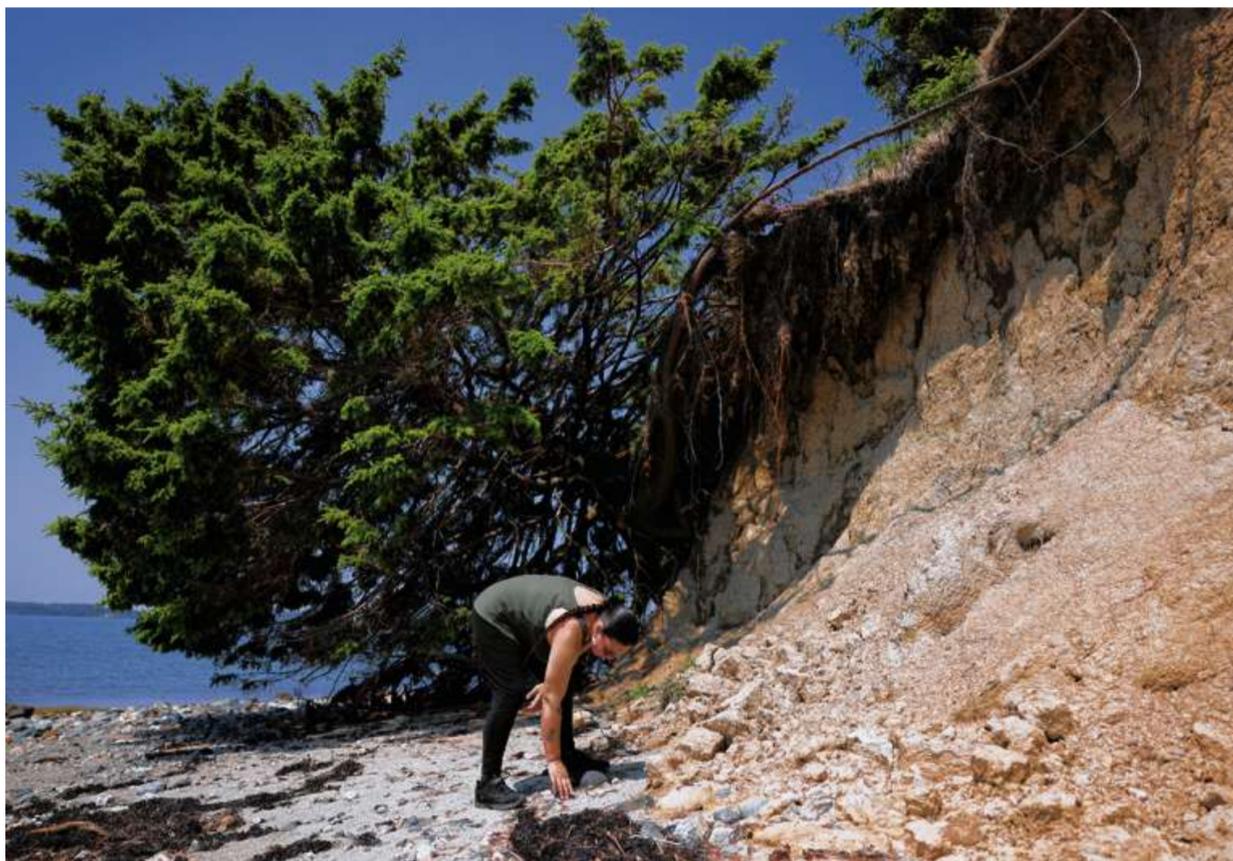


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Natalie Lolar, a member of the Passamaquoddy tribe, looked for artifacts near a tree that protects mounds of shells.

Migrants, advocates brace for evictions

Many families have nowhere to go after 5-day shelter period is up, aid groups say

By Danny McDonald and Mike Damiano
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CAMBRIDGE — For Lucie Joseph, a potentially life-changing deadline looms: Unless something changes soon, she, her partner, and their 5-year-old son will be living on the streets.

Joseph said Wednesday that she was told she had to leave the emergency overflow shelter at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds building in East Cambridge by Friday. That's when the state plans to evict potentially dozens of migrants from overflow shelters to make room, officials say, for others who are awaiting relief.

Joseph said she wasn't given options of where else to go, and she was advised to stay with family.

"I don't have any family here," Joseph, 30, said in Spanish.

Originally from Haiti, the family of three has been in Boston since April. After arriving, they spent 20 days sleeping at Logan Airport before securing a shelter bed. Joseph said she's worried about what's to come, and feels for her son, who often asks her when they'll have a house.

Aid groups are protesting the state's new policy and scrambling to provide housing for migrants like Joseph, who they fear could end up on SHELTERS, Page A10

Fighting to save a hidden past

Traces of Maine's Indigenous people are increasingly threatened by rising seas

By Sabrina Shankman
GLOBE STAFF

NEAR MACHIAS, Maine — Along this picturesque stretch of beach in far downeast Maine, there are all the expected bits of majesty — an expansive ocean, a seemingly untouched shore, and not a person in sight. But then there's the tree. And there is nothing normal about this tree.

The tree juts out from the eroded edge of a bluff, protruding sideways toward the sand below at an unnatural angle, seemingly one stiff breeze away from collapsing. Its root system is holding back the earth and shrubs, and something hidden, too — mounds of shells, the remnants of a long-gone Native American development, potentially protecting artifacts buried within.



Olivia Olson, a graduate student at the Climate Change Institute at the University of Maine, examined an animal jaw she uncovered.

Here on the rocky coast, the past lies buried along beaches and waterfront. For thousands of years, the Wabanaki people sought out these coastal spots to set up camp or make a home, where they could be nourished by the clams and the fish in the Gulf of Maine and easily travel via canoe. Now, as climate change leads to higher seas and stronger storms, archeologists are racing to understand and preserve what they can of that history before it all washes away.

Bonnie Newsom, an archeologist with the University of Maine and a citizen of the Penobscot Nation, a tribe of the Wabanaki, looked up at the tree and sighed. "Once this goes, it's going to take a chunk of that site, and we're going to lose all of it."

Since 1979, a federal monitoring station has been marking the steady rising of seas ARTIFACTS, Page A7

Community hospitals likely to face more struggles

Continue to be paid much less than large facilities

By Thomas Lee
GLOBE STAFF

Community hospitals like those operated by Steward Health Care had problems before the company's collapse, and they are likely to remain in a financially precarious situation even after the troubled operator departs, state data shows.

►Private equity firm is pressed to pave way for Steward sales. D1.

That's because community hospitals — including many operated by companies other than Steward — receive a relative pittance from insurers, even when they're providing the same services as Boston's glimmering academic medical centers.

The latest state review of hospital payment data, released this month by the Center for Health Information and Analysis, underscores a persistent gap in the fortunes of acute care facilities. Community hospitals that see a high proportion of people with public insurance commanded prices that are 7 percent below the state average.

It's a twofold problem: Those insurance programs — such as Medicaid and Medicare — pay below-market rates. On top of that, private payers HOSPITALS, Page A7

A federal judge dismissed a class-action lawsuit claiming MIT reacted with "deliberate indifference" to antisemitism and discrimination on campus. B1.

Harvard University will retain the Sackler name on a pair of prominent buildings, despite the family's role in the opioid crisis. B1.

The number of US women getting abortions rose in the first three months of 2024 compared with before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. A2.

Ukraine launched a surprise ground assault into Russia with troops and armored vehicles, in what could be one of the largest incursions since the war began. A4.

Top 100 salaries

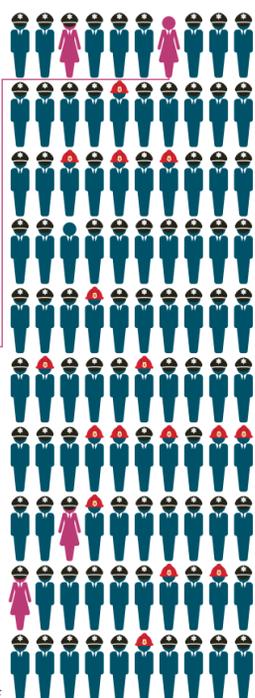
Among the top 100 highest-paid city employees last year, only four were women. Women make up more than half the city's workforce.

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Race: White
Total pay: \$382,096
Department: Schools superintendent's office

Male Female
Police Firefighter

SOURCE: City of Boston, Globe analysis
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Despite diversity effort, most of city's highest-paid workers still white men

By Neena Hagen and Niki Griswold
GLOBE STAFF

Three years since taking office, Mayor Michelle Wu has kept her campaign promise to hire more people of color in city government to be more representative of Boston's increasingly diverse population. However, the city's top earners remain overwhelmingly white and male, a Globe analysis found.

Among the top 100 highest-paid city employees last year, only four were women. Women make up more than half the city's workforce, data show. Meanwhile, 69 of the top

100 earners in 2023 were white. About half of city employees are white.

Overall, racial and gender disparities in pay persist at all levels of Boston government, the analysis shows. The figures show that while Wu has made strides in hiring more minority employees, women and workers of color have yet to crack the upper rungs of the pay scale.

The median salary for white employees in 2023 was 40 percent higher than the median salary for Black employees. The median pay for white workers was \$123,000, compared with \$88,000 for SALARIES, Page A7

With bans of kids' books on the rise, authors fight back

By Brooke Hauser
GLOBE STAFF

In 2021, "Gender Queer," Maia Kobabe's graphic memoir about coming out as nonbinary, held the distinction of being the most banned book in America. And last December, when a police officer showed up at a Berkshires middle school after receiving a complaint about the book, it became national news again.

By comparison, "Katie the Catsitter," Colleen AF Venable's middle-grade series about a girl who baby-sits 217 cats, wouldn't seem likely to catch heat. But the second title in the series ended up on a list of challenged books in Florida.

"I started looking through the book like, why, why?" said Venable, who

lives in North Adams. Then she remembered a panel where Katie's mom comforts her about growing apart from her best friend, saying someday she'll find her own boyfriend, girlfriend, or "nonbinary friend."

"That's why," Venable said. The case of "Katie the Catsitter" is a reminder that, amid today's culture wars, a single word in a children's book can be enough to get it blacklisted. Not that Venable needs reminding. Her graphic novel "Kiss Number 8," about a teenage girl from a conservative Catholic community who realizes she's bisexual, is on several lists of banned and challenged books.

The irony, said Venable, is that with "Kiss Number 8" — co-created with EL BOOKS, Page A10



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Author Colleen AF Venable of North Adams is among the co-leaders of the Massachusetts/Rhode Island chapter of Authors Against Book Bans.

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DAILY BRIEFING

\$50m lawsuit filed over implosion of Titan submersible

The family of a French explorer who died in a submersible implosion has filed a more than \$50 million lawsuit, saying the crew experienced “terror and mental anguish” before the disaster and accusing the sub’s operator of gross negligence.

Paul-Henri Nargeolet was among five people who died when the Titan submersible imploded during a voyage to the Titanic wreck site in June 2023. No one survived the trip aboard the experimental submersible owned by OceanGate, a company based in Washington.

Known as “Mr. Titanic,” Nargeolet participated in 37 dives to the Titanic site, the most of any diver in the world. Lawyers for his estate said that the doomed submersible had a troubled history, and that OceanGate failed to disclose key facts about the vessel and its durability.

“While the exact cause of failure may never be determined, experts agree that the Titan’s crew would have realized exactly what was happening,” the lawsuit states. “Common sense dictates that the crew were well aware they were going to die, before dying.”

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Ga. schools chief OK’s teaching of Black studies course

ATLANTA — Georgia’s Superintendent of Schools says that school districts may teach a new Advanced Placement course in African American Studies after all, now that the state’s attorney general said the law against teaching divisive racial concepts specifically exempts such college-level courses.

Richard Woods said Wednesday that a letter from Attorney General Chris Carr “completed the clarification process” for him. Woods had cited the law in refusing to recommend the course be added to the state’s course catalog.

Woods said the state will now consider all AP and similar college-level courses to be automatically adopted. This means that after weeks of controversy, Woods won’t have to recommend the African American studies course be adopted, and members of the Board of Education won’t have to vote on it.

“In compliance with this opinion, the AP African American Studies course will be added to the state-funded course catalog effective immediately,” Woods said.

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NASA mulls new plan to get ISS astronauts home

For weeks, NASA has downplayed problems experienced by Starliner, a Boeing spacecraft that took two astronauts to the International Space Station in June. But Wednesday, officials admitted that the problems with the spacecraft were more serious than first thought, and that the astronauts may not travel home on the Boeing vehicle.

The agency is exploring a backup option for the astronauts, Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore, to hitch a ride back to Earth on a vehicle built by Boeing’s competitor SpaceX instead. Their stay in orbit, which was to be as short as eight days, may extend into next year.

“We could take either path,” Ken Bowersox, a NASA administrator, said. “And reasonable people could pick either path.”

NASA and Boeing officials had maintained that the crew that launched with Starliner was not stranded in space. Williams and Wilmore have spent two months aboard the orbital outpost while engineers continue to analyze data about the faulty performance of several of the Starliner’s thrusters.

NEW YORK TIMES

‘Joyful warriors’ Harris, Walz set off

Narrowly miss GOP’s Vance in Wisconsin

By Darlene Superville, Joey Cappelletti, and Meg Kinnard

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Vice President Kamala Harris declared herself and her new running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, “joyful warriors” against Donald Trump on Wednesday as they spent their first full day campaigning together across the Midwest. They got an unusual glimpse of how hotly contested the region will be when they overlapped on a Wisconsin tarmac with Republican vice presidential nominee JD Vance.

The Democrats visited Wisconsin and Michigan, hoping to shore up support among the younger, diverse, labor-friendly voters who were instrumental in helping President Biden win the 2020 election.

Harris told the day’s first rally in Eau Claire, “As Tim Walz likes to point out, we are joyful warriors.” Contributing to that feeling, the Harris campaign said it had raised \$36 million in the first 24 hours after she announced Walz as her running mate.

The vice president said the pair look to the future with optimism, unlike former president Donald Trump, whom she accused of being stuck in the past and preferring a confrontational style of politics — even as she criticized her opponent herself.

“Someone who suggests we should terminate the Constitution of the United States should never again have the chance to sit behind the seal of the United States,” Harris said, her voice rising amid applause from a crowd her campaign said numbered more than 12,000.

Wednesday’s campaign swing was especially important for her and Walz since Biden’s winning coalition from four years ago has showed signs of fraying over the summer — particularly in Michigan, which has emerged as a focal point of Democratic divisions over Biden’s handling of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

With Biden now out of the race, leaders of the Arab-American community and key unions say they are encouraged by the running mate choice. Walz’s addition to the ticket has soothed some tensions, signaling to some leaders that Harris had reduced concerns about another



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Democratic candidates Kamala Harris and Tim Walz rallied in Eau Claire, Wis., on Wednesday.

my future plane,” Vance later told reporters, meaning that he’d travel on Air Force Two should he and Trump be elected in November. He also criticized Harris for not taking questions from reporters, though she sometimes answers shouted questions while boarding or leaving her plane for campaign stops.

Vance later told the crowd at his Eau Claire event, “We actually just saw the vice president’s plane” and then joked of reporters traveling with him, “I figured they must be lonely because Kamala Harris doesn’t take any questions.”

“If those people want to call me weird I call it a badge of honor,” Vance said, responding to a moniker Walz used to describe him that made the Minnesota governor notable online in the days before Harris tapped him as her running mate.

Addressing the Democrats’ Wisconsin rally ahead of Harris, Walz had some critical words for Vance but trained most of his sharpest words on Trump, saying the former president “mocks our laws, he sows chaos and division amongst the people, and that’s to say nothing of the job he did as president.”

leading contender for the vice presidential slot, Governor Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania, who they felt had gone too far in his support for Israel.

“The party is recognizing that there’s a coalition they have to rebuild,” said Abdullah Hamoud, the mayor of Dearborn, Mich. “Picking Walz is another sign of good faith.”

Trump, too, has put emphasis on appealing to voters in Midwestern states with his choice of Vance an Ohio Repub-

lican senator, as his running mate. Vance was even bracketing the Harris-Walz ticket with Michigan and Wisconsin appearances of his own on Wednesday.

The dueling schedules overlapped enough that while Harris was still greeting a group of Girl Scouts who came to see her arrive at Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Wisconsin, Vance’s campaign plane landed nearby and was taxiing in the distance.

Harris posed for a group picture with the girls around the same time Vance was deplaning, and he began walking over to Air Force Two, trailed by his security detail.

The vice president eventually climbed into her motorcade, and it pulled away before they could interact. Still, that the pair came so close to doing so on a tarmac was unusual given the carefully scripted nature of campaign schedules.

“I just wanted to check out

Study: US abortions rise slightly since Roe decision

Telehealth access a major reason, report finds

By Geoff Mulvihill and Kimberlee Krues

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The number of women getting abortions in the US actually went up in the first three months of 2024 compared with before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, a report released Wednesday found, reflecting the lengths that Democratic-controlled states went to expand access.

A major reason for the increase is that some Democratic-controlled states enacted laws to protect doctors who use telemedicine to see patients in places that have abortion bans, according to the quarterly #WeCount report for the Society of Family Planning, which supports abortion access.

The data comes ahead of November elections in which abortion-rights supporters hope the issue will drive voters to the polls. In some places, voters will have a chance to enshrine or reject state-level abortion protections.

Fallout from the Supreme Court’s June 2022 ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization has re-

made the way abortion works across the country. The #WeCount data, which has been collected in a monthly survey since April 2022, shows how those providing and seeking abortion have adapted to changing laws.

The survey found that the number of abortions fell to nearly zero in states that ban abortion in all stages of pregnancy and declined by about half in places that ban it after six weeks of pregnancy, before many women know they are pregnant. Fourteen states are enforcing bans on abortion at all stages of pregnancy, with some exceptions, and four others bar it after about six weeks of pregnancy.

Numbers went up in places where abortion remains legal until further into pregnancy — and especially in states such as Illinois, Kansas, and New Mexico, which border states with bans.

The report estimates that if not for the post-Dobbs bans, there would have been about 9,900 more abortions per month — and 208,000 total since — in those states. The numbers were up by more than 2,600 per month in Illinois, about 1,300 in Virginia, 1,200 in Kansas, and more than 500 in New Mexico.

Abortion pills and telemedicine play a key role. In March,



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Ahead of the November elections, abortion-rights supporters hope the issue will drive voters to the polls.

doctors in states with laws to protect medical providers used telemedicine to prescribe abortion pills to nearly 10,000 patients in states with bans or restrictions on abortion by telehealth — accounting for about 1 in 10 abortions in the US.

Laws to protect medical providers who use telemedicine to prescribe abortion pills started taking effect in some Democratic-led states last year.

“It eases the burden on clinics,” said Ushma Upadhyay, a University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine professor who co-leads #WeCount. “So it creates more space

for the people who are coming to clinics.”

Abortion opponents say the fight over the abortion drug mifepristone isn’t over after a narrow Supreme Court ruling that preserved access to it for now. But so far, there have not been legal challenges to shield laws.

The latest edition of the survey covers the first three months of this year, when it counted an average of just under 99,000 abortions per month, compared with 84,000 in the two months before Dobbs. January was the first time since the survey began

French rail case suspects still unclear

Suspicion falls on 'ultraleft,' authorities say

By Aurelien Breeden and Catherine Porter
NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS — Who sabotaged France's high-speed train lines last month?

Clear answers to that question have been elusive so far, more than a week after coordinated arson attacks that disrupted rail travel for hundreds of thousands of travelers before the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

There have been no arrests, and no suspects have been publicly identified. For now, the country appears far more invested in its Olympic medal count than in the outcome of the investigation. That is probably a good thing for the authorities, because such cases, though not uncommon, are notoriously difficult to solve.

Officials are not ruling out any possibilities, including foreign interference. But much suspicion has fallen on what French authorities label as "ultraleft," anticapitalist groups that are less interested in gaining notoriety for their actions than in disrupting the workings of the state.

Railway sabotage is a "traditional method of action" for such groups, Gérard Darmanin, France's interior minister, said in the aftermath of the attacks.

France's domestic intelligence agency also has said that arson has been "a preferred modus operandi" for the "ultraleft" movement, "which regularly launches campaigns aimed mainly at energy and telecommunications infrastructures."

But in France and elsewhere in Europe, "the number of arrests for left-wing and anarchist terrorist and extremist offenses is generally not very high," Europol, the European Union agency for law enforcement cooperation, said in a report last year.



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Train information, including an update on delays, was displayed in the main hall of Gare du Nord on the day of the opening ceremony of the Summer Olympics in Paris.

While experts caution that last week's sabotage case remains open, they also say it bears some hallmarks of the insurrectionary anarchists, who frequently use low-tech methods like arson and cutting cables to target railway or telecommunication sites.

One potential clue being examined by investigators is an anonymous email that was sent a day after the attack to The New York Times and other media organizations and that celebrated the sabotage. It claimed that the attacks were intended to disrupt the Olympics, which the email called a "celebration of nationalism" and a "testing ground" for mass policing that shows how states "subjugate populations."

It is unclear if the email came from the actual saboteurs, but the Paris prosecutor's office, which is handling the investigation, said that was being examined. Several specialists on far-left movements and sabotage said that the tone and arguments of the email were consistent

with an anarchist ideology, and they noted that sabotage carried out by anarchist groups was often followed by similarly fuzzy claims of responsibility.

Victor Cachard, a French author who has written extensively about the history of sabotage, said that it was hard to ascertain with any confidence who was behind the attacks. Still, he said, "when you look at the recent history of claims that come after this kind of action, the insurrectionist anarchist movement is often behind it."

The email, which was signed "an unexpected delegation," in a reference to the Olympics, was sent from an anonymous email address created on Riseup, a platform that "provides online communication tools for people and groups working on liberatory social change," according to its website.

The text of the email criticized France's weapons export industry, condemned police brutality, castigated French companies like Total or Alstom for

wreaking social and environmental havoc, and took a dim view of France's high-speed train system.

"Railroads are not an innocuous infrastructure," the email said.

"They have always been a means of colonizing new territories, a prerequisite for their devastation, and a ready-made path for the extension of capitalism and state control."

Specialists say that in recent years more activists have become attracted to sabotage. They include climate activists who believe that traditional methods like petitions or protests have made little headway, as well as militants who object to the spread of infrastructure like 5G antennas.

"There is a willingness to push the boundaries, to act not against human life but infrastructure," Cachard said. "Throughout history, you see that sabotage goes up a notch when the state is unresponsive to traditional modes of action."

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The World

Ukraine launches assault into Russia

Cross-border attack results in heavy fighting

By Constant Méheut
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine has launched a surprise ground assault into Russia with troops and armored vehicles, Russian officials and independent military analysts said Wednesday, in what could be one of the largest Ukrainian incursions onto Russian soil in more than two years of war.

The assault, which began Tuesday in the Kursk region of western Russia, has resulted in heavy fighting, according to images from the battlefield verified by independent military analysts and Russian statements.

Videos verified by The New York Times showed armored vehicles being struck several miles inside Russia, and Moscow said it had rushed troops and fighter jets to respond. General Valery V. Gerasimov, the commander of Russian forces fighting in Ukraine, said the advance of Ukrainian troops had been halted Wednesday evening, while pro-Kremlin military bloggers said Ukrainian forces had captured several settlements near

the border.

“Alarming news is coming from the Kursk region for the second day,” Igor Artamonov, the governor of the Russian region of Lipetsk, which borders the Kursk region, said Wednesday. “The Kyiv regime is attacking our borders.”

By Wednesday evening, Ukrainian troops appeared to have advanced several miles into Russian territory, one analyst said, and Russian officials said the fighting was continuing.

The various reports could not be independently verified, and Ukrainian authorities have not commented on the assault. Two spokespeople for the Ukrainian army did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

This is not the first time that Ukraine has staged ground attacks across the border into Russia. But while previous assaults were carried out by armed groups of Russian exiles backed by Ukraine’s army, the attack Tuesday appeared to have directly involved Ukrainian troops, according to Pasi Paroinen of the Black Bird Group, which analyzes footage from the battlefield.

Paroinen said a few hundred Ukrainian troops, supported by armored vehicles, had most likely crossed the border on the first



GOVERNOR OF KURSK REGION TELEGRAM CHANNEL VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS
A damaged house after shelling by the Ukrainian side in the city of Sudzha, Kursk region that borders Ukraine, Tuesday.

day of the attack, and that more soldiers had arrived on the second day. Gerasimov said that up to 1,000 Ukrainian troops took part in the attack, a figure that could not be confirmed.

Military analysts said the attack could be an attempt to divert Russian units from the front lines, thus relieving the pressure on Ukrainian troops struggling to contain Russian advances. But they added that the Russian army had ample reserves of troops to commit to the fight and that the attack risked further stretching Ukraine’s already

outnumbered forces.

“Operationally and strategically, this attack makes absolutely zero sense,” Paroinen said. “This seems like a gross waste of men and resources badly needed elsewhere.”

Russia’s Defense Ministry said the attack started around 8 a.m. Tuesday with Ukraine’s 22nd Mechanized Brigade attacking border units in the Kursk region, backed by some 30 tanks and armored fighting vehicles. Paroinen reported “multiple sightings” of Stryker armored fighting vehicles,

which the United States sent to Ukraine last year.

Rybar, a Russian military blogger, said Wednesday that Ukrainian troops had crossed the border at different points, along at least two lines of attack. He said Ukraine had captured three settlements on the first line, which runs north from the Russian village of Nikolayevodarino. On the second line of attack, toward the town of Sudzha, Russian troops were “almost completely surrounded” in the village of Oleshnya, Rybar said.

Paroinen said Ukrainian troops appeared to have advanced up to 5 miles north of Nikolayevodarino and that they were pushing toward Sudzha.

Ukrainian shelling in the area of the assault killed five civilians and wounded 24 others, according to the Russian state news agency TASS. Alexei Smirnov, the acting governor of the Kursk region, said thousands of residents had evacuated the area of the fighting, most of them by their own means.

President Vladimir Putin of Russia said Wednesday that he would meet with his country’s security services to coordinate a military response to the attacks and that instructions had been given to assist residents of the Kursk region.

Nations urge restraint from Iran

Arab, Western countries aligned

By Adam Rasgon
and Ben Hubbard
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — Arab and Western countries, seeking to head off a major regional conflict in the Middle East, are urging Iran to show restraint after it vowed to attack Israel in retaliation for the killing of Hamas’s political leader in Tehran last week.

The diplomatic push by Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar, which have close ties to Washington, came as the United States, France, and other countries have also been trying to lower tensions in the Middle East and renew stalled efforts to achieve a cease-fire in the Gaza Strip.

Anxiety across the region has been running high since an explosion in Tehran — widely attributed to Israel — killed Hamas’s political chief, Ismail Haniyeh, on July 31, just hours after an Israeli airstrike in Lebanon killed a top Hezbollah commander, Fouad Shukur.

Iran and Hezbollah in Lebanon have vowed to retaliate for both killings. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel has promised, in turn, to “exact a heavy price for any act of aggression against us, from whatever quarter.”

Hezbollah, the most powerful of Iran’s proxy forces, and Israel have been trading almost daily fire across the Israel-Lebanon border for months, and Israeli officials have suggested that an invasion of Lebanon could be coming, a prospect the White House and others have tried to tamp down. A full-fledged war between Israel and Hezbollah, or one involving Iran directly, would be even more dangerous and destabilizing to the region.

As the region girds for the possibility of a wider war, Jordan’s foreign minister, Ayman Safadi, has met twice over the last week with senior Iranian officials, including the newly elected Iranian president, Masoud Pezeshkian, in a rare visit to Tehran.

“Jordan informed the Iranian brothers of its message in a clear manner,” Muhannad al-Mubaidin, Jordan’s minister of government communications, said in an interview. “We will not allow for our airspace or land to be used for any purpose. We are not willing to be a battlefield.”

Saudi Arabia on Wednesday convened an emergency meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, a forum of Muslim countries, where the Saudi deputy foreign minister, Waleed El-Khereiji, called the assassination of Haniyeh a “blatant violation” of Iran’s sovereignty — the strongest official statement the kingdom has made on the killing.

“We have called for de-escalation by all parties involved and an immediate end to Israel’s war in Gaza,” he said. He added that the kingdom called on the international community to force Israel to “bear responsibility for its crimes,” including attacks on Palestinian civilians.

President Emmanuel Macron of France spoke to Pezeshkian on Wednesday and urged him to “do everything in his power to avoid a new military escalation, which would be in nobody’s interest, including Iran’s, and which would cause lasting damage to regional stability,” the French government said.

Qatar’s prime minister, Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, told Antony Blinken, the US secretary of state, that he had spoken Monday to Iran’s foreign minister, Ali Bagheri Kani, about the need for restraint, according to an official familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomacy.

DAILY BRIEFING

Swift concerts canceled amid attack threat

VIENNA — Organizers of three Taylor Swift concerts in Vienna this week called them off on Wednesday after officials announced arrests over an apparent plot to launch an attack on an event in the Vienna area such as the concerts.

Swift was scheduled to play at the Austrian capital’s Ernst Happel Stadium on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday as part of her Eras Tour.

Event organizer Barracuda Music said in a post on its Instagram channel late Wednesday that “we have no choice but to cancel the three scheduled shows for everyone’s safety.” It cited government officials’ “confirmation” of a planned attack at the stadium.

Earlier Wednesday, authorities said they had arrested two suspected extremists, one of whom appeared to be planning an attack on an event in the Vienna area such as the upcoming concerts.

The 19-year-old main suspect was arrested in Ternitz, south of Vienna, and the second person in the Austrian capital.

Franz Ruf, the public security director at Austria’s interior ministry, said authorities were aware of “preparatory actions” for a possible attack “and also that there is a focus by the 19-year-old perpetrator on the Taylor Swift concerts in Vienna,” the Austria Press Agency reported. Ruf said the 19-year-old had pledged an oath of allegiance to the Islamic State group.

The Austrian citizen is believed to have become radicalized on the internet. Ruf said that chemical substances were secured and were being evaluated. He didn’t give more details.

The cancellation came hours after authorities said security measures for the Swift concerts would be stepped up. Ruf said that there would be a special focus among other things on entry checks and concertgoers should plan a bit more time.

Vienna police chief Gerhard Pürstl said at the same time that, while any concrete danger had been minimized, an abstract risk justified raising security.

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DEMISE OF A NATURAL WONDER — A marine biologist snorkeled to inspect bleached and dead coral on the Great Barrier Reef. This generation will likely see the downfall of the Great Barrier Reef unless humanity acts with far more urgency to rein in climate change, according to scientists in Australia who released new research.

Sept. 11 plea deal to get further review

GUANTÁNAMO BAY, Cuba — The military judge in the Sept. 11 case authorized lawyers Wednesday to investigate whether Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin lawfully rescinded a plea agreement with the man accused of planning the attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and two accused accomplices.

In doing so the judge, Colonel Matthew McCall, declined a request by Mohammed’s lawyer to rule narrowly on whether Austin breached a lawful contract and, if so, hold a hearing on his plea.

The case was thrown into confusion last week after a Pentagon official who oversees the military commissions

signed an agreement with the three defendants to resolve the case with life sentences, then, two days later, Austin rescinded it. Austin said they should face a death-penalty trial.

McCall ordered briefings on the question of whether there was unlawful influence in the case in time for the next round of hearings, starting Sept. 16, days after the 23rd anniversary of the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people. The plea agreements remain under seal as case evidence.

He also instructed the government to comply with requests by the defense for information about the circumstances of Austin’s decision.

NEW YORK TIMES

Two killed as hotel collapses in Germany

A small hotel in the scenic Mosel region of Germany collapsed late Tuesday, killing two people and prompting a frantic effort to rescue guests from under the rubble, local authorities said.

On Wednesday night local time, rescue teams extracted the last person, a woman, who was still trapped underneath the crumbled building in Kröv, a small city in southwest Germany, near the Luxembourg border, said Stefanie Rodermund, a spokesperson for the Bernkastel-Wittlich district. The woman was being transported to the hospital, Rodermund added.

Earlier, a spokesperson for police in Trier, a nearby city,

said that the trapped person had not appeared to be seriously injured, and that the rescue team had been able to communicate with her through cellphones.

“It’s complicated because of the danger posed by the moving parts of the building,” he said. “This is the problem. Our priority is to save lives.”

The hotel, which dates back hundreds of years, collapsed late Tuesday when its second floor gave way while 14 people were inside, Rodermund said. After firefighters arrived, five guests managed to escape unscathed, while six were later extracted, and two others died.

NEW YORK TIMES

Thai court dissolves progressive party that won election

BANGKOK — A court in Thailand on Wednesday ordered the dissolution of the progressive Move Forward Party, which finished first in last year’s general election, saying it violated the constitution by proposing an amendment of a law against defaming the country’s royal family.

The Constitutional Court said it voted unanimously to dissolve the party because its campaign proposal to amend the law amounted to an at-

tempt to overthrow the nation’s constitutional monarchy.

The Move Forward Party was unable to form a government after topping the polls because members of the Senate, at that time a conservative military-appointed body, refused to endorse its candidate for prime minister.

The Election Commission had filed a petition against the party after the Constitutional Court ruled in January that it must stop advocating changes

to the law, known as Article 112, which protects the monarchy from criticism with penalties of up to 15 years in jail per offense. Move Forward has insisted that it wants to keep the monarchy above politics and not be used as a political tool.

The court on Wednesday also imposed a 10-year ban on political activity for those who held the party’s executive positions while it campaigned for the proposed amendment.

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Move Forward Party supporters offered roses to the party’s former leader, Pita Limjaroenrat.

Fears of more far-right violence put Britain on high alert

Police mobilize after talks of more protests

By Megan Specia
NEW YORK TIMES

LIVERPOOL, England — Thousands of police officers fanned out across Britain on Wednesday amid fears that protests planned by far-right groups would descend into fresh violence after days of anti-immigrant riots shocked the country. But at least as of early evening, large far-right protests had not materialized and only a handful of arrests had been made.

Instead, thousands of antiracism protesters gathered in cities across the country, including Bristol, Birmingham, Liverpool, and London. Some of those demonstrations were close to places that had been identified as potential targets for rioters.

More than a dozen towns and cities across Britain experienced violent unrest over the past week, fueled in part by far-right agitators and an online disinformation campaign intent on creating disorder after a deadly knife at-

tack on a children's class in northwestern England. Rioters clashed with police, set cars alight, and targeted mosques and hotels housing asylum-seekers.

Far-right groups had called for further protests Wednesday night, with the BBC reporting that police were monitoring at least 30 locations, including London.

With tensions running high, some 6,000 specialist public-order police officers were mobilized nationwide to respond to any disorder. Authorities in several cities and towns stepped up patrols and gave police extended powers to arrest those they believed were intent on causing unrest, even before any riots started.

Among a small number of arrests reported Wednesday night was one in Southampton where Hampshire police said they had detained a 40-year-old man from nearby Eastleigh. That incident took place after a small group of anti-immigration protesters gathered but were outnumbered, and police kept the two groups apart.

A list circulating on messaging apps and social media



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Antiracism counterprotesters assembled ahead of a potential anti-immigration rally Wednesday in Walthamstow, England, after far-right groups called for more protests.

showed more than 30 spots that might be targeted by far-right protests. Many were businesses or charities that support asylum-seekers and refugees; a number of them closed after the list circulated.

That list included Liverpool, where by 8:30 p.m., the antiracism demonstration had taken on an almost joyous tone. Hundreds of people gathered on the street outside a charity that supports asylum-seekers, which had

been on a list of places where the far right had purportedly planned to gather.

