory of the people. After a long time, we are happy to be out of a dictatorial regime,” said one demonstrator, Towfiqur Rahman, who said he

was preparing for an entrance exam for a government job. “You can suppress anger for a while, but it erupts. Today is proof of that.”

The celebrations soon descended into vandalism and rioting. Unchecked, the crowd stormed Hasina’s official residence and made off with its contents, including furniture, house plants, and even the former prime minister’s chickens. A protester put up a Facebook post posing with what he said was “Hasina’s sari.”

Monsur Ali, a garment worker, said he was among the thousands who entered the prime minister’s residence, where he took a plate. “We went there out of anger,” he said. “Nothing is left there.”

Protesters attacked the offices and homes of other members of the Awami League. They stormed the parliament building, setting seats on fire. Amid swirls of smoke, demonstrators stood on tables and chairs and ran across the main parliamentary floor.

They also set fire to the residence where Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Hasina’s father, who played a key role in the founding of Bangladesh, was assassinated in 1975.

The decision to move the protest march to Monday in defiance of the curfew may have left Hasina unprepared to deal with the enormous throngs of protesters making their way toward her official residence, known as Ganabhaban.

Rocket attack on base in Iraq injures US troops

UN fires staffers as probe finds likely Oct. 7 role

By Vivian Nereim and Farnaz Fassihi
NEW YORK TIMES

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A rocket attack targeting US personnel housed at a base in Iraq’s western desert injured several American troops late Monday, according to American defense officials.

The attack on Ain al-Asad Air Base resembled previous ones carried out by Iran-backed Iraqi armed groups, which have targeted the base repeatedly over the past several years but intensified their attacks after Israel’s war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip began in October.

The latest attack involved at least two rockets that hit inside the base’s perimeter, according to a US official and Iraqi witnesses near the site of the attack. The base had been target-

ed at least twice in the past three weeks, and there was also an attack late last month on a small base in eastern Syria where US Special Operations forces work with Syrian Kurdish troops to tamp down the Islamic State group.

Initial reports were that at least five people were injured in Monday’s attack and that the wounded included both US troops and contractors.

The attack came as diplomats across the Middle East worked to contain escalating tensions between Israel and Iran as fears grew of a widening conflict in the region and Iran vowed to retaliate for the killing of a senior Hamas leader, Ismail Haniyeh, on Iranian soil.

With Israel’s war with Hamas raging in the Gaza Strip, the killing of Haniyeh last week in Tehran has intensified concerns among Arab and US officials that an even broader regional conflict could erupt. Israel has not publicly taken responsibility for the killing,

but Iran and Hamas have both blamed Israel, and US intelligence has assessed that Israel was behind it.

Israel’s defense minister, Yoav Gallant, who was briefed on the country’s air-defense readiness Monday during a visit

sile-shooting warships to the Middle East in response to the threats from Iran and its proxies, the Pentagon said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that Israel would “exact a heavy price for any act of aggression against

pear to be part of the major retaliation that Hezbollah had threatened in the wake of an Israeli strike last week that killed Fouad Shukur, one of the group’s senior commanders, in the southern suburbs of Beirut.

Foreign ministers from Islamic countries are to gather in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday for an “extraordinary” meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation that was called to discuss “the continued crimes of the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people,” including Haniyeh’s killing, the organization said in a statement.

Iran requested the meeting.

Also on Monday, the United Nations said it fired additional staff members from its agency for Palestinian refugees, bringing the total to nine employees terminated, after an investigation found they may have been involved in the Oct. 7 attack against Israel.

Material from the Associated Press was used in this report.



FEARS OF ESCALATION IN MIDEAST

The killing of senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh has sparked vows of retaliation.

to a military command center, said, according to a government statement, “We must be prepared for anything — including a swift transition to offense.”

In a separate statement, the Israeli government said Gallant had briefed the US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin overnight on Israel’s “readiness to defend Israel against potential threats posed by Iran and its proxies.”

Austin on Friday ordered more combat aircraft and mis-

us, from whatever quarter.”

Israel faces threats of retaliation not just from Iran, but also from Iranian-allied groups including the Houthis in Yemen and Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah and Israel continued to trade cross-border fire Monday, with an Israeli airstrike killing two people in southern Lebanon, according to Lebanon’s Ministry of Health.

But those attacks did not ap-

Hundreds in Israel mark birthday of child held hostage

By Melanie Lidman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV — Hundreds of Israelis sent orange balloons into the air Monday to mark the fifth birthday of one of two children held captive by militants in the Gaza Strip.

Ariel Bibas, along with his 1-year-old brother Kfir, has become a symbol of the struggle to release the hostages. The orange balloons are meant to symbolize Ariel and Kfir’s bright-red hair.

During its Oct. 7 attack, Hamas killed 1,200 people and took some 250 people hostage, according to Israeli authorities. Among the 110 still held hostage, the Bibas boys are said to be the only children. Israeli authorities say more than a third of the remaining hostages are no longer alive, though Israel

does not consider the Bibas boys to be part of that tally.

Ariel Bibas’s relatives said they were stunned to be marking the birthday while Ariel was still in captivity, 304 days after he was kidnapped.

“It’s unbelievable. It’s something we never imagined, that Ariel will turn 5 as a hostage,” said Tomer Keshet, a cousin of Ariel’s father, Yarden.

Ariel, Kfir, and parents Shiri and Yarden Bibas were kidnapped from Kibbutz Nir Oz on Oct. 7. Video of the kidnapping, with Shiri seen swaddling her two redheaded boys in a blanket and being whisked away by armed men, ricocheted around the world in the hours after the attack.

In January, family members marked what they dubbed “the saddest birthday in the world”



MAHMOUD ILLEAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supporters of Ariel Bibas, who is being held hostage by Hamas in the Gaza Strip, marked his fifth birthday.

as Kfir turned 1 year old. Keshet said he believed there were major differences between how Kfir and Ariel were experiencing their time in captivity.

“The difference between a

child and a baby is that a child understands, a child knows that the situation is terrible, a child knows what a birthday is,” he said.

On Monday, hundreds of

supporters gathered in Tel Aviv to march with photos of Ariel wearing Batman costumes. He loves all of the superheroes, and Batman especially, said a relative, Jimmy Miller, who wore a shirt with Batman on it in Ariel’s honor. He showed a picture of a beaming Ariel at his nursery school before his kidnapping.

Kfir and Ariel Bibas were among the youngest of about 30 children taken hostage Oct. 7. Under a weeklong temporary cease-fire in November, Hamas released 105 hostages — including foreign nationals, women, children, and teens — but Shiri Bibas and her sons were not among them. Yarden Bibas, who was taken captive separately, appears in photos to have been wounded during the abduction.

With this giant asteroid, curiosity, not fear, soaring

Scientists rush to prepare for close encounter

By **Lizette Ortega**
WASHINGTON POST

A massive space rock will go hurtling past Earth in a few years, zooming by 10 times faster than a bullet.

This is the first time an asteroid of its size is coming close enough that people in parts of Western Europe and Africa will see it soaring across the sky like a fast-moving star, no fancy telescopes or binoculars required. Around 2 billion people will get to witness this rare event.

To be clear, the asteroid is not going to hit Earth — not in our lifetime nor our children's lifetimes, anyway. Instead, as if the universe was making a joke, the space rock will make an eerily close flyby on Friday the 13th in April 2029.

The asteroid is named Apophis, and it will come closer to

Earth than the satellites that make weather monitoring possible and about 10 times closer than the moon.

"Nature is performing this once-per-several-thousand-years experiment for us. We have to figure out how to watch," said Richard P. Binzel, a professor of planetary science at MIT.

Apophis is an opportunity to study asteroids like never before. Getting a close-up look at Apophis will help scientists figure out how to protect our planet against an asteroid that wants to throw a punch at Earth in the future.

But missions to space take years to develop and there are less than five years before Apophis makes its close approach to Earth.

"We're running out of time," said Jason Kalirai, executive for space formulation at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

Apophis is about as wide as the Eiffel Tower is tall. Though scientists do not have pictures of

the asteroid yet, they have used radar data to surmise that Apophis is roughly peanut shaped.

After it was discovered in June 2004, by scientists at the Kitt Peak National Observatory, researchers calculated a 2.7 percent chance that the asteroid's encounter with Earth in 2029 would be a violent collision, not a harmless flyby.

"If it was to encounter a populated area, it could take out a city the size of New York," said Daniella DellaGiustina, lead scientist on a NASA mission to Apophis called OSIRIS-APEX.

Apophis made such a bad first impression on the world that it was named after the Egyptian serpentine god of darkness and chaos.

It was not until March 2021 that scientists were able to rule out an Apophis-Earth collision for at least the next 100 years. Using a 230-foot-long radio antenna in California, scientists collected the data they needed to remove Apophis from NASA's Sentry Impact Risk Table, a list

of asteroids with some chance of affecting Earth in the next century.

Apophis will come within 20,000 miles of Earth. When two objects come close in space, they exert forces on each other. Just like Earth experiences tidal forces generated by the moon, Apophis will feel tidal forces generated by Earth.

While the moon's gravitational pull causes high tides on Earth, Earth's gravitational pull might cause mini asteroid quakes on Apophis. Apophis's flyby will mark the first chance to view seismic activity on an asteroid.

Now that scientists know Apophis will not collide with Earth, they have turned their attention to another problem: how to make it to Apophis in time.

"What are we doing about Apophis? I would say not enough," Kalirai said.

Though Apophis has been a source of fascination for two decades, no one knows what it actually looks like. Many of its ba-

sic properties remain unknown, including its mass and structure.

Recently, Earth's planetary defense capabilities were put to the test by NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test, or DART, in which researchers at Johns Hopkins successfully smashed a spacecraft into an asteroid to change its orbit.

While the researchers are proud of DART, they emphasized that Earth's self-defense tool kit is not complete. Planetary defense is not just about throwing celestial uppercuts. Scientists need to be able to locate asteroids and study their characteristics to mount an effective response.

"Apophis is an opportunity to practice what kinds of characterization efforts could be done to better understand a particular object. Lessons from that can be applied in the future when we find an asteroid coming our way," said Terik Daly, a planetary scientist on the DART and OSIRIS-APEX missions.

NASA's OSIRIS-APEX mis-

sion will redirect an existing spacecraft so that it characterizes Apophis after its closest approach to Earth. The mission will study how the asteroid was affected by Earth's gravity using high-resolution images of Apophis's surface.

The OSIRIS-APEX spacecraft can also use its thrusters to kick up dust on the asteroid. With this capability, scientists will learn how strong Apophis's surface is, which will inform how to deflect it in the future if needed.

If the asteroid has a tough surface that does not break easily, an impact approach like DART might not be effective in changing the asteroid's orbit.

A close inspection of asteroids can also help answer long-held questions about the solar system, including: Where did Earth's water come from? By comparing water on Earth and asteroids, scientists can look for similarities that provide clues about how this important resource arrived on our planet billions of years ago.

Myanmar rebels claim major victory near China border

Military junta on defensive in parts of country

By **Vivek Shankar**
NEW YORK TIMES

A rebel army in Myanmar announced over the weekend it had overrun a regional military base near the border with China in what is likely to be the most significant victory yet for a patchwork of resistance groups that have challenged the country's junta.

On Monday, Myanmar's military rulers signaled that the insurgents had made a major advance, saying the junta had lost contact with the base, the northeastern command in the city of Lashio in Shan state.

The junta leader, General Min Aung Hlaing, said in a speech later Monday that security forces had withdrawn in northern Shan state because they were "prioritizing the safety of the people." He said the rebels were getting weapons and other supplies, including drones and short-range missiles, from "foreign countries," which he didn't identify. Some arms and ammunition were coming from factories just across the China border, he said.

"We need to investigate where these factories are getting their funds and technological support from," the military leader said.

The junta has been on the defensive for months as a broad alliance of rebel militias and pro-democracy groups has made inroads across large swaths of the country. Suffering repeated losses of territory and troops, the junta in recent months has imposed a mandatory draft.

It wasn't immediately clear how the latest development would ricochet in the wider civil war. But the fall of a regional military headquarters — one of 14 in Myanmar and home to thousands of government soldiers — would be a major defeat for the junta, which has been on a war footing for decades. It would also give the rebels control of Lashio, a strategic city, and its airport.

The Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army claimed the victory after weeks of combat. On Saturday, the group's fighters, who are from the Kokang ethnic Chinese minority, posted photos of themselves at the gates of the base. The group also claimed that it had in its custody three senior officers, all generals from the base.

"Senior officers closely supervised and participated in the fighting until 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 3, but contact was lost thereafter," Zaw Min Tun, the military spokesperson, said in an announcement Monday. "Unconfirmed reports indicate that some senior officers have been captured."



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Myanmar has been on a war footing for decades. Rebels now hold roughly 75 cities and towns across the nation.

The commander of the base had reportedly fled to China, and the Kokang group said more than 4,000 troops and their families had surrendered. Those claims that could not be immediately verified.

It would be a historic loss for the Myanmar military, said Khin Zaw Win, a political analyst and director of the Tampadipa Institute, a think tank in Yangon, Myanmar. He added, "This is a crucial military area for the Myanmar military."

The city of Lashio and its airport lie on a crucial trade corridor to Yunnan province in Chi-

na, which is spending hundreds of millions of dollars on a high-speed rail link and other infrastructure projects on both sides of the border.

Beijing expressed support for the Myanmar junta after the country's coup in February 2021 and has tried to mediate between the junta and the rebels. But analysts believe that the rebel advance in Lashio, as well as earlier offensives in the border region, would not have gone ahead without China's approval.

"China has little interest in democracy in Myanmar," Jason

Tower, the Myanmar director at the U.S. Institute of Peace, a nonpartisan research organization, wrote in an analysis last week. He added: "Beijing is also unconcerned about furthering a broader peace: Its so-called mediation efforts center only on manipulating a subset of actors in the conflict to protect Chinese investments and weakening the military's influence in the strategic borderlands to expand China's."

The Myanmar junta is now seeking military assistance from another authoritarian state, Russia. Casting the rebels

as terrorists, Khin Yi, the chair of the Union Solidarity and Development Party, a junta ally, made the plea to Moscow in an interview with a Russian state-owned news outlet Sunday.

The resistance now holds roughly 75 cities and towns across Myanmar and two airports, one in Thandwe in Rakhine state in the west, and the other in Lashio.

Last week's gains in Lashio were symbolic for another reason: The offensive that started last year and is credited with putting the junta on the defensive also began in Shan.

Freedom undercuts efforts to confront Russian oppression, dissident asserts

In his jail cell, Yashin says, he wielded influence

By **Valerie Hopkins**
NEW YORK TIMES

COLOGNE, Germany — Escaping the brutal Russian penal system would seem like blessed deliverance to most inmates. But not to Ilya Yashin, who stunned the world last week when he angrily condemned his inclusion in a sweeping prisoner swap that freed him and a handful of other opposition figures in Russia.

Instead, he portrayed it as an act of duplicity rather than a benevolent humanitarian gesture.

"What happened on Aug. 1, I don't view as a prisoner swap," he said Friday at a news conference in Bonn, Germany, seemingly blinking back tears, "but as my illegal expulsion from Russia against my will. And I say sincerely, more than anything, I want now to go back home."

To those who have followed Yashin's career, his stance should not have been so surprising. He has spent the past two decades in Russia working against Vladimir Putin's authoritarian rule, knowing that doing so would land him in jail and even preparing for it.

In a wide-ranging interview Saturday night just 48 hours after his release, Yashin said the very fact that Russia was willing to free him confirmed "that I was actually a problem for them behind bars."

Since his detention in June 2022, Yashin, 41, had managed to publish essays, letters, and statements against Putin and his invasion of Ukraine.

He was willing to serve his eight and a half-year sentence and had communicated clearly and repeatedly that he did not want to be included in any prisoner exchange. Others who were older or more infirm deserved priority, he said. He did not see his exchange as a concession by the Kremlin, but rather an attempt to deprive him of his moral authority.

"I was well aware that while in Russia, even behind bars — especially behind bars — I could tell the truth and the weight of my words would be quite high," he said in the interview, a few hours after buying new clothes, sneakers, and a simple black watch. "Because when I stay in Russia and take those risks, I'm actually responsible for my words. People hear you much better when you're there. And the fact that I was expelled from Russia proves that I was right."



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Ilya Yashin, first detained in 2022, has continuously opposed Russian President Vladimir Putin's authoritarian rule.

At Friday's news conference, he said, "More than anything, I want to return home." But he said he was told by the Russian security service representative who was accompanying him that if he did so, he would meet the same fate as Alexei Navalny, the late opposition leader. Navalny returned to Russia in 2021 after being poisoned, was immediately arrested, and died this year in an Arctic penal colony.

Yashin said he was also told that returning to Russia would render the exchange of other political prisoners impossible.

Now that Yashin has traded his black prison uniform for civilian clothes, it remains to be seen whether he can make a much harder transition: preaching his anti-Kremlin message to Russians from the relatively comfortable position of freedom in the West.

"Time will tell whether I will be able to remain a problem for them abroad," he continued. "I don't really understand how to be a Russian politician in exile. I don't know how to do it, but I'll try to learn it and try to be effective here, too."

For several decades, as Putin eroded political freedom in Russia — a crackdown that intensified after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 — many Russian dissidents went into exile. Yashin instead went to the dentist; he was sure he would eventually be arrested for speaking his mind, and he wanted his teeth to be in decent shape in jail, where dental care is notoriously lacking.

As authorities effectively criminalized protest and made it illegal to even call the invasion a war, Yashin, who was serving as a municipal deputy in Moscow, used every opportunity to condemn it in the strongest terms.

He knew, he said, that if he wanted to encourage Russians to stand up to Putin, he would have to lead by example, even if it meant going to prison.

In April 2022, as Russia's military withdrew from the suburbs around Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, Yashin appeared on his YouTube channel to condemn the brutal treatment of civilians in Bucha

and the emerging accusations of war crimes by the Russian army. Several months later, Yashin was arrested and charged with "discrediting" the Russian armed forces.

"I acted not only for reasons of my own conscience, but also for pragmatic reasons and politics," he said in the interview. "I wanted to be heard by Russian society, and I understood that I had to be behind bars to do this."

One of the main pillars of his actions in exile, Yashin said, would be "antiwar education for Russian citizens."

"The key task of the free world and the Western world now is to save Ukraine," he said, underscoring that this was his central message to Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany, who greeted the freed prisoners upon their exchange. "Because the front between the good and evil of freedom and tyranny, bigotry and progress, runs through Ukraine. If Putin is allowed to devour Ukraine, he will keep going."

For now, he is adjusting to his new life, one he said he never imagined.

"I need to understand how to exercise this freedom," he said. "I've never lived in exile. I didn't want to live abroad. I never thought about it."

Investors' recession fears fuel a deep slide for stocks

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hammered.

Among Massachusetts' largest stocks, State Street shed 4.7 percent, TJX fell 3.8 percent, and Vertex lost 3.6 percent.

The rout followed sharp drops across Europe and Asia. The bottom fell out of Japanese stocks, which plunged 12 percent, the worst day for the Nikkei 225 index since 1987.

A confluence of factors has hurt investor sentiment since stock prices peaked last month. They include the Federal Reserve's hesitancy to lower interest rates even though it has tamed inflation; concern that the gradual softening in the job market — which the Fed engineered to help cool inflation — would accelerate into an unemployment crisis; and disappointing earnings from tech companies that called into question whether big investments in artificial intelligence would pay off.

The market had been rising since October 2022, and the S&P 500 was up 58 percent after hitting a record high on July 16.

Investors were caught off guard by the disappointing US jobs news and their rush to react accelerated Monday's losses.

The jobs report also handed investors an opportunity to register their frustration with the Fed for its decision Wednesday to leave interest rates at a 23-year high while it awaits further evidence that inflation is under control.

In recent months, data have indicated that both the job market and inflation were cooling. The Wall Street consensus is that the Fed has beaten inflation and it is past time to cut rates to support employment and help the struggling housing market.

Moreover, last month's jump in the jobless rate triggered a reliable recession indicator known as the Sahm Rule.

Claudia Sahm, an economist and former Fed staffer, found that at the start of each recession since 1970, the average unemployment rate over the previous



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Traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Fears about a slowing US economy fueled a sell-off for markets Monday.

three months rose at least 0.5 percentage points from its low over the preceding 12 months. The average jobless rate in May-July exceeded the threshold, data released Friday showed.

Central bankers don't meet again until mid-September. Fed chair Jerome Powell said at a news conference after Wednesday's policy meeting that a cut would likely be on the table.

Investors in futures markets have priced in a more than 80 percent chance that the Fed will cut its benchmark lending rate by one-half of a percentage point in September, rather than make a more customary quarter-point move. That was up from just 6 percent a month ago, and re-

flects the growing conviction that the Fed is behind the curve and will be forced to quickly drop rates to prop up the economy.

There is even talk that the Fed shouldn't wait until its next gathering to act. While an emergency rate move between meetings wouldn't be unprecedented, it could be seen as a sign of panic that spooks investors rather than reassures them.

Powell says the overheated labor market of 2022-2023 has simply returned to its more sustainable level of 2019, before the pandemic turned everything upside down.

And Sahm, who believes the Fed should have cut rates al-

ready, says it's premature to say a recession is underway. Other key indicators — including consumer spending, personal income, and company payrolls — are still on the rise. July's employment data may have been skewed by the impact of Hurricane Beryl. And the unemployment rate may be rising due to an unusual expansion of the labor force — which includes new job-seekers — caused by ongoing fallout from the pandemic and the rise in immigration.

"The market's reaction following the recent US jobs report has been notably swift and intense," Gregory Daco, chief executive at Ernst & Young, said in a note to investors. "However, the

market panic appears disproportionate. In our opinion, the core issue lies with the Fed being behind the curve, in action and in thought, rather than a significant economic downturn."

The job market is losing momentum just as Kamala Harris's presidential campaign is gaining it. A rising unemployment rate would make it harder for the vice president to tout the job growth that occurred during the Biden administration.

Her opponent, Donald Trump, has complained that it would be unfair for the Fed to cut rates just before the election.

Powell insisted that policy makers "don't change anything in our approach to address other

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GREGORY DACO, chief executive at Ernst & Young

factors, like the political calendar."

The economy has been on a good run. Growth in gross domestic product averaged 3.4 percent a year over the past three years, compared with 2.7 percent in the three years before the pandemic. The recession that was widely predicted two years ago never developed.

Most economists don't believe another recession is imminent. But every increase in unemployment brings the economy closer to the inevitable.

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Secretaries of state urge Musk to fix X's AI chatbot

Grok spread false election information

By Sarah Ellison and Amy Gardner
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Five secretaries of state planned to send an open letter to billionaire Elon Musk on Monday, urging him to “immediately implement changes” to X’s AI chatbot Grok, after it shared with millions of users false information suggesting that Kamala Harris was not eligible to appear on the 2024 presidential ballot.

The letter, spearheaded by Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon and signed by his counterparts urges Musk to “immediately implement changes to X’s AI search assistant, Grok, to

ensure voters have accurate information in this critical election year.”

Within hours of President Biden’s announcement that he was suspending his presidential campaign on July 21, “false information on ballot deadlines produced by Grok was shared on multiple social media platforms,” the secretaries wrote.

The secretaries cited a particular post from Grok: “The ballot deadline has passed for several states for the 2024 election,” the post read, naming nine states: Alabama, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington.

Had the deadlines passed in those states, the vice president would not have been able to replace Biden on the ballot. In all nine states, the ballot deadlines

have not passed and upcoming ballot deadlines allow for changes to candidates.

“This latest episode is unfortunate, but it’s also an opportunity to deliver a collective warning about the need for action on behalf of America’s voters,” Simon said in a message to The Washington Post. “We are all united by the goal of ensuring that voters get accurate information — and that they seek out trusted sources for such information.”

A message seeking comment from Musk, who controls X, was not immediately answered.

Musk launched Grok last year as an anti-“woke” chatbot, professing to be frustrated by what he says is the liberal bias of ChatGPT. In contrast to AI tools built by OpenAI, Microsoft, and Google, which are trained to

navigate controversial topics, Musk said he wanted Grok to be unfiltered.

The secretaries of state, who are the chief elections officers in their states, are objecting not to Grok’s tone but its factual inaccuracies and the sluggishness of the company’s move to correct bad information. They are grappling with an onslaught of AI-driven election misinformation, including deepfakes, ahead of the 2024 election.

Many of them are also still beating back the ramifications of widespread false conspiracy theories that plagued the last presidential election. The messages from Grok spurred a public conversation about whether Harris would be a legitimate candidate for president, even though she declared her candidacy well within the necessary state dead-

lines. Such false assertions are the kind of misinformation that helped fuel widespread beliefs in 2020 that the election was stolen from former president Donald Trump.

Another version of Grok’s false information about ballot deadlines included one telling users that ballots for the coming presidential election were already “locked and loaded.”

“It’s important that social media companies, especially those with global reach, correct mistakes of their own making,” Simon added. “Speaking out now will hopefully reduce the risk that any social media company will decline or delay correction of its own mistakes between now and the November election.”

Grok is available only to X Premium and Premium+ sub-

scribers, but the false information about ballot deadlines was “shared repeatedly in multiple posts—reaching millions of people,” the letter read. Grok repeated false information for more than a week until it was corrected on July 31.

The secretaries noted that this year, OpenAI partnered with the National Association of Secretaries of State to give voters correct election information, and ChatGPT has been programmed to direct users to CanIVote.org, a nonpartisan resource from professional election administrators of both major parties. Grok has entered into no such partnerships.

“We urge X to immediately adopt a policy of directing Grok users to CanIVote.org when asked about elections in the US,” the letter concluded.

Union that Trump wooed endorses Harris for president

WASHINGTON — The hospitality workers’ union Unite Here has endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for president, a rejoinder to Republican Donald Trump’s effort to woo restaurant and hotel workers by promising to make their tips tax-free.

Gwen Mills, the union’s president, said Trump was merely “making a play” for votes while Harris has credibility from having supported unions. She discussed the move with the Associated Press before the union’s announcement of an endorsement.

The endorsement includes a commitment by the union to have its members knock on more than 3.3 million doors for Harris in swing states that include Pennsylvania, Michigan, Nevada, Arizona, and North Carolina.

Trump, the former president, proposed excluding tips from federal income taxes during a June 9 rally in Nevada. Both of Nevada’s Democratic senators, Jacky Rosen and Catherine Cortez Masto, have supported Trump’s idea, a sign of its potential popularity.

The Biden administration has countered that tipped workers would be better off with a higher minimum wage. President Biden stepped down from the ballot roughly two weeks ago, and Harris, whose portfolio as vice president includes organized labor, has embraced many of his existing economic proposals. In speeches, she also has pushed for rules to make it easier for workers to unionize.

After replacing Biden, Harris has swiftly consolidated what can be a fractious Democratic coalition, including lining up support from labor unions. The AFL-CIO, which counts Unite Here as a member, has endorsed Harris. The United Auto Workers on Wednesday formally backed the vice president.

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Decision on Harris’s running mate expected early Tuesday

WASHINGTON — Vice President Kamala Harris is expected to reveal her running mate Tuesday morning, a decision that will end a 16-day sprint to vet, interview, and choose a person who could potentially become the future leader of the Democratic Party.

Harris’s announcement, coupled with a major rally she plans to hold with her running mate Tuesday evening in Philadelphia, will also cap a frenzied period that had, in recent days, exposed some of the party’s internal fissures on matters ranging from labor rights to Israel’s military campaign in the Gaza Strip.

With only days to consider a range of contenders, Harris and her team were inundated with unsolicited advice — much of it public. In the final hours, her allies, fellow Democrats, progressive activists, and even some of the potential nominees themselves tried to find ways to sway her decision.

At the center of the maelstrom is Harris, who has fielded input from a small group of advisers, including former president Barack Obama, whom she has consulted on policy and her vice-presidential pick during her whirlwind ascent to the Democratic presidential nomination, according to a person familiar with their conversations.

Two presumed favorites, Governors Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania and Tim Walz of Minnesota, have been checking in with Democratic members of Congress by phone in recent days.

The stakes are high because of the relatively short vetting timeline and the still-in-flux nature of a campaign that had to turn itself into a Harris-centric operation overnight.

This is also one of the most consequential decisions of Harris’s political career. Now her party’s future is in her hands, and powerful Democrats have made their preferences known.

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. arrived at an Albany courthouse to fight a lawsuit accusing him of falsely claiming to live in New York.

Phoenix schools won’t be used as polling sites

PHOENIX — For the first time in as long as anyone can remember, Arizona’s largest public school district isn’t opening its schools to voters as polling sites.

The reasons have been building for years, but the final straw for Mesa Public Schools officials came in November with a small, low-turnout election that became mired in misinformation and menace. “It was very chaotic,” Assistant Superintendent Scott Thompson recalled. “It was overwhelming.”

Although voting was supposed to be done mostly by mail, mistrust led many voters to drive to the schools to fill out their ballots in person, causing traffic jams and confrontations. Voters confused school staff for election workers and harangued them. Some accused school staff of “disfranchising voters” for hosting secure ballot drop boxes.

For generations, public school gymnasiums, classrooms, and cafeterias have been fundamental to American elections. But when voters in Maricopa County — home to Phoenix and more than half of this swing state’s registered voters — show up to make their voices heard in

November, chances are, it probably won’t be at a school. Some will instead head to rented-out storefronts. Others to aquatic centers. Or even a funeral home.

In the eight years since Donald Trump was first on the ballot, hundreds of schools throughout this fiercely contested county are no longer willing to assume the risks associated with holding elections. In 2016, 37 percent of county polling locations were schools, according to a Washington Post analysis of data obtained through a public records request. So far this year, it’s 14 percent.

Heightened safety protocols and sustained attacks on voting systems and the people who run them — largely by Trump and his supporters — have prompted school leaders across America in both red and blue states to close their doors to the democratic process, according to interviews with nearly 20 school district leaders, county officials, and election experts. In at least 33 states, the law says public buildings, including schools, can or should be made available as polling locations. In many districts, administrators now cancel classes on Election Day.

WASHINGTON POST

RFK Jr. contests charges he falsely claimed to live in N.Y.

ALBANY, N.Y. — Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. appeared in a New York court Monday to fight a lawsuit alleging he falsely claimed to live in New York as he sought to get on the ballot in the state.

Kennedy sat at his attorneys’ table, occasionally jotting down notes, as the civil trial began in Albany. Under state election law, a judge is set to decide the case without a jury.

The lawsuit alleges that Kennedy’s nominating petition falsely said his residence was in New York’s northern suburbs while he actually has lived in Los Angeles since 2014, when he married “Curb Your Enthusiasm” actress Cheryl Hines.

The suit seeks to invalidate his petition. The case was brought by Clear Choice PAC, a super PAC led by supporters of President Biden.

“Candidate Kennedy does not reside in the state of New York,” said attorney Keith Corbett in his opening argument.

Kennedy has the potential to do better than any independent presidential candidate in decades, having gained traction

with a famous name and a loyal base. His campaign has said he has enough signatures to qualify in 42 states, so far.

His ballot drive has faced challenges and lawsuits in various states.

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Cori Bush of Mo. reaffirms her views on Mideast, Hamas

ST. LOUIS — Days before she was set to face an AIPAC-backed challenger in an expensive and contentious Democratic primary, Representative Cori Bush of Missouri doubled down on the stance that has put her job in peril.

Standing outside an early-voting location at a public library in Ferguson, on the same streets where she led protests for racial justice in 2014, Bush declined to call Hamas a terrorist group.

“We were called terrorists during Ferguson,” she said of herself and other Black activists who took to the streets after the killing of Michael Brown, an unarmed Black teenager, by a white police officer. “Have they hurt people? Absolutely. Has the Israeli military hurt people? Absolutely.”

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Century after Tulsa Race Massacre, city creates reparations committee

Decision follows decades of debate, bids to ID victims

By Kyle Melnick
WASHINGTON POST

More than a century after one of the worst incidents of racial violence in US history left scores of Black people dead in Tulsa, the mayor announced last week that the city would form a commission to study how reparations could be made to survivors and their descendants.

The announcement was followed Friday by news that an Oklahoma archeology team had exhumed another set of human remains with a gunshot wound — a haunting reminder of the mob violence that ripped through 35 square blocks of what was once a wealthy Black community. The remains were the third set with a gunshot wound discovered since scien-

tists began excavating a cemetery in 2020 to try to identify the Tulsa Race Massacre’s victims.

The developments come after decades of debate over how — if at all — reparations should be doled out to victims and their families for the violence that has limited the economic advancement of generations of Black Tulsans. During the 1921 massacre, a white mob destroyed Greenwood, an all-Black community nicknamed Black Wall Street, leaving as many as 300 Black people dead and 10,000 homeless.

“Our fellow Tulsans were murdered, their homes and businesses torched, their bodies buried in unmarked graves,” Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum said at a news conference Thursday. “And to this day, no one has ever held to account for it. To call it an outrage does not do it justice.”

The committee’s creation was prompted by a 2023 report by the city that recommended more



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Smoke billowed over the Oklahoma city during the Tulsa Race Massacre in 1921.

than a half-dozen types of reparations. Descendants of victims and Tulsa residents said educational opportunities and direct cash payments were the most crucial reparations, according to the report.

The 13-member committee,

called the Beyond Apology Commission, will forge a plan for a housing equity program that is meant to benefit massacre survivors, their descendants, and residents of North Tulsa, particularly the Greenwood District and surrounding neighborhoods. By-

num will select the committee members.

In 2020, the Republican mayor told Tulsa-based TV station KTUL that distributing cash payments “divides the community on something that we really need to be united around.” Debate over compensation led to the cancellation of an event commemorating the bloodshed the next year.

Bynum said at the news conference Thursday that he wants city funds to promote homeownership “and advance the goal of creating intergenerational wealth” among the massacre’s descendants.

Other cities have created groups to decide on reparations for Black residents, including Boston, Washington, D.C., and Chicago. A task force established by the California Legislature recommended billions in reparations last year, and lawmakers set aside \$12 million in their next budget to provide recom-

pense to Black residents.

To learn how Tulsa Race Massacre victims died and whether they’re related to current residents, Bynum announced in 2018 that the city would reopen an investigation into possible mass graves related to the violence. The project has since helped uncover dozens of remains and tombstones in Tulsa’s Oaklawn Cemetery, blocks from Greenwood. In July, scientists identified a victim of the massacre for the first time since 2001.

Vanessa Hall-Harper, a Tulsa city councilor, said in a statement that Tulsa’s creation of a reparations committee alone “does not absolve the city of the wrongs that followed the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.”

