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In Henning, supporters see 'a great comfort'

Archbishop-elect praised for outreach; others wary over resolve on abuse cases

By Christopher Huffaker and Shelley Murphy
GLOBE STAFF

On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, Richard Henning was a young priest on Long Island in New York, filling in for a vacationing pastor when two planes crashed into the World Trade Center.

Monsignor Bob Clerkin recalled that he was on a wide stretch of highway miles from his own parish when he reached Henning on his cellphone shortly after the second plane struck.

Henning understood that people would be turning to the church. He was calm. And ready.

"He had control of the situation," Clerkin said during a recent interview, describing Henning as "a big guy" with a strong presence who rushed to a local parochial school to speak to children and "was a great comfort," during the

unimaginable crisis.

Now, Henning, 59, is poised to take over as archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, one of the largest Catholic communities in the United States, with more than 1.8 million members. Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley announced last Monday that Henning, bishop of Providence, had been tapped by Pope Francis to succeed him on Oct. 31.

"I am humbled by the size and history of this archdiocese and I am very well aware that I have a lot to learn," Henning said Monday.

Clerkin and others who have worked alongside Henning since he was ordained in 1992 say he also has a lot to teach. The New York native has been praised for his outreach to the Latino community and other immigrant groups. Fellow religious leaders describe him as a strategic and creative thinker who



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When he was named to the Boston post, Bishop Richard Henning said he had a lot to learn; his backers said he also has a lot to teach.

helped prevent church closures and knows how to build collaborations.

Others are watching with skepticism. Advocates for clergy sexual abuse victims have raised concerns about his selection to take the helm

of the Boston archdiocese, which was at the center of the scandal and is still resolving claims over assaults committed by pedophile priests.

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Migrant cases fill US courts in Mass.

Filings for deportations approach record as system struggles with influx

By Danny McDonald, Yoohyun Jung, and Giulia McDonnell Nieto del Rio
GLOBE STAFF

As thousands of migrants who fled violence and instability in their home countries face an unsettled future in Massachusetts, federal immigration authorities are on pace to file a record number of deportation cases this fiscal year, according to an immigration research center.

Through the first nine months of the 2024 federal fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, the US Department of Homeland Security filed more than 44,000 new deportation cases in Massachusetts immigration courts. At the current pace, the total number of filings in the state by the end of the fiscal year could reach almost 59,000.

That compares to more than 54,000 cases in the previous federal fiscal year, which was the largest number of new filings in Massachusetts since 2001, according to data from the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, a research center at Syracuse University. Most of these cases are still pending with the court, data show.

Over the last two years, the wave of new migrants has pushed the state's emergency shelter system to the brink, and Governor Maura Healey has clamped down on Massachusetts' right-to-

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2024 PARIS OLYMPICS

A FIVE-RINGED FINAL SPECTACLE



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The closing ceremonies of the Paris Summer Olympics on Sunday were an extravaganza for the senses, featuring fireworks, light shows, musical and dance performances, and a guest drop-in from Tom Cruise. The last bit of showmanship was a nod to the next Summer Olympics, to be held in Los Angeles. Earlier, a tearful Brittney Griner, who had spent months in a Russian prison before her release, relished the gold medal she and the other members of the US women's basketball team won after a tough-fought 67-66 victory over France. **Story, results from final day, C1.**

Israel expands evacuation zone in Gaza

Displaced again, residents struggle to find safety

By Wafaa Shurafa and Samy Magdy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military ordered more evacuations in southern Gaza Sunday, a day after a deadly airstrike on a school-turned-shelter in the north killed at least 80 Palestinians, according to local health authorities. The airstrike was one of the deadliest attacks in the 10-month war.

Israel has repeatedly ordered mass evacuations as its troops return to heavily destroyed areas where they previously battled Palestinian militants. The vast majority of Gaza's population of 2.3 million people have been displaced, often multiple times, in the besieged territory 25 miles long by about 7 miles wide.

The latest evacuation orders apply to areas of Khan Younis, Gaza's second-largest city, including part of an Israeli-declared humanitarian zone from which the military said rockets had been fired. Israel accuses Hamas and other militants of hiding among civilians and launching attacks from residential areas.

The humanitarian zone has steadily shrunk
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Their global warming fight begins in own backyards

From Brockton to Andover, teens are mobilizing to create community solutions



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

Noah Fillion (left) and Zoe Smiarowski, both of Brockton, worked together on a table for a new outdoor classroom at Hancock Elementary School.

'It is 100 percent the truth for me that the students are at the forefront of climate work. I could not be as effective without their help.'

JOYCE LOSICK-YANG, *Andover's sustainability and energy director*

By Ivy Scott
GLOBE STAFF

BROCKTON — With dirt on their cheeks and smiles on their faces, the eight teenagers who make up Brockton's Climate Crew this summer rested their shovels in the grass for a much-needed water break. The cohort of high schoolers and recent grads had just finished clearing the plot of land where, in a matter of weeks, an outdoor environmental studies classroom will be at the Hancock Elementary School, for younger students to learn about climate resilience in their neighborhood.

As climate anxiety grows among teens and young adults, many are turning to activism as a way to push back against feelings of helplessness. And while many teens are following in the footsteps of young global climate activists like Greta Thunberg to make policy demands at the national and international

levels, some are choosing their local communities as the place to start.

"When you think about climate issues, it feels like a giant thing that most people don't touch, even if they care about it, because it's too overwhelming," said Climate Crew member Xaven Studer, 14. "But it matters, even the little things ... and seeing it unfurl, I'm excited I'm contributing to something important."

From Brockton to Chelsea, Lowell to Andover, teenagers are at the center of their communities' climate resilience efforts, urban farming initiatives, and recycling programs, in addition to raising support for local policies, such as increased access to renewable energy.

Research indicates nearly 60 percent of young people report feeling "very or extremely worried" about climate change, ac-

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Gangs refocused their attacks to areas outside of Port-au-Prince after international forces arrived in Haiti's capital.
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The Nation

Biden says he feared being ‘distraction’

Dropped out of the race over his worries for party

By Peter Baker
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Biden said in an interview that he had abandoned his bid for a second term because he did not want to create “a real distraction” for Democrats, but he expressed no second thoughts about whether he could still do the job, despite concerns about his age and capacity.

In his first interview since ending his reelection campaign July 21, Biden said that he had “no serious problem” with his health but added that the highest priority had to be defeating former president Donald Trump. “We must, we must, we must defeat Trump,” he told Robert Costa on “CBS Sunday Morning.”

The president attributed his decision to step aside to pressure from his party but did not offer new details about the dramatic days leading up to his stunning announcement. “A number of my Democratic colleagues in the House and Senate thought that I was going to hurt them in the races,” he said. “And I was concerned if I stayed in the race, that would be the topic. You’d be interviewing me about, ‘Why did Nancy Pelosi say, why did so’ — and I thought it’d be a real distraction.”

He said that he initially intended to be a bridge to the next generation in running for president in 2020. “When I ran the first time, I thought of myself as being a transition president,” he said. “I can’t even say how old I am. It’s hard for me to get it out of my mouth. But



MANUEL BALCE CENETA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Biden waved as he rode his bike followed at Gordons Pond in Rehoboth Beach, Del., on Sunday.

things got moving so quickly, it didn’t happen.”

Even though he would have been 86 at the end of a second term had he won again, Biden suggested that he had originally resolved to seek reelection because he saw Trump as a singular threat who had to be stopped. He cited the former president’s support from white supremacists and referred to the deadly demonstrations in Charlottesville, Va., in 2017 that he has said inspired him to run in 2020.

“Every other time the Ku

Klux Klan has been involved, they wore hoods so they’re not identified,” Biden said. “Under his presidency, they came out of those woods with no hoods, knowing they had an ally. That’s how I read it. They knew they had an ally in the White House. And he stepped up for them.”

The president vowed to campaign for Vice President Kamala Harris and praised her choice of Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota as her running mate. “He’s a great guy,” he said. “As we say, if we grew up

in the same neighborhood, we’d have been friends. He’s my kind of guy. He’s real. He’s smart. I’ve known him for several decades. I think it’s a hell of a team.”

He denied that his poor debate performance, which led Democrats to pressure him to step aside, revealed any larger issues about his capacity at age 81. “Look, I had a really, really bad day in that debate because I was sick,” he said. “But I have no serious problem.”

As for his own legacy, Biden said he hoped it would be that

he “proved democracy can work,” “got us out of a pandemic,” and “produced the single greatest economic recovery in American history.”

But he did express some regret for not doing more to take credit for the expansive \$1 trillion bipartisan program to rebuild the nation’s roads, bridges, airports, and other infrastructure. “The biggest mistake we made,” he said, was that “we didn’t put up signs saying, ‘Joe did it.’”

Seeking a revival with free retail rent

San Francisco is experimenting

By Joe Gose
NEW YORK TIMES

There’s a buzz of energy in downtown San Francisco from a source that has been missing for years: occupied storefronts.

One of those shops is Paper Son Coffee, a roaster with flavors popular among Latin and Asian American communities that has been operating in the South of Market neighborhood since June. Before that, the space had been empty for nearly three years.

“People who work or live in the neighborhood stop in and are like, ‘Wow, there is something here!’” said Alexander Pong, an owner of Paper Son. “They’re excited.”

Paper Son is part of an initiative to help San Francisco return to the days before it became a devastating example of what could go wrong with American cities during the pandemic. The company was chosen to participate in Vacant to Vibrant, a program started last year by the city’s mayor, London Breed, to fill empty space downtown, which largely makes up several blocks straddling Market Street in the Financial District and South of Market neighborhoods. Downtown San Francisco has the highest concentration of vacant storefronts in the city.

“Retail rents have historically been very high in the Financial District,” said Santino DeRose, a principal at Maven Commercial, a real estate brokerage with offices in San Francisco and Chicago. “But now these businesses have the ability to get their feet wet and determine whether their concepts are viable in those locations.”

Under the program, city and business leaders provide free rent for up to six months as well as other funding for business expenses and incentives like technical and business permit assistance, to entrepreneurs who want to set up shop in empty spaces, many of which are on the ground floor of office buildings.

The hope is that these pop-up operations will pay rent and sign longer leases after the free-rent period is over and that their presence will regenerate foot traffic in the area.

Some 850 entrepreneurs initially applied for a slot, and 17 businesses were chosen to occupy nine storefront spaces in the fall. Out of those businesses, seven extended their leases and now pay rent. Eleven businesses were selected in May for the program’s second cohort, which started operating their storefronts this summer.

For Hilary Passman, owner of Devil’s Teeth Baking Co., a breakfast and lunch cafe known for its bacon, egg, and cheese sandwiches made with butter-milk biscuits, Vacant to Vibrant represented a rare opportunity: to open a store at One Embarcadero Center, a sprawling four-building office complex in the Financial District that includes shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues.

It is the third Devil’s Teeth location in the city, and Passman went on to sign a five-year lease with the building’s landlord, BXP, a large office building owner.

“I always wanted to be downtown — prepandemic, it was busy, vibrant, and energetic,” Passman said. “But back then, super big landlords didn’t want to talk to a tiny little bakery.”

Those same landlords are talking now. San Francisco leaders had hoped that a wave of investment in artificial intelligence startups would help revitalize the office market, but storefronts on the ground floor remained quiet. The city’s office vacancy rate hit 33.7 percent, a record high, in the second quarter this year, according to JLL, a commercial real estate brokerage.

DAILY BRIEFING

Officer critically hurt at protest in Ferguson, Mo.

A Ferguson, Mo., police officer was critically injured outside the city’s police station during protests on the 10th anniversary of the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, a pivotal moment in the national Black Lives Matter movement, police said Saturday.

Ferguson Police Chief Troy Doyle said Officer Travis Brown suffered a severe brain injury Friday after being knocked to the ground.

“He is in an area hospital right now fighting for his life,” Doyle said.

Two other officers also were hurt, one with sustaining an ankle injury, the other an abrasion.

Officers went out to make arrests Friday for destruction of property at the police station, where protesters gathered to remember Michael Brown, an 18-year-old Black man who was killed during an altercation with a white police officer in 2014.

One of the suspects was charged with assault of a special victim, resisting arrest and property damage. He was ordered held on \$500,000 cash only bond.

Doyle said that for the majority of the night, the protesters were peaceful. He said police allowed them to block the street outside the station, posting a squad car on each end.

Police also didn’t intervene when the protesters began shaking the fence outside the station. But Doyle said that when they broke a section of fencing, he sent out the arrest team. The suspect who charged at Travis Brown knocked him backward with his shoulder, and the officer hit his head as he tumbled to the ground, Doyle said.

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GRAND SPECTACLE —

The US Navy Blue Angels flew near Navy Pier over Lake Michigan during Chicago’s annual Air & Water Show on Sunday. The Blue Angels are the Navy’s flight demonstration squadron and one of the world’s oldest aerobatic teams. The show drew 1 million spectators during its two-day run.

Court rules against police possession

Police can’t hold onto people’s possessions indefinitely after an arrest, the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled on Friday, in a decision that revives lawsuits against the D.C. police from 2020 protesters.

The ruling also goes against what most other appellate courts in the country have said. Only one, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, has ruled similarly that property is subject to the same constitutional protections against indefinite police detention as people. It’s a “significant precedent” in favor of a broader view of the Fourth

Amendment, Michael Perloff of the American Civil Liberties Union of D.C., who litigated the case, said in a statement.

The lawsuits came from five protesters and a journalist who were arrested during racial justice protests in August 2020. All were detained briefly and released without charges; no warrants were issued to search their phones. But they were unable get their phones back until they went to court, roughly a year later, despite having repeatedly contacted the police and D.C. prosecutors.

WASHINGTON POST

N.Y. man charged in synagogue stabbing

NEW YORK — A 22-year-old Brooklyn man was charged with assault on a hate crime after the police said he yelled “Free Palestine” and “Do you want to die?” before stabbing a young man near a synagogue in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn early Saturday morning.

The 22-year-old man, Vincent Sumpter, was charged in the attack with second-degree assault as a hate crime, which occurred around 2 a.m. Saturday on Kingston Avenue, around the corner from the headquarters of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement on East-

ern Parkway. It was unclear Sunday whether Sumpter had been arraigned or had a lawyer.

Yaacov Behrman, a rabbi who is a spokesperson for the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, said Sumpter exchanged words with the victim, whom he identified as Yechiel Michel Dabrowskin, before stabbing Dabrowskin once in the chest. Behrman said Dabrowskin, who is Jewish and about 30 years old, was taken to Maimonides Medical Center and was expected to recover from his wounds.

NEW YORK TIMES

Arizona tortoise survives his life in the fast lane

PICACHO, Ariz. — A high-speed lane of an interstate is no place for a low-speed desert tortoise on the lam.

An unfortunate end for Stitch, the sulcata tortoise, was averted recently when a state trooper helped rescue him as he tried to cross Interstate 10 near Picacho.

A motorist contacted authorities on July 30 to report

that a tortoise was trying to cross the busy highway, which is halfway between Casa Grande and Tucson in Pinal County.

The motorist and Sergeant Steven Sekrecki managed to get the tortoise off the roadway unharmed.

Troopers saw the name “Stitch” labeled across the tortoise’s shell and contacted an

ostrich ranch located 3 miles away.

According to the Arizona Republic newspaper, the ranch confirmed that Stitch was one of their recently tortoisés and had recently escaped from his habitat.

The newspaper said Stitch was safely returned to the ranch.

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Stitch the tortoise posed with his rescuers.

Debby has departed but thousands still left in the dark

Flood warnings remain for some along East Coast

By Ron Todt and Holly Ramer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — The weather system previously known as Hurricane Debby was not quite done with parts of the United States Sunday as flood warnings remained in effect in North Carolina and thousands were without power in New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

After hitting Florida as a hurricane Aug. 5, the storm spent nearly a week unleashing tornadoes and flooding, damaging homes, and taking lives along the East Coast before moving into Canada on Saturday.

While many rivers had receded by Sunday, flood warnings remained in effect across central and eastern North Carolina, where more thunderstorms were possible over the next few days. With the ground already saturated from Debby, the National Weather Service said localized downpours could result in addi-

tional flash flooding throughout the coastal Carolinas.

Authorities in Lumberton, N.C., said in a Facebook post Saturday that one person died after driving into floodwaters on a closed road and getting swept away. Officials didn't identify the driver, but said that what they hoped would be a post-storm rescue, quickly turned into a recovery.

"It bears repeating," the agency said in the post. "Never drive into flooded roadways and obey road closed signage."

In New Bern, N.C., business was brisk at the Halftime Pub and Grub restaurant Sunday afternoon just after a flash flood warning was issued, said server Chastity Bettis.

"Right now, it's thundering, sprinkling, and pretty dark, so I'd say it's going to start raining hard here pretty soon," she said. "If you live here, you're pretty used to hurricane season and it being like this, but the last week or two, we've been getting it pretty rough."

In South Carolina, the National Weather Service's Charleston office warned Sunday that as much as 3 to 4 inches of addition-



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On Friday, high tide floodwaters encroached on King Street in the Old Town neighborhood of Alexandria, Va. More storms threaten to overwhelm the saturated grounds of some regions.

al rainfall was possible in the afternoon and evening, and could lead to flash flooding. Showers and thunderstorms could develop across Charleston County down through Chatham County and inland, the office said.

Even in drier areas, more

than 35,000 homes and businesses in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont still had no electricity as of Sunday afternoon, according to the tracking website PowerOutage.us. Some 23,000 outages lingered in hard-hit Ohio, where Debby-related

storms including tornadoes blew through the northeastern part of the state on Wednesday.

Debby's last day and night over the nation inundated parts of New York, Pennsylvania, and New England with rain and flash flooding on Friday, prompt-

ing evacuations and rescues.

Stacey Urban, whose family owns the Moss Vanwie Farm in Canisteo, N.Y., said the floodwaters destroyed about three-fourths of the 1,200-acre farm, including about 400 acres of corn, 200 acres of soybeans, and hundreds more acres of hay used to feed cows and other animals.

"This is complete and total devastation," she said by phone Sunday as firefighters were bailing out the home's flooded basement.

Recovery efforts were ongoing in upstate New York's Steuben County. Officials announced plans to distribute water bottles and clean-up kits to residents impacted by flash flooding on Sunday and Monday. The Red Cross also opened a shelter for flood victims at the Corning-Painted Post High School and planned to operate it until Monday.

Meanwhile, the National Hurricane Center is tracking another potential tropical storm in the Atlantic. Officials said a tropical depression is likely to form within the next day or two and could approach portions of the Greater Antilles by the middle of the week.

Some schools are racing to ban student phones

Devices can be distracting and abet bullying

By Natasha Singer

NEW YORK TIMES

Cellphones have become a school scourge. More than 70 percent of high school teachers say student phone distraction is a "major problem," according to a survey this year by Pew Research.

That's why states are mounting a bipartisan effort to crack down on rampant student cellphone use. So far this year, at least eight states have passed

laws, issued orders, or adopted rules to curb phone use among students during school hours.

The issue isn't simply that some children and teenagers compulsively use apps such as Snap, TikTok, and Instagram during lessons, distracting themselves and their classmates. In many schools, students have also used their phones to bully, sexually exploit, and share videos of physical attacks on their peers.

But cellphone restrictions can be difficult for teachers to enforce without schoolwide rules requiring students to place their phones in lockers or other locations.

Now, state lawmakers, along with some prominent governors, are pushing for more uniform restrictions in public schools.

With the new school year already underway this month in some states, those new rules are kicking in. The reasons, proponents of the restrictions say, are numerous.

Students are often subject to cyberbullying and bombarded with text messages and social media notifications during school. Studies have shown that mobile phones, text messages, and even "nomophobia" — the fear of not having access to one's phone — can distract students and impair learning. States hope

that cracking down on phone use in the classroom will reduce learning distractions as well as tech misuse by students.

Some independent schools are also banning phones. Recently, the head of Georgetown Day School in Washington, D.C., wrote in The Atlantic that it was "time to remove phones from schools."

Teachers say that phone bans in the classroom have helped improve students' ability to concentrate on their lessons and work in groups.

Some schools have also found the bans decreased phone-related bullying and student fights. Bark, a risk-monitoring service

that scans students' school-administered Google and Microsoft accounts, said in July that it had documented more than 8.5 million cases of school cyberbullying on Google Docs since 2019 — and more than a half-million cyberbullying cases involving students on Microsoft's Teams app.

Yet many parents who are used to freely texting or calling their children object to blanket cellphone bans. More than half of parents think students should be allowed to use their phones "sometimes," such as during lunch or recess, according to a survey by the National Parents Union.

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Ukraine leader acknowledges Russia incursion

KYIV — Days after Ukraine began a surprise military incursion into Russia's Kursk border region, President Volodymyr Zelensky has broken the government's silence on it by indirectly acknowledging the ongoing military actions to "push the war out into the aggressor's territory." Zelensky's comment came in his nightly address late Saturday.

Ukraine's incursion into Russia continued for a sixth day Sunday. It's the largest such attack since Moscow launched its full-scale invasion on Feb. 24, 2022 and is unprecedented for its use of Ukrainian military units on Russian soil. Ukraine's raid into Russia caught Moscow unaware and was an embarrassment to Russian military leaders who have scrambled to contain the breach.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement on Sunday that its forces engaged Ukrainian troops in Tolpino, Zhuravli, and Obshchy Kolodez, the official Tass news agency reported. Tolpino is 15 miles from the Ukrainian border.

Evacuation of civilians living in Russia's border areas with Ukraine continued Sunday.

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Tropical glaciers melting at alarming rate, a study finds

Tropical glaciers are expected to retreat in a warming world. Now, a new analysis suggests these glaciers, located at high altitudes in the Andes Mountains, are smaller than they've been since the last major ice age, an alarming milestone that could portend future glacial melting worldwide.

Publishing in the journal *Science*, an international team of researchers write that the bedrock now exposed at the margins of four such glaciers in the Andes has not seen the light of day since more than 11,700 years ago. That's when the last major ice age ended, beginning the current geological epoch known as the Holocene.

The researchers measured beryllium-10 and carbon-14 concentrations in the exposed rock to determine the last time the rocks were exposed.

The glaciers may serve as a "canary in the coal mine," the researchers say, a warning that global warming has already raised Earth's temperature by 1.5 or 2 degrees Celsius and that more melting is at hand for other glaciers worldwide.

WASHINGTON POST

At least 18 killed as landfill collapses in Uganda capital

KAMPALA, Uganda — A vast landfill site in the Ugandan capital collapsed late Friday, killing at least 18 people, the Red Cross said.

Fourteen other people were injured when the Kiteezi landfill, which serves as a waste disposal site for much of Kampala, collapsed. At least two of the dead were children, Kampala Capital City Authority said.

The collapse is believed to have been triggered by heavy rainfall. The precise details of what happened were unclear, but the city authority said there was a "structural failure in waste mass."

Irene Nakasiita, a spokeswoman for the Uganda Red Cross, said the toll reached 18 after more bodies were retrieved from the scene Sunday.

"The assessment is not yet completed," she said.

The Kiteezi landfill is on a steep slope in an impoverished part of the city. Women and children who scavenge plastic waste for income frequently gather there, some building homes close by.

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FIRE DARKENS SKIES IN GREECE — A helicopter dropped water near the village of Varnava during a wildfire, north of Athens, Greece, Sunday, with many regions of the country on high alert due to high temperatures and wind speeds. More than 400 firefighters, 110 fire engines, and a large number of volunteers were fighting the fire, which broke out around 3 p.m. local time.

Gangs take reign of terror beyond Haiti's capital

Despite Kenyan forces, violent attacks persist

By David C. Adams and Andre Paultre

NEW YORK TIMES

MIAMI — In the predawn hours on a Sunday in late July, members of one of Haiti's largest armed gangs attacked the town of Ganthier, about 25 miles east of the capital and on a road that authorities say is used to smuggle weapons.