People banged drums, chanted "Fascists out!" and held signs that read "Love Not Hate" as a helicopter circled overhead.

There was a large police presence, but the far-right crowd failed to materialize. Instead, the gathering was diverse, made up of locals who were surprised that their street had become the center of a demonstration, union groups and others who voiced condemnation of the recent violence in Britain.

"It's a quiet place normally, this neighborhood, and I am not happy with the far right trying to come here," said Terry O'Brien, 52, who has lived in Liverpool all his life. "We have never had a problem with immigrants here, and people are trying to come here and bring violence."

Experts who monitor the far right said that the threats of violence had already caused trauma.

"Understandably, the wide circulation of this list has caused a great deal of distress, unease, and fear," said Joe Mulholland, the director of research for Hope Not Hate, an advocacy group in Britain that researches extremist organizations. "Indeed, this list has been compiled precisely to spread these emotions within Muslim and immigrant communities."

Bangladesh's incoming leader appeals for calm

Follows weeks of unrest, departure of prime minister

By Julhas Alam
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DHAKA, Bangladesh — Bangladesh's incoming interim leader, Muhammad Yunus, appealed for calm Wednesday and urged all parties to help the country rebuild after weeks of violence that killed hundreds and prompted prime minister Sheikh Hasina to resign and flee to India.

Yunus, a Nobel peace laureate, was in Paris for the Olympics when he was named interim

leader following talks among military officials, civic leaders, and the student activists who led the uprising against a prime minister seen as increasingly autocratic. Yunus made his first public comments in the French capital Wednesday before boarding a plane to return home.

He congratulated the student protesters, saying they had made "our second Victory Day possible," and appealed to them and other stakeholders to remain peaceful, while condemning any violence since Hasina's resignation Monday.

"Violence is our enemy. Please don't create more enemies. Be calm and get ready to

build the country," Yunus said.

Bangladesh's military chief, General Waker-Uz-Zaman, said in a televised address that Yunus would be sworn in Thursday night and that he expected him to usher in a "beautiful democratic" process. The military leader said that those responsible for violence since Hasina's resignation would be brought to justice.

Yunus told reporters in Paris: "I'm looking forward to going back home and seeing ... how we can organize ourselves to get out of the trouble that we are in."

A tribunal in Dhaka earlier on Wednesday acquitted Yunus in a labor law violation case, in-

volving a telecommunication company he founded, in which he was convicted and sentenced to six months in jail. He had been released on bail in the case.

On Wednesday, the capital, Dhaka, was calm two days after violence gripped the country amid Hasina's sudden departure. Students activists cleaned streets and managed traffic in parts of Dhaka, after police went on strike earlier in the week following violent attacks on police stations.

Yunus, an economist and banker, has been a longtime opponent of Hasina, who had called him a "bloodsucker" allegedly for using force to extract

loan repayments from rural poor, mainly women. Yunus has denied the allegations.

Violence in days surrounding Hasina's resignation killed at least 109 people — including 14 police officers — and left hundreds of others injured, according to media reports, which could not be independently confirmed.

Many fear that Hasina's departure could trigger even more instability in the densely populated nation of some 170 million people, which is already dealing with high unemployment, corruption, and a complex strategic relationship with India, China, and the United States.

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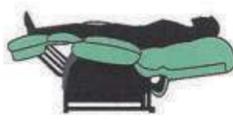
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Trump hints at tax cut proposals with political appeal

Latest would end levy on Social Security

By Andrew Duehren
NEW YORK TIMES

First it was a tax cut for hotel and restaurant workers in Nevada, a swing state where Donald Trump proposed exempting tips from taxes. Then, in front of powerful chief executives gathered in Washington, Trump floated cutting the corporate tax rate, helping to ease concerns in the business community about his candidacy.

Now Trump is calling for an end to taxing Social Security benefits, which could be a boon for retirees, one of the most politically important groups in the United States.

Repeatedly during the cam-

paign, Trump and Republicans have embraced new, sometimes novel tax cuts in an attempt to shore up support with major constituencies. In a series of social media posts, at political rallies, and without formal policy proposals, Trump has casually suggested reducing federal revenue by trillions of dollars.

While policy experts have taken issue with the ideas, Trump's pronouncements have real political appeal, at times putting Democrats on their back foot. Nevada's two Democratic senators and its powerful culinary union have endorsed ending taxes on tips. The AARP supports tax relief for seniors receiving Social Security benefits, though it has not taken a position on Trump's proposal.

"You do have to scratch your head a little bit when someone's going around offering free

lunches everywhere," said Jesse Lee, a Democratic consultant and former Biden White House official. "We're all for people having their lunch, but we have to raise taxes on the wealthy to pay for it."

The most recent and most expensive of Trump's plans is ending income taxes on Social Security benefits, which could cost the federal government as much as \$1.8 trillion in revenue over a decade, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. That would burn through the program's financial reserves more quickly and hasten the moment when the government is no longer able to pay out Social Security benefits in full under current law.

It would also provide tax relief to millions of Americans. Congress started taxing Social

Security benefits in the 1980s to help prop up the program's finances, and now about 40 percent of people who receive Social Security payments owe taxes on the benefits, according to the Social Security Administration. About 70 million people receive Social Security benefits.

To determine whether someone's benefits are taxed, the government uses a formula that counts half of Social Security payments as income. Individuals making more than \$25,000 under that gauge have to pay income taxes on 50 percent of the money they receive from Social Security. Individuals making more than \$34,000 have to pay taxes on 85 percent of their benefits.

Low-income retirees without other savings or earnings may not make enough to owe taxes on their Social Security pay-

ments. Households making between roughly \$60,000 and \$200,000 would receive the largest comparative boost under the proposal, according to an analysis by the Tax Policy Center, a think tank.

Romina Boccia, director of budget and entitlement policy at the libertarian Cato Institute, said ending taxes on Social Security would shift more of the burden for paying for the benefits onto younger workers.

"I can see the political calculations behind this proposal, but from a tax fairness perspective and a generation fairness perspective, it is a very bad proposal," she said.

Still, there is bipartisan support for the concept. Some House Democrats introduced legislation this year that would stop taxing Social Security benefits while also raising payroll

taxes on higher-income Americans to fund the program.

As governor of Minnesota, Tim Walz, whom Vice President Kamala Harris selected as her 2024 running mate, signed legislation that exempted Social Security payments from state taxes for many seniors. Bill Sweeney, senior vice president for government affairs at AARP, said any changes to Social Security should protect the program's finances.

In an interview on Fox Business last week, Trump brushed aside concerns about the cost of the idea. He said that accelerating the deadline for addressing Social Security's finances would prompt Congress to fix the program. "You know that we're going to take care of Social Security," he said. "We're not going to do anything to hurt our seniors."

Trump describes Harris-Walz ticket as 'communist'

In an appearance on Fox News early Wednesday morning, former president Donald Trump called the Democratic ticket of Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota "communist" and suggested he was willing to debate Harris anywhere.

He also hit at Walz over an interaction they had in April 2020, one which at the time led to the then president tweeting: "Received a very nice call from @GovTimWalz of Minnesota. We are working closely on getting him all he needs, and fast. Good things happening!"

He described Walz as calling him for help because he was scared of protesters outside his home, though reporting at the time described Walz asking Trump to help Minnesota get more personal protective equipment and increase its COVID testing capacity so that he could let businesses reopen in the early days of the pandemic.

Representatives for Trump did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday. Claire Lancaster, a spokesperson for Walz, said the subject of that call was PPE and testing capacity, not the protests.

Beyond his claims about the 2020 interaction with Walz, Trump stuck mainly to the arguments that other Republicans have advanced since Harris announced her running mate on Tuesday: that Walz is too liberal and that Harris rejected Governor Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania because he is Jewish.

In the interview, on "Fox & Friends," Trump repeated an attack that he has made many times before, saying any Jewish person who voted for Democrats "should have their head examined."

"He's probably about the same as Bernie Sanders," he said of Walz's ideology. "He's probably more so than Bernie Sanders. She is more so than

Bernie Sanders. That's got to be your guy, Bernie Sanders, and that's not a great guy. But there has never been a ticket like this. This is a ticket that would want this country to go communist immediately, if not sooner. We want no security. We want no anything. He's heavy into transgender."

He then suggested that he planned to debate Harris, a few days after he wrote in a social media post that he would drop out of a scheduled debate against Biden on ABC News and suggested one against Harris on Fox News instead.

"I don't know how she debates. I heard she's sort of a nasty person," he said, repeating an insult that he has used against several women, including Hillary Clinton, former Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly and ABC News correspondent Rachel Scott. "But not a good debater. But we'll see, because we'll be debating her, I guess, in the pretty near future. It's going to be announced fairly soon."

"I'd love to see it on Fox, but, you know, it takes two to tango," he added after referring to ABC News anchor George Stephanopoulos as "Slopapopoulos." "Look, she doesn't want to debate."

Harris had agreed to replace Biden in the ABC News debate and criticized Trump for canceling it last week.

"Well, Donald, I do hope you'll reconsider to meet me on the debate stage," she said at a rally. "Because as the saying goes, 'If you've got something to say, say it to my face.'"

NEW YORK TIMES

Walz's long history with China includes criticism

Democratic Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, Vice President Kamala Harris's newly announced running mate, has had an unusually long and involved relationship with China, one that Republicans have seized upon as a line of attack in the face of rising antipathy among



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Republican vice presidential nominee Senator JD Vance talked with reporters at Chippewa Valley Regional Airport in Wisconsin Wednesday. He has written a foreword for a book connected with Project 2025.

voters toward China.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders have promised to further toughen the country's stance on Beijing if elected, especially when it comes to trade, but growing bipartisan concern about China's rise has fueled anti-China sentiment across large swaths of American society, polls show.

Walz's selection Tuesday has brought new attention to candidates' approach to China.

Republicans have tried to suggest that Walz, who moved to China in 1989 to teach for a year, would be soft on Beijing. Richard Grenell, who served as an ambassador in the Trump administration, on Tuesday called Walz "pro-China," adding that "Communist China is very happy" with his candidacy.

But Walz, 60, has spent much of his political career critical of the Chinese government's actions, particularly on human rights and democracy.

Walz first encountered China when he went on a Harvard-run teach abroad program in 1989 and spent a year teaching English and American history at Foshan No. 1 High School in

the southeastern Chinese province of Guangdong. "China was coming, and that's the reason that I went," Walz told the Hill in 2007.

It was a very different time in China. "I was treated exceptionally well," Walz told Nebraska's Star-Herald upon his return in 1990. "There was no anti-American feeling whatsoever."

But there were also concerning events. On June 4, 1989, joyful pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen Square turned deadly when Chinese authorities violently crushed the protests.

When Walz married fellow teacher Gwen Whipple five years later, they got married on June 4. "He wanted to have a date he'll always remember," his wife told a Nebraska newspaper at the time. They went to China on their honeymoon.

After returning to the United States, where he worked as a public high school teacher, the Walzes set up a company, Educational Travel Adventures, that coordinated summer trips to China almost every year through 2003. As of 2016, according to Walz, he had visited

China about 30 times.

Elected to the House of Representatives in 2006, Walz, who has a master's degree in genocide studies, championed multiple bills that censured China's human rights record and served on the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, which focuses exclusively on human rights.

In 2009, he co-sponsored a resolution condemning the arrest of Liu Xiaobo, a Chinese activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who was arrested for subverting state power. And in 2016, he met Tibet's exiled leader the Dalai Lama, who China considers a separatist. More recently, as governor, he has criticized China for "siding" with Russia on the Ukraine war.

WASHINGTON POST

Book tied to Project 2025 with Vance note is delayed

The publication of a book written by Kevin D. Roberts, president of the group that has coordinated Project 2025, and featuring a foreword by Senator JD Vance, has been delayed until after the presidential election.

The book, "Dawn's Early Light," was scheduled to be published in September but will now be released in November. The delay was reported earlier by RealClearPolitics.

Project 2025, a right-wing policy blueprint prepared for the next Republican president, has become a target of Democratic attacks. The project's director recently stepped down after the effort drew criticism from former president Donald Trump, whose attempts to distance himself from the project became more difficult after he selected Vance as his running mate.

"In the fights that lay ahead, these ideas are an essential weapon," Vance wrote in the book's foreword, which was published online by The New Republic.

A Heritage Foundation spokesperson confirmed the delay of the book and provided a statement from Roberts, who said, "There's a time for writing, reading and book tours, and a time to put down the books and go fight like hell to take back our country."

NEW YORK TIMES

Four hotel workers charged with murder in pinning of Black man

Videos of scene in Milwaukee provoked outcry

By Orlando Mayorquin
NEW YORK TIMES

Four hotel workers have been charged with murder in the death of D'vontaye Mitchell, a Black man who died outside a Milwaukee hotel after being subdued by staff members in a scene that was recorded on video and caused a public outcry.

Mitchell's family says he was having a mental health crisis when hotel staff members tried to subdue him after he ran through the lobby and into the women's restroom. An autopsy showed that asphyxiation, cocaine, and methamphetamine had contributed to his death.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office announced the charge of felony

murder against four people: Todd Alan Erickson, 60; Brandon Ladanell Turner, 35; Devin W. Johnson-Carson, 23; and Herbert T. Williamson, 52. The charge carries a maximum prison sentence of 15 years and nine months.

Prosecutors said arrest warrants had been issued for the men, though it was unclear if they had been arrested by late Tuesday.

Erickson and Turner worked as security guards at the Hyatt Hotel in Milwaukee, prosecutors said. Williamson worked as a bell attendant, and Johnson-Carson worked at the front desk. All four were fired after Mitchell's death.

The charges filed in court Tuesday came after an autopsy report released Friday ruled the death a homicide and found that Mitchell, 43, had died from a combination of "restraint asphyxia and toxic effects of co-



SAMANTHA MITCHELL VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

D'vontaye Mitchell, shown with his sister Nayish Mitchell and cousin Samantha Mitchell, died June 30.

caine and methamphetamine" as he was held down by hotel workers in a prone position on June 30. The report also noted that Mitchell had been obese and had hypertensive cardiovascular disease.

Last month, the district attorney's office said it was investigating the death as a homicide. The Milwaukee Police Department had also recommended murder charges against four unnamed people last month to the district

attorney.

In a statement issued Tuesday, Ben Crump, a lawyer who is representing Mitchell's family, said the charges were a "significant step" toward justice.

"The evidence, including security footage and witness statements, paints a disturbing picture of a man in distress who was met with excessive and lethal force," Crump said in a statement.

Video of the episode that circulated online appeared to show four hotel workers holding Mitchell to the ground as he could be heard calling for help.

The criminal complaint, filed Tuesday, said Mitchell could be heard yelling "Please!" and noted that he had made noises consistent with someone out of breath.

Security camera footage showed that Mitchell ran into the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Milwaukee on June 30 in what

appeared to be a "frantic manner," the criminal complaint said. Mitchell then ran into the lobby's gift shop before darting out down the hallway into the women's restroom.

Surveillance footage showed Turner, an off-duty security guard, pulling Mitchell out of the restroom and escorting him to the lobby, according to the complaint.

Surveillance footage showed that an unidentified hotel guest helped Turner drag Mitchell outside through the sliding lobby doors, where an unidentified hotel employee struck Mitchell's legs twice with a broom, knocking him to the ground. Turner is shown on the video punching Mitchell several times, according to the complaint.

Ultimately, four hotel workers forced Mitchell onto his stomach and held him down for eight to nine minutes before the police arrived.

On Maine's coast, fighting to save a hidden past

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in nearby Cutler. Around the year 2000, the pace picked up, with more than 2.5 inches of sea level rise each decade. By 2050, assuming a moderate path of sea level rise, seas in Cutler are projected to be some 18 inches higher than they were in 2000.

With thousands of historic Indigenous sites along Maine's coast, what this means is that with each year of sea level rise — and each year of increasingly strong coastal storms, like the ones in January that washed away parts of the shoreline — the risk increases.

“What’s happening is we’re losing it,” said Newsom, who is leading several projects to protect and preserve at-risk Wabanaki sites around the state. Four tribes — the Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot — collectively make up the Wabanaki, or “People of the Dawnland.” There are some 8,000 tribal members today.

Archeologists have found evidence that Wabanaki people lived in Maine as far back as 12,000 years ago, said Julia Gray, an archeologist and executive director of the Wilson Museum, in Castine. “Wabanaki oral tradition is that they have been here since time immemorial,” she said.

Over those thousands of years, tundra gave way to forest, prey went extinct, and then came the biggest change of all, the arrival of European settlers, which resulted in a 96 percent population loss due to disease, dispossession, and forced removal. Now, the fingerprints of that history are often locked inside shell mounds, known as middens.

Those heaps of shells, which can be several feet high, were long thought to be essentially trash heaps of an Indigenous community, the place where they would discard seafood shells following a meal. Except Newsom is finding evidence that the mounds may have been used to build up parts of the landscape or for other, not yet understood purposes.

What’s more, the piles are great at hiding artifacts. The ones left behind in shell mounds — rather than the acidic soil that’s found in Maine — are better preserved and more capable of withstanding the cycles of New England’s freezing and thawing.

The first people in what is now Maine lived among large bears and giant beavers, more than 6 feet long, in addition to bison, elk, and muskox, according to the state. The Wabanaki were hunters, experts at manufacturing weapons that could deeply penetrate their prey. The remnants of those weapons and the detritus from the weapon-



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Above, Dylan Smith, a University of Maine alum, looked for artifacts at the base of a dune. At left, Madeline Myers used a screen.

making process are among the artifacts that Newsom and her team are now discovering.

Near Machias, at another site not far from that precarious tree, Newsom’s group gets to work, digging in cordoned-off squares with meticulous care. The team — which includes former and present graduate students as well as undergraduates, and some community members helping out — digs down layer by layer, and seemingly every few minutes, someone pops up with something interesting. A stone tool here, an animal jawbone (maybe moose?) there.

The shell mound they’re

working on is eroding quickly, and Newsom and her team are trying to understand the significance of the location so they can help the tribe and the local land trust decide how best to move forward.

One of the helpers on this day is Natalie Lolar, a student of Newsom’s who is a member of the Passamaquoddy tribe. Lolar first got the chance to help out at a dig when she was about 13. She came upon a piece of pottery, which she remembers holding in her hands and turning around.

“There was a piece of a thumbnail print on the back

side, and it was the exact same size as mine,” Lolar said, recalling placing her finger gently on the artifact and aligning it just so. “I just remember feeling that connection to my ancestors.”

That connection prompted Lolar to join more digs, followed by undergraduate study at the University of Maine and work as the Passamaquoddy tribal archeologist at the Passamaquoddy Museum in Indian Township, where she grew up. Now, she’s been accepted to a PhD program at the University of Maine to continue her studies in archeology, part of a new crop of Indigenous students who are helping

reclaim their history.

The number of Indigenous students Newsom is working with is small — enough to count on one hand — but that’s a vast improvement over when she started in the mid-1990s. “Now we’re just beginning to get into the era of Indigenous people taking control of their heritage and having a voice in what happens,” Newsom said.

As the seas continue to rise, the stakes are rising, too. Many of the newly discovered sites are fragile, and it’s not known what kinds of artifacts are concealed, and whether they may be sacred and something a tribe would want to keep intact in the ground.

Disturbing the land to find out what artifacts lie hidden could inadvertently cause a collapse. So for each newly discovered site, archeologists have to decide: Do they leave a site to keep it intact, even knowing that the ocean may swallow it? Or do they wake up the past to protect it?

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White men still top city earner list

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Black workers. Men made 28 percent more than women: \$121,000 compared with \$95,000.

“Many of the higher-wage earners have been there for some time or moved their way up over many years. And therefore some of the demographics can take some time to impact, because you build a pipeline,” Wu said.

Despite the overall trend, the top three earners in 2023 were Black police officers, according to the city data. Stanley Demesmin, Haseeb Hosein, and Kendra Conway all made more than \$400,000. The other seven earners in the top 10 are white — six police officers and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper.

In 2020, about half of the city’s new hires were people of color. In 2023, that number reached almost 62 percent, and so far in 2024, it’s 67 percent, Wu said.

About half of all city employees are people of color, data show. Wu said the focus on hiring diverse candidates has been in departments with larger racial parity gaps.

The majority of the city’s top earners belong to the heavily white and male Police Department, which claims nearly 79 of the spots in the top 100 high-



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The majority of the city’s top earners belong to the heavily white and male Police Department.

est-earning employees, the analysis found. Census numbers show that Black, Asian, and Latino residents make up a majority of Boston’s population.

The department said it aims to boost the number of women on the force to 30 percent by 2030.

“Are we surprised that there’s a system that, even without a system, still happens to benefit predominantly white men in disproportionate amounts?” said Jamarhl Crawford, a Boston community activist and editor of Blackstonian.com, a newspaper dedicated to the city’s Black residents.

Each year, the city releases payroll data for its 20,000-plus employees. The 2023 figures show the city spent more than \$2.14 billion on salaries — a \$276 million jump from 2021, when Wu took office.

Total pay includes base salary, overtime, injured pay, education incentives, and other categories.

The Globe obtained data on the race and gender of all employees through a public records request.

That data show that while median pay has increased for most city employees since 2021, the pay gaps between men and women, and white employees and people of color have remained the same.

Upon taking office in 2021, Wu said she would invest in recruiting more employees of color. Of her 35 Cabinet members, 13 are white, 13 are Black, six are Hispanic, and three are Asian, according to numbers presented in her State of the City address last year.

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Community hospitals likely to face more struggles

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such as Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tufts, and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care pay less to community hospitals than they do academic facilities.

Meanwhile, community hospitals continue to deal with some of the same issues as their richer peers, as they struggle to manage high labor costs and the need to modernize facilities.

The situation is not sustainable, said John Freedman, president of the Freedman HealthCare consulting firm in Burlington. Large hospitals charge higher prices not because they offer better services, he said, but because they are the biggest or only health care provider in their markets.

“Doctors and hospitals in Massachusetts don’t get paid what they deserve, they get paid what they negotiate,” he said. “The big players and some local dominant ones, too, get paid more at the expense of the smaller, regardless of their quality or efficiency of care.”

The report analyzed data from 2022, the latest full year available. Of the \$11.5 billion commercial insurers paid out to hospitals that year, 42.1 percent went to academic medical centers, including Mass General and Beth Israel Deaconess, the report said. Less than 20 percent went to community hospitals, which mostly treat patients enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid. Such hospitals generate at

least 63 percent of their gross patient service revenue from those public payers.

The state’s three largest insurers — Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tufts, and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care — offer considerably higher rates than Medicare and Medicaid, which by some estimates pay hospitals only 75 to 90 percent of the actual cost to treat patients.

But even among privately insured patients at a community hospital, commercial payers will likely pay that hospital much less than what they would pay a larger facility.

In 2022, Holyoke Medical Center, a community hospital that treats mostly patients on public insurance, charged prices that were 82 percent of what Blue Cross Blue Shield paid out on average for outpatient services, according to the state report. Southcoast Hospitals Group privately managed to charge 76 percent.

By contrast, Massachusetts General Hospital charged prices that were 48 percent higher than what Blue Cross Blue Shield paid out on average for outpatient services that year.

“These findings demonstrate the longstanding disparities community hospitals face while maintaining their commitment to serving all patients,” Southcoast CEO David McCready said in a statement. “To meaningfully address these inequities regardless of a patient’s ZIP code, insurers must commit to providing



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fair and equitable reimbursement for community hospitals.”

The Massachusetts Hospital & Health Association said it is working to provide more financial support to safety net community hospitals and to help all hospitals reduce overall costs.

For example, the group wants to help hospitals recruit and retain more nurses so they don’t need to rely on more expensive temporary help. Helping hospitals figure out ways to get paid for care faster is also a top priority.

“Nothing is more important at this moment than restoring stability to our local hospitals and ensuring their world-class care remains viable and accessible for all patients,” Michael

Sroczyński, executive vice president and general counsel, said in a statement.

Steward, which operates eight hospitals in Eastern Massachusetts, recently filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. CEO Ralph de la Torre has blamed the hospital’s financial woes on not getting sufficient payments from insurance companies.

The company’s critics have responded that while Steward hospitals do struggle with many of the same challenges as their peers, the company’s situation was made worse by management decisions. In particular, the company’s decision to sell its facilities real estate to investors for a cash payment — leaving the

sites on the hook for millions in rent payments — has been a source of trouble for Steward.

And while reimbursement woes certainly played a role in Steward’s financial struggles, a recent analysis provided to the Globe shows that its executives may have been exaggerating the problem. The analysis found that Steward’s hospitals as a group are paid the same as or better than many Massachusetts hospital systems for the medical care they provide.

The state report also supports that conclusion. In 2022, Good Samaritan Medical Center charged prices that were 8 percent higher than what Blue Cross Blue Shield paid out on average for inpatient services. St. Elizabeth Medical Center charged prices that were 17 percent higher for inpatient services.

“Steward is not badly paid at all,” Freedman said.

Even the two hospitals — Carney Hospital in Dorchester and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer — that Steward recently announced that it plans to close were able to command prices that were in line with the market.

Carney charged prices that matched what Blue Cross Blue Shield paid out on average for inpatient services. And Nashoba Valley Medical Center charged 95 percent of what the insurer paid out for those services.

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EDITORIAL

Marijuana testing must be accurate

Nobody wants mold in their cannabis. So states that have legalized the drug, including Massachusetts, generally require companies to test products to make sure that they're free from contaminants.

But for the system to work, labs hired to conduct the tests have to use proven, accurate methods to look for things like yeast and mold. State regulators may need to step in though because emerging evidence suggests some cannabis labs may not be as rigorous as they should be.

Data obtained from regulators in Maryland show a suspicious pattern: a steep drop-off in how much yeast and mold labs identified in cannabis products — right under the limit at which a product would be unable to be sold, according to data compiled by Yasha Kahn, vice president of marketing and

committee developing cannabis standards, said the organization is “getting really close” to developing standards that regulators can choose to adopt to properly regulate cannabis. There are already standards regarding testing methods and how to choose a representative sample of a crop, among others.

There are models Massachusetts can look to to ensure lab testing is based on good science. Michigan requires that any method used to conduct cannabis safety tests is peer-reviewed and validated by an independent third party in accordance with accepted standards. Maryland regularly updates a technical bulletin with rules for cannabis testing labs, including how methods must be scientifically validated.

Experts say accurate methods must be coupled with enforcement to discourage dishonest practices. This may include holding cultivators, not just labs,

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data science at Massachusetts-based MCR Labs, who shared with the Globe data collected from multiple states via public records requests. In Michigan, data show another suspicious pattern: new labs opened up that had low failure rates and the market shifted to those labs, driving down failure rates overall.

In both states, when regulators updated rules to ensure the lab tests used had been scientifically validated according to standards approved by an independent third party, the patterns disappeared. The steep drop-off in Maryland disappeared, while failure rates increased again in Michigan.

Testing problems have been found in Massachusetts, too. A study of Massachusetts products bought off the shelves, published in the *Journal of Testing and Evaluation* by ASTM International, a standards organization formerly known as American Society for Testing and Materials, whose authors include Kahn and Jeff Rawson of the Cambridge-based Institute of Cannabis Science, found “that levels of cannabinoid compounds are systematically overlabeled, that flower with forbidden levels of microbial contaminants reaches consumers, and that papers of prerolled joints may contain heavy metals.” The study concludes: “The errors in labeling and safety that we highlighted here are part of an array of misinformation that puts consumers at risk.”

There are built-in incentives for labs to tell growers what they want to hear. The marijuana growers who pay for testing want lab results showing high potency because it commands a higher price and an absence of contaminants because contaminated flower can't be sold. Growers can “lab shop” to find labs that deliver these results. There have been cases of outright fraud — the license of Praxis Laboratory in Washington was suspended for falsifying testing data to provide high THC potency results, while Cannex Nevada had its license suspended for intentionally passing contaminated cannabis samples and inflating THC levels. But generally, data cannot show whether misconduct or inaccurate methods are involved.

When the industry started, there were not clear standards for cannabis testing. Luckily, that's changing. David Vaillencourt, a Colorado-based cannabis consultant and vice chair of an ASTM

accountable if products are mislabeled. Colorado issues a public health and safety advisory whenever contaminants or pesticides are found in a marijuana product on the shelves. Some states have secret shopper programs, where regulators buy products from stores, then re-test them.

Bob Miller, chief scientific officer at ACT Laboratories, which operates in six states (not Massachusetts), said Michigan seems to have done a better job regulating laboratories than other states because regulators have standards and enforce them. Michigan's computer system automatically flags unusual test results, and regulators will then contact the testing lab and request raw data, confirmatory testing, and sometimes a piece of the sample to retest elsewhere. The state submits its own samples to multiple labs to compare results. Michigan is also creating its own standards lab. “Will there always be cheating? Yes,” Miller said. “Can cheating be minimized? Yes.”

In Massachusetts, the Cannabis Advisory Board made recommendations, which this board supports, that include: making testing data public; providing guidance on calculating THC; conducting quarterly audits of labs; considering building a standards lab; starting a secret shopper program; and establishing a testing-related working group.

In an interview with the editorial board, Cannabis Control Commissioner Kimberly Roy voiced a commitment to improving method standardization and eventually doing regular confirmatory testing. She said internal conversations are ongoing about policy proposals to improve testing accuracy. Roy said regulators provide guidance around THC calculations. She said she understands the importance of a secret shopper program but could not comment further to keep any program secret. Labs are subject to unannounced inspections, and the commission recently appointed a new chief of investigations and enforcement, Nomxolisi Khumalo.

Commissioners have a lot on their plate — including their own leadership struggles. But better testing regulation needs to be a priority. The promise of the ballot question legalizing marijuana was that consumers could access a product that was tested and safe, and that's a promise the commission needs to deliver on.



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Tim Walz reacted as Kamala Harris spoke in Philadelphia on Aug. 6.

JOAN VENNOCHI

Walz pick gives Trump campaign the reset it needed

The first speech Tim Walz gave as Vice President Kamala Harris's running mate was feisty, folksy, and funny. The Minnesota governor injected some Obama-esque hope and joy back into politics, while still managing to attack Donald Trump and his running mate, Senator JD Vance of Ohio, as “creepy and weird.”

That's the good news for Democrats. The harsher political reality is that Walz is also the perfect foil for the Trump campaign. After President Biden pulled out of the presidential race, Trump lost his target and focus. The former president was unprepared for Harris's strong start and seemed unsure about the best way to attack her. His usual racist and sexist approaches weren't working. The tough media spotlight on Vance added to the sense of a flailing campaign.

Against Walz, however, Trump and Vance know exactly what to do: Portray

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him as a dangerous, far-left wacko who, as governor, let Minneapolis burn after the murder of George Floyd in 2020 and who, over time, has also caved on every policy wish of the liberal elite. After Walz delivered his speech Monday night, a conservative Minneapolis radio host on Fox News described him as “Gavin Newsom, with less hair, wearing flannel.” The words “true Marxist radical” were also tossed around. With descriptions like that, the Trump campaign hopes to lure independent voters who will decide this race to its side — however reluctant those voters may be to end up there.

In the immediate aftermath of Walz's selection, I described it as a safe, do no harm, choice. When it comes to uniting Democrats, it does seem safe enough to keep the peace with progressives and safe enough to keep party centrists relatively content. “Not gonna lie, the Welcome team text threads did not exactly light up with celebratory emojis when the Walz pick was announced,” Liam Kerr, the cofounder of The Welcome Party, which promotes a big Democratic tent, told me.

Centrists like Kerr draw comfort from Walz's voting record in Congress, where he represented a conservative-leaning, rural district and managed to get an “A” rating from the National Rifle Association, while still voting for the Affordable Care Act. Walz “ran and voted to the right of most Democrats to win and hold a House seat,” Kerr said.

The less safe part of the political equation comes with Walz's record as governor. As *The New York Times* re-

ported, he has “worked with his state's Democratic-controlled Legislature to enact an ambitious agenda of liberal policies.” That includes free college tuition for low-income students, free meals for schoolchildren, legal recreational marijuana, and protections for transgender people. He is also considered a leader when it comes to tackling climate change and signed a bill that guaranteed a “fundamental right to make autonomous decisions” about abortion, contraception, and fertility treatments.

Perhaps the most controversial part of his record involves his response to the looting, arson, and violence that broke out after the murder of Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer. As the *Times* reported, two days after Floyd's death, the city's mayor asked Walz to deploy the National Guard. Walz did not sign an executive order allowing that to happen until the next day. He was reelected in 2022, despite the criticism he received in his home state over that slow response.

To that, Democrats can, of course, counter with the issue of Trump's failure to do anything to stop the attack on the US Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. But Walz's record as governor, particularly in connection with the Floyd aftermath, has already riled up Trump's MAGA base. The Trump campaign will do its best to make it as much an issue for Harris as Democrats have tried to make Vance's denigration of “childless cat ladies” an issue for Trump.

To Democrats, Walz is everybody's Midwestern dad or favorite uncle and the guy who made “weird” the word of choice to mock Trump and Vance. While “weird” can help, it won't be enough on its own to beat Trump, who has survived much worse name-calling.

Harris and Walz must find a way to blunt Republican attacks regarding immigration and the economy and keep the pressure on Trump and Vance on issues like abortion. Biden was incapable of doing that, which is why Trump has been fantasizing on Truth Social about “Crooked Joe Biden” crashing the Democratic National Convention and taking back the nomination. That's not going to happen, so it's going to be all-out war against the ticket Trump now faces.

In his speech, Walz showed he owns that rare ability to connect with voters with passion and positivity. As he stepped into the national spotlight, you could imagine the high school football coach he once was, revving up a locker room full of teenage athletes, getting them past the hump of defeat, and reveling in the ultimate thrill of victory.

Is that enough for a White House win in November? The Harris-Walz team is going up against a rival team that plays hard, dirty, and for keeps. They will need a perfectly executed master game plan to come out on top.

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INBOX

And just like that, Harris and Walz are off and running

Pundits pooh-pooh the choice, but what do they know?

I was surprised and saddened to see how your six Opinion pundits all decided they knew more than Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris and her hardworking staff as to who should have been chosen to be her running mate (“Will Tim Walz help Kamala Harris win the election? Six takes,” Opinion, Aug. 7). It seems that they were all fine to make snap decisions and not even wait to see how well Tim Walz would do in his first public appearance in that role.

I believe Walz was chosen to boost the emotional level of the campaign. Pennsylvania’s governor, Josh Shapiro, is a leader; Walz is much more of an entertainer, full of quips and memes. He is delighted to be where he is, and it shows.

The first job of a running mate is to help win the election. I’m confident that with Shapiro’s help, the Democratic ticket will carry Pennsylvania. Walz might help with Wisconsin, Michigan, and perhaps even Ohio and Iowa, if Donald Trump and JD Vance’s campaign continues to deteriorate.

I’ve seen Walz likened to the fictional Ted Lasso, the coach who loves everyone and takes the team from last to first. A big part of Harris’s campaign is to create the vibe for a positive, united future for America. Her running mate is the one who is best fit to do that.

DONALD J. BERMONT
Concord

Democratic running mate projects character over political calculation

Reporter Sam Brodey captures the appeal of Vice President and Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris’s running mate, Tim Walz (“Through his contradictions, an aura of ‘pure authenticity,’” Page A1, Aug. 7). What stands out about the governor of Minnesota is his connectedness with community, forged through teaching and coaching, not to mention monitoring the school lunchroom. In our current atmosphere of polarization, isn’t his character the essential qualification, going far beyond raw political calculation?

Walz comes off as an independent thinker, adapting to what the times call for, whether it’s supporting LGBTQ needs, gun safety, or climate change. He gives the impression that he is not owned by anyone, a stark contrast to the parade of Republicans across the aisle who pledge blind allegiance to their strongman leader.