“I hope this new Commission will work toward establishing and implementing a reparations program that goes beyond merely apologizing for the atrocity that continues to haunt this city,” she said.

Peril for program that allows steep drug price discounts

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centers rely on — and that costs the pharmaceutical industry tens of billions of dollars each year.

The program, known as 340B, allows community pharmacies to purchase drugs at steep price cuts. But pharmaceutical firms have been heavily lobbying Congress to limit how community pharmacies distribute high-cost drug treatments to patients beyond their physical walls. In a recent congressional hearing, some lawmakers said they might support restricting the program, which could squeeze the finances of places like the Brockton center.

Meanwhile, in the Massachusetts State House, a lawmaker recently introduced an amendment supported by the drug industry that severely restricts how 340B pharmacies can use such discounts. Observers say there is a good chance that at least some of these efforts could pass this year.

Efforts to cut back that program could not only deprive patients of affordable life-saving medications but also cut off an important revenue stream for community pharmacies, said Tom Siepka, chief pharmacy officer of the Community Care Cooperative, a Boston-based organization that supports health centers.

“Without it, I don’t know how these pharmacies stay open,” Siepka said. “The program is a critical lifeline.”

Founded in 1992, the drug-discount program requires drug

makers to offer discounts as high as 25 to 50 percent to hospitals and pharmacies that serve a relatively high number of low-income patients.

The Brockton center acquires about 75 percent of its prescriptions through these federally mandated discounts, with the savings reinvested in lower drug prices for patients, new technology, interpreters, and free home delivery.

“Patients are able to get their medication more quickly, more efficiently, in a language they understand with a team that they trust,” said chief medical officer Joseph Panerio-Langer.

Danielle McGrath counts herself as pretty lucky. The 32-year-old only has to walk 10 minutes once a week to pick up her medications and talk to a pharmacist at the Brockton center.

“The people there are so helpful to me,” McGrath said. “It’s a lot easier to get my prescriptions now.”

Today, the pharmacy serves about 39,000 patients and dispenses about 1,000 prescriptions a day, more than three times the average volume at a CVS or Walgreens. The facility even employs a high-tech robot that organizes deliveries.

But the rapid expansion of the discount program has drawn the ire of the drug industry, which fully pays for 340B. In 2022, health care organizations purchased \$53.7 billion worth of discounted outpatient drugs, compared with \$9 billion in 2014, government data show. 340B now represents the largest federal prescription drug pro-



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

A patient picked up prescriptions at Brockton Neighborhood Health Center's nonprofit community pharmacy.

gram.

One reason for the explosive growth: the rapid emergence of “specialty drugs,” a term developed by the industry to describe innovative, high-cost treatments for chronic, complex diseases such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, HIV, and hepatitis C.

Over the past decade or so, specialty drugs have become a boon for major pharmaceutical firms including Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, and Eli Lilly. Today, such drugs account for more than 50 percent of all drug spending, a figure that exceeds \$300 billion.

Many hospitals and community pharmacies such as the one in Brockton that receive the federally mandated discounts can’t sell specialty drugs because they lack the necessary expertise to administer such sensitive treatments, which can carry potentially significant side effects. In-

stead, they contract out these prescriptions to for-profit Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, and Rite Aid stores and split the fees.

These sorts of arrangements — combined with a change under the Affordable Care Act that allowed providers to contract with unlimited pharmacies to obtain the cheaper drug prices — have contributed to a rapid expansion of pharmacies receiving the discounts: 30,000 in 2021 compared with under 1,300 in 2010, according to an analysis by Drug Channels Institute.

Alarmed at the growing costs, the pharmaceutical industry has been pushing back, saying the federal discount program has strayed from its original purpose.

“Since 2010, we’ve seen the program shift to being a profit stream for hospitals and the pharmacies they interact with,” said Nicole Longo, a spokesper-

son for Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. “We want the discounts to go to patients that need them, which are the low-income and uninsured.”

Drug giant Pfizer is funding efforts by the Pioneer Institute in Boston to track 340B discounts. The free-market think tank compiled data that it says show 61 percent of such pharmacies in Massachusetts are located in affluent neighborhoods, including Wellesley and Swampscott. Patients there often have private insurance, which pays higher rates for drugs that the pharmacies acquire at the same discounted price as they would for Medicaid patients.

Drug makers have been pushing officials to limit the number of pharmacies a hospital or health center can contract with to just one, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Congress is also considering several bills aimed at reforming the program. A bipartisan group of senators has crafted a bill that would codify drug makers’ obligations to sell drugs at discounted prices but also require regular audits.

In June, a Republican-led House subcommittee signaled support for a bill favored by the pharmaceutical industry that would require hospitals to report how they use their savings from discounts. It would also clarify eligibility requirements in a way that could restrict the discounts.

Siepka of Boston’s Community Care Cooperative said any effort to restrict the number of

pharmacies that providers can contract with will ultimately hurt the finances of places such as the Brockton clinic.

Pharmacies often lose money on drugs because the payments they receive from insurance companies don’t cover the full cost of purchasing and administering the prescriptions. Therefore, contracting out discounted specialty drugs offers them a crucial source of revenue.

Experts say nonprofit community pharmacies need to survive, especially as CVS, Walgreens, and Rite Aid continue to close stores. They could never replace large chains — CVS alone operates about 400 drugstores in Massachusetts, while there are roughly 50 community health centers — but these mission-driven facilities can alleviate the harms when for-profit pharmacies close.

The financial stability of these centers, then, is critical for patients.

Ellen Lapre, 61, who requires treatment for conditions related to her blood pressure, cholesterol, and thyroid, recently decided to switch from a CVS in Bridgewater to the Brockton center.

“The staff (at Brockton) is amazing,” Lapre said. “They didn’t seem to care about the bottom line or what insurance you had. They just wanted to make sure you got your meds.”

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Dover family’s facade of riches crumbled before tragedy

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That note was among the numerous details about the shocking murder-suicide that emerged in a Massachusetts State Police report released to the Globe through a public records request.

The timeline laid out by the 63-page document captures the family’s dire financial circumstances in the years, days, and even hours before Rick Kamal’s final act — including confirmation that they were due to be evicted the same day their bodies were found.

Reinforced by interviews with a dozen people who knew the Kamals, the report outlines the grisly crime scene police found in the \$4 million home of the seemingly picture-perfect family, who presented themselves as part of an affluent and well-respected orbit.

One of these interviewees was Rick Kamal’s brother, Manoj Kamal, who was the one to call 911 after entering the house to discover the gruesome scene. He later told police he’d lent Rick Kamal approximately \$150,000, in roughly \$5,000 increments, in the nine months before his death. He claimed Rick Kamal drained the bank account of their mother, Usha Kamal, who had directed Rick Kamal to transfer some of her money to his brother.

“[Manoj] thinks every conversation he has had with Rakesh the past five years was a lie,” Manoj Kamal’s wife’s sister later told investigators.

Police have said they believe Teena Kamal didn’t know the extent of her husband’s financial turmoil. But the report suggests that the 54-year-old matriarch was, at the very least, under substantial pressure.

“In a recent conversation between Teena Kamal and Manoj’s wife, Teena made a troubling statement suggesting that she wanted to drive their family car off a cliff due to the recent stress they were under,” Manoj Kamal told police, according to the report.

Her husband’s deception continued as the Kamals fell behind on mortgage payments for their enormous home. Marybeth Bisson, who along with her husband, Stephen, developed the house at 8 Wilson’s Way and financed the sale to the Kamals, told investigators that Rick Kamal “would tell them to not include Teena in the discussions about finances.”

“Marybeth stated that Rakesh gave various wild excuses as

to why he was unable to pay them,” the police report said. “One excuse he gave was that he was in India this past summer and his father-in-law had a heart attack and died. That was determined to be untrue as Teena’s father is alive.”

The realtor for the sellers of 8 Wilson’s Way told police that by the time of the killings, “the Kamal family was essentially squatting in the home.” He also noted that when Teena Kamal was head of the homeowners association for their exclusive sub-development, she collected fees from her neighbors for services such as landscaping and snow removal.



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Rakesh “Rick” Kamal shot daughter Arianna and wife Teena before killing himself.

But the couple “never [actually] paid for the services,” the realtor said, according to the report. “They kept the money.”

On Dec. 23, the Saturday before the bodies were found, Manoj Kamal saw his brother for the last time, he told investigators. Rick Kamal visited him to “to give him life insurance beneficiary information, which Manoj thought was unusual,” the police report said.

The next day, Dec. 24, a fax was sent to the life insurance company that held Teena Kamal’s \$1.25 million policy, requesting to add Manoj Kamal as a backup beneficiary. That switch-up became the focus of a federal court case between Manoj Kamal and Teena’s family in India over the rightful recipient of the payout. (According to court papers filed Aug. 2, the parties have agreed to settle, though it’s unclear to whom the money will be paid.)

On Dec. 26, two days before the family’s bodies were found, Rick Kamal texted his brother to cancel a scheduled get-together for the following day, claiming Teena and Arianna Kamal had been hospitalized from an allergic reaction to eating shrimp.

He told a similar story to Arianna Kamal’s college boyfriend, Owen (whose last name

was redacted in the police report), who had been set to visit the family for several days over the holidays. During Owen’s drive there, Rick Kamal asked him to delay his trip, later claiming his daughter, 18, couldn’t text him herself as she had left her phone at home.

“Sorry she hasn’t been able to directly communicate with you,” Rick Kamal wrote. “Hopefully she will be much better very soon.”

The same day Rick Kamal sent these texts, he was in near-constant communication with Stephen Bisson about the impending eviction, which Rick Kamal had been fighting for over a year. Even as he agreed to leave the keys on the kitchen table, Rick Kamal opined that he would “know better by the start of the new year” whether he would have the funds to one day move back in.

“By then I can determine if repurchase is an option,” Rick Kamal wrote.

Then, an abrupt quiet.

Texts to Manoj Kamal and Owen stopped, as did emails to Bisson. When police searched the pond in the backyard of the sprawling estate after the killings, they would find a slew of electronics — cellphones, laptops, an iPad, and a surveillance DVR box — submerged at the bottom.

On Dec. 28, at 4 p.m., the time Rick Kamal had agreed to vacate the premises, the realtor for the house, who worked on behalf of the Bissons, stopped by, he told police. The alarm was going off, so he left.

Later that evening, Manoj Kamal, worried after he hadn’t heard from his brother for two days, went to check on the family.

He entered the house to hear the alarm system blaring. Behind a door with a piece of white paper taped to it, he discovered his niece’s body in her bedroom, covered by bloody sheets. He called 911.

None of the interviews summarized in the police report indicated that Rick Kamal ever let on that his prosperous life was a façade. Rather than relinquish the house, which police described as “immaculate and meticulously maintained,” he died in it.

But when those authorities walked in, they found keys to the house left — as promised — on the kitchen island.

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Let's help 'childless cat ladies' who want to have a child

Dear Republican vice presidential nominee JD Vance, After hearing your disdainful comments from 2021 about "childless cat ladies" running our country, we assume you share our goal of helping any person who wants to have a child to do so. We'd like to offer some suggestions for how you can work with your congressional colleagues to advance this goal.

Of course, two of the politicians you referenced, Vice President Kamala Harris and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, are in fact parents — Harris being a stepmother to two adult children and Buttigieg a father to adopted young twins. So we will assume you are focused on biological parenthood and confine our suggestions accordingly.

Some people will choose not to have a child, and that is their right. But as actress Jennifer Aniston pointed out, many women want a child but cannot conceive. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's April 2024 National Health Statistics Report, approximately 8.5 million women ages 15 to 44 had a fertility problem between 2015 and 2019. Around 8 percent of married or cohabitating women of child-bearing age and around 12 percent of similarly aged men (regardless of marital status) had infertility during that time. The numbers increase when the CDC counts women who can conceive but not birth a live child.

Fertility treatments can cost thousands of dollars, in addition to being physically and emotionally grueling. Expanding insurance coverage of fertility services would help interested families, regardless of income, get the help they need to conceive.

According to Resolve: the National Infertility Association, 22 states and Washington, D.C., require (to some extent) insurance coverage for fertility preservation, some infertility procedures, and/or in vitro fertilization. Massachusetts, and most of New England, requires insurers to cover IVF and fertility preservation. However, large companies that self-fund their insurance plans are governed by federal law, so state mandates don't apply.

The most straightforward action the federal government could take would be to expand insurance coverage of fertility services, including IVF, for federal employees and members of the military. More ambitious policies would expand private and public insurance coverage. A bipartisan group of representatives introduced a bill that would require employer-funded insurance plans that fall under federal law to cover infertility treatments. Other pending legislation — which Senate Republicans blocked from advancing — would extend a coverage mandate to all public and private plans. While the federal government lets states cover fertility treatments through Medicaid, few states do, likely because of the cost, even though low-income individuals are also those least likely to have money to pay for treatments themselves.

Congressional action may also be warranted to protect access to IVF nationwide. After the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that embryos created by IVF could be considered babies, fertility clinics there paused treatments until the Alabama Legislature passed a law protecting them from legal liability. The case points to the potential for legal challenges to disrupt fertility treatments.

Another vital way to support people struggling to have children is to ensure they are adequately supported at work throughout that process. Around 10 percent to 20 percent of known pregnancies result in miscarriage. Democratic Representative Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts introduced a bill that would acknowledge the trauma of pregnancy loss by requiring employers to offer seven days of paid leave to individuals experiencing pregnancy loss, an unsuccessful assisted reproductive technology procedure, or a failed adoption or surrogacy attempt. The measure would also raise awareness of and allocate federal funding for research on pregnancy loss. (To avoid undue employer burdens, the bill would let employees use earned sick time or other accrued leave for this purpose, rather than requiring employers to offer additional leave.)

Federal law requires that employers accommodate the health needs of pregnant and postpartum workers. But Elizabeth McCuskey, professor of health law, policy, and management at Boston University, said it is not clear from either that law or the Americans with Disabilities Act whether any accommodations are required for workers undergoing medical procedures to help them conceive. McCuskey suggested that there is a need to clarify — and if necessary, expand — those laws to ensure workers are eligible for paid time off due to medical issues related to trying to have a child.

"If you're trying to navigate the medical burdens of the process and the enormous administrative burdens of getting insurance to cover it, it would be nice to have clarity on what employer policies would have to be," McCuskey said.

Of course, JD, a first step to supporting people struggling with fertility challenges would be to avoid referring to them as "childless cat ladies." But in an era where civility has become a casualty of political warfare, that, apparently, is too much to ask for.



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Wind turbine tower columns on the pier at the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal in New Bedford on June 5.

Project labor agreements are good for the state and job growth

BY ELIZABETH WARREN AND CHRISSY LYNCH

In the past three years, the Biden-Harris administration has delivered more than \$20 billion in federal investment to Massachusetts. Thanks to four historic pieces of legislation — the American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, CHIPS and Science Act, and Inflation Reduction Act — the United States is building roads and bridges, expanding broadband access, upgrading public transit and energy infrastructure, switching to electric school buses, funding research and innovation, supporting firefighters, and enabling community projects.

When these federal dollars flow into Massachusetts, project labor agreements help ensure that they support job growth. With a long history in both the public and private sectors, PLAs are collective bargaining agreements between workers and contractors that ensure good wages and benefits, safe working conditions, and sustained investment in the local economy and workforce. Under a PLA, Vineyard Wind will power 400,000 Massachusetts homes and businesses and generate nearly 1,000 union jobs — while it reduces emissions by 1.6 million tons and energy costs by \$1.4 billion.

PLAs also ensure that federally supported jobs create meaningful opportunities across the board. Currently, Massachusetts Building Trades Unions train 80 percent of all apprentices of color and 88 percent of all women apprentices in our state, and they have been critical to achieving the Commonwealth's diversity goals for construction. Under a PLA, Encore Boston Harbor casino employed more women than any project in history.

Those opportunities make a real difference. Nationwide, collective bargaining agreements raise wages for workers by 10.2 percent on average. They also help close racial wage gaps, boosting pay for Black workers by 13.1 percent and for Hispanic workers by 18.8 percent, and narrow the gender wage gap from 78 cents on the dollar to 83 cents.

Even so, some take issue with PLAs. To skeptics, we say, first, that if Massachusetts ditched PLAs, we'd lose out on federal funding that is tied to them. But it's more than that. Multiple studies have found that PLAs do not increase project costs. In fact, to the extent that PLAs support union standards, costs are actually lowered. A 2022 study of 1,550 US construction projects found that use of union labor reduces overall costs by 4 percent.

How can it be cheaper to pay union workers more? Because extensive analysis shows that, on average, union labor is 14 percent more productive than open-shop labor. Anyone who visits a union training center sees the hours apprentices spend learning everything from the safest (and quickest) way to climb a scaffold to the sophisticated techniques for dependable underwater

welding. Learning from masters in their fields means union workers show up at a work site ready to go — and are less likely to injure themselves or a coworker. Unions' investments in their own members pay off for employers down the line.

Without highly skilled workers, large, complex projects struggle. Again, the numbers tell the story. Projects with union labor are 40 percent less likely to have a shortage of skilled labor — and that benefit translates directly into lower overall costs. A project without a PLA is twice as likely to have a 10 percent or more cost overrun and delay of 25 percent or more. Anyone who wants to keep a sharp eye on the bottom line of a publicly financed project should strongly support PLAs.

PLAs have a proven record in Massachusetts. A special commission on their use in the Commonwealth highlighted a long list of ways PLAs

With a long history in both the public and private sectors, PLAs are collective bargaining agreements between workers and contractors that ensure good wages and benefits, safe working conditions, and sustained investment in the local economy and workforce.

keep costs low and projects moving. The report noted that PLAs "can prevent the incurrence of ancillary costs" and "are appropriate tools for preventing work stoppages and avoiding potential labor disruptions." Just look at the Route 91 viaduct project in Springfield, which in 2018 came in nine months ahead of schedule.

Nonunion firms can bid and work on public projects — they just need to be willing to treat their workers fairly. To the extent PLAs create incentives for employers to negotiate a plan with their workers before the work starts, everyone benefits. And to the extent, PLAs help employers who are comfortable bargaining with their workers because of their experience with unions, that's good too. After all, unions are a critical part of a strong economy and strong democracy.

Bringing in federal dollars, creating good jobs, investing in communities, combatting inequities, and saving taxpayer dollars — PLAs are win-win-win-win-win for Massachusetts.

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INBOX

Massachusetts is hot for all the wrong reasons

The state should be leading when it comes to climate change solutions

Massachusetts voters have a reason to be hot at the end of this unproductive state legislative cycle (“Legislature comes up short at the end of the day,” Page A1, Aug. 2). The House and Senate did not pass any bill to combat climate change. Meanwhile, the hottest day ever recorded on earth was July 22, 2024, breaking the record set the day before.

The past 13 months have seen record-breaking heat. Time is running out to limit the global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius over pre-industrial averages per the Paris Agreement. We need to address this by halting new fossil fuel infrastructure, protecting environmental justice communities, requiring the utilities to transition off natural gas (a potent driver of climate change), and allowing them to sell thermal energy through network geothermal systems like the pilot project in Framingham. The Senate Climate Omnibus bill incorporated more of these measures than the House version, but negotiations for a final bill failed. This is unacceptable.

Massachusetts should be a leader in fighting climate change, not an enabler of the fossil fuel industry. I urge the Legislature and Governor Maura Healey to correct this failure and pass a robust climate bill as soon as possible. Otherwise, we can expect to be hot.

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The Legislature is failing the state

While the Massachusetts Legislature’s utter dysfunction is obvious to anyone following the local news and should be deeply embarrassing to anyone in power there, it is likely not the main cause of the Legislature’s failure to pass a climate bill.

The governor and House leadership wanted a bill to expedite the siting of new electricity infrastructure and were even willing to make some concessions to environmental justice communities that have historically been over-impacted by energy projects. State Senator Michael Barrett’s bill would have reduced gas system leak repair costs by billions of dollars that could have helped pay for the necessary electrical system upgrades. It would have more effectively reduced harmful gas leaks by restructuring the state’s gas system enhancement program pipeline repair and replacement program to focus on the less profitable but lower cost and more effective repairs.

Over the last decade, the Legislature has produced a major climate bill in every legislative session. This time they failed us.

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Geothermal pipes used in Eversource’s geothermal networking pilot program in Framingham in 2023.

You get what you vote for

In the wake of the Globe editorial board’s opinion (“Who’s their best at 3 a.m.? Not the Massachusetts Legislature,” Aug. 2) and Shirley Leung’s Aug. 5 column on the inefficiency of Beacon Hill (“What in the world is happening on Beacon Hill?” Business), I applaud the dysfunction on Beacon Hill. Constituents should reap what they sow. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

Say it out loud: Vote the bums out or stop complaining.

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Americans ‘getting whacked’ by some Supreme Court decisions

Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch makes the argument in his new book that many regulations and guardrails in our laws ought to be stripped because, “There were just so many cases that came to me in which I saw ordinary Americans, just everyday, regular people trying to go about their lives, not trying to hurt anybody or do anything wrong and just getting whacked, unexpectedly, by some legal rule they didn’t know about.” (“Gorsuch: Americans are ‘getting whacked’ by too many laws,” Nation, Aug. 5).

This sort of thinking is akin to what we in medical science research allude to as biased sampling. The anecdotal accounts of cases that make it to the Supreme Court are not a valid basis for deciding the prudence of regulations and laws. Regulations and laws were not established in a vacuum but rather were constructed based on experiences with the goal of limiting risk for most citizens. What doesn’t get to Gorsuch’s docket are the likely myriads of citizens and our natural resources that had been successfully protected by the regulations that had been put in place. If Gorsuch speaks for equity and justice, he needs to take a broader perspective, recognize that no process is perfect (e.g., jury trials), and make a decision based on evidence for what provides for the greater good rather than on the single exception that comes before him at the Supreme Court.

The same line of reasoning that takes into account 250 years of presidential experiences should have colored his and his colleagues’ decision to grant complete immunity as a purported protection for presidents for nefarious acts disguised as official duties of a single president.

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Are ‘politics, sports, and revenge’ behind state’s failure to move on Everett stadium?

What’s really behind the Legislature’s failure to pass a measure that could have paved the way for a soccer stadium in Everett?

The easiest explanation is the classic one, coined some 30 years ago by Larry Moulter, who was then trying to shepherd a proposal to rebuild the old Boston

White Stadium. The mayor, who sees this as a key driver of economic development for that area, argues that the public will have more access to an updated, state-of-the-art facility. With Wu’s plan, there has been robust debate, although full transparency when it comes to the actual terms of the agreement with Boston Unity Soccer Partners is still lacking.

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Garden through the Legislature: “This is a town where there are three pastimes: politics, sports, and revenge,” Moulter said, after the plan he was pushing as a Garden executive was derailed yet again by a complex tangle of political feuds and power plays.

Today, the application of Moulter’s theory goes like this: Boston Mayor Michelle Wu stopped Robert Kraft’s plans to build a soccer stadium in Everett because his son Josh Kraft is said to be mulling a run for mayor — and besides, Wu has her own plan to build a soccer stadium in Franklin Park, and who needs two professional soccer venues in such close proximity? Wu got help from allies like state Representative Aaron Michlewitz, the powerful head of the House Ways and Means Committee whose district includes TD Garden, whose owners don’t want competition from possible concerts in nearby Everett.

What’s the truth? It’s hard to know. Michlewitz declined to comment. So did Josh Kraft, through Keyser Public Strategies, the political consulting firm he is working with.

Josh Kraft runs the family’s philanthropic operation and is not involved in the Kraft Group’s soccer business, the New England Revolution. However, in a statement after the Legislature failed to take up the measure it needs to move forward, the Kraft Group complained

about a political landscape “dictated by the needs and bargaining of political leaders with outside influences” — an apparent dig at Wu. Asked about Wu’s motives, a spokesperson for the mayor said, “This administration treats all development projects with the same level of analysis and due diligence. We’ve yet to see a real proposal on this one.”

The mayor has also let it be known that she reached out to Robert Kraft about the project but never heard back from him and still lacks critical information about traffic and other community impacts. According to the Kraft Group, there’s nothing to say until the Legislature does what the group wants: change the status of a 43-acre site along the Mystic River from what’s known as a designated port area, which only allows marine industrial uses. “Right now, there is no project and nothing to talk about,” a person connected to the project told me.

Suggestion to Robert Kraft: Why not meet with Wu? Maybe there could be something to talk about. Wu, of course, is pushing her own soccer stadium proposal, which entails putting \$50 million of public money toward the renovation of White Stadium in Franklin Park in partnership with Boston Unity Soccer Partners, a new professional women’s soccer team. It faces opposition from community activists who have filed a lawsuit against the venture. (Globe CEO Linda Henry is an investor in Boston Unity Soccer Partners.)

All the revenge talk diverts attention from the real issue: Strictly on the merits, should either or both of these stadium proposals go forward?

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The lack of trust in what is happening behind closed doors is the real problem here. Are political leaders being straight? Is some deal being cooked up that benefits private interests at the expense of the public? No one who is not behind those closed doors knows for sure.

In a 1993 Globe article that deconstructed the old Boston Garden feuds, Moulter was also quoted as saying this about Beacon Hill: “It’s an infinite game up there. There is no conclusion and you can’t walk away. If the game stops, you lose power. For them, you play the game forever.”

This week, there’s talk of the Legislature going back to take up the economic development bill, which contains the measure sought by the Kraft Group. It’s still an infinite game up there.

Moulter’s quote about “politics, sports, and revenge” lives on because it still feels like it explains Boston. The old tribes are breaking up. New ones are taking over.

But if cynicism about the process still thrives, has anything really changed?

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There may be no way to overthrow Maduro, Venezuela’s strongman

How can strongman Nicolás Maduro be stopped from stealing Venezuela’s election?

That’s the ultimate question as the South American country’s impasse over the July 28 presidential election enters its second week.

Maduro, a socialist who has ruled the country for 11 years, claimed victory despite independent exit polling and analysis that clearly show Edmundo González Urrutia, the opposition coalition’s candidate, as the winner. In a crucial show of support, the Biden administration agreed on Thursday, saying in a statement that González “won the most votes.”

And yet Maduro soldiers on with the support of leftist governments in the region — Cuba, Nicaragua, and Honduras, for example — and the authoritarian regimes of China, Iran, and Russia. Thousands of Venezuelans have taken to the streets to protest the contested election and Maduro has responded by cracking down on them — roughly 2,000 people have been arrested and at least 20 have been killed.

As Maduro vows to fight what he called “an attempted coup in Venezuela,” the only thing that’s becoming clear is that there is no playbook on how to overthrow him. A large majority of Venezuelans want him out, yet Maduro doesn’t seem to be going anywhere because no one has a definitive answer on exactly what it would entail to dislodge him from power. In other words, no one has any meaningful leverage over Maduro.

The story of how Venezuela got here is utterly sad. Nearly 8 million Venezuelans have left the country in the past decade, effectively voting with their feet on Maduro’s record, which spans 25 years. That’s because Maduro is the current leader of the regime that began with Hugo Chávez in 1999. Their government has been marked by stark economic col-

lapse, hyperinflation, widespread poverty, human rights abuses, and a crack-down on political opposition, all of which has led to a severe humanitarian crisis.

This year, Venezuelans thought they could change the status quo. “What made this scenario different was that for the first time in years, the Venezuelan people had genuine hope for change,” Er-



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Maria Corina Machado, Venezuela’s opposition leader, center, spoke to supporters during a protest in Caracas, Venezuela, on Aug. 3.

ic Farnsworth, vice president of the Council of the Americas and the Americas Society, told me. The opposition mobilized an increasing number of Venezuelans dissatisfied with Chavismo. “But Maduro has shut the door on any hope for peaceful change,” Farnsworth said.

There are several reasons why. For one, Maduro seemingly has the unfaltering support of the military. Unless that changes, the regime will remain stable and Venezuelans’ strategy of taking to the streets will soon become unsustainable and dangerous. “It’s a very depressing scenario,” Farnsworth said, “but that’s my best case right now.”

To help, Biden could ramp up the pressure. But that hasn’t worked before so why would it help now? Previous American efforts to oust Maduro, including imposing severe sanctions on Venezuela’s oil industry and backing opposition leader Juan Guaidó in 2019, failed.

It’s why most observers and experts feel despair about the country’s return to democracy. Venezuelan economist Francisco Rodríguez told The New York Times that the country is probably looking at “the beginning of a truly full-fledged dictatorship.”

Even more depressing is that hope and patience may not be eternal in Venezuela. “We know from our sources and

people we talked to on the ground that people are actively planning to leave.

What else is there to stay for?” Farnsworth said.

That’s why the United States and other countries have a vested interest in helping Venezuela’s opposition. But the leftist government of Colombia, which hosts the largest Venezuelan diaspora at nearly 3 million people, has remained friendly with Maduro.

There really are no incentives for Maduro to leave. Oil exports remain a good source of income for the regime, and Maduro also makes money on illegal mining and other criminal activities, according to a

federal report that describes “Venezuela as a preferred route for trafficking drugs, predominantly cocaine.”

“The criminality of the Maduro regime is unbelievable,” Farnsworth said. “It’s not just criminal in terms of being in power because of a stolen election; they’re operating like a mafia.”

It feels defeatist to agree with the cynical view that Maduro isn’t going anywhere. Yes, the path to restoring democracy in Venezuela seems elusive for now, but at the same time the opposition is more empowered and determined than ever. González and his coalition deserve continued US support, in whatever shape or form it may come.

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Bishop Henning is introduced as cardinal's successor

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"I am pro-life because I believe that the Gospel teaches us the sacred dignity of every human life," he said. "But I know there are people of good will who passionately disagree with that, and I think, as the Holy Father keeps reminding us, we have to kind of take the risk of dialogue. We have to try to listen and hear each other."

O'Malley, a close ally of Pope Francis, plans to continue to head the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, the Vatican's child protection board. His legacy in Greater Boston will be rooted in his response to the clergy sex abuse scandal that rocked the foundations of the church, both locally and internationally.

Boston was ground zero for what would be a global crisis. More than 1,400 people have come forward to say they were sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or nun in the archdiocese. The church has yet to recover from that institutional scandal, which many believe contributed to the significant reduction in weekly church attendance.

O'Malley succeeded Cardinal Bernard F. Law, whose 19-year tenure as head of the archdiocese ended in his resignation after it was revealed he had failed to remove from the ministry priests who had sexually abused children. O'Malley made his name as a crisis manager; his main charge has been righting the ship of the archdiocese, culturally and fiscally.

"That was basically his task when he came to Boston," said Terence McKiernan, who founded BishopAccountability.org, a group that archives the Catholic clergy abuse problem. O'Malley swiftly settled many of the lawsuits. However, when O'Malley issued a list of accused priests in Boston in 2011, there were notable omissions, said McKiernan.

"That list was a suboptimal list from the get-go, and he hasn't fixed it in the dozen



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Bishop Richard Henning was described as an energetic presence in Providence, visiting Catholic schools and attending festivals.

years since it came out," McKiernan said, who called O'Malley's record on handling the sex abuse crisis "mixed."

He said that he hopes that Henning will be different.

"Maybe Francis has a good reason for naming this person, and is someone who might turn over a new leaf," McKiernan said.

Others were more complimentary of O'Malley's work on the issue.

Attorney Eric MacLeish, the lead attorney in the Boston clergy sexual abuse case who negotiated an \$85 million settlement on behalf of 550 victims, said the Catholic church "has a long way to go" in advancing programs to protect children. But he credited O'Malley with being on the forefront of reform.

"O'Malley had credibility in terms of his advocacy and his compassion for victims," MacLeish said. "I think this will

be big shoes to fill for Henning."

He recalled that in the early 1990s, a group of victims knocked on O'Malley's door when he was bishop of Fall River and he let them inside and spent hours talking with them.

"I thought that was extraordinary," said MacLeish, adding that O'Malley resolved issues and showed a great deal of humility.

Count Boston attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who has represented scores of victims of clergy sex abuse from the archdiocese for more than 20 years, among the Henning skeptics. He called Henning "a company man."

"He has not been a person who's practiced transparency concerning clergy sexual abuse," he said, "and he has not done any substantive work that would help protect children and help clergy sexual abuse survivors to heal."

Henning on Monday disput-

ed the characterization that he was not transparent on clergy abuse during his past roles, specifically when he was auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y. He said he understood why Catholics were scandalized by the crisis.

"When these crimes and sins were committed, I was also a child. I'm grateful to God that I was not affected by it personally, but people in my generation were," he said. "They deserve a listening heart."

In Henning's current home of Rhode Island, Michael A. Wahl, a theology professor at Providence College, said Henning "has the valuable combination of a keen intellect and a pastoral heart." He described Henning as an energetic presence during his time in Providence, celebrating Mass at various parishes, attending festivals, visiting Catholic schools.

"He seemed to be everywhere," said Wahl.

His presence at community events and a genuine interest in the diocese's communities, said Wahl, "won him a great deal of respect."

"I expect that he'll bring this same level of energy, dedication, and joy to the Archdiocese of Boston," said Wahl.

Another theology scholar, Hosffman Ospino, a Boston College professor, said O'Malley's departure feels like a loss for the local Catholic community and described him as "a champion" of a diverse array of the region's cultures, including Latinos. But he said he's delighted that Henning has been named his successor, as he is someone who understands that "Hispanic Catholicism is growing."

He said Henning, who speaks Spanish and said Monday he is trying to learn Portuguese, is committed to training leaders in faith communities that are culturally and linguistically diverse.

Advocating for migrants will be a leading challenge in the coming years for the region's pastoral leaders and Catholic organizations, he said, who need to be outspoken in "affirming the urgency to respect the rights of immigrants and the dignity of every immigrant person and refugee."

At St. Anthony Shrine in downtown Boston Monday, Ken Curtis, 58, a refrigeration technician at the Hyatt Regency hotel, said he hoped Henning would continue in the tradition of O'Malley, especially in handling clergy sex abuse. He thought the church's culture has improved, but could still get better through more community engagement.

"I hope the church keeps going in the direction to find a solution to the problems they have [had] in the past," said Curtis, who prays at St. Anthony's for 10 minutes each day.

Also at St. Anthony's was Joyce Dooley, a 53-year-old from South Boston who grew up going to Catholic school. Dooley, who is staying at a homeless shelter because of an oven explosion at her home, hoped Henning would make the archdiocese more involved in helping the homeless.

"The homelessness is heavy in Boston," said Dooley.

For his part, O'Malley said he plans to split his time between Boston and Washington, D.C., where there is a Capuchin monastery and where he previously worked for years helping immigrants.

"I don't think I'll be bored," he said. "I'm not going to take up golf."

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Landmark decision against Google may alter tech giants' businesses

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its business.