When police reinforcements arrived in armored vehicles hours later, officers found the streets deserted, the gang members having left after destroying Ganthier's police station and torturing and killing several residents, according to the town's mayor and police.

"The whole town of Ganthier is emptied; there is no one left," the mayor, Jean Vilonor Victor, told *The New York Times*.

Weeks after the arrival of a United Nations-backed international security force in Haiti, the gangs who have brought the capital, Port-au-Prince, and other regions in the country to their knees show no signs of letting up.

The international effort to reinforce Haitian police and a transitional government has al-

leviated conditions in some sections of Port-au-Prince, experts say, but gang members have refocused their attacks on the outskirts, marauding towns that had escaped their campaign of killings, kidnappings, and rape.

The attack on Ganthier, a town of 60,000 people on a major highway linking the capital to the border with the Dominican Republic, is emblematic of the persistent security problem Haiti's government faces as it tries to rebuild the shattered country, which has seen three years of violence, mass migration, and economic ruin.

The first wave of Kenyan police officers to deploy in Haiti as part of the multinational force lacks the numbers or the armaments to dismantle the powerful gangs, experts said.

To make matters worse, three members of the Presidential Transition Council, a governing body that took office in late April, tasked with paving the way for national elections, is under investigation by an anti-corruption government agency over the handing out of government jobs to members of its coalition of political and economic groups.

Council members have denied any wrongdoing.

But Nixon Boumba, a Haitian human rights advocate, said: "Corruption and security



ODELYN JOSEPH/ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Kenyan officer, part of a UN-backed multinational force, patrolled in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, last month.

go hand in hand. For most of us, the more things change, the more things remain the same."

The appointment in May of a new prime minister — a respected technocrat, Garry Conille, with experience as a senior United Nations executive — is part of a tricky transition back to democratic rule, with elections scheduled for next year. Haiti has been in turmoil since July 2021, when the last president, Jovenel Moïse, was assassinated.

The arrival of 400 Kenyan police officers this summer was meant to reinforce the beleaguered Haitian police force,

which has been fighting a coordinated gang offensive since late February.

For now, the Kenyans are not straying very far from their base, built by US contractors, at Port-au-Prince's international airport, which reopened to commercial flights in May after being closed for more than two months because of gang violence outside the airfield.

The commander of the Kenyan mission, Godfrey Otunge, said his men were helping bring about a "return to normalcy."

He claimed credit recently for helping patrol and clear the road to Ganthier, where in a

statement he said efforts were underway to "unshackle" the town from gang control.

But Victor said that security forces left soon after arriving and that gang members quickly returned. "Nobody can go home yet," said Victor, who also fled.

Haitian police have helped reduce violence overall in recent months, analysts said. From March to June, at least 1,379 people were killed or injured because of gang violence throughout the country, a 45 percent drop compared with the previous four months, according to the United Nations.

"It's much quieter in central Port-au-Prince," said William O'Neill, the United Nations-appointed human rights expert for Haiti.

With Kenyan officers providing support, Haitian police have entered parts of the capital they had abandoned, said Diego Da Rin, who monitors Haiti for the International Crisis Group.

But large parts of Port-au-Prince, including downtown, are still no-go zones where residents fear to tread and businesses are boarded up. When Conille, a TV news crew, and a heavy police escort went last month to Port-au-Prince's main public hospital, which has been abandoned because of gang violence, they came under fire and had to make a speedy getaway.

US places hope of Venezuela fix in Latin America

Foreign ministers work to negotiate with Maduro

By Karen DeYoung and Samantha Schmidt

WASHINGTON POST

Nearly two weeks after Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro claimed reelection to a third term despite what the United States and others have called "overwhelming evidence" of a massive opposition victory, the future of Venezuela and of US policy there remain in limbo.

The Biden administration, while saying that opposition candidate Eduardo González clearly won more votes, has stopped short of declaring him the victor. Instead, it has called for the release of all official results and for Maduro and the opposition to negotiate a "transition" of power.

Rather than taking the lead in pushing for Maduro to step down and threatening sanctions and other reprisals if he refuses as the White House has in the past, the current administration has placed its hopes in triad of leftist Latin American

governments to persuade him to yield.

So far, efforts of the presidents of Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil, all of whom have relatively stable relations with Maduro, appear to have achieved little.

Foreign ministers from the three countries set up a conference with their Venezuelan counterpart on Sunday, with the goal of planning a meeting among Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, Colombia's Gustavo Petro, and Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil and Maduro on Wednesday.

Colombia plans to propose an initial agreement of good faith in which Maduro would release all political prisoners and cease persecution of the opposition in exchange for a partial easing of sanctions by the United States and the European Union, according to a person close to the negotiations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to share details of the talks.

This would not be a "quid pro quo," the person said, but rather Maduro would need to make the first gesture of good faith. It is unclear if the Biden

administration would support such an agreement.

Maduro's attorney general has opened a criminal investigation into opposition leaders currently in hiding, including González. While refusing to release official results of a July 28 vote, which it says Maduro won with 51 percent, the government has accused the opposition of falsifying its own printouts of precinct-level outcomes



THE FUTURE OF VENEZUELA

Outside governments, including the United States, dispute President Nicolás Maduro's election win.

that show González with more than twice Maduro's tally.

Maduro has called local opposition organizers "terrorists" and has arrested thousands in security sweeps since the elections. He has annulled the passports of activists and journalists and ordered Venezuelans to delete WhatsApp, a primary tool of opposition communication. On Friday, he decreed that the platform X, formerly Twitter,

was banned for 10 days after its owner, Elon Musk, called him a "dictator" and a "clown."

Amid meetings with both government and opposition representatives, the three presidents have issued communiqués exhorting the Maduro-controlled National Electoral Council to release complete results of the precinct-by-precinct vote and allow "impartial verification."

"The international community is united in our call for Maduro and his representatives to release untampered, detailed tally votes. To date, there is no evidence to back up" the "claim that Maduro won" by the electoral commission, White House National Security Council spokesman Sean Savett said Saturday.

"We welcome the engagements from our international

partners who are calling for transparency to honor the people's votes and support a peaceful way forward that respects the will of the Venezuelan people. The United States strongly supports these efforts," he said.

Two senior administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss diplomatic matters, noted that the inauguration of a new Venezuelan president is not scheduled until January, leaving time to build pressure on Maduro from within the hemisphere and beyond.

The person close to the talks among Latin American leaders said they believe it is highly unlikely that Maduro will agree to a transfer of power in the short term, or agree to a power-sharing deal with the opposition. But, the person said, the negotiations might establish conditions for a democratic space in Venezuela's government institutions and for competitive legislative or local elections in 2025.

Agreements along those lines, allowing Maduro to be inaugurated for the third time in January, would likely test US willingness to take a back seat to the Latin American negotiators.

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A time-honored ritual turns controversial in Uganda

Locals angered by commercialization of sacred ceremony

By Rodney Muhumuza
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEAR MOUNT ELGON, Uganda — The dancers shook their hips to the beat of drummers who led the way, anticipating the start of mass circumcision among the Bamasaba people of Uganda's mountainous east.

Yet the frolicking in the streets belied a dispute brewing behind the scenes as some locals questioned their king over the very public presentation of Imbalu, the ritualized circumcision of thousands of boys every other year in this remote community

near Uganda's border with Kenya.

Could it be turned into a carnival, put on for the gaze of foreigners? Or should it remain a sacred ceremony in which families quietly prepare their sons to face the knife with courage?

The king, known as the Umukuuka, had his way ahead of the Aug. 3 ceremonial inauguration at a park in the town of Mbale, arguing for a traditional festival that also looked attractive to visitors. The organizers of Imbalu received over \$120,000 in financial support from the Ugandan government and a corporate sponsor.

In an interview, the Umukuuka asserted that organizing a modern Imbalu was challenging and defended his decision to market the ritual as a tourist

event in line with Uganda's national development plan.

"Everything is changing as the population expands. People may not manage to follow the cultural processes," he said, citing the economic hardship and commercialization he said were diluting the communal aspect of Imbalu. "But we are fighting through the clan system that (Imbalu) remains intact."

But the Ugandan government's intervention has raised eyebrows among many Bamasaba and underscored angst over the most important ceremony for this ethnic group of 4 million Ugandans. Some who spoke said they felt the Umukuuka, in his first year in office, was trivializing Imbalu by exposing it to outside interests.

"Our leadership is being hi-

acked by" national political leaders, said Wasukira Mashate, an elder who is a custodian of Bamasaba cultural property, charging that the Umukuuka was missing the counsel of clan leaders with real spiritual authority.

"I don't think they are having any role" in Imbalu, he said, speaking of clan leaders. "It was for our own benefit culturally, but now it is becoming a national event because the government of Uganda has captured it."

At the ceremonial inauguration, an angry crowd gathered outside the totemic shrine of the clan that historically has launched Imbalu by cutting the first candidates. Clan members pointed to the young mixed-breed bull tethered to the grass

as offensive, saying only a local breed would suffice as an appropriate sacrifice to the gods.

"This cow is exotic. We are Bamasaba, and he brought us a white animal," said Kareem Masaba, speaking of the Umukuuka. "He has insulted us. His predecessors used to come into the shrine and participate in the rituals, but this man will not come here. He is disrespecting us."

The dispute over the sacrificial animal delayed the inauguration into the late afternoon as anger grew among men wielding machetes, sharp sticks, and other crude weapons. The Umukuuka, seated not far away in a tent among dignitaries from elsewhere in Africa, did not budge. Clan members retaliated by refusing to present the first group of initiates before the Um-

ukuuka, a former forestry officer whose real name is Jude Mudoma.

The mass circumcisions will last until the end of 2024.

The tribal initiation of boys into adulthood has long been controversial in African countries such as South Africa, where incidents of botched, deadly circumcisions among Xhosa-speaking people have inspired campaigns for safe clinical circumcision. Among the Bamasaba, whose cutting method is just as violent, there have been no calls to end the practice. The strongest adherents see Imbalu as more important than ever amid widespread infant circumcision in hospital settings. They say those boys who are not initiated in the tribal way risk suffering lifelong social delinquency.

Israel expands evacuation zone in south Gazan city

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during the war with the various evacuation orders.

Hundreds of thousands of people have crammed into squalid tent camps with few public services or sought shelter in schools, though the United Nations says hundreds of those have been directly hit or damaged.

Khan Younis suffered widespread destruction during an air and ground offensive earlier this year. Tens of thousands fled again last week after an evacuation order.

The new order came in leaflets dropped from the sky. As smoke rose on the horizon, hundreds of families carrying belongings in their arms left homes and shelters, seeking elusive refuge.

One child carried a stuffed Hello Kitty doll as others walked through rubble-filled streets.

"We don't know where to go," said Amal Abu Yahia, a mother of three, who had returned to Khan Younis in June to shelter in their severely damaged home. It was the fourth displacement for the 42-year-old widow, whose husband was killed when an Israeli airstrike hit their neighbors' house in March.

She said they went to Muwasi, a sprawling tent camp along the coast, but couldn't find space.

Ramadan Issa, a father of five in his 50s, fled Khan Younis with 17 members of his extended family, joining hundreds of people walking toward central Gaza.

"Every time we settle in one place and build tents for women and children, the occupation

comes and bombs the area," he said, referring to Israel. "This situation is unbearable."

Philippe Lazzarini, the head of the main UN agency that aids Palestinians, said Sunday that people in Gaza have "nowhere to go" amid the evacuation orders and that more than 75,000 people had been displaced in the southwestern part of the enclave in recent days.

"Some are only able to carry their children with them, some carry their whole lives in one small bag," he said in a post on social media. "They are going to overcrowded places where shelters are already overflowing with families."

Israel has adjusted the borders of the humanitarian zone several times; the area shrank by more than a fifth last month. The latest downsizing appeared to be more limited. Maps and analysis of satellite imagery show that the zone is overcrowded and often hit by strikes.

Hours before announcing the evacuation order Sunday, Israel's military said that it had carried out a "targeted raid" in Khan Younis, recovering weapons including rifles and explosives in a tunnel. It also said that its jets had struck dozens of targets and killed fighters, including one who took part in the Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

The military's claims could not be independently verified.

Gaza's Health Ministry, which doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants, says the Palestinian death toll from the war is approaching 40,000. Aid groups have struggled to address the staggering humanitarian crisis, while international experts have warned of



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Palestinians displaced by an Israeli offensive fled Sunday following an evacuation order for parts of Khan Younis.

famine.

The war began when Hamas-led militants burst through Israel's defenses on Oct. 7 and rampaged through farming communities and army bases near the border, killing around 1,200 people — mostly civilians — and abducting around 250 people. Of the roughly 110 remaining hostages, Israeli authorities believe around a third are dead.

The conflict has threatened to trigger a regional war, as Israel has traded fire with Iran and its militant allies across the region.

The news from cease-fire talks continued to be grim.

Hamas appeared to push back against resuming negotiations on Thursday on any new

cease-fire proposals. In a statement, it urged mediators United States, Egypt, and Qatar to submit a plan to implement what was agreed on last month, based on President Biden's proposal, "instead of going to more rounds of negotiations or new proposals that provide cover for the occupation's aggression."

In Lebanon, the Health Ministry said an Israeli strike near the southern town of Taybeh killed two people, without giving details. Israel's military said it struck a cell of the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

Hezbollah announced the deaths of three militants, without details, and said it conducted rocket and artillery attacks on Israeli military positions.

"I hope that they will think this through and won't get to a point where they will force us to cause significant damage and increase the chances of war breaking out on additional fronts," Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said Sunday.

In the occupied West Bank, which has seen increased violence since the war began, Israel's military said that an Israeli civilian was fatally shot in an attack by "terrorists" in the area of Mehola Junction. The military said the "terrorists" opened fire from a passing vehicle at other cars, and another civilian was wounded.

Soldiers were pursuing the attackers.

Israel's airstrike on Saturday

hit a mosque inside a school in Gaza City where thousands of people were sheltering. The Israeli military said it killed 19 Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants. Hamas and Palestinian activists disputed that, saying two of the 19 were killed in earlier strikes and others were known to be civilians or opponents of Hamas.

Northern Gaza has been surrounded by Israeli forces and largely cut off from the world, and it wasn't possible to independently confirm accounts from either side. European leaders and neighbors of Israel condemned the strike.

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Hezbollah is undeterred as Lebanon braces for a wider war with Israel

Group will fight until cease-fire in Gaza is reached

By Kareem Fahim
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THE WASHINGTON POST

WADI JILO, Lebanon — An Israeli strike that killed a Hezbollah fighter on a rural road here last week left a blasted car, a scorched patch of earth, and the Israeli claim that the attack had dealt a "significant blow" to its enemy across the border.

But there seemed to be plenty of young men willing to take the place of the fighter, Ali Abdul Ali, in his hometown in southern Lebanon, less than two miles from the spot where he was killed. They were seen crowding around his coffin in footage of his funeral last week, where grief and anger mingled with the party supporter's zeal. "Hezbollah," they chanted.

Ten months after entering the conflict between Israel and its ally Hamas, Hezbollah, the Lebanese militant group and political party, appears to be undeterred after absorbing withering blows from Israeli strikes and the killing of nearly 400 fighters and commanders. Hezbollah has only paused its strikes into northern Israel once, back in

November. More recently, it has ratcheted up the intensity of its attacks and broadened its list of targets to include Israeli towns it said it had not previously hit.

Hezbollah's persistence has bedeviled the Biden administration, Israel's principal ally. US efforts to stave off regional war — one in which it could inevitably be involved — have included failed attempts at brokering cease-fires in both Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. Hezbollah has said it does not want war but will stop firing only when a cease-fire is reached in Gaza.

On Thursday, the United States, Qatar, and Egypt issued a joint statement urging Hamas and Israel to resume negotiations as Israel braced for retaliation from Hezbollah and its patron Iran for the killing of a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut's suburbs and a Hamas leader in Tehran.

"There is no further time to waste," the statement said.

As it fights, Hezbollah has been the standard-bearer for the Iran-allied "axis of resistance," buoyed by its status as Lebanon's unrivaled military force, its vast arsenal of weapons, and its tens of thousands of men under arms. As suffering has spread in Lebanon, Hezbollah has tried to blunt opposition to its military operations by argu-



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The recent assassination of a Hezbollah military commander in Lebanon has heightened concerns of a wider regional war.

ing its tactics have limited the spread of violence and kept its battles with Israel from breaking out into a wider conflict.

By largely confining the fighting to Lebanon's southern border regions, it "created less of a problem than it might have if they had started a major conflict," said Michael Young, a Beirut-based senior editor at the Carnegie Middle East Center. There had been a "separation" in Lebanon, between the destruction Israel's strikes had visited on the south and the reality elsewhere in the country where "life

goes on," he said.

Because of that separation, as well as a widely shared revulsion in Lebanon at the "brutality" of Israel's Gaza offensive, Hezbollah had been able to keep a "lid on discontent," he said.

But Ibrahim Mneimneh, an independent member of Lebanon's parliament, said the toll of war in southern Lebanon was severe enough to question Hezbollah's strategy.

"I don't believe that they were able to protect Lebanon through what they used to call the 'equation of deterrence,'" he

said, referring to the notion that neither Israel nor Hezbollah wanted to escalate beyond a certain point.

And maintaining the balance Hezbollah had sought was becoming far more difficult. Fears that hostilities could spiral surged in late July, after a strike that killed 12 children in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Israel and the United States blamed Hezbollah, which denied it was responsible. A few days later, an Israeli missile tore through a residential building in Beirut's southern suburbs that killed Fuad Shukur, a senior Hezbollah commander, and at least six other people.

"We did not go to escalation, even when our dear leaders were killed," Hezbollah secretary general Hasan Nasrallah said in a speech Tuesday, mentioning the dual realities in Lebanon. "For 10 months, there's been a front, martyrs, and funerals, and another part of Lebanon where it's concerts, and leisure, and lunches and dinners," he said. But the "aggression" against Shukur, a few miles from downtown Beirut, was different. "The Israelis are the ones who chose this escalation with Lebanon," he said.

"The tone has changed," Young, the analyst, said. "We are in a situation where the rhythm

imposed by Hezbollah trying to contain the conflict is no longer possible, it seems, partly because the Israelis appear willing to expand it." The speech focused less on Hezbollah's role in the constellation of Iran-backed armed groups, instead explaining to a broader Lebanese audience why Israel was a threat to the region and Hezbollah's fight was necessary, he said.

Even that was a hard sell, since no one in Lebanon, including Hezbollah's supporters among the country's Shi'ite Muslim community, wanted a war, he added.

The devastation to Lebanese homes and farms is concentrated along the border with Israel, after months of battle in which Israeli strikes outnumbered those by Hezbollah by more than 6 to 1, according to figures through Aug. 1 compiled by ACLED, an organization that collects data on conflict. More than 100,000 people have been displaced by the fighting, which has killed 114 civilians and non-combatants in Lebanon.

On the other side of the border, more than 60,000 people remain displaced from communities in northern Israel since Hezbollah initiated hostilities on Oct. 8. Nineteen soldiers and 24 civilians have been killed in attacks by the group.

Harris has work to do to win Latinos: experts

Latino voters and leaders say they are enthusiastic about Kamala Harris as the Democratic presidential nominee, but for her to win their crucial support, they want to know where she stands on the economy, immigration, and education.

Vanessa Cruz Nichols, an assistant professor of political science at Indiana University, said Harris has considerable potential to appeal to Latino voters but is going to have to win over independents and those planning to not vote in the November election.

“She’s got some work to do, reintroduce herself, let people know where she stands on a variety of issues,” Cruz said. “She will have to work aggressively to appeal to voters, especially young Latino voters who are even more nonpartisan, more willing to either sit out an election or vote for a third-party candidate.”

As the nation’s largest minority group — 19.5 percent of the total population, according to the 2020 census — Latinos form a key voting bloc in what’s shaping up to be a tight presidential election. Harris, the daughter of immigrants, has won the backing of influential Latino groups, and some feel her success hinges on energizing young Latino voters.

Maria Teresa Kumar, president of Voto Latino, said Harris’s jumping into the race has sparked a “coalescing of the community.” In focus groups that the organization started after President Biden announced he would drop out of the race, more than half of young Latinos who initially said they were voting for a third party said they were shifting to vote for the Democratic Party, Teresa said.

“There is no path to the White House without specifically the young Latino vote,” she said. “Our path to a different direction of the country is through young people.”

More than 6 in 10 Latinos voters supported Biden in 2020, according to AP VoteCast, and 35 percent supported former president Donald Trump. However, a July poll from Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that only about 4 in 10 Latinos said they were somewhat or very optimistic about the future of the Democratic Party, and about one-quarter said the same about the



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Attendees at pro-Trump musician Kid Rock’s Rock the Country festival in Anderson, S.C., on July 26.

Republican Party.

According to the same survey, Hispanic adults are divided in their opinions on Harris, with 44 percent holding a favorable view and 43 percent holding an unfavorable view. But about half of Hispanic adults said they would be satisfied with Harris as the Democratic nominee, up from 15 percent earlier in July.

Harris was criticized for comments she made in 2021 telling migrants not to come to the United States, when she was tasked with overseeing diplomatic efforts to deal with issues spurring migration in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras as well as pressing them to strengthen enforcement on their own borders.

But Harris’s being a daughter of immigrants provides a sense of representation to many Latino families, which could help her get their vote, civic engagement advocates say.

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After Trump campaign hack, warning of 2024 disruptions

Analysts and intelligence experts warned Sunday that wider efforts may be underway by foreign powers to disrupt the presidential election, after the Trump campaign said it believed its

email systems had been breached by hackers working for Iran.

So far, Democratic House members who have served on intelligence and security committees have called for briefings and declassification of information related to the possible foreign interference in the election.

“Buckle up,” Chris Krebs, former director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency posted on X, referring to the 2016 campaign, when US intelligence concluded that Russia interfered in the election by hacking and leaking internal Democratic documents. “Someone is running the 2016 playbook, expect continued efforts to stoke fires in society and go after election systems - 95% votes on paper ballots is a strong resilience measure, combined with audits. But the chaos is the point.”

The Trump campaign announcement came after it received questions from news organizations about an internal vetting document on vice-presidential candidate JD Vance that had been sent to the outlets.

The Trump campaign has pointed to a report released Friday by Microsoft in which the company said it had discovered

evidence that Iranian hackers had tried to break into the email account of a “high-ranking official” on a US presidential campaign in June, which was around the same time Vance was selected as Trump’s running mate.

The company has declined to name the campaign but a person familiar with Microsoft’s work confirmed that the report’s reference was to the Trump campaign.

Representative Eric Swalwell, a top Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee’s cybersecurity subcommittee, said that he was seeking a briefing from the Department of Homeland Security.

“Yes, Trump is the most despicable person ever to seek office. He also sought foreign hacking in a past election. But that doesn’t mean America ever tolerates foreign interference,” he posted on X.

WASHINGTON POST

MAGA faithful show up in full force for Kid Rock’s party

ANDERSON, S.C. — Alan Jeanetti, a 73-year-old retired barber, was tailgating with friends before Rock the Country, a touring music festival headlined by pro-Trump musician

Kid Rock. Jeanetti’s head was wrapped in a star-spangled bandanna. His T-shirt declared, “I Don’t Care.”

Jeanetti actually cares about many things, including the toll that his political leanings have taken on his personal life. “I have lost so many friends because I was a Trump lover,” he said. “I wouldn’t do that to them.”

On this broiling July day in Anderson, S.C., however, Jeanetti had a safe space. A tribe. All around him were fellow fans of former president Donald Trump, many with big trucks lining the green fields around the outdoor concert venue. Trump flags fluttered above RVs and tents, alongside American flags and a few of the Confederate variety.

Some 22,500 people would come on this first day of the two-day festival, according to the local sheriff’s office, drawn by Kid Rock and an abundance of country performers. “It’s going to be another Woodstock One,” Jeanetti said.