MAGA is labeling him as too progressive, but if progressive means moving forward, not backward, Walz looks to be the VP for the times.

MARJORIE LEE
Wayland

Harris and her team make a savvy play for the heartland

It was a stroke of genius or sheer luck for the Democrats in choosing a running mate who will almost certainly get support from those voters who are sitting on the fence, especially in America’s heartland. What’s not to like about Tim Walz?

Vice President Kamala Harris and her team are being bold — swinging for the fences instead of trying to win one particular state (and possibly sacrificing others). Kudos to them for adding renewed interest in a contest that was getting sort of ... weird.

RALPH D’AGOSTINO
Everett

Two tickets, one stark choice

Both major party tickets are procrustean, that is, the presidential and vice presidential candidates are from the same ideological mold. Donald Trump added no variability when he cast JD Vance as his running mate and neither did Kamala Harris with her choice of fellow progressive Tim Walz. This election will be a stark choice for voters, not so much for the base but for the undecided, especially in battleground states where the election will be won: Do you want unvarnished liberal Democrats or blatant conservatives to direct domestic and foreign policy?

PAUL BLOUSTEIN
Cincinnati

Harris could have had him at Shapiro or Kelly. She lost him with Walz.

I would have been enthusiastic over a Kamala Harris-Josh Shapiro ticket. I would have been enthusiastic over a Kamala Harris-Mark Kelly ticket. My only enthusiasm for the Kamala Harris-Tim Walz ticket stems from the money I’ll save by reducing my campaign contributions to their candidacy.

STANLEY SPIEGEL
Brookline

Charisma and decency are a winning combination

“Charismatic indecency won.” Those were the first words I spoke in November 2016 when I heard that Donald Trump would be president.

On Tuesday night, watching Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota at the rally he and Vice President Kamala Harris held in Philadelphia, I found myself saying, “Maybe this time, charismatic decency will win.”

ELLEN PINSKY
Cambridge

The ‘w’ word

I think that the “w” labels are silly, but I sure would rather be woke than weird.

THOMAS FOLEY
Buzzards Bay

For the record

Correction: Because of an editing error, Bob Tumposky’s Aug. 6 letter to the editor misidentified his position with 350 Mass. He is a cochair of the legislative team.

I covered Tim Walz. He’s the nicest tough guy you may ever meet.

By Jim Spencer

As a US representative, Tim Walz slept for a while in an anteroom off his House office. As a Washington correspondent for the Minneapolis Star Tribune, I occasionally met him at 6 a.m. to join him on his daily jog along the National Mall. I always struggled to keep up and always finished gassed as the representative cruised back to his office to clean up for the day.

He got along as easily with the farmers in his purple congressional district as he did with academics and CEOs of multinational corporations.

Walz is a stocky man with a body more suited to dominoes than marathons, but he had trained himself to keep up a per-mile pace in distance running that belied his physical appearance. That kind of discipline and determination is going to drive Donald Trump and JD Vance crazy as Walz, Kamala Harris’s vice presidential pick, works his way across the country stumping to get Harris elected as America’s first Black woman president.

Walz is the nicest tough guy you may ever meet. There is nothing elitist about him, from his haircut to his habits. As he ran me into the ground, he would casually carry on conversations that ranged from personal home repairs to hijinks in the House of Representatives. He loved teaching school

before he was elected to Congress because he liked helping students. He got along as easily with the farmers in his purple congressional district as he did with academics and CEOs of multinational corporations.

Walz was a senior enlisted man in the Army National Guard; he rose to the rank of command sergeant major, though he retired as a master sergeant due to incomplete coursework. Folks who hold the master sergeant rank must turn theory into practice. They translate a career colonel’s orders into

language and actions a newly enlisted private can grasp and accomplish. Walz did that for most of his 24 years in the National Guard. He got things done.

Americans will see that in the next few months. They will see a pragmatic politician who built a career on the old cliché: Politics is the art of the doable.

In Congress, Walz voted to end a medical device tax that the device industry wanted killed. He wasn’t in the pocket of lobbyists. He feared the impact on jobs and innovation in an industry critical to the Minnesota economy.

In contrast, he also filed a discharge petition to force a vote on a bill to end tax cuts to the richest 2 percent of Americans. Republicans in the ma-

ajority blocked the bill because they knew it would pass easily if it ever got to the floor of the House chamber.

Walz is the nonthreatening personification of moderation. It will be hard to demonize him as a “woke liberal,” the words of choice among Republican character assassins these days.

But what Americans will also see in the next couple of months is that Tim Walz will call out Trump’s and Vance’s lies and intolerance. Here’s an example: In 2019, Trump attacked four liberal members of the House of Representatives — Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts, and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan — with racist tweets suggesting these women of color “go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came.”

In response, Walz, by then the governor of Minnesota, said that “the four members of Congress are American citizens. They’re US representatives. The place they go back to is the United States. Dividing this country along racial lines is unacceptable.”

With Trump and Vance openly trying to make Harris’s race and gender campaign issues in the 2024 presidential election, Walz, a 60-year-old white guy with rural roots, will have many opportunities to explain his beliefs in truth and tolerance and his disgust with lies and bigotry. I expect he will do so effectively using the plain language and tough talk he has always employed when needed.

Jim Spencer worked for 10 years as a Washington correspondent for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

RENÉE LOTH

The unexpected side benefits to our new day in politics

The three weeks since the ascension of Kamala Harris as the Democratic Party’s presidential nominee have been like a dose of pure oxygen for a gasping electorate. Consider the torrent of campaign donations, the Zoom calls of multiple thousands of people, the record-setting increase in new voter registrations, the cat lady merch. The jolt of energy has also ricocheted to Republican Donald Trump’s campaign, if his heavily watched interview with the odious video game streamer Adin Ross this week is an indication. Nearly lost amid the excitement, though, are some unexpected, perhaps even unintended, side benefits to our singular political moment. Here are three of them:

The blissfully short campaign.

Late last month, with President Biden facing pressure to leave the race to a more vibrant competitor, many Democrats fretted that it was just too late in the game. How could anyone mount a successful campaign with little more than three months to Election Day? But it turns out a brief, exciting presidential race is what the nation wanted.

Voters of all political persuasions have been dejected, dispirited, or just bored by the endless string of repetitive debates, the increasingly shrill negative campaign ads vying to cut through the clutter, and the media focused on trivia in a desperate attempt to say something new. In a September 2023 Pew Research survey, 72 percent of respondents said presidential campaigns last too long. Even Harris announced her candidacy the first time she ran for president 652 days before the 2020 election, and there were already five other Democrats who had announced before her.

Now American voters can have a taste of what campaigns are like in many other countries. Comparisons are imperfect, but Britain, for example, limits the race for prime minister by law to six weeks. In Mexico, the campaign season is three months long, with a three-day stop to campaigning before the vote. It’s a safe bet many Americans hope this year’s accelerated campaign — with Biden dropping out just 107 days before the election — becomes the norm.

The bench. Thanks to this compressed calendar, voters have been treated to a showcase of under-the-ra-

dar talent as Harris vetted possible running mates. Suddenly, names many of us barely knew and couldn’t pronounce (and I’m not talking about Pete Buttigieg) were on the lips of friends, neighbors, and the next guy at the bar. Andy Beshear. JB Pritzker. Gina Raimondo. Of course, Harris ultimately chose Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota, a former teacher and 24-year veteran of the Army National

the democratic process as a whole. Yes, our system can be agile enough to turn on a dime. Yes, there’s a place for younger generations. Yes, the country still produces leaders who can put the good of the country above ego and personal ambition.

In the anxious days before Biden’s withdrawal on July 21, the Democratic Party’s leadership was in danger of ceding much of the high



MATT ROURKE/AP

Supporters cheered as Kamala Harris and her running mate, Tim Walz, arrived at a campaign rally in Philadelphia on Aug. 6.

Guard to join her ticket, but these other prospects — as well as veep finalists Josh Shapiro, governor of Pennsylvania, and Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona — will doubtless be featured at the Democratic National Convention, which opens Aug. 19. The assembled in Chicago and at home will be watching to see if one of them can reprise the performance of a skinny senator from Illinois, whose 17-minute keynote speech electrified the nation at John Kerry’s nomination party in 2004.

The rekindling. As he walked onto the debate stage in Atlanta less than six weeks ago, President Biden had really only one job: To restore the voters’ faith in his fitness to govern — and his party’s faith in his ability to win. At this he failed. But in a twist, his decision to withdraw from the race restored the faith of many Americans in

ground it had held over Trump — gaslighting the public, showing blind loyalty to a clearly diminished candidate, wallowing in the past — just as Trump’s MAGA crowd was doing. After the announcement, world leaders and ordinary Americans alike praised Biden’s decision as brave, even patriotic. If the new day in US politics hasn’t rekindled pride in our system, at the very least it has rekindled buzz.

Before Biden dropped out, voters were uninspired, at best, by their choices. Fully 72 percent of independent voters in one poll — leaning both Democratic and Republican — said they wanted an alternative to the two old men on the ballot. By giving the voters Harris and Walz, only one side listened.

Renée Loth’s column appears regularly in the Globe.

Migrants and advocates brace for evictions

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the street. Their efforts come as the clock counts down toward Friday morning, when the first group of families will be evicted from shelters where they have been living for as long as three months. Last week, the state issued 57 eviction notices to families staying at overflow shelters, also called temporary respite centers, in Lexington, Cambridge, Chelsea, and Norfolk.

The International Institute of New England is seeking to use money from a federal grant to pay for short-term hotel stays for some of those who are evicted. The head of a migrant aid group in Mattapan is asking local churches to mobilize their congregations to help.

“We need all faith-based groups to support families,” said Geralde Gabeau, executive director of the Immigrant Family Services Institute, which serves Haitian migrants.

Gabeau is among the advocates who fear a new policy that generally limits stays in overflow shelters to five business days will put more homeless families on the streets of Greater Boston.

“It’s impossible for anyone to find a place in five days,” she said. “We are going to see more people in the streets, unfortunately, and so often it’s babies and children. The burden is on us providers.”

Jillian E. Fennimore, a spokesperson for Governor Maura Healey, said in a statement that the “new policy will help open up space at temporary respite centers so that families have a place to stay while they work with case managers to identify alternative housing.”

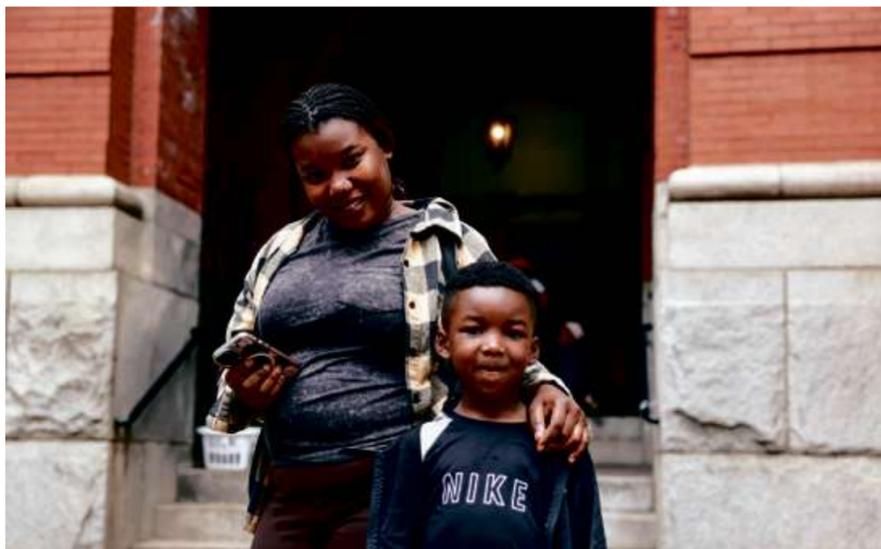
“Massachusetts is out of shelter space and cannot continue to afford the size of this system,” she said.

The Healey administration has said staffers at the state’s four overflow shelters have been working to ensure that every evicted family has a place to go. Staffers have been enrolling families in state housing programs, urging them to find friends or relatives to stay with, and buying families bus or plane tickets to travel to destinations where they may have better housing options.

According to the Healey administration, the five-day policy will be implemented “on a rolling basis, so not all families currently at these sites will leave at once.” And state authorities have highlighted their work in providing homeless families with housing assistance, work authorization applications, job placements,



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English classes, and reticketing options.

But some advocates fear those efforts may come up short. Nearly 30 organizations and more than 300 health care workers and advocates signed an open letter to Healey on Tuesday, urging her administration to pursue a humane housing policy.

The signers said they fear people will be forced onto the streets “where they will inevitably find themselves at risk of illness related to exposure to severe weather, violence and abuse, arrest, separation from their children, and deportation. Their very existence, simply for seeking safety and being un-

housed residents of the state of Massachusetts, will be criminalized.”

The policy, the letter said, violated the spirit of the state’s 1980s-era right-to-shelter law, which, for decades, has guaranteed homeless families shelter — the only statewide right-to-shelter requirement in the country.

But as the housing crisis has ramped up, and economic and political unrest in Central and South American countries sent more migrants north, the system became overwhelmed.

Healey declared a state of emergency last August and, weeks later, said she would activate up to 250 members of the

National Guard to help families living in some hotels.

In the fall, Healey capped capacity in state-run emergency shelters at 7,500 families — the first restriction on how many people the state would house in the system. And on May 1, state officials began to limit stays in state-run overflow shelters to 30 days, requiring people to reapply monthly and show they are also seeking work authorization, pursuing new housing, or taking other steps.

Jeffrey Thielman, chief executive of the International Institute of New England, is concerned the state won’t meet its stated goal of connecting every

Above, migrants in Bedford headed back to the National Guard Army after shopping Wednesday. At left, Lucie Joseph and her 5-year-old son, Givensley, are at the migrant shelter in Cambridge.

family with a viable housing option before they leave the overflow shelters. His organization’s effort to place evicted families in hotels is a measure of last resort, he said.

“This is sort of a backup emergency thing,” he said.

It is an imperfect and short-term solution. The federal grant money Thielman hopes to use to pay for hotel stays can only be used for migrants with certain kinds of immigration status, mostly Haitians who have entered under a Biden administration “humanitarian parole” program.

The money, he said, will also soon run out. He anticipates having only enough to pay for a few nights in a hotel for a few dozen families.

Advocates say reports of new arrivals sleeping outside are common. They say children are sleeping in bushes near train stations and in cars, and families are crashing in the basements and yards of churches.

Andrea M. Park, the director of community driven advocacy for Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, called the five-day limit inhumane and cruel.

“Here, they are just being

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told, ‘We are changing the rules on you in the middle of the game.’” Park said.

State authorities said there are 7,396 families in the emergency family shelter system and 271 families at the overflow centers. The 57 families who received eviction notices from the overflow centers arrived prior to Aug. 1, and state officials have said providers are working with families to “help them identify their next step.” Where that will be remains unclear.

So far, 25 families have been “reticketed,” meaning the state has purchased them bus or plane tickets out of Boston, according to the Healey administration.

Carolyn Chou, executive director of Homes for All Massachusetts, is among the critics of the reticketing program, saying it “sounds like a more polite way of talking about what the governors in places like Texas and Florida did, busing people out of the state.”

“The families coming here, they don’t have anywhere to go,” Chou said.

Back in Cambridge, Magalie Medor, a single mom also from Haiti, is most worried she won’t be able to enroll her 13-year-old and two 11-year-olds in school. Medor, 37, and her kids spent 15 days sleeping in Logan when they arrived in Boston in May.

And come Friday morning, Medor said, they’d no longer be welcome to stay in the shelter. They could leave on their own volition, or police would force them out, Medor said.

They can leave “a las buenas o las malas,” Medor said. “On good terms, or on bad terms.”

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With bans of kids’ books on the rise, authors fighting back

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len T. Crenshaw and longlisted for a National Book Award — she set out to write an LGBTQ storyline where “the church was actually supportive.” But the book has since been called anti-Christian. “I feel like we’re at the beginning of a ‘Handmaid’s Tale’ book,” she said.

Venable is one of some 2,000 members who’ve joined Authors Against Book Bans, a national advocacy group founded in January by young adult and children’s book authors including Gayle Forman, David Levithan, Andrea Davis Pinkney, and Maggie Tokuda-Hall. Their mission: to fight book bans, which are surging nationwide. As Tokuda-Hall put it in a video on the group’s Instagram, “Basically, we all just kept looking around and being like, ‘Who’s going to fix this?’”

Last year in the United States, the number of targeted titles rose 65 percent over 2022 — the highest levels ever documented by the American Library Association. Texas and Florida still lead the nation in book bans, but New England isn’t immune. Over the past five years, around 70 different books were challenged in Massachusetts schools.

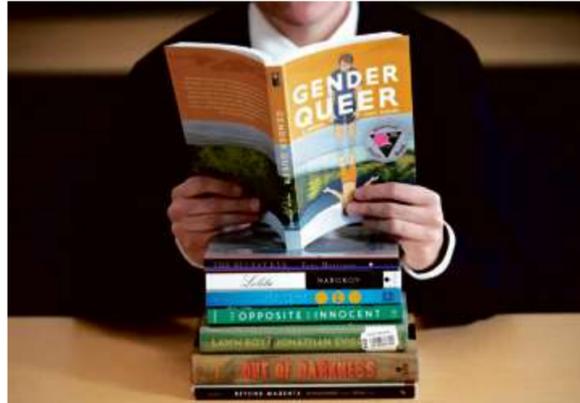
According to PEN America, the nonprofit dedicated to protecting free expression, recent banning attempts have overwhelmingly targeted stories featuring LGBTQ+ themes and

books by and about people of color.

Young adult titles like Angie Thomas’s “The Hate U Give” — about a Black teen who witnesses the police shooting her childhood friend — account for many challenges. But picture books like “We March,” about a Black family’s trip to the 1963 March on Washington, also have ended up on banned lists, causing authors to scratch their heads and wonder: why?

Self-described parental rights advocates say they want to protect kids from material that’s inappropriate or indoctrinating. “Activist groups that try to stoke fear about so-called ‘book bans’ are disingenuous,” Mary Ellen Siegler, of the faith-based advocacy group Massachusetts Family Institute, wrote in an email. She mentioned the book “Let’s Talk About It: The Teen’s Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human” as an example of a book that, when made available in schools and public libraries, infringes upon parental rights: “The question people should be asking these groups is why they are so committed to giving kids access to porn?”

Those fighting censorship say that kids have a right to read about their bodies in a safe space, and that books exploring race and racism are being challenged as part of a backlash against “wokeness.” Advocates point to how books can save lives when young readers see



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In 2021, Maia Kobabe’s “Gender Queer” was the most banned book in the country. More and more books are being targeted.

themselves represented. In December, Massachusetts Representative Ayanna Pressley introduced the Books Save Lives Act to Congress.

While some titles have captured the public’s attention, many more contested books are in danger of losing their place in schools, libraries, and readers’ lives. “There’s a whole bunch of books that sort of fall in this mid-list-author range that quietly suffer from these challenges,” said Michelle Cusolito, another Massachusetts author, who lives in Rochester. In other words: It’s not the Judy Blumes whose stories are at stake, but the Colleen AF Venables.

Cusolito, who writes science books for kids, isn’t especially worried about one of her titles being banned, but as the moth-

er of an 18-year-old who identifies as gender queer, she’s disturbed by the waves of recent challenges. She joined Authors Against Book Bans around the same time a resident in her school district tried to get the picture book “It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity” removed from the elementary school. In February, when the book was at the center of a heated Rochester School Committee meeting, Cusolito read aloud a letter signed by 550 authors and illustrators opposing that specific challenge and affirming every individual’s freedom to read.

Kathy Rusinoski, who also spoke at that meeting, told the Globe that children “don’t need to be exposed” to books about gender identity. As for parents,

“they are so busy raising their family, working to pay their taxes . . . they are totally unaware that these books even exist and that these books are in their child’s school library.”

Federico Erebia, a physician-turned-YA author in Malden, hadn’t seen himself reflected in a book until he wrote his novel, “Pedro & Daniel,” about two Mexican American brothers, both of whom are gay and one of whom is darker skinned. The book deals with racism, colorism, homophobia, and domestic violence: “societal issues that are in the crosshairs of people who want to censor and ban books,” he said. “It just has all of the checkmarks.” Erebia joined Authors Against Book Bans in February.

Venable, Cusolito, and Erebia are now among the co-leaders of the Massachusetts/Rhode Island chapter, which in addition to celebrated authors ranging from Daniel Handler to Judy Blume and Jodi Picoult includes illustrators, audiobook narrators, anthology editors, and translators.

While the coalition bills itself as “a single-issue organization,” its strategy is multipronged: putting out calls to action, deploying authors to school board meetings and state houses, partnering with other free-speech organizations, and supporting readers of all kinds with resources, training, and talking points. Currently, AABB is gearing up for Banned Books Week,

Sept. 22-28.

Tasslyn Magnusson, an independent researcher and program consultant with PEN America, knows the toll censorship can take on authors, and readers. She started compiling data on book bans and challenges, first on her own and then in partnership with The EveryLibrary Institute in the fall of 2021. That’s when “people started to talk, like, ‘Something’s happening, something seems worse than normal. Someone should keep track,’” she recalled. “And I thought, ‘Oh, I can do that.’ . . . And it’s taken over my entire life.”

That list eventually helped authors join forces.

With Authors Against Book Bans, Magnusson said, she’s seen authors connecting more with residents in their own communities. “I’ve talked to countless parents and community members who’ve been struggling for three years now about what to do,” she said.

“All they need sometimes is a call from an author,” she said. “I can give them advice, I can talk about school board policies,” but the authors “can come in and tell them how much this matters to them. And that, in turn, allows the community members to keep digging in, and keep having this conversation.”

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Debby turns north, targets Western Mass., Vt.

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Tropical Storm Debby continues to pound the Southeast with soaking rain and life-threatening flooding, but threats of torrential downpours will soon turn to the Northeast, where the system is expected to arrive by Friday.

The storm is still churning off the coast of Georgia and the Carolinas, where the warm waters of the Atlantic are feeding plumes of moisture to the system, strengthening it. A second landfall back toward South Carolina will likely occur overnight Wednesday

and into Thursday morning.

Debby is then forecast to track relatively quickly along the Eastern Seaboard, bringing it closer to New England in a couple of days. So what does that mean for New England? Here's what we know about Debby's track and which areas may see the greatest impacts of rain and flooding.

Where Debby is tracking

The forecast track of the storm points to Debby bringing periods of heavy rain to New England mainly on Friday into at least the first half of Sat-

urday.

It's still early to tell where and how Debby will move after spending much of this week over the Southeast, but there are some clear indicators that the track may very well take it along the Eastern Seaboard toward New England.

Greatest impact could be Vermont, Western Mass.

The storm is expected to weaken by the time it reaches New England, but it will still pack enough moisture to make flooding rains certainly possi-

ble. Currently, it looks like Northern New England — Vermont and New Hampshire — and Western Massachusetts may be most impacted by Debby's remnants.

We are likely not going to see a tropical storm, but Debby should stay organized as a post-tropical system (meaning the storm no longer has a supply of a warm ocean water and has cooler temperatures) at it approaches the region later this week.

There's a growing possibility that the core of the system may likely track
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Bias suit against MIT is dismissed

Group said school allowed antisemitism

By Tonya Alanez
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A federal judge has dismissed a class-action lawsuit claiming the Massachusetts Institute of Technology reacted with "deliberate indifference" to antisemitism and discrimination on campus that created a climate of fear for Jewish and Israeli students.

"Far from sitting on its hands, MIT took steps to contain the escalating on-campus protests that, in some instances, posed a genuine threat to the welfare and safety of Jewish and Israeli students, who were at times personally victimized by the hostile demonstrators," US District Judge Richard G. Stearns wrote in his ruling filed July 30.

MIT officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment Wednesday evening.

Stearns on Tuesday let stand a similar discrimination lawsuit filed by Harvard students against that university's response to their concerns amid vociferous protests over the Israel-Hamas war.

That lawsuit was filed against the Ivy League institution in January, ruling that university officials acted with deliberate indifference toward its Jewish population.

Harvard students accused the university of selectively enforcing its anti-discrimination policies, ignoring Jewish students' pleas for protection, and hiring professors who supported antisemitic propaganda, according to the suit.

Stearns did not rule on the lawsuit's merits, but said Harvard's response was inadequate and "the facts as pled show that Harvard failed its Jewish students."

"To conclude that the (complaint) has not plausibly alleged deliberate indifference would reward Harvard for virtuous public declarations that for the most part, according to the allegations of the (complaint), proved hollow when it came to taking disciplinary measures against offending students and faculty," he wrote.

The MIT lawsuit was filed in March on behalf of two students in US District Court in Boston. StandWithUs Center for Legal Justice, a nonprofit focused on fighting antisemitism internationally, represented the students.

'MIT took steps to contain the escalating on-campus protests.'

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PLAYFUL PLUNGE — James Aikey, 14, of Marshfield, leapt from the Beach Street bridge in the Green Harbor neighborhood of Marshfield during a hot streak last month.

Friends mourn pregnant woman killed in Lynn

Always wanted to be a mother, they say

By Nick Stoico
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In the days before Brianna Welsh was found dead in her Lynn apartment, she had been telling her friends how excited she was to be a new mother.

Welsh, 25, had spoken on a video call with one of her close friends, Shaylee Kopellas, and showed her a picture of a recent ultrasound.

"All she ever wanted was to be a

mom," Kopellas said as she fought back tears. "She took care of all her friends and was there when anyone needed her at the drop of a dime. She's always been there for me."

Welsh was found stabbed to death in her apartment last week after her family requested a well-being check because they hadn't heard from her, according to a police report.

Authorities said Welsh suffered multiple "sharp force injuries" and charged her boyfriend's brother, Zachary Vozzella, 26, with her murder. Investigators believe Welsh was killed while her boyfriend, Brendon



Brianna Welsh, 25, was found stabbed to death in her home.

Vozzella, 24, was in police custody after allegedly assaulting Welsh during a domestic incident.

Zachary Vozzella was ordered held

without bail after he pleaded not guilty to charges of first-degree murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. His attorney, Francisco Napolitano, said his client did not learn of Welsh's death until he was interviewed by police. He said the defense would question the nature of Welsh's injuries.

"We don't know if the injuries were more consistent with her having been attacked by another person or whether it's self-inflicted wounds," he said.

Zachary Vozzella's next court date
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SPROUTING CONFIDENCE

Summer program offers students in urban areas a chance to grow gardens

By Natalie La Roche Pietri
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CAMBRIDGE — A handful of elementary and middle school students gathered around a crop of basil, learning how to pinch the leaves off the stem in the right spot. Another group picked, and occasionally ate, cherry tomatoes. A few feet away, some middle schoolers pulled weeds from a nearby lawn.

For many of the 19 students working in the courtyard of Cambridge Street Upper School, tending to the raised beds and flower pots is their first exposure to gardening. The CitySprouts Green Team Summer Program fosters leadership skills in students by working on local urban gardens, teaching them the science of plants, and taking them on field trips, among other offerings.

"I was just interested in how you could plant plants in a city," said Afsheen Hanan, 10, "but still make them grow, even if they're exposed to pollution."

During the weeklong free summer education program, students in fifth through eighth grades learn how green spaces affect their communities and also have the opportunity to meet community leaders. (Mayor Michelle Wu recently visited Boston's Higginson-Lewis K-8 School, where students maintain their own garden at the school.) The initiative, which works with students in Boston and Cambridge, strives to ensure equity in science education and students'



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Middle schoolers Rebecca Shimelis (left) and Lael Bandwalu looked over a tree ID guide before an upcoming field trip with the CitySprouts Green Team.

access to nature in urban neighborhoods.

Research shows people living in urban areas without green spaces are at higher risk of illness, anxiety, or depression. Teaching the students how to garden gives them the necessary tools to connect their immediate environment and connect with the natural world, organizers said.

"Our vision for the future is to create a green generation where they feel that they have empowerment, to understand the world around them, and to make change," said Susan Diller, CitySprouts' executive director.

Catherine Wagoner, 25, one of the in-
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Harvard to retain Sackler name on pair of buildings

By Malcolm Gay
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After months of deliberation, Harvard University has decided to retain the Sackler name on a pair of prominent university-owned buildings, a decision that comes as museums around the globe have dropped the Sackler name because of the family's role in the opioid crisis.

The decision, which the Harvard Corporation approved last month, follows the recommendation of a committee the university convened after a group submitted a formal "denaming" proposal for the Arthur M. Sackler Museum and the Arthur M. Sackler Building in October 2022.

"Arthur Sackler's legacy is not necessarily deplorable but rather is complex, ambiguous and debatable," committee members wrote in a report released to the public Wednesday. "The committee was not persuaded by the proposal's arguments that denaming is appropriate."

The committee advised that the university provide greater context for Sackler's legacy, adding that its recommendation "should not be interpreted as an

exoneration of Arthur Sackler or an endorsement of his actions."

Harvard, like universities and museums around the world, has been under immense pressure to remove the Sackler name in recent years. Protesters have routinely targeted museums, demanding they walk away from the family whose company, Purdue Pharma, made a fortune off of OxyContin, a painkiller at the heart of the opioid epidemic.

Over the past several years roughly 20 institutions have removed the Sackler name from their buildings, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Louvre Museum in Paris, The British Museum, and Tufts University.

At Harvard, however, committee members drew a distinction between Arthur Sackler, a marketing executive who died in 1987, nine years before OxyContin was introduced, and his brothers, Mortimer and Raymond Sackler, who founded Purdue Pharma in 1991. (The report notes Purdue Pharma was the successor company to Purdue Frederick, which the Sackler
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NOTHING BUT NET



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Thomas Nelson, of Scituate, cast for bait fish in the Herring River at Driftway Park in Scituate.

Bar where ex-Marine killed to sell license

Proceeds to go to victim's family

By John R. Ellement
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The owners of a bar in downtown Boston where a former Marine was fatally stabbed by a bouncer in 2022 are planning to sell their liquor license and donate the proceeds to the victim's relatives, the bar's lawyer told the city's licensing board Tuesday.

Daniel Martinez, 23, was visiting Boston for St. Patrick's Day weekend when he got into an altercation with bouncer Alvaro O. Larrama at the Sons of Boston bar on Union Street. Larrama stabbed Martinez and was helped by a part-owner of the bar to escape out the back door, officials said.

Larrama, 40, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in April and was sentenced to serve 17 to 20 years in prison.

The bar was closed for about a year after the stabbing and reopened in April 2023 under the name "Loyal Nine."

During a board hearing on Tuesday, Carolyn M. Conway, the attorney for the bar owners, said the bar has been closed and owners have no plans to reopen it.

"They have entered into an agreement whereby the license will be sold to the landlord, with the proceeds going to the victims of the unfortunate incident that happened there," Conway told the board, according to a recording of the hearing. "It's a pretty good global settlement."

Conway did not provide details about the sale.

Board chairwoman Kathleen Joyce said during the hearing that the current ownership team still needs to address a premise violation related to the incident before the license can be transferred.

"The violation stays with the license," she said. "It can't be erased by the sale."

Conway acknowledged the violation remains active and asked that the issue be addressed at an upcoming board meeting.

In a series earlier this year, the Globe reported that a liquor license can cost as much as \$600,000, resulting in a concentration in high-end neighborhoods while short-changing lower-income areas.

The proposed sale of the license was previously reported by Universal Hub.

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POST panel decertifies 3 police officers

Barred from state law enforcement

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Three police officers, including the former chief in Dighton, have been decertified by a state oversight agency, barring them from working in law enforcement in Massachusetts.

The Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, or POST, updated its list of decertified officers last week. The commission was created in 2020 during a wave of protests for police accountability after the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin.

Shawn P. Cronin resigned his

post as the top officer in Dighton after he was indicted on federal insider trading charges last year. Cronin received insider information about a pending pharmaceutical company purchase by a childhood friend, allowing him to earn \$71,000 in illegal profits, according to federal prosecutors.

Cronin pleaded guilty to one count of insider trading in US District Court in Manhattan and was sentenced to serve three months in prison in May, records show.

Citing the federal conviction, the Massachusetts commission voted last month to decertify Cronin, who did not oppose the ruling, records show.

A former Brockton police offi-

cer, Jonathan Correia, was also decertified last month. He did not respond after the commission told him they were moving to sanction him, records show. Correia was fired by the Brockton department in April 2023 after an internal affairs investigation "sustained several Brockton PD rules violations stemming from [Correia's] conduct," the commission wrote in its decision.

According to court records, Correia and a second Brockton officer were sued by Jeff J. Camacho, whom they arrested during a domestic violence call in 2021. After Camacho's hands were cuffed behind his back, Correia released a police dog, which bit

the right arm, records show. The civ-

il lawsuit was settled this year for an undisclosed amount.

A third officer, John Delaney, retired from the Malden Police Department last year after an internal affairs investigation triggered by criminal charges, according to the commission. He did not respond to the commission when it notified him they were moving to decertify him, records show.

The names of decertified officers are entered into the National Decertification Index, which means they cannot work as a police officer anywhere in the country, according to POST.

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Topsfield man dies while hiking with family in N.H.

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A Topsfield man died after having a medical emergency while hiking with his family in New Hampshire's White Mountains on Tuesday, officials said.

The 52-year-old man was hiking between the north and south peaks of Kinsman Mountain on the Kinsman Ridge Trail, about four miles from the nearest trail-

head, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department said in a statement.

The family had planned to hike to the south peak and return to their vehicle via the Fishin' Jimmy and Lonesome Lake trails, officials said.

At 2:14 p.m., officials were notified that a hiker had suffered a medical emergency on the trail. They requested a Black-

hawk helicopter, and staff from the Appalachian Mountain Club went to the area with medical equipment, officials said.

Conservation officers and volunteers from the Pemigewasset Valley Search and Rescue team also proceeded to the area, officials said.

Medics reached the family shortly before 4 p.m. and continued "life-saving measures" that

the family and other hikers had begun, officials said.

The man was taken down the mountain to an ambulance but by then had "succumbed to his medical emergency" and was taken to Ross Funeral Home in Littleton, officials said. The hiker's name was not released.

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Double jeopardy will protect Read, lawyers say

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Lawyers in the Karen Read murder case will be back in a Dedham courtroom on Friday for a hearing on a defense request to dismiss two of the five charges she is facing in the death of her Boston police officer boyfriend John O'Keefe more than two years ago.

Read's lawyers say they believe the entire jury will confirm that they unanimously reached not guilty verdicts on the charges of second-degree murder and leaving the scene of an accident during their deliberations before the judge declared a mistrial on July 1, according to documents filed in Norfolk Superior Court.

Read's defense team renewed its push to have their client acquitted of those two charges in two brief court filings Monday that said "the double jeopardy protections of the federal and state constitutions require that those counts not be retried."

Immediately after Judge Beverly J. Cannone declared a mistrial in the murder case, Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey said his office would retry Read.

On July 8, Read's lawyers asked Cannone to dismiss charges of second-degree murder and leaving the scene of a crash, claiming that four jurors have indicated they unanimously agreed to acquit on those two counts and only remained deadlocked on a manslaughter charge.

Prosecutors say Read, 44, of Mansfield, slammed her SUV into O'Keefe outside a Canton home early on Jan. 29, 2022, after a night of bar-hopping and heavy drinking. Read's lawyers maintain she is being framed and that O'Keefe entered the home, owned at the time by a fellow Boston police officer, where he was fatally beaten in the basement before his body was planted on the front lawn.