Mehta's ruling capped a yearslong case — US et al. v. Google — that resulted in a 10-week trial last year. The Justice Department and states sued in 2020 over Google's dominance in online search, which generates billions in profits annually. The Justice Department said Google's search engine conducted nearly 90 percent of web searches, a number the company disputed.

The company spends billions of dollars annually to be the automatic search engine on browsers such as Apple's Safari and Mozilla's Firefox. Google paid Apple about \$18 billion for being the default in 2021, The New York Times has reported.

"This landmark decision holds Google accountable," Jonathan Kanter, the top Justice Department antitrust official, said in a statement. "It paves the path for innovation for generations to come and protects access to information for all Americans."

Kent Walker, Google's president of global affairs, said the company would appeal the ruling.

"This decision recognizes that Google offers the best search engine, but concludes that we shouldn't be allowed to make it easily available," he said. "As this process continues, we will remain focused on making products that people find helpful and easy to use."

During the trial, Microsoft chief executive Satya Nadella testified he was concerned that his competitor's dominance had created a "Google web" and that its relationship with Apple was "oligopolistic." If Google continued undeterred, it was likely to become dominant in the race to develop AI, he said.

Google chief executive Sundar Pichai countered in his testimony that Google created a better service for consumers.

Users choose to search on Google because they find it useful, and the company has continued to invest to make it better,



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the company's lawyers said.

"Google is winning because it's better," John Schmittlein, Google's lead courtroom lawyer, said during closing arguments, which were held months later, in May.

The government argued that by paying billions of dollars to be the automatic search engine on consumer devices, Google had denied its competitors the opportunity to build the scale required to compete with its search engine. Instead, Google collected more data about consumers that it used to make its search engine better and more dominant.

Mehta sided with the government, saying Google had a monopoly over general online search services. The company's agreements to be the automatic search engine on devices and web browsers hurt competition, making it harder for rivals to challenge Google's dominance.

For more than a decade, those agreements "have given Google access to scale that its rivals cannot match," Mehta wrote.

The government also accused Google of protecting a monopoly over the ads that run inside search results. Government lawyers said Google had raised the price of ads beyond the rates that should exist in a free market, which they argued was a sign of the company's power. Search ads provide billions of dollars in annual revenue for

Google.

Mehta ruled that Google's monopoly allowed it to inflate the prices for some search ads. That, in turn, gave the company more money to pay for its search engine to get prime placement, he said.

"Unconstrained price increases have fueled Google's dramatic revenue growth and allowed it to maintain high and remarkably stable operating profits," he said in the ruling.

Mehta ruled in Google's favor on some lesser claims. Google offers advertisers many tools, including one that they use to manage advertising on different search engines. State attorneys general argued during the trial that Google had illegally excluded Microsoft's search engine, Bing, from aspects of those tools. But Mehta ruled against their claim.

Legal scholars expect this decision to help set precedent for government antitrust lawsuits against the other tech giants. All of those investigations, conducted by the Federal Trade Commission and the Justice Department, began during the Trump administration and have ramped up under President Joe Biden.

The last major US court ruling on a tech antitrust case — in the Justice Department's 1990s lawsuit against Microsoft — cast its own shadow over the Google arguments. Mehta repeatedly pressed lawyers to explain how the specifics of the case against Google could fit into the legal precedents. The Microsoft antitrust case alleged that the tech giant combined practices such as bullying industry partners and leveraging the popularity of its digital platform, from which users typically didn't switch, to stifle competition.

A district court judge initially ruled against Microsoft on most counts of possible antitrust violations and ordered a breakup of the company, but an appeals court reversed some of those decisions. President George W. Bush's administration settled with the company in 2001.

ALL OUT AND ALL IN TO HELP THE PLANET

Local museums are teaching children about climate change through immersive exhibits

By Izzy Bryars

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A dad with a bright red beard and athletic clothes sat on a bike at the “Innovation Earth” exhibit at Boston’s Museum of Science. He placed his son on his lap and began to pedal. After a few moments, a palette of light-bulbs shone above him on the wall. It showed how one incandescent light

bulb uses roughly the same amount of energy as 10 light emitting diodes, or LED lights.

Visitors likely have not thought about incandescent light bulbs for a while, but that’s what the exhibit wants them to realize.

Through immersive exhibits, Massachusetts museums want kids and families to approach climate change with hopefulness, humor, and open minds. In addition to the Museum of Science’s “Innovation Earth” exhibit, Mass MoCA

in North Adams has an exhibit that wants attendees to question their relationship with single-use plastics. The climate programming at Peabody Essex Museum in Salem focuses on connection with the natural world.

“Innovation Earth” wants children to imagine the technology of a sustainable future. Some are already on the market, and some are just over the horizon.

“It’s entering the idea that things are changing, and you’ve already lived

through them,” said Dorian Junczewicz, a senior exhibit designer. “It’s going to be an exciting new future and you won’t have to give up the stuff you have, it’s going to be worked into everyday life.”

The exhibit targets five issues relating to climate change: coastal protection, adapting to flooding, energy sources, space usage, and decreasing carbon emissions.

David Sittenfeld, director of the museum’s Center for the Environment, worked alongside community partners

to introduce children to upcoming sustainable technologies.

While some of the exhibit showcases new technology that could address the five issues, displays also show lesser-known inventions that are already helping the planet. One allows children to wave a magic wand over a table that reveals geothermal and other sustainable energy within a building. For those with hearing and sight disabilities, the wand vibrates to indicate an energy

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AS I SEE IT



Billy Starr lifts his bike skyward after completing the Pan-Mass Challenge once again in Provincetown. Starr founded the annual fund-raiser.

A challenge and a dedication, pedal by countless pedal

PROVINCETOWN — As Pan-Mass Challenge founder and executive director Billy Starr pedals across the finish line, he is immediately surrounded by family and other riders.

“I don’t know how to explain it to people,” he says Sunday at the end of the 45th annual bike-athon. “It’s like being with 6,800 of my best friends.”

That’s good news if you hate cancer. The Pan-Mass Challenge this summer passed a remarkable benchmark: Riders have raised \$1 billion since the event started. One hundred percent of every dollar donated goes directly to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for research and treatment.

Every August, bike riders pedal 211 miles from Sturbridge to Provincetown or their choice

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Bicyclists leave before sunrise to beat the heat this past weekend in front of the Cape Cod Railroad Bridge in Bourne. The 45th Pan-Mass Challenge included thousands of volunteers and supporters, including this woman who cooled off the bikers with a garden hose. “Almost everybody wanted to be sprayed,” she said. The event has now raised more than \$1 billion for cancer research and treatment.

Reports lay out causes in decline of students

Housing costs, quality of schools tied to city’s losses

By Christopher Huffaker

GLOBE STAFF

From 2019 to 2024, Boston’s independent charter schools added just 100 students. With their enrollment capped, they’ve plateaued at about 11,500 students, after years of students leaving away from Boston Public Schools.

But the decline in BPS hasn’t stopped. In that same period, the district lost another 6,000 kids — and the number of Boston residents attending private and parochial schools fell by more than 1,500.

Where have the students gone? A new series of reports from Boston Indicators, the research center at the Boston Foundation, digs into that question, laying out where students have gone, who remains, and what’s likely to happen going forward.

It’s not just BPS. The city has lost more than 20 percent of its students throughout public, private, and charter schools over the last three decades. Private and Catholic school enrollment has declined relentlessly, charter school enrollment is capped, and despite fluctuations, BPS has lost nearly 15,000 students from its most recent peak in 2001.

But the report also goes further back, to 1940, when BPS had more than twice as many students as it does now. From 1950 to 1980, the city lost hundreds of thousands of residents, due to suburbanization, white flight in response to school desegregation, and other trends common to urban areas around the country. But even as the resident population has rebounded since 1980, the student population has not.

“That longer-term context puts this into even starker relief,” said Luc Schuster, Boston Indicators’ executive director. “Boston is a city that once housed many, many more families than it does today. . . . The city’s population has really rebounded but the school-aged population has continued to decline.”

The researchers point to Massachusetts’ low and falling fertility rates and Boston’s skyrocketing housing market — one of the most expensive in the nation — as among the culprits to the shrinking pool of students.

But the data also strongly suggest that concerns about school quality — often motivated by racial prejudice — are driving enrollment losses: In recent

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Aspirin can cut colon cancer rates, study finds

By Adam Piore

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Taking aspirin on a regular basis can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer for individuals who have unhealthy habits like smoking, drinking, or leading a sedentary lifestyle, a team of Harvard scientists have reported.

The researchers analyzed three decades’ worth of data collected from 100,000 health care workers and found that aspirin was associated with a one-third drop in colon cancer risk among those with a low “healthy lifestyle score,” a metric the researchers invented to quantify five lifestyle factors associated with a greater risk of developing colorectal cancer: regular tobacco and alcohol use, the lack of a

healthy diet, a lack of exercise, and a high body mass index (BMI).

“This paper illustrates that we can

STUDY RESULTS

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go beyond one-size-fits-all strategies for cancer prevention,” said Dr. Andrew Chan, director of cancer epidemiology at the Mass General Cancer

Center and a senior author of the paper, which was published Thursday in the medical journal JAMA Oncology.

“We know that there are very specific lifestyle factors that put people at risk for colorectal cancer. And I think this provides some proof of principle that

there is an option for us to help reverse some of those lifestyle risk factors. And that’s through an inexpensive and easy to use and well-established drug like aspirin.”

The study is only the latest from Chan’s lab on the benefits of the popular drug, which has emerged over the last 20 years as one of the most promising measures available to combat cancer. Epidemiologists first began to study the possibility that aspirin might reduce cancer risk in the 1980s, after noticing that patients with arthritis who took aspirin seemed to have lower rates of cancer, Chan said. In the early aughts, the first randomized studies emerged comparing cancer rates in people prescribed aspirin to those pre-

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Weather disrupts travel at Logan, threatens to create more problems

Many passengers at Logan International Airport faced weather delays on Sunday and Monday, and airport officials warned that Tropical Storm Debby could continue to affect travel over the next few days after making landfall in Florida on Monday. **B2**

Charges dropped for most of Gaza protesters at UNH on May 1

Formal criminal charges are no longer pending against most of the 12 people arrested in the vicinity of a pro-Palestinian demonstration at the University of New Hampshire Durham. **B3**

Weather forces delays for some travelers at Logan Airport

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Many passengers at Logan International Airport faced weather delays on Sunday and Monday, and airport officials warned that Tropical Storm Debby could continue to affect travel over the next few days after making landfall in Florida on Monday.

“Due to Hurricane Debby, flights in and out of the southeastern US may be impacted over the next few days,” officials at Massport, which operates Logan Airport, said on social media Monday. “If planning to travel to this region please check with your airline.”

The storm was downgraded from a Category 1 hurricane to a tropical storm on Monday.

FlightAware, a flight-tracking website, showed that 34 percent of flights originating from Logan on Sunday were delayed. Twelve percent were canceled. A similar proportion of Boston-bound flights were delayed or canceled.

On Monday, 373 flights had been delayed and 71 had been cancelled at Logan by 8:30 p.m., according to FlightAware.

At the JetBlue terminal, dozens of travelers from the Pathfinder club, a Christian organization, had spent a long night after spending the previous day waiting for a flight at LaGuardia Airport in New York.

The group was hoping to fly



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to Denver for an event held every five years. Debra Keizer said missing it was like missing the Olympics.

“You’re waiting five years to attend this program, with other Pathfinders from around the world, and then we’re not going to be there,” she said.

Eysteinn Hauksson and Margret Proppe from Iceland were taking their four kids to Disney

World in Orlando, when Hurricane Debby intervened. They landed in Boston at 10 p.m. Sunday and soon learned their connecting flight was delayed indefinitely. Now, they can’t get another flight out of Logan until Wednesday, they said.

“It’s quite a hassle for us to fix this,” Hauksson said. “It’s frustrating with the kids. There’s a time difference as well, so the

original trip was already long enough.”

Hauksson said the family had a hotel and car booked, and his oldest daughter, a teenager, had tickets for a Joshua Bassett concert.

“It was a big blow for her because this is her favorite musician, so it’s just one thing after another,” he said.

Elizabeth Wallace, who lives

in Marblehead, was about to land in Boston from Denver around 4 p.m. Sunday when the pilot made a quick change of plans and shot back into the sky.

“We were coming in for a landing and all of a sudden, he went full throttle,” Wallace said. “We took back off into the air and landed in Providence because we didn’t have enough fuel to circle around and wait for

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EYSTEINN HAUKSSON, who arrived from Iceland with his family on Sunday when their connecting flight to Orlando was delayed indefinitely.

the storm to pass. It was terrifying.”

After waiting two hours on the tarmac, the flight crew let passengers off the plane if they wanted. Wallace decided to do so and was home in Marblehead before they deplaned, she heard.

“For a terrifying experience, I thought the crew really handled it well,” she said. “If they hadn’t given me the option to get off, I would have had a lot more to say.”

On Monday, she collected her bags from the lines of unclaimed luggage at United Airlines.

“I never heard from them [United], but I just assumed it would be here and I am so fortunate that they are,” she said.

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Worrell proposes ordinance examining inequities in new policies

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Boston City Councilor Brian Worrell is introducing this week an ordinance that would examine the effect proposed policies and home rule petitions would have on racial and social inequities in the city.

The initiative, coined Reshaping Inequalities through Systematic Empowerment, or RISE, would specifically focus on both creating and analyzing policies in historically unequal areas, such as education, economic stability, housing, and employment opportunities.

“If we are going to make sure that equity is something that we continue to invest in as a city, far past our times as elected officials, then I think this gets the job done,” said Worrell, the District 4 councilor. “It embeds the goal of constantly prioritizing [marginalized] communities in every piece of policy and investment.”

RISE would be implemented

in six phases, beginning with establishing a council on equity to consult on policy proposals. The initiative would also implement equity training for city staff and review legislation to ensure that it is actually reducing disparities.

Worrell noted that the ordinance would be centered on policy because, in his view, legislation is what initially created disparities. For example, he said, training measures required for incoming firefighter cadets have contributed to the lack of diversity in their ranks and city housing policies did not prioritize homeownership — a driver of generational wealth — especially when it comes to marginalized communities.

A recent Zillow analysis of homeownership data, for example, found Black- and Latino-owned homes in Boston were valued less than white residents, an issue that has only exacerbated the yawning wealth gap. Currently, Worrell says that



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City Councilor Brian Worrell said the RISE initiative would focus on “prioritizing [marginalized] communities.”

the city has no system in place that he’s aware of to examine how ordinances or policies might be drivers of inequity.

He added that much of RISE’s work would also be centered around measuring the impact of legislation before it is

implemented so as to prevent harm, including through the creation of an “equity analyst” position on the council who would study any potential policy or investment before it’s approved.

To create the proposed ordi-

nance, Worrell’s office worked with outside organizations that include the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts, the Government Alliance on Race and Equity through Race Forward, and the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund. Leaders from those organizations said they were excited about the proposed ordinance, which they noted would be an important step in the long-term quest to close inequality gaps.

Alyssa Benalfew-Ramos, policy chief at the Black Economic Council, said her organization was “encouraged” by the proposed ordinance. “The implications on procurement, contracting, grant distribution, and more would directly impact small businesses in our member base, leading to a stronger economy for us all.”

Cathy Albisa, vice president of Institutional and Sectoral Change at Race Forward, specifically noted that RISE is a “vital

step” in the much longer process of seeking equity rather than an endpoint.

“It recognizes that we must continually express and strengthen our commitment to racial equity towards creating an inclusive and thriving city and a multiracial democracy that serves all,” she added.

Dr. Makeeba McCreary, president of the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund, specifically lauded RISE’s focus on analyzing how policy implementations actually fare rather than celebrating legislation after it passes without actually following up to ensure it’s working as intended.

“This legislation sets out a clear path to ensuring that city government leads by example when it comes to closing the racial wealth gap,” she said.

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Former Mass. Republican governor backs Harris

By Chris Lisinski
STATE HOUSE NEWS

Former Republican governor Bill Weld is once again crossing the aisle to oppose Donald Trump, joining other GOP figures in an endorsement of Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris for president.

The Harris campaign on Sunday rolled out a “Republicans for Harris” program that organizers said would “further outreach efforts to the millions of Republican voters who continue to reject the chaos, division, and violence of Donald Trump and his Project 2025 agenda.”

Among the effort’s initial backers is Weld, a Republican who spent two terms as Massachusetts governor in the 1990s

after working as an assistant US attorney general under President Reagan.

“Donald Trump belongs no-

tions,” Weld said in a statement provided by the Harris campaign. “I look forward to working with the Republicans for

dom, democracy, and the Constitution.”

Weld and others from his more moderate Republican wing regularly criticized Trump. In 2020, Weld briefly ran a long-shot Republican primary campaign to knock Trump off the ballot, and he announced before Election Day that he voted for Democrat Joe Biden (and Harris as VP). In 2016, Weld was the Libertarian Party’s vice presidential nominee.

Massachusetts Democrats have also lined up in support of Harris after Biden — who came under heavy criticism for his campaign performance — announced last month he would end his reelection bid and seek to pass the torch.



BILL WELD, FORMER REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR
‘I’m standing with Kamala Harris to defeat Donald Trump and his attacks on our democratic institutions.’

where near the White House. With democracy hanging in the balance in this election, I’m standing with Kamala Harris to defeat Donald Trump and his attacks on our democratic institu-

Harris program to bring that message to the hundreds of thousands of moderate Republicans in battleground states who know Donald Trump doesn’t represent their beliefs in free-

lawmakers that despite Nazi occupation, her people’s motto remained, “No surrender.”

► In 1945, during World War II, the US B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths.

► In 1962, Jamaica gained independence from the United Kingdom after 300 years of British rule.

► In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, prohibiting racial discrimination in voting.

► In 1989, the Boston Red

Sox retired Carl Yastrzemski’s number 8. The left-fielder won the Triple Crown in 1967, leading the Sox to the World Series and resurrecting a moribund franchise.

► In 1991, the World Wide Web made its public debut as a means of accessing webpages over the internet.

► In 2011, insurgents shot down a US military helicopter during fighting in eastern Afghanistan, killing 30 Americans, most of them belonging to the same elite Navy commando unit that had slain Osama bin Laden; seven Afghan commandos also died.

This day in history

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 6, the 219th day of 2024. There are 147 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Children’s performer Ella Jenkins is 100. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 86. Actor Louise Sorel is 84. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 81. Actor Ray Buktenica is 81. Actor Faith Prince is 67. R&B singer Randy DeBarge is 66. Actor Leland Orser is 64. Actor Michelle Yeoh is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 59. Actor Benito Martinez is 56. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan is 54. Actor Vera Farmiga is 51.

► In 1806, Emperor Francis II abdicated, marking the end of the Holy Roman Empire after nearly a thousand years.

► In 1825, Upper Peru became the autonomous republic of Bolivia.

► In 1890, at Auburn Prison in Auburn, N.Y., William Kemmler became the first person to be executed via electric chair.

► In 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim across the English Channel.

► In 1942, Queen Wilhemina of the Netherlands became the first Neiterqueen to address a joint session of Congress, telling

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Any 1 digit	\$3

	Amount
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MONDAY NIGHT 4850
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First or last 3	\$607
Any 2 digits	\$52
Any 1 digit	\$5

	Amount
All 4 digits	\$181
First 3	\$101
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LUCKY FOR LIFE
August 05 **20-26-28-33-44**

Lucky Ball 09
Jackpot: \$1,000 a day for life; winners

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August 05 **01-04-13-19-33**

Jackpot: \$100,000; no winners

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MEGABUCKS
August 05 **03-09-25-27-31-33**

Jackpot: \$2,300,759

No winners
POWERBALL
29-42-44-51-54

Powerball 12 Powerplay 2x
Estimated jackpot: \$174 million

Police reach deal with most UNH students arrested at protest

By Steven Porter
GLOBE STAFF

DOVER, N.H. — Formal criminal charges are no longer pending against most of the 12 people arrested in the vicinity of a pro-Palestinian demonstration on May 1 at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

Although a prosecutor with the UNH Police Department filed misdemeanor charges last month against eight defendants in Dover District Court, a court spokesperson said six of those cases were subsequently dismissed.

The prosecutor, Captain Francis Weeks, did not respond to requests for information

about these cases. But a spokesperson for UNH released a statement on behalf of the Police Department acknowledging that police reached out-of-court agreements this week with seven individuals who were arrested.

“This is consistent with our practice of offering outcomes that do not result in criminal convictions for defendants who are at low risk of re-offending,” the Police Department said.

One of those arrested whose court case is no longer pending, Marie T. Collins of Eliot, Maine, told The Boston Globe on Thursday that she and several other defendants had accepted a diversion agreement on July 30.

Their charges will be fully cleared once they complete the terms of that agreement, which

calls for 30 hours of community service, Collins said.

Collins, 33, a PhD candidate and UNH adjunct faculty member who also teaches part time at a private school, said she didn’t want to run the risk of a potential misdemeanor conviction leading to her teaching credential being challenged.

The Concord Monitor reported on the agreements July 31, citing information from a UNH graduate student who was not among those arrested.

Collins said she was walking across campus while the May 1 demonstration was well underway and saw some of her students participating, so she joined them. She said she heard a dispersal order, saw riot police approach, and verbally ques-

tioned an officer who told her she was trespassing. She was then arrested on trespassing and disorderly conduct charges.

Organizers had gotten a permit for the demonstration, but UNH officials said tents were not allowed, so police revoked the permit when some organizers began setting up an encampment like those that had been established on other college campuses to protest US backers of Israel’s war with Hamas in Gaza.

Collins said she was not involved in seeking to set up tents or establish an encampment. The way the university and police responded to a peaceful demonstration was an “incredibly gross miscarriage of justice,” she added.

The American Civil Liberties

Union of New Hampshire sent a letter earlier this month urging leaders at UNH and Dartmouth College, where more than 90 protesters were arrested at a similar event, to call publicly for the remaining charges to be dismissed.

A spokesperson for UNH responded to the ACLU’s letter by defending the university’s commitment to freedom of speech and expression within guidelines articulated by the institution.

The spokesperson, Tania deLuzuriaga, said Thursday that UNH administrators have no authority to direct prosecutors to take any particular action.

The university “has a long-standing practice of allowing police and prosecutors to exercise their own independent professional judgment in these matters

and followed that same practice in these cases,” she said.

Another UNH student who was arrested on trespassing and disorderly conduct charges told the Globe on Thursday that he wasn’t part of the encampment action either. He aims to have his case dismissed outright.

Two of the cases that Weeks filed are still pending, per court records. Two more cases, which involve more serious charges of assault and resisting arrest, are being prosecuted by the Strafford County attorney’s office.

All four of the remaining defendants were identified as UNH students at the time of their arrest.

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PMC founder remains a road warrior against cancer

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of 15 shorter routes. This event is not a race but a karmic gathering. The riders are quite possibly the kindest, most driven bicyclists on earth. They all have one thing in common: Everyone has lost someone they knew to cancer. Many of them wear photos of lost loved ones to spur them on.

On Saturday evening, at an overnight stop in Bourne, they have a toast for the PMC Living Proof community, the more than 1,100 riders and volunteers who are cancer survivors or current patients.

“The good news is that group of survivors gets bigger every year,” Starr says.

Dr. Laurie Glimcher, president of Dana-Farber, said in a telephone interview that Starr “inspired really a new industry that revolutionized American fund-raising for thousands of charities, and their millions of beneficiaries. And Billy’s connection to cancer is like that of so many others. It’s deeply personal.”

This all started in the 1970s. Starr lost his mother, Betty, to melanoma 1974; she was at 49. His uncle and his cousin also died of cancer.

His mother was a volunteer at the VA Hospital. “My mother was gorgeous,” he says.

After she passed, he talked his friends into hiking the Appalachian Trail in Maine. It rained eight straight days. His friends wanted to quit. Starr did not. He was amazed by all the random acts of kindness from other hikers, who gave him hot coffee, wine, and some extra food.

The wheels started turning and he got the idea to start a bike-a-thon to fight cancer.

In 1980, he and 35 of his buddies rode from Springfield to Provincetown. Everybody got lost, they ran out of food, and the ferry didn’t run. He thought everybody would be upset at him. Instead, they tossed him in the harbor and vowed to make next year better. Starr presented a check to the Jimmy Fund of Dana-Farber for \$10,200.

Starr thought, maybe, he could make this event big.

Now the PMC contribution makes up 62 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. Last year, they raised a record \$72 million.

“You don’t have to be a great athlete to be a PMC rider,” Starr



PMC founder and executive director Bill Starr (middle) pedals on Main Street in Whitinsville. Starr, 73, refuses to use an electric bike.

says. “You have to be willing to commit.”

To pedal the longest two-day route from Sturbridge, riders must raise \$6,000 up front. Nobody rides for free and there are no refunds.

Starr, still lean and athletic at 73, pedals each year from Sturbridge to P-town. He refuses to use an electric bike and still averages 19 miles per hour. He starts hydrating for the event four days in advance. He doesn’t sleep much.

“I think I burn calories in bed,” he says.

But he has created a community like no other. This year there were 3,800 volunteers, helping make this doable for athletes and non-athletes alike.

“We probably ship 30 tons of food over 47 towns and 370 miles of infrastructure for 16 groups,” he says.

Starr says repeat riders are the secret to success. “The aver-



Starr delivers a toast to the more than 1,100 riders and volunteers who are cancer survivors or current patients.

age alum comes back for 10 years or more.”

This year, Dave Lodemore of Marshfield rides for the 18th consecutive time. Like everyone

else he wants to beat cancer. He jokes that only the “shameless manipulation” on the part of PMC keeps him coming back each year.

“Day One is 110 miles and, unless you are one of those skinny Tour-de-France types, by mile 85 you are pretty much exhausted, everybody is either hurting or (worse!) numb, and the afternoon sun is cooking the rest of you,” Lodemore says.

“It is at this point that the PMC puts up massive poster-sized photos of the Jimmy Fund kids going through cancer treatment at Dana-Farber. They line the road for about half a mile. Most of the kids don’t have a hair on their head and many have dark rings around their eyes that speak to a hard road of surgery and chemo,” he adds. “But — here is the thing — all are smiling broadly!”

When seeing such images, he says, it’s hard to feel sorry for yourself.

There’s also free beer, food, mechanics, free massages, music, and a common goal. If you can still move, it’s a party. Every-

one is family.

“You won’t get that at the Ritz,” Starr says.

Mike Ascione, PMC’s board chairman, has ridden with Starr. “He’s like a rock star, but he does his own thing on the weekend. He’s not going around trying to tell everybody who he is.”

He has seen bike riders reduced to tears when meeting him.

“We have people riding who have had family members, friends who have been impacted by cancer, who believe those lives were extended because of Billy,” Ascione says.

Starr says he wants cancer to “go away.” He can’t quit.

“I would like for every aspect of it to become treatable, livable,” he says. “We are too important to fail. The money matters.”

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Challenger wants Senate president to step down, citing absences

By Edward Fitzpatrick
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PROVIDENCE — A Democratic primary opponent called for Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio to

“pass the torch like Joe Biden” on Thursday, hours before Ruggerio skipped a fund-raiser because of health issues.

Ruggerio, a 75-year-old North Providence Democrat, responded by blasting challenger Lenny Cioe for taking a “cheap shot.”

“Lenny may be focused on pathetic political stunts, but I will continue to communicate with voters about the issues that matter to them,” Ruggerio said in a statement.

Spokesperson Greg Pare said Ruggerio missed Thursday’s fund-raiser in Warwick because he will be undergoing “a minor procedure” next week to alleviate jaw pain stemming from a case of shingles.

He said the decision had nothing to do with the cancer Ruggerio was battling earlier in the year.

“He is recovering well from the cancer,” Pare said. “He was advised by his doctors not to go to fund-raisers. They don’t want him in crowds because there are viruses going around. Nonetheless, he was planning to go, but his staff insisted he heed his doctors’ advice.”

Cioe, a registered nurse who lost Senate District 4 primaries to Ruggerio in 2020 and 2022, issued a statement earlier

Thursday.

“For the past few months Ruggerio has been nowhere to be seen, completely absent from representing Senate District 4 in our state Senate,” Cioe said in the statement.

He cited news stories about how Ruggerio did not attend Senate sessions for six weeks as he was battling cancer, the flu, and shingles.

He said District 4 residents “demand and deserve responsive, accountable and professional representation up at the State House.”

“Last week we saw an act of incredible political courage by President Joe Biden, when he decided to step down from the race for president and pass the torch to Kamala Harris,” Cioe said. “Biden stepped down for

the country. Dominick Ruggerio needs to do the same for Rhode Island.”

But Ruggerio, who has represented Senate District 4 since 1985, reiterated that he remained “deeply involved” in Senate business even as he dealt with medical issues during the last legislative session, and he said he has run a “robust campaign” this summer.

“This is the type of negative politics that people are sick of,” Ruggerio said of Cioe’s statement. “I am not surprised in the least that my opponent would prefer not to have to face me at the ballot box. He knows he can’t win.”

The response from Ruggerio’s campaign included quotes from House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi, North Providence

Mayor Charles A. Lombardi, Providence Mayor Brett P. Smiley, state Representative Arthur J. Corvese, state Senator David P. Tikoian, and North Providence Town Council President Dino Autiello.

“President Ruggerio is a wonderful friend and a truly outstanding partner at the State House,” said Shekarchi, a Warwick Democrat. “I know the most recent session was challenging for him, but he was just as deeply engaged in our work as he has always been — maybe even more than ever, based on how often the two of us spoke.”

“What is most appalling to me about Mr. Cioe’s stunt [Thursday] is the complete lack of compassion and understanding being shown by a registered

nurse,” said Corvese, a North Providence Democrat.

He said Ruggerio “has a physical medical condition, from which he is expected to make a full recovery. Mentally, he is as sharp as ever, and I have continued to work closely with him daily to deliver results for our constituents.”

And Tikoian, a Smithfield Democrat and former North Providence police chief said, “I underwent a serious medical procedure which prevented me from attending a few session days in person, as well. Should I not run for reelection? What a shameful assertion?”

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Museums immerse children in climate change exhibits

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source.

Enclosed by three walls is the culmination of the exhibit: the immersive room.

Inside, floor-to-ceiling projections of a future sustainable city greet exhibitgoers. On the floor, children can jump from dots to choose an innovation for the city relating to each of the five issues.

Lucas Doller, an elementary schooler visiting from Texas, jumped from dot to dot and said he liked the room. His parents struggled to get him to move on.

“We’ve never been to any place like this in Texas,” said Kristin Doller, Lucas’s mother.

While “Innovation Earth” teaches kids about the science of a more sustainable world, “The Plastic Bag Store” at Mass MoCA uses humor and the element of surprise to get viewers of all ages thinking about the foreverness of plastic.

Robin Frohardt, a Brooklyn-based visual artist, created a grocery store entirely from single-use plastics, like bottle caps, that people often accumulate themselves.

The store looks like a traditional bodega. But, as museumgoers get closer to the shelves, they see that all of the plastic-packaged products are stuffed with more plastic.

“There’s a lot of overwhelming statistics about pollution and a lot of depressing imagery out there,” Frohardt said. “Through humor we are able to cope and process these overwhelming feelings.”

Once museum workers take visitors shopping through the store, they suddenly transform it into a puppet stage for a film about people in the future discovering the plastic of today.

Frohardt collected the plastics materials for the exhibit. But, adding to the immersive experience, are plastics that people



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The Museum of Science’s new interactive exhibit “Innovation Earth” features a room (above) where floor-to-ceiling projections of a future sustainable city greet exhibitgoers who can jump on dots to choose an innovation for the city relating to each of five climate change issues: coastal protection, adapting to flooding, energy sources, space usage, and decreasing carbon emissions. Robert Meehan (left) engaged with one of the exhibits.

from the community collected to help.

“If you like to drink an Odwalla juice every day, and you

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ROBIN FROHARDT, a visual artist who created “The Plastic Bag Store” at Mass MoCA

throw it away, you don’t want to think about it,” Frohardt said. “But if you start saving all those bottles for me, then you really start to see the impact.”

At the Peabody Essex Museum, the “Climate + Environment” initiative uses humor and empathy to put people in animals’ shoes.

In September, Peabody Essex will open “Narwhal: Revealing an Arctic Legend.” The model of a narwhal, a toothed and horned whale, whose arctic habitat is directly threatened by the ice caps warming, will be displayed alongside a model of its biggest predator: the orca.

Jane Winchell, who spearheaded the initiative in 2021, hopes that the immersive aspects of the initiative’s exhibits take people somewhere new.

“There’s a distraction from the ordinary that I think is really valuable,” Winchell said. “It gives us the chance to open our minds and wonder, to stop the inner chatter long enough to be moved.”

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Harvard study finds aspirin can lower risk of colorectal cancer

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scribed a placebo — including a groundbreaking study that showed people on aspirin had a lower risk of developing pre-cancerous colon polyps.

By 2016, the evidence was so compelling that the US Preventive Services Task Force, a panel of disease prevention experts appointed by the US Department of Health and Human Services, recommended that some patients between the ages of 50 and 59 take aspirin regularly for the prevention of both heart disease and colorectal cancer. In 2022, however, the agency reversed that recommendation amid concerns about side effects, such as bleeding.

The reversal, Chan said, highlighted the importance of more research into the question of who might benefit the most from aspirin.

Colorectal cancer is projected to kill more than 53,000 people in 2024, making it the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society. It has also been rising among young people for reasons that are not well understood.

Thursday’s paper analyzed data collected by the Harvard School of Public Health in two longitudinal studies: one launched in 1976 of 121,700 female nurses between the ages of 30 and 55, and a second study launched in 1986 of 51,519 male health professionals between the ages of 40 and 75. The researchers examined a 30-year period ending in 2018, extrapolating lifestyle information provided by study participants in biennial questionnaires that asked about their diet, cigarette and alcohol consumption, physical activity, and BMI. All five factors have been shown to af-

fect the risk of colorectal cancer. The studies also collected information on aspirin use.

Based on those answers, the researchers broke the group into two cohorts, those who did not take aspirin regularly and those who took a standard dose of two 325 mg aspirin tablets a week, or six or more low dose aspirin a week — the equivalent of a baby aspirin a day.

The rate of colon cancer over a 10-year period for the least healthy participants who did not use aspirin was 3.4 percent, or 3.4 cases for every 100 people. Those who took aspirin had a rate of 2.1 percent. For healthy individuals with healthy habits who did not take aspirin, the colon cancer rate was about 1.62 percent, compared with 1.5 percent risk for those who took aspirin, a risk reduction of about .11 percent.

The paper did not assess the risks associated with aspirin or

the “cost-benefit” ratio of any one individual.