Starting in April in Gonzales, La., and stopping in six other mid-size Southern cities through late July, Rock the Country offered a vision of the MAGA movement in pure party mode.

Deportation cases may hit record; courts struggle with influx

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shelter law, tightening eligibility and lengths of stay for emergency housing. With no place in state shelters, some families are now wandering the streets at night with nowhere to go.

The Department of Homeland Security has not responded to a request for comment submitted Tuesday. The rising number of deportation cases in Massachusetts, however, mirrors a national trend: a more than 300 percent increase in US immigration courts from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2023, according to data from the clearinghouse.

“The nationwide increase in new deportation cases during the Biden administration is driven primarily by an increase in asylum-seekers entering the United States, both at the US-Mexico border as well as at airports,” said Austin Kocher, a professor at Syracuse University who studies the immigration enforcement system. “Many of these migrants enter lawfully through parole programs set up to facilitate the humanitarian process. Political instability is a driving factor for migrants.”

The parole programs that have allowed hundreds of thousands of migrants to enter the United States with authorization are only temporary, so some of those immigrants may still be subject to a notice of a deportation case against them.

The figures in the Syracuse report are based on filings in immigration courts called notices to appear, or NTAs, that the Department of Homeland Security issues to individuals to begin a deportation case.

Immigrants are able to challenge their deportation notices in court and apply for a form of immigration relief, such as asylum. Because of a severe backlog of cases, it can take years for an immigration judge to issue a final order.

Last fiscal year, about 38 percent of deportation cases completed in immigration courts across the country resulted in deportation orders, data from the clearinghouse show. In Massachusetts, about 23 percent led to deportation orders.

The US government deports people who are not citizens if they participate in criminal activity, pose a threat to public safety, or violate their visas. In some cases, including those involving criminal activity, immigrants are fast-tracked to an expedited removal process; others can drag on for years.

The government can also file a deportation case against someone for “entry without inspection,” that is, for entering the country without authorization.

The majority of people who are deported are flown to their home country at the US government’s expense, or to another country, often one they traveled through to get to the United States. But immigrants can also leave at their own expense, which is known as voluntary departure. Some deportation rulings can be appealed.

“The system is producing outcomes and receiving greater numbers of people, which is what it’s designed to do,” said Kathleen Joseph-Bush, a policy analyst at the Migration Policy Institute, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit, during a phone inter-



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People examined the hearing calendar at the Department of Justice Immigration Court in the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Boston.

view. “At the same time,” she said, “there are systemic issues that are continuing to get worse because of the outdated immigration system that we have.”

Enormous backlogs at immigration courts continue, for instance, despite record numbers of cases being completed, said Bush-Joseph. Logjams of asylum cases, she said, means that many cases are not being decided on their individual merits but rather are being closed out because of prosecutorial discretion.

“That means that people that need protection are not getting it, and people who are ineligible

for protection are not being removed,” Bush-Joseph said.

One of the main obstacles for migrants trying to navigate the immigration system is securing legal representation, local attorneys said. Immigrants can be stuck on waitlists at nonprofit legal agencies for months in some cases. Many immigrants need pro bono lawyers because they cannot otherwise afford one.

Roughly three-quarters of immigrants summoned to a Massachusetts courts in 2023 fiscal year did not have representation, data from the research center at Syracuse show.

“Many, many immigrants are going through our complex immigration system without representation and it’s not for lack of trying,” said Tiffany Lieu, a clinical instructor at the Harvard Immigration & Refugee Clinical Program.

The Biden administration, said Lieu, has tried to expedite the asylum process “in ways that deprive (people of) fair process and access to counsel.”

Many people are being removed in absentia, said Lieu, meaning they did not attend their proceedings. There are some cases in which immigrants never receive notice of

The shows felt like Trump rallies without the former president, unburdened by policy talk, speeches from lesser-known GOP players, and the buzz-kill tendencies of Trump himself, who tends to noodle at the lectern like a jam-band soloist.

What remained was a snapshot of a maturing American subculture, with unwritten conventions rivaling those of Deadheads or Swifties, and a dizzying mash-up of hedonism and piety, angry rebellion and beer-guzzling pursuit of happiness.

It was also more evidence that Kid Rock, the 53-year-old Michigan entertainer and festival co-owner whose real name is Robert James Ritchie, has emerged as a chief cultural standard-bearer of Trumpism. At the Republican National Convention in July, Ritchie performed shortly before the former president’s speech accepting the nomination, leading the crowd in chants of “Fight! Fight!” and setting a defiantly salty tone with his anthem, “American Bad Ass.”

In a phone interview last week, Ritchie said that Rock the Country had been designed to appeal to the conservative demographic that had made TV shows like “Duck Dynasty” and “Yellowstone” so popular.

Ritchie, who began his career as a rather apolitical party rapper, has not only ridden the wave of working-class anger that propels the MAGA movement but he has also done much to shape it. His 2023 protest of Bud Light, after the beer brand partnered with a transgender influencer, sent its sales plummeting.

After the November election, Ritchie said, he would try to “lower the tone” politically, “and go back to trying to make good music that anybody can enjoy.” But for now, he said, “I’m going to go hard in the paint through this election for my guy, because I believe in his policies.”

In South Carolina, Kid Rock was the biggest act on the first day of the festival, with country star Jason Aldean headlining on the second. By late afternoon on Day 1, thousands of people — young and old, overwhelmingly white — had crowded into the open field in front of the stage. Young women clapped across the grass in cherry-red cowgirl boots and Daisy Dukes. Men tried to outdo each other with T-shirts with politically incorrect remarks.

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their hearings or tried to attend but were in the wrong place, she said.

“Our immigration system is labyrinthian and second only in complexity to the tax code,” she said.

Not all cases result in removal orders; 2006 remains the record year for those, with more than 5,800 removal orders issued between October 2005 and September 2006. Last fiscal year — 2023 — Massachusetts immigration courts issued their second highest number of removal orders, with just over 5,000. The local courts are on pace to issue almost 3,900 removals by the end of this fiscal year.

The gap between the number of deportation filings and removal orders, experts say, can be attributed to the simple fact that deportation cases can take years to unfold.

The nation’s immigration systems, said Abigail Andrews, a professor of urban studies and planning at the University of California San Diego, are at a “breaking point in terms of their capacity to process these cases.”

“The effect is that both asylum cases and deportation proceedings are taking longer, longer, and longer,” she said. “Everything is basically massively backlogged in the immigration system and the government is pursuing much higher numbers of these cases than it has in the past.”

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INBOX

If Raise the Age isn't economic development, what is?

An adult criminal record can block young people's path to grow and thrive

Your Aug. 7 editorial, "Legislature must return to work," states, "The Raise the Age provision, which would increase the age of juvenile jurisdiction to 18, ... is a great idea and worthy of passage on its own merits. It doesn't belong in" the Senate economic development bill that it was added to.

I respectfully disagree. Economic development in the Commonwealth must address barriers that limit the ability of young people who have been tried in the court system as adults to enter the workforce. Economists have warned about

Besides doing untold harm to young people's futures, maintaining the status quo would lead to long-term consequences for our workforce and economy.

Massachusetts' looming workforce shortage since 2016, with baby boomers retiring at a faster pace than young people entering the labor market. Raising the age is a timely and necessary policy that would bolster our economy by ensuring that more young people are able to complete their education and enter the workforce unencumbered by collateral consequences of an adult criminal record.

A CORI, or Criminal Offender Record Information check, can decimate the ability of 18-year-olds — many of whom haven't finished high school — to enter and thrive in the workforce and earn the living needed to be self-sustaining. On top of that, the absence of educational opportunities in adult correctional settings obstructs high school completion, presenting another way in which involvement with the criminal justice system hampers youth from contributing to our economy.

Besides doing untold harm to young people's futures, maintaining the status quo would lead to long-term consequences for our workforce and economy. That's why this critical legislation must remain in the economic development bill.

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Raising age of juvenile jurisdiction is fiscal, social, and racial justice issue

We at the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts were displeased to read that the editorial board does not believe the Raise the Age provision belongs in the unfortunately unresolved economic development bond bill. The council strongly disagrees. The Raise the Age bill is an economic, social, and racial justice issue that requires immediate attention and legislative support.

Black and brown young adults are overrepresented in the criminal legal system, which decreases their likelihood of being able to live full lives. The Commonwealth needs more young workers because of our aging population and growing outmigration. Raising the age in which a young person is charged as an adult would help young people build a better future, reduce recidivism, and remove barriers to their entering the labor market, allowing them to contribute taxes and participate meaningfully in our workforce.

The council emphatically supports Raise the Age so Massachusetts can have a healthy, robust, and diverse economy for years to come.

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With its caustic Olympic ad, Nike just blew it

Jeff Jacoby's column "Nike celebrates athletics at its worst" (Opinion, Aug. 7) points out everything that is distressing about Nike's "Am I a bad person?" advertising campaign, which celebrates athletes' "most ruthless impulses." Every two years, we have the opportunity to be inspired by the exploits of athletes who have spent their lives working to achieve their dreams of Olympic success. Every athlete, especially at the highest levels, hopes to win Olympic gold. Yet few will actually win a medal, let alone make it to the Games. The graceful acceptance of defeat, with the knowledge that one has done one's best, is perhaps the best life lesson we can learn from athletic competition. The examples of sportsmanship and compassion Jacoby cites remind us that truly great athletes can inspire us in defeat as well as in victory.

Nike's malignant ad campaign does a grave disservice to the competitors, their teammates, coaches, and families. It also insults all of us who watch the Games in hopes of seeing extraordinary efforts by extraordinary athletes. Nike's current advertising campaign echoes an even more offensive Nike campaign from the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, whose slogan, "You don't win silver, you lose gold," was even more offensive to the athletes and their commitment to excellence.

Nike seems to have no understanding of the Olympic spirit or why these athletes inspire young people to commit themselves to try to achieve their own dreams. The company also apparently doesn't realize that diminishing the efforts of Olympic athletes may diminish its own bottom line. In 1996 I resolved never to purchase another Nike product. And I haven't.

TOMMY QUIRK
Charlestown



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A Nike shoe on display at a store in Paris on July 30.

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EDITORIAL

The wrong way to boost legislative pay

Massachusetts made a mistake in 1998, enshrining into its constitution a specific formula for setting salaries for state lawmakers. The change had the best of intentions, and this editorial board endorsed the amendment at the time: The idea was to depoliticize the "nettlesome issue" of setting legislative pay, the Globe wrote, ensure it would always be adequate, "and therefore encourage better candidates to run for legislative office."

Lawmakers would no longer have to vote on their own pay, and it instead would rise automatically, according to the formula linked to the state-wide median household income.

But over time, that formula has gradually result-

reported, some of the committees members are paid to "lead" rarely or never meet).

In the United States, "[n]o other full-time state legislature relied so heavily on leadership stipends to compensate its members or gave out as many stipends of such generous size," the Globe's Emma Platoff and Laura Crimaldi reported. Some stipends are rich enough to double lawmakers' pay.

If those stipends just had the effect of raising salaries to competitive levels, that might be one thing.

But those stipends aren't automatic — they are awarded at the discretion of leadership. Which means that lawmakers win part of their salary — the base salary — by winning elections and the other part by pleasing leadership.

Runaway stipends awarded at the discretion of leadership have had a corrosive effect on the Legislature.

ed in a base pay few of those "better candidates" would accept. That base pay for state senators and representatives is now about \$74,000, which is not competitive with what lawmakers could typically make in the private sector or even from other public service jobs.

The rational thing to do would be to update the formula, but because it's embedded in the state constitution, changing it is way worse than "nettlesome" — it's practically impossible. That was the mistake back then: Lawmakers should have simply passed a law setting out the formula that made sense at the time, instead of saddling their successors with constitutional handcuffs on pay.

If nothing else, the amendment's unintended consequences are a cautionary tale against making the state constitution overly prescriptive. No economic formula will ever be perfect forever, and future generations should have the flexibility to change it.

Regardless, what the Globe argued then is still true now — legislative pay needs to be competitive to attract good candidates. The right way to do that would be to start the laborious process of changing the constitution again — or, better yet, just removing the nuts and bolts of salary-setting from the constitution altogether.

The wrong way is the system that lawmakers have chosen to boost their pay instead. As the Globe reported last week, 109 members of the 160-seat House — and every one of the 40 senators — now receive a "leadership" stipend in addition their base salary. Those stipends are clearly salary supplements in disguise; calling them leadership positions doesn't really fool anyone (as the Globe also

"If you have [a stipend], and you don't respond properly to what leadership is expecting people to do, you risk losing it," Jonathan Hecht, a former Democratic state representative from Watertown, told Platoff and Crimaldi. "This is literally about people's livelihoods. The knowledge that your salary is going to depend on how you manage your relationship with leadership is a very, very powerful influence on how people conduct themselves."

That's common sense — and it's also backed up by State House lore about lawmakers who've lost their stipend after clashing with leadership, like Democratic state Representative Russell Holmes of Boston, who was stripped of a vice-chairmanship by former House speaker Robert DeLeo.

It can't be a coincidence that the proliferation of leadership stipends has coincided with ever-greater concentration of power by House and Senate leaders; ever-fewer open debates on policy proposals; and an overall decline in legislative productivity.

Lawmakers seem to see nothing wrong with any of this — but then again, even if they did, openly airing a criticism could cost them financially. As Upton Sinclair famously put it, "It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends on his not understanding it."

Runaway stipends awarded at the discretion of leadership have had a corrosive effect on the Legislature. The constitutional wrinkle definitely makes reform more difficult than it should be, but it is necessary to find a better way to pay lawmakers a competitive salary that is not contingent on leadership's approval. After all, the only people lawmakers should have to worry about pleasing to keep their paycheck are their constituents.



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A gavel rested on the rostrum in the Senate Chamber at the Massachusetts State House.

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Sibling rivalry: Twin teen brothers debate Supreme Court reform

Why term limits are needed for Supreme Court justices

By **Ravin Bhatia**

It is probable that President Biden's Supreme Court reform package — which includes 18-year term limits and an enforceable ethics code for justices — is, as House Speaker Mike Johnson put it, “dead on arrival.” Regardless, it is what the court, the country, and our democracy needs.

Indeed, the court is weathering arguably the most severe legitimacy crisis in its 235-year history. A barrage of ethics scandals — including impeachment articles that were filed against Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas in July over reports that they had failed to disclose luxury trips and flights from wealthy donors — have cast a persistent shadow over its integrity. Meanwhile, landmark rulings over abortion, gun rights, and presidential immunity, rulings that seem to be based on politics, leave our democracy and civil liberties in a precarious position.

These have triggered historic lows in public confidence. An AP-NORC poll released in June found that just 16 percent of adults surveyed have “a great deal” of confidence in the court and 70 percent believe that justices “are more likely to try to shape the law to fit their own ideologies.”

The status quo is an untenable dynamic; our nation cannot survive if the most powerful yet unaccountable branch of government lacks any faith of the governed. The court has become politicized to a breaking point, and it mandates changes. Biden's proposal, particularly his call for term limits, more than meets the moment.

After all, at the center of the politicization of the court is the very idea that was meant to insulate it from politics: lifetime tenure. In theory, lifetime tenure is a brilliant concept: shield justices from external political pressure and, accordingly, they shall act impartially. But in reality, it is little more than an anachronism, a vestige of an era when lifespans were shorter and justices' average length of service was about 15 years.

But justices now serve for decades and opportunities to nominate them have become more unpredictable, with the principle of lifetime tenure ensuring that the confirmation process is rife with partisanship. There was once a time where a near-unanimous vote to confirm a nominee was hardly unordinary. Ruth Bader Ginsburg was confirmed 96-3 in 1993. No senator voted against Sandra Day O'Connor's nomination in 1981. The same is true of Anthony Kennedy, who was confirmed 97-0 in 1988.

But I've never seen anything like that. At 17 years old, I have witnessed four confirmations, each of unmistakably higher stakes than the previous one. There has been political gamesmanship and disturbing subversions of tradition, whether that be Senate Republicans refusing to hold

hearings in 2016 for Obama appointee Merrick Garland, citing the upcoming presidential election, or those same Republicans sprinting through those of Amy Coney Barrett in 2020, using the same logic to justify their unprecedented reversal.

Term limits, with staggered openings every two years, would guarantee each president an opportunity to nominate two justices in a single four-year term, regularizing the process. After all, why should a single president nominate three times more justices than their successor? Nominating a justice to the Supreme Court is a responsibility that all presidents should share, not a privilege that only the luckiest ones may indulge.

It's not as though lifetime tenure is a popular concept, either. The United States is the world's only major democracy without term limits or a mandatory retirement age. Within our own nation, 47 states have adopted term limits for their high court judges; though Massachusetts and New Hampshire have not, they have imposed a mandatory retirement age of 70. Meanwhile, term limits enjoy broad popular support among Americans: A YouGov survey from July found that 70 percent of Americans polled were either “strongly” or “somewhat” in favor. Even 57 percent of Republicans surveyed backed them. Could Biden's plan make

any more sense?

Yet the president's plan has been dismissed by congressional Republicans as a petty response to dissatisfaction with the court's recent, decidedly conservative, decisions. Johnson claimed on X that it would “erode ... the rule of law.” During an interview with CBS's “Face the Nation,” Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, the ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, claimed that Biden “wants to destroy the court.” Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the architect behind the Garland debacle, compared the plan to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.

The Republican faux outrage is remarkable, considering that just a few years ago, the shoe was on the other foot. In fact, in 2016, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida called for a convention of states to pass term limits for justices. In 2015, in the aftermath of the Obergefell ruling that legalized same-sex marriage, Senator Ted Cruz of Texas proposed a constitutional amendment providing for “periodic judicial-retention elections.” Such ideological flip-flopping has become par for the course for congressional Republicans.

Term limits know no party; they are necessary whether they are endorsed by Republicans or Democrats. And it's time to adopt them, to safeguard democracy and rebuild trust in our nation's highest court.

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Term limits are an assault on the judiciary

By **Kiran Bhatia**

Last week, President Biden endorsed a trio of legislative reforms to the Supreme Court calling for term limits for justices, a binding code of Supreme Court ethics, and a constitutional amendment to clarify that “no President is above the law or immune from prosecution for crimes committed while in office.” If these “reforms” don't sound like concrete, achievable policy prescriptions for addressing a lack of public confidence in the Supreme Court, it's because they aren't.

Rather, they are unconstitutional and unattainable broad-stroke platitudes merely reflecting Democrats' frustration with a conservative Supreme Court whose rulings and views on the Constitution they simply don't like.

For years, Biden has been rightfully reticent to champion Supreme Court reform, defying demands from the most progressive factions of his party that he expand the court or jettison the lifetime tenure that justices enjoy under Article III of the Constitution. The president's newfangled attempts to alter the court constitute a dangerous attack on the separation of powers and independent judiciary that comprise the backbone of our American democracy.

At the heart of the president's court reform plan is his vow to enact sweeping term limits on the justices, a hallmark of the left's recent efforts to counter the court's conservative bend. Under the proposed term limits, “the president would appoint a justice every two years to spend 18 years in active service on the Supreme Court,” Biden detailed in an op-ed in *The Washington Post*. At first glance, enacting term limits on sitting justices appears benign, and the proposal has garnered bipartisan appeal at times.

In theory, if applied strictly to future justices, term limits wouldn't inherently advantage any particular party. Unfortunately, Biden's plan doesn't operate that way. Biden's term-limit plan seeks to circumvent the Constitution's provision of lifetime tenure by introducing the novel “active” justice status. Under his plan, a president would appoint a justice every two years, and only the nine most recently confirmed justices would be eligible to hear appellate cases, which form the bulk of the court's active service. While senior justices — those whose work service of 18 years has elapsed — would officially continue serving on the court, they would, beginning with Clarence Thomas and Chief Justice John Roberts, be effectively stripped of their judicial power.

Biden's proposal to virtually run “senior justices” off the judicial road proves that his plan to term-limit justices, enconced in vagueness and buried under an avalanche of constitutional obstacles, is practically identical to the politically unpalatable idea of court packing, most famously attempted by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1937 after the court hampered his New Deal agenda. While Roosevelt tried — and failed — to pack the court by expanding it, thereby diluting the power of justices opposed to his New Deal, Biden's plan promises to dilute the court's current conservative majority by depriving justices of their authority to rule on contemporary constitutional issues and resigning this authority to their successors. Consequently, in many respects, Biden's

court reform plan stands as an even greater assault on the independence of the American judiciary. Roosevelt merely attempted to add new justices to the court; Biden is trying to invalidate current ones.

Biden's proposal for the court also betrays the Framers' fervent ideal that the court remain insulated from the partisanship ubiquitous in the legislative and executive branches of government. In *Federalist 78*, Alexander Hamilton argued that the life tenure of judges was integral to ensuring that the courts remained nonpartisan checks on Congress and the presidency. Since “nothing can contribute so much to [the judiciary's] firmness

and independence as permanency in office,” Hamilton declared, “this quality may therefore be justly regarded as an indispensable ingredient in its constitution.”

Yet Biden's plan overtly and shamelessly injects partisan politics into the sole apolitical branch of government. Under Biden's 18-year term-limit system, a president's appointment of justices would align

appointments with presidential election cycles, thereby heightening the political nature of the court rather than reducing it. Biden would subject seats on the court to the same electoral influences from which the Framers reasoned the justices should remain independent. In essence, Biden's plan would place Supreme Court seats on the ballot.

There is no question that the court is facing intense public scrutiny and disapproval in the wake of two particularly controversial decisions — to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and to grant presidents broad immunity for their actions in office. But the court was never designed to be popular or predicate its rulings on the political whims of the American public. Rather, the court has a duty to evaluate political policy and legislation against the lasting principles enshrined in the Constitution. As Hamilton makes clear, the Framers endorsed life tenure for justices to insulate the court from political pressures and popular demands. Biden's term limits would erode the court's autonomy and recast it as another political branch within our federal government.

To fundamentally alter the constitutional balance of power, as Biden's plan aims to do, requires more than vague endorsements of platitudes the president knows have no chance of passing Congress. Instead his plan threatens to cripple the only independent branch of the federal government that protects individual citizens from executive overreach and legislative tyranny.

An independent, apolitical judiciary is vital for our American democracy to survive. By putting forth an unserious plan, Biden is deliberately politicizing the Supreme Court and attempting to sow distrust in the institution he sees his party quickly abandoning.

He's not the first president who attempted to curtail the Supreme Court's constitutional authority. His own Commission on the Supreme Court, established less than 100 days into his term, offered in its 2021 report that Congress has considered more than 200 proposals to amend the Constitution to limit the terms of Supreme Court justices or other federal judges. But none of these proposals ever became law. Biden shouldn't buck that trend.

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Young people pushing a climate of local dynamism

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cording to one global study from the medical journal the Lancet. Compared with other generations, those feelings of distress are highest among Gen Z and millennials, who have grown up with the dangers posed by our warming planet baked into their consciousness from an early age. As they contend with doing their part to slow global warming before they're old enough to drive, many teens have drawn inspiration from Thunberg, now 21, the Swedish activist whose 2018 climate strike became the viral movement #FridaysforFuture.

In the years since, high school and college students both in Massachusetts and around the world have positioned themselves at the forefront of climate activism, demanding their voices be heard at every level of government. Last month, teenagers with the Massachusetts Youth Climate Coalition rallied alongside other environmental justice groups outside the State House, urging legislators to increase protections to vulnerable communities in pending climate legislation.

But cohorts like Brockton's Climate Crew are proving there is also a place for grass-roots initiatives.

In Andover, 17-year-old Marco Gomez Cabo got his first taste of how effective local activism could be during his freshman year at Andover High, when he was part of a team at the school's environmental club that successfully petitioned the school to install electric vehicle chargers in the parking lot.

"It's honestly been a huge success so far," he said. "Even as a freshman, it really did help me see how a lot of these projects are run, and how you can organize these things to positively influence your community, even through something as [simple as] an environmental club at your high school."