According to the most recent court filings, juror B made an unsolicited call to Read's lawyer, David R. Yannetti, on July 31 to confirm that the juror had been accurately quoted in previous court documents and to reiterate that "the only charge on which the jury was deadlocked was indictment 2 (manslaughter)."

The juror told Yannetti, "No one thought that she hit him on purpose ... or even knew that she hit him," the filings said.

The juror also told Yannetti that they believe "that every member of the jury, if asked, will confirm" the not guilty verdicts, the documents said.

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This day in history

Today is Thursday, Aug. 8, the 221st day of 2024. There are 145 days left in the year.

► Birthdays: Actor Nita Talbot is 94. Actor Dustin Hoffman is 87. Actor Connie Stevens is 86. Country singer Phil Balsley of The Statler Brothers is 86. Actor Larry Wilcox is 77. Actor Keith Carradine is 75. Movie director Martin Brest is 73. Radio-TV personality Robin Quivers is 72. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin is 71. Percussionist Anton Fig is 71. Actor Donny Most is 71. Rock musician Dennis Drew (10,000 Maniacs) is 67. TV personality Deborah Norville is 66. Rock guitarist The Edge of U2 is 63. Rock musician Rikki Rockett of Poison is 63. Rapper Kool Moe Dee is 62. Middle distance runner Suzy Favor Hamilton is 56. Actor Kohl Sudduth is 50. Singer JC Chasez of 'N Sync is 48. Actor Lindsay Sloane is 47. Actor Jackie Cruz is 40. Pop singer Shawn Mendes is 26.

► In 1814, during the War of 1812, peace talks between the United States and Britain began in Ghent, Belgium.

► In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena to spend the remainder of his days in exile.

► In 1876, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric pen — the forerunner of the mimeograph machine.

► In 1908, Wilbur Wright makes the Wright Brothers' first public flying demonstration, at Le Mans racecourse in France.

► In 1911, President Taft signed a measure raising the number of US representatives from 391 to 433, effective with the next Congress, with a proviso to add two more when New Mexico and Arizona became states.

► In 1954, The Boston Globe announced the opening of the first elevated expressway in the United States. Hailed as an engineering marvel and a model of urban planning, the Central Artery incorporated the latest technology, including on and off ramps that could melt snow. Reporters predicted that a 25-minute commute would be reduced to a mere two minutes.

► In 1963, Britain's "Great Train Robbery" took place as thieves made off with 2.6 million pounds in banknotes.

► In 1969, photographer Iain Macmillan took the iconic photo of The Beatles that would appear on the cover of their album "Abbey Road."

► In 1974, President Nixon, facing damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal, announced he would resign the following day.

► In 1988, Chicago's Wrigley

Field hosted its first-ever night baseball game; the contest between the Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies would be rained out in the fourth inning.

► In 1992, The Queen Elizabeth II ran aground off the Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts, ripping a 74-foot gash in its double hull. Ferry boats the next day evacuated 1,815 passengers and most of 1,000 crew members before the 963-foot boat — one of the world's last luxury liners — steamed to Boston for repairs.

► In 2000, the wreckage of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, which sank in 1864 after attacking the Union ship Housatonic, was recovered off the South Carolina coast and returned to port.

► In 2009, Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the US Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.

► In 2022, FBI agents executed a search warrant for former president Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla.; over 13,000 government documents, including 103 classified documents, were seized.

► In 2023, a series of wind-driven wildfires broke out on the Hawaiian island of Maui, destroying the town of Lahaina and killing more than 100 people.

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For students, gardening offers a chance to nurture curiosity

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structors at the Cambridge Street Upper School site, said some students are hesitant to participate at the start of the program. But they slowly open up as the program nurtures their curiosity and feeds them knowledge of the world they inhabit, she said.

“I really like seeing them become more familiar with nature,” she said.

After harvesting, students went back indoors to make pesto with their crops. Wagoner and another instructor led the tutorial. As the aroma of blended basil filled the classroom, some students inhaled deeply, while others made sour faces — but they all looked pleased after tasting it with some slices of bread. When the snacking was over, they sat in a circle on the classroom floor to learn how to identify trees.

In addition to the summer program, CitySprouts works with pre-K through fifth graders during the academic year in 24 public schools, with half in Cambridge and half in Boston. Middle school students have the opportunity to participate in after-school programs during the academic year.

The Green Team summer

program is split in two sessions. The first three-week session focuses on science education and includes such projects as plant research. The second two-week session provides more hands-on experience in the garden. Students can enroll in a single ses-

‘Our vision for the future is to create a green generation where they feel that they have empowerment ... to make change’

SUSAN DILLER, *CitySprouts’ executive director*

sion, or both, and receive a stipend after completion of each one, \$100 for the first session and \$50 for the second.

Afshen enrolled in both sessions, studying lavender in the initial weeks. She recently rattled off what it takes to grow a flower, detailing how it needs a small, damp space to thrive and grows differently depending on its climate.

But it isn’t just her knowledge of the natural world that

has grown — she feels a change in herself, too.

“At the beginning of the program, I knew zero people,” Afshen said. But building puzzles and bonding over the garden with her peers have changed that. “My confidence grew.”

It’s part of the social-emotional education that Diller sees happening in the garden.

“You have to work with others, you have to communicate, you have to be patient, you have to respond to what’s needed in the garden with partners,” Diller said.

Myra Geisinger, 12, said the \$50 stipend was an extra incentive to join CitySprouts, but she also wanted to learn about “how plants are good for the environment and how they can help change things.”

While some students said kayaking on a local field trip as one of their most memorable moments of the program, Afshen said the moment she saw the school garden for the first time trumps all else.

“I wasn’t even aware that the school had a garden,” she said, “so that was pretty amazing.”

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Above, Emily Cabrera Cruz, 13, led Mayor Michelle Wu (right) around the CitySprouts garden at the Higginson-Lewis K-8 School. At left, Josef Thomas, 9, showed off husk cherries after giving some to the mayor.

Council didn’t discriminate against Satanic Temple, judge rules

By Nick Stoico

GLOBE STAFF

A federal appeals court has upheld a ruling that the Boston City Council did not violate the Satanic Temple’s First Amendment right to freedom of religion by not inviting the group to deliver a prayer before a meeting.

The city showed that councilors invite invocation speakers of various faiths and that the invitations are usually based on personal relationships with the speaker or the speaker’s work in the councilor’s district, said US Circuit Court Judge Sandra Lynch. Lynch said several of the councilors indicated they were not aware of any charitable work the Satanic Temple had done in Boston or had personal connections to its members.

Councilors “have full discretion” over whom they invite and are not required to extend invitations, Lynch said in the decision issued Tuesday. City officials testified that the Satanic Temple is the only religious group that has requested an invitation to

give an invocation.

“[The Satanic Temple] has simply not shown evidence of discrimination based on religious beliefs as to which speakers are invited, much less evidence of intentional discrimination,” Lynch wrote.

The Salem-based temple sued the city in 2021, claiming the council was guilty of religious discrimination for refusing its request to have a representative give an invocation before a meeting. The temple first made its request to the city in 2016.

Lucien Greaves, co-founder of the Satanic Temple, blasted the ruling in a statement Wednesday, calling it a “flagrant disregard for fundamental constitutional principles.”

“The courts now tell us that technicalities permit public officials to stand outside of the law, and that religious liberty is dependent upon official support from corrupt public office holders,” Greaves said. “I fear that the Christian Nationalist coup advances relatively unopposed

while hand-wringing progressives sit silently, abdicating their rights, waiting for the perfect ‘optics’ that will allow them to join the fray. That moment, should it ever come, may already be too late.”

Since the 1800s, the city council, which meets roughly 35 times per year, has opened its meeting with a prayer or remarks led by a “private person, often a religious leader,” according to the ruling. The opening remarks are not always religious. In some cases, the meetings have opened with a person reading poetry, Lynch wrote.

The councilors are assigned meetings to invite an invocation speaker. Among the 35 speakers invited over a one-year period from 2015 to 2016, two speakers were from Jewish temples and one was from a Unitarian Universalist organization, the ruling stated. The rest were from Christian churches and groups.

“There are no formal selection guidelines or rules regarding whom a Councilor may

choose, nor is there a written selection policy,” Lynch wrote.

But Lynch cautioned the city about its method for inviting speakers from religious faiths, saying it is “admittedly meant to serve the interests of incumbent City Councilors.”

“Those interests could in the future lead to Councilors favoring invitations only to those representing religious electoral majorities and explicitly proselytizing for those views or disparaging minority or unpop-

ular groups,” Lynch wrote. “The record before us shows Boston has taken no such action. Should it do so in the future, courts may again be called on to enforce constitutional commands.”

The temple has drawn attention for its activism, including its support of LGBTQ rights and abortion access, and has been targeted on three recent occasions for destruction.

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Vermont, Western Mass. likely to feel Debby's impact

►STORM

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slightly west of New England, bringing most of the heavy rain to New York state, but the track may still change.

The good news is that there's consistency among the models that Debby will pick up speed and move through the region fairly quickly compared to its stagnant state in the Southeast. But exact storm track will come down to two elements — a strong Bermuda High to the east pushing against a cold front and trough approaching the region from the west. A tug of war between those two air masses will ultimately direct Debby.

The Bermuda High over the Atlantic has been quite strong this summer and been halting fronts from moving west to east over New England, which may ultimately keep Debby slightly to the west.

Timing for New England

Timing is still iffy with Debby's arrival, but it looks like any direct rainfall will take place in rounds throughout Friday and into Saturday. The good news, as noted above, is that Debby should move in and out of the region quickly, which will help limit flooding to some extent.

Some showers may begin popping up around the region related to Debby as early as Thursday night, but the main trouble will arrive Friday and into the first half or two-thirds of Saturday.

And things may likely change, but there is growing confidence that Saturday afternoon and evening may be dry, with Sunday shaping up to be a decent day.

Flood risks

Storms love to track along frontal boundaries where lots of air rises and condenses into rain and storms. When you have a tropical system already holding copious amounts of moisture, this could open the faucet and bring rounds of heavy rain across the region ahead of the core of the storm passing through.

All signals point to New York now bearing the brunt of this storm with heavy pockets of rain battering Western New England. Friday looks like the most troubling day, with a moderate risk for flooding pushing into Vermont.

Vermont has already seen two rounds of heavy flooding with the remnants of Hurricane Beryl in early July and with heavy storms just last week. This raises concerns since the area will certainly be susceptible to any more flooding as soil moisture levels are still relatively high and saturated. Western Mass. and New Hampshire may also see a good amount of rainfall that can spark a handful of flooding incidents.

The Greater Boston area should be able to manage the rainwater, but depending on whether repeat heavy storms



MEGAN VARNER/GETTY IMAGES

Homes in Statesboro, Ga., were surrounded by flood waters Wednesday after Tropical Storm Debby's passage.

pass through, that may change.

On top of this, a precursor system passed through Tuesday evening that brought between 1 and 2 inches of rain to parts of Southern New England, where soil may not fully percolate the rainwater before Debby arrives.

Forecast rainfall totals

As Debby accelerates toward the Northeast, it will continue to weaken over land, which will reduce the low-pressure forcing around the storm's center and stretch out Debby's rain field, mostly across the interior North-

east.

It is still very early, and there's a chance that the storm track may change, but these signals point to a wet Friday and Saturday across New England, with rainfall totals varying, but leaning toward heavier totals west and north.

Western New England will be worth watching, particularly Vermont as the system will curl around New England and keep Vermont wettest the longest. Friday rainfall totals will likely reach and exceed 2 inches for parts of Vermont and Western

Mass. and Connecticut, with local amounts to 3 or 4 inches — and lower rainfall totals the closer you get to Boston.

If this track holds, Boston and the Cape should see the least impacts from Debby. Below are Friday's anticipated rainfall totals.

You can expect to add another quarter inch to half inch to the rainfall totals as the system exits Saturday morning.

Wind gusts

New England won't be seeing a tropical storm but will certain-

ly feel the gusty winds as the system passes Friday and Saturday. Wind gusts will essentially bounce between 20 and 30 miles per hour and will be at their strongest Friday afternoon and early Saturday.

Combine a few strong wind gusts with heavy wet leaves on branches and there may very well be a few pockets of power outages as the storm passes.

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SOUNDS OF SUMMER —

Somerville high schoolers (from left) DJ Woods, Arthur Deoliveira, David Akinbuwa, Saika Joseph, Ske Breezy, Yadira Santos, and Mark Baxter sang while sitting on the steps outside the Latta Brothers Memorial Swimming Pool in Somerville.



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Judge dismisses bias lawsuit against MIT

►MIT

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The civil suit claimed that in the months after the Hamas-led attack last October and Israel's subsequent invasion of Gaza, MIT exhibited "deliberate indifference" to a hostile educational environment, failed to prevent a conspiracy to interfere with students' civil rights, and was guilty of negligence and breach of contract.

A hearing on MIT's motion to dismiss the case was held on July 24.

On July 30, Stearns issued a 17-page ruling that, he said, came after "careful consideration and commendable arguments from both sides."

"Boiled down to its essence, deliberate indifference means affirmatively choosing to do the wrong thing, or doing nothing, despite knowing what the law requires," Stearns wrote. "Tempered by this understanding, the court cannot find that MIT acted with deliberate indifference."

University officials could not be faulted with inaction, Stearns ruled, when they steadily and frequently issued warnings, threatened to clear the protest encampment on Kresge Lawn, and ultimately suspended and arrested "trespassing" students.

The issues, Stearns wrote, must not be judged on hindsight but rather on what MIT of-

ficials "knew at the time."

Faulting MIT, Stearns wrote, would be tantamount to judging the university for "failure to anticipate the bigoted behavior that some demonstrators — however sincere their disagreement with U.S. and Israeli policies — would exhibit as events unfolded."

The 32-page lawsuit invoked Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and demanded that MIT expel students and fire professors and staff members who engaged in or permitted discriminatory conduct. It also sought compensatory relief.

According to the suit: "MIT refused to enforce its anti-discrimination policies when an antizionist and antisemitic response emanated from MIT-recognized student groups, choosing instead to cloak those groups' response in the guise of 'free speech.'"

The lawsuits are among several filed against some of the nation's most elite universities over their responses to student-led encampments and protests over the war in Gaza.

Brown University and New York University settled similar lawsuits last month.

Columbia University agreed in June to take steps to settle a lawsuit claiming its campus had become unsafe.

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Friends mourn woman killed in Lynn

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is a probable cause hearing set for Sept. 10.

Welsh's close friends recalled her as a caring, loyal friend who had long wanted a family of her own. Kopellas and another close friend, Tory Nesta, said Welsh developed close relationships with their children and seemed destined to be a loving mother herself.

"They loved Brianna so much, their auntie Bri Bri," Nesta said of her two children. "She lit up their world."

Nesta said her children missed Welsh after she moved to Lynn last year. She said they would sometimes meet in Boston to take the kids to the New England Aquarium or Franklin Park Zoo.

"She made every effort to be present in our little humans' lives, and she loved them so much," Nesta said. "I could tell she was going to be a great mother, and I really wish she had that opportunity. I would have loved to have her baby in my life, too."

An online fund-raiser to help Welsh's family with funeral expenses had received more than \$16,000 as of Wednesday morning. On the GoFundMe page, her family said Welsh was looking forward to sharing the news of her baby's gender with

friends and family.

"Tragically, she has been taken from us, murdered in her own home," the family wrote. "We are all lost without her. She was a bright shining star, that went out before her time."

Welsh's friends said she grew up in Harwich and graduated in 2017 from Monomoy Regional High School, where she was enrolled in Oak Street Academy, an alternative learning program. A photo on the academy's webpage shows Welsh in her cap and gown with some of her classmates and her teacher, George Sowpel.

In an interview, Sowpel recalled how proud he was to watch Welsh develop into a confident student who stood as an example to her classmates.

He recalled a day the class did a woodworking activity. At first, Welsh was hesitant to participate. But after some encouragement from Sowpel, Welsh put on her safety goggles and got to work crafting a wooden bowl.

"It was the most beautiful bowl and you could just see the light in her eyes, like, 'Wow, I made that,'" Sowpel said. "She had that fire within her to better herself."

Sowpel said Welsh cared for her classmates and always tried to encourage them. He recalled several occasions when Welsh

approached him to let him know that a student was having a hard day.

"She didn't have to work at that," he said. "It was natural to her to be nurturing."

Sowpel and Welsh stayed in touch after graduation. When he came down with a serious illness in 2019 and was on a ventilator for two months, Welsh was one of the first people to reach out to his wife to see how he was doing, he recalled.

"She was a kid who had her own issues, I'm sure," he said. "But she put them aside to care about other people."

Meredith Gomes, 25, grew up with Welsh in Harwich and they were close friends from elementary school through high school.

"She just loved to be silly and have a good time, even if we were doing nothing," Gomes said. "You could just sit there in a room with her and vibe to music and be totally content."

Gomes remembered going to Welsh's house for a Hawaiian-themed birthday party when they were in fifth grade. She said Welsh's mother painted their nails and they had "a little spa night."

Later that night, Welsh had an idea for them to play with a Ouija board, she said.

"She started saying stuff out and I remember she pre-

tended to act scared for the rest of us and she knocked the Ouija board off the table," Gomes said. "We all ran out screaming into the yard and then just started laughing and we ended up playing manhunt for the rest of the night. It's just one of those silly little kid memories that you don't really think about, but it showed her personality."

Years later, Gomes and Welsh went to their junior prom together with their boyfriends. After prom, Gomes said several of her friends left to go to an after-party that she didn't want to attend. So Welsh stayed with her.

"It just showed how loyal she was, even though I knew that she wanted to go off with her other friends."

Gomes said she and Welsh stopped talking after they had an argument a few years after high school. She said she has been struggling to process the news of her death.

"I still find myself wanting to call her and text her, even though we haven't spoken in a while," Gomes said. "She was one of the most loyal, caring people I've ever met."

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►SACKLER

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brothers purchased together in 1952.) "The committee believes that individuals should be judged by their own actions, inactions and words, not by the actions, inactions and words of others," they wrote.

The proposal to remove the Sackler name was submitted by a group called the Harvard College Overdose Prevention and Education Students. The group alleged, among other things, that Arthur Sackler's conduct included several scandals, including one that involved fictitious doctor testimonials, and another that involving a Food and Drug Administration official.

"Arthur Sackler may have been complicit in these scandals,

but the evidence is not conclusive," the report's authors write.

The committee added that its "inability to conclude that Arthur Sackler's actions warrant denaming is not a judgment that his actions were, on balance, meritorious."

"The committee also recognizes the significant harm and loss caused by the opioid epidemic and took seriously the arguments for denaming the Arthur M. Sackler Building and the Arthur M. Sackler Museum," they wrote. "Based on its review of the historical record, however, the committee was unable to conclude that the University's standard for denaming was satisfied."

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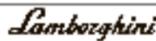
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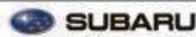
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LivingArts

By Lauren Daley
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

I admit that I was once a snob about “beach reads.”

It took one Elin Hilderbrand novel to open my eyes: “Nantucket Nights.” (A woman goes missing off Great Point Beach. Drowning? Suicide? Murder?) But it wasn’t just the mystery I fell into — it was the sense of place Hilderbrand evoked.

Many of Hilderbrand’s Nantucket-set books had me dreaming of rolling sand dunes, smelling Coppertone, packing chicken salad sandwiches, staking backyard tomatoes, and tossing towels into the Jeep for a quick ocean dip.

For those of us lucky enough to have good summer memories, Hilderbrand books let us escape into the best of them, and that escape is the true beauty of a beach read.

When done with thought, they render place so vividly as to transport utterly. But when simply churned out, they can be, at best, forgettable.

The so-called “Queen of the Beach Read” knows this. That’s why she’s retiring.

“I’m out of ideas. I could tell it was happening when I wrote ‘Golden Girl.’ I knew ‘Swan Song’ was the goodbye. I just couldn’t find any fresh takes,” Hilderbrand, 55, says in a phone interview from her Nantucket home.

She knows she has a legion of devoted fans. For them, “I’ve tried to deliver high-quality escapist wish-fulfillment beach books every summer. I never want to write something where they felt: ‘She’s done this already.’”

Born in Boston and raised in Pennsylvania, Hilderbrand has delivered Nantucket-set beach books since 2000, gaining a devoted following of “Hilderbabes.” Safe bet that many cried into their iced teas when Hilderbrand announced in 2021 that she’d throw in her beach towel in 2024.

Now she has: “Swan Song” hit shelves in June and shot to the New York Times bestseller list. And it’s her swan song — sort of.

“Down the road, if I have a really good Nantucket-based idea, I’m certainly going to write it,” Hilderbrand says.

“Swan Song” won’t disappoint: Chief Ed Kapenash is retiring, but on his last weekend, a woman goes missing at sea while the mansion of her uber-rich bosses burns. Classic Hilderbrand.

She now pivots to a collaboration with her 18-year-old daughter, Shelby Cunningham, on two books set in Western Massachusetts that sound a little like “Euphoria” meets “The Secret History.”

“The Academy” is slated for release in September 2025.

Meanwhile, “The Perfect Couple,” boasting a cast including Nicole Kidman and Liev Schreiber, hits Netflix on Sept. 5. Nantucket’s Dreamland hosts two screenings of the show followed by Q&As with Hilderbrand on Sept. 6 (sold out) and Sept. 8. You can also catch her Aug. 14, 21, and 28 signing copies of her books at Mitchell’s Book Corner on Nantucket.

The Nantucket books are always bestsellers. What were your editors’ reactions?

I didn’t even tell them. They found out by reading it on the AP.

Oh my god.

The reason I did that, Lauren, is because I didn’t want them to talk me out of it. They were obviously distraught, but I really wanted to focus on the quality. I wanted to end on top.

You and Shelby are co-writing two novels set at a New England boarding school. I read they’d be set in Newport, R.I.?

We didn’t end up setting it in Newport because I intentionally wanted to separate Shelby’s experience at St. George’s [in Newport] from what happens in this book. So it’s [set] in the northwest corner of Massachusetts.

Is this YA?

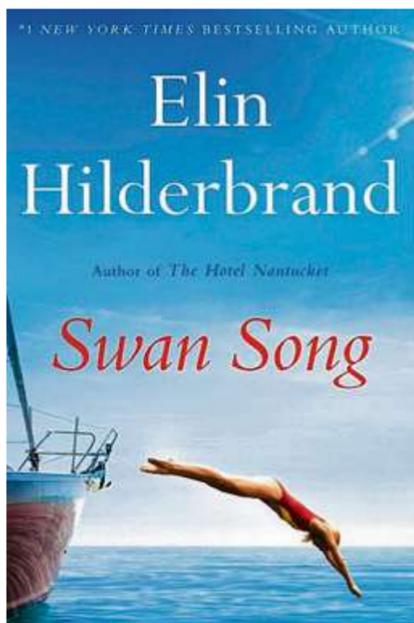
Nope, extremely adult. All the sex, drugs, and rock ‘n’ roll.



BEOWULF SHEEHAN

Elin Hilderbrand throws in the beach towel

“The Queen of the Beach Reads’ retires her Nantucket-set books. Next up? Western Mass. and Nicole Kidman.



Why a prep school?

The things Shelby was telling me, my mouth dropped open. Just the interpersonal drama was mind-blowing. I said, “We’re writing a novel, and we’re going to set it at a boarding school.” She was like “OK, yeah.” But [her experience] isn’t part of the plot.

Has it been her goal to write with you?

Definitely not. ... She agreed to do this for me.

You dedicate “Swan Song” to your ex-husband.

My marriage to Chip made this life possible. Even after we split, he was enormously helpful in taking the three kids so I could work. That I’d dedicate the last book to him was a no-brainer.

You first visited Nantucket in ‘93. What brought you?

I grew up spending idyllic summers in Brewster on Route 6A. A sandy lane led to the beach. We’d play football on the beach, go to Cobies for fried clams, go for soft-serve, miniature golf, badminton in the yard — then my father died in a plane crash when I was 16. The summers came to this abrupt end. Next summer, I had to get a job. I was working in a factory that made Halloween costumes and thought, “All I want is to get those summers back.”

After college, I was teaching, had summers off. I found a share-house on Nantucket. On day 1, I said: “I love it. I’m never leaving.”

What did you love?

So many things. I bought a secondhand bicycle with a bungee cord for groceries. I’d make myself a sandwich, go to the beach. The restaurants were incredible. My roommates and I had beach bonfires, drove onto the beach. I was like: “This. This is what I want my life to look like.”

“The Perfect Couple” hits Netflix Sept. 5 with a star-studded cast.

Once director Susanne Bier (“Bird Box,” “The Night Manager”) signed on, Nicole wanted in. Where Nicole goes, everybody follows. The cast is incredible: Eve Hewson, Meghann Fahy from “White Lotus,” Liev Schreiber, Dakota Fanning.

Any more adaptations coming?

“28 Summers” is in development for a movie. “The Five Star Weekend” is in development. Somebody optioned “Swan Song,” though I can’t say who yet. The four-book Winter Street series is in development.

Favorite Elin Hilderbrand book?

“The Blue Bistro” and “28 Summers.”

In “Swan Song,” one character has a Mary Oliver quote taped to her mirror: “Tell me, what is it you plan to do/ with your one wild and precious life?” Was that on your mind as you were thinking of retirement?

I’ve always loved that line: This is all we’re getting. Are we making the most of it?

But it’s fitting as a final-book quote. Beach reads get that “frivolous” label, but they can be a much-needed escape.

That’s what I found. I went to Johns Hopkins, the Iowa Writers Workshop, and ended up writing the kind of novels that maybe weren’t appreciated at those institutions, but ended up reaching so many people. I’ve seen firsthand how my books help people escape.

I’ve had people say they read in the chemo chair. One woman said her mother was in hospice; she was reading aloud “The Identicals” to her mother when she died. It’s an honor. If people are in their darkest hour, think “What’s going to make me feel better?” and say my book, then I’ve spent my one wild and precious life well.

Learn more at elinhilderbrand.net.

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Sherborn resident stars in popular kids show ‘Gabby’s Dollhouse’

By Emily Wyrwa
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

If you don’t have preschoolers running around your house, you probably haven’t heard of “Gabby’s Dollhouse,” Netflix’s wildly popular children’s series about a young girl who, each episode, puts on a pair of magical cat ears in order to shrink down and bring her feline-themed playhouse to life.

The show, produced by DreamWorks Animation and starring Sherborn resident Laila Lockhart as the fan-favorite Gabby, returned for its 10th season this week. Fans can also check out the show’s free, live tour when it stops in Walpole on Thursday and Lynnfield on Saturday and Sunday.

Created by “Blue’s Clues” co-creator Traci Paige Johnson and executive producer Jennifer Twomey, “Gabby’s Dollhouse” was one of the most watched kids programs on Netflix last year, with more than 12.8 billion minutes streamed on the platform. A mix of live-action and animation, “Gabby’s Dollhouse” features Lockhart as the show’s protagonist, who, along with her feline friends, teaches young viewers valuable lessons about collaboration, problem-solving, and more.

“I literally grew up with the show,”

Lockhart, 16, recently told the Globe, noting how she landed the gig on her 11th birthday. “I’ve been through so many changes in my life and big milestones, and I’ve always had Gabby there too.”

Ahead, Lockhart opens up about her Bay State connections, the upcoming “Gabby’s Dollhouse” film, and why she thinks the show resonates so much with families.

You live in Massachusetts now but were originally raised in LA, right?

I think of myself kind of half and half because I’ve literally spent half my life in LA and now half of it in Massachusetts. So I made up this thing, like, I’m a “weast” coaster, west and east coaster. But I don’t know, it depends on the day. Sometimes I identify more with growing up there, growing up here, but I have good memories [of] growing up in both places.

How’d you end up in Massachusetts?

We had some family there, like my mom’s family. They’re immigrants. They first moved to Boston and then my mom moved around. We eventually came back to Boston because my grand-



DREAMWORKS ANIMATION

Laila Lockhart (top) and her animated lookalike (above) in “Gabby’s Dollhouse.”

ma, grandpa, and great-grandma were there.

Is there anything about Boston that you identify with the most?

I love the culture and just going to

Red Sox games and going out and walking around Boston. Taking the commuter rail with my friends is really fun because I don’t live in Boston — we live in the suburbs — but you know, getting to go to the city. It’s just a lifestyle. It’s fun. I love the seasons and, you know, going up to Salem for Halloween time.

“Gabby’s Dollhouse” is such a hit with kids and parents. Why do you think the show has resonated so much with viewers?

I think it’s because “Gabby’s” does a really good job at [being] a fun and entertaining show that grabs viewers. With the direct eye contact to [the] camera, I think it really includes the audience, especially little kids. They feel like they’re a part of the play and this journey with Gabby Cats, which pulls in little kids and, I think, parents too.

I think parents also really like it because of the messages. It has so many amazing messages that are so important for kids to learn, like making mistakes and getting better at learning how to problem solve, or positivity. Gabby is the most positive person ever, and I think it’s such a good influence for kids to watch.

I’m hearing there’s a “Gabby’s Dollhouse” movie in the works for next year. How does it feel to bring it to the big screen?

Unreal. It’s so exciting. We’ve been working on it and I’m so excited to be able to share with all the Gabby fans that have been following my journey for five years. You’re going to see Gabby, but even bigger and expanded and [in] a whole new world — she’s finally stepping out of her bedroom. It’s a whole new adventure which is, I think, an important part of Gabby.

How does it feel to know fans have been following along with this journey for so long?

I feel really lucky. Sometimes I’ll meet kids and their parents tell me, “You made my daughter start wearing her curly hair out more and love her curly hair.” It doesn’t feel real to me because I don’t really see the impact on a day-to-day basis, so when people tell me about the impact that Gabby has made on their life, I’m like, woah, that is really amazing.

Interview was edited and condensed. Emily Wyrwa can be reached at emily.wyrwa@globe.com.

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ON FOOTBALL

Maye in spotlight for the opener

FOXBOROUGH — The Panthers don't plan to play starting quarterback Bryce Young or backup Andy Dalton when they face the Patriots in the preseason opener Thursday night at Gillette Stadium.

But Patriots coach Jerod Mayo said Tuesday he is taking a different tack. The plan is for Jacoby Brissett to start, and for all four quarterbacks to play.

"Look, everyone who is healthy enough to play in the game will play," Mayo said. "We've got to see what these guys can do with live action."

The game plan will be vanilla and the starters may not play a ton, but there is still plenty of intrigue surrounding the game. Here are five things to watch for:

1. All the quarterbacks except Brissett. A nine-year veteran, Brissett is all but locked into the starting job, and the preseason for him is just about knocking off the cobwebs and getting back into the speed of the game.

But there is a ton of intrigue surrounding the other three quarterbacks. The tricky part for Mayo will be getting enough snaps for all of them.

The star of the night, obviously, will be No. 3 overall pick Drake Maye, who has been the clear backup in practices but is rarely playing with or against the starters.

Maye has had an uneven start to his first training camp. He has shown the requisite arm strength and athleticism when throwing on the run, but many of the issues with him discussed during the predraft process are popping up — not always seeing the field well, being late on throws, messy footwork, and bailing on the play to scramble.

Maye hopefully will get an extended look, and I want to see him hang in the pocket, go through his reads, and deliver the throws. He and the offense need to have a clean operation.

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CHRISTOPHER L. GASPER

The goal of Belichick's media blitz is coach's job



Nobody maps out a game plan better than Bill Belichick. That was true when he was the domineering doyen of NFL coaches with the Patriots. It's true now in his (temporary) exile from the sidelines.

You'd better believe Broadcast Bill's newfound fondness for the media is part of a game plan to get back into coaching. Becoming a media member is merely a means to an end for the greatest coach of all-time. He's going to use it to remedy or rebut any perceived personality shortcomings and remind NFL owners of his unparalleled football expertise. It will be one ongoing audition for the job he really desires: head coach.

That's why he accepted four different roles for this upcoming season. He will appear on "The Pat McAfee Show," the sports media version of a fraternity house. He will join forces with old rival and fellow filmhead Peyton Manning for the acclaimed "ManningCast" with Peyton and brother Eli that airs as an alternate broadcast of ESPN's "Monday Night Football." In a match-made-in-heaven role, Belichick will appear on the venerated "Inside the NFL," produced by NFL Films, always a favorite of the Hoodie.

But the real tell that Belichick will be using broadcasting to campaign for his next coaching job is his latest venture, which was announced July 31. He's going to host and co-produce a show with Underdog Fantasy, airing on YouTube, titled, "Coach with Bill Belichick" — a program on which Belichick will constantly remind owners why he's better

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Royals shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. went 3 for 4 with two home runs and four RBIs.

Witt, Royals pound Sox and avoid sweep

By Julian McWilliams
 GLOBE STAFF

Royals 8 KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Red Sox had a chance to go a half-game up on the Royals for the third wild-card spot with a sweep at Kauffman Stadium.

Despite a depleted lineup that is waiting for Triston Casas to return from a rib cage strain, while also hoping Tyler O'Neill comes back soon from his leg infection, the Red Sox have proven they can still slug. They have a way of putting the offensive puzzle pieces together.

However, the rotation, the centerpiece to the

► **Red Sox can hit, but they need some help from the pitching staff. On baseball, C4**

club's success, has become a concern. That remains the case after Wednesday's 8-4 loss.

The Royals tagged Kutter Crawford for six runs in just 3⅓ innings, his shortest start of the season.

"In some of those at-bats, I didn't get ahead," said Crawford, who walked four batters. "I dug myself in a hole. And even a couple of times where I did get ahead, they fouled off a bunch of good pitches. They grinded me out. But at the end of the

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After mounting a furious comeback down the stretch, Quincy Hall captured America's first gold in the men's 400-meter since 2008. **Story, C3**

US hurdler has a golden chance

By Nicole Yang
 GLOBE STAFF

SAINT-DENIS, France — On Sunday, Freddie Crittenden appeared to jog through round one of the 110-meter hurdles and finished five seconds slower than the rest of his heat.

On Thursday, he'll compete for a gold medal in the event.

Crittenden, who turned 30 earlier

this week, advanced to the final after progressing through what is called the repechage round. New to certain track and field events at the Olympics this year, the repechage round allows for athletes who did not automatically qualify for the semifinals to race again for another chance at qualification.

"It's worked beautifully for me,"

Crittenden said Wednesday.

The day before his race in round one, Crittenden aggravated an adductor muscle in his right leg. According to Team USA's medical staff, he did not damage the muscle or suffer a serious injury. But Crittenden still felt enough pain that he debated whether he should even compete in his round-one race on Sunday.

He ultimately decided to give it a go, knowing that he could still secure a spot in the repechage round. His time of 18.27 seconds was the slowest across all five heats.

There was a chance race officials could disqualify Crittenden from the repechage round because athletes are not allowed to sandbag. Crittenden

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TARA SULLIVAN

At long last, US figure skaters receive their 2022 gold medals



PARIS — None of them actually believed this moment would happen until it actually did, so forgive them if travel plans were

rushed, calendars were changed, even babysitters arranged. Life can change a lot in 2½ years.

But as it became apparent that the nine US figure skaters who performed so beautifully in the 2022 Beijing Olympics would finally be awarded their rightful gold medals, the group chat lit up with everybody's plans for Paris. Only issue? Deciding what to wear for a ceremony meant to be held during a frigid winter in China but now taking place in a sun-kissed Paris summer.

"Beijing medal gear is hot, like with gloves and a hat," laughed pairs skater Alexa Knierim, her partner Brandon Frazier standing nearby. "Some of my teammates were making jokes how it's been 2½ years, are we even fit in that anymore? Like, are we going to size up? We were making a fun play on it."