Chan said the current paper is among the first to highlight variables that suggest when aspirin use may be more beneficial, part of a burgeoning field he calls “precision cancer prevention.” In his previous research, Chan showed that aspirin is more effective at preventing cancer and produces fewer side effects when taken by patients younger than 70.

“It’s most effective when you’re taking it at a younger age just in terms of cancer prevention efficacy, but also the side effects tend to accumulate in people who are older,” he said.

Aspirin could prove particularly useful for individuals who are reluctant to undergo the gold standard for colorectal cancer prevention, colonoscopy screening. But Chan stopped short of suggesting clinicians should prescribe aspirin for

high-risk individuals, calling it a “viable option” that clinicians should consider when deciding on a case-by-case basis how to proceed.

Sir John Burn, a cancer researcher at Newcastle University who has studied aspirin called the paper a “very important” addition to the evidence suggesting aspirin prevents colon cancer.

“It provides convincing evidence that aspirin helps to counteract the effects of a higher risk lifestyle,” he said. “The challenge will be to persuade those most at risk to take an aspirin.”

In recent years, Chan and others in his field have zeroed in on several biological mechanisms that likely play a role in aspirin’s remarkable effects on cancer. Among them, aspirin seems to interfere with the creation of key molecular-level building blocks needed to produce a class of inflammatory

proteins called prostaglandins, which are known to promote cancer. Aspirin also seems to inhibit specific cellular pathways that can promote abnormal growth of cells, while also boosting immune system function in ways that allow the body to better fight off cancer, Chan said.

“We are recognizing that aspirin as a molecule has a lot of different effects on ... the cell that are relevant to the development of cancer,” he said. “We’re continuing to learn more and more about it.”

He added, “We know how challenging it is to really change someone’s lifestyle. In the absence of the ability to make those lifestyle changes, there is another option to help reduce risk. It doesn’t completely eliminate risk. But it certainly goes a long way.”

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Reports lay out causes of student enrollment declines in city

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years, the city has consistently had more children ages 0-4 compared to ages 5-9. In 2022, the report found, there were about 31,000 children too young for school in Boston, and about 26,000 ages 5-9.

“That shift really does suggest one of the key factors in parents’ minds is concerns around school quality,” Schuster said.

Specifically, mostly white families appear to leave the city when their children reach school age: While about one-third of children under 5 are white, fewer than one-quarter of school-age children are. Instead, Black and Latino children make up the bulk of school-age Bostonians.

Research has shown perceptions of school quality are often driven by the racial demographics of their students, with whiter schools seen as better, not by the educational characteristics of the schools.

The same trend holds for income: Children from families making less than the city’s household-size-adjusted median income of about \$62,000 make

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LUC SCHUSTER, executive director, Boston Indicators

up 70 percent of school-age children, but less than half of all other residents of the city.

In a future report, Schuster said, Boston Indicators intends to examine trends in Boston’s inner ring suburbs such as Chelsea, Milton, and Somerville. Some, like Newton, are facing enrollment declines of their own.

As a result of white and higher-income families leaving, the vast majority of public school students in the city — about 81 percent — are high needs, mean-



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The report said declines in K-2 are especially “concerning as they are the strongest predictor of future patterns.”

ing they are low income, English learners, or have disabilities. They also have long been mostly Black and Latino. (Demographic information is not available for

private and parochial schools.)

The report finds that enrollment declines are likely to continue in the future, as the youngest grades have the lowest en-

rollment: about 12,000 students in kindergarten to second grade, compared to about 15,000 students their age in 2015 and more than 18,000 high school

students today.

“K-2 declines are especially concerning as they are the strongest predictor of future patterns,” the report notes. “Smaller K-2 cohorts mean fewer students to age up through the grades.”

The trend could reverse, Schuster said. Universal pre-K, which has grown to more than 3,000 students, could eventually help the city hold onto more students.

“Postpandemic, there’s been a little bit of an uptick in K-2 enrollment,” he said. “Maybe that’s something more than rebounding and could continue.”

Schuster said local and statewide efforts to get more housing built could help bring some families back to Boston.

Still, he said, another factor is likely to keep depressing enrollment: “I think it is important to not lose sight of the fact that the birthrate nationwide continues to decline.”

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TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MARK FEENEY



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5 rings, 15 questions

The more of the Paris Games you watch, the more questions you're likely to have.

When does Mike Tirico sleep? Does he even care about sleeping? Does his contract let him put in for overtime?

Would women's beach volleyball get as much coverage if the players dressed the same as players in regular volleyball do? (Consider that a rhetorical question.)

From certain angles, doesn't Léon Marchand look a bit like Bradley Cooper?

JD Vance's "weakest moments" comment about Simon Biles was bad enough three years ago. Does it now qualify as the single dumbest thing he's ever said?

Speaking of Biles, how large of a bonus can the Netflix executive who greenlit "Simone Biles Rising" count on at the end of the year?

Why's it so hard to root for Kevin Durant when he's playing in the NBA and so easy when he's playing for Team USA? Don't forget: no US gold in men's basketball in Tokyo

without KD coming to the hoop rescue.



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French President Emmanuel Macron at the Games.

Wouldn't it be great if instead of having to listen to their national anthem gold medalists got to pick their favorite song? Winners of team and relay events



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Olympic swimming champion Léon Marchand looks a bit like Bradley Cooper, don't you think?

would get a musical medley.

Is the most refreshing thing about watching the Olympics being able to enjoy sports on television without betting ads?

Isn't it overdue for someone Polish to medal in the, you know, pole vault?

Has there been a better quote this Olympics than men's 100-meter gold medalist Noah Lyles's "Oh, shoot, I'm incredible?" You win by five-thousandths of a second, you earn the right to say something like that.

If George Balanchine were alive, would his favorite Olympic event be the high jump or synchronized diving? (Hey, Los Angeles Olympic organizing committee: Lobby for synchronized high jumping in 2028!)

LA is one of three US cities the Summer Olympics have been held in. (The previous LA Games were in 1932 and 1984.) You probably remember Atlanta (1996). The third one's a lot tougher to come up with: St. Louis (1904). Any regrets about Boston not making it four cities on the list? Nope, didn't think so.

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

My friend's girlfriend doesn't trust me

Hi Meredith, long-time podcast listener, first-time advice column writer.

I'm struggling with a new group dynamic — my friend's new girlfriend has it out for me. Since they started dating last fall, it has upended the previously casual order of my friendship with her boyfriend (let's call him Sam). It's also made things awkward for our other close friends, all of whom I consider chosen family. Sam and I have known each other for more than a decade. Since then, we've been on good-to-great terms, platonically sharing beds while traveling, and living together for a year. We now share some of our closest friends, and I've rarely felt belonging like this.

Fast-forward to new girlfriend, "Alexa." Unfortunately, she came into the picture at a unique time in my friendship with Sam; we had recently hooked up in a very not sober, never-again way. I completely understand why this would be a flag in a new relationship, but she began clocking my every awkward move/comment as a sign of disrespect, which she admitted to me when we decided to sit down alone after Sam repeatedly tried and failed to convince her that I was not a threat. I am having a hard time being in a room with someone who assumed the worst about me for so long.

I also feel disappointed in Sam, supportive as he's been, as I don't understand how he could be with someone so drawn to drama, self-absorbed, and unkind. I want Sam to be happy, but I can't help hoping it doesn't work out with Alexa and wishing our other friends were as appalled as I am by Alexa's behavior.

Do you have any advice on staying friends with Sam and authentically showing up in group settings with Alexa? She apologized for the hypersensitivity before, and for the

record, I totally get aspects of my previous relationship with Sam (e.g. platonic sleepovers) aren't OK now. At the end of the day, I respect she's traditional, and I want to accept her apology, but I feel judged and unsafe around her. Thanks for listening.

FRIEND

A. I'm glad Alexa apologized. I hope it felt genuine.

We all have moments of jealousy and fear — especially when we fall in love. But that doesn't mean she gets to ostracize you from a friend group that is, as you put it, your chosen family.

I do think the two of you can find a new normal — because that's what's best for her, too. Maybe now that she's gotten the bad vibes out of her system (fingers crossed), she'll see the reality of how your friends fit together. It sounds like her lens has been pretty foggy.

Some of your feelings are about Alexa's actions. But I assume you're also adjusting to change. You said it best: no more sleepovers. No more doing whatever you want without considering how your closeness might affect others. Maybe the group dynamics are shifting, in real time, with age, status, etc.

I used to have sleepovers with my friends a lot — after parties, on trips. Then we turned a certain age and realized we liked our space and would rather end a night early to find clean bedding. So boring.

But that's life. You can stay super close with family/friends, but your boundaries might be different. You ask how to accept her apology — and how to show up authentically. The truth? Sometimes we don't show up as our authentic selves. Instead, we keep the peace as we figure out how to move on.

A few things can be true at once. You can accept that she wants things to change and is figuring out how to be better. You can also re-

main furious that she's made this so difficult, and exhale all of that after you get home.

Please remember that you can see friends without Sam. Sometimes it's nice to do things in groups of two and three. It doesn't have to be everyone and their significant others. You can get the family you need in smaller doses, without any stress at all.

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

Be honest with yourself: Do you want Sam? I think maybe you do and you're in denial. If he's really just a pal in both of your minds, things with work out naturally.

FREEDVICEFORYOU

Nobody wants their boyfriend/girlfriend to continue seeing someone they had an intimate relationship with. A little compassion will get you much further than trashing the girl for having perfectly understandable feelings.

SEENITTOO

Your friends judge you. Your co-workers judge you. You judge all of them. You judge your friend's new girlfriend as dramatic, self-absorbed, and unkind. You have to interact with someone you don't like and who doesn't like you, and that's just life. The sooner you can learn to tolerate differences and share space with people that aren't your cup of tea, the more peace you're going to have.

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LivingArts

Ice Spice, on her first headlining tour, ignites MGM Fenway

By Victoria Wasylik
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

It started with an inflatable prop: a ballooning, curly-haired caricature straight out of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, created in the likeness of rap's newest idol, Ice Spice.

As the set piece mushroomed from flat to full in the corner of the stage at MGM Music Hall at Fenway Sunday night, it was hard not to see an on-the-nose metaphor for the Bronx emcee's meteoric rise to fame. Born Isis Gaston, she first sparked success in 2022 with her viral hit "Munch (Feelin' U)," a rapid-rapped tease that paved the way for collaborations with Nicki Minaj, Taylor Swift, PinkPantheress, and even Dunkin', who crafted a Munchkins-flecked frozen coffee in her honor last year. Since then, Ice Spice has secured a fanbase with her matter-of-fact flow and eye-popping style, although she now faces a familiar crossroads between establishing lasting stardom and faltering to a flash in the pan.

Between the recent release of her debut album "Y2K!" and the launch of her first headlining tour, this summer presents the budding star with a make or break moment. And when she sauntered onstage in Boston wearing a cheeky pleather jumpsuit, stealing all attention from her inflatable twin and damning the towering prop to the background, it was evident that the rapper's career is far from thin ice.

On her recorded material, Ice Spice's delivery is typically even-toned, if not outright blasé, with her signature interjection, "grah," often resembling the closest thing to an exclamation mark in her verses. In person, her bars bounced off the floor-rattling drill beats instead of nonchalantly sitting atop them, animating the boastful nature of songs like "Oh Shhh..." and "Deli."



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Ice Spice onstage at MGM Music Hall at Fenway on Sunday.

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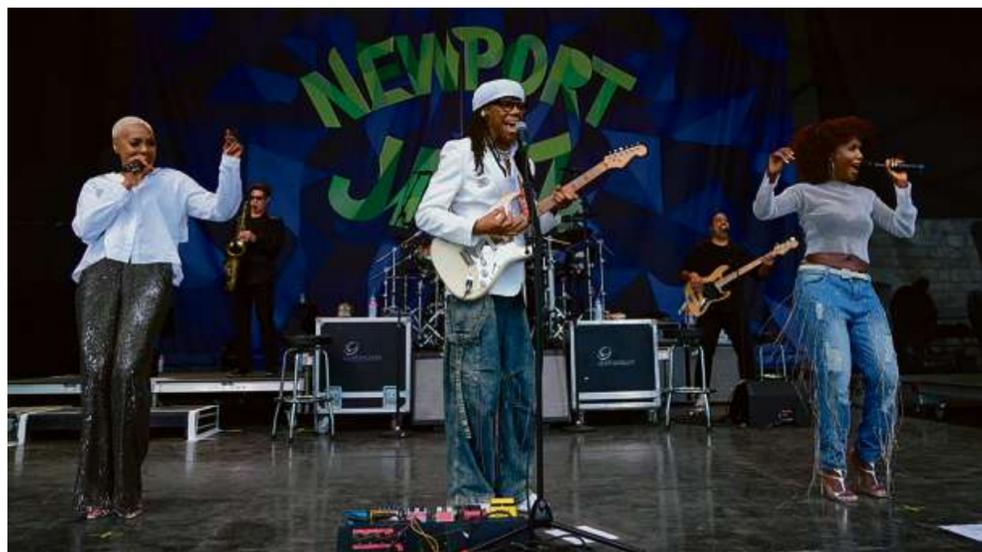
ICE SPICE: Y2K! WORLD TOUR
With Cash Cobain and RIOTUSA
At MGM Music Hall at Fenway,
Sunday

As she adopted a princess-style prance across the stage, Ice Spice's in-person zeal transformed her two-minute bites of mouthy hip-hop into full-bodied wallops of attitude. She delivered "Did It First," a song about two-timing your man after he did the same to you, with an air of saltiness and sly pride, while the saccharine pop-rap quality of "Barbie World" didn't sour without Ice Spice's collaborator and co-doll Minaj.

The set's centerpiece was the refrain of "Bikini Bottom," where the rapper proclaimed with newfound conviction, "how can I lose if I'm already chose?," a fittingly triumphant sentiment for Ice Spice's first headlining show in Boston. Although, nothing provoked louder cheers than every time she paused to flaunt her rump, gyrating as her orange locks grazed her waist — make of that what you will.

By the end of her 50-minute set, Ice Spice's presence felt fleshed out, dimensions beyond the "grah"-shouting fledgling rapper who labeled herself the hood's Princess Diana and demeaned old flings with equal indifference. Even when the 8-bit intro of "Think U The [expletive] (Fart)" — a single that revolves around the crude dig "Think you the [expletive]? You not even the fart." — the itch to roll any eyes was suddenly absent.

Frankly, if Ice Spice can make that fifth-grade humor even somewhat palatable, she's capable of anything. Someone get this woman an ice-cold Munchkins drink from Dunkin'.



Nile Rodgers, Laufey, and more deliver good times on final day of Newport Jazz Fest

By Marc Hirsh
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

NEWPORT, R.I. — It's important to be careful with an event like the Newport Jazz Festival. With four stages, three of which might be active at any given moment, a person might get so caught up in an assemblage of rising stars that he realizes he's almost missed multi-instrumentalist Julius Rodriguez, high-tails it to the other stage to learn that Rodriguez has finished, and then high-tails it back to find that he's missed the final minutes of the group he left in the first place.

Such was the embarrassment of riches at Fort Adams State Park on Sunday as the 2024 festival drew to a close. With so many options, there was sure to be something that attendees regretted missing, or something they're glad they stuck with.

It began right at the start, as bassist Buster Williams's traditional combo with piano, drums, and winds competed with the less melodic but more modern electric attack of the Messthetics, spacey but flying as they played more with pure sound. Kassa Overall was further out still, with blats of quick-fingered saxophone and trumpet as his drums seemed designed to keep listeners on an unsteady foothold.

"Newport at 70" offered a glimpse at the future of jazz by glancing backward. Dizzy Gillespie's "Two Bass Hit" gave the septet a fast-moving start, but the slower "I Want to Talk About You," modeled after John Coltrane's 1963 Newport performance, showed that the up-and-comers — trumpeter Giveton Gelin and flutist Elena Pinderhughes in particular — were arguably more impressive when holding back. And the piano stabs and rhythmic spikes of Thelonious Monk's "Evidence" provided ample opportunity for guest vocalist Jazzmeia Horn to dart in and out.

Horn's presence seemed to surprise the University of Rhode Island

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NEWPORT JAZZ FESTIVAL
At Fort Adams State Park,
Newport, R.I., Sunday



PHOTOS BY STEVEN SENNE/AP

Nile Rodgers and Chic (top) and Laufey (above) at the Newport Jazz Festival on Sunday.

Jazz Collective, which had borrowed her arrangement of "I Remember You" — fast, slippery, and like a constant shifting of pieces — while Ricki Rizzo's vocals were clean, controlled, and immaculate.

"Meshell Ndegeocello is a band," read the eponymous bassist/vocalist's T-shirt, and she made good on it by often laying back as her musicians took focus. Building on her recent James Baldwin project, the set began with Jake Sherman's carnival organ, Jebin Bruni's angel-choir keyboard, and Chris Bruce's guitar squelches, and the liquid, cosmic grooves that followed glimmered like a sunrise. The songs had a calm intensity — enhanced by singer Justin Hicks's soft, pained, and sublime falsetto — as Ndegeocello quietly but firmly conducted the proceedings with her unperturbed determination and exceptional, locked-in bass playing.

Elsewhere, Amaro Freitas seemed determined to coax music out from anywhere he could, from a specially treated piano to pulling gentle vocals from the crowd to

finding melodies in a single repeated note. His innocent earnestness contrasted with the rich alto wobble of the cool and mannered Laufey, whose sophisticated take on adult pop seemed a little too knowing and self-aware. She took on loping Western jazz with "While You Were Sleeping" and "Like the Movies" was a light summer skip, while the grand piano heartbreak of "Promise" had hints of Olivia Rodrigo.

Alex Isley took a Cassandra Wilson approach to electric vocal jazz, with her light voice sultry in its holding back, while rapper Noname was low-key bouncy against crisp jazz-funk backing. Keyboardist Robert Glasper took an even more forward-looking approach to collaboration, less about creating space for solos than about allowing for the musicians to expand the sonic space individually and as one. Even so, drummer Justin Tyson was an impossible standout, playing a glitching rhythm at one point and taking a spotlight where he was constantly looking for ways to split the beat. Even when Glasper's keyboard didn't work and guest vocalist Horn simply vamped with the band, he shrugged and said, "That's jazz."

Nile Rodgers, on the other hand, announced "We came to dance, party and have a good time," and he and his revamped Chic tore through decades of the hits he's had a hand in, from the disco monster "Le Freak" to Beyoncé's "Cuff It," with stops at "Like a Virgin," "Let's Dance," "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It," and "Get Lucky" along the way. Like Ndegeocello and Glasper, Rodgers allowed his bandmates to shine, particularly singers Audrey Martells and Kimberly Davis, but his instantly recognizable tight guitar scratches made his presence known regardless. A storm warning forced an early end to the set and the festival, but Chic had already delivered good times, if not "Good Times."

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In a new book, Ellen Ruppel Shell studies the slippery beasts of Maine and the 'eel people' they've snagged

By Elena Giardina
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Ellen Ruppel Shell was apprehensive when she arrived at Pemaquid Falls Landing in Bristol, Maine. The river below was teeming with elvers, otherwise known as glass eels — juvenile eels that flit through the water in a flash, each one no longer than 3 inches. Despite their ghostly appearance, it wasn't the eels that put Shell at unease. What worried her more was the fisherman setting up their fyke nets in the current to claim their elver-catching territory.

"I was a little bit nervous to go down to the river at midnight to observe elver fishermen because I had been told that many of them have guns," Shell said.

But why would a fisherman carry a gun? Because, Shell explained, a 5-gallon paint bucket full of elvers could be worth thousands of dollars, sometimes as much as \$40,000.

"It's big money," said Shell, who lives part of the year in Bremen, Maine. "It's life-changing money for people in Maine. So, they're not forthcoming

about where they catch their elvers or when they're going to go out, and they certainly don't want to talk to a journalist."

But Shell — a science journalist and professor emerita of science journalism at Boston University — spoke with many of these fishermen for her new book, "Slippery Beast: A True Crime Natural History, with Eels." She also spoke to former poachers, fish farmers, scientists, and historians, all of whom consider themselves "eel people."

"I began reading about [the eels] because of the crime," said Shell, "and like everyone else, I got pulled in."

Shell sought out William Sheldon. The "Godfather of the eels of Maine" had been released from a federal penitentiary in New Hampshire only two months before Shell met him at his Woolwich, Maine, home. His crime: trafficking about \$550,000 worth of illegally harvested elvers.

"He started off by telling me how stupid I was [to pursue eels as a topic]. And to some degree, he was right," Shell said. Eels are, as she had been told, "a dirty business," and the supply chain

behind them is notoriously riddled with danger and corruption.

"I wasn't frightened of him, but I wasn't expecting him to be happy that I was there and to welcome me with open arms. Let me just say, he did not offer me coffee," Shell said. Sheldon did open up, though, explaining to Shell that "a stressed eel is a weak eel," and "a weak eel won't make it to China."

China is where these eels are deposited into fish farms, injected with hormones, grown to full size, skinned, fileted, cooked, and finally sent back to the United States where they can be featured on the menu of your local sushi restaurant. The demand for these slippery creatures is high, so as a result, smuggling them has become one of the most lucrative wildlife crimes. In her book, Shell reports that "dollar for dollar, illegal dealing in elvers rivals not only that of tiger paws and tortoise shells, but of drugs, guns, and humans."

As many animal poachers tend to do, Sheldon considered himself a steward of the eels. He was also completely taken by them, an experience that Shell quickly learned was not singular. As she



MARTIN SHELL

Ellen Ruppel Shell is the author of "Slippery Beast: A True Crime Natural History, with Eels."

read more and more, the story of Maine's eel poaching ring opened up into the story of a scientific inquiry that "paralleled the history of science." That inquiry is called the "eel question," and to this day, it remains unanswered.

No one has been able to breed eels in captivity, hence the demand for elvers, and exactly how these animals procreate is a mystery. Throughout history, eels have baffled the likes of Aristotle, Freud, and Rachel Carson.

"It attracted scientific inquiry for centuries, and I could understand why," said Shell. "I gradually became fascinated with it, myself."

The eel question took Shell from the rivers, reservations, and small towns of Maine to restaurants in Paris and eel laboratories in Norway where she interviewed marine biologists, scientists, and historians still in pursuit of the answer. She also got to spend time with scientists in Bermuda on the coast of the Sargasso Sea, the sole location where eels start and end their lives.

In her book, which she worked on for three years, Shell moves beyond the eel business to explore the research and scientific advancements happening in these places to better explain the eels' biology and migrational patterns, the driving force behind the animal's meandering supply chain.

"No one had ever seen an eel egg. No one had ever seen an eel procreate," Shell said. "And no one has ever seen an eel in the open ocean ever. Ever! I mean, doesn't that blow you away?"

"It's passion and curiosity," said Shell, "Especially in the science. They're not going to get super famous doing this. It just shows through the history of science how people were driven by curiosity."

"As opposed to them snagging the eel," Shell said, "they were snagged by the eel."

Ellen Ruppel Shell will discuss her book with Barbara Moran, a WBUR correspondent, on Thursday at 7 p.m. at an event hosted by Porter Square Books.

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BEN VOLIN
ON FOOTBALL

Mayo impressively dealt with rough week

FOXBOROUGH — In his memoir 'The Score Takes Care of Itself,' Hall of Famer Bill Walsh described the frenetic life of a head football coach.
'In the NFL, events occur — hit you — at supersonic speeds with volcanic force,' Walsh wrote.

It took all of one week of training camp for the wolves to come after new Patriots coach Jerod Mayo.
He and his team were hit with a tidal wave of drama on the first day the pads came on.
Matthew Judon, perhaps their best player on defense, threw a tantrum on the field about his contract and was kicked out of practice.

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KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE GLOBE

The Patriots' Matthew Judon, usually a high-energy presence at practice, has been unusually low-key the past week.

Judon reiterates his dissatisfaction

Contract is still a sticking point

By Christopher Price
GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — Matthew Judon is back on the field, but it sounds as if things between the Patriots linebacker and the team are no closer to being resolved.
Speaking for the first time since he was absent from most of two practices last week, Judon, who is entering the last year off his current contract, reiterated his desire Monday for a new deal, one that would pay him more than the \$6.5 million in

base salary he stands to earn this season.
'I told you all I wanted to stay here for the remainder of my career,' he said, harkening back to a conversation he had with reporters at the start of training camp.
'Obviously, that would equal more [years]. But I only have one year left. I mean, I think with more years would come more money. That's usually how contracts work. But it's not up to me.'
Judon was asked if there was a comparable contract that the sides could use as a potential framework. He acknowledged

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2024 PARIS OLYMPICS



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Women have accounted for 44 of the 78 medals won by Team USA, with Simone Biles (center) finishing her Games with a silver. C5

For US women, show of strength

They're outdoing the men in medal count once again

By Julian Benbow
GLOBE STAFF

The medal count for the US team officially started on Day 1 when divers Sarah Bacon and Cassidy Cook won the silver medal in the 3 meter synchronized.
Reaching the podium was a milestone for the pair, who found redemption after missing out on the Olympics in 2021.
'I'm still processing it in this moment,' Cook said.
'I'm just so overwhelmed with emotions — the best emotions in the world.'
It was only the second time the United States had medaled in the event, but Cook and Bacon not only

got the ball rolling for America's athletes but kept it rolling for America's women, who for the past two decades have been bringing home the lion's share of the country's medals at the Summer Games.
Through Monday afternoon, Americans have set the pace with 78 total medals; women have won 44. If that holds, it would be the fourth straight Summer Olympics in which the US women won the majority of the country's medals.
The first time Team USA's women outpaced the men was in 2008, when they had a 56-55 advantage.
The London Games in 2012 were considered the breakthrough. Time Magazine declared that summer 'The Year of The Woman.' It was the first time every participating country included female athletes.
America's women won 58 medals, 55.8 percent of the country's total, while men won 45. Jacques Rogge,

president of the International Olympic Committee at the time, bragged, 'This is a major boost for gender equality.'
The 2021 Games in Tokyo were where the shift turned seismic. US women won 66 of the country's 113 medals, 58.4 percent, and 25 more than the men. It was the largest total by US women at any Olympics.
Nancy Hogshead-Makar won three gold medals and a silver as America's most decorated swimmer at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, and she saw the women's performance in 2021 as another leap.
'These outstanding performances by America's women's team in Tokyo are the tip of the iceberg of women's potential,' said Hogshead-Makar at the time.

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It's different for the 'Individual Neutral Athlete'

JOHN POWERS
ON OLYMPICS

PARIS — When Ivan Litvinovich won his first Olympic gold medal in men's trampoline three years ago in Tokyo, he saw the red-and-green flag of Belarus go up and heard the 'My Belarusy' anthem played.
When he won his second here, it was a teal banner with a circular emblem and a generic anthem created by the IOC.
'What is there to say?' Litvinovich said. 'It's different.'
Such has been the experience for the 'Individual Neutral Athletes' from Russia and Belarus who've been competing at these Games. Their countries have been banned for attacking Ukraine — Russia as invader, Belarus as enabler.
But athletes who have not 'actively

supported' the war as members of the military or security forces or haven't publicly approved their government's policies have been allowed to participate.
Only a small number of those who were invited actually are here — 17 Belarusians and 15 Russians. That's a fraction of the 335 Russians and 101 Belarusians who competed last time and on the low side of what the International Olympic Committee antici-

pated.
So far they've performed creditably. Besides Litvinovich, countrywoman Viyaleta Bardzilouskaya won the silver in women's trampoline and countryman Yauheni Zalyat did the same in the single sculls in men's rowing.
And in tennis, Russia's Mirra Andreeva and Diana Shnaider took silver in women's doubles behind Italy's Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini.

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MORE OLYMPICS



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World-beater Sweden's Duplantis (left) continues to reach new heights in pole vault. C4
Eating it up To get flavor of the Olympics, we went on a taste-testing expedition. C4
Perfect 10? Just how many events (right) can one reporter attend in one day at the Paris Olympics? C6



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The Red Sox led, 1-0, after Dominic Smith (above) scored on David Hamilton's double in the second.

Red Sox gain on Royals

They cut wild-card deficit to 1 1/2 games

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Royals represent what's directly in front of the Red Sox. Even though manager Alex Cora recently emphasized the importance of every series, Monday's opener of a three-game series held particular significance because the Sox had an opportunity to make up ground on Kansas City.
Heading into the contest, the Sox were 2 1/2 games behind the Royals for the American League's third wild-card spot.
That margin was trimmed to 1 1/2 following a 9-5 Sox victory.
The Sox chased starter Brady Singer with two outs in the top of the sixth inning and the game tied at 2-2 when the Royals elected to go to reliever Angel Zerpa with a slew of lefthanders at the top of the Sox' order.
That approach was ineffective, as the Sox scored six runs with Zerpa on the mound during the sixth and seventh innings, four of which were charged to him. He managed to get only one out. With runners at second and third in the sixth, Jarren Duran scalded a two-run double that stayed just fair down the left-field line. In the seventh, the club rallied to score four runs behind four consecutive hits and a passed ball, highlighted by a Romy Gonzalez pinch-hit two-run homer that yielded a Sox a convincing six-run lead.
'We had a humble approach, to be honest with you,' said Cora after the game. 'We hit the ball all over the place and we ran the bases well. The kids did an amazing job at the bottom of the lineup. We just kept putting pressure on them.'

Ceddanne Rafaela was one of those kids who contributed, especially on the defensive side. In the bottom of the fifth inning with James Paxton still on the hill, the Royals' Maikel Garcia lifted a deep fly ball that appeared to have a chance to clear the 410-foot mark in center. Rafaela struggled to track the ball in the twilight, hindering his ability to take the most efficient route to the base. The Sox center fielder had to

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Baseball

Needed relief may be on the way for bullpen

PETER ABRAHAM ON BASEBALL

KANSAS CITY — Statistically, the Red Sox bullpen is in the middle of the pack in the American League. That was fine in the first half of the season when the rotation had a 3.63 earned run average.

But the starters have a 5.61 ERA since the All-Star break and have averaged 5 1/3 innings per start.

The trade deadline has come and gone, so what can be done? Actually, quite a bit.

Chris Martin, the team's best reliever last season, likely will rejoin the roster as soon as Wednesday. He hasn't pitched since July 3 because of a sore elbow but the team doesn't feel he needs a minor league rehab assign-

ment. Martin has pitched only 26 2/3 innings this season and could be leaned on down the stretch.

Justin Slaten, a Rule 5 pick who was an important contributor in the first half, is working his way back from elbow issues and should return later this month. He had a 3.38 ERA over 31 appearances before being sidelined. Once healthy, the expectation is he will be a high-leverage option.

Liam Hendriks, a three-time All-Star, is set to face hitters on Wednesday, a big milestone in his return from Tommy John surgery. The Sox could have a pitcher of his caliber in a seventh-inning role before the end of the season.

Greg Weissert, who was leaned on for much of the first half, was optioned to Triple A on July 29. He has pitched

once since as the Sox give him a chance to reset.

Luis García and Lucas Sims, who were obtained at the deadline have looked good in a small sample size. They are righthanders but bring something different to the table. García relies on his fastball and Sims on breaking pitches.

Both will be free agents after the season and don't lack for motivation.

"It's a great opportunity," said Sims, who got Bobby Witt Jr. to pop up and strand a runner on second to end the seventh inning. "To come to a team like the Red Sox and get a chance to pitch in important games, that's what you want."

Sims pitched for the Reds in the 2020 postseason, but those were games without fans because of the pandemic.

"Playing in Fenway Park in the playoffs, that would be special," Sims said.

The Sox have options that could make their bullpen a strength in September. That could be the difference in the pennant race.

Manager Alex Cora has talked about "being more aggressive" with his use of the bullpen over the final 51 games.

"Stuff-wise, we should be pretty good," Cora said. "We can balance how we do it during the week. We can go multiple innings with Zach [Kelly] and then he'll be down and we'll have other guys coming in the next day . . . We have some interesting arms, some good ones and experience."

In the end, the rotation will determine how the rest of the season unfolds. That's usually how it works. The Sox can hit their way out of problems but they need Kutter Crawford and

Tanner Houck to bounce back from what have been a series of rocky starts in recent weeks.

James Paxton also is being counted on to provide a lift. He allowed two runs over six innings on Monday.

"I can only speak for myself, but I feel good physically," Crawford said. "I've been leaving too many pitches over the plate, but I can correct that. I know I have to pitch better than I have been."

Kenley Jansen is the only reliever to be on the active roster all season.

"This bullpen is better than people think," he said. "And we're going to get better with the guys we have coming back. If you ask me, the rest of the season is going to be interesting."

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RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Cora impressed with Duran and Witt Jr.

By Peter Abraham GLOBE STAFF

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — As the manager of the Red Sox, Alex Cora appreciates the way Jarren Duran and Bobby Witt Jr. play.

As a father of 7-year-old twin sons, he appreciates them even more.

"If you want your kids to play the game the right way — hustling all the time and doing the things you're supposed to do on the field — those two kids are amazing," Cora said Monday before the Sox beat Witt and the Royals, 9-5.

"They're fun to watch; they're very humble; they don't take anything for granted . . . just physical athletes that can run, hit the ball out of the ballpark, and have that presence. That's where the game is going."

The rule changes Major League Baseball incorporated to bring more athleticism into the game are evident in Duran and Witt.

Duran, who doubled in two runs in the sixth inning, has 62 extra-base hits, 27 steals, and is playing Gold Glove-level defense splitting his time between center field and left field.

Witt has 61 extra-base hits along with 25 steals and ranks as one of the best defensive shortstops in the game.

"I'm learning more and more each day. My preparation is getting better," Witt said. "Trying to take things one step at a time."

The Royals lost 106 games last season. Led by Witt and catcher Salvador Perez, Kansas City is contending for a

postseason berth.

Witt, 24, has taken the approach of focusing on each day and not thinking too far ahead.

"We knew we had a team that was capable of doing this," he said. "We just have to prove ourselves."

Like Duran, Witt has started every game this season.

"I just want to make sure I'm out there every day for the team and make sure my body is right," Witt said.

Duran and Witt were All-Stars and had a chance to talk in Texas before the game.

"It's been great to see what he's doing, playing the game hard," Witt said. "It's been fun."

Witt is the son of former major league pitcher Bobby Witt, who grew up in Canton.

Like his father, he's a fan of the Patriots and is keeping an eye on rookie quarterback Drake Maye.

"Maybe soon," Witt said when asked if Maye can win the job. "I hope so."

O'Neill still out

Tyler O'Neill was out of the lineup for the third consecutive game because of an illness. He was not spotted in the clubhouse before or after the game.

"Feeling better but not great," Cora said. "Hopefully he's a full go on Wednesday. We'll see how it goes."