As a senior this past year, Gomez Cabo went a step further and led a campaign at Andover High to raise local support for Andover Community Power, a town program to let residents choose where their electricity comes from, and how much of it is produced using renewable energy. Thinking that parents might be influenced by their kids, he handed out fliers to his peers and encouraged them to talk to their families about it.



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Young people gathered at the State House to push legislators to add environmental justice protections to recent climate bills.



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Anthony Francois and other Brockton teenagers worked on a new outdoors classroom at Hancock Elementary School in July.

"It was super, super cool to see how that just kind of spread, and how, by the end of the year, we had a large number of people talking about it," he said.

The project, which had been

pending approval from the state utility department, was given a go-ahead in February, and residents were able to begin opting into the program in June.

"It is 100 percent the truth

for me that the students are at the forefront of climate work," said Joyce Losick-Yang, Andover's sustainability and energy director. "I could not be as effective without their help and support and energy, and their

ability to organize and tell the truth in a very powerful way."

Engaging young people in climate solutions isn't always about making a bold policy statement. It can also be a practical teaching moment.

In Lowell, for instance, the youth violence intervention organization UTEC works with just under a dozen people aged 17 to 25 to break down and recycle mattresses in the Merrimack Valley region. The teens and young adults — who UTEC CEO Gregg Croteau said have recycled roughly 55,000 mattresses over the past year — learn the environmental impact of their work firsthand as they separate old mattresses into their recyclable steel, foam, wood, and cotton parts.

In Chelsea, environmental justice organization GreenRoots employs high school and college students across its urban farming and community outreach initiatives.

"It's easy sometimes to feel like giving up, and to think, 'What can I do if I'm just one young person?'" said Greandoll Oliva, 17, who designed his own environmental justice bike tour around Chelsea and is working with GreenRoots' ECO Youth Crew to make neighborhood parks and other green spaces more teen-friendly.

"It's important to get community members together to see where things need to change, and can change," he added. "Yes they are small steps, but I know those small steps add up in the end, and we've already made some pretty big impact."

At the center of Brockton's Climate Crew, organized as a partnership between the conservation organizations Manomet Conservation Sciences and Wildlands Trust, is the desire to make understanding and responding to climate change more accessible in an urban environment where wetlands and other diverse ecosystems are close by, yet often overlooked.

In addition to the outdoor classroom, the Climate Crew is helping construct a nature walk connecting the elementary school to a local trail, as well as a rain garden to reduce flooding at the school, according to Molly Jacobs, Manomet's vice president for environmental education and outreach. It's a major undertaking for a single summer, and one that Jacobs acknowledged she couldn't do without them.

"It can be really empowering, especially as a teen, to discover they can take meaningful action in their own community," she said. "That's what keeps me sane, too."

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Archbishop-elect Henning earns praise for outreach, poise

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Jeff Anderson, a Minnesota attorney who has spent four decades representing clergy sexual abuse victims, called it "worrisome" that Henning was auxiliary bishop at the Rockville Centre Diocese in New York when its bishop filed for bankruptcy four years ago, triggering an ongoing and contentious legal battle with 650 abuse survivors over payouts.

"It certainly sends some signals that one of the top officials who made these horrendous decisions to do combat with citizens in Rockville Centre is now being promoted and sent to Massachusetts," said Anderson, who represents 125 survivors in the New York bankruptcy proceedings and accused the diocese of revictimizing them by delaying resolution of the case.

Last Monday, Henning said he was not involved in the bankruptcy proceedings, which were decided by Rockville Centre Bishop John O. Barres, but he supported the move because he believed "it really was the only decision that would have allowed the diocese to meet the obligation to survivors as well as continue the mission of the church."

Henning called the crimes committed against children by clergy "scandalous" and painful but said it has not made him lose his faith in God.

He was born in Rockville Centre and raised in Valley Stream on Long Island, the oldest of five children. His father is a retired New York City fire-

fighter and his mother is a former nurse.

Henning spent his childhood summers at his family's cabin on a small island in Great South Bay, where he said he developed a passion for the water, through sailing, boating, and kayaking.

Clerkin, the monsignor, said he has known Henning since he was in high school and Clerkin was the parish priest at the Holy Name of Mary Parish in Valley Stream. Henning and his family were regulars at Mass and Henning worked in the church on weekends.

Henning received his bachelor's degree and master's degree in history from St. John's University in Queens. He attended the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, N.Y. He has previously said he felt a calling to the priesthood in the fifth grade.

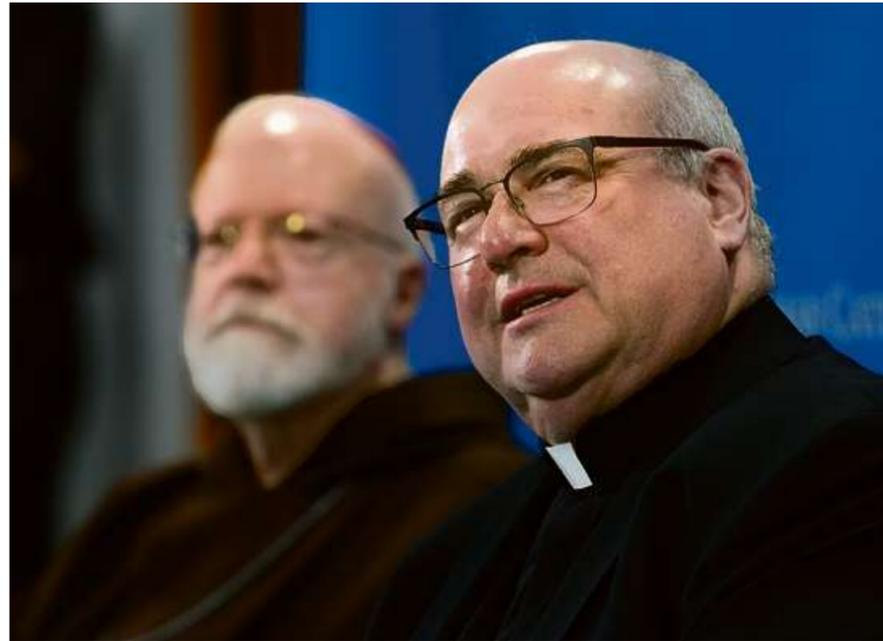
Bishop Robert J. Brennan of Brooklyn went to college and seminary with Henning and said they were "fast friends all the way through."

Henning has a keen intellect, but is also a very practical person, he said. He has an appreciation for the outdoors.

He recalled visiting Henning at the cabin his family owned for generations on Oak Island, where there was no electricity and days were spent boating and swimming.

"When you live in that environment, you're astute to the patterns of weather, the needs of the world around you," Brennan said.

He described Henning as "a very thoughtful planner," who



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Bishop Richard Henning joined Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley (left) at a news conference last week announcing that he had been chosen to replace O'Malley in the Archdiocese of Boston.

thinks things through and "plays the long game."

Henning's first parish assignment was St. Peter of Alcantara, in Port Washington.

Clerkin said Henning was a "whirlwind of enthusiasm," particularly in support of the parochial school.

But Henning won't shy away from difficult decisions, Clerkin said. Henning had to make the decision to close that parochial school, and Henning, then with the diocese of Rockville Centre, backed him.

"I had to know he was going

to support me, and he did," Clerkin said. "He'll say, 'let's look at this, let's pray about it, consult about it, and do the right thing.'"

Henning's time at St. Peter was also distinguished by his commitment to the growing local Spanish-speaking community, Clerkin said.

"He wanted to be able to reach out to them, and be able to say Mass, and to preach to them," he said.

Henning worked with a group of parishioners and became fluent in Spanish. He also

speaks Italian.

After his time in Port Washington, Henning went to Rome to pursue a doctorate in biblical theology but he would return to Long Island to fill in when Clerkin was on vacation. He joined the faculty at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington and later led its transition to a retreat house.

In 2017, he was appointed to the Rockville Centre diocese, then elevated to auxiliary bishop the following year. He was very involved in strategic planning for the future of the dio-

cese, according to Clerkin.

"He didn't want to close parishes so he thought, 'how can we share resources,'" Clerkin said. He credited Henning with being instrumental in setting up bridged parishes, where two parishes share a priest.

During Henning's tenure in Rockville Centre, New York in 2019 adopted the Child Victims Act, which temporarily waived a statute of limitations to allow those who were sexually abused as children to file lawsuits. The following year, the Rockville Centre diocese filed for bankruptcy after facing claims from hundreds of victims. In April, victims rejected a \$200 million settlement offer.

In November 2022, Henning was appointed coadjutor bishop of Providence, where he succeeded Thomas Tobin as bishop the following May.

Reverend Bernard A. Healey, pastor of Our Lady Mercy Parish in East Greenwich, R.I., and director of the R.I. Catholic Conference, said that in Henning's brief time in Rhode Island he has "put close to 30,000 miles on his car" as he has traveled the state.

"He's been at every feast, every parish feast, every kind of social event across the state," he said. "He's a man truly committed to the church."

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Is the Boylston Street bike lane really necessary?

The once grand thoroughfare now feels like a crowded, unkempt, chaotic mess

Everyone has their quirks, right? There are people who put ketchup on scrambled eggs, who, like Ted Cruz, vacation in Florida in the summer.

I love Boylston Street.

To the uninitiated, it's just a busy city road in a landscape full of them. But viewed in a different way, it's the most regal commercial street in Boston, what Tom Menino used to refer to as "Boston's grand boulevard."

Drive or walk down Boylston Street and you can look up, way up, at the tall-

est buildings in Boston, the Prudential and the Hancock. Boylston Street is where the duck boats inch through a swarm of humanity to celebrate our sports championships. It's where Trinity Church and Old South Church serve as but two expressions of a city's faith.

It is where people of all walks of life come together, where four- and five-star hotels like the Mandarin Oriental and the stately Fairmont Copley Plaza are just feet away from Raising Cain's and Trader Joe's, where the knowledge

of the world is free to anyone who wants it inside the two stately buildings that make up the Boston Public Library.

Boylston Street is where this region felt tragedy in a way that it had never endured before with the Boston Marathon bombings. It's a place where the city shows its resilience every year when thousands of runners round Herford Street toward the finish line just before Copley Square.

Boylston Street is a place to spread out, to think big, to feel what brings us

together and know what sets Boston apart. It is — or was — a place of wide lanes and broad sidewalks that flow from the grittiness of Mass. Ave. to the cosmic beauty of the Boston Public Garden.

But that has changed now, too much of it, since city leaders thought it was absolutely imperative that they clobber bike lanes onto a street that was thriving without them. The whole thing now feels like a crowded, unkempt, chaotic mess. Gone is the broad-shoul-

dered appeal of a proud urban thoroughfare, replaced by something decidedly hunched.

Let's stop here and understand what this isn't. It's not a screed against bicycles, because more and more, good, everyday people are cycling in Boston, which is a truly great development. It's not even another complaint about bike lanes in a season full of them. We have bike lanes on nearby Commonwealth Ave., the most majestic residential

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Dancers (top) with Boston Chinese Dance on Sunday performed "Rainforest" at the 54th Chinatown August Moon Festival, described as second only to Chinese New Year in importance. At bottom left, the pop-up Rensauce BBQ served chicken, lamb, squid, and pork belly. And costumed members of the Kwong Kow Lion Dance group performed on the main stage.

Canton Town Hall meetings move online

Verbal attacks, often by Read supporters, force protocol shift

By John R. Ellement
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After months of facing verbal attacks during Town Hall meetings, often by supporters of Karen Read, the Select Board in Canton has moved its meetings online to ensure they can be held in a "safe and efficient" way.

"So we made this decision to make sure that the meetings are running safely," Board Chair Michael C. Loughran said in a telephone interview last week. "The previous two meetings that were in person, both times we needed a police officer to escort members of the public out who were being unruly and not following requests to calm down."

Supporters of Read, whose trial in the death of her boyfriend ended with a hung jury, have accused the five-member board of ignoring allegations of corruption in the town's Police Department and a lack of accountability throughout local government.

"There are people with differing opinions, and now they're showing up at the meetings, and kind of going back and forth with each other," Loughran said. "We're there to run the town's business and doing this remotely lets us do it safely, efficiently, and we're still giving the public an opportunity to speak."

Selectman Christopher M. Albert has come under particular scrutiny during the Read prosecution. His brother, Brian Albert, owned the Canton home where Read's boyfriend, Boston police Officer John O'Keefe, was found outside in the snow on Jan. 29, 2022.

In recent months, critics of town leaders have used a 15-minute public comment period at the start of the meeting to express their views and each speaker is given three minutes.

"There are residents who feel that Canton police is corrupt. You have residents who don't agree with that. And that's what I mean by the two sides," Loughran said. "And obviously people have taken sides on the Karen Read case ... there are people who believe one thing, people who believe another, but nobody is kind of respecting other people's rights" to hold an opposing view.

Read's retrial has been scheduled for Jan. 27.

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Tick population growth outpaces control efforts

By Erin Douglas
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Cases of Lyme disease, the tick-borne illness that can cause chronic fatigue and body aches, have tripled in the United States over the past three decades — and that's likely a massive undercount.

"What gets reported is the tip of the iceberg," said Chantal Vogels, a research scientist who studies vector-borne viruses at the Yale School of Pub-

Warmer winters, more deer spark rise in Lyme disease cases while vaccine is tested

lic Health.

New England is the most "ticky" region of the country, and states here consistently have among the highest rates of Lyme disease nationally. Warmer winters due to climate change, more trees, a growing deer population, and humans pushing into the suburbs

where they're in more frequent contact with nature, have all contributed to the growing prevalence of tick-borne disease.

Yet in the face of big tick-borne disease numbers, there is still no vaccine available to the public two decades after the first Lyme vaccine was discon-

tinued.

Still, several promising efforts are underway to prevent Lyme and other tick-borne diseases — or even to stop tick bites altogether, said infectious disease experts. One Lyme vaccine contender from Pfizer, the company that manufactured one of the COVID-19 vaccines, is ahead of the pack and could be available as early as 2026, pending final trials and regulatory ap-

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Local Caribbean group wants larger role in Boston's future

By Tiana Woodard
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Members of the newly formed Boston Caribbean American Association swayed to the contagious rhythms of steelpan drums and DJ sets at a Massachusetts State House breakfast last month recognizing local leaders. Later that day, they quickly coordinated a donation drive for people devastated by Hurricane Beryl in the Caribbean.

The back-to-back efforts hit at the root of their goal: to portray the community as a group that can throw a good party, but also roll up their sleeves to tackle their people's challenges, such as increasing their political representation and influencing neighborhood de-

velopment.

Other longstanding immigrant communities, such as the Irish and Italians, have organized effectively and pushed their way into the city's most powerful political circles. The Caribbean diaspora has been here for a comparable amount of time — well over a century — and has only just started to see their community penetrate the top of the city's political, economic, and social circles in the last few decades.

In Boston, "the reality is that some [cultural] groups are already well-structured and organized, and that's what we are trying to reach," said Robert Wint, the association's first president.

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Bail reduction

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Inquiry into baby deaths led to unrelated homicide case

Infants' mother was juror in murder trial

By Laura Crimaldi
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About a year after the remains of four full-term infants were discovered in a freezer at a South Boston condominium in 2022, a prosecutor revealed a mysterious development: The investigation into what happened to the babies had unearthed new evidence in an unrelated homicide case.

At the end of July, the Suffolk district attorney's office revealed the link between the two cases in a redacted court filing, which had previously been im-

pounded. Alexis Aldamir, 69, mother of the four infants, served on the jury that convicted the leader of a Mattapan street gang of fatally shooting a state prosecutor at a commuter rail station in 1995. Investigators found a manilla folder in her condominium containing a dozen clipped newspaper articles about the 1999 murder trial, the filing said. Ten of the stories were published during the trial and two others were published after the proceedings concluded, prosecutors wrote.

The connection to the murder case adds another chapter to Aldamir's life story and has raised questions about whether her jury service in the murder

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CALLING FOR JUSTICE — People prepared to march Sunday after gathering at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square to protest the police killing of Sonya Massey, in Illinois, and other instances of police brutality.



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More lawsuits filed over heart surgeon

Hospital faulted in failure of care

By Steven Porter
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MANCHESTER, N.H. — Two more wrongful death lawsuits have been filed against Catholic Medical Center accusing the hospital of failing to protect patients more than a decade ago from Dr. Yvon Baribeau, a heart surgeon with one of the nation's worst malpractice records.

While colleagues tried desperately to stop Baribeau, senior leaders at CMC allowed him to keep operating, even as he accumulated numerous medical malpractice allegations, including 14 in which he allegedly contributed to patient deaths.

The ordeal was detailed in an investigative series from the Boston Globe Spotlight Team in 2022. The state's licensing agency launched an investigation in 2023, and CMC released a report from an outside law firm that found hospital leaders had missed early warning signs about Baribeau.

The new lawsuits, which cite the Globe's reporting, fault CMC for allowing Baribeau to continue performing surgeries after he abandoned a patient in the operating room in July 2012, apparently without arranging for a particular on-call surgeon to step in. The patient, a 55-year-old woman, died the next day.

That case was not formally addressed by CMC's peer review system until more than five months later, when reviewers concluded Baribeau had en-

gaged in possibly "reckless" conduct prior to the patient's death, according to one of the lawsuits.

In the meantime, Baribeau began treating 65-year-old Myron Bishop Jr., who died in November 2012 after experiencing post-surgery complications, according to the lawsuit.

Bishop came to CMC's emergency department with shortness of breath, and tests showed he had blood pooling in his chest, but rather than take him back into the operating room to locate the source of the bleeding, Baribeau allegedly "just continued replacing the blood as it was lost," the lawsuit states.

By the time Baribeau took Bishop into the operating room the following day, "it was too late to save him because he had been bleeding into his chest for so long," according to the lawsuit.

Bishop, who retired after owning a pawn shop and video store for most of his career, had come to Baribeau for a second opinion after a physician at another hospital advised against surgery given his other medical conditions.

Two months after Bishop's death, in January 2013, Baribeau allegedly refused to report to the hospital at night to treat a patient's post-operative internal hemorrhaging, according to the lawsuits. The patient, a construction contractor, died.

That case led CMC to suspend Baribeau's clinical privileges in June 2013 for 28 days, according to the Globe's reporting. (Had the suspension been just three days longer, it would have been mandatory to report it to a national database, making the information visible to any state medical board.)

In August 2013, just a few

weeks after Baribeau returned from his suspension, a 65-year-old retired police officer and Air Force veteran, John William Queen, bled to death on Baribeau's operating room table, according to the second new lawsuit.

The surgery, which involved a relatively new procedure, lasted 13 hours, according to the lawsuit. The complaint casts doubt on whether two other doctors who Baribeau listed as his assistants for the procedure actually scrubbed in.

Queen had high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and asthma, but no significant medical history when he came to Baribeau to undergo an aortic valve replacement and repair of an aortic aneurysm, according to the lawsuit.

Hospital spokesperson Laura Montenegro released a statement saying CMC could not comment on the particular circumstances alleged in these lawsuits.

"Our organization grieves with every patient's family who has lost a loved one and we extend our sympathy and prayers to these families," the statement said, in part.

Holly B. Haines, an attorney for the plaintiffs, did not respond to requests for comment.

Baribeau's attorney, Beth G. Catenza, said that her client has no comment.

The lawsuits, which were filed in Hillsborough County Superior Court in late June, were first reported by the New Hampshire Union Leader.

Baribeau, who began undergoing treatments for cancer in April 2018, returned to the operating room in June 2018. A traumatic two-month period fol-

lowed: Three of his patients died and two were severely injured in surgeries within a five-week span that current and former CMC doctors have dubbed "the summer of death."

Baribeau retired abruptly in 2019 at age 63.

Although leaders at CMC were aware of problems with Baribeau since at least 1997 — when he was accused of mistakenly cutting a critical vein and hiding the error, leading to the patient's death — hospital leaders continued to support him for years, even featuring him in a promotional campaign that ran in the Globe and other publications.

In 2022, the hospital released a statement "strongly" rebutting allegations in the Globe's reporting, which it called "misleading" and "one-sided." In 2023, with the release of the independent report, the hospital acknowledged a need to overhaul its peer review process and quality management programs and increase oversight and accountability.

The statement that Montenegro released emphasized the fact that the hospital commissioned the report and heeded its findings.

"The report found that the current cardiac surgery program at CMC is top-tiered and high functioning with excellent outcomes, while also identifying areas for improvement, which the hospital took seriously and addressed," the statement said.

Montenegro added that Baribeau has not worked at CMC for at least the past five and a half years.

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Irish firefighter held on rape charge has his bail reduced

By Tonya Alanez
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An Irish firefighter who has been held on \$100,000 bail in Boston for nearly six months on rape charges has had his bail reduced to \$10,000, but still cannot afford to post it, his lawyer said.

Terence Crosbie, 37, is accused of raping a woman in her sleep at a Boston hotel in March during a visit to march in the city's St. Patrick's Day parade with members of the Dublin Fire Brigade.

Crosbie, a married father who lives in the Irish capital, was aboard a flight to return home when he was arrested at Logan International Airport in March. Since then he has been held at the Nashua Street Jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail and ordered to surrender his passport.

He pleaded not guilty to a charge of rape during his arraignment in Boston Municipal Court in March. He was later indicted by a Suffolk County grand jury, which moved the case to the Superior Court.

He pleaded not guilty to a felony charge of rape during his arraignment in June in that court. At a hearing last week, Crosbie's lawyer argued that the \$100,000 bail "was unreasonable and totally unmakeable" and went against case law. The judge granted his motion for a bail reduction during a hearing on Aug. 5, court records show.

If Crosbie posts bail, he must wear a GPS monitor, remain in Massachusetts, and have no contact with the victim or witnesses.

According to his lawyer, David C. Reilly, even if Crosbie could come up with the money to post bail, he would need to find a way to afford a place to live locally.

"The biggest hurdle he faces is that he needs somewhere to go," Reilly said.

Reilly said his client has no significant financial resources, and after being incarcerated and unemployed for nearly six months, he is essentially stuck.

Prosecutors allege that Crosbie raped a "female stranger" at the Omni Parker House hotel in downtown Boston on March 14.

The 28-year-old woman went to dinner with co-workers and met a man, Liam O'Brien, along with his fellow Irish firefighters.

Video shows that around 11:30 p.m., the woman left a restaurant with O'Brien and returned to the room he was



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Terence Crosbie is accused of raping

a woman at a hotel in Boston.

sharing with Crosbie at the Omni Parker House. Crosbie left the room for about two hours.

O'Brien and the woman fell asleep in separate beds. The woman said she awoke to Crosbie on top of her, raping her, prosecutors said.

The woman demanded that Crosbie stop, according to court filings. Crosbie allegedly remarked that he knew that she wanted this and his friend was pathetic for falling asleep, prosecutors said.

The woman left and messaged a friend to say she had been assaulted. She then went to a hospital, where she spoke with police and underwent a sexual assault examination.

Crosbie was scheduled to leave the United States on March 19, after the parade. But after he spoke with police on March 15, Crosbie went to Logan International Airport for a 10:10 p.m. flight. He wound up boarding a 7 p.m. flight but was removed from the plane and arrested, officials said.

At last week's hearing, prosecutors requested a DNA swab from Crosbie for "comparative testing."

According to court documents filed by Suffolk district attorney's office, a genital swab from the victim revealed male DNA.

"A known DNA sample from the defendant will produce evidence relevant to the question of his guilt," wrote Assistant District Attorney Erin Murphy, chief of the domestic violence and sexual assault unit, in a July 23 motion.

Crosbie objected to giving a sample on grounds of unreasonable searches and seizures, court filings show.

The judge approved the request for DNA, and Crosbie gave an oral sample last week, Reilly said.

Crosbie's next court date was set for Oct. 28. Reilly said it is unlikely that the DNA results will be back by then.

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TV series on Aaron Hernandez to premiere in September

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The first installment of the FX series "American Sports Story," chronicling the troubled life and career of former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez, is set to premiere Sept. 17, the network announced.