No worries; the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee stepped up by giving the same navy warm-ups issued to athletes here in Paris to the Beijing nine. As Knierim said, "They were very gracious to do that, and being able to take home a couple more items, cool shoes, it was a nice gift for us."

Of course, the bigger prize was anything but a gift. This particular piece of precious gold, a heavyweight disk that hung around each skater's

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MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY

Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier showed off some of their gold-medal moves at the ceremony for the 2022 US figure skating team.

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Olympic medals

STANDINGS table with columns G, S, B, All and rows for various countries like United States, China, France, etc.

WEDNESDAY'S MEDALISTS

- ATHLETICS: Men's 3000m Steeplechase, Men's 400m, Men's Discus Throw, Women's Pole Vault, Women's 80kg, etc.

BEAT WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

Brady, Celtics compare duck boat rides

By Adam Himmelsbach GLOBE STAFF

PARIS — Shaking my notebook up and down and seeing what falls out as the Paris Olympics near their end...

■ Celtics stars Jayson Tatum, Derrick White, and Jrue Holiday had a chance to chat with Tom Brady at USA Basketball's 50th anniversary party Monday.

“That was dope,” White said. “He’s obviously the GOAT and I was pretty excited to see him. He congratulated us [on the NBA championship] and we talked a little bit about the parade and how it compared to theirs.”

So, how were Celtics and Patriots duck boat festivities different?

“Ours was warmer,” White said, smiling.

■ Worcester native Stephen Nedoroscik, the quirky pommel horse specialist who helped the US to a bronze medal in the gymnastics team competition before winning one in the pommel horse final, has become a breakout star of these Games.

■ Superstar swimmer Katie Ledecky now has 14 Olympic medals after winning four in Paris. This was her fourth Olympics, and she must be ready for some time to relax, right? Not quite.

“I’ve kind of been dreading this break,” Ledecky said. “I have no idea how long it’s going to be. I’m sure I’ll find my way back into the pool.”

■ Former Celtics forward Grant Williams, who now plays for the Hornets, is in Paris working as a correspondent for Olympics.com. After a Team USA win, White smiled and shook his head when he saw a former



Worcester's Stephen Nedoroscik rubbed shoulders with celebrity chef Guy Fieri in Paris.

teammate waiting in the media mixed zone along with a pack of year-round journalists.

In addition to being a valuable rotation player, Williams was the class clown and annoying little brother during his four years in Boston. He wasted no time reclaiming that role.

“I heard a rumor that you were considering naming your son after a former teammate, is that true?” Williams asked White. “Who was that teammate? And did he end up being the godfather of your children?”

White has a 2-year-old son, Hendrix, and a 1-year-old son, Daxton. Clearly, neither of those names sound anything like “Grant.” White did not miss a beat.

“You know, in this game of basketball you learn a lot of things, and every locker room is a little different,” he told Wil-

liams. “But Grant Williams was never in consideration for my child’s name. My kid will give you a high-five, though, so you’ve got that going for you. Maybe just be around more. You’re an absentee, self-proclaimed godfather.”

■ It was cool to see Brazil’s Rebeca Andrade win gold in the women’s floor exercise final Monday. It must be tough being the second-best gymnast in the world when Simone Biles is first, but Andrade was incredibly upbeat, proud and positive all week while falling just short against Biles time and again, all while showering Biles and the US team with praise.

This was not lost on Biles. She won silver in the floor exercise, and she and her bronze-winning teammate Jordan Chiles bowed to Andrade as they joined her on the medal stand.

“It was just the right thing to do,” Biles said.

■ The intensity at these Olympics is real, and when you add in tennis etiquette, it kicks things up a notch. But there are often brief moments of levity.

As Novak Djokovic was preparing to serve in his win over Carlos Alcaraz in the gold-medal match Sunday, a baby started wailing in the upper deck. Djokovic paused as the parent rushed to get the baby to the concourse. Then the baby let out another shriek as Djokovic lined up his serve once more, and even Djokovic found the humor, stepping back and flashing a smile.

■ Cover your eyes if you’re reading this on the Orange Line, but the Paris Metro is pretty great. The wait for a train is never longer than five minutes, the directions are clear, and the cars are clean and comfortable.

■ Celtics fans may have noticed a familiar face helping France to its 82-73 upset of Canada in the quarterfinals. Yes, that was 2016 first-round pick Guerschon Yabusele pouring in a team-high 22 points.

The burly 6-foot-8-inch forward averaged 2.3 points and 1.4 rebounds while playing 6.6 minutes per game during his two seasons in Boston. He has carved out a nice career overseas and just completed his third season with the Spanish power Real Madrid. Yabusele is still just 28 years old, so he could get another NBA chance.

■ US coach Steve Kerr won five NBA titles as a player for the Bulls and Spurs and four as the Warriors’ coach. I asked him what challenges the Celtics will face as they attempt to become the first team to repeat as champions since Kerr’s Warriors in 2017-18.

“When you first win it, I think you have a deeper level of confidence,” Kerr said. “To me, that first time that you try to repeat is actually a little easier. You do it a couple of times and you’re actually exhausted. You try to do it a third time, a fourth time, you go to the Finals three, four, five times in a row, it’s utterly exhausting.

“But if you win one, you’ve got a deeper level of confidence than you had before and I think that really matters to teams.”

■ The French fans continue to boo Joel Embiid relentlessly for choosing to play for the US rather than France. Embiid is having fun with it, and White mostly shrugged when a French journalist asked about the chilly receptions the 76ers superstar has received.

“When he comes to Boston, we’re going to boo him too,” he said, smiling.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

US women roll, next face Australia in semis



Nigeria's Murjanatu Musa encountered heads-up defense from Jackie Young and the US women's basketball team in their quarterfinal matchup.

By Doug Feinberg ASSOCIATED PRESS

US 88 Nigeria 74 PARIS — A’ja Wilson scored 20 points and Jackie Young added 15 points to help the United States beat Nigeria, 88-74, on Wednesday night in the quarterfinals of the Paris Games, extending its record winning streak to 59 consecutive Olympic wins.

Breanna Stewart also had 13 for the Americans, who haven’t lost since the 1992 Barcelona Games and are now two victories away from an unprecedented eighth consecutive gold medal. They will face a familiar foe in Australia in the semifinals on Friday night.

The Opals routed Serbia, 85-67. The other medal round game will feature host France playing Belgium.

The loss ended a historic run by Nigeria, which became the first African country to qualify for the Olympic basketball quarterfinals.

After getting off to slow starts the last few games, the US team altered its starting lineup inserting Young for Diana Taurasi. It was the first time Taurasi didn’t start since her first Olympics in 2004.

The move worked as the Americans were up, 26-17, after the first quarter — the first time they had a lead after one

quarter since the opening win over Japan.

Young had 5 points early before tweaking her ankle when she landed on a Nigerian player’s foot while shooting a jumper. Taurasi subbed in and hit her first shot — a 3-pointer — that made it 24-12 late in the first.

Nigeria hung around and was only down, 31-27, before Wilson, Young, and Kelsey Plum took over. The Las Vegas Aces’ trio scored the first 15 points, including 8 by Wilson, during a 21-6 run to close the half that gave the Americans a 52-33 halftime cushion.

The Americans kept the spurt going in the third quarter, scoring the first 10 points to give the Nigerians no hopes of a comeback.

Promise Amukamara scored 19 to lead Nigeria. Amy Okonkwo added 17, and Ezinne Kalu 16.

Wilson also had 11 rebounds. Brittney Griner added 11 points off the bench for the Americans.

With this being the US team’s first game in Paris, the contest drew some fellow Olympians including men’s team players LeBron James, Bam Adebayo, and Devin Booker as well as American swimming greats Michael Phelps and Katie Ledecky. Members of the US rowing team were also in attendance.

POSTCARD FROM PARIS Paris Metro doesn't compare with the Red Line — thankfully

PARIS — Seeing people coming up the stairs tells me that I’ve just missed the train to Etoile, where I’ll be changing for Porte Maillot. Pas de probleme. The digital clock promises there’ll be another in a few minutes and so there is, on the dot. Spotlessly clean and air conditioned.

I was skeptical when the Olympic organizers said they weren’t going to have the customary bus system that connects all of the venues to the main media center. They assured us that the Metro would suffice, and so it has. They gave us an unlimited Metro card when we arrived at the airport and let us roam the city at will.

Wherever we want to go — track and field at the Stade de France, tennis at Stade Roland Garros, swimming at La Defense — there’s a subway stop not far away. Sixteen lines with 320 stations, one every 500 meters. A car arrives precisely every five minutes from 5:30 a.m. to 1:15 a.m. (and 2:15 a.m. on weekends).

Not that I’m comparing this system with Boston’s, but my last trip from Braintree to State took 45 minutes. If Paul Revere had taken the T to Lexington, we’d still be His Majesty’s subjects.

John Powers



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2024 PARIS OLYMPICS

NOTEBOOK

American Hall's 400 win came out of nowhere

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As the flash of red, white and blue streaked past one sprinter — then the next, then the next — the American man delivering the latest out-of-nowhere comeback on the track said he had one thing going through his mind: “Get home, son! Get home, son!”

Quincy Hall got home in first, then fell to the ground and did snow angels. Just another routine day in a come-from-behind kind of Olympics for the United States.

Hall reeled in three runners down the stretch of the 400-meter final Wednesday to deliver another heart-stopping win for his country at the Stade de France in Saint-Denis, France. He finished in 43.40 seconds, beating Britain's **Matthew Hudson-Smith** by .04 seconds; they are now the fourth- and fifth-fastest men in history at the distance.

Hall's late push came the evening after American **Cole Hocker** rocked his sport by coming from way back to beat the favorites in a memorable men's 1,500. Add in **Noah Lyles**, whose only lead in his 100-meter thriller Sunday came at the exact point he crossed the finish line, and it's easy to see a pattern.

“I've got determination,” Hall said. “That's what got me to that line. A lot of hurt, a lot of pain.”

The win came about an hour after Lyles advanced to the final of the 200 meters despite finishing second to **Letsile Tebogo** in



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France's Celine Boutier fired an opening 65 to lead the women's golf by three shots.

his semifinal. Lyles will race for the gold medal Thursday.

Silver in steeplechase

Morocco's **Soufiane El Bakkaoui** defended his title in men's steeplechase, finishing in 8 minutes, 6.05 seconds for a .36-second win over America's **Kenneth Rooks**.

Rooks had the lead heading into the homestretch and was looking to pull off a massive upset. He beat his personal best by almost nine seconds to win the second silver over three Olympics in the event for the US.

Evan Jager finished second in 2016.

France's Boutier leads

For all the countless times **Celine Boutier** has played Le Golf National, what carried her to a 7-under-par 65 and a three-shot lead in the Olympics were

the two days when she didn't even have her clubs.

Boutier watched from the gallery over the weekend as the French fans cheered and chanted and sang for **Victor Perez** and **Matthieu Pavon**, ovations they rarely hear anywhere else.

When it was her time to perform, the 30-year-old from France delivered a round to remember. On a course so difficult that only two players broke 70, Boutier rolled in seven birdie putts and chipped in for another birdie to steal the show at Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France.

“I'm really over the moon with the way the tournament started for me,” said Boutier, who won her first LPGA major last year at the Evian Championship in France.

That wasn't quite as raucous as it was Wednesday, which had ticket sales of 26,000 and a gallery approaching 20,000. They scattered about Le Golf National early and followed their star in the afternoon as she poured it on with three straight birdies.

The last one was a chip-in from behind the green on the par-3 16th, causing an unmistakable cheer that resonated across the course.

Ashleigh Buhai of South Africa had a 68, and only 10 other players broke par. The group at 70 included **Gaby Lopez** of Mexico, who birdied her last three holes, and **Lilia Vu**, the two-time major champion and former No. 1 who played alongside Boutier.

“It was so cool to see all her

fans push really hard for her,” Vu said.

Nelly Korda, the gold medalist from the Tokyo Games and No. 1 player in women's golf, had to push hard to get back to even for the day at 72. She had a trio of three-putts early and was 3 over through eight holes until she sorted out the green speed and made a few putts.

Team pursuit golden

The American women's pursuit team had twice before raced for the Olympic gold medal, and it had been on the podium all three times the cycling event had been on the program for the Summer Games.

Successful, but never on top. The United States changed that at the Olympic velodrome when road race champion **Kristen Faulkner**, time trial bronze medalist **Chloe Dygert**, **Jennifer Valente**, and **Lilly Williams** finally took that last step up.

They soared to a big early lead on New Zealand in their head-to-head showdown, then held on through a ragged finish to finally win the gold medal.

Lin in gold bout

Boxer **Lin Yu-ting** of Taiwan advanced to the gold-medal bout in the women's featherweight division. She won her third consecutive bout while dealing with widespread scrutiny regarding misconceptions about her gender.

One day after welterweight **Imane Khelif** of Algeria reached

her weight division's final with a third straight victory in Paris, Lin defeated **Esra Yildiz Kahraman** of Turkey, 5-0. Lin will fight for gold on Saturday.

Lin and Khelif have dominated all of their Olympic bouts despite the massive distractions created by the fallout from the Olympic-banned International Boxing Association's decision last year to disqualify both fighters from the world championships for allegedly failing an eligibility test.

Both fighters have responded to this unwelcome spotlight by making two of the best tournament runs of their lengthy amateur careers.

Weight off shoulders

Hampton Morris became the first US men's weightlifter to earn an Olympic medal in four decades, taking bronze in the 61-kilogram division. It had not happened since **Mario Martinez** and **Guy Carlton** at the 1984 Los Angeles Games, notably boycotted by several communist countries.

The 20-year-old Morris, trained by his dad in the garage at their home in Marietta, Ga., finished third in a competition won again by **Li Fabin** of China. Li defended his title from the Tokyo Games in 2021 and set an Olympic snatch record.

Water polo win

Adrian Weinberg made two blocks in a penalty shootout to help the United States beat Aus-

tralia, 11-10, in the quarterfinals of the men's water polo tournament at Nanterre, France.

Hannes Daube and **Alex Bowen** each scored two goals in regulation as the United States reached the semifinals at the Olympics for the first time since 2008. Daube and Bowen also converted their penalty shots in the tiebreaker.

“It was exhausting,” US attacker **Marko Vavic** said. “Both of us fighting for our country, each trying to get to the semifinal. It's what we've been dreaming about since we were kids. Everyone put it down on the line.”

It was the third straight win for the United States, which will play Serbia on Friday. Serbia is trying to become the third men's team to win three consecutive Olympic gold medals.

China dominates

China took gold in the artistic swimming team event, dominating in the absence of Russia, which had won every gold medal in artistic beginning with the 2000 Sydney Games.

It was a big medal for China, and also a step forward for the sport, which changed its name from synchronized swimming years ago to update its image.

Some swimmers still call it “synchro.”

China finished with 996.1389 points, ahead of the United States, and Spain. It was the first US medal in the sport since 2004.

US hurdler gets second bid at gold

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den, however, insisted that his performance was reflective of his body's capabilities at the time — and officials agreed.

“I know it can be sticky with people trying to jog it and get a repechage round,” Crittenden said. “I'm not trying to do that. I'm just trying to do my best. A random aggravation came the day before the biggest race of my life. What options do I have?”

Crittenden was able to take the rest of Sunday and Monday to recover. On Tuesday, he finished first in his heat of the repechage round to advance to the semifinals with a time of 13.42 seconds. On Wednesday, he finished second in his heat of the semifinals with a time of 13.23 seconds.

After Wednesday's race, Crittenden acknowledged the introduction of the repechage round saved his Olympics but acknowledged not all athletes and coaches are in favor of it.

“A lot of them don't like it,” he said. “I think they need to make some tweaks so that a lot of athletes can benefit from it the way I have.”

“I definitely think it can be a good thing, but it has to be equitable for everybody, for all the athletes. Obviously, making sure there's no way for anybody to

take advantage of the system and do this and that.

“But I think it could be good. I think it brings out a lot of drama in the sport. It allows people to compete multiple times. It just brings more excitement to the sport, I believe.”

There were five heats in round one of the 110-meter hurdles. The top three finishers in each heat advanced to the semifinals. Previously, the remaining six spots would be filled by the next fastest remaining athletes across all heats. This year, however, the non-qualifying athletes, including Crittenden, raced once more — and the top two finishers in each of the three repechage heats advanced.

“A lot of times in training you are pushing yourself, going through the pain even if it wrecks the body,” Crittenden said. “But I've had to learn if you've going to be elite you've got to listen to your body and respect what it's telling you.”

Of the eight finalists competing in Thursday's final, Crittenden is the only one who needed the repechage round to advance. Grant Holloway, who finished with the fastest time (12.98 seconds) of the three semifinal heats, and Daniel Roberts also will represent Team USA.

“Freddie's been through so much in his career,” Roberts said. “An opportunity like this doesn't come very often, especially for him.”

“He's older than us by a few years, so he may not get another opportunity in LA [at the 2028 Summer Games]. So, I know for a fact he's going to make the most of his opportunity tomorrow and give his all.”

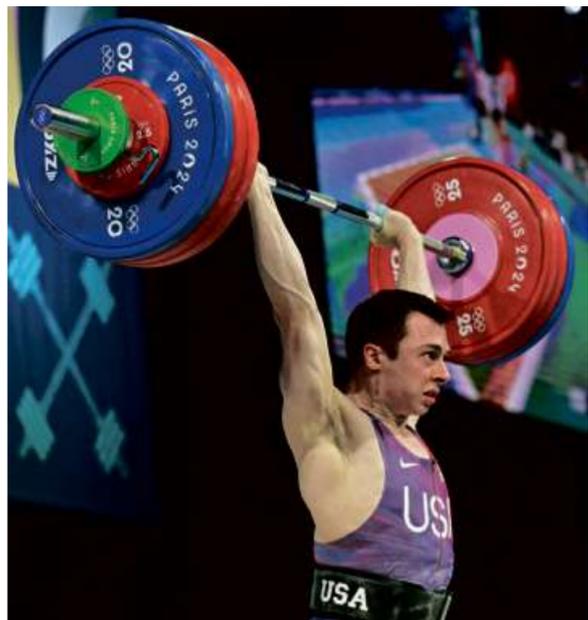
Crittenden, making his Olympics debut in Paris, hasn't yet had a chance to reflect on his up-and-down journey, one that has often been marred by injuries.

Crittenden almost quit track three years ago while dealing with strains in both of his hamstrings, as he was bringing in little to no income from the sport.

The fact he now has a chance to contend for a gold medal hasn't really set in yet.

“I'm trying not to let those emotions happen right now,” he said. “I'm trying to save all my energy.”

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MIGUEL MEDINA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Hampton Morris won bronze in the 61-kilogram division, the first American man to earn a weightlifting medal in 40 years.

Olympics on TV Thursday

TIME	EVENT	CHANNEL
6:35 a.m.	Sport climbing: Men's speed semifinals and final	E!
7 a.m.	Canoe sprint: Finals	E!
7 a.m.	Table tennis: Men's team semifinal*	USA
8 a.m.	Rhythmic gymnastics: Qualifying*	E!
8:35 a.m.	Water polo: Women's semifinal	USA
9 a.m.	Track and field: Morning session*	NBC
9 a.m.	Diving: Men's 3m springboard final	E!
9:45 a.m.	Weightlifting: Women's final	USA
10 a.m.	Volleyball: Women's semifinal	NBC
10:30 a.m.	Sport climbing: Men's speed semifinals and final*	E!
11 a.m.	Wrestling: Qualifying*	USA
11 a.m.	Beach volleyball: Men's or women's semifinal	E!
11:30 a.m.	Basketball: Men's semifinal	USA
noon	Rhythmic gymnastics: Qualifying*	E!
noon	Beach volleyball: Men's semifinal	NBC
1 p.m.	Diving: Women's 3m springboard semifinal*	NBC
1:35 p.m.	Track and field: Evening session	NBC
1:35 p.m.	Water polo: Women's semifinal	USA
3 p.m.	Basketball: Men's semifinal	USA
3 p.m.	Beach volleyball: Men's or women's semifinal	E!
4 p.m.	Beach volleyball: Women's semifinal	NBC
4 p.m.	Handball: Women's semifinal	E!
5 p.m.	Water polo: Women's semifinal*	NBC
5 p.m.	Wrestling: Finals*	USA
6 p.m.	Volleyball: Women's semifinal*	USA
8 p.m.	Diving: Men's 3m springboard final*	NBC
8 p.m.	Track and field: Evening session*	NBC
8 p.m.	Volleyball: Women's semifinal*	USA
9:30 p.m.	Field hockey: Men's gold medal match*	USA
10:30 p.m.	Water polo: Women's semifinal*	USA
11:35 p.m.	Cycling track: Finals*	NBC
2 a.m.	Marathon swimming: Men's 10k	USA
2 a.m.	Track and field: Men's marathon	USA
3 a.m.	Golf: Women's third round	Golf
4 a.m.	Diving: Men's 10m platform qualifying	E!
4:05 a.m.	Track and field: Morning session	USA

*Recorded on the same or previous day; bold indicates live medal event



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Freddie Crittenden secured a spot in the 110 hurdles final after he progressed through the repechage round.

US figure skaters finally get their due

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neck on a bright red ribbon, was earned through the blood, sweat, tears — and patience — of these skaters. Knierim and Frazier, Evan Bates and Madison Chock, Nathan Chen, Vincent Zhou, Karen Chen, Zachary Donohue, and Madison Hubbell, all of them waited through a tortuous appeal process until finally getting their due.

So there they stood, united, at Paris's Champions Park, the majestic Eiffel Tower in their view, leading off Wednesday's regular parade of Olympic champions with their own victorious story. Striking a blow for justice and for clean sport, they represented one of the more heartbreaking flip sides of doping in sport, those who get cheated by the cheaters. Only through the tenacity and tireless work of US officials who refused to accept Russian lies or be worn down by Russian appeals could this happen.

When a last-ditch effort by Russia — which is not even competing as a country at these Olympics because of its invasion of Ukraine — was denied by the international Court of Arbitration for Sport, when the performance-enhancing-drug-assisted score of skater Kamila Valieva was removed forever from the team scores in Beijing, the US team moved from silver to gold, the Japanese team moved into the silver medal position and the Russians dropped to third.

The Russians were not here to accept those bronze medals, but as American and Japanese skaters congratulated each other, as the United States national anthem blared, a circle was closed.

“The intent is there to make a level playing field for all athletes, and that's just what we're advocating,” Bates said. “I think today is a victory for clean athletes everywhere.”

“You have to trust the process. It doesn't happen for everyone. Some athletes have to wait much longer than 2½ years. But I think I feel very fortunate that it went to CAS and to see the IOC did everything they could to make sure that justice was served.”

“That was incredible. More than I could have ever dreamed,” said a beaming Zhou. “Everything's come full circle now, you know?”

“I was talking about this with

my coaches last night, how Worlds was like my closure to the individual event and now this Paris ceremony is like my closure to the team event. Now everything has closure in some way, shape, or form.”

These athletes deserved nothing less. They went on with their lives after Beijing, but never gave up hope they would get a medal ceremony someday. The one they were supposed to have in China was canceled just before it was scheduled to begin, leaving the skaters in the dark not only in that moment but for the years ahead, when postponements, delays, and appeals kept pushing back on their hopes.

Knierim rerouted her competitive fire into teaching, running a rink with her husband, and had to postpone private lessons to come get her gold. Zhou went to college at Brown and had to get time off from a New York internship in finance to get here. Nathan Chen graduated from Yale and is on to graduate work. Hubbell got married and had a baby, bringing her now-1-year-old onto the stage for photos.

Life went on, but nothing will sever the bond they have. More than anything they've taken from the ordeal is how they did it together, weathering every up and down by staying in touch and supporting each other.

“Whenever you get a moment to share together as a team as skaters, it's special,” Nathan Chen said. “We're all individual athletes. So we skate alone, we develop alone, we do all this alone. To be able to have a moment like this, where we're actually doing this collectively together as a team?”

“We've been training or we've been competing and known each other for so many years. We're all family at this point, and it's really cool to have that.”

In the end, wearing their cool warm-weather duds, Team USA got the last laugh. In Beijing, thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, family and friends were absent. But here in Paris, as the skaters waved their arms in celebration, they saw those loved ones in the crowd.

Justice delayed was not justice denied, and no one deserved it more.

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Baseball

They can hit, but pitching hasn't helped

PETER ABRAHAM
ON BASEBALL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Red Sox went on the road and won four of six games against the Rangers and Royals, winning two series and picking up a game on Kansas City in the American League wild-card race.

So why does it feel like they also took a step backward?

The rotation had a 9.20 ERA on the road trip and pitched only 29½ innings. The Sox won four times because they outslugged the opposition.

That's a hard way to win.

But Alex Cora claimed he wasn't concerned with his starters.

"We're in a good place," he said.

"We're winning games and the bullpen is good. Just keep going."

That's what a manager should say.

But with the trade deadline having come and gone, the Sox are facing some issues.

Kutter Crawford had two rough outings on the trip, giving up 11 runs. He didn't give the Sox a chance on Wednesday night, allowing six runs over 3½ innings.

Crawford has given up 22 earned runs — and 13 home runs — over 18½ innings in his last three starts. The righthander has pitched a career-high 131½ innings and looks cooked. He insists he feels fine physically but results don't reflect that.

"It's just a really rough stretch I'm going through right now. Probably the worst I've ever had in my career," Crawford said.

Tanner Houck pitched poorly in his start at Texas and has a 6.88 ERA in three starts since the All-Star break. He is scheduled to start on Friday against

the Astros at Fenway Park with an extra day of rest.

Nick Pivetta won't make his next start because the Sox are worried about his diminished velocity. He averaged 92 miles per hour with his fastball against the Rangers on Sunday.

"We're going to reset him and he should be fine," Cora said.

Brayan Bello has shown some improvement over the last month. But their most reliable starter at the moment is James Paxton, who was designated for assignment by the Dodgers then traded to the Sox.

Since July 1, the Sox have won only two of the eight games when they scored four or less runs. The pressure is on the lineup every night.

"As a staff right now we've been struggling a little bit," Crawford said. "Can't say enough good things about our offense. Our offense has been carry-

ing us since the All-Star break."

As the starters regress, it's also putting additional pressure on the bullpen. But the Sox should be covered there.

Chris Martin returned from the injured list on Wednesday and pitched a perfect eighth inning, striking out the side and throwing 10 of 15 pitches for strikes.

Martin declined to pitch in a minor league game before returning, feeling he was ready after working on the side. He showed that against the Royals.

"I worked hard on my legs and getting stronger," he said. "I feel like I can finish the season strong. The depth of our 'pen is good right now."

And it could get better with Liam Hendriks making good progress on his return.

But it will come down to starting pitching. Pitching coach Andrew Bailey has done remarkable work this season. The Sox overcame the loss of Lucas

Giolito in spring training and built what has been a reliable rotation for the bulk of the season.

Now Bailey faces another challenge.

"It's a big couple of weeks, right? We're coming down in a playoff race, and if you look around the league, everyone's kind of up against the same, same challenges," he said.

"I'm not super concerned over the innings. For me, it leads to other things in terms of just execution and command of pitches that we need to refine a little bit."

Cora was asked what he thought of the road trip as a whole.

"That we can hit," he said.

True enough. But they need some help from the pitchers.

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RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Infection has O'Neill making third IL visit

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tyler O'Neill is heading to the injured list with an infection in his lower left leg. O'Neill missed the last four games because of a stomach bug. O'Neill and manager Alex Cora were unsure if the two are related.

"Honestly, I don't know," said Cora before the Royals' 8-4 win Wednesday. "[Tyler] said, 'Alex, I have no idea what happened here.' When [trainer Jon Jochim] saw him in Texas, he was in bad shape. The last day, his leg was huge. He's been getting treatment, doing everything possible with the medical staff to take care of this. The hope is for him to be with us after 10 days."

O'Neill, who has struggled with injuries throughout his career, has appeared in 80 games this year. This will mark the outfielder's third stint on the IL.

"It hit me pretty good in Texas between being sick and the infection," O'Neill said.

Was the infection related to his illness?

"I've heard different things," O'Neill said. "I really don't know."

O'Neill was also unsure if the infection came from baseball activities.

"I've been doing better and I should be ready when the IL is up," he said.

The Sox recalled Emmanuel Valdez from Triple A Worcester to take O'Neill's spot on the active roster.

"Lefthanded bat," said Cora on why the club recalled Valdez. "We can mix and match later in the game. He can play second; he played left [for the WooSox on Tuesday]. I like where we're at roster-wise."

In other injury news, the Red Sox will skip Nick Pivetta after seeing a decrease in his velocity during his last start Sunday. Pivetta's average fastball velocity was 91.9 miles per hour, down from his season average of 94.1. The Sox are categorizing it as general fatigue.

Do the Sox view it as a medical concern?

"Not really," said Cora. "Obviously, he went through this early in the season. He was on the IL. He's a big, strong kid that wants to grind through it. Everybody wants to grind, we appreciate that. But at the same time, we've got to take care of the player first and if we do that, he's going to take care of us. Nothing structural. We do believe that giving him a breather here is going to

pay off."

Pivetta was initially placed on the IL earlier in the season with a right elbow flexor strain. Cooper Criswell may be a potential replacement for Pivetta on Saturday.

Grading on a curve

Although Baseball Savant indicated that James Paxton was throwing a decent number of two-seam fastballs in his Monday start against the Royals — a pitch he uses only occasionally — the Sox lefthander clarified Wednesday afternoon he was not.

"Sometimes I just got on the side of the four-seamer and it has that running action," said Paxton. "The hand just kind of gets to the side of it and I get some sinking action to it. So I think that's the reason for some of those."

Although Paxton didn't rely much on the sinker, the curveball was a key part of his repertoire. Paxton tossed it 45.6 percent of the time, a career high. It was, in part, matchups. The other component had to do with the evolution of his arsenal. Paxton, 35, no longer has an upper-90s fastball, so he's had to depend on his curveball to amplify his fastball.

"It's just kind of like where my stuff is right now," said Paxton. "I used to have the cutter/slider or whatever you want to call it. That pitch hasn't really been there for me. So that's kind of like gone from being a pitch I probably used 15 to 20 percent of the time and now it's zero to 1 percent. We're playing with it in the bullpen."

Casas puts on velo show

Triston Casas (right rib cage strain) hit three balls with an exit velocity of 105 miles per hour or more for Triple A Worcester. There are just seven instances this year of Red Sox big leaguers hitting three balls that speed in one game: Rafael Devers (four times), Jarren Duran (two), and Ceddanne Rafaela. Casas was 2 for 6 with a double and two strikeouts. Vaughn Grissom (hamstring strain) was 1 for 5 with a walk . . . The Red Sox reinstated Chris Martin from the IL. To make room for Martin, Cam Booser was optioned to Worcester.

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Kutter Crawford matched a season high with four walks, allowing six runs in 3½ innings.

Witt, Royals pound Sox and avoid sweep

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day I can't walk four guys."

Crawford conceded a solo home run to Bobby Witt Jr. in the bottom of the first inning, bringing his total to 13 home runs allowed following the All-Star break. Heading into Wednesday, both the Mariners and Diamondbacks starters had allowed nine total since the break.

With runners on first and second in the second, Michael Massey barreled an RBI single, extending the Royals' lead to 2-0.

The Red Sox, however, made this a tussle. Ceddanne Rafaela reached on an error in the top of the third inning, putting two runners on. With two outs, Romy Gonzalez scalded a three-run homer off Royals lefthander Cole Ragans to give the Sox their first lead. In the fourth, Danny Jansen pounded a solo shot to left off Ragans.

With the exception of Wednesday, Crawford has excelled as a strike-thrower. He ranked just outside the top 10 with an 8.2 percent rate of getting hitters to 0-2 counts. Nevertheless, he has struggled to finish off hitters once he's ahead in the count, an issue that persisted in the Sox' series finale.

The righthander folded in the home half of the fourth with his pitch count climbing north of 60. It started with a walk to MJ Melendez after an 11-pitch at-bat.

"Leadoff walks are a cardinal sin in this game," said Crawford. "I tip my cap to him, he put together a really good at-bat. I thought I made some pitches and he fouled him off. I just couldn't make that putaway pitch."

Crawford negotiated a Freddy Fermin pop out, but Maikel Garcia singled to right, putting runners at first and third. A wild

pitch scored a run, then Crawford relinquished a two-out walk to Massey and Witt, down 0-2 in the count tagged a two-run double to right field, giving his club

Royals 8, Red Sox 4

At Kauffman Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.										
	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
BOSTON	4	0	0	0	0	1	.292			
Duran lf	3	1	0	0	0	0	.300			
Refsnyder rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.272			
Abreu ph-rf	3	1	3	0	1	284				
Gonzalez 2b	1	0	0	0	1	255				
Hamilton ph-2b	3	0	1	0	1	304				
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.298			
Wong 1b	4	1	1	0	0	226				
Djansen c	4	0	0	0	0	258				
Yoshida dh	3	1	0	0	1	263				
Sogard ss	3	0	1	0	1	258				
Rafaela cf	3	0	1	0	1	258				
Totals	33	4	6	4	2	9				

KANSAS CITY										
	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Massey 2b	4	1	1	1	1	2	.255			
Witt ss	4	3	4	0	0	349				
Pasquantino dh	4	1	2	0	0	270				
Perez 1b	2	0	1	0	1	280				
Renfroe rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.236			
Melendez lf	2	2	0	0	2	195				
Fermin c	4	0	0	0	0	258				
Garcia 3b	4	1	1	0	0	236				
Isbel cf	3	0	0	0	1	216				
Totals	31	8	7	7	5	8				

BOSTON										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Crawford L 7-9	3½	5	6	4	3	95	4.11			
Bernardino	½	1	1	0	1	12	3.03			
Winckowski	2½	1	1	1	1	39	3.44			
Martin	1	0	0	0	3	15	3.29			

KANSAS CITY										
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA		
Ragans W 9-7	6½	6	4	1	2	106	3.27			
Erceg	1½	0	0	0	2	22	3.32			
WSmith	1	0	0	0	0	11	3.93			

Inherited runners scored—Bernardino 1-1, Erceg 2-0, HBP—by Bernardino (Perez), WP—Crawford. Umpires—Home, Edwin Jimenez; First, Bill Miller; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Malachi Moore. T—2:34. A—16,550 (37,903).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING
ROYALS — Massey struck out. Witt homered to left. Pasquantino popped out to short. Perez hit an infield single to short. Renfroe struck out.

SECOND INNING
ROYALS — Melendez walked. Fermin filed out to center. Garcia struck out. Isbel walked. Melendez scored. Isbel to third. Witt filed out to center.

THIRD INNING
RED SOX — Sogard walked. Rafaela safe at first on fielder's choice plus throwing error by second. Sogard to second. Duran struck out. Refsnyder grounded into fielder's choice, third to second, Sogard to third, Rafaela out. Gonzalez homered to left. Sogard and Refsnyder scored. Devers doubled to left. Wong struck out.

FOURTH INNING
RED SOX — Jansen homered to left. Yoshida singled to left. Sogard grounded into a double play, short to second to first. Yoshida out. Rafaela struck out.

ROYALS — Melendez walked. Fermin popped out to short. Garcia singled to right. Melendez to third. On wild pitch, Melendez scored. Garcia to second. Isbel lined out to left. Massey walked. Witt doubled to right. Garcia and Massey scored. Bernardino pitching. Pasquantino homered to right. Witt scored. Perez was hit by a pitch. Renfroe struck out.

SIXTH INNING
ROYALS — Isbel grounded out to short. Massey filed out to left. Witt homered to center. Pasquantino grounded out to pitcher.