Chris Martin stayed behind in Texas on Sunday to spend time with his family and joined the team late Monday afternoon. He played catch and is on track to be activated off the injured list on Wednesday.

Liam Hendriks is scheduled to throw live batting practice to a few teammates on Wednesday. The Sox will use their allotted time on the field for the session, meaning early-arriving fans could watch.

It'll be the first time Hendriks faces hitters since he had Tommy John surgery a year ago. He'll throw 10-15 pitches.

On the road

Triston Casas and Vaughn Grissom will continue their rehab assignments with Triple A Worcester for the six-game series at Syracuse that starts on Tuesday. Casas is 4 for 13 with two walks and six strikeouts in four games as he returns from torn rib cartilage . . . Justin Slaten threw out to 120 feet and is making progress with his return from a sore right elbow . . . Trevor Story has progressed to swinging at balls thrown overhand, as opposed to underhand tosses. "So far so good," Cora said. The Sox continue to say there's a chance Story could return this season from shoulder surgery. But Cora acknowledged "there's a lot of stuff we need to do before it becomes a reality." But the fact that it's possible is a good sign . . . Kenley Jansen was on the field early in the afternoon, running on the outfield warning track in 101-degree heat. "It clears the mind. It's good for me," Jansen said. If you say so . . . Former Red Sox righthander John Schreiber has a 4.14 ERA over 43 appearances for the Royals this season. Only lefthander Angel Zepa and righthander Chris Stratton have pitched more games for Kansas City. But Schreiber is on the injured list with a tendon issue in his right knee. He's out of a brace and played catch on Monday. The Sox traded Schreiber to the Royals in February for 23-year-old righthander David Sandlin. He's 0-2 with a 4.54 ERA over 12 starts for Single A Greenville and Double A Portland. He has averaged 13.4 strikeouts per nine innings.

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Red Sox center fielder Ceddanne Rafaela tracked down this deep shot for a spectacular catch in the fifth.

Sox gain on Royals in wild-card race

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rely on instinct, nearly guessing where the ball would land.

Rafaela guessed correctly, making a backhanded catch while crashing into the wall for the second out of the inning.

"I didn't realize it but now I'm seeing it and I was like 'Wow, that's a good catch,'" said Rafaela, who was looking at the play on his phone inside the clubhouse prior to meeting with reporters. "I knew he hit the ball well, so I just tried to sprint back and make the catch."

"He's unbelievable," said catcher Connor Wong, who was 2 for 5 with two RBIs. "You see him tracking the ball down like that and he just ends up with it. You're just kind of in awe."

Singer allowed a season-high 10 hits. The Sox scored two of their four runs. The Sox scored two of their four runs. The Sox scored two of their four runs.

in the second inning behind a David Hamilton RBI double and a Duran RBI ground out. Singer's previous three starts landed seven innings each.

Paxton delivered six quality innings for the Sox, allowing two runs on RBI singles in the third and fourth innings. Paxton conceded just five hits.

"I was mostly fastball/curveball," said Paxton. "We flipped in a couple of changeups there late. [Wong] did a great job behind the plate pushing the buttons. We just mixed. The curveball was working really well. We buried some and just made pitches when we had to."

Cora turned to reliever Cooper Criswell for the seventh, but he lasted only two-thirds of an inning. Criswell surrendered three hits and two runs, including an RBI single by Adam Frazier and an RBI double by Garcia.

The Red Sox, plated another run in the eighth inning, and the Royals re-

sponded with a Vinnie Pasquantino solo shot in the home half of the frame off newly acquired reliever Luis Garcia, but the deficit proved too large for the Royals.

The Royals entered the series with an impressive 11-5 record since the All-Star break, having won three of five series and outscoring their opponents, 94-59. But the Sox halted that momentum by compiling 18 hits, their third most this season. It marked the sixth time they collected 15-plus hits.

"They're going to keep fighting," said Cora of the Royals. "They have a good team. It took a lot. We had to go to the bullpen to try to get 27 outs. But give our guys credit. They showed up today and did their job. Now we have a shot to win the series."

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Red Sox 9, Royals 5

Table with columns: Player, AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. Rows include Duran, Abreu, Yoshida, Devers, Wong, DoSmith, Sogard, Hamilton, Rafaela, and totals for both teams.

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

SECOND INNING: RED SOX — Smith singled to right. Sogard singled to right. Smith to second. Hamilton doubled to right. Smith scored. Sogard to third. Rafaela fouled to catcher. Duran grounded to first, unassisted. Sogard scored. Hamilton to third. Abreu filed to center. THIRD INNING: ROYALS — Hampson struck out. Isbel walked. Garcia grounded to third. Isbel to second. Witt singled to right. Isbel scored. Pasquantino grounded to first. FOURTH INNING: ROYALS — Perez popped to second. Renfroe grounded to shortstop. Massey tripled to right. Fermin singled to first. Massey scored. Fermin stole second. Hampson popped to first. SIXTH INNING: RED SOX — Smith struck out. Sogard singled to right. Hamilton lined to center. Rafaela singled to center. Sogard to third. Rafaela to second. Zepa pitching. Duran doubled to left. Sogard and Rafaela scored. Duran stole third. Abreu filed to right. SEVENTH INNING: RED SOX — Yoshida doubled to left. Devers singled to right. Yoshida to third. Wong doubled to left. Yoshida scored. Devers to third. R. González pinch-hitting for Smith. On Zepa's wild pitch, Devers scored. Wong to third. R. González homered to center. Wong scored. Stratton pitching. Sogard struck out. Hamilton grounded to second. Rafaela singled to left. Duran grounded to pitcher. ROYALS — Massey doubled to center. Fermin struck out. Frazier, hitting for Hampson, singled to left. Massey scored. Frazier advancing to second. Isbel popped to left. Garcia doubled to center. Frazier scored. Sims pitching. Witt popped to third. EIGHTH INNING: RED SOX — Abreu struck out. Yoshida doubled to center. Devers was intentionally walked. Wong singled to left. Yoshida scored. Devers to second; Devers was out advancing, left fielder Frazier to third baseman Garcia to shortstop Witt. Wong was picked off, pitcher to first. ROYALS — Pasquantino homered to right. Perez struck out. Renfroe grounded to third. Massey filed to right.



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Baseball



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Cedanne Rafaela singled, then hustled to second in the Red Sox' two-run sixth inning.

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RESULTS

Monday game results: Boston 9 at Kansas City 5, NY Mets 6 at St. Louis 0, Arizona 7 (10 inn.) at Cleveland 6, Cincinnati 10 at Miami 3, San Francisco 4 at Washington 1.

Sunday game results: Boston 7 at Texas 2, San Francisco 8 at Cincinnati 2, Arizona 6 at Pittsburgh 5, Miami 7 at Atlanta 0, At Washington 4 Milwaukee 3, At NY Yankees 4 (10 inn.) Toronto 3, Baltimore 9 at Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3 at Detroit 2.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Table of Tuesday's games: Boston at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.; Arizona at Cleveland, 6:40 p.m.; Cincinnati at Miami, 6:40 p.m.; San Diego at Pittsburgh, 6:40 p.m.; San Francisco at Washington, 9:40 p.m.

Child out of danger

Freeman returns; ailing son is home

By Beth Harris

ANGELES — Freddie Freeman returned to the Dodgers' lineup Monday night after missing eight games to be with his ailing 3-year-old son who is out of danger after a serious medical diagnosis.

"I'm back," he said, "so that means good things are happening at the Freeman home."

Freeman received a standing ovation in his first at-bat. The Phillies joined the applause from their dugout. He stepped out of the batter's box, removed his helmet and waved to the crowd, then touched his right hand to his heart.

The response clearly moved Freeman, who took several deep breaths before stepping in against Phillies pitcher Aaron Nola. He struck out swinging to end the first inning.

After an initial diagnosis proved incorrect, Maximus Freeman was found to have Guillain-Barre syndrome, something Freeman and his wife, Chelsea, had never heard of. The rare neurological disorder occurs when the body's immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system and causes nerve damage and muscle weakness.

"Seeing one of your kids on a ventilator fighting, it was hard," Freeman said, his voice choking. "That's the heartbreaking thing. No one deserves to go through something like this. I know you parents understand that. You'd switch in a second to take that pain, that suffering away from your kid in a heartbeat. When you feel hopeless, like Chelsea and I did, that's hard."

Speaking to the media, he cried at times and wiped his eyes and nose with a towel.

"If you talked to me six days ago, I would never have been able to speak," Freeman said.

Maximus first got sick during the All-Star break in July, when the family traveled to the game in Texas to cheer on Freeman. Four days later, the child couldn't sit up or walk and eventually stopped eating and drinking.

Freeman said his son experienced a loss of sensation that spread from his feet to his shoulders and had difficulty breathing.

He was rushed to the hospital near the family's home in Orange County and put on a ventilator. Maximus received two rounds of intravenous immunoglobulin, a biological agent and pooled antibody that helps restore a compromised immune system.

Maximus is back home, doing physical therapy to relearn how to walk and move his fingers, which are in a claw position.

"You can see his smile again," Freeman said.

The boy was eager to watch his dad play against the Phillies Monday.

"We've been told that he's going to make a full recovery," Freeman said.

METS 6, CARDINALS 0

Box score for Mets vs Cardinals: NY Mets 6, St. Louis Cardinals 0. Key stats: Mets 10 runs, 10 hits, 2 errors; Cardinals 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors.

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Box score for Red Sox vs Marlins: Boston Red Sox 10, Miami Marlins 3. Key stats: Red Sox 10 runs, 10 hits, 2 errors; Marlins 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors.

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RANGERS 4, ASTROS 3

Box score for Rangers vs Astros: Houston Rangers 4, Houston Astros 3. Key stats: Rangers 10 runs, 10 hits, 2 errors; Astros 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors.

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Sports Log Panthers down two top picks

The Panthers will be without their top two draft picks and backup quarterback Andy Dalton as they prepare for their pre-season opener Thursday night against the Patriots at Foxborough. But it's not all bad news. The Panthers avoided serious injury to first-round draft pick Xavier Legette over the weekend when medical exams revealed the wide receiver from South Carolina didn't fracture his foot as initially feared. He is listed as day to day. Running back Jonathan Brooks, a second-round pick from Tennessee, still hasn't been on the field yet for the Panthers. He tore his ACL during his last season with the Volunteers and the Panthers expect he won't be ready to play until at least late September. At quarterback, the Panthers are down to Bryce Young, Jack Plummer, and Jake Luton as their only healthy QBs with Dalton sidelined a few weeks with a strained quadriceps.

Browns DE Smith carted off field

Browns defensive end Za'Darius Smith was driven off the field in a cart after suffering an injury during practice. Smith, who had 5 1/2 sacks last season, his first with the Browns, appeared to get hurt during a red zone drill. The 31-year-old was hunched over and in obvious pain while sitting in the front passenger seat of the cart for the short drive to the training facility. The Browns did not have immediate word on Smith, who was acquired last year in a trade with the Vikings.

Jets' DE Reddick continues holdout

There's still no sign of Haason Reddick two weeks into training camp for the New York Jets. The star edge rusher's holdout reached 14 days as he seeks a new contract after being acquired from the Philadelphia Eagles during the offseason. "I still have nothing," coach Robert Saleh said when asked if there was any update. Reddick, 29, was placed on the reserve/did not report list July 25, the Jets' second day of camp practice — with the hope the contract dispute would soon be resolved. Instead, it has dragged out and become a daily story line for New York.

Chiefs' Butker top-paid kicker

Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker, who made the game-winning field goal in Kansas City's Super Bowl victory two years ago, has agreed on a four-year contract extension that makes him the highest-paid kicker in the NFL. Butker announced the deal on X, saying: "There's no place I'd rather be than with the Chiefs, excited to finalize a 4 year extension. To the Heights!" ESPN reported that Butker is receiving a \$25.6 million extension.

A's reach tentative deal on Coliseum

The departing Oakland Athletics reached a tentative agreement to sell their half of the Coliseum to a private Black development group for \$125 million, paving the way for the group to build a giant entertainment and sports complex in a long-neglected part of the Bay Area city. The African American Sports & Entertainment Group and the A's affiliate, Coliseum Way Partners, announced the deal in a joint statement. The development group struck a deal in May to purchase the other 50 percent ownership interest from the city of Oakland for \$105 million.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Bridgewater down — but not out

The Bridgewater Little League Baseball team representing Massachusetts in the New England Regional fell to Boston on Wednesday.

MINNESOTA 6, CHICAGO 2

Box score for Minnesota vs Chicago: Minnesota Twins 6, Chicago Cubs 2. Key stats: Twins 10 runs, 10 hits, 2 errors; Cubs 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors.

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Olympic medals

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MONDAY'S MEDALISTS

Table listing medalists for various sports including Athletics, Badminton, 3x3 Basketball, Canoe Slalom, Cycling Track, Gymnastics, and Triathlon.

Duplantis breaks his own world mark

Pole vaulter sets the record for ninth time

Mondo Duplantis broke his own pole vault world record at the Olympics, clearing 20 feet, 6 inches to cap his second straight gold-medal performance on the sport's biggest stage.

Duplantis cleared the mark on his third and final try. It marked the ninth time the Louisiana-born 24-year-old, who competes for his mother's native Sweden, has broken the record, but the first time at the Olympics.



Sweden's Mondo Duplantis, who was born in Louisiana, broke his own pole vault world record on his final try.

America's Sam Kendricks won the silver medal and Emmanouil Karalis of Greece took the bronze. After Duplantis had the victory sealed by clearing 6.10, he had the bar moved 1 centimeter higher than the world-record height.

Another miss ensued, then another long break. All of the other events were over, but most of the crowd, including the king and queen of Sweden, stayed in the arena, singing along to the French song "Alleur de Feu" — "Light the Fire" — and clapping in rhythm.

Duplantis teetered on a foam roller, removed his shoes, then put them back on. Finally, he lined up for the last try and cleared it, then went sprinting toward the stands to celebrate the close of another memorable night at the Olympic track and field meet.

Lyles returns to the track

American star Noah Lyles returned to the track the day after his memorable win in the 100 meters to start the quest for his second gold, this one in the 200. He won his opening heat in 20.19 seconds, then stuck around to receive his gold medal.

No day at beach for US

Two US teams fell on the sand at Eiffel Tower Stadium, with Taryn Kloth and Kristen Nuss losing to Canada in the women's quarterfinals a few hours after Chase Budinger and Miles Evans lost to Norway in the men's.

British cyclists set mark

The British trio of Katy Marchant, Sophie Capewell, and Emma Finucane shattered the world record in the women's team sprint while beating New Zealand in a head-to-head showdown for the gold medal to open the track cycling program.

Spain vs. France in soccer

Juanlu Sanchez came off the bench to lift Spain into a record-equaling fifth up to the bronze position, was then relegated to fourth. She crossed in 14:31.64.

For Olympic flavor, he went on taste-testing tour

By Adam Himmelsbach GLOBE STAFF

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The reactions felt like a polite mix of "That's so cool" and "Please stop sending vacation pictures," even though I am actually working here. But one response stood out.

"Do they have fancy concessions?" Given this lovely city's status as a culinary center, and the magnitude of the Olympics, it was a logical question.

So on Monday afternoon, as Simone Biles was careening through the air on her final day of competition at the gymnastics event finals, I wandered the Bercy Arena concourse for some taste tests. The first thing I noticed was that no one was in line, like, anywhere. Was the food that awful? Was there some croissant recall? Whatever.

There are so many venues at these Games, but the menu choices are fairly uniform and basic regardless of location. Bercy Arena had hamburgers, hot dogs, and pizza. Throw some ice cream in a batting helmet, yell at someone in a Yankees cap, and you'd pretty much be at Fenway Park.

For my first course, I opted for the four-cheese panini for eight euros. All of the prices were reasonable, really. The woman behind the counter reached into a small oven and pulled out a baguette wrapped in light paper.

It was searing hot, but not in a fresh-food way. It was more of a this-has-been-sitting-in-a-food-furnace-for-too-long way. The sear marks on the bread were appreciated, and you can't really go wrong melting cheese. But the bread had been so dried out by the oven that it felt stale.

Olympics on TV Tuesday

Table with columns: TIME, EVENT, CHANNEL. Lists TV schedules for various sports like Sport climbing, Wrestling, Basketball, etc.

*Recorded on the same or previous day; bold indicates live medal event. Adam Himmelsbach can be reached at adam.himmelsbach@globe.com. Follow him @adamhimmelsbach.


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An iceberg couldn't have been more fitting. It's impossible to look at the US women's ascension without examining what it took to achieve it. In many ways, the timeline of women's Olympics sports is a case study in how long it actually takes to remedy inequality. A battle for access, opportunity, and resources lasted more than a century and has just started to bear fruit.

Bonnie Hagerman, director of undergraduate programs and an associate professor of Women, Gender and Sexuality at the University of Virginia, has studied women's participation in the Olympics since the origins of the modern Games. She used the first Olympics in 1896 as a point of reference.

"Pierre de Coubertin, who is largely regarded as the founder of the modern Games, really did not want women to participate at all," Hagerman said. "In fact, he felt like he was being pretty benevolent allowing women to come to the Olympic Games as spectators, because the ancient Games hadn't allowed that."

That view, Hagerman said, held true until de Coubertin retired in 1925.

"I don't think it's any coincidence that track and field events are added for women starting in 1928," she said.

Even then, de Coubertin wasn't alone. "James Sullivan, for whom the award is given to the best amateur athlete, in fact, made it impossible for women to try out for the Olympic Games," Hagerman said. "He passes away in 1916 and we begin to see more women participate in the Olympic Games."

While the era after the introduction of Title IX in 1972 is often heralded for creating the opportunities that have led to women excelling in sports, especially the Olympics, Hagerman is researching the impact of female athletes in the 1920s.

The 1928 Olympics were a prime example of women showing their ability. The US sent 280 athletes to Amsterdam, but just 44 women. The men competed in 80 events and medaled in 30 of them. Women competed in 14 and medaled in nine.

"I think that part of what we're seeing with American women is that they're fighting against institutional sexism," Hagerman said. "There just aren't the same number of events for women that there are for men."

The impact of Title IX is undeniable in terms of opening doors for women in sports. But Hagerman said that was only one factor.

Indeed, 2012 was dubbed "The Year of the Woman," but so was 1996.

"Let's keep this all in perspective,"

Hagerman said. "It's great to throw some confetti, but what does that mean? We're about 128 years of the Olympics being in existence, and we're just getting to parity."

The gains women have made can be seen not only in the medal count but also in the range of sports. The US men's and women's teams are typically led by swimming and track and field. Gymnastics is also a pillar for the women's team. But in 2021, women participated in 44 sports and medaled in 24 (men medaled in 15 of 38). From wrestling to weightlifting, taekwondo to shooting, US women compete in — and medal in — a wide range of disciplines.

Medal count isn't a zero-sum game. Women's success doesn't come at the expense of men. But men are bringing home fewer medals and participating in fewer sports.

Two Massachusetts natives, Stephen Nedoroscik (Worcester) and Frederick Richard (Stoughton), helped America bring home its first men's team gymnastics medal since 2008. That ended a 16-year drought but also made it more glaring how development in non-major Olympic sports has diminished.

American men haven't medaled in baseball, beach volleyball, road cycling, or water polo since 2008. They have a drought in weightlifting that goes back to 1984. They've medaled in water polo once since 1988. Badminton was added in 1992 and the US men have never medaled.

Meanwhile, weightlifting wasn't a women's Olympic sport until 2000, but American women medaled in 2000, 2016, and 2020. Women's water polo became an Olympic sport in 2000 and US women have medaled in each of the seven Summer Games since it was added.

The total number of women's events still slightly lags behind men's (this year there are 157 events for men and 152 for women), but US women medal in a higher percentage.

"You're talking about opportunities for women and taking advantage of those," Hagerman said.

What was a milestone for US women just 12 years ago has now become the new norm after a long battle for equity.

"The bottom line is that, yes, throw the confetti, but understand who has contributed to jmaking that celebration possible, because it's been a long time coming," Hagerman said. "Also remember, there are people who yet can't throw the confetti because they still don't have the kinds of access and opportunity that we need every sportsperson to have in this country."

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Simone Biles leaves Paris with three gold medals and a silver, and something even more valuable: peace.

Biles wins one last medal

She captures silver in the floor routine

By Will Graves

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PARIS — The "Redemption Tour" did not end with a golden encore for Simone Biles.

By the time she entered Bercy Arena for the beam and floor exercise finals Monday, she was drained. Mentally. Physically. All of it.

It's what this event does. What this sport does.

No one knows that better than the 27-year-old who has spent the last decade relentlessly propelling gymnastics — both competitively and culturally — forward.

So when Biles hopped off balance beam to miss out on one medal, then stepped out of bounds twice during her floor routine to finish second in her signature event for the first time in memory, she shrugged.

Gymnastics happens. Even to the greats. Even to the GOAT.

The woman who didn't think she'd even be here a couple of years ago will leave Paris — and perhaps her final Olympics — with three golds and a silver and something perhaps even more valuable: peace.

"I accomplished way more than my wildest dreams, not just at this Olympics, but in the sport," the 11-time Olympic medalist said. "So I can't be mad at the performances. . . . Competing then walking away with four medals. I'm not mad about it."

Biles certainly didn't look mad during the awards ceremony after the floor exercise — the first one of her career at a major competition that ended with her looking up at someone else.

Instead, she and good friend and bronze medalist Jordan Chiles bowed to Rebeca Andrade, the Brazilian who has spent the last three years as the best gymnast in the world not named Biles.

"It was just the right thing to do," Biles said. "She's queen."

Then the three Black women posed together on the podium four days after Biles, Andrade and Sunisa Lee, who is Hmong-American, stood in the same spot following the all-around. Their collective success is symbolic of a sport that is becoming more diverse and more inclusive at the highest level, led by someone who still describes herself as "Simone Biles from Spring, Texas, who flips."

For a long time, the flipping is what separated Biles from everyone else. Her routines are packed with so much difficulty that a wobble here or a step out of bounds there ultimately hasn't mattered.

It did in what could be the final routine of her career. Bothered perhaps by a left calf injury she aggravated during qualifying last week, Biles wasn't at her best during a 75-second set that features music from pop icons Taylor Swift and Beyonce and the hardest tumbling passes ever done by a woman.

Twice at the end of the passes that feature elements bearing her name in the sport's Code of Points, her feet landed on blue boundary, costing her valuable tenths and creating just enough room for Andrade's score of 14.166 to stand.

When a 14.133 and the No. 2 — indicating she was still in second — flashed next to Biles's name, a packed arena that included NFL icon Tom Brady let out an "ooohhhhh" of surprise.

Biles was not one of them.

"I'm not very upset or anything about my performance at the Olympics," she said. "I'm happy, proud and even more excited that it's over."

Whether it's fully over, she's not saying. Though Chiles may have offered a hint as they talked to reporters afterward, with Chiles leaning over and saying under her breath "I'm going to miss you man."

So will gymnastics. The Olympics too.

Biles's 11 career medals at the Games (seven gold, two silver, two bronze) ties Czechoslovakia's Vera

Caslavka for the second-most by a female gymnast in Olympic history.

A chance at making it a dozen ended earlier Monday when Biles fell during the beam final, finishing fifth. She was hardly the only one. Four of the finalists came off during their routines, which were done in a quiet arena that is typically a wall of sound during competition.

Not this time after the International Gymnastics Federation had the in-house DJ hit pause during event finals, which Biles said made it "really weird and awkward."

The silence and intermittent shushing didn't bother Italy's Alice D'Amato, who finished off a breakout Games for the Italians — silver medalists in the team competition — by putting together a steady set that seemed immune to the pressure or the moment. Zhou Yaquin of China earned silver with a 14.100, just ahead of bronze medalist Manila Esposito of Italy.

Biles praised D'Amato and Esposito for providing "building blocks" that she believes will help inspire young girls in Italy to take up the sport.

It's something Biles has done during her long stay in the spotlight. She's in no hurry to make any decision on if it's time to let someone else step forward.

She offered "never say never" when asked over the weekend if the Los Angeles Games in 2028 are a possibility.

She will be 31 then, an age when most gymnasts have long since retired. Yet considering the gap that still exists between herself and nearly everyone else in the sport — save for Andrade, who pushed Biles as hard as she's been pushed — anything is possible.

That is for later. For now, there is merely appreciation. The critics that pounced after Tokyo have gone quiet. So have whatever inner demons remained.

"I couldn't have asked for a better Olympic Games, a better support system," she said. "Thank you Paris."



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The women of Team USA, including the 4 x 100-meter medley relay, won five of the eight American swimming gold medals with one also being a mixed relay.

What's it like being 'Individual Neutral Athlete'? It's different

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All of them mounted the podium wearing teal-and-white warm-up suits. The neutrals are forbidden to use their national colors, and their medals aren't listed on the official table.

They're allowed to live in the Olympic village but were excluded from the opening ceremony.

"It's upsetting that they didn't let us, but what can you do?" shrugged Russian trampolinist Anzhela Bladtceva.

Their fellow Olympians from 200 other countries largely have welcomed them as peers and have avoided mentioning the war.

"No one asks at all," said Bladtceva. "They ask if it was hard for us to get here. Only positive questions. No one is saying

bad things."

As far as the Kremlin is concerned, the Russian athletes might as well be competing on a different planet.

Except for cursory coverage of the opening ceremony, the events haven't been broadcast on state-controlled television or radio. (Although Russians have been pirating streamed events from nearby countries or getting them from the IOC site.)

Any mention of the Games in the Russian media has been largely negative, as it was during the preceding weeks.

"So many scandals have already accumulated that they will be enough for several Games," Alexander Shulgulin wrote in *Sovietsky Sport*.

The reaction has been decidedly different in Belarus, where

strongman president Alexander Lukashenko vocally supported the country's athletes going to Paris despite the restrictions.

"Punch them in the face," he urged them. "Show them that you are a real Belarusian."

When Litvinovich claimed his second gold, Lukashenko was exuberant.

"Dear Ivan, you are our pride!" he wrote on his website.

"Your beautiful debut at the Games is impressive and admirable," his son Viktor, the country's Olympic committee chief, told Bardzilouskaya.

The Russian government, by contrast, made a point of discouraging its athletes from going to Paris.

"We are a free state," Olympic committee president Stanislav Pozdnyakov said last year. "But

we strongly recommend that you thoroughly understand . . . the extent and consequences of the personal responsibility assumed."

Nearly half of the Russian athletes who came here are tennis players, most notably Daniil Medvedev, the former US Open champ who competed in Tokyo.

Since tennis players are globetrotters by profession, their government generally considers them expatriates anyway.

"My family is proud of me," said Shnaider, a former North Carolina State player. "That's all that matters."

What the neutral athletes have found is that they're accepted and respected by Olympians from other countries who've competed alongside them at world championships.

"The most impressive part was Yauheni," said Dutch sculler Simon van Dorp, who finished just behind Zalaty. "He was stuck in traffic and he was able to come here and win a medal. It was tough for all of us but maybe the toughest for him."

Whatever empathy the neutral athletes are receiving has largely been limited to their five-ringed rivals. Questions from foreign journalists about their status have been uncomfortable.

"Next question," Litvinovich snapped after being queried about his past support for Lukashenko. "I don't want to answer this. It's provocative."

The Russians are accustomed to being neutralized. In Tokyo, they competed as the ROC (representing their Olympic committee, not their country) and were

serenaded by snippets of a Tchaikovsky piano concerto instead of their national anthem when they won gold.

It's a new experience for the Belarusians, though. But at least they're not anonymous.

"Everyone knows where I come from," Litvinovich said. "Nothing has changed in this point of view."

His gold medal is the same as everyone else's. And he doesn't mind the generic anthem, which is a rousing blend of strings and drums. But it's not "My Belarusy."

"Our anthem is better," Litvinovich said. "And I hope that we will be able to participate in competitions and listen to it."

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Women's beach volleyball at Eiffel Tower Stadium was Globe reporter Nicole Yang's 10th and final event in one day.

Running rings around Paris

The mission: Attend as many events as possible in a day

By Nicole Yang
GLOBE STAFF

PARIS — I started my Thursday on a quest to answer one question: How many Olympic events can I attend in a single day?

A few possibilities eliminated themselves based on location alone. Basketball, for example, was in Lille. Sailing and soccer were in Marseille. And surfing in Tahiti was an obvious no-go. But there were enough sports in the confines of Paris that I was hopeful to hit double digits.

My journey began at 9 a.m. watching handball, a sport that the average middle-aged man probably thinks he could play. I took the Metro and an above-ground tram to South Paris Arena 6 to catch the women's preliminary-round match between Netherlands and Brazil.

Getting a seat in the media tribune was not a problem, as I sat alone in a row that could fit 15. To my pleasant surprise, however, the rest of the arena was packed. The animated, engaged fans definitely increased my interest in the on-court action. As did the public address announcer, who seemed to take on the role of a DJ.

The amped-up atmosphere, combined with the frequency of goals, made watching handball essentially one big party. The sport resembles a mix of basketball, soccer, and water polo, though I found none of the athletic elements to be nearly as compelling as the vibe.

Navigating to my second event proved to be painless, because Olympic organizers transformed the Paris Expo, an exhibition and convention center, into three venues. So I was able to reach South Paris 4 without even stepping foot outside.

Up next was a women's singles quarterfinals match in table tennis, another sport that has some (e.g. US basketball player Anthony Edwards) foolish enough to think, "I could totally do that." But ping-pong at home is entirely different from table tennis at the Olympics.

The speed at which the ball moved was captivating. Each point typically ended in two or three seconds, so you could hear the crowd's anticipation build during longer rallies. The way China's Chen Meng, the defending gold medalist and fourth-ranked female player in the world, dismantled Austria's Sofia Polcanova in four straight games was impressive.

The one-sided affair took only 30 minutes, which meant I was soon off to South Paris Arena 1 to watch the end of a preliminary-round women's volleyball match between Turkey and the Dominican Republic.

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After knocking out the three spots in the 15th arrondissement, I took the train to a cluster of venues closer to La Seine. The clear signage from Paris organizers — all Olympic-related directions and info are labeled in pink — has made getting around fairly straightforward. Never having to wait longer than four minutes for a train (ahem, MBTA) certainly helps, too.

As soon as I reached my seat to watch my fourth event, archery, I took a moment to appreciate the scenery. The top half of the Eiffel Tower peeked out from behind the stands across from me. The gold Pegasus statues atop the pillars of the Pont Alexandre III bridge stood tall on my right. Hôtel des Invalides, home of Napoleon Bonaparte's tomb, was to my left. The majestic outdoor venue served as a welcome change after spending so much time inside a convention center.

The bleachers had far more empty seats, with the sun and heat likely playing a factor in the limited attendance. I watched Team USA's Jennifer Mucino and Brady Ellison in their individual competitions, as they painstakingly shot their arrows at the target 70 meters (230 feet) away. Each match took about 10 minutes, making archery the fastest event of the day.

I then walked across the Pont Alexandre III bridge to the Grand Palais, host of fencing. Once inside, the first thing that struck me was the art nouveau architecture, featuring a glass barrel-vaulted domed roof and green cast-iron supporting structures.

My intention was to focus on Team USA, especially Harvard's Lauren Scruggs, but my attention quickly was diverted to one of the other four matches happening simultaneously. France vs. Canada became the piste to watch, not only because of the close score, but also because of the crowd's investment. Any time France registered a touch, the place erupted.

Note to self: If you want to check out an Olympic sport and have no rooting interest in any of the participating athletes or teams, you should pick the game, match, or race involving the host city's country.

Next I made my way to Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine executed Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette during the French Revolution. Now, it hosts 3x3 basketball.

After watching five minutes of Team USA vs. Australia, I realized that this event was going to be the worst viewing of the day. It was extremely difficult to see both the time remaining and the score, visible

only in small font in the upper left corner of the video boards. Also, it was hot. And, quite frankly, it was boring.

The lunch I purchased here also was terrible. The signs promoting the plant-based concession offerings — "Veni, vidi, veggie" is the slogan — convinced me to try an 11-euro vegetarian hot dog that ended up being the worst thing I'd eaten in Paris thus far.

Onward I went. I hopped back on the Metro to visit two of the more northern venues: La Chapelle Arena for the Round of 16 in men's singles badminton and the Aquatic Center for the preliminary round of men's water polo.

France was competing in both sports, so I knew I was in for some excitement.

At badminton, you would have thought a medal was on the line with the way the crowd was reacting to every point between Frenchman Toma Junior Popov and Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia. One fan even brought a sign that read, "Thank you LZJ," that he held up whenever Lee committed an unforced error.

At water polo, the crowd tried to buoy France into scoring a fourth-quarter equalizer against Australia with its screams.

Neither competition ended in the outcome France wanted. But the crowd still lived up to the hype, with roars followed by sighs, chants, clapping, face paint, and French flags of all sizes. Whatever the fans did, they did it with fervor.

Badminton and water polo brought my total to eight events. I considered going to judo and then field hockey before ultimately deciding to visit Bercy Arena for the all-around final in women's gymnastics.

I knew it would consume a considerable chunk of time, but I figured I should make an effort to include a marquee event. Plus, how could I turn down the chance to watch American stars Simone Biles and Sunisa Lee for the first time?

I could not have been happier with my choice.

The drama for the bronze medal was gripping. Only 0.034 points separated Lee, Italy's Alice D'Amato, and Algeria's Kaylia Nemour headed into the final rotation, so watching Lee stick the landing of her first tumbling pass was awe-striking. Biles clinching gold with her stunning floor routine was unlike anything I had ever seen. (And the chocolate crepe from concessions made up for my sad excuse of a meal earlier.)

For my final event, I boarded the train once more, this time to the Eiffel Tower Stadium to watch Team USA's Kristen Nuss and Taryn Kloth take on China's Chen Xue and Xia Xinyi in the preliminary round of women's beach volleyball.

This media entrance was by far the most challenging to find, but well worth the search. Upon finally reaching my seat, the combination of the sand, the Olympic rings, and the Eiffel Tower created the most picturesque view of the day.

As the clock ticked to 10:30 p.m., I found myself checking back in on some of the athletes I saw earlier in the day. I saw Team USA had won gold in the women's team competition in fencing. I looked to see when Ellison was competing next. Even without elimination stakes, seeing the emotional reactions from the athletes increased my investment.

Rain suspended the match in the second set, so I headed back to my hotel during the delay.

My final stats: 10 events, 28,000 steps, and one exhausted yet fulfilled reporter.

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Hungry for taste of game action

By Christopher Price
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FOXBOROUGH — Offensive lineman **Caedan Wallace** and the rest of the Patriots' rookie class will hit another milestone Thursday night when they take the field for their first taste of NFL action.