Based on the award-winning podcast "Gladiator: Aaron Hernandez and Football Inc.," reported by the Boston Globe's Spotlight Team and produced in partnership with Wondery, the 10-episode series follows his rise

to stardom and his violent fall, while exploring "the disparate strands of his identity, his family, his career, his suicide, and their legacy in sports and American culture," according to the show's website.

Hernandez was drafted in 2010 by the Patriots and set a team record for receptions by a rookie tight end that year. In 2013, Hernandez was convicted of murdering his friend Odin Lloyd and sentenced to life in prison without parole. He died by suicide in his prison cell at the

Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center, a maximum security facility in Central Massachusetts, on April 19, 2017.

"American Sports Story: Aaron Hernandez" stars Josh Andrés Rivera as Hernandez, Jerry Levine as Patriots owner Robert Kraft, and Patrick Schwarzenegger as former Patriots quarterback Tim Tebow.

The two-episode premiere is scheduled to air at 10 p.m. on FX and also on the streaming service Hulu, the network said.

The series was produced by

20th Television. Ryan Murphy, Stuart Zicherman, Nina Jacobson, Brad Simpson, Alexis Martin Woodall, Eric Kovtun, Scott Robertson and Carl Franklin are executive producers, along with Hernan Lopez and Marshall Lewy of Wondery, Linda Pizzuti Henry, co-owner and chief executive officer of Boston Globe Media, and Ira Napolitano, the Globe's vice president of New Media.

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This day in history

Today is Monday, Aug. 12, the 225th day of 2024. There are 141 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Investor and philanthropist George Soros is 94. Actor George Hamilton is 85. Singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Lynette Woodard is 65. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 61. Actor Peter Krause is 59. Tennis Hall of Famer Pete Sampras is 53. Actor-comedian Michael Ian Black is 53. Actor Yvette Nicole Brown is 53. Actor Casey Affleck is 49. Boxer Tyson Fury is 36. Actor Cara Delevingne is 32. Tennis player Stefanos Tsitsipas is 26.

►In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, with whom he had clashed over Reconstruction policies. (Johnson was ac-

quitted by the Senate.)

►In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

►In 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

►In 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

►In 1960, the first balloon communications satellite, the Echo 1, was launched by the US from Cape Canaveral.

►In 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York.

►In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Airlines Boe-

ing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. Four passengers survived.

►In 1990, fossil collector Sue Hendrickson found one of the largest and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex skeletons ever discovered; nicknamed "Sue" after Hendrickson, the skeleton is now on display at Chicago's Field Museum.

►In 1994, in baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972, players went on strike rather than allow team owners to limit their salaries.

►In 2013, James "Whitey" Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives, was convicted in a string of 11 killings and dozens of other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to

be an FBI informant. (Bulger was sentenced to life; he was fatally beaten at a West Virginia prison in 2018, hours after being transferred from a facility in Florida.)

►In 2017, a driver sped into a crowd of people peacefully protesting a white nationalist rally in the Virginia college town of Charlottesville, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and injuring more than a dozen others. (The attacker, James Alex Fields, was sentenced to life in prison on 29 federal hate crime charges, and life plus 419 years on state charges.)

►In 2022, Salman Rushdie, the author whose writing led to death threats from Iran in the 1980s, was attacked and stabbed in the neck by a man who rushed the stage as he was about to give a lecture in western New York.

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Powerball **09**

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Local Caribbean residents work toward a seat at the table

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dent. Most of the dozen founding members hail from English-speaking nations like Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, and include members of other sizable Boston communities such as Haiti. Some of them were born to Caribbean immigrants in Boston, others moved as teens in the '90s, and some settled in Boston nearly 50 years ago.

With such a diverse coalition, Wint said, the association hopes it will begin to make long overdue progress in issues like housing, education, and politics — and that they'll be seen as offering more to Boston than the summer festivities of Caribbean American Heritage Month and Carnival.

The organization is only in its infancy and still ironing out how often they would gather or go about influencing local politics. In the coming years, though, the Caribbean American group hopes to endorse candidates in local races and host candidate forums. It could also leverage its collective power to make sure that Boston's Caribbean community has a say in the future of White Stadium, a long-time venue for Caribbean events, with forthcoming plans to upgrade the stadium for hosting a new women's soccer team. (The group hasn't taken an official stance on the ongoing redevelopment.)

Since its soft launch in April, the association has hosted a flag raising at Boston City Hall Plaza, a neighborhood block party in Dorchester, a comedy show in the Seaport, and the State House breakfast.

"We want to see the streets lined off and people having a good time, eating jerk chicken, and drinking Red Stripe beer with [parade] floats down Blue Hill Avenue," Wint, a 43-year-old Jamaica native, said. But "we want the representatives on the ballot for the September primaries to talk to us," too.



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Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll, whose mother was born in Grenada and raised in Trinidad, spoke at the Caribbean of the Commonwealth Breakfast at the Massachusetts State House last month.

The association comes as local Caribbean communities have more than tripled since 1980, from 42,000 to about 130,000 in 2021, or about a fifth of the city's population, according to the most recent analysis of US Census data by the former Boston Planning and Development Agency, now the city's planning department.

Dominicans and Puerto Ricans make up the largest groups of the local Caribbean community, followed by Haitians and Jamaicans. There are also considerable Trinidadian, Bajan, and Cuban populations, as well as other Caribbeans in Boston proper.

The region's growing Caribbean influence has become more evident in recent years as more people of Caribbean descent have won political office at

the city and state levels. Five of Boston's 12 city councilors have Caribbean heritage. In the Healey administration, Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll's mother was born in Grenada and raised in Trinidad.

Caribbeans have long sought to have a voice in local politics, said Violet M. Johnson, author of "The Other Black Bostonians: West Indians in Boston, 1900-1950." As early as 1915, a group of immigrants formed the West India Aid Society to help these new Bostonians acclimate to the United States. Simultaneously, community members endorsed political hopefuls through the Boston Chronicle, immersed themselves in the local NAACP and Universal Negro Improvement Association, and formed alliances with the more established, politically powerful

Brahmin and Irish enclaves of Boston.

"They were straddling all of these worlds, in activism and building coalitions," Johnson said. "It was complex in a really interesting, fascinating way."

The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which removed national-origin quotas, led to an unprecedented surge of Caribbean immigration to Boston, and the emergence of several social clubs and organizations in the '70s and '80s.

Amanda Toney of Roxbury, 38, had a menu of gathering spaces to choose from growing up in the city, ranging from the Caribbean Cultural Center to the Zodiac Domino Club to the Windsor and Cavaliers Cricket Clubs. Only a few of these places are still around, and some have had to shift from family activi-

ties to providing nightlife to continue to afford to remain in areas that are becoming increasingly expensive, multiple community members told the Globe.

"Now, we're down to the same recycled places, and people are trying to use their backyards for events," Toney, a first-generation Trinidadian American, said. "There's no place to convene."

Kwame Elias, the association's director of community outreach and public relations, has a son who is almost 3 years old, and said with an organization like the BCAA, his son "can inherit something — a rich culture in Boston of Caribbean Americans so that he can feel like he's a part of this city."

Boston residents like Nyela Lynch of Dorchester, 21, represent that next generation.

Lynch, who has Haitian and Guyanese roots, said her Haitian identity shows up loudly because of the city's large population, but the Guyanese side is often left out. Then she stumbled across the BCAA's social media posts, and was excited to see them trying to reach out to overlooked parts of the diaspora in their events and branding, she said.

"I love feeling included," Lynch said. "Parts of the Caribbean sometimes get lost."

The founding members are still deciding how its membership would work, Elias said. But he has been "touched" by the number of people who have either approached them at events or sent an Instagram message, asking how they could get involved.

There are dozens of Caribbean organizations in the area already focused on hosting celebrations, helping immigrants acclimate to American life, and responding to crises back on the Islands. But most are focused on a specific country, such as the United Barbadians in Massachusetts. Others, like the Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston, are centered around a specific cultural event.

Johnson, the historian of Boston's early West Indian history, said the organization will only survive if it anticipates what challenges might prevent it from growing, such as a housing crisis that's making it harder for residents to stay in the area. Once they identify these hurdles, the founding members must respond to them proactively.

Elias thinks the BCAA is well prepared.

"No one is reinventing the wheel," Elias said. "But what we can do is apply different approaches, different things, different ideas, and come to solutions that are long-lasting."

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street in town, that work magnificently. We have bike lanes on Stuart Street, just to the south, that apparently rarely get used.

And this is not a shot at our mayor or her aides. They are trying to make Boston a more forward-looking city with better and cleaner transportation for all.

But let's know our limits. You can be pro-bike and advocate for bike lanes without feeling compelled to cram them onto every imaginable thoroughfare. You can pursue a better future while still balancing the realities of the present tense.

And right now, we are a city filled with Uber drivers and riders, with Amazon Prime vans, with DoorDash workers, and with regular old delivery trucks. On a place like Boylston, specifically on Boylston, they cause outsized havoc wherever they park — and they are not going away.

What used to be three through lanes on Boylston Street, through the whole of Back Bay, has been reduced to a maximum of two, and in some key places, with the addition of a bus lane, just one. What used to be this city's grand boulevard can feel like a narrow path.

Meg Mainzer-Cohen has run the Back Bay Association from her Boylston Street office for the past 24 years, and run it very well, but it's only been this summer that the chaos — in the form of constantly beeping horns — has caused her to shut windows, mute calls, and even work more from home. "It's completely dysfunctional," she said.

According to Mainzer-Cohen, the city no longer leaves enough time for pedestrians to cross Boylston at a pair of key intersections, at Dartmouth and Berkeley streets. The result: "Jaywalking abounds," she said.

The city's mantra is that everyone should live within a three-minute walk of a bike lane, which is a little odd, because couldn't they ride their bike to get to the lane? And the city's belief, one mayor to the next, is that more dedicated lanes will induce more people to ride bikes, which will transform Boston into Copenhagen, minus Tivoli Gardens and the pervasively good mood. We are who we are.

All of this is noble, and may eventually work, even if most bike lanes transport a few hundred people a day. One morning rush hour on Boylston Street in early July, I counted 17 cyclists over a 30-minute stretch, or a little more than one every two



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minutes. A recent Globe story reported modest increases in some key bike lanes.

I was considering all of this when my phone rang with Jascha Franklin-Hodge on the other end of the line. He is Boston's chief of streets, and — why does this always happen to me? —

sounded like a smart and reasonable guy.

"It's an iconic street, an important street to the city," he said of Boylston. "And we have been thoughtful about what we've done with the five lanes, all devoted to cars. Bike lanes are just ten feet of that."

He said Commonwealth Ave. is not, in his parlance, a "low stress" bike lane, because it's not barricaded from traffic, and that Beacon Street runs west, while Boylston goes east.

Franklin-Hodge noted that even the Champs-Élysées in Paris, widely considered the most

What used to be three through lanes on Boylston Street, through the whole of Back Bay, has been reduced to a maximum of two, and in some key places, with the addition of a bus lane, just one. Above, Boylston Street is viewed from the Lenox Hotel.

fares that are the most congested and dangerous for everyone involved? What if the city not only induced people to ride, but steered them toward these cycling highways? When there are bike lanes on Beacon Street, Commonwealth Avenue, and Stuart Street, is the Boylston Street lane necessary, or is someone just trying to prove a point?

There's little middle ground in the divisive debate over these lanes. If you're not for them, you're a climate-change-denying neanderthal who is looking to endanger everyone else with this throwback mode of transportation known as a car. And if you're pro-bike, then you're an effete elitist who is selfishly causing mayhem so a few of your friends can glide to pilates, and half of them still use the sidewalk anyway.

Even amid the cacophony of Boylston Street — especially amid the cacophony of Boylston Street — one thing still rings clear: There's got to be a better, more thoughtful way.

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beautiful boulevard in the world, has been transformed to include wider bike lanes. Which is true, but a quick Google search also shows that as they reduced through-traffic from six lanes to four, they added trees, what they call "terraces," and most notably, a dedicated lane for delivery vehicles and taxis. On Boylston, we've simply smushed everything together.

What if the city focused on creatively building better, safer two-way bike lanes with signage and signals on fewer streets, while avoiding the thorough-

As climate change boosts tick numbers, efforts at control lag

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proval. Though researchers are working on a vaccine for pretty much every tick-borne disease in the United States, the vast majority are in very early stages, said Samuel Perdue, chief of basic sciences, bacteriology, and mycology at the National Institutes of Health.

"I think a lot of the [manufacturers] would have trouble getting a vaccine to market because of the demand and usage," Perdue said during a live-streamed tick-borne disease panel discussion in June. "I think for one to really take off, it would have to be multipathogen or tick-focused."

In other words, patients would be more willing and eager to receive one shot that prevents multiple tick-borne diseases, or all tick bites, rather than five or six different shots for each of the diseases that are present in the region where they live.

Lyme is the exception, he said, since the disease has become so common.

Tick-borne diseases now account for 95 percent of vector-borne diseases in the nation. Lyme disease alone accounts for almost three quarters of all reported vector-borne disease.

In mid-July, Pfizer announced that all of the more than 9,000 people participating in the trials of its VLA15 vaccine had completed their first three doses, an important step in the study. The Phase 3 study has been



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Participants received injections at Pediatric Associates of Fall River as part of a Pfizer clinical trial for a Lyme disease vaccine in 2022. Phase 3 of testing is expected to be finished in 2025.

underway for almost two years and is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. If the trial is successful, then Pfizer, along with its partner Valneva, a vaccine manufacturer, will apply to the US Food and Drug Administration in 2026 for permission to introduce the vaccine to the market.

Timing would then be "in the hands of the regulator," wrote Kit Longley, a spokesperson for Pfizer, in a statement.

It wouldn't be the first time a Lyme disease vaccine went to market; two decades ago, regula-

tors approved a vaccine called LYMERix, but the manufacturer discontinued it due to poor sales. Some patients also claimed that the vaccine, pulled from the shelves in 2002, caused side effects.

The Pfizer vaccine, though, would come into a much different market, one with higher rates of Lyme. Some estimates suggest that almost a half a million people in the United States are diagnosed with and treated for Lyme disease every year.

Another preventative drug is being developed by the Universi-

ty of Massachusetts Chan Medical School's MassBiologics. The treatment would probably consist of a single shot for seasonal protection. Phase 1 human trials showing safety are complete, according to Sarah Willey, a spokesperson for the UMass Chan Medical School.

Phase 2 clinical trials have not yet started, Willey said.

Meanwhile, researchers are investigating a host of other ideas to prevent tick-borne illness, among them medication to prevent tick bites. In February, California-based company Tar-

sus announced a successful Phase 2 human trial for a tick-killing medication.

The tablet, which is very similar to the medication used to prevent tick bites in dogs, could be used a day before a person is outdoors in a region that's infested with ticks. The drug would paralyze and kill the tick when it bites and, according to the Phase 2 trial results, would be effective for at least a month.

The people who participated in the trial allowed sterilized and noninfected ticks to bite them.

"Within 24 hours of biting, the tick would basically die and fall off, and that's what we saw at very high levels," said Bobby Azamian, cofounder and CEO of Tarsus. "That gives the patient, in essence, the power to prevent [ticks] on demand and have lasting protection against Lyme and potentially other tick-borne diseases."

The company is in discussions with the FDA to determine next steps and plan Phase 3 trials, he added.

In contrast to mosquitoes, there are very few effective methods available to public health officials to control the population of ticks.

Mosquito districts in Massachusetts and other states regularly spray for mosquitoes and work to prevent the accumulation of standing water where mosquitoes breed.

For ticks, those same efforts wouldn't work. Ticks are an exceptionally difficult species to control. They feed in multiple life stages; huge proportions of

their population carry a disease; and their key breeding habitat, deer, are moving targets. One tick can carry and pass on multiple infections in the same bite.

Ben Beard, principal deputy director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's division of vector-borne diseases, said in an interview that he thinks a community-wide approach is necessary to make a dent in the numbers.

For example, he said, a neighborhood could commit to moving playground equipment away from the woods and leaf litter; it could implement programs to reduce carrier rodent populations; spray insecticides in targeted areas; and train the people who lived there on personal protections. He pointed to homeowner associations and mosquito control districts as examples of organizing such efforts.

"I often think that something like that could be a useful way of combining all these different methodologies together," he said.

Unfortunately, he said, mosquito districts have told federal health officials that they cannot afford to do tick control without increased funding.

Until there is a vaccine or more effective ways to reduce the population of ticks in New England, "the responsibility is falling on homeowners to protect themselves" by doing tick checks and wearing insect repellent, Beard said.

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Canton Select Board meetings move online after verbal attacks

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The public comment period is not designed for questions and answers, he said. The proper place to have discussions with the board is during open office hours that are not on camera, he said.

“They are not well attended by a lot of members of the public,” he said.

The board shifted to Zoom meetings in July, and last week,

while members did not face angry shouting, critics continued to express frustration over the Read case. One woman, who identified herself as Brenda Sweeney, blasted the board for moving the meetings online, according to recordings of the meeting by the community access television.

“You can tell a bully from a leader by how they treat people who disagree with them. Kind of says it all,” she said. “You weren’t given a crown when you were

elected. It’s pathetic to think that the board has absolute control during our meetings ... Now you’ve decided to put us in this Zoom closet.”

The board meetings have drawn people far beyond Canton. “I just want to let you guys all know that we’re watching from Western Massachusetts, a bunch of us, and we are not impressed, not with your town leadership, not with the handling of the Karen Read case,” one man told the

board last month. “It’s an absolute embarrassment.”

Not all of the speakers have been critical, however. Kathleen Dooley Butters, who recently retired as the town’s accountant, offered praise for her former co-workers.

“Every one of these — elected, appointed, and hired staff — worked with the utmost professionalism and give their heart and soul to provide the best services for the Canton residents,”

she said. “I am proud to live in Canton. I feel safe and supported by everyone in Canton. It is because of all of these hard-working, unselfish, and wonderful people. I just wanted to say how much I appreciated working with all of you.”

Loughran said he consulted with his colleagues about the move and they were generally supportive. As chair, he ultimately made the decision himself but since they’ve now held two re-

mote meetings, he believes he has the board’s full support.

“They agree this is safe and efficient,” he said.

Loughran said it’s not clear when the board will return to in-person meetings

“It’s certainly not forever, but for the time being,” he said. “The temperature in town will help dictate that.”

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South Boston condo yields evidence in unrelated homicide case

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case must be scrutinized. Aldamir’s court-appointed guardian and conservator declined to comment last week. Attorney Michael Giarrusso, who represents Aldamir in probate proceedings, didn’t respond last week to a request for comment.

Prosecutors determined Aldamir was among 12 jurors in Suffolk Superior Court who voted to convict Jeffrey L. Bly of first-degree murder in the shooting death of state Assistant Attorney General Paul McLaughlin, according to the court filing. The killing occurred on Sept. 25, 1995, the night before Bly was to face trial on carjacking charges in a case that McLaughlin, 42, was prosecuting.

Bly’s lawyer, John H. Cunha Jr., said the possibility of further legal action depends on whether there are witnesses who know if Aldamir defied court orders by reading media coverage of the trial while she served on the jury. “Everybody’s got the right to

have a jury that only hears evidence from the courtroom,” Cunha said. “Despite the fact that I’m a very strong advocate and believer in the Fourth Estate, newspaper articles are not evidence.”

The disclosure about the newspaper clippings in Aldamir’s condominium alone are not enough to ask a court to revisit Bly’s case, legal experts said. Cunha declined to say whether he has interviewed any witnesses about Aldamir.

But the revelation helps to explain why prosecutors previously revealed that the investigation into Aldamir had yielded new information in an unrelated murder case.

In a statement, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin R. Hayden said disclosing evidence about Aldamir’s jury service and the newspaper clips was “consistent with our ethical obligations.” McLaughlin was assigned to the Suffolk district attorney’s office when he was killed, and its prosecutors successfully tried Bly for



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF/FILE



Investigators met in 1995 in the parking lot where Assistant Attorney General Paul McLaughlin (above) was killed.

murder in the killing.

In April, the office announced no charges would be brought in relation to the babies, citing unanswered questions about whether the babies were born alive and how they died. Aldamir appears to have hidden her pregnancies from friends and family. Prosecutors further said Aldamir would likely be deemed unfit to stand trial following her diagnosis in 2022

with what appeared to be “neurodegenerative process of Alzheimer’s dementia.”

In 2022, Boston police homicide investigators twice visited the long-term care facility where Aldamir is a patient and asked her about the infant remains found in her freezer, records show. Both times, Aldamir appeared confused. She wasn’t asked about the newspaper articles, prosecutors wrote in court records.

“The discovery of this material was yet one more surprising element in a uniquely challenging case, and one that hit right at home for our office,” Hayden said last week in a statement.

Attorney Rosanna Cavallaro, who teaches at Suffolk University Law School, said untangling

the story behind the newspaper clips will be complicated because of Aldamir’s diminished cognitive ability.

“She is a closed book,” Cavallaro said. “She’s not available to answer questions.”

Jeffrey M. Cohen, an associate professor at Boston College Law School, added that the presence of the news clips in Aldamir’s residence is not evidence that she was disobeying court orders during Bly’s trial.

“The mere fact of having the articles doesn’t prove that she was the one who kept them or that she read them at the time she was a juror,” he said.

The state Supreme Judicial Court upheld Bly’s conviction for killing McLaughlin in 2007, and he is serving life in prison with-

out the possibility of parole.

In 2000, another jury convicted Bly of murder in an unrelated case: the fatal shooting of 25-year-old Lee Simmons in Mattapan on Sept. 13, 1993. The SJC affirmed Bly’s conviction in that case in 2005, records show.

Aldamir’s secret pregnancies came to light on Nov. 17, 2022, when her brother and sister-in-law discovered the infant remains in the freezer of her condominium while they were visiting from Maryland to clean out her unit. Aldamir moved into the first-floor condo on East Broadway as early as 1982 and her mother owned a unit upstairs, records show.

The DA’s office said DNA testing confirmed Aldamir and a man who died in 2011 were the parents of the four babies, two boys and two girls. Authorities haven’t disclosed the man’s name. In April 1982, Aldamir gave birth to a girl, fathered by the same man. They gave up the baby for adoption, prosecutors said.

Investigators haven’t determined when Aldamir was pregnant with the other babies, and her sister, her brother, sister-in-law, and others have told police they didn’t know about her pregnancies, records show.

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LEGAL NOTICES City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission August 8, 2024

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: Vicinity Energy Boston Inc.

On a petition by the petitioner for a Grant of Location to install a new steam distribution main and associated infrastructure with City shadow within the following public ways in South Boston.

- Binford Street – generally between A Street and Necco Street
- A Street – at Binford Street.

This Commission appoints August 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE EAMON SHELTON NICHOLAS GOVE TANIA DEL RIO HENRY VITALE KRISTEN MCCOSH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.

Attest: Karen M. Powell Executive Secretary

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission August 8, 2024

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: 375 Cummins LLC.

On a petition by the petitioner for the making of Specific Repairs within Cummins Highway (public way), Roslindale, located generally at address no. 375, generally south-east of Mt. Calvary Road.

This Commission appoints August 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE EAMON SHELTON NICHOLAS GOVE TANIA DEL RIO HENRY VITALE KRISTEN MCCOSH

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Attest: Karen M. Powell Executive Secretary

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission August 8, 2024

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: Jupiter Power LLC (d/b/a Tramount ESS LLC).

On a petition by the petitioner for a Grant of Location to install a new electric duct bank and associated infrastructure with City shadow within the following public ways in Charlestown.

- Alford Street – southwest of Dexter Street;
- Dexter Street – between Alford Street and the City of Everett boundary.

This Commission appoints August 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE EAMON SHELTON NICHOLAS GOVE TANIA DEL RIO HENRY VITALE KRISTEN MCCOSH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.