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The Sox called on Wilyer Abreu to pinch hit in the seventh, but he struck out with two on.

a 5-4 lead. Brennan Bernardino took over for Crawford, and was met with a Vinnie Pasquantino two-run homer.

"As the at-bat goes on and you're driving count, leverage, being consistent in your areas of intent is really important," said Red Sox pitching coach Andrew Bailey. "The game doesn't change. We want to limit the walks and we want to execute our pitches in our areas of intent."

Witt struck again, this time in the sixth when he clobbered a solo home run off Josh Winckowski. It was his sixth-career multi-homer game.

"That kid is special," said Cora. "The way he conducts himself, the way he plays the game, it's a joy from our dugout. I hate it, but I love it. I think the game is in good hands."

Over last four starts, Crawford has allowed 22 runs, all earned. Opponents came into this start with a hefty .896 slugging and 1.219 OPS against him.

The Red Sox wished for a happy flight, hoping to get a sweep. Instead, they must be content taking two out of three, gaining some ground on a Royals club that now has the Red Sox 1½ games out of the final wild-card spot.

Crawford — and the starters as a whole — is clearly going through a rut, as his ERA has risen to 4.11, which is the first time this season it has started with a four.

"It's just a really rough stretch I'm going through right now, probably the worst I've ever had in my career," said Crawford. "But at the end of the day, we have to wake up tomorrow. We got to show up and just keep working."

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Baseball



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Chris Sale lasted 4 2/3 innings, giving up three runs, nine hits, and two walks — although he struck out 10 — as the Braves lost to the Brewers, 8-5, to fall into the third wild-card spot.

AL

	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
EAST							
Baltimore	68	47	.591	—	—	6-4	W 1
New York	68	47	.591	—	—	8-2	L 1
Boston	61	52	.540	6	1 1/2	6-4	L 1
Tampa Bay	57	56	.504	10	5 1/2	5-5	L 2
Toronto	52	62	.456	15 1/2	11	4-6	L 1
CENTRAL							
Cleveland	67	47	.588	—	—	5-5	L 5
Minnesota	63	50	.558	3 1/2	—	6-4	L 2
Kansas City	64	52	.552	4	—	7-3	W 1
*Detroit	54	60	.474	13	9	3-7	W 1
Chicago	28	89	.239	40 1/2	36 1/2	1-9	L 1
WEST							
*Seattle	59	55	.518	—	—	6-4	L 2
Houston	59	55	.518	—	—	4-6	W 2
Texas	54	61	.470	5 1/2	9 1/2	3-7	L 2
Los Angeles	50	64	.439	9	13	5-5	W 1
Oakland	48	68	.414	12	16	5-5	W 1

NL

	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
EAST							
*Philadelphia	67	46	.593	—	—	3-7	W 1
Atlanta	60	53	.531	7	—	5-5	L 4
New York	60	54	.526	7 1/2	1/2	5-5	W 1
Washington	52	63	.452	16	9	3-7	L 1
Miami	43	72	.374	25	18	4-6	W 1
CENTRAL							
Milwaukee	64	49	.566	—	—	5-5	W 2
St. Louis	59	56	.513	6	2	5-5	W 2
Pittsburgh	56	57	.496	8	4	4-6	L 3
Chicago	57	60	.487	9	5	6-4	W 2
Cincinnati	55	59	.482	9 1/2	5 1/2	5-5	L 1
WEST							
*Los Angeles	66	48	.579	—	—	4-6	L 1
Arizona	63	52	.548	3 1/2	—	8-2	W 4
San Diego	63	52	.548	3 1/2	—	8-2	W 4
San Francisco	58	58	.500	9	3 1/2	7-3	W 1
Colorado	42	73	.365	24 1/2	19	4-6	L 1

RESULTS

WEDNESDAY									
At Kansas City 8	Boston 4	San Diego 9 (10 inn.)	at Pittsburgh 8						
1st: Arizona 7	at Cleveland 3	San Francisco 7	at Washington 4						
2nd: Arizona 5	at Cleveland 3	Baltimore 7	at Toronto 3						
1st: At NY Yankees 5	LA Angels 2	Milwaukee 8	at Atlanta 5						
2nd: LA Angels 8	at NY Yankees 2	At St. Louis 5	Tampa Bay 2						
At Chi. Cubs 8	Minnesota 2	NY Mets 5	at Colorado 3						
Houston 6	at Texas 4	Detroit	at Seattle						
At Oakland 3	Chi. White Sox 2	Philadelphia	at LA Dodgers						
At Miami 6	Cincinnati 4								
TUESDAY									
Boston 6	at Kansas City 5	At St. Louis 4	Tampa Bay 3						
Arizona (ppd.)	at Cleveland 3	Houston 4	at Texas 2						
Cincinnati 8	at Miami 2	At Chi. Cubs 7	Minnesota 3						
San Diego 6	at Pittsburgh 0	At Colorado 6	NY Mets 3						
At Washington 11	San Francisco 0	Chi. White Sox 5	at Oakland 1						
LA Angels (ppd.)	at NY Yankees 5	Detroit 4	at Seattle 2						
At Toronto 5	Baltimore 2	Philadelphia 6	at LA Dodgers 2						
Milwaukee 10	at Atlanta 0								

THURSDAY'S GAMES

SAN FRANCISCO AT WASHINGTON, 12:05 p.m.										
Harrison (L)	+120	6-5	4.09	12-7	0-0	6.0	4.50	1-1	15.1	4.11
Thorpe (R)	-100	2-4	4.27	4-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.0	2.40
MILWAUKEE AT ATLANTA, 12:20 p.m.										
Montas (R)	+130	5-8	5.03	7-13	0-0	4.1	8.31	1-1	14.0	9.00
Morton (R)	+150	6-6	3.94	9-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	14.2	3.07
SAN DIEGO AT PITTSBURGH, 12:35 p.m.										
Vásquez (R)	Off	3-6	4.62	6-10	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	13.0	4.85
Ortiz (R)	Off	5-2	3.21	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	17.1	4.67
NY METS AT COLORADO, 3:10 p.m.										
Peterson (L)	-160	5-1	3.47	8-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.0	4.50
Gomber (L)	+135	3-7	4.66	9-12	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	16.1	4.96
CINCINNATI AT MIAMI, 6:10 p.m.										
Greene (R)	Off	8-4	2.83	8-14	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	20.0	0.00
Taylor (R)	Off	0-2	5.27	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	11.1	7.94
LA ANGELS AT NY YANKEES, 7:05 p.m.										
Anderson (L)	Off	8-10	3.05	11-11	0-1	5.0	1.80	0-2	17.2	3.57
Cortes (L)	Off	5-9	4.16	8-15	0-0	5.1	3.38	1-1	14.1	8.16
BALTIMORE AT TORONTO, 7:07 p.m.										
Kremer (R)	-120	4-8	4.39	6-9	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	16.1	4.41
Gausman (R)	+100	9-8	4.56	12-10	0-1	6.1	8.53	2-0	20.1	4.87
TAMPA BAY AT ST. LOUIS, 7:15 p.m.										
Baz (R)	+105	0-1	3.60	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	14.2	2.45
Gibson (R)	-125	7-4	4.04	11-10	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	18.2	3.38
DETROIT AT SEATTLE, 9:40 p.m.										
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Woo (R)	Off	5-1	2.08	9-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.2	1.08
PHILADELPHIA AT ARIZONA, 9:40 p.m.										
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Montgomery (L)	Off	7-5	6.37	10-6	1-0	6.0	3.00	1-0	12.0	6.00

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season.

White Sox end their winning way at one

By Ben Ross
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A's 3 — OAKLAND, Calif. — Armando Alvarez and Zack Gelof hit RBI singles and Lawrence Butler knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly — all in the seventh inning — as the Athletics rallied past the White Sox, 3-2, Wednesday.

The White Sox lost their 10th straight series, one day after ending their American League record-tying 21-game losing streak. Chicago (28-89) hasn't won consecutive games since a three-game streak from June 27-29. The White Sox fell to 8-24 in one-run games and 0-67 when trailing after seven innings.

Oakland (48-68) improved to 5-1-1 in its last seven series. Andrew Benintendi hit a two-run homer — his second in as many games — off A's starter Joey Estes in the second inning to give the White Sox an early lead.

Estes allowed two runs and six hits with four strikeouts in five innings, but did not figure in the decision.

Chicago starter Davis Martin limited Oakland to two hits and a walk with four strikeouts in six scoreless innings.

"He gave us obviously a great opportunity to win a baseball game," White Sox manager Pedro Grifol said. "2-0 lead going into the seventh. He looks really good. He's a piece in this organization moving forward."

Brent Rooker singled to lead off Oakland's seventh, and Abraham Toro walked with one out. Alvarez and Gelof followed with RBI singles, tying the game at 2.

Darell Hernaiz hit a grounder to short, but Gelo beat Nicky Lopez's throw to second base, loading the bases. Butler hit a sac fly that scored Alvarez and gave the Athletics a 3-2 lead.

"I think that probably was the momentum changer of the game," A's manager Mark Kotsay said of Gelof's hustle. "Those are the intangibles we talk about. It's why we love Zack, the way he plays the game. It's not just about the at-bats and the hits. It's about the little things. And that little thing, that little detail pretty much led us to win the game."

Touki Toussaint (0-2) worked a third of an inning and allowed three runs in the loss.

T.J. McFarland (2-1) pitched a scoreless inning and picked up his first win since April 28.

Mason Miller, who was reinstated from the 10-day injured list (fractured left pinkie finger) before the game, got the final three outs for his 16th save in 18 chances.

"Just excited to be back a part of the group and stringing together some W's," Miller said. "I think we've had great chemistry all year."

DIAMONDBACKS 7, GUARDIANS 3

GAME 1									
ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.		
Carroll rf	4	1	2	1	0	1	.249		
Marte 2b	4	1	1	2	1	0	.300		
Pederson dh	4	1	2	0	1	1	.288		
Bell 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.238		
Newman 1b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.276		
Gurriel lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.263		
Suárez 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.229		
AThomas cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.202		
Grichuk pf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.269		
McCarthy c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.294		
Perdomo ss	4	1	2	0	1	1	.275		
Herrera c	2	1	0	0	2	0	.216		
Totals	34	7	7	7	6	5			

CLEVELAND									
CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.		
Kwan lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.333		
Martínez cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.241		
Ramírez dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.284		
JNaylor 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.247		
LThomas rf	4	0	0	0	2	1	.107		
Giménez 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.259		
Schneemann 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.231		
Freeman ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.219		
Rochío ss	3	0	1	1	1	0	.208		
BNaylor c	4	0	0	0	1	0	.202		
Totals	34	3	8	3	2	6			

ARIZONA									
ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA		
Pfaadt W 6-6	6 1/3	4	2	2	1	6	3.92		
Puk	3	0	0	0	0	0	4.04		
Floro	3	1	1	1	0	0	2.13		
Mantiply	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0	2.74		
Sewald	1	1	0	1	0	0	3.94		
Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA		
Lively 1b-7	5	4	4	4	2	3	3.59		
Morgan	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	1	1.56		
Avila	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.14		
Gose	1 1/3	2	2	2	1	1	13.50		

DIAMONDBACKS 5, GUARDIANS 3

GAME 2									
ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.		
Carroll rf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.215		
Marte 2b	2	0	0	0	2	2	.298		
Pederson dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.284		
Bell 1b	4	2	2	3	0	0	.241		
Perdomo ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	.275		
McCarthy cf-f	4	0	1	0	0	2	.293		
Grichuk lf	4	1	1	0	1	1	.225		
AThomas pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.202		
Del Castillo c	3	0	1	1	1	2	.333		
Newman ss-1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.273		
Totals	32	5	8	5	4	10			

CLEVELAND									
CLEVELAND	AB	R	H</						

MINOR DETAILS

Sox bullish despite Priester's dud

By Sarah Barber
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Quinn Priester landed with a thud in his Red Sox debut.

On Sunday, in his first outing for Triple A Worcester following a trade from the Pirates, the 23-year-old righthander lasted just 2 1/2 innings, allowing eight runs — tied for the most he's allowed in his professional career — on six hits and four walks while striking out four.

But the Sox were less concerned about a single poor performance than the big picture.

"It's easy to react to the one outing, but ultimately, we should continue to focus on the process, focus on the things that we as an organization have identified as needs of development," said Red Sox director of pitching Justin Willard. "Focus on those things and the results will eventually come."

Priester was a first-round selection in the 2019 draft, taken by the Pirates with pick No. 18. After spending five years in Pittsburgh's system, he views his change of organizations as a chance to propel his career forward.

"It's a really exciting opportunity, and something that I'm super excited to attack with the new organization," Priester said.

Willard said the Sox had been eyeing Priester as a potential trade target since the offseason.

He features a five-pitch mix — a low-90s sinker, changeup, curveball, and four-seamer — that has produced weak contact throughout his minor league career. For now, the focus is on building him up physically. Willard believes Priester, at 6 feet 3 inches and 210 pounds, could add another 20 pounds.

If he does, the extra strength will likely increase his velocity, which Priester identified as an area of focus.

Willard said the Sox need to "make sure we're continuing to build a robust and deep pitching system to help support the big league team, and when guys do go up, providing viable options that aren't a drop in performance from the guys currently in the big leagues."

Sunday's first impression notwithstanding, the Sox see a path for Priester to provide that.

Here's a look at the system:

■ Triple A Worcester: 3-3 last week, 50-58 overall

Lefthander Zach Penrod has struck out 14 batters across 5 1/2 innings in his first two starts since his return from an IL stint for shin inflammation. He was overpowering in the first two innings of



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Former Pirates first-round pick Quinn Priester allowed eight runs in 2 1/2 innings in his WooSox debut.

each outing (11 strikeouts and no runs) before things unraveled in his third innings. But Willard said that "had to do more with him working on the things that he needs to work on, rather than just going out there and worrying about his on-the-field and off-the-field success."

Catcher Mickey Gasper has been stepping up on offense. The 28-year-old New Hampshire native slashed .400/.600/.600 last week, bringing his line to .389/.509/.627 since being called up to Triple A in early June.

■ Double A Portland: 5-1 last week, 56-44 overall

Righthander David Sandlin finally got his "Throw Fuego" T-shirt, given to Sox pitchers who hit 100 miles per hour. In May, he received one while pitching with High A Greenville, only to have to return it after data cleaning revealed that he hit "only" 99.9.

But on July 28, in his first start following a promotion to Portland, he delivered a true 100-mile-per-hour pitch and was re-awarded the coveted yellow shirt.

Sandlin, who has a 2.25 ERA with nine strikeouts and one walk since his promotion, has yet to throw more than four innings since a six-week IL placement in May and June with elbow inflammation. The Sox are gradually building his workload.

"There's no concern in terms of his length or getting built up," said Willard. "He is essentially on a normal starter schedule."

Big Three update: Roman Anthony and Kyle Teel continued to dominate. In five games, Anthony batted .381/.480/.714 with two homers and a double, leaving the 20-year-old's season line at .259/.360/.469. Teel hit .375/.444/.688 with a homer. The 22-year-old catcher now is at .298/.391/.456 with 10 hom-

ers. Marcelo Mayer was placed on the injured list Aug. 1 with mild hip soreness. The shortstop is expected back later this week.

■ High A Greenville: 4-2 last week, 48-54 overall

There was a hit parade in Greenville last Thursday, as Mikey Romero, Miguel Bleis, and Jhostynson Garcia had back-to-back-to-back home runs against Wilmington.

Romero was named the July South Atlantic League Player of the Month on Tuesday. Of the 10 home runs he has this year, eight came in the last month with three last week when the shortstop hit .476/.500/1.000, boosting his season line to .289/.332/.532.

After hitting just two homers in his first 27 games with the Drive, Bleis has hit three in his last nine games, including two last week. After a slow start, his Greenville numbers now stand at .196/.262/.333.

Center fielder Garcia also turned it on last week, batting .350/.480/.850 with a pair of homers. Between Salem and Greenville, he has 21 homers for the year — most of anyone in the Sox system, and second-most in the minors by a player 21 years old or younger.

■ Single A Salem: 5-2 last week, 55-48 overall

Righthander Juan Valera has thrown 23 straight scoreless innings. Since his promotion to Salem from the FCL on July 23, the 18-year-old has thrown 12 shutout innings, allowing just one hit while striking out 10 and walking five.

His four hitless innings Tuesday marked the second time in three starts, fourth time in five starts, and seventh in 10 starts that he'd held an opponent hitless. (The outings have ranged from three to five innings.) He features a 95-mile-per-hour fastball, a slider/sweeper combo, and a changeup.

"We're super high on this kid," Willard said. "He's starting to get to some pretty cool shapes from a pitch-design standpoint. We're very excited about this kid, and he's only continued to go out there and kind of hammer the things that he needs to for his long-term development as well."

■ Florida Complex League: 35-24 overall, final

■ Dominican Summer League: Red, 1-3 last week, 31-13 overall; Blue, 3-3 last week, 20-22 overall

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JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF (ZAPPE, LEFT); DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF (MAYE, RIGHT)

Bailey Zappe (left) may be auditioning for a job elsewhere; Drake Maye will get his shot in the preseason opener.

Maye in spotlight for the preseason opener

ON FOOTBALL

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tion with calling plays in the huddle, substitutions, and presnap discipline. And the last thing I want to see is Maye rolling to his right on every play, or take off running when he doesn't like his first read.

This also could be a big night for the other two quarterbacks. It would be understandable if Bailey Zappe doesn't play much. He showed much more in compiling a 4-4 record as a starter the last two seasons than he would with a good performance in a meaningless preseason game.

The Patriots may want to keep Zappe out so he doesn't get hurt and mess up any plans to trade him. But they also could use the game as a trade showcase for Zappe, hoping that a good performance could net them a late-round pick.

Then there's Joe Milton, the rookie sixth-round pick who has incredible physical tools but is a project. I want to see the same from him as from Maye — hanging in the pocket, making his reads, and delivering the ball on time. Also, I want to see him launch the ball 70 yards.

2. Left tackle. Both offensive tackle spots are unsettled two weeks into camp, but the left side is particularly important. And the Patriots are trying pretty much everyone there.

Chukwuma Okorafor began camp at left tackle and is listed first on the depth chart, but he has missed the last several practices and may not play. Rookie Cae-

dan Wallace took the spot for four practices in a row, but has since played right tackle. Vederian Lowe has played left tackle the past five practices. Calvin Anderson and newcomer Kellen Diesch have played as well.

Mayo has said the team may not settle on a starting offensive line until the third preseason game. But the sooner the better.

3. Which receivers can stand out? Now that Brandon Aiyuk is no longer an option for the Patriots, it's time to see if any receivers can step up.

DeMario Douglas has been in a non-contact jersey, and I'd be surprised if he plays. But newcomer K.J. Osborn has probably been the most consistent re-

ceiver at camp, while Ja'Lynn Polk, Javon Baker, Jalen Reagor, Tyquan Thornton, and Kayshon Boutte have taken turns making plays.

This game also might be the last stand for veteran JuJu Smith-Schuster.

4. Chad Ryland vs. Joey Slye. The Patriots have an old-fashioned kicker competition, though it seems that the job is Ryland's to lose, even after his shaky rookie season.

The two have battled in training camp, with Ryland connecting on 24 of 27 field goals and Slye, now with his seventh team in six years, connecting on 22 of 27.

But kicking under the lights is a different beast than practice. And the Patriots probably would like to see Ryland make a few kicks in game situations to feel comfortable moving forward.

5. Kickoff coverage and returns. The No. 1 story in the NFL is the drastic change made to kickoffs, with the potential for more returns and touchdowns. Last week's Texans-Bears preseason game gave us a preview, with 7 of 8 kicks returned, though none for big gains.

I want to see if the kickers try any special techniques (probably nothing exotic until the regular season), how the Patriots and Panthers cover kickoffs, and which Patriots get a shot to return. They have several terrific options, including Marcus Jones (who has been injured), Reagor, Polk, and Osborn.

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ON THE AIR

Table listing various sports events and broadcasts including Baseball, Little League Baseball, Crossfit, Pro Football, Golf, Horse Racing, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Soccer, and Little League Softball World Series.

Baseball

Baseball schedule table including Triple-A International, Cape Cod League, Little League Softball, and Little League Baseball.

Worcester, 9-6

Worcester pitching staff statistics table with columns for pitcher, AB, R, H, B, BB, SO, Avg.

Syracuse

Syracuse pitching staff statistics table with columns for pitcher, AB, R, H, B, BB, SO, Avg.

Portland, 13-8

Portland pitching staff statistics table with columns for pitcher, AB, R, H, B, BB, SO, Avg.

Altoona

Altoona pitching staff statistics table with columns for pitcher, AB, R, H, B, BB, SO, Avg.

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Altoona pitching staff statistics table with columns for pitcher, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, Avg.

Portland

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Portland pitching staff statistics table with columns for pitcher, IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, Avg.

Tennis

Tennis schedule table including OmniNational Bank and Women's Singles First Round.

Soccer

Soccer schedule table including Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

WNBA

WNBA schedule table including Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

PGA: Wyndham Tee Times

PGA Wyndham Tee Times table with columns for Round 1 (3 p.m., Golf Channel) and Round 2 (3 p.m., Golf Channel).

LEAGUES CUP

Leagues Cup schedule table including Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

WNBA

WNBA schedule table including Eastern Conference and Western Conference.

Belichick media gigs just an audition

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than their current coach . . . uh, I mean take fans through the process of film preparation, analyzing game situations, and managing a team as if he were coaching it.

How convenient. Unsure owners can immediately juxtapose what their coach is doing to what Belichick would be doing. It's a brilliant ploy on the 72-year-old's part. Remind them what they're missing out on.

"This show is going to give fans a comprehensive look at the behind-the-scenes of the National Football League," said Belichick in a press release. "What it's like to coach, how to prepare, how to team build, exactly the way I would do it if I was coaching a team."

Insert that ubiquitous meme of Jack Nicholson nodding his head with a sly smile.

The old bromide about Belichick playing chess when everyone else is playing checkers applies here.

Why else would the man who famously proclaimed in 2009, "You know how I feel about stats. Stats are for losers. The final score is for winners," proclaim a fantasy- and gambling-focused media outlet is "a great fit," as if it were one of his trademark cut-off hoodies?

On my sports bingo card, the last thing I foresaw was our resident saturnine sideline stalker becoming broadcast teammates with baseball ambassador/self-made media maven Jared Carrahis, also signed to Underdog.

As science fiction author Philip Jose Farmer once offered: "Resurrection, like politics, makes strange bedfellows."

Belichick needs a rebrand after posting a 29-39 record in four post-QB Jesus seasons and being excluded from all seven NFL coaching hires he was eligible for last offseason. He's 15 wins short of breaking Don Shula's all-time wins mark (347), and he's not going down without a fight.

These media roles are designed to ameliorate his putative shortcomings and rehabilitate his image HGTV-style.

On the McAfee show, he'll get to dispel the notion that he's a bloodless football automaton missing a personality program. He'll display his trademark dry wit and surprising sense of humor,



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Bill Belichick's keen insight will be on display for all — i.e., owners — to see with his four media jobs.

which is rarely unsheathed for public consumption.

The show with the Manning brothers will display his humility — he lost two Super Bowls to Eli and three AFC Championship games to Peyton — and, more importantly, his ability to get along with franchise quarterbacks. That was an issue in his twilight in New England when he feuded with Tom Brady and iced out Mac Jones, at one point refraining from referring to his young quarterback by name.

"Inside the NFL" will highlight him providing keen insight and analysis on the intricacies of the game alongside former NFL players Ryan Clark, Chris Long, and Chad Johnson, the latter two former players for Belichick. It will showcase that Belichick can accept, consider, and process the opinions and insights of other knowledgeable football minds and work as part of a collaborative. It will serve as a counter to the perception that Belichick is too much of an autocrat.

His Underdog Fantasy show will be

part coaching version of a mock trial team and part coaching doctorate class. It will highlight Belichick's *sui generis* strengths and acumen.

In the NFL, teams have four downs to earn a new set of downs. Belichick has four jobs to keep his coaching career alive. It's genius on his part: the LinkedIn equivalent of snapping the ball off the goalposts in Denver for an intentional safety.

Plus, it helps that Belichick has already shown he can flourish wearing a microphone. He won an Emmy for his work on the NFL Network's "NFL 100 All-Time Team" series.

For all their media-averse machinations over the years, no team puts more ex-employees into the industry than the Patriots. There is a well-worn path from Patriot Place to plopping down in front of a camera. Brady will try his hand in the broadcast booth this season as the top analyst for Fox Sports.

You can never completely rule out a Brady comeback, but Belichick's transformation into Broadcast Bill is all about his coaching comeback, about rinsing away the residue of a 4-13 final season in Foxborough.

People often would ask why Belichick was so curmudgeonly with the media during his distinguished 24-year tenure as Patriots coach.

It was simple: Football coaches are control freaks, and Belichick is the *ne plus ultra* of control-freak coaches. He could control everything inside the walls of Fort Foxborough except media members, who weren't under his iron-fisted rule. So he developed his own tight-lipped, cantankerous affectation as a measure of control.

He can drop that veil as easily as he lifted it all these years, which is why transitioning into the media isn't as bizarre as it seems.

It's all part of his plan, and Belichick always has a master plan. If it works, you'd better catch Broadcast Bill this season — because it will be a limited engagement.

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SportsLog

Nadal won't play at US Open

Rafael Nadal pulled out of the US Open on Wednesday, making it the third Grand Slam tournament he'll miss this season and raising more questions about his future in tennis at age 38. Nadal wrote on social media that he will miss "those electric and special night sessions" in Arthur Ashe Stadium, "but I don't think I would be able to give my 100% this time." He added that his next event will be the Laver Cup in Berlin on Sept. 20-22.

BASEBALL

Orioles lose No. 2 starter Rodriguez

Baltimore righthander **Grayson Rodriguez** (13-4, 3.86 ERA) will be shut down for an unspecified period because of a mild strain in his right shoulder and back but the Orioles are "optimistic" he'll return this season, manager **Brandon Hyde** said. The Orioles put Rodriguez on the 15-day injured list, retroactive to Sunday. The move came one day after Rodriguez was scratched from a start at Toronto and returned to Baltimore for tests.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA hands Harbaugh show-cause order

The NCAA said former Michigan coach **Jim Harbaugh** had impermissible contact with recruits and players while access was restricted during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has handed him a four-year show-cause order if he wants to return to college coaching. The NCAA said Harbaugh engaged in unethical conduct, failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance, and violated head coach responsibility obligations. Harbaugh left the national-championship winning Wolverines to coach the Los Angeles Chargers. The NCAA has already given Michigan three years of probation, a fine and recruiting limits in the same case.

NBA

Jazz give Markkanen a five-year, \$238m deal

Lauri Markkanen received a multiyear contract extension with Utah, ensuring the Jazz have a key element in their rebuilding plans. The deal is worth \$238 million over five years, Markkanen's agent **Michael Lechitski** told ESPN. Lechitski also said the deal includes \$220 million in new money, and his salary for next season increases by \$24 million. Markkanen's deal had one year left at \$18 million before the new agreement.

NFL

Falcons receiver Moore carted off in practice

Falcons wide receiver **Rondale Moore**, in his first year with Atlanta, was carted off the field with a leg injury during the team's joint practice with the Dolphins in Miami Gardens, Fla. Athletic trainers placed an air cast on Moore's leg as both teams immediately rushed to be near the injured player.

Seahawks star Metcalf in practice skirmish

The Seahawks had several skirmishes in practice, including one that took place during a live shot on NFL Network. The most notable dustup took place between wide receiver **DK Metcalf** and cornerback **Tre Brown**. Metcalf initially backed away from some jawing between the pair, but after Brown said something the two locked up. Metcalf eventually removed Brown's helmet and swung it toward Brown, but it connected with **K'Von Wallace**, who was trying to separate the pair.

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EASTERLY by land now or formerly of Mosebard, one hundred fourteen (114) feet.

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Subject to Declaration of Restrictions recorded at the Worcester District Registry of Deeds, Book 17430, Page 364.

Being the same premises conveyed to these mortgagors in a deed recorded in Book 21164, Page 273.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING

Carney Hospital
2100 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (the "Department") has received notification of Steward Health Care System's intent to close Carney Hospital in Dorchester, MA.

The Department will conduct public hearings pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(D) in-person and virtually by conference call in order to promote public access. These hearings will not be adjudicatory in nature, but rather public forums for the presentation of any comments which may be relevant to the Department's consideration of the proposed change.

The in-person hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 6:00 PM**, at Florian Hall, 55 Hallett Street, Boston, MA 02122.

Date: Tuesday, August 13th, 2024
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Florian Hall, 55 Hallett Street, Boston, MA 02122

The virtual hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 6:00 PM**. Members of the public and other interested parties may join the hearing by phone using the following information:

Date: Wednesday, August 14th, 2024
Time: 6:00pm
Phone Number: 888-917-8055
Passcode: 4153805

Written comments concerning this matter may be submitted to the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification, Attn: Licensure Coordinator, 67 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 or by email to HLLicenseAction@Mass.gov. Comments will be accepted up to midnight on August 14th. All written comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records.

(SEAL) **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 002558 ORDER OF NOTICE**

To: Stephen J. Fogarty, Suzanne M. Fogarty AKA Susan M. Fogarty

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. s. 50 33901 (et seq):

NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Malden, numbered 31 West Street, given by Stephen J. Fogarty and Suzanne M. Fogarty to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Green Tree Servicing LLC, its successors and assigns, dated April 29, 2015, and recorded in Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 65438, Page 206, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/hasn't filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 2, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on July 17, 2024.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
24-007775

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
Docket No. S0518989

Estate of: Albert Francis Ronane

Also known as: James Reynolds

Date of Death: 09/16/1981

A Petition has been filed by: Scott P Cogan of Plymouth, MA, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Scott P Cogan of Plymouth, MA, be appointed as Successor Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 09/03/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court
Date: July 23, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate

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WANTED TO LEASE

COURTHOUSE, OFFICE, DETENTION/HOLDING SPACE FOR TRIALS, AND RECORDS STORAGE IN BRAintree, HOLBROOK, MILTON, QUINCY, RANDOLPH, OR WEYMOUTH

On behalf of the Massachusetts Trial Court, the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance invites proposals to lease approximately 48,000 to 60,000 usable square feet of courthouse, office, detention/holding space for trials and records storage space in the above-referenced search area for a term of 5 years.

Proposals must be submitted to:

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
One Ashburton Place
15th Floor, Room 1500
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

or by e-mail to: leaseproposals@DCAMM@mass.gov

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **October 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** Proposals will be opened at that time.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.mass.gov/service-details/leasing-property-to-the-commonwealth Under Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Lease Space, click on "COM-BUYS" and then click on "Find It". You may also email leasing@dcamm@mass.gov or call 857-204-1355 to request a copy of the RFP, referencing Request Number 20240430. For further information, call 857-329-3733. This notice is also available at www.masspublicnotices.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING

Nashoba Valley Medical Center
200 Groton Road, Ayer, MA 01432

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (the "Department") has received notification of Steward Health Care System's intent to close Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, MA.

The Department will conduct public hearings pursuant to 105 CMR 130.122(D) in-person and virtually by conference call in order to promote public access. These hearings will not be adjudicatory in nature, but rather public forums for the presentation of any comments which may be relevant to the Department's consideration of the proposed change.

The in-person hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, August 15th, 2024, 6:00 PM**, at the Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA 01434.

Date: Thursday, August 15th, 2024
Time: 6:00pm
Location: Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA 01434

The virtual hearing is scheduled for **Monday, August 19th, 2024, 6:00 PM**. Members of the public and other interested parties may join the hearing by phone using the following information:

Date: Monday, August 19th, 2024
Time: 6:00pm
Phone Number: 800-593-9954
Passcode: 3281952

Written comments concerning this matter may be submitted to the Department of Public Health, Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification, Attn: Licensure Coordinator, 67 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 or by email to HLLicenseAction@Mass.gov. Comments will be accepted up to midnight on August 19th. All written comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 24-104 August 5, 2024

Filing by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of its Eversource Community Solar Access Program in compliance with Revisions to Model Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Provision, D.P.U. 20-145-D (June 4, 2024). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-104.

On July 3, 2024, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Company"), submitted a filing with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval of its Eversource Community Solar Access Program ("ESCAP"), as directed by the Department in revisions to Model Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target Provision, D.P.U. 20-145-D at this matter (June 4, 2024). The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 24-104.

In D.P.U. 20-145-D the Department approved changes to the model for Massachusetts Renewable Target ("SMART") tariff ("SMART Provision") applicable to all electric distribution companies. The SMART Provision is the primary vehicle for the funding and operation of the incentive program designed to establish and support the development of solar energy in Massachusetts ("SMART Program"). In that proceeding, the Company proposed the ESCAP which is a low-income community shared solar ("LICS") program to be administered by the Company to provide access to the SMART Program for low-income customers.

In D.P.U. 20-145-D, the Department found that the Company should make certain changes to the ESCAP and that the revised proposal should be submitted for Department approval. The ESCAP consists of two primary components: (1) a simplified billing structure; and (2) a customer enrollment process administered by the Company. The ESCAP simplified billing structure proposes to eliminate the need for separate billing between owners of the solar or project and participating customers (or "subscribers") by distributing credits directly at a pre-determined rate, with a portion distributed to participating customers, the company has targeted a 50% and a portion paid to owners as a direct cash payment. The ESCAP is targeted toward those customers on a residential assistance rate (Rates R-2 and R-4).

As part of its revised ESCAP proposal, the Company proposes certain enrollment criteria and targets. The Company's proposed enrollment criteria are as follows: (1) 35 percent of the total enrollment in the program: 35 percent being R-2 or R-4 customers who are both in arrears and reside in a priority community; 28 percent being R-2 or R-4 customers who are not in arrears and not in a priority community; 25 percent being R-2 or R-4 customers residing in a priority community and not in arrears; 12 percent being R-2 or R-4 customers who are in arrears and residing in a priority community. Customers in arrears are customers who are struggling to pay their electric bill and have delinquent balances on their accounts

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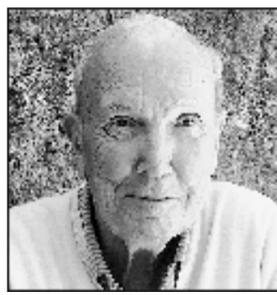
CILIBRASI, Mary J. Harding (Doucet)



Of Haverhill, formerly Everett and Wakefield, August 5, 2024, at age 95. Beloved wife of the late Edward C. Harding. Devoted mother of William R. Harding and his wife, Janet of Newton, NH. Loving sister of the late Rosemarie Doucet; and sister-in-law of Joan Harding of Malden. Proud grandmother of Edward C. Harding and his wife, Ellen and Jennifer Tambling and her husband, Richard; and great-grandmother of Cameron, Madison and Matthew. Relatives and friends are invited to gather in honor of Josephine's life during Visiting Hours at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., MELROSE, on Friday, August 9, from 4 to 7pm and again on Saturday, August 10, at Immaculate Conception Church, 489 Broadway, Everett, meet at church, for her Funeral Mass, celebrated at 10am. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For online tribute, please visit www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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GLEASON, David Childs M.D.