It won't be the regular season — that doesn't come until next month — but the opportunity for preseason game action is something they've been looking forward to since they were drafted in the spring.

"We're pretty pumped up," Wallace said after Monday's workout. "It's cool hitting each other, but going out and hitting other people is a lot more fun. It's definitely a milestone.

"I'm extremely excited for it. It's huge. We've been putting in work since OTAs. I'm excited to get out there."

"For sure, I'm excited," said wide receiver **Javon Baker**, a fourth-round pick out of Central Florida. "But at the end of the day, it's football. I'm going to do my job, and everybody else will do [their] job."

Over the first 10 practices of camp, Wallace has been part of a rotation at offensive tackle. For someone who played mostly right tackle in college, the chance to spend time on the left side has been a challenge, but it's something Wallace understands as part of life in the NFL.

"Just being a rookie, I do what they tell me to do," said the third-round pick out of Penn State. "If they want me to play quarterback, I'll play quarterback. If they want me to play receiver, I'll happily catch some touchdowns. But I don't really question what they ask me to do.

"It's a little different, but nothing I can't handle. Just going after it every day and doing everything I can to be the best ballplayer I can be. Everyone's a dude here. It's not college. That's the best way to put it. It's not what college was."

Personnel moves

The Patriots placed second-year offensive lineman **Jake Andrews** on injured reserve. The 6-foot-3-inch, 308-pounder out of Troy has worked at guard and center over the course of his career, and he projected as one of the top backups for center **David Andrews**. **Nick Leverett**, a free agent signed this offseason, has moved into that spot . . . In addition, the Patriots signed long snapper **Tucker Addington** to the roster. Addington, 27, played in three games with New England during the 2022 season after being signed to the 53-man roster following a season-ending injury to **Joe Cardona** . . . On the health front, defensive back **Marcus Jones**, safety **Marte Mapu**, defensive back **Joshuah Bledsoe**, offensive tackle **Chukwuma Okorafor**, and defensive lineman **Christian Barmore** were absent, along with offensive lineman **Cole Strange**, linebacker **Sione Takitaki**, and wide receiver **Kendrick Bourne**, all of whom are still on the PUP list. Tight end **Jaheim Bell** and offensive tackle **Calvin Anderson** (who was at right tackle with what looked to be the starting offensive line) returned to practice.

On the other side

Some interesting personnel wrinkles in the workout, including defensive end **Keion White** and defensive lineman **Jeremiah Pharms** seeing reps at fullback. During one play in 11-on-11 work, White got the better of linebacker **Jahlani Tavai** on a goal-line collision. "We haven't talked about it yet," said White, "but I'm for sure going to give him some [expletive] about it. I'm sure he's going to come back at me next time." . . . **Jon Bon Jovi** and **Robert Kraft** were on hand . . . The final open practice before Thursday's preseason opener will be Tuesday.

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Training camp observations

FOXBOROUGH — Takeaways from Monday's Patriots training camp practice, a two-hour session in full pads following an off day Sunday:

1. It's time to see the Patriots face another team. This was the 10th practice of camp. In that time, the offense has made progress, Jacoby Brissett has established himself as the starting quarterback, and the veteran-laden defense is working itself back into shape. What the practices have lacked is any sort of context. What does it mean to thrive or struggle against your own teammates? We need to see how the Patriots look against an opponent to get a real gauge on the progress. Fortunately, they have a few opportunities coming up. The Panthers come to town Thursday night for the preseason opener. Then the Eagles come to Foxborough for one day of joint practice before a preseason game Aug. 15. Preseason is still fool's gold, since the teams aren't showing much in terms of scheme, and many top players sit out. But I still want to see how Brissett and Drake Maye look against an unfamiliar defense, whether the receivers can get open against another team's cornerbacks, and whether the offensive line can block a real pass rush.

2. Maye's scrambles — the good and the bad. During an 11-on-11 red zone series, Maye dropped back, scanned the field, went through his first two progressions, tucked the ball, ran around the right edge, and scooted into the end zone. If this happened Sept. 8 against the Bengals, it would be a highlight play and a reason for all of New England to get excited. One of the biggest reasons the Patriots drafted Maye No. 3 overall was his size and athleticism — the ability to make plays with his feet and throw on the run. The Patriots haven't had a dual-threat quarterback since maybe Steve Grogan in the 1970s, and in a best-case scenario Maye can be their version of Josh Allen. But in the third week of camp, Maye's scrambles in team drills — he had at least one in each of the last four practices — aren't a great sign. They are a little cheap, since no one can hit the quarterback and the pass rush isn't fully live. And it creates concern that Maye isn't seeing the field well enough.

It reminds me of Bill Belichick's predraft analysis, when he showed clips of Maye holding onto the ball far too long. Offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt needs to tread a careful line. He doesn't want to discourage Maye from using his instincts and athleticism, but he needs to teach him to hang in the pocket, make his reads, and throw the ball.

3. Three down: Last practice, I highlighted three players who are "up" after two weeks. Here are three who are "down." ■ Safety Marte Mapu, last year's third-round pick, has not participated since the first day of camp because of injury. He is on the field taking mental reps every day, but he's seemingly losing ground in the safety rotation to Jaylinn Hawkins and Joshuah Bledsoe.

■ It appears that the only way receiver Juju Smith-Schuster, last year's big free agent signee, will make the team is if a rash of injuries hits the receiver room. Smith-Schuster is working hard at practice but is running mostly with backups and doesn't look to be getting much separation.

■ Cornerback Marcus Jones, entering his third year, will make the team because of his dynamic return skills. But he has missed the last several practices with an injury and is losing ground in the cornerback race to Alex Austin, Shaun Wade, and Marco Wilson.

BEN VOLIN



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Among the Olympic events Globe reporter Nicole Yang was able to see was France's Toma Junior Popov (above) vs. Lee Zii Jia of Malaysia in badminton.

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Drake Maye went 5 for 11 with an interception in 11-on-11 work and saw mixed results on his attempts to go deep.

Brissett shows a steady hand

FOXBOROUGH — Each day during training camp, we'll provide a quick check on the Patriots quarterbacks and their progress. With the understanding that the totals have to be placed in some context — for example, part of the 11-on-11 work involved the offensive and defensive line going at half-speed — here's a look at how they fared Monday:

■ **Jacoby Brissett:** It was a run-heavy day for the offense, which worked on a variety of schemes throughout the steamy two-hour session, including short-yardage and red zone drills. The veteran finished 10 for 13 with an interception in 11-on-11 work. (Ja'Whaun Bentley had the pick.)

As was the case for most of the previous nine practices, Brissett's steadiness was on full display, as he continued to make smart reads and deliver clean passes to a variety of targets. There was a little razzle-dazzle, as offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt went deep in his bag for a reverse involving DeMario Douglas as the one point.

But for the most part, it was another workmanlike performance for the 31-year-old Brissett. Unless something unforeseen happens, he's going to be the one under center at the start of the season.

■ **Drake Maye:** Another day where the stats don't necessarily reflect the bottom line for the rookie. He went 5 for 11 with an interception in 11-on-11 work. (A.J. Thomas had the pick on a ball that hit off the hand of tight end Jacob Warren.) Maye, who was clearly itching to open things up a bit the last few days, was off the mark on deep attempts to K.J. Osborn and Javon Baker, but he did make a nice connection with JaMychal Hastings.

■ **Joe Milton:** The Tennessee product was 4 for 7 in 11-on-11 work, with one of his best balls of the summer coming on a laser over the middle to JaQuae Jackson. While there's no question about his arm strength, he still needs to refine his game to a point where he can add some touch on short and intermediate throws.

■ **Bailey Zappe:** The veteran was fourth in line for reps and wrapped up the day going 2 for 3. His highlights came on a nice throw-and-catch sequence with JuJu Smith-Schuster along the sideline, as well as a red zone touchdown pass to Warren.

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Judon reiterates dissatisfaction

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that based on last year — when he was injured and played only three-plus games — the current market is probably not going to be favorable. What he does believe is that he deserves a bump.

“We have a market, it's set by the highest guy, and everybody falls in line until the next person is up to break that contract,” he said. “Coming from the season I had, I was injured, mostly all season. That's really not where my market is. Like I said, I don't think it's 6.5.”

Judon is in his fourth season with the Patriots. The 31-year-old pass rusher has 32 sacks in 38 career games with New England.

Since the end of last season, the Patriots have doled out several contracts to returning players. It's a group that includes defensive linemen Christian Barmore and Davon Godchaux, linebacker Joshua Uche, safeties Kyle Dugger and Jabrill Peppers, offensive lineman Mike Onwenu, running back Rhamondre Stevenson, and tight end Hunter Henry. Many of those players have advocated for Judon to be next in line.

“I still want to see my brother Matthew Judon get his contract,” Godchaux said after his new deal was finalized recently. “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.”

Judon has drawn plenty of attention over the first 10 practices of the summer. There was his public pronouncement on the first day of camp. And last Monday — the first day in pads for the Patriots — Judon was at practice but was sitting off to the side as a nonparticipant. He left after animated conversations with head coach Jerod Mayo as well as team executives Eliot Wolf and Matt Groh.

“We had a conversation,” Judon said. “I didn't want to be a distraction to the team, so I went inside. I wasn't participating in those drills that day. So I went inside. Then I got a message, so I came back and talked to the GM. Our GMs. Then I went back inside.”

Mayo sounded a positive note after Judon's departure, saying that they had a “great meeting” and everyone was moving forward.

“I feel like that's every conversation, regardless of the emotions that are involved,” Judon said. “You try to get to an understanding. Just because we don't agree doesn't mean we don't understand each other's side.”

After the flap last Monday, the linebacker was not present at practice Tuesday. After the off-day Wednesday, he returned last Thursday.

As was the case earlier this summer, Judon cited Wolf and Groh, saying

they're the ones holding all the cards.

“I'll be telling you, they come out here every day,” he said. “You all just don't ask them questions. You all don't ask them questions.”

“You got to talk to them, man. Like I told you all before, I would pay myself and we would never talk about it. It's not up to me.”

Judon is usually a high-energy presence at practice, but the last week, he's been unusually low-key, coming up the back way and not engaging nearly as much as he has in the past. Asked about the change, Judon shrugged and said that's his usual approach when the pads go on.

Asked about his current level of frustration and whether that might relate to his contract status, he was quick to answer.

“I got to play,” he said. “I didn't say [anything] about practice. I have to go out there and play. I have to play the game. I have to do what I'm contracted and obligated to do so I don't lose money.”

“I told you all, man. There's football and there's the football business. They're two different things. I love playing football. I love my teammates. I don't like the business of football.”

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Mayo impressively handled bad week

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ua Uche was kicked out for fighting. Four players and later the entire offense ran laps for penalties and sloppy play. And Christian Barmore, another key defensive player, was lost for a long time, perhaps the entire season, because of blood clots.

“I'll tell you this — first-time head coach and first time in pads, I'll always remember what happened that day,” Mayo said. “Like my mom said, ‘You want to be a head coach, huh?’”

But a funny thing happened as the week wore on: Mayo kept most of the wolves at bay.

Judon was back on the practice field Thursday, wearing pads, participating fully, and not making a peep for three straight days (though his silence ended on Monday). The Patriots also reduced their penalties and mistakes, combining for four penalty laps over four practices while the offense began to hit its stride.

Mayo weathered his first storm. And he seems to have gotten his team back on track in impressive time.

“I love Mayo, man,” said veteran safety Jabrill Peppers, who is playing for his sixth head coach in eight NFL seasons. “I remember last year when I said I hope we didn't lose him to anybody else, just because you could tell he had head coach qualities. [He] can command the room, control the room, know how to lead. Different guys require different things sometimes, and I think he does a good job of knowing who and how to go about business.”

tricky. He's one of the team leaders and most popular players in the locker room, and he was openly defiant of his bosses in front of dozens of reporters and a few thousand fans.

And it's definitely not resolved, as Judon made clear after Monday's practice. Doing his weekly press conference, Judon said, “I've got to do what I'm contracted and obligated to do so I don't lose no money,” and he said he still wants more money and more years on his contract.

It would be easy for Mayo to make an example out of Judon and send him packing. But wins may be hard to come by for the Patriots in 2024, and they are banking on their defense keeping them respectable.

Subtracting Judon, in addition to Barmore, could turn a rebuilding team into a laughingstock. Mayo can survive a four- or five-win season if his team is competitive and shows hope for the future. But all bets are off if the Patriots are a one- or two-win team, which is in the realm of possibility if the defense falls apart in training camp.

Judon could implode again any day, especially the longer his contract stalemate lasts. But Mayo seemed to thread the needle perfectly last week. He got Judon back in the fold and extinguished most of the drama.

“We're both in a good place,” Mayo said. “It's always a difficult time when you go through contract negotiations and things like that. In saying that, for the rest of the team, we're pushing forward.”

Mayo and the Patriots also righted

the ship on offense, at least temporarily. Last Monday's practice was a mess; four players ran penalty laps for false starts, and Mayo was so upset by the last one that he sent the entire offense on a lap.

But the Patriots have run just four penalty laps in the last four practices combined. And the offense has come alive, with Mayo showing improvement in his second week and Jacoby Brissett playing like a seasoned vet.

Give credit to Mayo, offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt, and the players for harping on the little details all week.

“Consistency — doing the right things,” Brissett said. “It's starting with the little things — breaking the huddle the right way, the right 11 guys in the huddle at one time, hearing the play call, lining up right ... staying onside, using our cadence. AVP has been harping on that, and I think those things are paying dividends when we go out there.”

Mayo said the last week has been a learning experience that will help him evolve as a coach.

But he knows that another wolf is always lurking around the corner.

“I had a conversation with Mike Tomlin at the ownership meetings, and he was like, ‘Every day is different,’” Mayo said. “That's what it is. Just got to be ready to adjust.”

“I talk about mental agility all the time; you have to be able to change on the fly. The opposite is rigidity, which I don't think I'm a rigid person and willing to learn from other people.”

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TUESDAY'S GAMES	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Wareham at Cotuit.....	4	3	0	1	9
Orleans at Yarmouth-Dennis.....	4	3	0	1	9
Bourne at Hyannis.....	6	4	1	1	13
Harwich at Chatham.....	7	5	1	1	16

SUNDAY'S RESULTS	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Bourne 11.....at Cotuit 5 (8 inn.)	5	5	0	0	15
Hyannis 7.....at Yarmouth-Dennis 1	1	1	0	0	3
At Harwich 15.....Brewster 7	7	7	0	0	21
At Wareham 9.....Falmouth 5	5	5	0	0	15
At Orleans 7.....Chatham 1	1	1	0	0	3

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SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
MONDAY'S RESULTS					
Southwest 8.....Canada 0	0	0	0	0	0
New England 3.....West 0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina 16.....Europe-08	8	8	0	0	24
Central 2.....Southeast 0	0	0	0	0	0

TUESDAY'S GAMES	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Mid-Atlantic vs. Europe-Africa.....	9a	9a	0	0	27
Northwest vs. Southeast.....	12	12	0	0	36
Latin America vs. Canada.....	4	4	0	0	12
Asia Pacific vs. West.....	7	7	0	0	21

SUNDAY'S RESULTS	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
West 2.....Mid-Atlantic 1	1	1	0	0	3
Southwest 5.....Northwest 0	0	0	0	0	0
Central 6.....Latin America 0	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina 10.....Asia-Pacific 0	0	0	0	0	0

NEW ENGLAND BASEBALL REGIONAL

MONDAY'S RESULT	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Maine 7.....Massachusetts 1	1	1	0	0	3

International League

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lehigh Valley.....	20	12	.625	—
Rochester.....	19	14	.576	1½
Charlotte.....	16	15	.516	3½
Jacksonville.....	16	15	.516	3½
Aberdeen.....	19	17	.528	1
Scranton/W-B.....	16	15	.516	3½
Norfolk.....	16	17	.485	4½
Syracuse.....	16	17	.485	4½
Worcester.....	15	18	.455	5½
Buffalo.....	19	24	.424	6½
Durham.....	14	19	.424	6½

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Columbus.....	22	10	.688	—
Nashville.....	18	14	.562	1
Omaha.....	15	15	.500	4
Indianapolis.....	16	15	.516	3½
Gwinnett.....	16	17	.485	4½
Jacksonville.....	16	17	.485	4½
Toledo.....	16	17	.485	4½
Memphis.....	15	18	.455	5½
Louisville.....	13	19	.406	9
Iowa.....	12	21	.364	10½

TUESDAY'S GAMES	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Worcester at Syracuse.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3
Charlotte at Louisville.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3
Durham at Norfolk.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3
Rochester at Buffalo.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3
Scranton/W-B at Lehigh Valley.....	7:05	7:05	0	0	3
Jacksonville at Toledo.....	7:05	7:05	0	0	3
Indianapolis at Nashville.....	7:25	7:25	0	0	3
Nashville at Memphis.....	7:45	7:45	0	0	3
Iowa at Omaha.....	8:05	8:05	0	0	3
Columbus at St. Paul.....	8:07	8:07	0	0	3

SUNDAY'S RESULTS	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Buffalo 10.....at Worcester 1	1	1	0	0	3
At Scranton/W-B 5.....at Louisville 2	2	2	0	0	6
Omaha 9.....at Rochester 1	1	1	0	0	3
At Columbus 4.....at Syracuse 1	1	1	0	0	3
Nashville 6.....at Gwinnett 4	4	4	0	0	12
Toledo 10.....at Indianapolis 6	6	6	0	0	18
At Iowa 10.....at St. Paul 9	9	9	0	0	27
Norfolk 4.....at Charlotte 2	2	2	0	0	6
Memphis 8.....at Durham 6	6	6	0	0	18

Eastern League

NORTHEAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland.....	20	11	.645	—
Hartford.....	20	12	.625	½
Somerset.....	20	13	.606	1
Binghamton.....	17	15	.531	3½
Reading.....	13	20	.394	8
New Hampshire.....	11	20	.355	9

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Akron.....	22	11	.667	—
Erie.....	19	14	.576	3
Altoona.....	15	18	.455	7
Bowie.....	13	20	.394	9
Richmond.....	13	20	.394	9
Harrisburg.....	12	21	.364	10

TUESDAY'S GAMES	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Altoona at Portland.....	6	6	0	0	18
Harrisburg at Somerset.....	12:05	12:05	0	0	6
Harrisburg at Bowie.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3
Erie at New Hampshire.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3
Hartford at Richmond.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3
Reading at Akron.....	6:35	6:35	0	0	3

SUNDAY'S RESULTS	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Erie 5.....at Portland 3	3	3	0	0	9
Akron 6.....at Harrisburg 1	1	1	0	0	3
Richmond 9.....at Altoona 7	7	7	0	0	21
New Hampshire 3.....at Binghamton 0	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset 6.....at Bowie 1	1	1	0	0	3
Hartford 7.....at Reading 1	1	1	0	0	3
New Hampshire 5.....at Binghamton 1	1	1	0	0	3

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Andover Attorney

Attorney Howard Martin Berger, 76, of Andover and Harwich, Massachusetts, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, August 2, on Cape Cod, one of his favorite places.

Howard had a profound impact on the lives of many: his loving family, his countless friends and his loyal clients. He was one-of-a-kind; unfailingly generous, kind-hearted and the ultimate raconteur. He delighted in regaling his family and friends with anecdotes that reflected his uniquely humorous outlook on the world.

Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, he spent most of his life in Andover. Bar Mitzvahed at Temple Emanuel in Lawrence, he graduated from Andover High School in 1966 and went on to Temple University in Philadelphia, then Suffolk Law School in Boston. A proud member of the Massachusetts Bar, he spent nearly 50 years in the general practice of law. He was devoted to his clients in a way that few are; he would accept a phone call at any time of day and was much more than a lawyer for those who were lucky enough to call him their attorney. He was formerly Chair of the Property Law Section of the Mass Bar and practiced law for decades, first with his father, J. John, then with his brother, Carl and their law partner, James Hyde in downtown Andover.

In addition to his legal practice, Howard was a member of the Board of Directors for the Hingham Institute for Savings. He was also the co-owner of The Point, an historic watering hole in Faneuil Hall.

It was in law school in Boston that Howie first met Susan Shepard, his "duck," also an attorney. They married in 1980 at the Lanam Club in Andover and remained inseparable for the next 44 years.

The Berger family were members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover and of the Indian Ridge Country Club for many decades.

Howie was an avid and astute Blackjack player; he never met a side bet he didn't like. He remembered every meal he ever ate and loved dining out and holding court at Bishops Restaurant, a bygone Lawrence institution.

Yet, Howie's greatest devotion was to his family. He was an adoring husband, and a loving and accepting father to his three children. Later in life, Howard doted on his grandchildren. For years, he also cherished the companionship of the family's Cairn Terrier, Echo.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, J. John and Mollie Berger; and is survived by his wife, Susan Shepard; his children, Jesse Berger of Norwood, MA, Ned Berger of Los Angeles and Meryl Berger and her wife, Allison of Plainville, MA; and their children, Molly and Benjamin. He's also survived by his brother, Carl Berger and wife, Mamie, of Amesbury, MA.

Beyond his family, Howard leaves legions of close friends and longtime clients whose lives he touched with his humor and compassionate advocacy. The world will be a little less fun without Howie Berger.

Visiting Hours: A Memorial for Howard Will be held at the North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, at 190 Academy Road, in North Andover on Thursday, August 8, at 11am.

Luncheon to follow at the Lanam Club, at 260 N. Main Street, in Andover, at 1pm. Funeral arrangements handled by H.L. Farmer & Sons, at 106 Farmer St., HAVERHILL, MA.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Howie's name to the MSPCA or Suffolk Law School.

BLUMENTHAL, Barbara H. (Gould)



Of Walpole, 97+ years young, formerly of Norwood, entered into rest on August 2, 2024. She was the beloved wife of Morton E. Blumenthal, who predeceased her. They were happily married for 63 years.

Loving daughter of Sara and Louis Gould. Dear sister of Miriam Segal and Lester Gould, both of whom predeceased her. Devoted mother of Jan Hackel and her husband, Ken of South Easton and Les Blumenthal of Walpole. Honorary mother of Nancy Kagan and Denise Whitfield. Adored grandmother of Jessica and Bryan Ferland, Dan and Beth Maibor, Josh and Tara Maibor, Elana Maibor, Nikki Hackel and Arielle and Andrew Poorman. Beloved great-grandmother of Devin, Riley, Carly, Jackson and Asher.

Lover of bridge, golf, the arts and most of all her friends and family. Services at Schlossberg Family's Chapel on the Hill, 824 Washington St., CANTON, MA, on Wednesday, August 7, at 12:30PM. Interment at Sharo Tfilo Cemetery, 776 Baker St., West Roxbury, following the Funeral Service.

Memorial Observance at her late residence following interment, until 7PM, continuing Thursday at the home of Ken and Jan Hackel in Easton, from 1 to 4PM and 6 to 8PM.

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BROWN, Dorothy (Taverna)



Age 81, of Watertown, August 3, 2024. Loving mother of Edward Brown and his wife, Ellen of Hingham, Kevin Brown and his wife, Courtney of Lexington, NC and Scott Brown of Watertown, MA. Cherished grandmother to Olivia, Kevin and Jake Brown. Dear sister to Charles and his wife, Nancy Taverna of Woonsocket, RI; and her loving niece, Cassandra. Family and friends are welcome to come Celebrate Dorothy's Life by gathering for Visiting Hours in the Nardone Funeral Home, 373 Main St., WATERTOWN, on Friday, from 4 to 7 PM and again on Saturday, at 8 AM, followed by a 9 AM Funeral Mass, in St. Patrick's Church, 212 Main St., Watertown. Burial to follow in Shawsheen Cemetery in Bedford. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Patrick's Food Pantry, 26R Chestnut St., Watertown, MA 02472.

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BUSHEY, Mary A. "May" (Dawson)



Of Brighton, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on August 1, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Donald J. Bushey. Devoted mother of Steven Bushey and Joanie Stack of Dennis, the late Gary Bushey and his surviving wife, Joan of Norton, Dean Bushey and his wife, Gina of Orleans and Annemarie Bushey. Loving grandmother of Ken Bushey and his wife, Keely, Matthew Bushey, Stephanie Bushey, Steven Bushey, Lauren Bushey, Leah Bushey and Sean and Suzanne Dashner. Loving great-grandmother of Lila and Rachel Bushey. Dear sister of Nancy and Jerry Nicoli and the late Rose Flynn, Hugh Dawson, Margaret Versiackas, Georgiana Julian and James Dawson. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Lehman Reen & McNamara Funeral Home, 63 Chestnut Hill Ave. (near Brighton Courthouse), BRIGHTON, on Saturday, August 10, at 9:30am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Columbkille Church, 321 Market St., Brighton, at 10:30am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Visiting Hours on Friday, August 9, from 4 to 7pm, in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of May can be made to Good Shepherd Community Care, 160 Wells Ave., Newton, MA 02459 or at www.gscommunitycare.org. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.lehmanreen.com.

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CHUBB, Marybeth "Mb" (Costello)



Age 58, of Plymouth, passed away in her home surrounded by loved ones, on July 29, 2024.

Marybeth was born in Melrose and grew up in Saugus and Duxbury, before settling in Plymouth. A graduate of Middlebury College, she worked at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for over 30 years.

She loved to learn, have fun and explore, whether abroad or in her own backyard, summiting Kilimanjaro, sailing the British Virgin and Greek Islands, diving in the Caribbean, Central America and the Sea of Cortez, touring the National Parks of the Southwest, looking for whales on Stellwagen Bank and especially, spending time on Clark's Island with the many friends she had there.

Mb was someone who never shied away from a chance to wear a funny hat, care for or comfort someone in need, make you groan with a "good" pun or deal with a tough physical or mental challenge. Her goodness radiated out; everyone instantly liked her.

Marybeth had a gift for making everyone feel welcome. She hosted countless occasions, making birthdays, family dinners, holidays, backyard parties and significant events all the more memorable. If you were lucky, she might even write you one of her famous poems.

More than anything, she cherished every moment spent with her husband and partner of 37 years, Lewis "Chip" Chubb; and their daughter, Madigan "Maddi", whom she loves as high as the sky and as deep as the ocean.

A wide-ranging crew of people will keep Marybeth present as we try to learn to carry on without her, including her parents, Paul and Joan Costello of Dorchester and Duxbury, who raised her to be the intelligent, strong, independent woman she was. Her siblings: brother, Tim Costello and his wife, Kate of Marshfield, brother, Brian Costello and his wife, Karen of Agawam, sister, Christine Costello and her husband, Tim Sirois of Ipswich, will hold special memories, inside jokes and nicknames in all of their hearts. Mothers-in-law, Carol Chubb and her late husband, Timothy Coffey of Plymouth and Rose Chubb and her late husband, Lewis "Bill" Chubb of Duxbury. Sisters-in-law, Jeanne Coffey of Bridgewater, Kimberly Murray and her husband, Rich of North Andover. Nieces and nephews, Brian Lee and his fiancée, Reanna, Jackie and her husband, Tee, Brennan, Nevan, Amanda, Tabitha, Erin and Priscilla. Great-nephew and great-nieces, Lennox, Clementine and Penelope. The Fab Five who shared lifelong love and friendship, the Ladies' Auxiliary and many other close friends, dear colleagues and wonderful neighbors.

Mb found great joy in every aspect of life and frequently created opportunities for others to experience it too. Her family asks that you do the same. Go out, do something that brings you absolute joy and share it with those around you.

A Wake will be held from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, August 11, at Shepherd Funeral Home, in KINGSTON, MA. Friends and family are invited to a Celebration of her Life, please wear something blue!, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, August 17, at Plymouth Yacht Club, Plymouth, MA.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to The Ocean Conservancy or Cranberry Hospice. To offer condolences, www.shepherdfuneralhome.com

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DOWNING, William W.



Of Melrose, August 2, 2024, at age 82. Beloved husband of Ann E. (Haddock) Downing with whom he shared 56 years of marriage. Devoted father of Matthew Downing of Newton and Sarah Welch and her husband, Neil of Melrose. Proud grandfather of Essie, Connor and the late Elyse Welch. Loving cousin of Marilyn Downing Staff of New Mexico. Caring brother-in-law of Barbara Berkowitz and her husband, Bernie of NJ, Donna Haddock-Hashtani and her husband, Wayne of NC, Elaine Malanga and her husband, Sal of NJ, George Haddock and his wife, Kathy of SC, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler and her husband, Bill of NJ and the late Carol Berman and her surviving husband, Don of Wilton, CT. Bill is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to gather in honor of Bill's life during Visiting Hours at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., MELROSE, on Wednesday, August 7, from 4 to 7pm, and again on Thursday, August 8, at 10am, before leaving in procession to Most Blessed Sacrament Church, 1155 Main St., Wakefield, for his Funeral Mass celebrated at 11am. Interment in Lakeside Cemetery, Wakefield. Gifts in memory of Bill may be made to a charity of your choice. For online tribute, please visit www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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HEICHMAN, Joanne

Of Chelsea, died on July 30, 2024, at the Katzman Center for Living in Chelsea. Graveside Service on Tuesday, August 6, at 11 AM, in Everett. Donations in her memory may be made to the Katzman Center for Living, 17 Lafayette Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150.

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LOW, Joan (Looker)



Passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday, August 4, 2024. In her final moments, she departed amidst a thunder and lightning storm followed by a beautiful sunset, perfectly reflecting the fierce and passionate way she loved her family and friends.

Joan was known for her quick wit, loyalty, generosity, friendship and much more. She was a tough 'Aussie' on the exterior, but to those who deeply knew her, her kindness and big heart were unmatched, especially for her grandchildren.

Joan was born in Melbourne, Australia to Doris and Kenneth Looker. She attended Malvern Girls School and then worked in insurance. In her early 20s, Joan Looker met the new priest at the church, Raymond and they eventually married at Emmanuel Church in Oakleigh in 1959. Soon after, Ray suggested they go to America for only "two years." The young couple embarked on their journey aboard the S.S. Oriana, traveling from Australia to Canada, followed by a cross-country train trip that eventually brought them to Brockton, MA. There, they led the youth group and the young Aussie couple explored many places in their Volkswagen bug. Joan found her love for snow, something she didn't grow up with it. While their initial plan was to stay for those two years, life had other plans. Ray accepted a job in Scituate, Massachusetts, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church and they decided to settle in the United States.

Joan, aka Mum, raised three kids in Scituate and then was a very involved "Grammie" with her five grandchildren, Douglas Low, Abigail J. Low, Samuel Beal, Sarah Beal and Charles Spicer. Following 39 years in Scituate, Joan and Ray lived in the South End and then moved to Marshfield. In the last four years, they resided in Duxbury, where she cared for Ray when he passed in 2021.

Joan was an athlete: tennis, badminton and squash were her favorite growing up in Australia. Throughout her life, she had many interests and was always trying something new, skiing, guitar, gardening, baking, the Investors group and much more. Joan had an amazing sense of humor, love of travel and endless energy.

In the late 1970s, she went to work for Eastern Airlines and continued to work for a few airlines over 25 years. She defied the 1970s typical minister's wife role, becoming a fun-loving colleague and traveling extensively with her airline buddies. Thanks to Joan, Ray relished the airline benefits as well and they took many trips and showed the kids scores of new places.

Joan was an amazing mother to Janine Beal (Bob), Christopher Low (Jann) and Carolyn Spicer (Mike). She also leaves beloved nieces and nephews in Australia.

Joan's adventurous spirit, love for her family and willingness to embrace new challenges made her a remarkable woman who will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Friends and family are welcome on Friday, August 9, 2024, Visiting Hours are 9:30 to 11am and Memorial Service, at 11am, will take place at St. Lukes' Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA. Reception to follow. Words of comfort can be left at www.richardsongaffeyfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

Peter Theisinger, 78, oversaw Mars rovers

By Sam Roberts

NEW YORK TIMES

Growing up in California, Peter Theisinger assembled model airplanes, tinkered with electronic hobby kits, and operated a ham radio set. But when it came to building anything bigger than a bread box, even as an adult, he recalled, “I was never mechanical, never tried to fix my car.”

“I’m a klutz,” he said.

Belying his modesty, though, Mr. Theisinger oversaw projects for NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California that landed three jalopylike robotic contraptions weighing a combined 2,700 pounds on the surface of Mars, hundreds of millions of miles from Earth.

The rovers, as they were called, searched successfully in freezing deserts and mineral deposits for geological clues to whether the planet’s environment had supported water in ancient times and was therefore potentially conducive to life. They uncovered evidence of ancient hot springs that could have provided ideal habitats for microbial life billions of years ago.

The names of the rovers were chosen in a contest by schoolchildren, but the names given to the three that Mr. Theisinger supervised — the golf-cart-size twins Spirit and Opportunity, which landed on Mars in January 2004, and the larger and heavier Curiosity, which alighted in August 2012 — might just as well have described Mr. Theisinger himself.

He died at 78 on June 26 at his home in La Crescenta, Calif. The cause was throat cancer, his wife, Dona Theisinger, said.

“Scientists and engineers come at this sort of thing somewhat differently,” Steven Squyres, a planetary scientist at Cornell University and the principal investigator on the Spirit and Opportunity mission, said in an oral history interview with NASA in 2017.

“The scientists, if they think about it purely from the standpoint of the science, are interested in learning what happened on Mars; I’ve always said scientists are seekers of truth,” he said. “Engineers, on the other hand, have to make it work.

They’ve got to actually build something that will do a specific job and not fail.”

“Pete intuitively, instinctively realized that our mission was engineering in the cause of science,” Squyres said.

Adam Steltzner, who worked with Mr. Theisinger at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, called him “a titan of the Mars program.”

Mr. Theisinger’s vision went well beyond Mars. He also worked on the 1967 Mariner mission to Venus, the 1971 Mariner orbiter mission to Mars, the 1977 Voyager mission to the solar system’s outer planets, and the 1989 Galileo mission to Jupiter.

Mr. Theisinger and Richard Cook, a colleague at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, were included in Time magazine’s 2013 list of the 100 Most Influential People in the world for their work on Curiosity. In 2017, Mr. Theisinger received a lifetime achievement award from the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum.

Peter Charles Theisinger was born on Aug. 7, 1945, in Fresno, Calif., to Leslie and Patricia (Horan) Theisinger. His father was an electrical engineer who worked in the aerospace industry. His mother, who was known as Agnes, was a teacher.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from the California Institute of Technology in 1967.

While he was in college, he spent a summer working at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, in La Cañada Flintridge, where it is managed for NASA by Caltech. He was hooked.