Attest: Karen M. Powell Executive Secretary

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission August 8, 2024

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioners: 22 Drydock LLC and the Boston Economic Development & Industrial Corporation.

On a joint petition by the petitioners for the making of Specific Repairs within the following public ways in South Boston:

- Dry Dock Avenue – generally at address no. 22, west of Tide Street;
- Northern Avenue – generally at address nos. 331-339, northeast of Tide Street;
- Tide Street – between Dry Dock Avenue and Northern Avenue.

This Commission appoints August 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petitions of the petitioner.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE EAMON SHELTON NICHOLAS GOVE TANIA DEL RIO HENRY VITALE KRISTEN MCCOSH

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Attest: Karen M. Powell Executive Secretary

ABCD HEATING PROGRAM 2024-2026 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL –

Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (ABCD) Heating Assistance Program is accepting sealed proposals for residential heating system work, Heat Pumps, asbestos abatement and chimney work (No-heat calls, repair and replacements, both gas and oil, chimney lining) from Affirmative Action/EOE firms. Proposal packages are available at ABCD, Inc., 178 Tremont St 2nd fl Boston, MA 02111. Contact Person – Terri Dancause. All proposals must be received no later than 12:00 PM Friday, September 6th, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened. All proposals subject to negotiation. ABCD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals deemed in its best interest to do so. Small & Minority firms encouraged to submit proposals. ABCD is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. This advertisement subject in all respect to the terms and conditions of the invitation to bid/Request for Proposal.

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission August 8, 2024

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: 375 Cummins LLC.

On a petition by the petitioner for the acceptance of a Pedestrian Easement adjacent to Cummins Highway (public way), Roslindale, located on its southwestern side at address no. 375, generally southwest of Mt. Calvary Road.

This Commission appoints August 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE EAMON SHELTON NICHOLAS GOVE TANIA DEL RIO HENRY VITALE KRISTEN MCCOSH

A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.

Attest: Karen M. Powell Executive Secretary

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 24 SM 002817 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Marijan Andacic

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of Homes 2023-NQM1 Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Billerica, numbered 318 Nashua Road, given by Marijan Andacic to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Homeexpress Mortgage Corp, dated November 2, 2022, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37490, Page 222, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 23, 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 August 6, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 25756

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 24 SM 002818 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Brittany Finnemore

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in North Billerica (Billerica), numbered 161 Nashua Road, given by Brittany Finnemore to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC, dated May 13, 2022, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 37060, Page 284, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant’s/Defendants’ Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 23, 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 August 6, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder 26234

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LivingArts



MYLES PERSON

A summer yoga class at the New England Aquarium.



SAM JOHNSON

Bridgette Hayes in a 2022 workshop of "A Light Under the Dome."

By Emily Wyrwa
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

There are few better ways to spend a summer day than by the water. The New England Aquarium has partnered with numerous nonprofits to bring free and accessible events to the city's waterfront over the years, particularly post-pandemic.

"Ultimately, we want to make sure that people see us as a place to go, no matter your financial means," Luz Arregoces, the Aquarium's director of community engagement, said in a phone interview.

As part of the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront, the Aquarium hosts and supports many free events — such as the current fitness series, which includes a professional coaching session on Saturday. The goal of these events is to "drive the message that the waterfront belongs to everybody," Arregoces said.

Other upcoming events include a wellness walk in partnership with Tedy's Team on Oct. 3. The initiative has even featured film screenings, such as last year's event where the aquarium partnered with Mattapan teen center to host a documentary screening at the Simons Theatre.

"They were all able to dress up and bring their family and just have a really cool experience in a space that, maybe, historically, they haven't been invited to or been able to go to," Arregoces said.

According to Arregoces, the Aquarium aims to build the waterfront's "physical resilience" — limiting the impacts of climate change, sea level rise, and heat island effect — and "social resilience," which is bolstered by events like these making the waterfront a place for all members of the community.

"We want to make sure that the community is engaged in all of the work that the Aquarium does," Arregoces said.

Also happening this week: There is an original play coming to the State House, a coffee chat for the

BOSTON AT A BARGAIN

This week: waterfront fun; drama at the State House; the African Festival returns



JR ROST

The Bees Deluxe will give a free concert Tuesday night at the Tavern at the End of the World.

young at heart, plus a seminar on ancient art.

Free Events

STATE HOUSE STAGE Plays in Place and the National Parks of Boston are coming together to produce a three-play series called "Suffrage in Black and White," which discusses the "intersection of race and citizenship throughout the abolitionist and suffrage movements in Boston," according to a press release from Plays in Place. The first play, "A Light Under the Dome," will take the stage this week in the State House Senate Chamber. It tells the story of Angelina Grimké's 1838 speech there. Tickets are free and available on Plays in Place's website. *Monday-Thursday, 3 to 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Free. Massachusetts State House Sen-*

ate Chamber, 24 Beacon St. playsin-place.com

THE BEE'S KNEES Head to the Tavern at the End of the World for a free concert Tuesday night that is sure to knock your socks off. The Bees Deluxe, a blues band mixed with elements of funk, jazz and psychedelia, will play a three-hour set at its debut at the venue. It was founded by Conrad Warre, a guitarist who played with Joe Jackson, and is based in the Boston area. *Tuesday, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Free. The Tavern at the End of the World, 108 Cambridge St., Charlestown. thebostoncalendar.com*

WE ARE YOUNG The Boston Music Project is hosting its first-ever Youth Fest, a festival "by, for, and with Boston Youth," according to the organization. Head out to Downtown Cross-



MASSAMBA KOMPA

Attendees enjoying the 2017 African Festival of Boston. This year's version is Saturday and Sunday.

ing for a day filled with energetic performances and artists. Headliners include hip-hop artist Paul Willis from 4 to 5 p.m. and saxophonist Jonathan Suazo from 5 to 6 p.m. *Wednesday, noon to 6 p.m. Free. 1 Summer St. thebostoncalendar.com*

CONNECT Seniors looking to discuss the arts can come to the Kennedy Center of Charlestown for a late-morning coffee. Staff from the Boston Public Art Triennial will discuss the installations at the Lot Lab, which features work from Matthew Okazaki and Ifé Franklin, two local artists who specialize in sculpture, and Hugh Hayden, a New York-based sculpture artist. *Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon. Free. Lot Lab, 15th St. thetriennial.org*

ANCIENTS If you're interested in learning more about ancient art, look

no further than the Harvard Art Museum. Dr. Caitlin Clerkin, who works for the museum's curatorial staff, will hold a seminar with attendees to discuss ancient displays in the museum, including the funerary relief of Ba'altega, from Palmyra, Syria, and the Old Kingdom period funerary reliefs in the ancient Egypt gallery. Plus, Clerkin will take attendees to the study center for a private viewing of a variety of ancient Sumerian, Greek, and Roman objects. *Friday, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Harvard Art Museums, 32 Quincy St., Cambridge. harvardmuseums.org*

FESTIVITIES The African Festival of Boston is back for its 14th annual celebration. Head to the Boston Common all weekend long to hear music, dance, and enjoy food offerings from Taste of Africa from Ghana, Suya Joint from Nigeria, The Liberian Community Women, Cuisine from Cameroon, and more. Performances will include Lumanyano Mzi, a Boston-based South African drummer who graduated from Berklee College of Music in 2023, Albino Mbie, a musician originally from Mozambique who graduated from Berklee in 2013, and more. *Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free. 139 Tremont St. eventbrite.com*

Deals & Steals

DISCOVER Every Friday night throughout the summer, Acton's Discovery Museum, which recently won the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, offers free admission to families. Head out to Acton to play in the discovery woods — complete with its wheelchair-accessible treehouse — or check out the many indoor exhibits. While admission is free, reservations are recommended. *Friday, 4:30 to 8 p.m. Free. Discovery Museum, 177 Main St. (Route 27), Acton. discoveryacton.org*

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By Maura Johnston
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Hip-hop futurist Missy Elliott's current tour — which stopped at TD Garden on Saturday — is the MC and producer's first headlining jaunt, a fact that seems odd on first glance. The woman responsible for propelling pop even further into the 21st century with tracks like the sinuous "The Rain (Supa Dupa Fly)" and the hyperactive "Lose Control"? Who had a song beamed to Venus just last month?

Elliott has been underestimated for years, in almost criminal fashion. Giving her flowers via a first-on-the-bill spot was a long time coming, as she proved during her joyously surrealistic set. Her knotty wordplay and playful musical flourishes, like the funhouse-mirror synths on her topsy-turvy 2002 track "Work It" and the deconstructed bhangra that leaps out of her 2001 cut "Get Ur Freak On," combined with a throng of high-energy dancers, eye-popping backdrops that played on her music videos and the tour's interstellar theme, plus larger-than-life costuming, creating a high-octane experience that was made all the more potent by its compact 75-minute running time.

With an introduction from a sprightly dancer who helped guide the audience through the show's various acts, Elliott hit the ground running with "Throw It Back," a legacy-celebrating 2019 cut that brings trap snares into her heady mix, and "Cool Off," a sweaty, upbeat track that also appeared on the EP "ICONOLOGY."

The pace stayed relentless, with Elliott and the audience feeding off each other's energy. Elliott stayed onstage for most of the evening, although she did perform the hiccupping "Gossip Folks,"

Missy Elliott helps Boston lose control with her 'Out of This World' show



DEREK BLANKS WITH CROWDMGMT

Missy Elliott is shown performing at State Farm Arena in Atlanta on July 27. The hip-hop star took over TD Garden on Saturday night.

which pivots out of a sample of Frankie Smith's funk classic "Double Dutch Bus," while suspended over the crowd, while during "Work It," she did a high-five-heavy victory lap around the TD Garden's lower bowl.

Saturday's celebration of Elliott's legacy extended to the night's opening acts. Fellow Virginia-born pop alchemist Timbaland, whose productions helped define the 21st-century pop sound, opened the show. Meanwhile, speed-talking New York MC Busta Rhymes, who's appeared on a slew of Elliott remixes, followed. Pop and R&B singer-songwriter Ciara, who collaborated with Elliott on tracks like the elec-

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With Busta Rhymes, Ciara, and Timbaland
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tro-crunk hit "1, 2 Step," rounded out the bill. All three came out at the end of Elliott's set to run through cuts from their past, with the Ciara-assisted "Lose Control" closing the show.

Each appearance felt like another reason for celebration, with Elliott beaming as she and her friends threw down like no time had passed since the initial releases of their songs. Perhaps part of that was because the world has finally caught up to the futuristic ideas Elliott first unleashed a quarter-century ago — and the way she transformed her catalog into an exuberant, mind-altering show means that she's still operating from a dimension beyond.

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Mayer, Anthony, Teel get the Worcester call

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PORTLAND, Maine — For months, the standout performances of Red Sox top prospects Marcelo Mayer, Roman Anthony, and Kyle Teel in Double A Portland created steady curiosity about when the trio might move to Triple A.

On Sunday afternoon, Portland manager Chad Epperson summoned all three into his office following the Sea Dogs' 9-8 victory over Altoona. Initially, Epperson was coy, deadpanning they'd all been invited to a winter ball tournament. He then dropped the facade.

The three had graduated to the highest level of the minors. After an emotional conversation with Epperson, the trio returned to the clubhouse, where their

teammates were waiting with hugs and congratulations.

"I've been waiting for this news," said Mayer. "Obviously, the goal is always to be a big leaguer and the next step up from Double A is to get to Triple A."

Mayer, Anthony, and Teel will join the WooSox at Polar Park on Tuesday for this week's home series. All three beamed not only that they'd been promoted, but that they'd advanced together.

"I pulled Marcelo aside before we came in [the clubhouse], and I was like, 'Bro, this is unreal. We're literally moving together,'" said Teel. "We have such a great culture and such a great friendship. Going with this group of guys, it's just seeing our hard work paying off — like on the off-day, coming in together

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MATTHEW J. LEE/GLOBE STAFF

James Paxton lasted just five pitches Sunday at Fenway Park, hobbling off with what the Red Sox said was a calf strain.

Paxton hurt, Astros cap crushing sweep

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Astros 10
Red Sox 2
On a day when the Red Sox desperately needed to avoid a sweep by the Astros, the game quickly became a mere footnote.

A day after a bullpen game, the Sox, once again, had to expend their relievers because of a debilitated rotation in a 10-2 drubbing.

The series finale against Houston took a seat in the back of the class, overshadowed by the club's pressing challenge of managing the rest of the season with a rotation that has deteriorated since the All-Star break.

"We were like, we're good coverage unless something bad happens. And it happened,"

said manager Alex Cora.

Starter James Paxton dropped to his knees after throwing just five pitches and collecting two outs. Paxton, in his attempt to cover first base on a Yordan Alvarez grounder, grabbed at his right leg just beyond the mound, suffering what would be deemed a calf strain.

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"Yeah, it hurts," said Paxton. "I was feeling really good. I was really looking forward to helping this team go where they wanted to go. Hopefully, I can come back here at some point toward the end. So, we don't know what the severity is. So

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Dutch star Hassan stuns in women's marathon

PARIS — The organizers wanted to put females in the forefront of an event that they weren't invited to the last time that the Olympics were held here a century ago.

So the women's marathon was scheduled on the final day of these Games and the route was patterned after the "Women's March on Versailles" in 1789, when approximately 7,000 of them ventured forth from the Hotel de Ville to convince Louis XVI he'd better come back to town to deal with the price of bread.

What happened on Sunday morning was suitably historic. Sifan Hassan, the Dutch track star who earned bronze in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters last week, outkicked Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa to take the gold medal.

"I have no words," said the 31-year-old Hassan, who became the first Netherlands runner of any gender to prevail over 26 miles at Olympus.

Not since Czechoslovakian legend Emil Zatopek won all three of those events at the 1952 Games in Helsinki had a track racer claimed gold on the road.

"She is amazing, amazing, amazing, amazing," proclaimed Kenyan rival Sharon Lokedi, this year's Boston runner-up who finished fourth, just four seconds off the podium. "She's

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HOLLYWOOD ENDING



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Tom Cruise received the Olympic Flag during the Closing Ceremony from gymnast Simone Biles and Los Angeles mayor Karen Bass. Story, C6

TARA SULLIVAN

Gold medal leaves Griner overcome by emotion



PARIS — The tears that flowed down her cheeks weren't just about a gold medal, though they were very much in appreciation of what the US women's basketball team had just accomplished.

For Brittney Griner, the tears that came so unexpectedly during the national anthem Sunday at Paris's Bercy Arena weren't just about the two-week basketball tournament that delivered the American team its unprecedented eighth straight gold.

The tears that Griner shed on that medal stand were about everything she has been through the past two-plus years, about the country that made it possible for her to be here again, representing Team USA, winning a third career gold medal. The tears encompassed it all: the 2022 arrest in Russia and subsequent imprisonment in a work camp, the tireless diplomatic efforts and eventual prison swap that brought her home in 2023, and the return to USA basketball that meant leaving the country for the first time since then to compete in these Olympics.

Never mind the plays she was expected to make on the court. Every step Griner took in

Paris was a reminder of where she'd been, carrying all the potential risk of flashbacks, fears and anxieties returning. When she spoke about it after Team USA's dramatic comeback win against France, the 33-year-old shared just one of those harrowing moments.

"The first train ride was a little rough for me. Last time I was on a train overseas, it was a prison train," she said. "So, you know, that was a little rough. But other than that, my teammates have been all there for me, you know, my family and my wife being here, so I had a really good support system. But there

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American Brittney Griner couldn't stop tears of gratitude during the medal ceremony for women's basketball.

'I'm praying [Barmore will] be back soon. But I want to work the same whether he's here or not.'

JEREMIAH PHARMS

Pharms hungry to make an impact

By Christopher Price
GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — Jeremiah Pharms wants to make one thing very clear: his hunger level is always turned all the way up.

Going undrafted out of Friends University, an NAIA program in Kansas, and having to play indoor football for \$150 a game will do that to a guy's appetite for the game.

The 27-year-old Pharms, who has gone from the Wichita Force of the Champions Indoor Foot-

ball League to the Pittsburgh Maulers of the USFL to New England, has found a home as a part of a Patriots' defense that projects to be in the top 10 again in most major categories.

"As a kid, you dream of playing at this level, and to make money and change your family's life," he said after Sunday's two-hour padded practice on the fields behind Gillette Stadium. "Being in the [Champions of League] and playing for \$150 a game, the hunger level goes all

the way up. I had three kids to support at that time, too, so I have my fourth one now. The hunger level is all the way up."

The 6-foot-3-inch, 300-pound Pharms, who spent a portion of the last two seasons on the practice squad before joining the 53-man roster last year, ended 2023 playing more than ever. He was in on 20 percent of the defensive snaps in a December win over the Broncos, and 28 percent of the snaps in the regular-season

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KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE GLOBE

Jeremiah Pharms participated in 41 percent of the defensive snaps against the Panthers.

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

They're looking to go young at receiver

Mayo explains why team cut Smith-Schuster on Friday

By Christopher Price

GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — Patriots coach **Jerod Mayo** said Sunday the decision to release veteran wide receiver **JuJu Smith-Schuster** was done for a couple of reasons, including a desire to see more from the younger wide receivers.

"It was a decision between [de facto general manager] **Eliot [Wolf]** and myself, really to give the young guys an opportunity to get more reps and show what they can do," Mayo said prior to Sunday's workout.

He was asked if Smith-Schuster's health — he had been returning from a knee issue that dogged him last season — played a role in the decision.

"That's part of it," Mayo said of the 27-year-old. "At the same time, we just want him to get healthy. He still has some good ball left in him, and I wish him nothing but the best."

Smith-Schuster, who was let go Friday, caught 29 passes for 260 yards and a touchdown in his one season with the Patriots.

"It's tough anytime you lose somebody in the room," said wide receiver **K.J. Osborn**. "You develop a relationship with these guys. But JuJu is a great player and a great person. I'm sure he'll be back on his feet real soon."

"JuJu is a great person; it's kind of part of the business. It sucks that he got released," said second-year wide receiver **Kayshon Boutte**. "But [now] there are opportunities for us. Just have to go out and show that we deserve to be here."

Line combo stays the same

The Patriots used the same starting offensive line combination during Sunday's workouts they deployed during Thursday's preseason opener, a group that consisted of (left to right) **Vederian Lowe**, **Sidy Sow**, **David Andrews**, **Mike Onwenu**, and **Chukwuma Okorafor**.



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE GLOBE

Drake Mayo had his ups and downs Sunday at training camp.

Mayo gave a shout-out to Lowe, who apparently lets his play do the talking.

"This is one of the quietest offensive linemen I have ever been around, but this guy goes out there every single day and improves," Mayo said. "He has great athleticism, great length, and I look forward to seeing him against better competition."

Meanwhile, Okorafor said he wasn't happy with how he performed in the preseason opener against the Panthers, and is looking to improve this week when the Eagles come to town.

"In terms of my play, I think I could have done better," said Okorafor, who was limited for a few days prior to the contest. "Me being out for three or four days, watching the film, I didn't really like what I saw. But it's kind of like I just have to watch the film, see what I did right, see what I did wrong, and improve on it every day."

In addition, there's a positional battle looming for the backup center spot, one that's being waged by youngster **Atonio Mafi** and veteran **Nick Leverett**.

"David's been doing it for a very long time and some of these other guys, they just haven't done it," Mayo said. "They've played more of a guard role, but look, they're getting better at it. The coaches are doing a good job spending that extra time working on snapping. You always want to have someone else, one or maybe two extra guys that know how to snap the ball."

Unexpected timeout

Mayo stopped practice roughly two-thirds of the way in and called the entire roster in for a talk.

What happened?

"Just [trying] and get the team together. Pick the energy up," said defensive lineman **Jeremiah Pharms**. "Everything was good. Just getting ready for two-minute. Think he wanted to bring

the team together and get the energy up. Get the music up. Stuff like that."

"Just mental errors. Pre-snap," said safety **Kyle Dugger**. "Looking at the play clock. Getting lined up. Things like that that we have to execute on that are going to beat us in the long run. Stuff like that."

Henry banged up

Tight end **Hunter Henry** went down roughly an hour into practice. He went to the athletic training shed in the corner of the field, and was taken off the field from there via a golf cart . . . Referees were in attendance, and they weren't shy about throwing flags.

There were several pass interference calls, as well as holding . . . More kicking news, as **Joey Slye** (who ended the day 4 for 5) had a slightly better day than incumbent **Chad Ryland** (2 for 4). Slye had a 53-yard field goal, and his one miss was wide left from 48. Meanwhile, Ryland was wide right from 48 and 52 yards. On the summer (including preseason), Ryland is 28 for 33, while Slye is 27 for 33 . . . No surprises when it came to Sunday's absences: linebacker **Sion Takitaki**, wide receiver **Kendrick Bourne**, and offensive lineman **Cole Strange** all remain on the physically unable to perform list.

"Those guys are progressing," Mayo said. "Some faster than others, but when they're ready to get out there on the field, they'll be there." . . . In addition, defensive tackle **Christian Barmore**, safety **Marte Mapu**, cornerback **Marcus Jones**, and linebacker **John Morgan** were all non participants . . . The Patriots return to practice Monday, with gates opening at 10 a.m. and practice kicking off at 11.

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QUARTERBACK WATCH

FOXBOROUGH — Each day during training camp, we'll provide a quick check on the quarterbacks and their progress. With the understanding that all stats have to be taken in context, here's a look at how they fared Sunday:

Jacoby Brissett: Another solid, workmanlike performance from the veteran, who was 9 for 12 in 11-on-11 work and 6 for 10 in seven-on-seven sessions. In seven-on-seven red-zone work, he fired touchdown passes to Jalen Reagor and K.J. Osborn; the latter might have been his best throw of the day into a ridiculously tight window.

He did get a pass batted down in 11-on-11 work by Matthew Judon, but did complete three consecutive passes to Demario Douglas (who was easily the best receiver on the field Sunday afternoon) right after that.

Drake Mayo: The rookie had another up-and-down day, finishing 11 for 19 in 11-on-11 work, and 7 for 10 in seven-on-seven drills. In the 11-on-11 work, he had an interception (Armon Watts collected the tipped ball), as well as a pair of drops (one from tight end Mitchell Wilcox and another from Ja'Lynn Polk).

In red-zone drills, he had a nice touchdown pass to La'Michael Pettway. Mayo and Polk teamed up for an excellent looking pass play where Mayo hit Polk in stride while throwing on the run. Meanwhile, in seven-on-sevens, he also clicked with Douglas, and finished the day guiding the offense on a two-minute drill that ended with Joey Slye connecting on a field goal.

Joe Milton: Not a lot of work in team drills for Milton, who was 0 for 2 in 11-on-11 work and 3 for 4 in seven-on-sevens. It was notable that Mayo didn't sound thrilled with Milton's ball security Thursday against the Panthers. "Just watching Joe run around and that athleticism is always a welcome sight. In saying that, there are still things for him to work on," Mayo said before Sunday's practice. "One thing would be ball security. I know it looked cool, but it's always a dangerous thing, swinging the ball around like that, but this is a guy who is working hard every single day and getting better."

Bailey Zappe: It was also a light day. Zappe was 0 for 1 in 11-on-11s and 3 for 4 (with a drop) in seven-on-seven passing drills.

CHRISTOPHER PRICE

TRAINING CAMP OBSERVATIONS

FOXBOROUGH — Takeaways from the Patriots' training camp Sunday, a 2-hour session in full pads: **1. Drake Mayo gets all the work he can get.** After playing Drake Mayo for just six snaps in Thursday's preseason opener against Carolina, Patriots coach Jerod Mayo said he is more concerned with how a player performs in practice.

"We always say there's nothing more important than practice," Mayo said after the game. "Practice is the No. 1 thing for all these guys as far as the evaluation. It's not only on the field during practice, but also in the classroom." Mayo put that thinking to work on Sunday, the Patriots' first day back on the practice field in three days. Though they have four quarterbacks on the roster, only two got to participate, as starter Jacoby Brissett and Mayo each got 26 reps in 11-on-11 drills, while Bailey Zappe got just three and Joe Milton only two.