Formerly of West Groton and Boston, MA, died in Mesa, AZ on August 1, as the result of an earlier fall. He was 90 years old. Dr. Gleason was born in Evanston, IL and grew up in Kalamazoo, MI. He graduated from Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA and Dartmouth College. Before medical school, he worked at the Grenfell Mission in Saint Anthony, Newfoundland as a medical assistant, traveling by boat to serve the medical needs of residents of northern Newfoundland. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1960. Dr. Gleason interned at Mary Hitchcock Hospital in Hanover, NH and was a resident in radiology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. He spent a year as an assistant registrar in radiology at Hammersmith Hospital in London, England. Upon return to the U.S., he served in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy at Chelsea Naval Hospital in Chelsea, MA. He practiced radiology throughout his career in private practice and at Boston area hospitals, retiring as Chief of Radiology at the Lovell General Hospital East at Fort Devens in Ayer, MA.

He was a long-time resident of West Groton, where he had a small farm and raised Angus and then Belted Galloway cattle and pigs. After his retirement from medicine, David became an innkeeper, operating a popular bed and breakfast in West Groton called, Wrangling Brook Farm, having found, as he said, his true passion in hospitality.

He moved with his wife, Lynne Barr Gleason, in 2005 to their home on Beacon Hill. While living on Beacon Hill, he volunteered as a census taker to get to know his neighbors and later became a guide for Boston by Foot, conducting architectural tours of the neighborhood. He moved with Lynne to Tempe, AZ in 2020.

He is survived by his wife, Lynne, of 36 years; his children, Matthew, Emily, Daniel and Benjamin Gleason, Elizabeth Mahoney, Alexis Barr and Katherine Barr-Cornish; and their spouses and partners, as well as 13 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Roberta Maschal.

He loved travel and reading, especially poetry. He had been to all 50 states and all the continents except Antarctica. He was an avid cyclist (having ridden the Pan-Mass Challenge for many years, the last time when he was 70) and an experienced pilot. For the past 24 years, he spent a portion of every year with his wife at their beloved home in a small wine village in southern France, where he could indulge his love of French cuisine and the wines of the Languedoc. David was loved for his sense of humor, his dedication to friends and family and his appreciation of art, culture and of course, a dry martini and fine wine.

Donations may be made in David's memory to Deerfield Academy. Donations can be mailed to The Class of 1952 Memorial Fund, Deerfield Academy, P.O. Box 306, Deerfield, MA 01342 or made online at <https://deerfield.edu/alumni/give/make-a-gift>

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KELLY, Shaun Everett



Of Sudbury, MA, passed away on August 4, 2024, at the age of 61. He was born in Niskayuna, NY on February 15, 1963 to Everett and Mabel Kelly (Gilson).

He attended school at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School in NY, where he graduated in 1981. He later went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in 1985 from SUNY Oneonta.

He was passionate about his family and friends, an avid sports fan with a lifelong love of the New York Yankees and particularly enjoyed skiing and playing golf. Shaun completed four marathons; two Boston Marathons, the New York City Marathon and the Stowe, VT Marathon. He also supported his children in all of their various activities and was a coach to all three over the years in basketball, soccer and baseball.

Shaun worked in the insurance industry for 34 years, starting in 1986 at AIG, holding various positions before becoming President and COO of Lexington Insurance Company, a division of AIG. In 2008, he moved to Ironshore, Inc. Being on a team that built this company was a labor of love but ultimately the pride and joy of his career. A particular passion for Shaun was mentoring the younger generation of insurance professionals with his compassion and sage advice. He served as President and the CEO of Ironshore's U.S. Operations, before finishing his career as the President of Distribution at Liberty Mutual Insurance's Global Risk Solutions division. Shaun's greatest joy at work was the relationships he built with colleagues, many of whom he considered great friends.

Above all, Shaun loved being a husband and dad by supporting his family in every way he could. People were the most important thing in his life, whether that be family, friends or colleagues. He will always be remembered for his love of music and the epic Spotify playlists he created, his ability to recall random movie quotes verbatim and his amazing sense of humor.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Christine Kelly Powers; his brother, Patrick Kelly; his mother-in-law, Leena Gimpel; and his brother-in-law, Rick Gimpel.

Shaun is survived by his beloved wife, Lisa Kelly (Gimpel); his beloved children, Brielle Kelly, Chelsea Kelly, Brendan Kelly and his fiancée, Eleanor Goodspeed; his siblings, David Kelly and wife, Kathy (Graham), Michelle Osswald (Kelly) and husband, Scott, Colleen Estes (Kelly); as well as his father-in-law, Frederick Gimpel; and brother-in-law, John Powers. He is also survived by many cherished nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Funeral Service will be held at 12PM, on Friday, August 9, 2024, at Duckett - J.S. Waterman & Sons Home of Memorial Tribute, 656 Boston Post Road, SUDBURY, MA. A Visitation in the funeral home will precede the service, from 10AM to 12PM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Shaun's memory to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts, <https://emassbig.org/donate/why-donate/> or The National Alzheimer's Association, <https://act.alz.org/>

LANGDON, Mary C. (Crowe)



Of Brookline, passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side, on August 4, 2024. Beloved wife of 52 years to the late John J. Langdon. Loving mother of Kristina Langdon and her fiancé, Jason Walker of Woburn, John J. "Jay" Langdon and his wife, Kirsten of Medfield, Michelle Langdon and Kellyann Langdon, both of Newton. Adored Nana to Charlotte, Vivian and Grady; and her beloved cats, Abby and Zoe. Beloved sister of Paul Crowe and Margaret and Bartholomew Paino, all of Somerville. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents, Patrick and Mary (Neylon) Crowe; as well as her brothers, Leo Crowe of Burlington, Robert Crowe of Haverhill, James Crowe of Somerville and sister, Kathleen Crowe of Somerville. Mary was a devoted secretary at Brookline High School for many years, where she was adored by colleagues and students. Funeral from the Bell-O'Dea Funeral Home, 376 Washington St., BROOKLINE, on Monday morning, at 9:00, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Mary of the Assumption Church at 10:00. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting Hours in the funeral home on Sunday, from 4:00 to 8:00. Interment in Walnut Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Lung Association.

MICHALSKI, Irene Eva (Richard)

Formerly of Brighton, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2024, at the age of 99. Irene was a resident at Maristhill Nursing Home, Waltham, MA. She was the daughter of the late Amos and Stella Mary Richard. She is survived by her loving son, Steven (Brenda) Michalski and daughter, Ann Marie Corbett; grandson, Brian (Lakana) Corbett; great-grandchildren, Sydney and Logan Corbett. She was predeceased by her husband, Steven Adam Michalski; son, David; his twin brother (at birth); and granddaughter, Kelly Ann Corbett. Irene was the last surviving member of her family. Irene was predeceased by sisters, Dorothy (Dot) Levangie, Hanora (Nora) Bowter, Margaret Viola (Vi) Richard, Garnette (Cashen); and brothers, Russell and Raymond Richard. There will be no Visitation at the request of the family. Funeral Mass will be on Friday, August 9, in Saint Columbkille Parish, 321 Market Street, Brighton, MA at 10am, with Burial to follow at Shawsheen Cemetery, 15 Shawsheen Road, Bedford, MA 01730. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Irene may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of MA, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02454 or the MAB Community Services Development Office, 200 Ivy Street, Brookline, MA 02446. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.lehmanreen.com

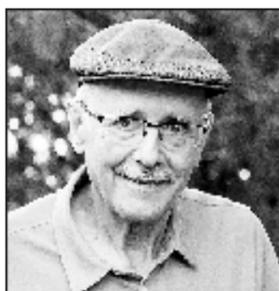
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BARKER, Judson "Jud"



Of Methuen, formerly of Connecticut, on August 1st, after fighting Parkinson's Disease for many years. Predeceased by his parents, Dorothy and Hugh Barker; and sister Ellen Barker. Jud is survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda Barker; brother Eldon Barker; daughter and son-in-law, Erin and Adam Townsend; and his grandchildren, Liam and Isabella "Izzy" Townsend; as well as many friends who are considered family. Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., REVERE, on Sunday, August 11th, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Service will be conducted in the funeral home on Monday, August 12th, at 11:00 a.m., followed by interment in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to aid Parkinson's Disease research through The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuciosmithvazza.com

BERNIER, George M. III



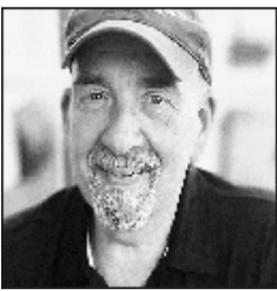
Formerly of Arlington, VA and loving son, lost his 4 and a half year courageous battle with pancreatic cancer on August 6, 2024, at the age of 59 in Newton, MA. George was predeceased by his father, George M. Bernier, Jr., MD; and survived by mother, Mary Jane (Marron) Bernier; sister, Elizabeth Lamont, MD; nephews, Robinson and Duncan Lamont; uncle, Thomas (Katherine) Marron; and numerous loving cousins. George graduated from Denison University in Granville, Ohio and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. He had a distinguished 30-year career in Washington, D.C., working in government and related entities. He served as senior legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, as well as posts with the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration and the Consulting Firm of Van Schoyoc Associates, as Director of Government Affairs. George had a memory for all things sports related and had a marvelous sense of humor. He was blessed with many wonderful relationships during his career and always sought the best in people and in turn, was well respected by his peers. The family is deeply indebted to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the doctors, nurses and staff who cared for George over the long course of his illness. The family will celebrate a private Service and Burial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to DFCl in George's name, with special recognition to Dr. Matthew Yurgelun and Nurse Practitioner, Molly Nestor.

BROSNAHAN, John P. "Jack"



Of Somerville, August 6, 2024. Beloved husband of Patricia A. (Farrell) Brosnahan; and devoted father of Savannah Brosnahan of Somerville. Cherished son of Suzanne (LaPrise) Brosnahan of Charlestown and the late Eugene Brosnahan. Dear brother of Mary Beth Tucker and her husband, James, Valerie Murphy, Suzanne Brosnahan and her partner, Robert Delaney, all of Charlestown and the late Barbara Bradford and her surviving husband, Richard of East Boston. Dear brother-in-law of John W. "Jack" Farrell and his wife, Terese of Lynnfield, James R. Farrell, Jr. of Quincy and his late wife, Karen, Mark D. Farrell of Somerville and the late Kevin M. Farrell and his surviving wife, Nancy of Hudson, NH and the late Diane M. Doyle. Jack is further survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), SOMERVILLE, on Friday, August 9, from 4PM to 7PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. A Funeral Procession will be held on Saturday morning, from the funeral home at 9AM, followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Catherine of Genoa Church, at 10AM. Services will conclude with Burial at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. If you wish, in lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory can be made to the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green St., Charlestown, MA 02129. Proud Veteran, U.S. Marine Corps. For complete obituary, please visit www.dohertyfuneralservice.com

BUONANDUCI, Joseph A.



Age 67, of Bridgewater, MA and recently of Sanford, Maine, loving husband of 39 years to Peg Buonanduci, passed away peacefully at home, on Monday, August 5, 2024, surrounded by family.

His family will receive family and friends at Lucas & Eaton Funeral Home, 91 Long Sands Rd., YORK, Maine, on Saturday, August 10, from 2 to 4pm, with a Prayer Service at 4pm. Visit www.lucaseatonfuneralhome.com for a full obituary.

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CROSBY, Thomas William Jr.



Of Natick, passed away on August 1, 2024. Loving son of the late Thomas William and Dorothy (Culbert) Crosby. Devoted godfather of Robert Galzebrook and Peter Hammond. Also survived by many cousins and friends. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend a Funeral Mass in St. Linus Church, 119 Hartford St., Natick, on Tuesday, August 13, at 10am. Interment will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Mr. Crosby was an Army Veteran during Vietnam and longtime employee of the Computer Industry in Greater Boston. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mr. Crosby may be made to Smile Train, at www.smiletrain.org The Crosby family would like to thank the Natick Police, Natick Fire and the doctors and nurses at Metrowest Medical Center for their kindness and compassion. For guestbook, please visit www.everettfuneral.com

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FORDE, Mary "Ita" (Leane)



Of West Roxbury, passed away on August 2, 2024. Born in Rangue, Killorglin, Co. Kerry, Ireland. Beloved wife of Andrew Forde, with whom she celebrated 59 years of marriage on May 29, 2024. Devoted mother of Andy Forde and his wife, Caela of Westwood, Jane Hughes and her husband, Michael and John Forde of West Roxbury. Adoring grandmother of Patrick, Michael, Brian, Joseph and Meghan. Dear sister of the late John and Margaret Leane. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family. Ita retired from Liberty Mutual after 21 years. Visiting Hours at the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St. WEST ROXBURY, on Saturday, August 10, from 9:00am to 10:00am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa of Avila Church at 10:30am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. To livestream the Funeral Mass, go to www.stthereseparishboston.com Interment in Mount Benedict Cemetery, West Roxbury. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or [http://www.dana-farber.org](https://www.dana-farber.org) For guestbook, please visit www.gormleyfuneral.com

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MUCCIACCIO, Virginia Anne



“Ginny” or “Nonnie,” age 93, of Dedham, passed away unexpectedly on August 4, 2024. Ginny was born in Brookline to Daniel and Ethel (Woods) Ledegang. She was a graduate of Milton High School, Class of 1946. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 50 years, Henry Mucciaccio of Dedham; her two grandchildren, Tina True of Westwood and Erik Brennan of Medford; and her sister, Carolyn Romaker of Thousand Oaks, CA. She is survived by her four children, Nancy and Peter True of Westwood, Daniel Mucciaccio of Dedham, Richard and Gladys Mucciaccio of Pompano Beach, FL and Laurie Brennan of So. Attleboro. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ginny had a profound impact on the lives of many and was a beacon of light in the communities that she dearly loved and served. She will be missed beyond measure by her large extended family, friends and compatriots. She was very active up until her death, driving, attending her great-grandchildren's sporting events, working for the Massachusetts Mayflower Society, traveling and attending meetings and events across the country for the many organizations about which she was very passionate.

Visiting Hours will be held at the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, on Monday, August 12, from 4 to 7 PM, with a Funeral Mass on Tuesday, August 13, at 10:30 AM, in St. Mary's Church, 420 High St., Dedham, followed by her Burial at Brookdale Cemetery, Dedham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ginny's memory to The UNH Foundation, c/o Tina True Memorial Fund, 9 Edgewood Rd., Durham, NH 03824 or to The Hillside School, Attn: Richard Meyer, 404 Robin Hill St., Marlborough, MA 01752.

For full obituary and online guestbook, please see gfdoherty.com

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ROCHE, Jean Madeleine (Riley)

Of Winchester, Massachusetts, formerly of Medford, peacefully went to rest surrounded by her family, on Monday, August 5, 2024, just three weeks before her 90th birthday.

Jean was a Belmont High School and Boston College graduate. She enjoyed summers at the Medford Boat Club and winters in Waterville Valley, NH.

Jean was predeceased by Charles E. “Charlie” Roche in 2016, after 56 years of marriage. She is survived by her children, Gregory W. (Diane) Roche of Methuen, MA and Michelle E. (Jeffrey) Clark of Burlington, VT. Jean is survived by her five grandchildren, Courtney and Riley Roche, Madeleine, Owen and Sean Clark.

In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to make a donation to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org or the Boston Home for Little Wanderers, thehome.org

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, August 9, 2024, at 10:30 AM, at St. Mary's Church, 155 Washington Street, Winchester, MA. Burial is private. For online condolences, please visit www.lanefuneral.com

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TRAFTON, Paul J.

Of Wayland, died on Monday, August 5, 2024. Beloved husband of Elizabeth A. (Scanlon) Trafton of Wayland. Loving father of Anne E. Trafton and her husband, Roger Donaghy of Melrose and John J. Trafton and his wife, Eve Seamans of Beverly. Cherished grandfather of Calvin Donaghy and Max and Jenny Trafton. Visitation on Friday, August 9, 2024, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at the John C. Bryant Funeral Home, 56 Pemberton Road (off Rte. 30), WAYLAND. Prayer Service on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 11:00 am, at the funeral home. Interment to follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Wayland. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Paul's memory may be sent to the charity of the donor's choice. For condolences and directions, please visit www.johncbryantfuneralhome.com

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Obituaries

Audrey Flack, painter, sculptor, and photorealist pioneer

By Harrison Smith
WASHINGTON POST

Audrey Flack, a New York artist who leaped from abstract expressionism to photorealism to large-scale sculpture, exploring the varied experiences of women while drawing inspiration from Greek mythology, a Spanish Madonna, and the tchotchkes and tea cups that give shape to daily life, died June 28 at a hospital in Southampton, N.Y. She was 93.

The cause was complications from an aortic tear, said her daughter Hannah Marcus.

Ms. Flack, the daughter of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe, spent most of her seven-decade career swimming against the art-world tide. She embraced realist painting when abstraction was in vogue, wielded an airbrush when fellow artists considered the commercial tool “immoral,” and helped define the photorealist movement in the late 1960s and '70s, when she was the only prominent woman in a group of painters that included Chuck Close, Robert Bechtle, and Richard Estes.

By the early '80s, she had set her brushes aside to make bronze and clay sculptures, often taking her subject matter from ancient myth. Out of her studio came a procession of heroic Athenas, Daphnes, and Medusas, whom she sculpted while seeking to offer an alternative to the classical depictions of men she saw in public parks and plazas.

“Beautiful, powerful women have to be out there,” she argued, “instead of generals on horses.”

Ms. Flack started out as an abstract expressionist, slinging paint onto canvases from her studio on Eighth Street in Manhattan, where a condemned building offered broken banisters but cheap rent.

The mid-century art world was electrifying, she recalled, but sexism and harassment were pervasive: By her account, abstract painter Josef Albers made a pass at her when she was one of his students at Yale, and Jackson Pollock drunkenly propositioned her one night at the Cedar Tavern, the Greenwich Village hangout where she mingled with Willem de Kooning and Franz Kline.

Partly because of all the debauchery, she left abstract expressionism behind, finding material from photographs and news clippings while embracing more figurative work. She frequently painted her family, even as she struggled to reconcile her artistic career with her life as a mother, raising two young daughters (one autistic and non-verbal) and grappling with an early marriage she described as abusive.

At the time, it was “almost radical to say you could be a mother, to talk about your children,” she told The New Yorker in 2021. She added that when a curator asked to see some of her paintings, she hustled to get her children out of her 104th Street apartment, where the dining room doubled as a studio. “I ran around the house putting clothes, diapers, everything away. Any sign that I had a child had to be erased.”

The visit was a success: One of the pictures the curator spotted, a 1964 piece showing a smiling President John F. Kennedy, moments before he was assassi-



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nated in Dallas, was selected for a group show advertising “Six Women Artists.” Ms. Flack said she was late to the opening because she had to fulfill one of her maternal duties: unclogging the toilet, which one of her daughters had stuffed with “diapers, a bunch of wooden blocks, and a wad of Play-Doh.”

By the early 1970s, Ms. Flack had developed a meticulous approach to painting, in which she arranged objects in her studios, took a photograph, and projected the resulting image onto a large canvas, sometimes 8-foot square, where she would apply brightly colored paint with an air brush.

While other photorealists painted sleek cars and city streets, Ms. Flack crafted allegorical tableaux that incorporated depictions of Buddha, Marilyn Monroe, strawberry tarts, and even Buchenwald survivors. Her “Vanitas” series, which invoked a Baroque genre suggesting the transience of life, was filled with carefully arranged objects offering a reminder that existence was fleeting: watches, skulls, burning candles.

Some critics found her work kitschy and oversentimental, lamenting paintings like the “Macarena of Miracles” (1971), one in a series of unironic works that reinterpreted a statue of the weeping Madonna that Ms. Flack had encountered while traveling through Spain.

Assessing the state of realist painting in 1976, New York Times art critic Hilton Kramer called Ms. Flack “one of the bravest of the new breed ... the Barbra Streisand of photorealism,” adding that her work was “distinguishable from advertising art only to the extent that the product being advertised is the artist herself.”

Ms. Flack called Kramer's criticism a “dagger to the heart.” But she continued working unabated, and found a home for her pieces in the permanent collections of institutions including the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington and the Museum of Modern Art and Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York.



SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN ART MUSEUM/AUDREY FLACK STUDIO

“Audrey has always been 20 years ahead of the pack,” gallerist Louis K. Meisel, who represented her at the time, told the Times in 1992. “Her work has nothing to do with the avant-garde. It's better.”

Ms. Flack described art-making as a compulsion, a way to clarify and explore the world around her or to get out of a personal rut. She said she emerged from a two-year depression in the early 1980s, when she would sit for hours on a park bench in Manhattan, by turning from painting to sculpture. She was still experimenting at the end of her life, painting a new series that she called “Post-Pop Baroque,” and which was unveiled at New York's Hollis Taggart gallery in March. The show coincided with the release of her memoir, “With Darkness Came Stars.”

“Titian made art into his late 80s, and I'm now past that,” she told Smithsonian Magazine a few years ago, just after she turned 90. “I always wanted to paint like an old master, or rather an old mistress — a radical contemporary old mistress.”

The younger of two children, Audrey Lenora Flack was born in Brooklyn on May 30, 1931, and grew up in the Washington Heights section of Manhattan. Her father ran a garment factory. In her memoir, Ms. Flack described her mother as “a larger-

than-life gambling addict.”

“Ironically, my mother had strong artistic abilities, yet failed to value them in herself or in me,” Ms. Flack wrote. “She embroidered tablecloths, crocheted blankets, designed her own needlepoint pillows, and set up carefully arranged flowers. She cut reproductions of Old Master paintings from magazines and placed them all over the apartment.”

The pictures ignited her interest in art. Ms. Flack graduated in 1951 from Cooper Union in Manhattan. The next year, she received a BFA from Yale University.

Early in her career, Ms. Flack taught anatomy at New York University and led drawing and painting classes at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and the School of Visual Arts in New York. Teaching helped pay the bills: For a time, she said, she was so poor that she paid her obstetrician in paintings, trading one of her still lifes for her daughter's delivery.

Her first marriage, to Frank Levy, ended in divorce. In 1970, she married H. Robert Marcus, a copper-trading executive who advocated for people with autism and developmental disabilities. He “saved my life; he saved my kid's,” Ms. Flack told the publication Curbed.

Her husband died May 10 at 95. In addition to her daughter

Above: Ms. Flack worked on some of her sculptures at the Tallix Foundry in Beacon, N.Y., in 1998. At left: Ms. Flack said she made her mid-1970s painting “Queen” “for all women, particularly women gamblers.”

Hannah, she leaves a daughter, Melissa; two stepchildren, Mitchell and Leslie Marcus; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

One of Ms. Flack's most ambitious projects was never completed. For more than six years, she worked on a bronze sculpture of Catherine of Braganza, the 17th-century Portuguese princess who married King Charles II of England and, by many accounts, was honored in the naming of the New York borough of Queens.

The final version of the sculpture was to stand five-stories high, clad in jewels and gold leaf, in the Hunters Point section of Queens, where it would gaze across the East River at the UN headquarters.

Donors secured almost \$2 million in financing for the project, which stalled out in 1998 after critics questioned the appropriateness of a memorial for a monarch linked to the transatlantic slave trade, on a site overlooking a Revolutionary War battleground.

Ms. Flack, who won a design competition to make the sculpture, had a different view of the queen. She saw Catherine as “a powerful and positive image of a surviving female,” she told the Times, noting that the monarch had little choice in the marriage, a political alliance that left her with a philandering husband. Ms. Flack added that she had sought to offer an alternative to classical depictions of femininity, giving Catherine multiracial features that she refined through repeated trial and error, making as many as 100 versions of her subject's face.

“I wanted,” she said, “to create the face of the new millennium.”

Lorenza de' Medici, 97; elevated, taught, and wrote about Italian cooking

By Clay Risen
NEW YORK TIMES

Before Lorenza de' Medici began publishing her cookbooks in the late 1980s, Italian cuisine outside Italy was often considered unremarkable fare: red sauce, white sauce, pizza, and pasta, all of which could be whipped up in haste from frozen, processed ingredients.

But in books like “Italy the Beautiful Cookbook” (1988) and “The Renaissance of Italian Cooking” (1989), and later in her 13-part PBS show, “The de' Medici Kitchen,” Ms. de' Medici showed that Italian cooking could be something else entirely: light salads and soups, elegant preparations, and, above all, fresh ingredients, ideally bought that morning from a local farmer.

For those with enough money, she offered intimate one-day to

one-week cooking courses at her family's winery outside Florence, Badia a Coltibuono. Her students stayed in the estate's thousand-year-old complex, originally an abbey, in between lessons on things like how to pick the right vegetables, properly stuff potatoes, and separate eggs by hand.

“One of my cooking students asked if she could use frozen artichokes in one recipe, and I said, ‘If that's all you have, then don't do that dish,’” she told the Chicago Tribune in 1985. “It does make a difference. In Italy we don't do out-of-season dishes.”

A direct descendant of the storied Medici clan that ruled Florence during the Italian Renaissance, Ms. de' Medici, who died at 97 on June 23 at her home in Milan, brought more than recipes to the table.

Her cooking was explicitly up-

per class. She called her food “the villa table,” a blend of regional influences favored by wealthier Italian families, in contrast to the “cucina povera,” or “peasant food,” which became popular with working-class Italian immigrants around the world in the 20th century.

“I love spaghetti, tomato, garlic, and pizza,” she told The Globe and Mail newspaper in 1990, “but that is not Italian cooking.”

Her books were lavishly illustrated with sumptuous photographs of Badia a Coltibuono and other estates, most of them owned by her friends, and accompanied by tantalizing narratives of languorous meals shared during her tours of the country.

In other words, she was offering a lifestyle — and in the 1990s, those who remodeled their kitchens with terra-cotta, sandy mar-

ble, and floral tiles in the so-called Tuscan style, or ate at one of the countless upscale trattorias that opened that decade, were experiencing a part of her expansive influence.

Many of her fans were surprised to learn that she had no formal training as a chef.

Lorenza de' Medici di Ottajano was born July 17, 1926, in Milan to Fanny (Custer) de' Medici di Ottajano, who came from a wealthy Swiss banking family, and Paolo de' Medici di Ottajano, who supplied luxury leather to the city's fashion houses.

Ms. de' Medici liked to say that like many Italian women of a certain age and class, she learned her way around the kitchen from cooks and servants who came from around the country to prepare food for her family. She gained even more experi-

ence during the German occupation of northern Italy during World War II, when strict rations forced cooks to innovate with whatever they had at hand.

Ms. de' Medici studied architecture at a polytechnical college in Milan but left before graduating to become a journalist. She was an editor at Novità, a fashion magazine that later became part of Vogue Italia. Later, she was Vogue Italia's food editor.

In 1953, she married Piero Stucchi Prinetti, a Milanese businessperson whose family had owned Badia a Coltibuono, one of Italy's oldest wineries, since 1846. Stucchi Prinetti died in 2002. Ms. de' Medici leaves their daughter, Emanuela de' Medici, who confirmed the death; their sons, Roberto, Paolo, and Guido; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY DON AUCOIN



ABC VIA GETTY IMAGES

William F. Buckley Jr. (left) and Gore Vidal in "The Best of Enemies."

Erudition and enmity in 1968 Buckley-Vidal clash

With the Republican National Convention in the rear-view mirror and the Democratic National Convention a couple of weeks away, now seems like an opportune moment to revisit "Best of Enemies: Buckley vs. Vidal."

Originally released in 2015, and currently streaming on Amazon Prime Video and Apple TV+, the documentary by Robert Gordon and Morgan Neville focuses on the debates between conservative icon William F. Buckley and left-leaning man of letters Gore Vidal on ABC during the political conventions in the summer of 1968.

By the time the duo settled into their seats, it had been a tumultuous and wrenching year. With the war in Vietnam raging, President Lyndon B. Johnson had announced he would not seek reelection. Dr. Martin Luther King had been assassinated in April. Then, in June, Democratic presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy was killed.

A couple of years earlier, Buckley had begun hosting "Firing Line," a public-affairs show on which he sparred with guests while propounding conservative ideas. In 1960, Vidal had enjoyed success with "The Best Man," a drama set at a presidential nominating convention in Philadelphia that ran for 520 performances on Broadway. Early in 1968, Vidal had published "Myra Breckenridge," a novel about a trans woman that was a huge bestseller.

For all the differences between Vidal and Buckley, what strikes a present-day viewer is how much they had in common.

Each belonged to a species not much in evidence today: the public intellectual. Each carried himself with patrician hauteur and an air of languid amusement. (Men of the people they were not.) Each was a maestro of language and a polemicist of lapidary precision.

But to these combatants, persuasion was not the primary

point, at least on the ABC broadcasts. (Persuasion was very much the point in the pages of Buckley's National Review, and in Vidal's political and literary essays for The New York Review of Books.) The point was to heap as much scorn as possible on the other fellow. If that inflicted damage on his ideas, great. In any case, there was no play-acting involved. These guys genuinely despised each other.

Their mutual enmity reached a low point during an ugly exchange in which Vidal called Buckley a "crypto-Nazi" and a furious Buckley, utterly devoid of his "Firing Line" aplomb, replied: "Now listen, you queer. Stop calling me a crypto-Nazi, or I'll sock you in your goddamn face and you'll stay plastered."

"It was an ever-growing attack," Gordon told PBS in 2015. "We saw in the raw footage within like two minutes of the first debate. They — these high-minded guys take the low road. It becomes very personal."

ASKING ERIC

Friend fears financial help will bruise pride

Q. I grew up in a degree of poverty. Most of my friends have done "OK" financially.

All of us but one is now retired and she is hoping to retire soon at age 73. She's continued to work as she's worried about not having sufficient funds during retirement. The other two have to pinch pennies a bit and many decisions are made based upon cost.

I made different choices than the others and have been fortunate financially. As a result, I'm significantly better off than the others and have excess income and assets.

I'd like to make their lives easier by helping them out financially. Even \$10,000 would allow the still-working one to pay off her car loan and thereby retire with a higher level of security and allow another to reduce her mortgage.

I've been trying to figure out a way to help them without offending their pride and making them feel the financial chasm between us. I've been unable to come up with a winning method.

Do you have any suggestions, or should I just let each of them figure out things on their own?

WANTING TO BE GENEROUS

A. First of all, would you like to be my friend, as well? My pride can certainly withstand a \$10,000 gift.

Your friends' pride can too. They've already shared enough of their financial realities with you that you're aware of some of the worries and the needs. This indicates that they see you as someone safe and trustworthy. And they already know that you are in a more secure financial position. Speaking to the reality of the financial chasm isn't going to make it any more real.

So ask them directly: "I would like to pay off your car loan; would you allow me to do that?" Or "Is there an amount of money that would make your life easier? I don't want to offend you, but I want to show you love as a friend."

Often, we avoid discussing money with friends out of politeness or pride. But the truths of our financial situations still impact every part of our friendships, from what we can do socially to how safe we feel in the world.

Acknowledging reality and possibility with your friends may be awkward at first, but it can make everything else easier.

Q. My daughter recently gave birth in California to her second child one month earlier than expected. We have a good relationship and get along very well.

She notified me via text that she was in labor

and on the way to the hospital. In that same text, she informed me that her mother-in-law was flying out to California that same day from New York.

I also live in New York and was not asked if I could come out the day she went into labor. I am guessing that my son-in-law contacted his mother first.

My husband and I had previously made plans to go out to California two weeks before my daughter's due date, as per her request. We never expected the baby to come a month early.

I am very hurt that the mother-in-law was notified instead of me. Several friends seemed surprised and said, "She is out there, not you?"

I have not asked my daughter about this because I do not want to upset her since she is overly emotional right now with possible postpartum depression. My immediate family thinks I am being overly sensitive.

SLIGHTED MOTHER

A. You're talking about a matter of minutes between texts, if that. I feel like I'm staring at a conspiracy board covered in screenshots of text messages and flight maps. But what I don't see — respectfully — is a slight.

Here's my theory: Your daughter went into labor unexpectedly; this is surprising, scary even. Her husband texted his mother. Maybe he's dashing down the hall for the go bag while he does it. Maybe there's chaos. Meanwhile, your daughter is trying to do a lot of things at once, including texting you and being in labor.

His mother wrote back that she was going to come. Your daughter gave you this information so that you wouldn't feel slighted or surprised to find out that — hours later — the mother-in-law was taking up to the gate.

You were perfectly capable of booking a same-day flight at that moment. It's fine that you didn't, but stop placing the blame on your daughter.

Let go of the hurt you've been nursing. Now. Your daughter needs you. She has two children and is possibly experiencing postpartum depression. This is not the moment to be caught up in one-upmanship with an in-law.

You'll regret it if your feelings about these texts get in the way of offering her love, support, and understanding as she navigates this emotionally complicated time.

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Thursday August 8, 2024

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ERIN CLARK/GLOBE STAFF

People walked to Polar Park, home of the WooSox, ahead of a Saturday afternoon game in July. Worcester is seeing a rush of new residents priced out of homes to the east and is crafting housing and transportation plans to absorb them.

ON THE STREET

HOME RUN

Polar Park energizes Worcester

By Janelle Nanos and Tim Logan
GLOBE STAFF

WORCESTER — About 25 years ago, Allen Fletcher plopped down \$110,000 to buy the old brick Ash Street School and got to work renovating the building into a home where his kids could come visit. From the top of the hill, at the corner of Ash and Summit streets, he could peer over to the parking lots of the Table Talk pie plant next door, and down at blocks of old storefronts that had seen better days.

And when the Table Talk plant closed for the night and the parking lot emptied, that's when it got really quiet.

"People would steal a car and bring it here," he said. "Not because this was a bad area but because nobody was going to bother them all night and they could strip it down to its axles."

WORCESTER, Page D4

With city's success comes growing pains

By Janelle Nanos and Tim Logan
GLOBE STAFF

Worcester isn't just the second-largest city in Massachusetts. As locals and boosters are quick to point out, it is also the second-largest city in New England and well-poised to draw people seeking urban life, at a price point below the metropolis 40 miles to its east.

And, both before COVID, as housing prices soared in eastern Massachusetts, and since the pandemic upended the relationship between where we work and where we live, more people have been finding their way here.

"It's attracting the oddballs, people like me, and this is a term of endearment," said Travis Duda, 38, a local graphic designer who moved to Worcester over a decade ago after landing a job in Framingham. "I don't know if it's disenfranchisement by the major cities or they see the potential and opportunity

GROWTH, Page D4

The meltdown that wasn't: 5 lessons from Wall Street's panic attack

Investors took a deep breath. They decided the world isn't about to end. So what did we learn from this episode?

LARRY EDELMAN

TRENDLINES

Wall Street's roller-coaster ride continued Wednesday, with stocks falling again.

But it was nothing like Monday's fear-induced plunge that swamped markets around the world. Whatever sparked that sell-off — likely a cocktail of concerns about the economy, a spike in the value of the Japanese yen, and overpriced tech stocks — investors, for now, have decided the world isn't about to end.

So, what did we learn from this episode?

Lesson #1

Like young children, Wall Street doesn't handle transitions well.

The Federal Reserve has spent the past two years fighting inflation with high interest rates. Defying expectations, it has nearly succeeded without causing a recession.

Now, central bankers are pivoting to rate cuts, probably starting in mid-September. They hope to extend the four-year economic expansion and contain the rise in unemployment before it gets much worse.

But traders, analysts, and economists are slamming the Fed for waiting too long to lower lending rates. Part of Monday's market meltdown reflected worries that policy makers were behind the curve, leaving more time for restrictive rates to throttle consumer spending and business investment.



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Trader James Conti worked on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday. Stocks dipped Wednesday, but far less than they did on Monday.

vestment.

It wasn't the first time investors have thrown a fit amid a change in Fed policy.

Stocks fell sharply in December 2018 when officials made the ninth in a series of rate hikes aimed at bringing borrowing costs back to levels in place before the 2008 financial crisis. A similar incident — the infamous "taper tantrum" — happened in 2013 after the Fed said it would reduce a bond-buying program implemented as an

emergency measure during that same financial crisis.