When astronomers unveiled the first full-color mosaic picture of Io, one of Jupiter’s moons, at a news conference in 1999, he recalled, “the entire audience just gasped — a very audible gasp.”

“And I said to myself at the time, I know why I do this,” he said. “The ‘psychic’ return is phenomenally high, and we are addicted to it.”

When he graduated from Caltech, he jumped at a job offer from the lab and went on to serve as manager of the spacecraft system engineering section and director for engineering and science. Except for three years



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working for a contractor, he remained there until he retired in 2017.

He married Dona Myers in 1983. He also leaves two sons, Peter Jeffrey and William, both from an earlier marriage to Cathy Barber, which ended in divorce; his stepdaughters, Tracy Hayward and Kelly Neate; and a granddaughter.

Work on the Mars Exploration Rover program followed two embarrassing failed attempts to explore the planet in 1999 — glitches blamed on a “faster, better, cheaper” mantra at NASA that got stretched too far. A mix-up between metric and imperial units caused the Mars Climate Orbiter to be ripped apart in the atmosphere on Sept. 23, 1999. Just over two months later, the Mars Polar Lander vanished as it was landing. An investigation found that its engines had most likely shut off too early, causing it to plummet to its destruction.

As the project manager responsible for developing the Spirit and Opportunity rover program, Mr. Theisinger completed in 27 months a project that could easily have taken nearly five years.



NASA VIA THE NEW YORK TIMES

In late 2003, the twin rovers were ready to descend to Mars’ forbidding terrain. Spirit’s destination was a crater that scientists believed may once have contained water. Opportunity was headed for a plain on the other side of the planet that satellite studies suggested might contain gray hematite, a mineral often associated with the presence of water.

Spirit nearly crash-landed on Jan. 3, 2004, just days after engineers on the ground discovered a potentially fatal flaw in the electronic timing mechanisms that would inflate airbags and fire rockets to cushion the landing.

Hours before touchdown, Mr. Theisinger’s team suggested switching the system on about 40 minutes earlier than planned. That was risky to attempt with so little time, but the engineers argued that it was essential to avoid what might otherwise be

certain doom.

Mr. Theisinger told them that he would back them up if they were unanimous. They were, and the plan worked.

“The solution was to manually send commands from the ground in the hour before entry,” David Agle, a spokesperson for the lab, said in an interview. “After analyzing the rovers post-landing, the consensus of the team was that if we hadn’t sent those commands, Spirit would probably have crashed.”

The twin rovers were supposed to explore the Martian landscape for only 90 days. They were so productive that Spirit’s mission continued until 2010. Opportunity endured until 2018, meandering nearly 30 miles instead of the third of a mile it had been expected to traverse.

The successes restored luster to NASA’s planetary exploration program.

Remembered

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MAGISTRO, Lillian J. “Nonnie”

Of Holbrook, formerly of Dorchester and Roxbury passed away August 1, 2024, at the age of 95. Born in Boston, MA to the late Charles Del Dotto and Theresa (Prudenti) Del Dotto, Lillian was raised in Boston. She was a very hard working and ambitious woman from a very young age, helping to take care of her brothers and sister. She enjoyed working at the flea markets with her husband and going to demonstrations selling different types of goods, until she retired from Colonial Provision Meat Packing Company. Lillian was happiest taking care of her family and adored all her grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking, cleaning, singing and dancing, especially with the love of her life of 70 years, her beloved husband, Fred. Lillian was a kind, generous and caring person and will be sorely missed by so many that have had the pleasure of knowing her.

Beloved wife of the late Fred Magistro, Sr. Loving mother of Theresa Magistro of Holbrook, Carmella Silva and her husband, Frank of Holbrook; daughter-in-law, Linda Magistro of Weymouth and her late husband, Fred Magistro, Jr. Cherished Nonnie of Stephanie Magistro, Francesca Magistro, Lillian Silva and Toni Silva. Lillian is survived by sister, Kathleen Marando and her husband, John of Braintree and her brother, Charles Del Dotto and his wife, Hilda of Round Rock, TX. Lillian was predeceased by four of her siblings, Robert Del Dotto, Albert Del Dotto, Edward Del Dotto and her infant sister, Ida Del Dotto. “Nonnie” was also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Visitation period on Thursday, August 8, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, in the Cartwright Funeral Home, 69 South Franklin Street, HOLBROOK, MA. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, August 9, at 10:00 AM, in the Saint Joseph Church, 153 South Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA. Burial to follow in Blue Hill Cemetery.

CORRECTION

RICH, Joyce (Allen)



Of South Chatham, formerly of Brookline, and Playa Vista, CA on Saturday, August 3, 2024 of advanced cancer. She passed peacefully in her beloved Cape cottage surrounded by her three children.

Loving mother of Robin (Rebecca Hanscom), Jim, Liddy (Amy Ariel) and the late Clifford Josiah Rich. Adored grandmother of Daniel Shattuck and Charlie Reid Rich and great grandmother of Hana. Dear sister of Howard Allen. Former wife of the late Gerald L. Rich.

Funeral Service at Stanetsky Memorial Chapel, 475 Washington St., CANTON, MA on Tuesday, August 6 at 1:30pm with livestream viewing available using the following link: www.tinyurl.com/JoyceAllenRich Burial will follow at Sharon Memorial Park, 40 Dedham St., Sharon. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Victory Program, www.vpi.org

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SIMIONE, Stella C. (Collotta)



Of Winthrop, passed away on August 2, 2024. Born August 25, 1927 in Boston, daughter of the late Orazio and Catherina (Piscitello) Collotta. Stella grew up in East Boston on Summer St., across from Brophy Park. She attended East Boston schools and during WWII, worked at Office of Price Administration and later at Gum Products. In 1949, she married Nicholas Simione and in 1956 moved to Winthrop, where she raised her family while working at the family business, Simione Oil Co. Since her husband’s passing in 2000, Stella was very busy volunteering her time at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Former Eucharistic Minister, member of St. Vincent DePaul Society, humble recipient of Cheverus Award. Stella was a well-known local artist, who won many awards. She loved sharing her artwork. Predeceased by her loving husband, Nicholas; and brothers, Ray (Tillie), Roy (Hazel), Sam (Rosa), George (Josie), Albert (Ruth) and Mario. Survived by her children, Nicholas (Barbara) of Reading and Marie of Winthrop; grandchildren, Stephanie (Ryan), Stacy (Graham) and Nicholas (Jacquelyn); great-grandchildren, Remy, Madelyn, Max and Bella.

Stella was a giving and loving person. She unselfishly helped anyone in need. She will be missed by all. In lieu of flowers, donations in Stella’s memory may be made to St. Michael the Archangel Parish. Visitation will be held at St. John’s the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop, on Thursday, August 8, starting at 9:30am, followed by Funeral Mass at 11:30am. Services will conclude with Burial at Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section.

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The Boston Globe

Jill Schary Robinson, 88, wrote of Hollywood upbringing

By Penelope Green

NEW YORK TIMES

Jill Schary Robinson, an author and journalist who limned her glittering, complicated Hollywood upbringing in much of her work, beginning with her 1963 memoir, “With a Cast of Thousands,” and who found fame for chronicling Hollywood’s darker side a decade later in “Bed/Time/Story,” died July 19 at her home in Beverly Hills, Calif. She was 88.

Her daughter, Johanna Simmel, confirmed the death. She did not specify the cause.

Ms. Robinson was the eldest child of Dore Schary, a playwright, screenwriter, and studio mogul who was the head of production at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for a time. She grew up in an 18-room Tudor-style manor in swanky Brentwood — a Hollywood princess chauffeured to birthday parties with all the other Hollywood princesses and princelings, including Jane Fonda (who was an audacious, terrifyingly cool tomboy), Brooke Hayward, and Daniel Selznick.

The Schary home was always brimming with movie people: Elizabeth Taylor came to dinner swathed in yellow chiffon and barely spoke. Marlon Brando brought his father. When Clark Gable visited, Ms. Robinson was so overwhelmed that she spiked a fever (he sent her long-stemmed roses afterward). She was 17 and at an event with her parents when Humphrey Bogart called her out for “being the only virgin in the room.”

Ms. Robinson was 27 when “With a Cast of Thousands,” an arch but loving look at her childhood and its oddities, was published. At the time, she was married to a Navy officer turned stockbroker, working as a copywriter for an ad agency and contributing to Cosmopolitan magazine, and raising two young children. A few years later, she was divorced, strung out on amphetamines, struggling with

deadlines, and disastrously in love with an alcoholic.

“Bed/Time/Story” (1974), her memoir of that period, was cast as a redemption tale of two catastrophically damaged people, Ms. Robinson and her second husband. It sold briskly — and landed Ms. Robinson both in People magazine and on the talk-show circuit. Annie Gottlieb, writing in The New York Times Book Review, said it was “among the great love stories.”

By then, Ms. Robinson — who had feared that giving up speed would kill her writer’s edge — was a few years sober, living in Westport, Conn., and able to finish her first novel, a Hollywood takedown called “Perdido” that was published in 1978.

In 1980, as a contributor to the Times’s Hers column, Ms. Robinson wrote of her sobriety with typical self-deprecation:

“Even before the drinking began, I had the character of an alcoholic: I longed for attention, to be the center of everything, but I was shy until the magical moment when I collided with alcohol. I still fear, writing about this right now — am I calling attention to myself again?”

Despite the hard knocks she suffered, Ms. Robinson was preternaturally optimistic, unguarded, generous — particularly to young writers — and dogged in her work, even if it didn’t always go well.

Jill Schary was born May 30, 1936, in Los Angeles, the eldest of three children. Her mother, Miriam (Svet) Schary, was a painter. Her parents had moved there in the 1930s from Newark, where Schary’s family ran a kosher catering business, Schary Manor.

Dore Schary, then an up-and-coming playwright and actor turned screenwriter, was hired by MGM the year she was born. He would go on to write more than 40 screenplays — he won



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Writer Jill Schary Robinson, shown in 1979, found fame chronicling Hollywood’s darker side in “Bed/Time/Story.”

an Academy Award for the 1938 drama “Boys Town” — and oversee more than 250 films, including “Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House” (1948), a domestic comedy starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy, and “Blackboard Jungle” (1955), starring Glenn Ford as an English teacher and a young Sidney Poitier as one of his rebellious students.

Ms. Robinson attended Stanford University for a year; while there, she met Jon Zimmer, a lieutenant in the Navy. They married in 1956 and divorced nine years later. Her marriage to Jeremiah Robinson, the antihero of “Bed/Time/Story,” also ended in divorce. She married her third husband, Stuart Shaw, a marketing executive, in 1980; they moved to London a few years later.

In 1990, Ms. Robinson had an epileptic seizure in a swimming pool and fell into a coma. When she awoke, she had no memory of her recent life. Her husband was a stranger. She

couldn’t remember that they lived in London, that her children were grown and her parents were dead.

“Past Forgetting,” her memoir of how she pieced her life together again — stitching her still-vivid celebrity-pocked past with her foggy recent present — was published in 1999. “We are sprung from our own land, after all, and it is only fitting my brain should be built around a fault,” she wrote, punning a bit on California’s seismic tendencies.

Ms. Robinson was the author of 11 books, including a children’s story, “Follow Me Through Paris” (1983), and five novels.

In addition to her daughter, Ms. Robinson is survived by her son, Jeremy Zimmer, CEO of United Talent Agency; her stepdaughters, Susan and Aerin Shaw; her siblings, Joy and Jeb Schary; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Stuart Shaw died in 2011.

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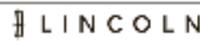


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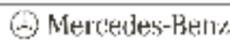
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Mich. system said it bid for Steward's hospitals

But Insight Health's offer was rejected as 'not qualified'

By **Robert Weisman**
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GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

A physician-owned health system that operates hospitals for low-income residents in Michigan and Illinois said it made a bid for all Steward Health Care hospitals in Massachusetts but couldn't reach an agreement that would allow it to take over the struggling hospitals.

"We remain interested in being part of the solution to keep the hospitals' doors open," Atif Bawahab, chief strategy officer for Insight Health Systems, based in Flint, Mich., said in a statement.

The disclosure comes amid a growing backlash against bankrupt Steward's plans to close Carney Hospital in Dorchester and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, by the end of August. On Monday, hospital workers, lawmakers, and activists from Boston to Methuen pressed Governor Maura Healey and other leaders to intervene.

While some called for taking up Insight's bid, which Steward rejected as "not qualified," others clamored for more aggressive government action to rescue Carney and Nashoba Valley. Steward plans to lay off nearly 1,250 workers at those two hospitals even as it works to sell its other six hospitals in Eastern Massachusetts to pay off creditors.

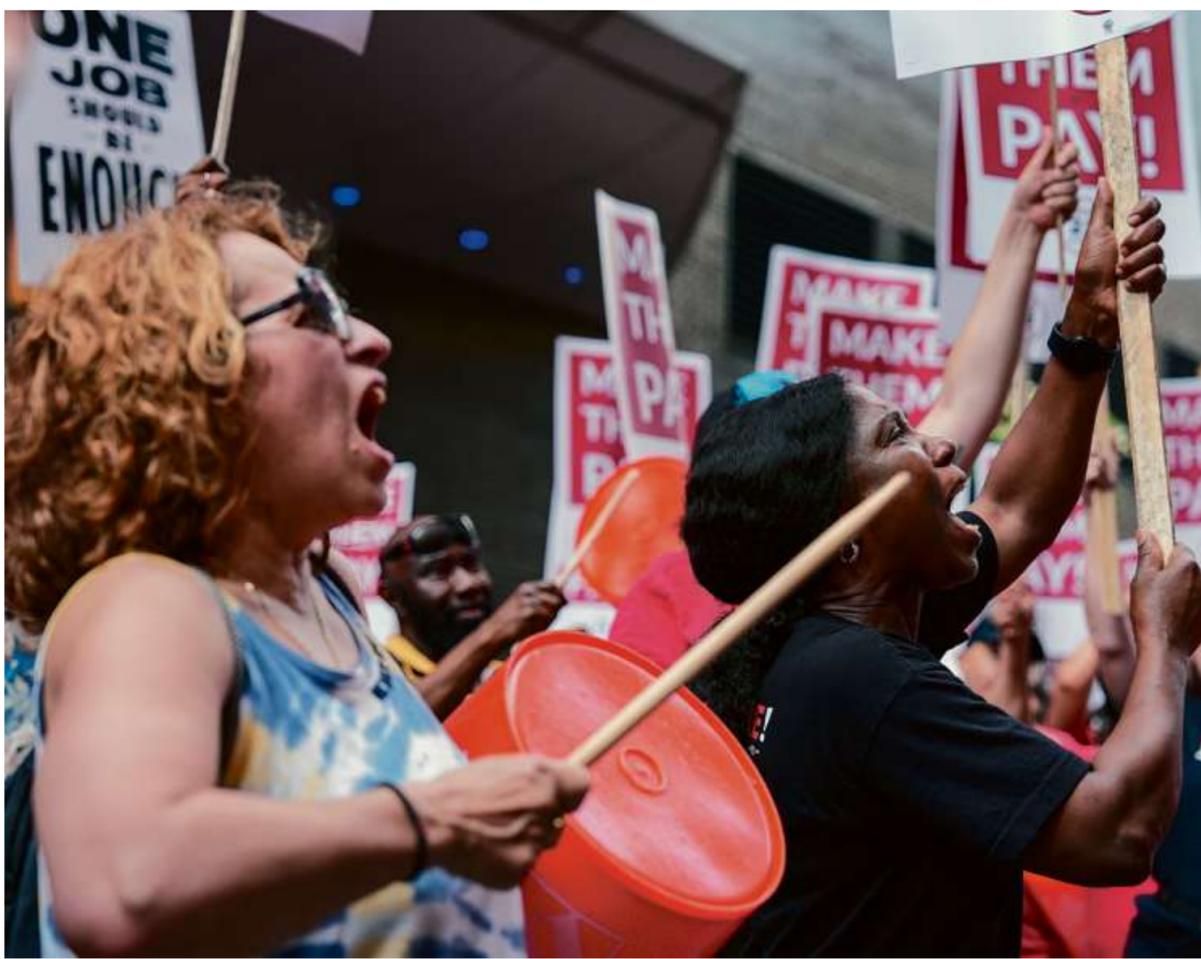
Dozens of employees rallied in front of Carney on Monday to protest the planned shutdown. Carrying signs that read "Save Carney," "Healey Could Help If She Wanted To," and "Patients Over Profit," the protesters said the closure would eliminate 750

jobs and access to health care for a vulnerable population. Drivers in passing cars honked, cheered, or raised fists through their windows in support of the protest.

"The state and the property owners should get to the table with Insight and find a way to keep these hospitals open," said state Senator Nick Collins, who represents the Dorchester neighborhood.

Citing a "state of emergency," Collins called on state officials to extend bridge funding to the Steward hospitals, enforce a state law requiring opera-

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KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Toula Savvidis (left) and Francisca Fetuga yelled "make them pay" and hit buckets during a July rally led by the Local 26 union supporting hotel workers in front of the Hyatt Regency in downtown Boston.

'I FEEL THIS PAIN'

Hotel workers say chronic understaffing has meant heavier workloads, unpredictable schedules, and low morale

By **Stella Tannenbaum**
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Jianci Liang used to be told which rooms at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza were ready for her to clean. Now because of understaffing, she says, there are fewer managers on staff to check the rooms beforehand.

As a result, she crisscrosses the hotel many more times a day, often only to learn that the guests are still there. The extra steps pushing the heavy cart during her eight-hour shifts have taken a toll on her body, causing aches in her shoulders and back.

"When I sleep, I still feel this pain," said Liang, 36. "When I wake up, I still feel this pain, and then I go to work with this pain."

Now in the thick of their busy summer season, Boston hospitality workers say many hotels are plagued by understaffing, which affects their workloads, morale, and guests' experiences. Hotels nationwide had trouble hiring enough workers ahead of the season, one industry survey showed, and experts say hotels have attempted to save on labor costs by combining old positions while struggling to recruit and retain employees for the new jobs they do post.

Because of its impact on employees, understaffing is also a key issue — in addition to pay — in the ongoing contract negotiations at many hotels, according to a news release from Unite Here Local 26, a union representing hotel workers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. At a recent rally, the union an-

nounced a strike authorization vote to be held Aug. 6 through Aug. 8, arguing workers should receive higher pay amid increasing room rates.

The Globe interviewed workers at the Omni Parker House, Hilton Boston Logan Airport, and Hilton Park Plaza. A Hilton spokesperson said in a statement that Hilton is committed to good-faith negotiations with the union "to reach a fair and reasonable agreement that is beneficial to both our valued team members and to our hotels." Omni did not respond to a request for comment.

The pandemic hit the hospitality industry hard, resulting in mass furloughs and layoffs, though there are signs that tourism to Boston has rebounded.

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Is it 'trip insurance' or 'trip protection'?

A Danvers couple found out the hard way after canceling their cruise

SEAN P. MURPHY

THE FINE PRINT

Milda Walkley and Leo Peters, both in their mid 80s, got married last year and took a celebratory eight-day cruise on the Danube River.

"It was lovely," said Milda, a retired nurse who was long divorced when she met Leo, a retired engineering executive and recent widower.

The couple was so pleased that they quickly booked another trip on Viking Cruises — 10 days on the Mediterranean — for this October.

They purchased travel insurance for both trips because, as Milda put it, "it seemed prudent for anyone in their golden years."

Travel insurance may be prudent, but it is al-



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Milda Walkley and Leo Peters canceled a Mediterranean cruise well in advance but had a hard time getting a full cash refund.

so expensive — about 10 percent of the trip cost for Milda and Leo's Mediterranean trip. And it can be maddeningly confusing when making a claim, as the couple found out after a medical issue forced them to cancel.

Milda and Leo made their claim well in advance of the trip's departure date to qualify them for a full cash refund. But Viking imposed a \$3,800 cancellation penalty nevertheless because Milda mistakenly canceled with Viking's insurer, not Viking, and that put the cancellation a few days past the full-refund date.

Really? A \$3,800 hit for a good-faith book-keeping mistake by a repeat customer in her 80s?

When he finally got a Viking manager on the phone to make his case for waiving the penalty, Leo got nowhere.

"The Viking manager was adamant there was nothing they could do," Leo said. "It was:

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BOLD TYPES

Knight steps up at RWA Wealth Partners

By **Jon Chesto**
GLOBE STAFF

As an undergrad at **Boston College** in the 1990s, **Michelle Knight** set out to be a business journalist.

But mentors suggested Knight work in business first, before going to journalism school.

That led to her first job as an analyst at **J.P. Morgan** in New York, where she fell in love with finance.

That early advice paid off, big time, for Knight, who recently became chief executive of **RWA Wealth Partners**.

The recent promotion prompted the locally based firm to describe itself as one of the largest female-led registered investment advisers in the country.

Knight takes over for **Mario Ramos**, who left after shepherding the business through a 2023 merger of Ropes Wealth Advisors — a spinout from law firm **Ropes & Gray** led by Knight — and Adviser Investments, which was led by Ramos. RWA kept both predecessor firms' offices: RWA's

space in the Prudential Tower, where it subleases space from Ropes & Gray, and Adviser Investments' location in Newton. The merger received financial backing from private equity firm **Summit Partners**. (Summit had first invested in Adviser Investments in 2020.)

It's a big step up for Knight, who now leads a workforce more than triple the size of what she oversaw at Ropes — with more than 180 people working for RWA, and \$16.5 billion in assets under management.

The reality set in during an all-hands meeting she held at the **Liberty Hotel** in Boston.

"It was exhilarating to look out and see 180 professionals that I lead, and to see their excitement," Knight said. "It just made me feel so positive about the future."

The West Roxbury native said one of RWA's strengths is providing clients with advice beyond just stocks and bonds by addressing everything from taxes to legal questions to philanthropy.

To some extent, she said, this holistic approach reflects a distinctly Boston attitude about

money management.

"To me, the best service you can give someone [is when] we weave all those things into one meeting," Knight said. "We're not saving lives, but hopefully we're helping people make really great decisions with their financial lives."

Turning the page at Curriculum Associates

Rob Waldron is starting a new chapter for **Curriculum Associates**.

Waldron, chief executive of the Billerica educational software firm, informed his 2,500 employees last week that he will make way for **Kelly Sia**, the firm's president, to become chief executive as of Jan. 1.

Waldron will remain with the firm as chairman, focusing more on talent recruitment and acquisition strategy than day-to-day operations.

The firm has come a long way since 2008, when Waldron took over as chief executive from cofounder **Frank Ferguson**.

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CHRIS MORRIS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

West Roxbury native and RWA's Michelle Knight is "positive about the future."

TALKING POINTS

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MASS. ECONOMY OUTPACES US ECONOMY FOR FIRST TIME IN A YEAR

The Massachusetts economy finally seems to be outpacing the nation's again. The editors of the MassBenchmarks publication, a group of local economists, reported on Monday that the Massachusetts state gross product grew in the past three months at an annualized rate of 3.3 percent, compared with an estimated growth rate of 2.8 percent for the United States over the same time period. That's the first time in a year in which the state's growth exceeded the national GDP. By comparison, in the first quarter of 2024, the state economy grew at an annualized rate of 1 percent, versus national GDP growth of 1.4 percent. The MassBenchmarks editors pointed to moderate payroll employment growth and high withholding and sales tax receipts in Massachusetts, indicative of strong income levels and spending growth as well as low unemployment and a growing labor force. That said, the state still lags behind the nation in total job growth, with 0.6 percent annualized payroll growth in Massachusetts for the quarter, compared with 1.5 percent for the United States. And the inflation picture is grim here: The consumer price index for the Boston metro area rose at a 7.3 percent annualized rate in the quarter that just ended, compared with 2.8 percent for the United States, with rising rents and housing costs contributing to the sharp local increase. Economists generally expect the state and national economies will continue to grow throughout the rest of 2024 but at a slower pace than during the third quarter. — JON CHESTO

INTERNATIONAL

TIKTOK WITHDRAWS REWARDS FEATURE IN EU



TikTok has agreed to withdraw a rewards feature that raised concerns about its potential to encourage excessive screen time, particularly among children, the European Union's executive commission said Monday. It was the first resolution of an investigation under the 27-country EU's sweeping Digital Services Act, which went into effect in February and aims to ensure a "safe and accountable online environment" by regulating large digital platforms. TikTok made the commitment without conceding the feature violated the Digital Services Act, officials said. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

LABOR

SAMSUNG WORKERS CALL OFF STRIKE AFTER WINNING NO CONCESSIONS

SEOUL, South Korea — Thousands of unionized workers at Samsung Electronics in South Korea, who had declared an indefinite strike last month, had returned to work by Monday after failing to win concessions from the global tech giant. It was the first unionized action in the decades-long history of Samsung, one of the world's biggest makers of computer chips. But the striking employees, numbering roughly 6,500 or so, accounted for only a fraction of union membership and a sliver of the company's total workforce. Most of them were back at work by Monday, according to Lee Hyun Kuk, the vice president of the Nationwide Samsung Electronics Union. — NEW YORK TIMES

SNACKS

SHARES IN MAKER OF PRINGLES AND CHEEZ-IT JUMP AMID TAKEOVER TALK

Kellanova shares shot up Monday as Mars considers buying the snackmaker in what could be one of the biggest deals this year. Deal talks are ongoing and no final decisions have been made, according to people familiar with the matter who were not authorized to speak publicly. Kellanova shares jumped more than 15 percent. The stock has gained 13 percent this year, valuing the company at \$21.6 billion. A deal could value Kellanova at around \$30 per share, the Wall Street Journal reported earlier. An acquisition of Kellanova, which was spun off from Kellogg last year, would give privately owned Mars a greater variety of food labels including Pringles, Cheez-It, and Pop-Tarts. They would also help Mars scale in international markets. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



MOVIES

IN FILMS, MEN DO MOST OF THE TALKING

In recent years the movie industry has gone through the streaming revolution, the pandemic, labor strikes, and "Barbenheimer." But after countless upheavals in Hollywood, you're still more than twice as likely to see male-speaking characters in theatrical releases than you are female ones. Just 32 percent of speaking characters in the top 100 movies at the box office in 2023 were women or girls, according to the University of Southern California's Annenberg Inclusion Initiative annual report released Monday. That's very nearly the same percentage as when Stacy L. Smith first began the study in 2007. Then, it was 30 percent of speaking characters. The gender imbalance was pronounced in other areas, too. Just 30 percent of leading roles in the top films were women or girls, a huge decrease of 14 percent from 2022 and roughly the same figure as in 2010. Only 11 percent of films were gender balanced, with girls or women in 45-54.9 percent of speaking roles. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

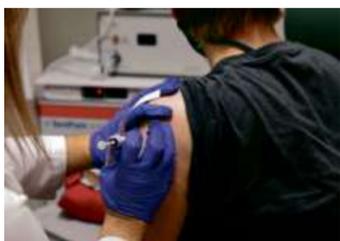
ELECTRIC VEHICLES

SALES OF EVS IN GERMANY TUMBLE

Germany's electric vehicle sales slumped in July, extending a broad pullback since incentives ended late last year and undermining automakers' plans in the EV shift. Registrations of battery-powered cars fell 37 percent in Europe's biggest auto market to 30,762 vehicles compared with a year ago, Germany's federal motor transport authority KBA said Monday. It's the biggest drop since December when the German government suddenly scrapped EV subsidies. Sales of vehicles without a plug gained 7 percent. The broad EV slowdown across Europe wherever incentives are removed is leaving carmakers like Volkswagen wrong footed on production plans while the overall shift is stumbling. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

VACCINES

BIONTECH POSTS LOSS AMID SLOWER SALES OF COVID SHOTS



BioNTech posted a quarterly loss that was wider than analysts foresaw amid low demand for COVID-19 vaccines and increased spending on developing new products. Mainz, Germany-based BioNTech's second-quarter loss was 3.36 euros (\$3.68) a diluted share, according to a statement Monday, while analysts surveyed by Bloomberg had predicted a 2.01 euro per share loss. Sales of 128.7 million euros also missed analysts' expectations. After gaining prominence for its COVID vaccines during the pandemic, BioNTech is shifting focus, with several cancer treatments expected to launch in 2026. A recent success was the positive result from a mid-stage trial for a candidate to fight advanced melanoma. About 90 percent of research and development spending in the quarter was unrelated to COVID, according to the statement. The vaccine maker has partnered with Pfizer to develop a two-in-one shot against COVID and the flu. The timing of preliminary final-stage data is key as vaccine rival Moderna is likely to file for approval of a similar product in the second half of the year, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

AIRLINES

BRITISH AIRWAYS DROPS PLAN TO BUY SPANISH CARRIER

British Airways parent IAG said it's abandoning a plan to buy Air Europa, the second time it tried unsuccessfully to take over the Spanish carrier, after finding that regulatory opposition didn't provide a viable path to completing the transaction. The company will pay Air Europa parent Globalia 50 million euros (\$53.9 million) as a termination fee and will be left holding a 20 percent minority equity stake in Air Europa acquired two years ago, according to a statement on Thursday. The transaction had teetered on the verge of collapse after European Union officials pushed back on concessions aimed at clearing the deal. Among contentious points, EU watchdogs were skeptical that an offer from IAG to open up certain short and long-haul routes to rivals fixes their anticompetitive concerns. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

New CEO Knight steps up at RWA Wealth Partners

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At the time, Curriculum Associates employed only about 100 people and mainly published print versions of instructional and assessment materials.

It also only had enough cash left to run for about three months, largely because of school district budget cuts.

One secret to Waldron's success in turning the company around: focusing on edtech software.

Now, schools around the country use CA's flagship software, known as i-Ready, to help tailor the learning experience for individual kids.

With annual revenue of nearly \$800 million, Waldron believes it's time to pass on the reins to someone with a different kind of background than his.

He hired Sia — who previously worked for **Procter & Gamble** and **Iron Mountain** — four years ago, and gradually promoted her through several C-suite roles.

"It needs a different set of skills than the entrepreneur I was," Waldron said. "She's been in bigger companies with bigger systems. We need that. And the schools need that."

Waldron had joined CA from private equity firm **Berkshire Partners**, an investor in CA today along with PE firms **Pemira** and **Hellman & Friedman**.

Private ownership has helped Waldron practice what's known as "Conscious Capitalism," a movement among for-profit companies that focus on social good, including doing the "right thing" for employees and customers, with the belief it leads to better returns in the long run.

Toward that end, Waldron and his wife **Jennifer Waldron** gave away much of their personal stake in the company in two tranches, first to **The Boston Foundation** in 2017 and then to CA's employees last year.

The latter gift represented \$100 million in stock, or about \$50,000 per employee.

"This is not a family company anymore but it has the feel of thinking long-term," Waldron said. "It was a promise and a trust that I had with Frank, and that I'm passing on to Kelly."

Brewing up new recipes at Keurig

Tim Cofer is getting his hands "dirty" — with dirty soda, that is.

The chief executive of **Keurig Dr Pepper** just launched a video series, "Taste Test with Tim." The videos, distributed via the company's LinkedIn and YouTube accounts, depict Cofer meeting with another KDP employee at either the company's Burlington corporate office or its other one in Frisco, Texas, to try one or two of the drinks his company makes and expound about the taste for the camera. The first episode was shot in Burlington, and featured **Julie Cudmore**, the company's director of consumer insights.

The drinks of the day were Dr Pepper Creamy Coconut soda, a limited release for this summer, and Canada Dry Fruit Splash cherry ginger ale.

Cudmore explained that the coconut soda was created to take advantage of the "dirty soda" trend, which involves adding coconut flavor or other syrups to a soda.

It's a tradition in Utah that turned into a national trend a few years ago.

"It's all the rage now," Cofer added. "It's lit up TikTok."

On a recent earnings call, Cofer broke the news that the

Creamy Coconut flavor is now the company's best-performing limited release soda.

In this video, he summed it up differently, calling the soda "summer in a can."

Honoring Jack with a few jokes

Most funerals are somber affairs. Then there's the sendoff that ad mogul-turned-philanthropist Jack Connors received last week at **Saint Ignatius** in Chestnut Hill.

Sure, the event was a typical Catholic Mass in many ways, albeit one packed with power brokers from Boston's political and business worlds.

Then **John Connors III**, one of Connors's sons and founder of marketing firm **Boathouse**, stepped up to give the eulogy.

It was immediately clear there would be plenty of laughter, as he honored his father's jocular personality by telling some jokes of his own, starting with one about the battalion of priests seated behind him (be-

'He stayed more focused on everyone else to the end, handing out bottles of maple syrup all the way to the end. Literally people would deliver oxygen, and he would be like "Get 'em a bottle of maple syrup."')

JOHN CONNORS III, son of ad mogul-turned-philanthropist Jack Connors, during his father's funeral Mass recently.

fitting of his father's work to help the archdiocese and its schools).

John Connors talked about how his dad loved his 13 grandkids: "He often used the line, 'If I knew how great grandkids are, I would have had them first.'"

He mentioned how his dad was the king of the "Irish exit" at family holidays: "He would use any excuse to get the hell out of there. He had to walk the dog, feed the dog, the dog had been in the house too long."

Jack Connors also apparently never forgave then-governor **Calvin Coolidge's** union-busting activities in 1919 for putting his grandfather, a Boston cop, out of work.

"Every time we would walk past the Coolidge State Park in Vermont, he would relieve himself," John Connors recalled. "That is not a lie. In fact, I did it last week."

Then there was his dad's positive attitude in the hospital.

Even while dying of cancer at age 82, his father remained armed with his favorite gifts, bottles of Vermont maple syrup.

"He stayed more focused on everyone else to the end, handing out bottles of maple syrup all the way to the end," John Connors said.

"Literally people would deliver oxygen, and he would be like 'Get 'em a bottle of maple syrup.'"

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Passengers waited in line for assistance at the Delta terminal on July 19 at Logan International Airport in Boston.

CrowdStrike hits back at Delta

By Lauren Hirsch and Niraj Chokshi

NEW YORK TIMES

A legal dispute is heating up between cybersecurity company CrowdStrike and Delta Air Lines over a global technology outage last month.

In a letter sent to Delta on Sunday that was reviewed by The New York Times, CrowdStrike's lawyers at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan pushed back against claims that it was solely responsible for the thousands of flights the airline canceled following the outage.

A flawed software update issued by CrowdStrike led to widespread technological disruptions, affecting many businesses, including airlines. But while many carriers recovered within a day or two, Delta struggled to restore its operations. The airline canceled about 5,000 flights, about 37 percent of its schedule, over four days, according to Flight-Aware, a service that monitors air travel. About 3 in 4 of the airline's remaining flights were delayed.