Working exclusively with the backup offensive line, Mayo got a lot of work in the hurry-up offense, including one drive at the end of practice when Mayo took over with 1:21 left, and got the Patriots in field goal range with 4 seconds left. Joey Slye nailed the 55-yard field goal.

But overall it was another mixed day for Mayo — certainly not much of a thrill for the few thousand season-ticket holders watching practice. Mayo once again showed that he is at his best when throwing on the run, making a really nice throw across his body to Ja'Lynn Polk for about 10 yards down the left sideline. Later in team drills, Mayo did a nice job of sidestepping a slot corner blitz, stepping up and making his throw. But that play exemplified the up-and-down nature of Mayo's camp. While Mayo did a great job of avoiding the blitz, Mayo's throw was tipped at the line of scrimmage and picked by rookie safety Dell Pettus. The next series, Mayo, listed at 6 feet 4 inches, had another pass tipped up at the line, and this one was intercepted by defensive tackle Armon Watts.

What's tough to determine is whether the tipped passes were the fault of Mayo or the backup offensive line.

This is a big week for Mayo, with a joint practice against the Eagles on Tuesday followed by a preseason game on Thursday. Mayo is going to get a ton of work, and all eyes will be on him to see if he can start impressing more with his opportunities.

2. K.J. Osborn is what JuJu Smith-Schuster was supposed to be. Mayo said Sunday that the Patriots released Smith-Schuster so that the younger receivers can get more reps in practice. While that will almost certainly be the case, the real reason the Patriots felt OK about releasing Smith-Schuster is because Osborn, signed to a 1-year deal after four years in Minnesota, is going to fill the role that Smith-Schuster was supposed to.

Standing 5-foot-11 and 203 pounds, Osborn had consistent production the last three years in Minnesota, catching between 48-60 balls each year and going for 540-655 yards, with 15 total touchdowns. He has been the most consistent receiver in camp and should be a physical presence in the slot. Sunday, he caught a nice touchdown from Brissett in the corner of the end zone on a QB rollout.

3. Kicker competition is heating up. Joey Slye got the first game opportunity, nailing a 42-yard field goal Thursday night, and he took a leg up over Chad Ryland on Sunday. Not only did Slye nail a 55-yard field goal at the buzzer to cap off a 2-minute drill, he also went 3 for 4 at the end of practice, connecting from about 37, 45, and 50 yards with Patriots players and coaches crowding him, waving arms and screaming in his face. His only miss came from 50 yards.

Ryland, meanwhile, went 2 for 4 in the same drill, missing twice from 50. The Patriots probably want Ryland, last year's fourth-round pick, to win the job, but he's got to give them reason to.

BEN VOLIN

Pharms has taken circuitous route to NFL

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finale against the Jets.

Now, with teammate Christian Barmore on the shelf for an undetermined period of time, Pharms will be part of a rotation up front that will help the Patriots try and pick up some of the slack in his absence.

"If Barmore was here I would still work to up my role," Pharms explained Sunday. "I'm not trying to step up because he's gone. I don't know when he'll be back. I'm praying he'll be back soon. But I want to work the same whether he's here or not."

In Thursday's preseason opener, Pharms demonstrated that he's up for the challenge of playing more in 2024. Against the Panthers, he played 41 percent of the defensive snaps. (Only two defensive linemen played more than he did.) Pharms showed an excellent ability

to hold up successfully against the run, as well as get after the passer. He ended up with four tackles and a nine-yard sack in the 17-3 win.

"I think I did pretty good," he said. "There were some things I think I need to clean up. Watch film. But overall, I took a step up from last year."

Pharms, who had a brief cameo at fullback earlier this summer, has impressed head coach Jerod Mayo.

"He's always trying to help, no matter what you ask him to do," Mayo said. "He just loves football, whether it's playing offense, defensive line, or on the practice team. Like, whatever it is, this guy's going to give you a hundred percent, so I appreciate him."

Pharms is aware things will change this week. With the Eagles coming to town for a joint practice and preseason game, it represents another opportunity for him to take a step forward.

"The opportunity this week is the same as last week; I'm going to try to make the most of it," he said. "I try to make the most of every opportunity that's given to me."

Pharms acknowledges that it's a long way from Friends to the NFL, and while he knows that his journey is a rare one, he also knows he can't afford to rest. Not quite yet, anyway.

"The journey is not over," he said when asked if he ever takes a moment to reflect on how far he's come. "I have to continue on. I have to focus on today. I can't think about the past all the time. Sometimes, I try to relive it, but there's no time to. My wife and my Mom try to tell me, 'Think about where you came from, but always think about where [you're] going.'"

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SportsLog

County officials not on board with Browns' suburban dreams

The Browns' proposal to play in a new domed stadium in Cleveland's suburbs has hit a major snag. In a letter sent to team owners **Dee** and **Jimmy Haslam**, Cuyahoga County officials said Sunday they're backing a proposed \$1.2 billion renovation of the team's current stadium and are committed to keeping the NFL franchise in downtown Cleveland "for generations to come." Signed by executive **Chris Ronayne** and council president **Pernell Jones Jr.**, the county argued that a new stadium "does not make fiscal sense" for Cuyahoga's residents and taxpayers. Earlier this week, the team unveiled renderings for a \$2.4 billion state-of-the-art stadium and entertainment complex to be built in Brook Park, Ohio — about 15 miles south of Cleveland — via a 50-50 private/public partnership. On the field, Browns starting quarterback **Deshawn Watson** has been cleared for contact to his surgically repaired shoulder, but he'll sit out his second straight preseason game when Cleveland hosts Minnesota this week.

Raiders close on QB call

The Raiders' quarterback battle between **Aidan O'Connell** and **Gardner Minshew** has been even, and coach **Antonio Pierce** hopes to name a starter after Las Vegas hosts the Cowboys in a preseason game Saturday. The Raiders will then have just one exhibition left, Aug. 23 against the 49ers, before the season begins. "We've got to get ready to play football," Pierce said. "We've got enough film. We'll have two games in to evaluate."

GOLF

LIV hits McDowell for doping

Graeme McDowell is the first LIV Golf player to be suspended under its anti-doping policy for using an over-the-counter decongestant that contained a banned substance. The 2010 US Open champion will be suspended for one tournament and fined \$125,000. McDowell posted on social media Sunday that he was struggling with severe

congestion that affected his sleep prior before the LIV Golf Nashville event in June and used "a generic Vicks nasal decongestant." . . . **Aaron Rai** took advantage of **Max Greyserman's** late meltdown to win the Wyndham Championship in Greensboro, N.C., for his first PGA Tour title. Rai closed with a 6-under-par 64, with the 29-year-old Englishman making a 6½-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th to post at 18-under 262 in the regular-season finale at Sedgefield Country Club. Rai was four strokes back after Greyserman holed out from 91 yards for eagle on the par-4 13th, then had an unexpected share of the lead a hole later when Greyserman drove out-of-bounds and made a quadruple-bogey 8 on 14. The 29-year-old former Duke player shot 69 to finish two strokes back.

MISCELLANY

Dillon crashes way to victory

Austin Dillon raced to his first NASCAR Cup Se-

ries victory in nearly two years, sending **Joey Logano** into a spin on the final lap to win in overtime at Richmond. Dillon, who had just two top-10 finishes this year, appeared to be cruising to a victory when **Ricky Stenhouse Jr.** and **Ryan Preece** collided, forcing the first caution of the entire 400-lap, 300-mile race. Logano clearly got the better of the restart, but Dillon spun him — and when **Denny Hamlin** appeared to be moving past him on the inside, Dillon made contact with him too and sent him into the wall. "What a piece of crap," Logano said . . . **Anson Dorrance**, whose 21 NCAA championships are the most by a head coach in any Division I sport in college history, is retiring after 45 seasons directing the women's soccer program at North Carolina. The Tar Heels' first and only women's soccer head coach, Dorrance, 73, led UNC to a 934-88-53 record, beginning in 1979. North Carolina women's soccer has won 22 national championships (AIAW in 1981 and 21 NCAA titles), and played in six other national championship games.

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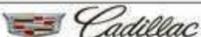
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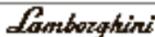
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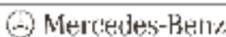
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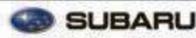
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Baseball

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Paxton latest starter injured

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Just five pitches into his third outing since returning to the Red Sox, **James Paxton** suffered another leg injury.

With two outs in the top of the first inning, the Astros' **Yordan Alvarez** pulled a grounder to **Dom Smith** at first base. The ball ricocheted off Smith's chest, and as Paxton tried to cover first base, he grimaced and clutched his right leg — the same leg in which knee inflammation sidelined him for the rest of Red Sox season last September. Paxton struggled to put weight on the leg as he tried to walk off with the help of manager **Alex Cora** and lead athletic trainer **Brandon Henry**.

The Red Sox later announced that Paxton had suffered a right calf strain. After the Sox' 10-2 loss, which completed the series sweep, Paxton was in the clubhouse on crutches with his leg wrapped.

"I kind of felt like I got kicked in my calf," said Paxton. "And then I kind of turned around, took another step and I felt it again and I was like, 'Oh, it's my calf' and I felt a pop."

The Red Sox traded for Paxton ahead of the deadline after he was designated for assignment by the Dodgers. The Sox are already grappling with rotation issues: **Nick Pivetta's** start was recently postponed because of arm fatigue, and **Kutter Crawford** appears to have hit a wall, surrendering 13 home runs in his last four outings.

Paxton hopes he can return toward the end of the season, but with it already being August, that hope, obviously, is in jeopardy. He will undergo an MRI Monday which will give the Sox a closer look at the magnitude of his injury. Nevertheless, the lefthander was very open about the amount of pain he is experiencing.

"I mean, it hurts," added Paxton. "So I don't know. I have no idea. I never had a hurt calf so I got nothing to compare it to. I just have to wait and see what the imaging says and how I bounce back from it. I'll do whatever I can to take it back out there before the end."

Casas improving

Triston Casas should be with the Red Sox soon. How soon? Likely not this week but shortly after that.

"Brandon [Henry] talked to him last night and he feels like he still needs more, so he'll keep getting at-bats," said Cora. "He feels close to 100 percent in a sense. One-hundred percent for him is kind of like how he's bounced

back the next day, how he bounces back from batting practice and the four bats and all that stuff. So he's still going to be down there [with Worcester]. Most likely this week, he'll still be there, and then we'll see what happens."

Casas was placed on his rehab assignment on July 30. So, if he takes the allotted 20 days, that would set him up to return Aug. 19 against the Astros. If Casas doesn't feel ready, the team will have to option him. However, that is very unlikely, according to Cora.

Ailing Rangers

The Rangers are coming to Fenway Park for a three-game set starting Monday, but righthander **Max Scherzer** won't be with them.

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Duran apologizes for shouting slur at fan

By Julian McWilliams
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Jarren Duran apologized late Sunday night after a hot mike caught him directing a homophobic slur toward a fan at Fenway Park during Sunday's 10-2 loss to the Astros.

"During tonight's game, I used a truly horrific word when responding to a fan," Duran said in a statement issued by the Red Sox. "I feel awful knowing how many people I offended and disappointed. I apologize to the entire Red Sox organization, but more importantly to the entire LGBTQ community. Our young fans are supposed to be able to look up to me as a role model, but tonight I fell far short of that responsibility. I will use this opportunity to educate myself and my teammates and to grow as a person."

In the sixth inning with the Red Sox trailing the Astros, 10-0, and Duran batting with runners on the corners, the Red Sox outfielder — 0 for 2 with two strikeouts at the time against Astros starter Hunter Brown — was heckled by a fan, who screamed, "Tennis racket! Tennis racket! You need a tennis racket!"

Duran stepped out, turned

back toward the fan, and said, "Shut up you [expletive expletive]"

"The Red Sox addressed this incident with Jarren immediately following today's game," the club said in a statement. "We echo Jarren's apology to our fans, especially to the LGBTQ community. We strive to be an organization that welcomes all fans to Fenway Park, and we will continue to educate our employees, players, coaches and staff on the importance of inclusivity."

Brown ultimately yielded just two runs while striking out nine across 5½ innings of work.

Duran was chippy throughout the contest, at one point between innings slamming an electric fan in the dugout.

The Sox and/or MLB will likely hold discussions Monday concerning potential disciplinary actions.

This is not the first time Duran has gotten into it with fans. During the 2022 season when the club was in Kansas City, Duran had words with a group in the outfield after misplaying a ball in center.

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Brennan Bernardino was sent to Triple A Worcester after allowing four runs, including two homers, in 1½ innings of relief.

Red Sox swept; pitching tagged again

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we'll see. Yeah, it hurts."

The Sox' starting staff is hurting, too, posting the fifth-worst ERA in baseball since the break at 5.63. During that period, their 65 earned runs are the third most allowed, while the 28 home runs — including 13 in four starts by Kutter Crawford — are the most.

Paxton, a deadline acquisition, was supposed to be the veteran who was finally healthy and could eat innings. Instead, the remainder of his season is in question and the Sox are already reeling in that department beyond production. Cooper Criswell is on the seven-day COVID-injured list and can't return until Wednesday.

Nick Pivetta was recently pushed back because of general arm fatigue. Pivetta has improved, according to Cora, and will start the series opener against Baltimore Thursday. That positive development, however, doesn't diminish the difficulties the Sox face in managing their rotation while also providing rest for the bullpen as the club tries its best to stay in a postseason hunt that has been put on life support.

"Honestly, we're going to sit down now and there's going to be tough decisions coming up because we have to reset this [bullpen]," said Cora. "We have to. Between [skipping] Nick and Cooper being sick, we extended [Josh Winckowski] and [Brad] Keller yesterday. So, we'll see where we are at. We're going to meet right after this and go over this."

The contest on the field matched the overall day for the Red Sox.

Lucas Sims took over for Paxton and made it through two innings mostly unscathed. With two on and two outs in the third, however, Cora summoned Brennan Bernardino from the bullpen for the lefty-on-lefty matchup against Yordan Alvarez. Bernardino plunked Alvarez to load the bases and relinquished the first run via a wild pitch. It only got worse for Bernardi-

Astros 10, Red Sox 2

At Fenway Park, Boston										
	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Houston	4	1	3	0	0	0	.303			
Altuve dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.234			
a-Singleton ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.260			
Bregman 3b	4	2	2	3	1	0	.307			
Alvarez lf	2	2	2	1	1	0	.204			
McCormick lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.299			
Diaz c	5	1	1	2	0	1	.273			
Peña ss	5	2	3	2	0	0	.238			
Dezenzo 1b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.230			
Meyers cf	3	0	1	1	1	2	.255			
Dubón 2b	4	1	0	0	1	1	.154			
Leon rf	4	1	1	0	0	2				
Totals	39	10	13	9	4	8				
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.			
Duran lf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.219			
EnriValdez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.256			
WALBrea rf	3	0	0	1	1	1	.277			
Yoshida dh	3	0	1	1	0	2	.293			
González 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.233			
Wong c	4	0	1	0	0	2	.250			
Smith 1b-ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.263			
Sogard 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.256			
Rafaela cf	3	1	2	0	0	0				
Hamilton ss	3	1	1	0	0	1				
Totals	30	2	6	2	2	13				

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Houston	5½	5	2	2	2	9	95	3.96
Brown W 10-7	1½	1	0	0	0	16	5.21	
Ferguson	3	0	0	0	0	2	10	2.30
King	1	0	0	0	0	2	20	4.58
Dubin	1	0	0	0	0	2	20	4.58

Boston.....IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
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Sims 1-0-2 2 1 1 1 1 26 9.64
Bernardino 1½ 4 4 4 4 0 2 39 3.83
Garcia 2 5 5 5 1 1 34 4.71
Peña 1 0 0 1 3 24 3.00
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HOW THE RUNS SCORED

THIRD INNING
ASTROS — Dubón walked. León struck out. Altuve singled to right. Dubón to second. Bregman flied to left. Bernardino pitching. Alvarez was hit by a pitch. Dubón to third. Altuve to second. On Bernardino's wild pitch, Dubón scored. Altuve to third. Diaz struck out.

FIFTH INNING
ASTROS — León singled to left. Altuve singled to center. León to second. Bregman homered to left. León and Altuve scored. Alvarez homered to center. L.Garcia pitching. Diaz grounded to shortstop. Peña singled to shortstop. Peña stole second. Dezenzo struck out. Meyers singled to right. Peña scored. Dubón grounded to third.

SIXTH INNING
ASTROS — León grounded to shortstop. Altuve lined to second. Bregman doubled to center. Alvarez was intentionally walked. Diaz doubled to center. Bregman and Alvarez scored. Peña homered to left. Diaz scored. Dezenzo grounded to third.

RED SOX — Rafaela singled to second. Hamilton singled to right. Rafaela to third. Duran walked. Hamilton to second. Valdez struck out. Abreu walked. Rafaela scored. Hamilton to third. Duran to second. Ferguson pitching. Yoshida singled to center. Hamilton scored. Duran to third. Abreu to second. Wong grounded into a double play, third to second to first. Yoshida out.

no, who was forced to toss a career-high 39 pitches with the Sox bullpen already on fumes.

Rafaela is bright spot on disheartening day

By Sarah Barber

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As the Red Sox opened their final game against the Astros Sunday afternoon at Fenway Park, the sun was shining on the field and excited energy was buzzing in the air. It was a perfect day for baseball, but everything came to a halt when Boston's starting lefthander James Paxton took a knee after stumbling while trying to make a play at first base.

After just five pitches, Paxton left the game with a right calf strain, but that was just the beginning of what would turn out to be an unfortunate afternoon for the Sox. Houston hit three home runs in a 10-2 victory to sweep the three-game series.

One bright spot amid the gloom? Ced-danne Rafaela.

The center fielder made the biggest offensive impact for the Sox, going 2 for 3 with a run. On a day when Boston bats were relatively quiet, logging six singles to Houston's 13 hits and 25 total bases, Rafaela's plate appearances were reliable and he extended his hitting streak to four games.

"Controlling the strike zone, that's the key for him," manager Alex Cora said. "When he's doing that, he's really good. He keeps getting better and better. You see the numbers on the scoreboard, and you're like, 'Wow, it's been a great season.'"

Fans at Fenway got a taste of Rafaela's defensive talent in the second inning, as Astros first baseman Zach Dezenzo

launched a ball at 100.4 miles per hour to deep right-center field, and Rafaela made a diving catch for the second out.

The move surprised even Cora, who was expecting right fielder Wilyer Abreu to make the play.

"I don't know what the catch probability [was], but I was actually looking at [Abreu], and [Rafaela] comes out and makes it," Cora said. "That's the thing with him, he's a leader in center field."

He may be a leader in center, but part of what makes Rafaela such a force is his ability to command the infield as well. This year, he's played 69 games in center field and 62 at shortstop, making him the first player since at least 1901 to play more than 60 games at each position in a season. Rafaela has a .979 fielding percentage in center field and .962 at shortstop this season.

It's the 23-year-old's first full year in the big leagues after a late-season promotion last summer. Rafaela made his MLB debut against the Astros at Fenway on Aug. 28, 2023, singling in his only plate appearance.

Back in March, MLB.com's Sam Dykstra identified Rafaela as a potential contender for the American League Rookie of the Year award, and Rafaela's performance hasn't given much reason to say otherwise. In his last 53 games, he's recorded 20 with multiple hits, batting 65 of 199 for a .327 average.

"The reality is his speed plays a major

Bernardino yielded back-to-back singles before Alex Bregman launched a 440-foot shot to Lansdowne Street, Bregman's longest homer of his career. Alvarez, who hit two homers Saturday, added another Sunday, giving the Astros back-to-back four-baggers when he clipped Bernardino for a solo shot to center.

"I'm just not making pitches and some of the pitches I did make have been hit," said Bernardino, who was optioned to Triple A Worcester after his outing. "It's just not going my way right now."

Cora went back to his bullpen with his club down, 5-0, electing to go with Luis Garcia. The Astros pounded Garcia for five runs, highlighted by a Jeremy Peña two-run shot in the sixth. Since being acquired at the deadline with hopes of strengthening the bullpen, Garcia has posted a 12.00 ERA over six innings and surrendered two home runs.

The Sox scored two runs against Houston starter Hunter Brown in the sixth inning. Brown, who pitched 5½ innings and struck out nine, was otherwise dominant.

By the end, Red Sox first baseman Dom Smith was on the hill, pitching a scoreless ninth.

The Red Sox (61-55) are three games out of the final American League wildcard spot. The club has been swept four times this season, with the last broomstick coming against the Dodgers out of the break. This marks the first time the team has been swept at home since April against the Orioles, a team that could potentially bury the Sox in the standings with their upcoming four-game series.

"Let's not make it bigger than what it is," said Cora. "We lost three games."

Fair point. Because the Sox have bigger issues to address.

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factor both offensively and defensively," Red Sox hitting coach Peter Fatse said. "When he gets on, he's able to create some havoc. So getting on base, having quality at-bats is the priority for us, and then obviously we know what he's capable of from a damage perspective."

Entering Sunday, Rafaela led AL rookies in RBIs (58), hits (105), runs (59), and total bases (168), while ranking second in home runs (13) and stolen bases (16). He also ranks in MLB's 95th percentile in arm strength (92.1 m.p.h.), 89th in sprint speed (28.9 feet per second), and 83rd in baserunning run value (1).

Rafaela may be a rookie, but the results he's producing at the plate put him right up there with the Sox' offensive leaders, something Fatse thinks says a lot about the young player's talent.

Jarren Duran (143) and Rafael Devers (118) lead the Sox in hits this season, with Rafaela third with 107. Rafaela and Duran are tied for second in RBIs behind Devers's 71.

In the last 15 days and 13 games, Devers has 17 hits, putting him just ahead of Duran (16) and Rafaela (15).

"The kid's doing a lot for us," Fatse said. "He's continued to exceed, he just keeps pushing the envelope, and I think we're just all really proud of the type of player he's been for us."

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WooSox call for big three

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and getting work in, talking about the game. Seeing it all pay off, there's no better feeling.”

Mayer, Anthony, and Teel entered the year confronted by immense expectations. They've lived up to — and in some cases, exceeded — them.

“I really tip my hat to them as far as the way they've been playing the game and the way they've gone about listening to all the outside noise and kind of just pushing it out,” said Epperson. “Their skill sets are pretty special and unique, and all three of them are different. All three of them have different skill sets but they all have played up to them.”

Mayer, 21, hit .307/.370/.480 with eight homers, 36 extra-base hits, and 13 steals in 77 games. After his 2023 season was cut short in early August by a left shoulder injury, he's re-established his credentials as one of the top prospects in the minors thanks to both elite bat speed and the looseness and adjustability of his swing. In a year where the 2021 first-round pick made improved swing decisions his primary focus, he's slashed his strikeout rate from 24 percent in 2023 to 20 percent.

While some evaluators believe his best long-term position may be third base (where he's played one game this season), several believe his baseball IQ, fluid actions, and strong arm will allow him to spend multiple years as a big league shortstop. Sideline last week by minor hip soreness, he was activated from the injured list on Saturday and should be ready to play in Worcester this week.

Anthony, 20, has built upon his excellent 2023 by posting a .269/.367/.489 line with 15 homers, 38 extra-base hits, and 16 steals in 84 contests. He's displayed huge power potential for a player his age — both with his electrifying performance at the All-Star Futures Skills Showcase and a recent homer that left his bat at 116 miles per hour, the hardest-hit ball by a Red Sox at any level (including the big leagues) this year.

While Anthony, a 2022 second rounder, has spent most of his year in center and has worked hard to improve his jumps and routes, he's also played one game in right and has seen roughly half of his non-DH games over the last month in left. Most evaluators project him to become an upper-half-of-the-order corner outfielder. When he makes his WooSox debut, Anthony — at 20 years and 3 months — will become the youngest Sox prospect in Triple A since a 19-year-old Glenn Hoffman in 1978.