Lesson #2

Economic data can flash conflicting signals at the same time.

The weakening of the job market last month triggered the Sahm rule, a measure of rising unemployment that has corresponded to the start of every recession

TRENDLINES, Page D3

Warren, Markey press private equity giant to speed Steward sales

State officials are urged to save Carney, Nashoba

By Robert Weisman and Niki Griswold
GLOBE STAFF

A private equity firm that suddenly took control of valuable real estate at the center of the Steward Health Care crisis is facing pressure to make whatever concessions are necessary to get struggling Massachusetts hospitals into new hands.

US Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey on Wednesday pressed Apollo Global Management, which has emerged as the key party in talks to sell six Steward hospitals, to untangle snags and finalize sales by the end of the week.

Even as the focus on the six hospitals intensified Wednesday, officials in Boston and other communities stepped up long-shot campaigns to save two other Steward hospitals, Carney Hospital in Dorchester and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, slated to close by Aug. 31.

"We acknowledge these are pretty dire circumstances," said state Senator Jamie Eldridge, whose district covers many of the rural communities in north central Massachusetts served by the Nashoba Valley hospital,

"which is why we need state government to step up."

Steward, hospital bidders, and Massachusetts officials are racing to wrap up deals on St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and five sister hospitals by Friday so the bankrupt system, rapidly running out of money, can access \$30 million in state funds. Most of the funding, earmarked for operating capital, is conditioned on buyers inking purchase agreements.

At the same time, amid mounting community protests, the state Department of Public Health scheduled public hearings next week on Steward's plan to shutter the Carney and Nashoba Valley hospitals.

A hearing on Carney's closing was set for Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall in Dorchester. A hearing on the shutdown of Nashoba Valley was set for 6 p.m. Thursday at Devens Community Center. Virtual hearings will be held the following days to discuss each of the planned closures.

Steward, which filed for bankruptcy May 6, last month said it planned to shutter the two hospitals by Aug. 31, saying they hadn't drawn qualified bids. A bankruptcy judge approved that plan last week, despite a state law requiring hospitals to give 120 days' notice before closing. Steward is selling

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TALKING POINTS

AIRLINES

BOEING TO REDESIGN 737 MAX DOOR PLUG THAT SPARKED LATEST CRISIS

Boeing is redesigning the fuselage component that blew out of a nearly new 737 Max 9 aircraft mid-flight in January, as the planemaker seeks to draw lessons from the accident that has thrown it into crisis. The company revealed the plan during a daylong hearing with the US National Transportation Safety Board, which grilled executives from Boeing and supplier Spirit AeroSystems Inc. about their safety and manufacturing culture. Boeing said engineers are working on design changes that would prevent the so-called door plug from being closed until it's firmly secured, after the NTSB found the element hadn't been properly reinserted and was missing bolts to hold it down. Boeing has undergone a comprehensive overhaul since the Jan. 5 accident, switching out senior managers, announcing the repurchase of Spirit, and slowing production to improve build quality. NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy said shortcomings that contributed to the panel mishap had been known for years inside Boeing. At one point in the hearing she reprimanded managers for what she said sounded like an effort to turn the session into a "PR campaign" about Boeing's resurrection from crisis. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

LABOR

APPLE WORKERS APPROVE CONTRACT AT FIRST UNION STORE IN US

Workers at the first unionized Apple Store in the country ratified a labor contract with the tech giant Tuesday, after a year and a half in which bargaining appeared to stall for long stretches and union campaigns at other stores fell short. After the union announced the outcome, Apple said it did not dispute the result and was pleased to have an agreement. The contract, covering about 85 workers at a Towson, Md., store who voted to join the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers in June 2022, will provide a typical worker with a raise of roughly 10 percent over the next three years. The workers will also effectively receive the same benefits as those in nonunion stores — a point of contention since the company introduced new benefits that excluded union stores in the fall of 2022 — as well as guaranteed severance pay. — NEW YORK TIMES

ENTERTAINMENT

DISNEY NOTCHED A PROFIT IN THE THIRD QUARTER

Disney returned to a profitable third quarter as its combined streaming business started making money for the first time and the movie "Inside Out 2" did well in theaters. Operating income for the entertainment segment nearly tripled to \$1.2 billion thanks to better performances from its direct-to-consumer and content sales/licensing and other segments. In the Experiences division, which includes theme parks, domestic parks, and experiences operating income fell 6 percent, while international operating income edged up 2 percent. Disney said that the decline in operating revenue for domestic parks and experiences was because of increased costs driven by inflation, technology spending, and new guest offerings. — ASSOCIATED PRESS



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AUTOMOTIVE

HONDA'S PROFIT SETS A RECORD

Honda's operating profit rose to an all-time high in the first quarter as strong sales in the United States overcame a slowdown in China, putting Japan's second largest automaker in line for another year of record profit. Honda's profit in the three-month period through June rose 23 percent year on year to \$3.3 billion, beating analysts' estimate of \$3 billion, thanks to steady demand for cars in the United States and strong two-wheeler sales in India and Brazil. The company also cited a weak yen as a contributing factor to its strong results. The automaker, however, kept its outlook unchanged at \$9.7 billion, joining other Japanese automakers who held off revising their outlooks due to recent volatility in the country's currency. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

RIDE HAILING

LYFT STOCK DOWN ON LOWER BOOKINGS

Lyft shares slid by the most in more than a year after the ride-hailing company posted second-quarter bookings and issued an outlook that fell short of Wall Street's expectations. Gross bookings — representing the value of transactions for rides excluding tips — totaled \$4.02 billion in the three months ended June 30, falling toward the low end of the company's own guidance range and missing investors' projections. For the current quarter, the company expects \$4 billion to \$4.1 billion in bookings. Analysts projected \$4.14 billion. The miss overshadowed Lyft's efforts to consistently reach profitability. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

WEIGHT LOSS

SALES OF WEGOVY DROP



Novo Nordisk reported disappointing sales of its blockbuster weight-loss treatment Wegovy, a rare setback for the Danish drug maker as it braces for more competition in the booming market. Revenue from the drug was hit by higher-than-expected price concessions to US managers of pharmacy benefits in the latest quarter, chief financial officer Karsten Knudsen said in a conference call with journalists. He called it a one-time factor, but the size of the shortfall raised concerns among investors about growing pricing pressure as Eli Lilly & Co. muscles in with its rival product. Wegovy is increasingly available through Medicaid, the US health program for the poor, Doug Langa, who heads the company's North American operations, told investors on a conference call. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

AUTOMOTIVE

HYUNDAI FIX CUTS THEFT RATES

Antitheft software upgrades provided for Hyundai and Kia vehicles regularly targeted by thieves has cut theft rates by more than half, according to new research from the Highway Loss Data Institute. Theft rates of the affected automobiles soared after thieves discovered that certain car models lacked engine immobilizers, an antitheft technology that has long been standard in other vehicles. Thieves used a technique popularized on TikTok and other social media platforms to take the vehicles. The software upgrade started in February 2023 after numerous theft claims that began during the COVID-19 pandemic. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDIA

NYT EARNINGS UP THANKS TO MORE DIGITAL SUBSCRIBERS

The New York Times Company added about 300,000 new digital subscribers in the second quarter of the year, the company announced on Wednesday, propelling a 13.6 percent year-over-year increase in earnings. The company's adjusted operating profit for the quarter, from April through June, rose to \$104.7 million from \$92.2 million a year before. Overall revenue increased 5.8 percent, to \$625.1 million, compared with the same period in 2023. The Times now has more than 10.8 million total subscribers, of which 10.2 million are digital-only subscribers. The company has said it has a goal of 15 million subscribers by the end of 2027. — NEW YORK TIMES

ENTERTAINMENT

SONY BOOSTED BY MUSIC AND GAMING

Sony raised its forecast for revenue and profit in the fiscal year to March after a successful quarter for its music and gaming software divisions. The Japanese entertainment giant said its operating profit during the three months ended June was \$1.9 billion, beating the consensus estimate of \$1.87 billion and the year-earlier profit of \$1.7 billion. Sales for the fiscal year are now expected to come in at \$86 billion, with \$8.9 billion in operating profit, both slightly raised. The key PlayStation division saw a lift from the popularity of first-party and online multiplayer games, such as "Helldivers 2," though its biggest boost came from favorable exchange rates, Sony said in its report on Wednesday. The company sold 2.4 million units of the aging PlayStation 5 console, significantly below the 3 million that analysts had expected. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



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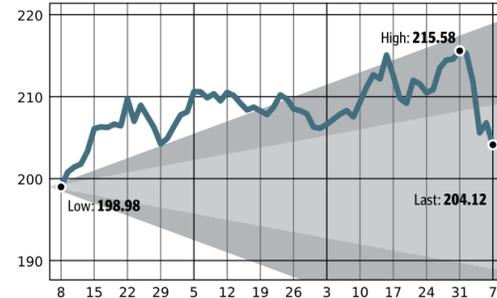
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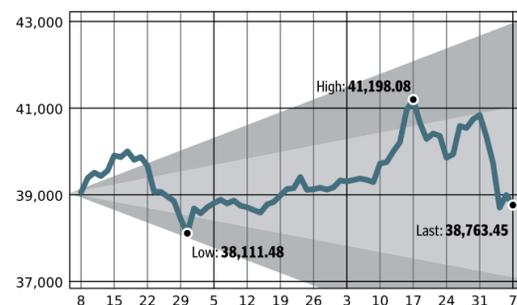
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Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc (VRTX)	465.89	-8.40	-1.8	120.2
Boston Scientific Corp (BSX)	73.78	+0.02	+0.0	108.7
American Tower Corp (AMT)	225.97	-2.19	-1.0	105.5
Analog Devices Inc (ADI)	201.31	-3.57	-1.7	99.9
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	34.58	+0.10	+0.3	46.9
GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	166.07	+1.72	+1.0	45.6
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc (ALNY)	260.17	-2.39	-0.9	33.4
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	81.55	-0.75	-0.9	31.3
Iron Mountain Inc (IRM)	105.56	-0.89	-0.8	31.0
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	199.78	-0.35	-0.2	29.1
Veralto Corp (VLTO)	104.23	+0.11	+0.1	25.8
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	460.74	+10.65	+2.4	23.7
Eversource Energy (ES)	65.34	-0.15	-0.2	23.4
State Street Corp (STT)	76.48	-0.65	-0.8	22.8
PTC Inc (PTC)	167.17	-1.93	-1.1	20.1
Waters Corp (WAT)	321.85	-9.04	-2.7	19.1
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	81.89	-0.56	-0.7	19.0
Teradyne Inc (TER)	114.25	-4.07	-3.4	18.6
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	98.09	-4.08	-4.0	14.8
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	30.14	-1.24	-4.0	14.6
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	140.06	-2.79	-2.0	13.4
Symbolic Inc (SYM)	21.77	-1.15	-5.0	12.8
Toast Inc (TOST)	22.71	-1.48	-6.1	12.6

Markets

Tech losses lead stocks lower

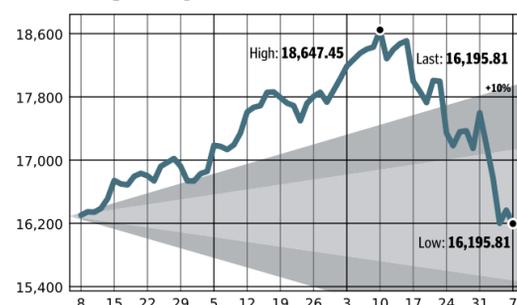
Stocks slumped Wednesday but the losses weren't as bad as the manic moves that wracked markets worldwide over the last week. Big Tech stocks have been struggling on worries their prices shot too high amid Wall Street's frenzy around artificial intelligence technology. Super Micro Computer tumbled 20.1 percent as its profit fell short of analysts' heightened expectations. Nvidia fell 5.1 percent. Apple rose 1.2 percent, clawing back some of its losses from earlier in the week. In the bond market, the yield on the two-year Treasury held steady at 3.99 percent Wednesday, where it was late Tuesday.

DOW JONES industrial average



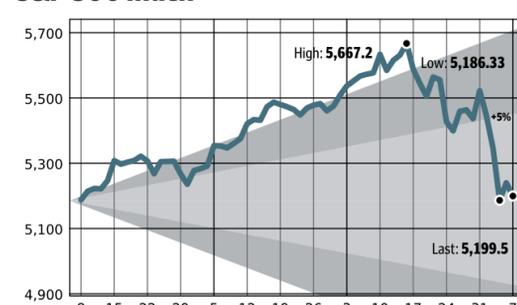
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NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 16,195.81 ▼ 171.04 ▼ 1.0% ▲ YTD 7.9%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 5,199.50 ▼ 40.53 ▼ 0.8% ▲ YTD 9.0%

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

A bounce back after a brief Wall Street panic

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since 1970.

But the National Bureau of Economic Research, the private group that determines when recessions start and end, considers more than just the jobless rate when making its call (usually months or years after the fact). And many of those measures — among them gross domestic product, employer hiring, personal incomes, consumer spending, and retail sales — show an economy that has cooled to what the Fed considers a more sustainable pace.

In fact, the economy has proven more resilient than the Fed could have hoped when it began hiking interest rates in March 2022 to bring down the highest inflation since the early 1980s.

GDP expanded at a respectable 2.8 percent annualized rate from April to June. Employers continue to hire in about the same numbers as 2019, before the pandemic.

Today, the central bank's preferred inflation gauge remains above its 2 percent target, but only because it relies on a quirky estimate of home prices that no one actually pays.

Lesson #3

Nailing a soft landing — returning to 2 percent inflation without painful job losses — is next to impossible in a globally linked economy with a gazillion moving pieces.

Interest rates are a blunt tool, without a handbook for how fast or how far to raise them, or when to lower them.

Last week, after he and fellow policy makers voted to keep their benchmark lending rate at a 23-year high, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the economy was solid and the job market was “strong but not overheated.” That, he said,



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gave officials the leeway to wait until they were sure inflation was no longer a problem.

But investors are an impatient lot. Powell's willingness to roll the dice, at least until officials next meet on Sept. 17-18, stoked an underlying anxiety that the economy is living on borrowed time.

Lesson #4

Investors aren't always rational.

Immediately after the Fed's “no action” rate decision on Wednesday, stocks rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 1.6 percent.

On Thursday and Friday, following a pair of reports showing the job market losing more steam, the index shed a combined 3.1 percent, leaving it down less than 1 percent for the week.

Then stocks hit the fan on Monday. The trigger: a 12 percent plunge in stock prices in Tokyo, the worst day since the 1987 crash.

The decline had little or nothing to do with the US economy — global investors were exiting a popular trade that was derailed by a quickly appreciating yen — but it rattled enough nerves that US stocks plunged when trading started in New York. The S&P 500 fell 3 percent.

Economist and New York Times columnist Paul Krugman

put it this way: “Most people selling stocks and other assets weren't engaging in macroeconomic analysis; they were selling because prices were falling.”

In other words, the biggest market rout in two years was largely the result of lemmings following each other over the cliff.

A final thought (Lesson #5)

The S&P 500 has lost 8.3 percent since hitting a record high on July 16. (It's up 9 percent for the year.)

The retreat reflects deep doubts about the economy and tech stocks, which soared so high on the unproven potential of artificial intelligence that investors are wondering whether prices have become detached from reality.

The economy has recorded 46 months of growth, well shy of the post-war average for expansions of 64 months.

Nobody knows when the next recession will arrive. An effective rate-cutting campaign from the Fed might keep business humming into next year.

But the best way to track the economy's health is to filter out the stock market noise and focus on fundamentals like GDP, jobs, incomes, and interest rates.

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On Monday, Wall Street saw one of the worst trading days in recent memory. The fear of a worsening US economy triggered a sell-off for global financial markets.

CVS Health cuts its 2024 forecast for a third time

Faces rising claims from Medicare Advantage plans

By Tom Murphy
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CVS Health chopped its 2024 forecast for a third time this year and changed the leadership of its health insurance business where it continues to struggle with rising costs.

CEO Karen Lynch will lead the insurance segment, replacing executive vice president Brian Kane, who is leaving the company about a year after arriving, the health care giant said Wednesday.

Rising claims from the company's Medicare Advantage coverage have hurt CVS Health for much of this year and contributed to repeated trimmings of its outlook for 2024. Medicare Advantage plans are privately run versions of the federal government's coverage program mainly for people age 65 and older.

CVS Health also said Wednesday that it has been hurt by a drop in quality ratings for those plans and pressure from Medicaid coverage it manages in several states.

The company's adjusted operating income from its health benefits business plunged 39 percent in the quarter to \$938 million, helping to drag down overall profit.

Adjusted operating income, which excludes things like capital gains, also dropped 12 percent for CVS Health's pharmacy business, which runs thousands of drugstores nationally. The company filled more prescriptions in the second quarter, but it has been dealing with tighter reimbursement for those drugs.

Outside the pharmacy, store sales slumped partially because customers have been buying few-

er COVID-19 test kits, CVS Health said.

Lynch told analysts on Wednesday that the company is planning a multiyear, \$2 billion cost-cutting program. She said it will involve more use of artificial intelligence and automation as well as “continuing to rationalize our business portfolio.”

CVS Health is wrapping up in 2024 a three-year plan to close 900 stores. Lynch said Wednesday the company has closed 851 so far.

CVS Health Corp. still runs one of the nation's largest drugstore chains and a huge pharmacy benefit management business that operates prescription drug coverage. It also covers nearly 27 million people through its Aetna insurance arm.

Overall, the company's profit dropped more than 7 percent to \$1.77 billion in the quarter. Adjusted earnings totaled \$1.83 per share on \$91.2 billion in revenue.

Analysts projected earnings of \$1.73 per share on \$91.41 billion in revenue, according to FactSet.

CVS Health now expects adjusted per-share earnings for the year to be between \$6.40 and \$6.65. That's well below the Wall Street consensus of \$6.96 per share.

The company's new forecast is down from a projection for at least \$7 per share that it made in May after previously reducing the forecast in February.

CVS Health initially said last December that 2024 adjusted earnings should total at least \$8.50 per share.

Shares of the Woonsocket, R.I., company slid 3.21 percent Wednesday to close at \$56.47.

CVS Health stock has already shed a quarter of its value this year as the Standard & Poor's 500 index has climbed about 10 percent.

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Ballpark, neighborhood rise together

► WORCESTER

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Today, his view is quite different. Table Talk is gone, but three new apartment towers have risen near a remade Kelley Square. From his roof, a well-thrown baseball would land on the field of Polar Park, home of the Worcester Red Sox. And those old storefronts down the hill are now largely filled with bars, restaurants, and eclectic shops.

This revival was a long time coming, driven, for years, by Fletcher and other small business owners in the neighborhood. Then along came Polar Park, which opened three years ago, and put the Canal District's emergence on overdrive. As with many stadium deals that require public financing, building Polar Park was controversial. But so far, the bet seems to be paying off.

The neighborhood's history as a hub of commerce dates back to the creation of the Blackstone Canal, which once stretched 45 miles from here to Providence. Maybe two decades ago, Fletcher and a few business owners in the neighborhood got together and launched a group to promote the idea of uncovering the Blackstone Canal. It runs underneath Harding Street and, its 20-year run as a navigable waterway long over, serves mainly as a storm drain.

That never happened — frankly, the idea never made much engineering sense, Fletcher admits now. But they met every Wednesday for 15 years and invited all sorts of people to talk with them. They held festivals, they scraped together some marketing. And gradually, the Canal District was born.

“What it did was everybody came to the table, and they went away thinking ‘Something’s going on here,’” he said. “We don’t quite know what it is, but there’s a lot of energy here. There’s a vision of something.”

Today, that vision has blossomed into dozens of restaurants, bars, and other businesses in a roughly 12-block triangle between Interstate 290 and the train tracks that slice through downtown Worcester.

There are the Worcester Public Market food stalls on the ground floor of a four-story apartment building Fletcher developed on a parking lot. An old mill building has transformed into an eclectic warren of stores, such as the BirchTree Bread Company, Crompton Collective's vintage treasures, and Virginia Orlando's verdant, taxidermy-filled plant store, Seed to Stem.

“We just really liked the community aspect of this building,” Orlando said. “We decided it would be really nice to join and all



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work together to bring more foot traffic to the area.”

And now, 75 days a year, WooSox fans are all over the place.

When the late Larry Lucchino started thinking about moving the Pawtucket Red Sox to Worcester, planting the team in an up-and-coming neighborhood was a priority, said Charles Steinberg, his longtime righthand man and now president of the Worcester Red Sox. The area just up the hill from the Canal District — then mostly a sea of cracked parking lots — seemed like a perfect spot. The team and the city worked out a deal to finance the stadium; the state paid to fix traffic-choked Kelley Square, and Polar Park was born.

“Larry Lucchino loved cities,” Steinberg said. “He loved how ballparks could bring life to a city... and he loved that Worcester’s resurgence was already in progress. He did not have to be the locomotive on this train.”

But he could help push it forward. Polar Park is designed to blend with the neighborhood, with entries all around its perimeter and sightlines from the nearby streets. Most of the parking is a few blocks away, the better for game-goers to walk past restaurants on their way in and out. Even game times are intentional, especially the typical 4 p.m. Saturday first pitch, so fans can go out in the Canal District or downtown either before or after a game.

“The ballpark just spills out into the city on a Saturday night,” Steinberg said.

Then there’s what’s around the park. Along with six acres for the stadium, the city has about 12 acres of land it has turned over to developers with plans for apartment buildings, a hotel, even lab space. So far, four apartment buildings are open or near completion — one towers over the scoreboard in center field — with nearly 550 units in all. At the recently opened Revington, where WooSox players live during the season, one-bedrooms start at \$2,275 a month, while another across the street is entirely set aside at below-market rents for lower- and middle-income tenants.

All of it, said City Manager Eric Batista, will bring foot traffic to support nearby restaurants, workers for downtown employers, and street life year-round to a place that, not so long ago, had none.

“The goal was never just to build a ballpark,” Batista said. “The goal was to build a development opportunity and revitalize the entire space.”

It didn’t come without a cost. Worcester issued \$146 million worth of bonds to build the stadium — which it owns and leases to the WooSox in a deal that runs through 2056 — money it will pay back with taxes and fees generated in the area. So far, the additional revenues are covering the debt payments, with a little help from a reserve fund, and skeptics of the deal — who are numerous — are holding their tongues.

“On paper it’s working, they haven’t required any more money

from taxpayers, which is good,” said Travis Duda, a design firm owner who hosts the local “SeltzerTime” podcast. “A lot of people questioned that.”

Still, as in Boston, new development has stalled lately. Higher interest rates and materials costs, as well as post-pandemic shake-outs in commercial real estate, have slowed development. When those apartment buildings — including an overhaul of the old Table Talk office on Green Street into condos — are finished, the clang of hammers and rumble of cement trucks will fade again, for the first time in years.

Looking across Madison Street from the big windows in Steinberg’s office in Polar Park, you can see several empty lots where many hoped buildings would be rising by now. But the WooSox aren’t going anywhere, and roughly 500,000 fans a year will keep coming. And everyone knows the Canal District now, even if the canal is nowhere to be seen. So Steinberg will take the long view.

“Wisdom is time-lapse photography,” he said. “You have to look at where we were in 2018, the Canal District was a work in progress. Now there’s a six-story apartment building where baseball players live and walk to work. Now you look at that piece of grass over there. What will that be in 2026?”

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Lawmakers press for quick sale of hospitals

► STEWARD

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its other six Massachusetts hospitals to pay off creditors.

Those hospitals — St. Elizabeth’s, Holy Family Hospital in Methuen and Haverhill, Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, Morton Hospital in Taunton, and St. Anne’s Hospital in Fall River — all have potential buyers, which haven’t been identified, but they await a resolution with Apollo on property leases before deals can be completed.

On Wednesday, meanwhile, the Boston City Council passed a resolution calling on state and city leaders to declare a public health emergency over the impending closure of Carney. Nurses in the City Hall gallery, many holding signs reading “Keep Carney Hospital Open,” erupted into applause.

The measure urged officials to “take all possible steps necessary to preserve the operations of Carney Hospital,” including seizing the property by eminent domain to keep the hospital running until a permanent operator can take over. Such a move would require the government to pay fair market value to property owners.

“We’re not ready to throw the towel in,” said Councilor John FitzGerald, who co-sponsored the resolution. “We need to float the hospital for a couple of years until we make it profitable again, and so we can get it up and running. But we do need time and we need to overturn every rock we can to buy that time or create the environment to make that deal.”

At an emergency meeting Tuesday night, Ayer’s Select Board passed a resolution calling on the governor to declare a public health emergency for 15 communities served by the hospital, order it to stay open for the full 120 days, and extend state funding to assist qualified bidders.

A spokesperson for the Healey administration said it’s pressing Steward to follow the 120-day closure process. At the same time, state officials recognize “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,” the spokesperson said, and were focusing on finalizing purchases that would preserve the other Steward hospitals.

In a Wednesday letter to Marc Rowan, the Apollo chief executive, Warren and Markey cited the New York firm’s role as the “fulcrum” in long-stalled negotiations to sell the Steward hospitals.

“We ask that you work in good faith with Steward, Massachusetts officials, and other stakeholders to facilitate the sale of the remaining six Steward hospitals in Massachusetts to operators that will continue serving their communities,” the two senators wrote in their letter.

They also asked Apollo to reply by Sunday to a series of questions, including how much it loaned two previous owners of the hospital properties, how much it collected on its loan, whether loan terms had been modified, what it plans to do with the hospital real estate, and what concessions it’s offered, if any, in hospital sales negotiations.

A spokesperson for Apollo declined to comment on the senators’ letter, citing the “sensitive and confidential nature of the ongoing discussions” with prospective buyers of Steward hospitals.

For the hospital bidders, a major challenge for months has been negotiating with both Steward, which owns the hospitals’ licenses, and two investment firms that owned its real estate. Steward originally sold the hospitals’ land and buildings for \$1.2 billion in 2016 to Medical Properties Trust, an Alabama-based real estate investment trust.

MPT sold a 50 percent interest in its Massachusetts leases to another firm, Macquarie Infrastructure Partners of Australia, for \$1.8 billion in 2021. The two firms formed a joint venture to manage the lease, securing a loan from Apollo that required the landowners to pay mortgages.

The three companies were often at odds in this summer’s hospital sales negotiations over how to allocate sales proceeds. After bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez nullified a master lease last week because Steward couldn’t make rent payments — and with bidders offering to buy the property or pay deeply discounted rents — MPT and Macquarie walked away from the properties, turning them over to Apollo.

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New England’s fastest-growing city hopes to manage growth

► GROWTH

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of this place at this time... but it’s a pivotal point in our history.”

For a decade now, Worcester’s population has been on the rise. The city of about 205,000 grew faster than any other large city in New England in the 2010s, its 14 percent growth rate doubling that of Providence. And that growth has continued since COVID, even as Boston lost nearly 25,000 people. They’re not all settling in Worcester by any means, said Peter Dunn, the city’s chief development officer. But transplants are welcome.

“We’re not intentionally recruiting people from Boston,” he said. “But they’re coming.”

To start to absorb the growth, Worcester added about 10,000 units of housing in the last decade. Last year, the City Council voted, for the first time, to require new buildings to include affordable units — though not as many as some advocates pushed for. And in December the council moved to broadly legalize accessory dwelling units to further add to the housing supply.

But so far, the bulk of that new housing has been higher-end properties, said City Councilor Etel Haxhijaj, who has pushed the city to find more ways to house many of her low- and moderate-income constituents. She said the city should have acted sooner to encourage and build affordable housing when the influx of new residents began to pick up a few years ago.

“It’s not that we don’t want people to come here,” she said. “It’s that we’re building far more unaffordable apartments than we



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Passengers boarded a WRTA bus at Union Station in Worcester. In June, the MBTA opened a new \$45 million center platform in Union Station, effectively doubling the capacity for train service.

are trying to build for people who live here: The people who built Worcester.”

The housing crunch has been exacerbated further by one of the tightest rental markets in the country — the city’s vacancy rate is just 1.5 percent, Haxhijaj said. Yet while rents have climbed, they remain lower than in many places to the east, with a typical two-bedroom renting for just under \$1,600, according to real estate website ApartmentList.

City officials are crafting a new housing plan they hope will generate even more solutions specific to a city where many people live not in new construction but in the three-deckers that line its hillsides. Because, City Manager Eric Batista said, they expect that more

people will come.

“The impact of remote work has impacted the ability for people to look in the east and say, ‘Why am I paying X amount on this unit when I can buy a property and live in Worcester, and still have the ability to get to Boston in under an hour?’” he said.

But when it comes to maintaining that promise, Worcester officials have their work cut out for them.

Last October, the MBTA modified its “Heart to Hub” commuter rail service, which since 2016 had offered express service to and from Boston, to add four stops, and 30 minutes, to the ride. Riders pushed back, and the city worked with the state to restore morning express service, at least.

And in June, the MBTA opened a new \$45 million center platform in Union Station, effectively doubling the capacity for train service.

“That is going to give us the accessibility to more trains at different times and better times,” Batista said.

Now, as new housing — such as the buildings around Polar Park — open and the city thinks more about transit-oriented development, Dunn said he’s been working to gather data about what these newcomers might need, and sharing it with the MBTA to shape future service.

“Who are these people? Where do they work? Would they take commuter rail if the times worked better for them?” he said. “It’s not just, what’s the ridership today, but what’s the ridership potential going to be?”

In a sense, that’s the question over everything going on in Worcester right now. Not just what’s happening today in New England’s second-biggest city, but what could potentially come next.

Duda said Worcester feels primed for its moment — calling it a “realization” not a revitalization for a city that a homegrown punk rock DJ once famously dubbed Wormtown.

“I’ve grown to love this city and feel connected to it more than anywhere else I’ve lived in my life,” he said. And that’s a long way from being a place where “we were so underground only the worms knew about it.”

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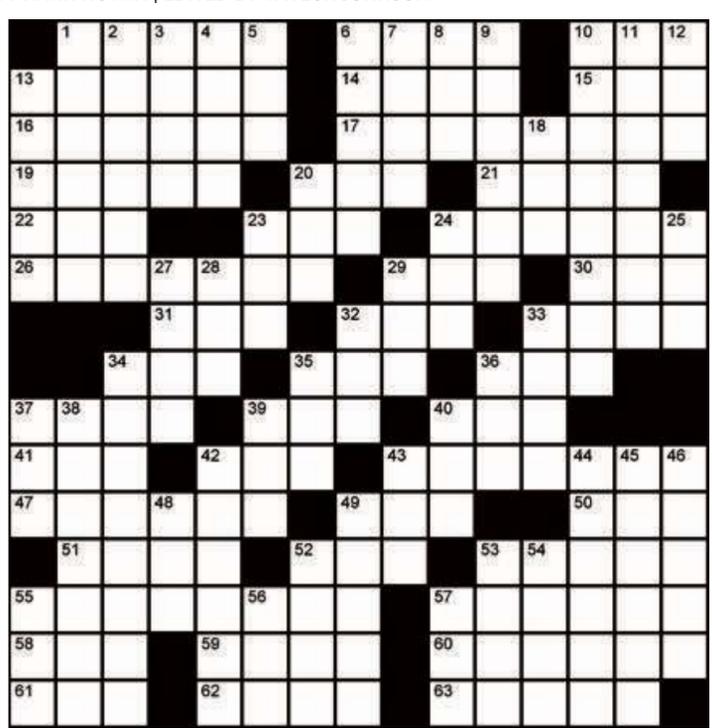
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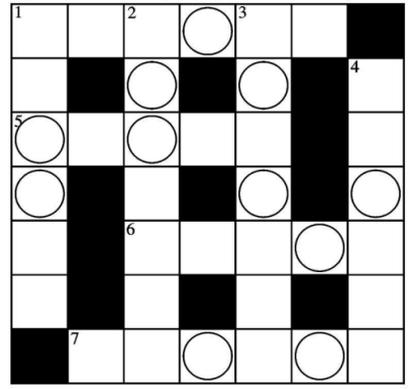
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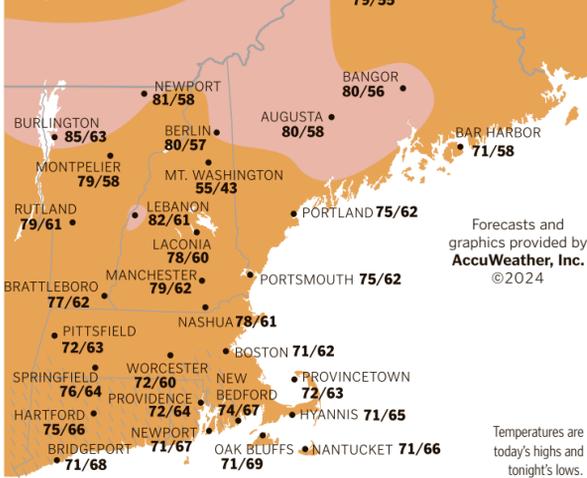
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Delays and goofy mistakes plus equipment breakdowns, computer glitches, and confused communications are frustrating at work.

rand, and time spent with siblings and relatives. Partly, this is due to dealing with family members and situations from the past demanding your attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Delays and confused communications are frustrating, which is why you might be emotional when with family members.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a strong time for you, which is one reason why you have strong opinions today.

VIRO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though Mercury is retrograde in your sign — attracting

people from the past back into your world, while at the same time creating glitches like misplaced items, late appointments, and confused communications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today the Moon is in your sign, which might make you a bit more emotional than usual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Old friends and contacts with people you knew before in organizations or clubs are back in your world.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Right now you have strong opinions about travel issues or something to do with medicine, the law, or higher education.

discussion with a friend or a member of a group. Keep it real, and keep your cool. Tonight: Friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today others will know personal details about your private life because, for various reasons, you are high-viz.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Do something different today to shake things up a bit. You're hungry for adventure and some stimulation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can accomplish a lot; you're motivated to work efficiently right now. Furthermore, you're inspired to make improvements at home.

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SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North ♠ 4 ♥ 7 3 ♦ J 8 6 2 ♣ A 7 5 3 2

West ♠ 5 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ K Q J 8

East ♠ K J 10 9 8 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ K 5 ♣ 9 6 4

South ♠ A Q 7 6 3 ♥ A 9 6 2 ♦ Q 10 4 ♣ 10

South 1 ♠ West Dbl North Pass East Pass

Opening lead — Choose it

Most experts agree that opening leads are the toughest part of the game. To find a good lead, you must analyze the bidding, visualize dummy's strengths and anticipate the play.

Today's West doubled South's one spade for takeout, and East passed for penalty. West led ... the king of clubs.

South took dummy's ace, ruffed a club, cashed the ace of hearts and conceded a heart. West won and shifted to a trump: deuce, king, ace. South ruffed a heart with dummy's last trump, ruffed a club for his sixth trick and still had the queen of trumps.

When your partner converts a low-level double for penalty, he will have a solid trump holding plus a good hand. Your goal should be to stop declarer from scoring ruffs with low trumps.

West should have led a trump (borrowing one from another deck if he had to). That makes a two-trick difference. South gets neither a heart ruff in dummy nor a second club ruff in his hand.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ 5 ♥ K J 10 5 ♦ A 9 7 3 ♣ K Q J 8. Your partner opens one heart. The next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: If partner has A 7 6, A Q 7 6 2, 4 2, A 6 5, you can make a grand slam. If he has "wasted" spade honors — K Q 4, A Q 7 5 2, K 2, 6 5 4 — game may be your limit.

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Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.