In a message to employees Friday, Delta chief executive Ed Bastian said the company

had hired a prominent law firm, Boies Schiller Flexner, to pursue legal claims against CrowdStrike. Bastian had estimated in a CNBC interview that the outage cost the airline about \$500 million, including tens of millions of dollars per day in compensation and hotels.

CrowdStrike's letter Sunday was written in response to a message the company had received from Delta's lawyers. In it, CrowdStrike apologized to Delta, its employees, and its customers. The company also said that it had worked closely with the airline's information security team following the outage, but that the threat of a lawsuit "distracts from this work and has contributed to a misleading narrative that CrowdStrike is responsible for Delta's IT decisions and response to the outage."

The cybersecurity company said its chief executive had offered Bastian on-site help to deal with the outage but received no response. When CrowdStrike reiterated its offer, Delta declined.

CrowdStrike's lawyers asked Delta why the airline struggled so much more than

its peers, why it turned down the offer of help, and said that any liability CrowdStrike faces should be limited to less than \$10 million. The company also demanded that Delta preserve a list of documents related to the outage in light of its litigation threat.

Details of why the airline struggled more than others will likely emerge from an investigation started by the Department of Transportation after the outage. In an interview with NPR last week, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg suggested that Delta might have been especially vulnerable.

"Their systems seem to have been more dependent on pieces of software that were affected by CrowdStrike," he said. "And we're told also that their crew scheduling system for positioning people basically got overloaded."

Other carriers rebounded faster from the outage. Aviation experts told the Times that Delta leaned more heavily on cancellations than delays and had trouble getting operations back to normal. Its main hub, in Atlanta, is also one of the busiest airports in the world.

Health system's bid rejected

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tors to give 120 days' notice before closing hospitals, or put the hospitals' operations under state control if necessary.

In Methuen, where Steward operates Holy Family Hospital, the City Council was set to meet in executive session Monday night to weigh legal options to save the hospital, which also has a campus in Haverhill.

Mayor Neil Perry said he's asked the governor to dip into state coffers to seize the hospitals' property by eminent domain. "They have a rainy day fund, and it's raining," Perry said. As a "last resort," Perry said, the city could issue bonds and freeze capital spending to take the property itself, though he admitted that would be a costly undertaking.

Steward, which filed for bankruptcy on May 6, told a federal judge last week that it had received bids for the two hospitals but concluded the proposed buyers lacked the "financial wherewithal" to complete the purchase.

Insight's statement offered no details on its bid. But it said it had "indicated a willingness to negotiate terms and lease payments" to landlords that own the properties on which the Steward hospitals sit, a key obstacle in multiparty negotiations to sell the hospitals.

Two parties briefed on the bidding process cast doubt on the viability of the Insight bid. While the Michigan system said it was willing to take over the leases on the hospitals' property, it offered virtually no money to assume control of the hospitals' operations, according to the parties, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive talks.

Boston city Councilor John FitzGerald, who cosponsored a resolution before the council Wednesday urging the city to take steps to keep Carney open, conceded Insight "might have not been . . . the right bid." But he said, "We have to use our collective power at the city, state, and federal level to help broker a deal to save these hospitals."

Insight didn't respond Monday to a request for an interview. A spokesperson for Steward de-

clined to comment. Steward said last week it has received qualified bids for its six other hospitals in Massachusetts but has yet to finalize purchase agreements.

David Schildmeier, a spokesperson for the Massachusetts Nurses Association, said the Insight statement confirms "there are interested parties out there."

"The state and the city and the governor need to be willing to act and negotiate with these bidders to save these hospitals," he said.

At the Carney rally in Dorchester,

Stephen Wood, who's worked as an acute care practitioner in the Carney emergency department on and off since 2009, called the decision to close Carney "a health care crisis."

"We serve Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Quincy," said Wood. "That means that this is now a health care desert. . . . And so now these other hospitals, which are already overloaded, are going to see our patient volume."

Wood said Steward should have taken the bid from Insight. "A bid is a bid, right?" he said. "If you're having a yard sale and someone offers you 50 cents for an item you're selling for \$1, you gotta take it."

Representatives of the Healey administration noted that it's up to Steward — designated in the bankruptcy case as the "debtor in possession" of the hospitals — to determine qualified bids.

Healey has said she wants Steward to adhere to the law requiring 120 days' notice before hospital closings. At a bankruptcy hearing last week, however, an attorney for her administration didn't explicitly object to Steward's plan to shut Carney and Nashoba Valley sooner. Judge Christopher Lopez approved the plan. A spokesperson for the state Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement Monday the administration "recognizes that the hospitals are out of money, patient levels have been low at these hospitals, and there is a need to fill open health care roles at other facilities."

"Our focus is on supporting patients, workers and providers through this transition, and do-

ing everything in our power to get Steward to finalize deals to save the remaining hospitals," the statement said.

Insight operates "safety net" hospitals, which serve mostly Medicaid-insured patients, in Flint and Detroit and is expanding into other states. In 2021, it took over Mercy Hospital in Chicago, which had been slated to close. It focuses on treating underserved populations.

"At Insight Health System, we have extensive experience assuming leadership of distressed, underperforming health care organizations across the country and turning them into sustainable operations that meet the needs of the communities we serve," its statement said.

Lopez last week nullified a "master lease" Steward negotiated in 2016 requiring its Massachusetts hospitals to pay more than \$100 million a year in rent through 2040 to a landlord, Medical Properties Trust, that later sold half the lease to another firm, Macquarie Infrastructure partners.

Rejecting the master lease "opens a door" for bidders who otherwise couldn't afford to meet the lease payments, said Schildmeier, of the nurses union, which would prefer multiple owners to assume control of Steward hospitals in the state rather than a single party.

Even as Steward winds down operations at Carney and Nashoba, its lawyers are negotiating with attorneys from the Healey administration, MPT, and Macquarie, and their mortgage broker Apollo Global Management to complete sales deals for the other six hospitals.

Those hospitals are St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, Morton Hospital in Taunton, St. Ann's Hospital in Fall River, and Holy Family. The judge has scheduled an Aug. 13 hearing to sign off on the Massachusetts hospital sales.

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Couple discovers difference between trip insurance and trip protection

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'tough luck.' And then silence."

Viking's attitude changed after I got involved. And it wasn't only Viking. Trip Mate, Viking's insurer, told me it should have done more to help Milda and Leo.

The couple admittedly did not read the umpteen pages of fine print on their insurance policy and didn't actually understand the full extent of its coverage. And apparently no one from Viking or Trip Mate offered a guiding hand, which wound up costing the couple a lot of unnecessary time and aggravation.

In the end, Milda and Leo got a full refund, which is exactly what Viking and Trip Mate owed them under the terms of their confusing insurance policy. Plus, Viking wound up giving the couple \$500 in travel vouchers as a sort of makeup gift.

Here's what happened: Milda and Leo, who live in Danvers, paid \$1,900 for what Viking calls its "Trip Protection Plan" on a trip that cost \$19,000 (using round numbers). They basically checked a box requesting insurance when running down a list of trip options such as what kind of room they wanted, Milda said.

On its website, Viking touts its Trip Protection Plan as a "cancel for any reason" policy. It says the plan, while offered by Viking, is administered by Trip Mate and covers "unforeseeable circumstances that may arise before or during your trip."

I suspect few travelers understand there's actually two different components in Viking's Trip Protection Plan (and other plans): trip protection and trip insurance. If you are considering travel insurance, it behooves you to know how each works.

Trip protection protects the money you prepay for your trip (most travel companies require full upfront payment, not just a fractional deposit). It's standard practice in the travel industry that when you cancel your trip close to the date of departure you forfeit some or all of your upfront payment in so-called cancella-

tion penalties — the closer you are to the date, the more money you forfeit.

For Milda and Leo's trip, Viking had established a sliding scale of cancellation penalties. It would impose no penalty on anyone canceling four months or more in advance of departure and a 100 percent penalty on anyone canceling less than 30 days of departure. In between those two extremes, Viking would impose a penalty ranging from 20 percent of the prepaid amount to 80 percent, depending on how close the cancellation came to the departure date.

But would-be travelers can insure against such cancellation penalties by purchasing Viking's Trip Protection. Let's say your cancellation date triggers a 20 percent cancellation penalty on a \$19,000 trip, as in the example of Milda and Leo. That's a \$3,800 loss in cash. But anyone who purchased Viking's Trip Protection would be covered for that loss — but in future travel credits with Viking (a.k.a., "travel vouchers") not cash. That means you can "cancel for any reason," as Viking touts on its website, but you get travel credits to cover a cancellation penalty, which are a lot less valuable than cash.

Trip insurance, by contrast, typically covers losses you may incur while traveling, like emergency medical or dental expenses or lost, damaged, or stolen baggage or personal items.

The Trip Protection Plan offered by Viking bundles the two types of protection together for one price and makes Viking responsible for trip protection and Trip Mate for trip insurance. What's confusing is that Trip Mate's trip insurance also provides a measure of trip protection, though it differs from Viking's in that it provides cash refunds, not vouchers, and restricts coverage to only certain "covered events," such as illness or injury that prevents travel (backed by a doctor's letter).

The bottom line is that Milda and Leo were eligible for a full cash refund, even without Viking giving them a break for misunderstanding how to cancel. Vi-



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Milda Walkley and Leo Peters mistakenly filed a claim with Viking Cruises's insurer, not Viking directly.

king should have refunded 80 percent (based on the date of cancellation) and Trip Mate 20 percent (based on Milda's medical issue being a covered event). But no one took the time to explain that to them, and the fine print online is mostly difficult-to-understand legalese. The couple first learned of the extent of their coverage from me. And it wasn't easy for me to figure out.

It was May when Milda's doctor told her to cancel because of a cardiac issue. Believing she had "cancel for any reason" insurance, Milda searched the Viking website for instructions on how to cancel but did not find them. So, she went directly to Trip Mate, which she considered an interchangeable and equal partner with Viking on her insurance.

A Trip Mate customer service representative gave her instructions on filing a claim online, which Milda did, including uploading medical records.

But the Trip Mate representative missed an opportunity to spare Milda and Leo a big headache. The rep should have realized the couple on that date was entitled to a no-penalty refund from Viking based on early cancellation. The rep should have said: Don't file a claim with us — file with Viking, and here's how to do it.

But no such discussion took place. Instead, Milda awaited her

refund, thinking she had properly filed her claim.

"I thought by canceling with Trip Mate I was canceling with Viking," Milda told me.

But 18 days after filing with

Trip Mate, Milda received a letter from the insurer saying it had discovered Milda's trip hadn't actually been canceled with Viking, and that filing a claim with Trip Mate wasn't the same as canceling with Viking.

A day after getting the letter, Milda contacted Viking. But it was now too late for a no-penalty refund, she was told. Between the time of her filing with Trip Mate and the time she contacted Viking, the number of days before her trip departure date had dropped from 132 to 114, meaning she was past the no-penalty period by six days, a \$3,800 goof.

At that point, Viking could have said "close enough" and given her a full refund, which is what Leo argued to the Viking manager. But it also could have — and should have — explained that she would wind up with a full cash refund anyway, because Trip Mate's policy would kick in to cover Viking's 20 percent can-

cellation penalty.

But no such discussion occurred. And Milda and Leo were left thinking they were losing thousands of dollars.

After I got involved, Viking imposed its \$3,800 cancellation penalty, but Trip Mate agreed it would cover that amount, much to the relief of Milda and Leo.

If you are considering travel insurance, ask questions. Am I getting trip protection or trip insurance or both? What happens if I cancel my trip before departure? Do I get cash or travel credits? Does the reason I cancel matter? What's my coverage while I'm on my trip? Who are the responsible parties? How do I cancel and how do I file a claim?

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Hotels struggle with staff shortages

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At the Omni Parker House Hotel, “only a handful” of staff were hired back based on seniority after the pandemic subsided, said Yuri Yep, a restaurant server who was among those laid off then rehired. His colleagues ultimately found other jobs, he said.

That mirrors what experts say has happened elsewhere. When hotels were ready to rehire, many prepandemic employees had secured other jobs or retired, said Arun Upneja, dean of Boston University’s School of Hospitality Administration.

Things have since improved, Upneja said, but hotels still have not reached a position where they can be confident applications will flow in when they advertise a job.

In a May survey of 456 hoteliers by the American Hotel and Lodging Association, an industry trade group, 76 percent reported staffing shortages, with housekeeping often being the most critical need. The association called for the federal government to expand certain immigrant work permits.

The hoteliers who were surveyed reported many efforts to cope with the nationwide workforce shortage in recent months: 86 percent increased wages, 52 percent offered greater shift flexibility, and 33 percent expanded benefits. Despite this, 79 percent said they still could not fill open positions.

“Hotels need access to more workers to continue creating jobs,” Kevin Carey, the trade group’s interim president and CEO, said in a statement.

Attracting applicants has long been difficult for the industry, Upneja said, because many people aren’t interested in the roles or working overnights or weekends.

“There are other industries that are paying much higher and have better hours, and why would people come into this industry?” he said. “You’ve got to make it attractive in some way.”

There are fewer people entering the workforce now than



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Michael Correa, who has worked at the Hilton Logan Airport for nearly 17 years, says his new role as a barback leaves him with an unpredictable schedule.

there were before the pandemic, meaning those who are entering the workforce have more options, Upneja said, and many working-age people are leaving or considering leaving Massachusetts.

Some hotels never restored the positions they cut or combined in response to the pandemic, Upneja said.

Michael Correa, who has worked at the Hilton Logan Airport for nearly 17 years, made the switch from bellman to barback — among other roles — in 2020 when two seven-day bellman shifts were eliminated.

“I was stuck in a position where I was working a couple overnights and really wasn’t making any money,” he said. “I had to make the decision to switch from being a bellman, a position that I actually really liked to do.”

As a barback, however, Correa said he is only guaranteed two full days of work per week. So, to reach 40 hours, Correa has taken on the ability to work eight different classifications throughout the hotel. He typically works two to three different jobs throughout the week.

He doesn’t know his schedule for the following week until a day or two before it begins, so it’s hard to make plans with his daughters, who are 12 and 14. If he’s working overnight one night and a midday shift the next day, he could get four hours of sleep, if he’s lucky.

“For a father or any parent, that’s really sad to have to live that way,” Correa said. “You can’t even be around them because you’re trying to provide for them.”

Theresa Fiorino, who has worked in room dining at Hilton Boston Logan for 29 years, said there used to be two room service servers working at a time. Now, she said, there is typically only one on duty. (Upneja said many hotels have ended room service entirely because of its high labor cost.)

Now, wait times are often longer, and COVID-era changes have dampened the room service experience, she said. It’s disheartening, she said, to serve \$80 wine in plastic cups instead of glasses, or \$150 worth of food in paper bags rather than on trays.

“It’s all about them making money,” she said. “At the end of

the day, I don’t think that the guests are getting the service that they are paying for.”

If understaffing worsens the guests’ experience, it could reduce revenue in the long term, Upneja said. But particularly in Boston, and particularly in the summer, demand is high and the number of available rooms is limited, he said. To some hotels, he said, this means they can “get away with poor service” because consumers don’t have much choice.

But hospitality relies on customer satisfaction, Upneja said, and trying to provide the minimum service required to meet brand standards while charging as much as possible is a dangerous game.

“At the end of the day, hotels exist to make money ... there’s no two ways about it,” Upneja said. “But in the long term, you cannot continue to make money if on one side you’re not keeping your staff satisfied and happy, and on the other side, meeting the customer expectations.”

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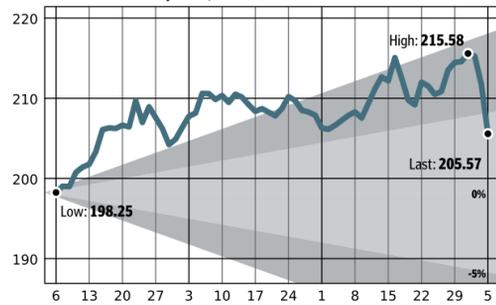
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Boston Scientific Corp (BSX)	72.96	-1.54	-2.1	107.4
American Tower Corp (AMT)	226.19	-8.45	-3.6	105.6
Analog Devices Inc (ADI)	200.56	-7.40	-3.6	99.5
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	34.30	-0.77	-2.2	46.5
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Veralto Corp (VLTO)	101.99	-2.85	-2.7	25.2
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PTC Inc (PTC)	168.18	-3.87	-2.2	20.2
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Hologic Inc (HOLX)	82.36	-1.28	-1.5	19.1
Teradyne Inc (TER)	116.39	-0.88	-0.8	19.0
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Entegris Inc (ENTG)	101.88	-0.26	-0.3	15.4
Symotic Inc (SYM)	22.96	-0.74	-3.1	13.5
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	140.65	-3.29	-2.3	13.3
Toast Inc (TOST)	23.92	-0.53	-2.2	13.3

Markets

Markets jolted around the world

Anxiety over a slowdown in the US economy intensified Monday, with a retreat in markets that began last week snowballing into a global rout. The turmoil was the latest example of how distinct economic forces can ricochet across markets, forcing down company stock prices and erasing billions of dollars in value. In this case, a rapidly rising yen over the past week had disrupted the flow of global capital, prompting a pullback from some popular investments. But the sell-off quickly expanded into a more widespread panic that the Federal Reserve may have waited too long to start cutting interest rates, threatening the strength of the US economy. Those fears were amplified by a US employment report released Friday that showed significantly slower hiring by employers, with the unemployment rate rising to its highest level in nearly three years. From the moment stock markets first opened for trading in Asia, and then through trading hours in Europe and the United States on Monday, prices plummeted.

Dow drops 1,000 points in sell-off

Japanese stocks suffer the worst crash since 1987

By Stan Choe
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A scary Monday that started with a plunge abroad reminiscent of 1987’s crash swept around the world and pummeled Wall Street with more steep losses, as fears worsened about a slowing US economy.

The S&P 500 dropped 3 percent for its worst day in nearly two years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average reeled by 1,033 points, or 2.6 percent, while the Nasdaq composite slid 3.4 percent.

The drops were the latest in a global sell-off that began last week. Japan’s Nikkei 225 helped begin Monday by plunging 12.4 percent for its worst day since the Black Monday crash of 1987.

It was the first chance for traders in Tokyo to react to Friday’s report showing US employers slowed their hiring last month by much more than economists expected. That was the latest piece of data on the US economy to come in weaker than expected, and it’s all raised fear the Federal Reserve has pressed the brakes on the US economy by too much for too long through high interest rates in hopes of stifling inflation.

Professional investors cautioned that some technical factors could be amplifying the action in markets and that the drops may be overdone, but the losses were still neck-snapping. South Korea’s Kospi index careened 8.8 percent lower, and bitcoin dropped below \$54,000 from more than \$61,000 Friday.

Even gold, which has a reputation for offering safety during tumultuous times, slipped about 1 percent.

That’s in part because traders began wondering if the damage has been so severe that the Federal Reserve will have to cut inter-

est rates in an emergency meeting, before its next scheduled decision on Sept. 18. The yield on the two-year Treasury, which closely tracks expectations for the Fed, briefly sank below 3.70 percent during the morning from 3.88 percent late Friday and from 5 percent in April. It later recovered and pulled back to 3.8 percent.

“The Fed could ride in on a white horse to save the day with a big rate cut, but the case for an inter-meeting cut seems flimsy,” said Brian Jacobsen, chief economist at Annex Wealth Management. “Those are usually reserved for emergencies, like COVID, and an unemployment rate of 4.3 percent doesn’t really seem like an emergency.”

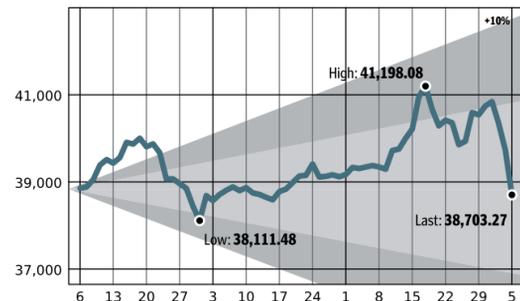
Of course, the US economy is still growing, the US stock market is still up a healthy amount for the year, and a recession is far from a certainty. The Fed has been clear about the tightrope it began walking when it started hiking rates sharply in March 2022: Being too aggressive would choke the economy, but going too soft would give inflation more oxygen and hurt everyone.

Goldman Sachs economist David Mericle sees a higher chance of a recession within the next 12 months following Friday’s jobs report. But he still sees only a 25 percent probability of that, up from 15 percent, in part “because the data look fine overall” and he does not “see major financial imbalances.”

Some of Wall Street’s recent declines may simply be air coming out of a stock market that romped to dozens of all-time highs this year, in part on a frenzy around artificial intelligence technology. Critics have been saying for a while that the stock market looked expensive after prices rose faster than corporate profits.

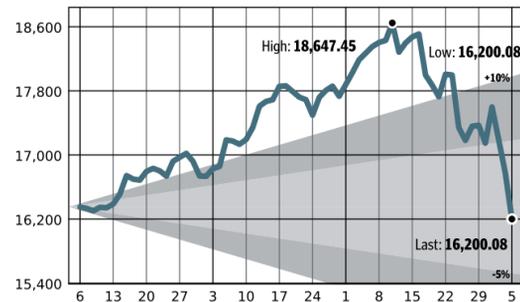
“Markets tend to move higher like they’re climbing stairs, and they go down like they’re falling out a window,” according to JJ Kinahan, chief executive of IG North America.

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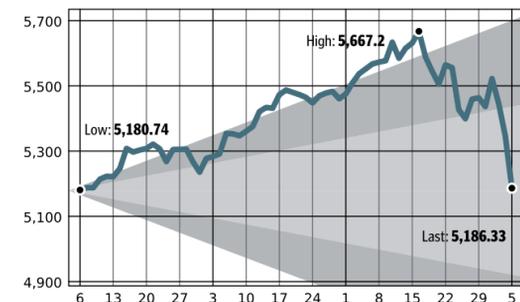
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S&P 500 index



Yesterday 5,186.33 ▼ 160.23 ▼ 3.0% ▲ YTD 8.7%

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MORTGAGEE’S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the POWER OF SALE contained in a certain Mortgage given by Full Life Gospel Center, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Citizens Bank, N.A., dated May 7, 2020, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 62968, at Page 23, as assigned to Origin Norfolk, LLC, by Assignment of Mortgage dated June 10, 2024 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 70277 at Page 139 of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at the Premises, located at 183-189 Norfolk Street, Dorchester, Massachusetts 02124.

To wit:

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SOUTHEASTERLY by Norfolk Street, as shown on said Plan, 76.44 feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY by Charles Road, as shown on said Plan, 60 feet;
NORTHWESTERLY by Parcel 2 herein, as shown on said Plan, 76.33 feet; and
NORTHEASTERLY by an estate No. 181 Norfolk Street, as shown on said Plan, 60 feet.

Containing 4,573 square feet of land, more or less. The buildings thereon are known as and numbered 183-189 said Norfolk Street.

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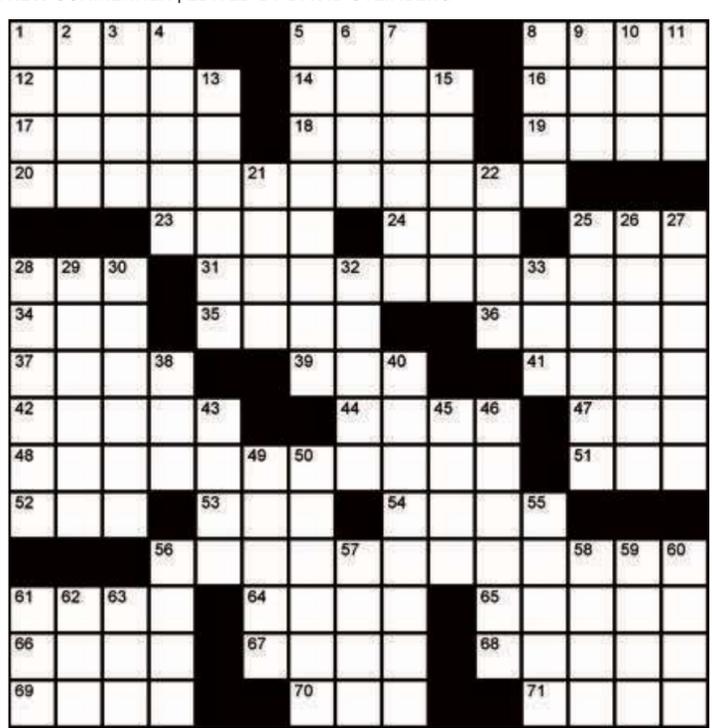
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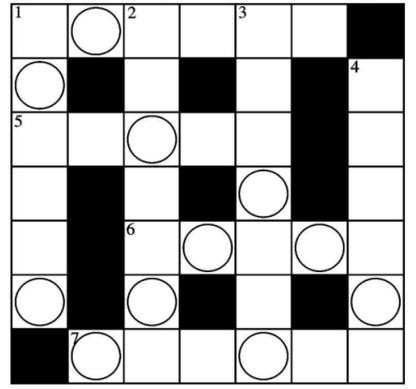
- ACROSS**
- 1 Three-pointers' paths
 - 5 FedEx rival
 - 8 World's biggest toy company
 - 12 Strong suit
 - 14 Novice, in slang
 - 16 Had bills due
 - 17 Flying saucer passenger
 - 18 Darling
 - 19 Sell
 - 20 Redheaded country music icon
 - 23 Rotary phone component
 - 24 "Ho-o-ow relaxing!"
 - 25 Boot brand from Down Under
 - 28 Customizable "city" dweller
 - 31 Nine Inch Nails' lead singer
 - 34 Parisian Mrs.
 - 35 Abominable Snowman
 - 36 Bride's pathway
 - 37 High hairstyle
 - 39 Nightmarish street name
 - 41 Trot or gallop
 - 42 Tosses, as dice
 - 44 Drinks like a cat
 - 47 "___ Got a Feeling" (Beatles song)
 - 48 He danced with Ginger Rogers
 - 51 Director Guillermo ___ Toro
 - 52 Pig's digs
 - 53 Bend the truth
 - 54 "___ of the Flies"
- DOWN**
- 1 Beyond the horizon, say
 - 2 Acting gig
 - 3 "Party at my ___" (pun on a onesie)
 - 4 Place
 - 5 Recover, as a computer file
 - 6 Hammer part
 - 7 Try to hit, as a gnat
 - 8 Cupid's domain
 - 9 Lamb's milk source
 - 10 Lead-in to "X," "Y" or "Z"
 - 11 Peculiar
 - 13 Ill will
 - 15 Prickly plant
 - 21 The "C" of TLC
 - 22 Name hidden in "for heaven's sake"
 - 25 Not explicitly mentioned
 - 26 Launch like a website
 - 27 Hansel's fairy-tale sister
 - 28 Blue toons popular in the '80s



- 29 Product from abroad
- 30 Swim event with four strokes
- 32 Wafer brand
- 33 Swerve
- 38 Fomer
- 40 Where a man or woman of letters works?
- 43 Draw for bargain hunters
- 45 Object onstage
- 46 Peaceful
- 49 Nurse at the bar
- 50 Rip into
- 55 Puffs on a cigarette
- 56 Coral ___
- 57 ;, in an analogy
- 58 Joke teller on an iPhone
- 59 It's often preheated
- 60 Brooklyn pro hoopsters
- 61 Swindle
- 62 "Honest" prez
- 63 Mariah Carey's "All I Want ___ Christmas Is You"

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- CLUE ACROSS ANSWER**
- 1. Mass ___ DSEOUX
 - 5. Grab ESIEZ
 - 6. Map within a map ESNTI
 - 7. Trout catcher NLGRAE
- CLUE DOWN ANSWER**
- 1. Certain Navy rank NIENGS
 - 2. Belief, reaction PONIOIN
 - 3. Eating ___ LISUNTE
 - 4. Author RTWRIE
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WEDNESDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 66-71 LOW 60-65

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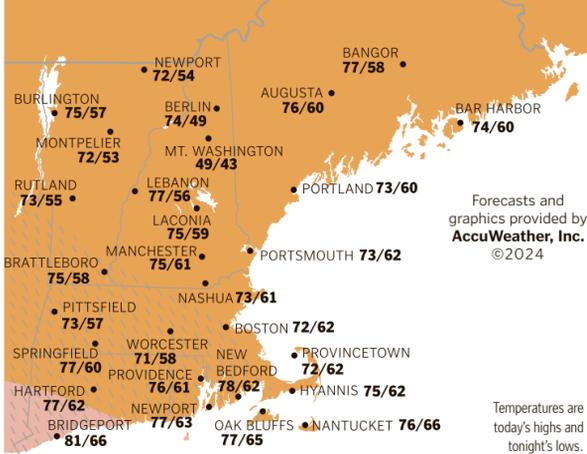
SATURDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 72-77 LOW 62-67

New England forecast

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, breezy and cooler across northern New England while the south is rather cloudy with showers and thunderstorms.

TOMORROW: Breezy and cooler with a mix of clouds and sunshine. Clear to partly cloudy and cool at night.

EXTENDED: Partly to mostly sunny and pleasant Thursday. Turning cloudy Friday with rain and a few heavier thunderstorms moving into the area.



Almanac

Yesterday's high/low 87°/72° Sunrise 5:42 a.m. Sunset 7:57 p.m. Moonrise 7:40 a.m.

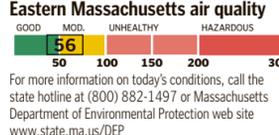
Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday) Weather Rain showers Visibility 1/8 of a mile Wind west-southwest at 38 m.p.h.

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday) Yesterday 0.07" Month to date 1.19" Year to date 31.63"

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New England marine forecast Wind Seas Temp Boston Harbor SE 7-14 kts. 1-3 ft. 72/63

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9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled: Row 1: [][][][][7][1][][][9]; Row 2: [][][5][][4][][][2][6]; Row 3: [4][7][][][][1][][][][][3][7]; Row 4: [][][][4][8][][9][5][][][][][]; Row 5: [5][8][][][][][3][][][][][][]; Row 6: [][][][1][][][][][][5][8]; Row 7: [8][5][][][9][][][4][][][][][]; Row 8: [2][][7][4][][][][][][][][][][]

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North ♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A 7 2 ♦ K Q J 10 9 5 ♣ 5

West ♠ K 9 2 ♥ J 10 9 8 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A 10 7 2

East ♠ A 8 4 ♥ 6 5 3 ♦ A 8 7 3 ♣ 9 8 4

South ♠ Q J 10 5 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ 4 ♣ K Q J 6 3

South 1 ♣ Pass 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 NT All Pass Opening lead — ♥ J

Cy the Cynic complains that people waste all kinds of time trying to figure out where a roll of tape or paper towels starts, but his partners won't spend a moment to plan ahead as declarer.

Cy was today's North. At 3NT, South won the first heart with the king and led a diamond, and East took the ace and returned a heart. South won in his hand and led the jack of clubs, but West alertly took his ace and led a third heart to the ace.

South then ran the diamonds — and had to discard five times. He pitched a spade and three clubs, but the last diamond did him in. Whatever he threw, the defense would take the rest. Down one.

"Not even a boa constrictor can squeeze himself," Cy observed glumly, "but my partner managed to do it." At Trick Two, South should lead the king of clubs to West's ace. South wins the heart return in his hand, cashes one high club and forces out the ace of diamonds. He wins the third heart with the ace and runs the diamonds for nine tricks.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K 9 2 ♥ J 10 9 8 ♦ 6 2 ♣ A 10 7 2. The dealer, at your left, opens one diamond. Your partner doubles, and the next player bids three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your opponent's jump-raise is weak. With a decent hand, he would have found another call — maybe a redouble. Don't be intimidated. Partner has opening values or more, and you may have a game. Bid three hearts. You have enough strength to compete at the three level.

Cities Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions ● Travel delays possible, C Clouds, F Fog, H Haze, I Ice, Pc Partly Cloudy, R Rain, Sh Showers, S Sun, Sn Snow, FI Flurries, T Thunderstorms, W Windy

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024:

You're adventurous and have a strong lust for life. You love mental stimulation, and you resist routine. You work hard and party hard!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be patient with co-workers today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be patient with kids today, as well as romantic partners. In fact, all social occasions, including sports events, might trigger minor hissy fits and disputes with someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Let's face it, with fiery Mars in your sign, you're a bit feisty! Mars can be in your sign only once every two years for about six weeks.

your sign, you're a bit feisty! Mars can be in your sign only once every two years for about six weeks. Be patient with family members today. Delays, confusion, and people who are suddenly "back on the scene" might test diplomacy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is an argumentative day for many people, including you. If you are aware of this right from the beginning, you can practice patience when dealing with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Money squabbles or disputes about something that you own (or don't own) might arise today. You will put a lot of yourself into whatever you have to say because the Sun is in your sign.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with fiery Mars, which can trigger strong, volatile emotions in you and others. This is why you

might end up in a quarrel with someone or feel obsessed about something. Try to sidestep these issues if possible. Stay calm for your own happiness. Tonight: Good mood.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Something related to travel, foreign countries, the government, medicine, or the law could be a source of irritation for you today. (It also might be other things.) The result is you feel some angst, which is no fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Avoid squabbles and arguments with friends or members of groups. You might regret this later. The thing is that people are irritable today, and that's just what's happening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This is a poor day to ask bosses, parents, or people in authority for permission or approval for anything. Their response will likely be, "Talk to the hand." This is because people are short-tempered and impatient with each other.

Timing is everything. Today is not the day. Tonight: You're popular.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Steer clear of controversial subjects like politics, religion, and racial issues, because arguments might break out today. This isn't something you will welcome, nor do you need it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Money squabbles or disputes about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt, or insurance matters might arise today. Actually, this is a poor day to enter into these discussions, because people are argumentative and easily irritated.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be patient with partners and close friends. Many people are disgruntled or grumpy today. Cut others some slack. And while you're at it, cut yourself some slack as well.

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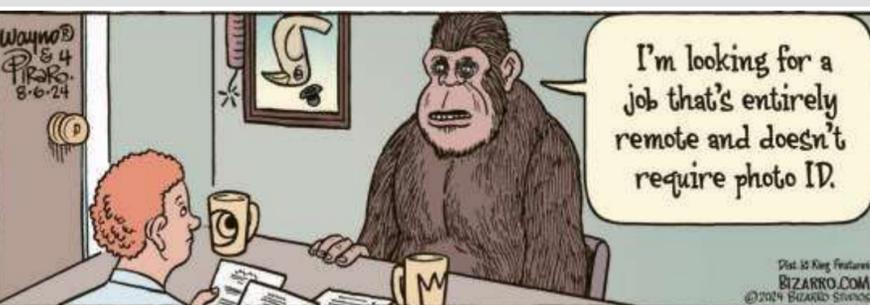
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BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.