“[Age is] kind of irrelevant when you're on the field, but it's cool to look back and say, ‘Wow, I still have a lot of time,’” said Anthony. “But at the same time, I'm super competitive and want to get to the big leagues as fast as I can.”

Teel, the 2023 first-rounder, has made a smooth transition to pro ball in his first full professional season, hitting .298/.390/.462 with 11 homers and 31 extra-base hits in 84 contests. The 22-year-old has a versatile, hit-seeking offensive approach, with the ability to line the ball to all fields and enough strength to hit it out of the park to right.

Both Teel's offensive potential and athleticism are rare for a catcher. While his catching was uneven earlier in the year, he's shown major improvement in his receiving, game-calling, and throwing since the beginning of July. His combination of intangible traits (leadership, intelligence) and physical skills suggest he can stay behind the plate.

Baseball America, in its midyear Top-100 re-rankings, pegged Mayer as the No. 10 overall prospect in the game, with Anthony at No. 18 and Teel at No. 31. But for the Sox, that matters less than the contributions of the trio to the team's big league future.

After four months together in Double-A, all three are just one step from reaching that level — with a chance to continue their development against a higher level of competition.

“There's still some untapped stuff that will continue to surface,” said Epperson, “and continue to make them even better.”

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AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Baltimore	70	49	.588	—	—	5-5	L 1
New York	70	49	.588	—	—	6-4	W 1
Boston	61	55	.526	7½	3	5-5	L 4
Tampa Bay	59	58	.504	10	5½	4-6	W 1
Toronto	54	64	.458	15½	11	4-6	L 2

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Cleveland	69	49	.585	—	—	3-7	W 2
Minnesota	65	52	.556	3½	—	6-4	L 2
Kansas City	65	53	.551	4	—	6-4	W 1
Detroit	56	63	.471	13½	9½	4-6	W 1
Chicago	28	91	.235	41½	37½	1-9	L 3

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Houston	62	55	.530	—	—	7-3	W 5
Seattle	63	56	.529	—	2½	6-4	W 1
Texas	55	63	.466	7½	10	3-7	L 4
Los Angeles	52	66	.441	10½	13	5-5	W 1
Oakland	50	69	.420	13	15½	5-5	W 2

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Philadelphia	69	49	.585	—	—	4-6	L 3
Atlanta	61	56	.521	7½	—	3-7	L 1
New York	61	57	.517	8	½	4-6	L 3
Washington	54	65	.454	15½	8	5-5	L 1
Miami	44	75	.370	25½	18	4-6	W 1

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Milwaukee	67	50	.573	—	—	6-4	L 1
St. Louis	60	58	.508	7½	—	4-6	L 1
Chicago	59	60	.496	9	3	8-2	W 4
Cincinnati	57	61	.483	10½	4½	5-5	W 1
Pittsburgh	56	61	.479	11	5	1-9	L 7

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Los Angeles	69	49	.585	—	—	6-4	W 3
Arizona	66	53	.555	3½	—	8-2	W 3
San Diego	66	53	.555	3½	—	8-2	L 1
San Francisco	61	59	.508	9	1½	7-3	L 1
Colorado	44	75	.370	25½	18	5-5	W 1

RESULTS

SUNDAY							
Houston 10	at Boston 2	Cleveland 5	at Minnesota 3				
LA Angels 6	at Washington 4	At Colorado 9	Atlanta 8				
At NY Yankees 8	Texas 7	Detroit 5	at San Francisco 4				
Oakland 8	at Toronto 4	At Arizona 12	Philadelphia 5				
At Tampa Bay 2	Baltimore 1	At LA Dodgers 6 (10 inn.)	Pittsburgh 5				
At Miami 7	San Diego 6	At Seattle 12	NY Mets 1				
Cincinnati 4	at Milwaukee 3						

SATURDAY							
Houston 5	at Boston 4	Cleveland 2	at Minnesota 1				
1st: At NY Yankees 8	Texas 0	At Kansas City 8	St. Louis 3				
2nd: Texas 9	at NY Yankees 4	Baltimore 7	at Tampa Bay 5				
Oakland 1	at Toronto 0	Chi. Cubs 3	at Chi. White Sox 1				
At San Francisco 3	Detroit 1	Atlanta 11	at Colorado 8				
San Diego 9 (10 inn.)	at Miami 8	At Arizona 11	Philadelphia 1				
At Washington 5 (10 inn.)	LA Angels 4	At LA Dodgers 4	Pittsburgh 1				
At Milwaukee 1	Cincinnati 0	At Seattle 4	NY Mets 0				

MONDAY'S GAMES

.....2024..... Team rec.2024 vs. opp.Last 3 starts.....														
Odds		W-L	ERA	Team rec.	W-L	IP	opp.	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
TEXAS AT BOSTON, 7:10 p.m.														
Mahle (R)	+115	0-1	1.80	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	5.0	1.80	1.80	5.0	1.80	1.80
Bello (R)	-135	10-5	5.16	14-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	6.0	5.16	5.16	6.0	5.16	5.16
CHI. CUBS AT CLEVELAND, 6:40 p.m.														
Imanaga (L)	-120	9-2	3.06	17-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	19.1	3.19	3.19	19.1	3.19	3.19
Lively (R)	+100	10-7	3.59	12-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	17.0	3.71	3.71	17.0	3.71	3.71
ST. LOUIS AT CINCINNATI, 6:40 p.m.														
Gray (R)	-130	11-6	3.65	13-8	0-1	4.1	6.23	1-0	19.0	4.26	4.26	19.0	4.26	4.26
Abbott (L)	+110	9-9	3.70	12-11	1-1	11.0	6.55	0-3	13.1	8.13	8.13	13.1	8.13	8.13
HOUSTON AT TAMPA BAY, 6:50 p.m.														
Valdez (L)	-120	11-5	3.46	13-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	21.0	2.57	2.57	21.0	2.57	2.57
Bradley (R)	+100	6-6	3.07	9-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.2	3.17	3.17	15.2	3.17	3.17
KANSAS CITY AT MINNESOTA, 7:40 p.m.														
Singer (R)	+130	8-7	3.03	14-9	1-0	7.0	0.00	2-1	19.2	3.20	3.20	19.2	3.20	3.20
López (R)	-150	10-8	4.74	13-10	1-0	7.0	1.29	2-1	18.0	4.00	4.00	18.0	4.00	4.00
LA DODGERS AT MILWAUKEE, 8:10 p.m.														
Kershaw (L)	-110	0-2	4.38	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	12.1	4.38	4.38	12.1	4.38	4.38
Peralta (R)	-110	7-6	4.02	14-9	0-0	4.0	6.75	1-1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1
NY YANKEES AT CHI. WHITE SOX, 8:10 p.m.														
Gil (R)	-320	12-5	3.06	15-7	1-0	6.0	1.50	2-0	15.1	2.35	2.35	15.1	2.35	2.35
Bush (L)	+260	7-1	6.75	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	4.0	6.75	6.75	4.0	6.75	6.75
TORONTO AT LA ANGELS, 9:38 p.m.														
Francis (R)	-105	4-3	5.44	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	14.2	3.07	3.07	14.2	3.07	3.07
Daniel (R)	-115	1-3	6.04	1-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	12.0	9.75	9.75	12.0	9.75	9.75
COLORADO AT ARIZONA, 9:40 p.m.														
Quattrini (R)	Off	7-8	4.56	11-12	0-2	11.0	6.55	1-1	14.0	7.71	7.71	14.0	7.71	7.71
Pfandt (R)	Off	6-6	3.92	13-10	1-0	5.0	1.80	2-0	17.1	5.19	5.19	17.1	5.19	5.19
PITTSBURGH AT SAN DIEGO, 9:40 p.m.														
Gonzales (L)	Off	1-1	4.54	3-4	0-0	4.2	9.64	0-1	11.2	8.49	8.49	11.2	8.49	8.49
Musgrave (R)	Off	3-4	5.66	6-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	14.1	2.51	2.51	14.1	2.51	2.51
ATLANTA AT SAN FRANCISCO, 9:45 p.m.														
Sale (L)	-115	13-3	2.75	14-7	1-0	6.0	1.50	0-0	17.2	3.96	3.96	17.2	3.96	3.96
Snell (L)	-105	2-3	4.31	7-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	21.0	1.29	1.29	21.0	1.29	1.29
Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season														

Yankees win, get back even with Orioles

By Larry Fleisher
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yankees 8 NEW YORK — Giancarlo Stanton hit a three-run homer after Aaron Judge was intentionally walked in the fifth inning, Juan Soto went deep twice, Judge hit his MLB-best 42nd homer, and the New York Yankees hung on for an 8-7 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Judge reached base four times, marking the 41st time he reached base at least three times this season. He singled twice and homered for the first time since Aug. 3 — when Toronto walked him with two outs and nobody on base in the second inning following his 41st homer.

The Yankees moved back into a tie for first place with the Orioles. Playing in his ninth game since missing 28 with a hamstring injury, Stanton tied a season high with four RBIs and homered in consecutive games for the first time since June 11-12 in Kansas City to reach 20 homers for the 13th time in his first 15 seasons.

Stanton fell down to one knee and lined Jose LeClerc's 2-2 slider into the left field seats to become the 17th player in baseball history to hit 20 homers in 13 of his first 15 seasons. He also became the third player to have 13 20-homer seasons since 2010.

Rangers-Red Sox series thumbnails

At Fenway Park, Boston Monday, 7:10 p.m. ESPN, WEEI-FM (93.7)			
	W-L	ERA	
RHP Tyler Mahle	0-1	1.80	
RHP Brayan Bello	10-5	5.16	
Tuesday, 7:10 p.m. NESN, WEEI-FM (93.7)			
	W-L	ERA	
RHP José Ureña	3-7	3.74	
RHP Kutter Crawford	7-9	4.11	
Wednesday, 6:10 p.m. NESN, WEEI-FM (93.7)			
	W-L	ERA	
TBD	—	—	
RHP Tanner Houck	8-8	3.02	

Head to head: This is the second and final series. The Red Sox won two of three in Texas Aug 2-4.
Miscellaneous: Texas is 4-11 in its last 15 games, losing two of three to both Houston and the Yankees. ... Texas pitchers are tied for the fourth-most home runs allowed ... Corey Seager is tied for eighth in the American League with 25 homers, even with Rafael Devers and Houston's Yordan Alvarez. ... Texas is 24-36 on the road, the fifth-fewest wins away from home in MLB.

happens. I got to do what happened today in order for it not to happen. It's part of the game. You have some fun with it.”

Judge agreed. “I get on base and hopefully the guys behind me do their thing and today it worked out,” he said. Soto hit a solo homer off Texas starter Andrew Heaney (4-12) in the third and connected again in the seventh off Andrew Chafin. Soto reached 30 homers for the third time in his career as the Yankees won for the 10th time in 14 games and improved to 13-17 in games started by left-handers this season.

It was Soto's fifth multihomer game this season and 22nd of his career.

Judge followed Soto's drive with his 299th career homer and it was the third time this season the powerful trio went deep in the same game. The trio's home runs traveled a combined 1,598 feet.

“I think whenever we get homers, it's all great for the team,” Soto said. Marcus Stroman (8-6) started on eight days rest and allowed one run and four hits in five-plus innings for his first win since June 22 — the same game Stanton got hurt. Stroman entered the game 0-3 with a 7.56 ERA in his previous six starts.

Heaney allowed four runs (three earned) and five hits in 4⅓ innings.

YANKEES 8, RANGERS 7

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Seager ss	5	0	2	1	0	2	.273
Semien 2b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.241
Jung 3b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.283
Langford lf	4	1	1	0	1	2	.243
Low 1b	4	1	1	1	1	2	.263
Arnspr pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Garcia rf	4	1	2	1	1	2	.260
Taveras cf	4	1	0	0	0	2	.225
Kelly c	4	2	3	2	0	0	.250
Totals	38	7	12	5	6	9	

NY YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Verdugo lf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.239
Soto r	5	1	1	0			

2024 PARIS OLYMPICS

Olympic medals

STANDINGS				
	G	S	B	All
United States	40	44	42	126
China	40	27	24	91
Britain	14	22	29	65
France	16	26	22	64
Australia	18	19	16	53
Japan	20	12	13	45
Italy	12	13	15	40
Netherlands	15	7	12	34
Germany	12	13	8	33
South Korea	13	9	10	32
Canada	9	7	11	27
New Zealand	10	7	3	20
Brazil	3	7	10	20
Hungary	6	7	6	19
Spain	4	7	9	18
Uzbekistan	8	2	3	13
Iran	3	6	3	12
Ukraine	3	5	4	12
Sweden	4	4	3	11
Kenya	4	2	5	11
Belgium	3	1	6	10
Poland	1	4	5	10
Romania	3	4	2	9
Denmark	2	2	5	9
Cuba	2	1	6	9
Norway	4	1	3	8
Switzerland	1	1	6	8
Greece	1	1	6	8
Turkey	0	3	5	8
Ireland	4	0	3	7
Georgia	3	3	1	7
Bulgaria	3	1	3	7
Azerbaijan	2	2	3	7
Croatia	2	2	3	7
Taiwan	2	0	5	7
Israel	1	5	1	7
Kazakhstan	1	3	3	7
Jamaica	1	3	2	6
South Africa	1	3	2	6
Thailand	1	3	2	6
North Korea	0	2	4	6
Kyrgyzstan	0	2	4	6
India	0	1	5	6
Serbia	3	1	1	5
Czech Republic	3	0	2	5
Austria	2	0	3	5
Ecuador	1	2	2	5
Mexico	0	3	2	5
Bahrain	2	1	1	4
Hong Kong	2	0	2	4
Philippines	2	0	2	4
Ethiopia	1	3	0	4
Portugal	1	3	1	4
Armenia	0	3	1	4
Colombia	0	3	1	4
Lithuania	0	2	2	4
Moldova	0	1	3	4
Slovenia	2	1	0	3
Algeria	2	0	1	3
Indonesia	2	0	1	3
Argentina	1	1	1	3
Egypt	1	1	1	3
Tunisia	1	1	1	3
Dominican Republic	1	0	2	3
Tajikistan	0	0	3	3
Botswana	1	1	0	2
Chile	1	1	0	2
Saint Lucia	1	1	0	2
Uganda	1	1	0	2
Guatemala	1	0	1	2
Morocco	1	0	1	2
Kosovo	0	1	1	2
Albania	0	0	2	2
Grenada	0	0	2	2
Malaysia	0	0	2	2
Puerto Rico	0	0	2	2
Dominica	1	0	0	1
Pakistan	1	0	0	1
Cyprus	0	1	0	1
Fiji	0	1	0	1
Jordan	0	1	0	1
Mongolia	0	1	0	1
Panama	0	1	0	1
Cape Verde	0	0	1	1
Ivory Coast	0	0	1	1
Peru	0	0	1	1
Qatar	0	0	1	1
Refugee Olympic Team	0	0	1	1
Singapore	0	0	1	1
Slovakia	0	0	1	1
Zambia	0	0	1	1



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Members of Team USA posed to show off their hard-earned medals during the closing ceremonies for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Games close in style

Paris hands torch to Los Angeles for 2028

By John Leicester
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SAINT-DENIS, France — Paris closed out 2½ extraordinary weeks of Olympic sports and emotion with a boisterous, star-studded show in France’s national stadium on Sunday, handing over hosting duties for the Summer Games to the next city in line: Los Angeles in 2028.

In a display of Hollywood showmanship, Tom Cruise descended from the top of the French stadium to the “Mission Impossible” theme song, shaking hands with athletes, before taking the Olympic flag from star gymnast Simone Biles, putting it on the back of a motorcycle, and driving out of the stadium.

In a prerecorded ride past the Eiffel Tower, Cruise drove his bike onto a plane and then skydived out of it over the Hollywood Hills. Three rings were added to the O’s of the famed Hollywood sign to create five interlaced Olympic rings.

It was just one of the highlights of the closing ceremony that put a final flourish to Paris’s first Games in a century, with an artistic show that celebrated Olympic themes, golden fireworks, and thousands of athletes partying into the night.

In their enthusiasm, crowds of athletes rushed the stage during a highlight video from the Games, and stadium announcements in French and English urged them to double back. Some of them stayed, surrounding Grammy-winning French pop-rock band Phoenix as they played, before security and volunteers cleared the stage.

For Los Angeles, topping Paris could be mission impossible. The French capital made spectacular use of its cityscape for its first Games in 100 years. The Eiffel Tower and other iconic monuments became Olympic stars in their own right, serving as backdrops and in some cases venues for competitions.

But LA was bringing star power of its own: singer Billie Eilish, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, rapper and Paris Olympics mainstay Snoop Dogg — plus longtime collaborator Dr. Dre — performed at Venice Beach as part of the handover from the City of Light to the City of Angels.

Each of the music artists is a California native, including H.E.R., who sang the US national anthem live at the Stade de France, which hosted Olympic track and field and rugby sevens. The audience was expected to top 70,000 people.

At the start of the show, the stadium crowd roared as French swimmer Léon Marchand, dressed in a suit and tie instead of the swim trunks he wore to win four golds, was shown on the giant screens collecting the Olympic flame from the Tuileries Gardens in Paris.

There, the Olympic cauldron — powered by electricity instead of fossil fuels — had lit up the French capital for the duration of the Games, thrilling crowds by rising into the skies on a balloon every night.

As a delicate pink sunset gave way to night, athletes marched into the stadium waving the flags of their 205 countries and territories — a display of global unity in a world gripped by global tensions and conflicts, including those in Ukraine and Gaza. The stadium screens carried the words, “Together, united for peace.”

With the 329 medal events finished, the expected 9,000 athletes — many wearing their shiny medals — and team staffers filled the arena, dancing and cheering to stuffing beats.

Unlike in Tokyo in 2021, where the Games were



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Actor Tom Cruise soared into Stade de France during closing ceremonies for the Olympics.

pushed back a year by the COVID-19 pandemic and largely stripped of fans, athletes and spectators at the Paris arena celebrated with abandon, singing together as Queen’s anthem “We Are the Champions” blared. Multiple French athletes crowd-surfed. US team members jumped up and down in their Ralph Lauren jackets.

In a speech, International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach — who sat with French President Emmanuel Macron during the show — said the Games “can create a cultural peace that inspires the world,” noting that the athletes “respected each other even if your countries are divided by conflict.”

The national stadium, France’s largest, was one of the targets of Islamic State gunmen and suicide bombers who killed 130 people in and around Paris on Nov. 13, 2015. The joy and celebrations that swept Paris during the Games as Marchand and other French athletes racked up 64 medals — 16 of them gold — marked a major watershed in the city’s recovery from that night of terror.

The closing ceremony saw the awarding of the last medals — each embedded with a chunk of the Eiffel Tower. Fittingly for the first Olympics that aimed for gender parity, they went to women — the gold, silver, and bronze medalists from the women’s marathon earlier Sunday.

The women’s marathon took the spot of the men’s race that traditionally closed out previous Games. The switch was part of efforts in Paris to make the Olympic spotlight shine more brightly on the sporting feats of women. Paris also was where women first made their Olympic debut, at the Games of 1900.

The US again topped the medal table, with 126 in all and 40 of them gold. Three were courtesy of Biles, who made a resounding return to the top of the Olympic podium after prioritizing her mental health instead of competition in Tokyo in 2021.

Unlike Paris’s rain-drenched but exuberant opening ceremony that played out along the Seine River in the heart of the city, the closing ceremony’s artistic portion took a more sober approach, with space-age and Olympic themes.

A golden-shrouded figure dropped spider-like from the skies into a darkened world of smoke and swirling stars. Olympic symbols were celebrated, including the flag of Greece, a birthplace of the ancient Games, and the five interlaced Olympic rings, lit up in white in the arena where tens of thousands of lights glittered like fireflies.

Thomas Jolly, the artistic director of both shows, had faced blowback for portions of the opening ceremony, which were assailed by former US president Donald Trump, French bishops, and others who felt they poked fun at Christianity.

Jolly and other members of his creative team filed police complaints over death threats and on-line vitriol targeting them and some of the opening show’s performers.

Critics jumped to the conclusion that a segment featuring drag queens and a DJ who is also an LGBTQ+ icon had parodied “The Last Supper,” Leonardo Da Vinci’s painting showing Jesus Christ.

Jolly and his team repeatedly insisted that was never their intention and got backing from Macron, who described himself as “outraged and sad” by the backlash against them.


2024 PARIS OLYMPICS
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nailbiter, but 8th gold for US

France falls short on last-second shot

By Nicole Yang
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USA 67 PARIS — With just three seconds remaining in the fourth quarter Sunday evening at Bercy Arena, France's Gabby Williams called for the ball and managed to bank in a desperation shot at the buzzer.

If the basket was a 3-pointer, the women's basketball gold medal game would be headed to overtime, tied at 67 apiece. If it was a 2, Team USA would once again be standing atop the medal podium in a few short moments.

"It's a two," point guard Kelsey Plum said. "It's got to be a two."

Most of Team USA wasn't worried — and rightfully so. Anybody with a good look at the play saw Williams had stepped just inside the arc. But the American players paused any celebration until the officials quickly confirmed the result: The basket was worth 2, the game was over, and, most importantly, the US had won gold. Again. For the eighth straight Games.

"It was a sigh of relief," guard Sabrina Ionescu said.

The fact that the game came down to the wire was an unusual experience for Team USA, the overwhelming favorite in Paris. The American women had won each of their previous five games by an average of 18.6 points, and never trailed in three of them.

But a pesky, defensive-minded French team, led by Williams, gave Team USA easily its toughest battle of these Olympics. The US, which had averaged 89.8 points per game coming in-

to Sunday, scored its lowest point total of the Games in a 67-66 win that featured 11 lead changes and six ties.

"It was really back and forth for us," forward Breanna Stewart said. "It was a little bit ugly. But no matter what, no matter if it's good or ugly, we just want to come out on top. And we did that. We go home with this gold."

The game certainly wasn't pretty. Nor were the stats impressive.

In the first half, both teams shot under 30 percent from the field. France made 11 of its 40 attempts, while the US made 8 of 28, to head into halftime tied at 25. Although US coach Cheryl Reeve expected a low-scoring affair because of France's defensive prowess, the extent of the shooting struggles was staggering.

"We had to go through some real gut check moments," Reeve said.

France opened the second half with a 10-0 run, its largest of the game, but Team USA answered with a 8-0 run of its own. The teams then traded baskets until the very end, as neither led by more than 4 points at any point in the fourth quarter.

"I think something that was pretty impressive was I don't think any of us were startled or lost composure," Ionescu said. "We just stuck with it and understood our shots would fall. We were playing a really good France team, in France. We understood they were going to have the crowd and everyone behind them. That rim sometimes feels bigger when you have that so we just had to chip away."

The US finished with its worst field goal percentage of the Games, making just 34 percent of its shots. Center A'ja Wilson was the team's leading scorer, with 21 points on 6 of 14 shooting (43

percent) in 33 minutes. Kahleah Copper scored 12, including 10 in the fourth quarter.

"It wasn't the prettiest of games," Wilson said. "But those are the ones you sometimes have to grind out."

Sitting courtside to cheer on the Americans were Derrick White, LeBron James, and Bam Adebayo from the gold medal-winning men's basketball team. Joining them were former Team USA stars Lisa Leslie and Sue Bird.

With the win, Team USA has won 61 straight games at the Olympics. The American women have not lost since 1992, medaling in every Olympics they've participated in since 1976. Their run of eight straight Olympic gold medals is the longest streak in a traditional team sport.

Their historic reign of dominance on the international stage is something the first-time gold medalists took very seriously.

"I just didn't want to lose," said Ionescu. "Understanding the dynasty that was put in place here over the last however many years, them not having lost a game. We understand that there's pressure to that."

"It was important for us to continue to add to the legacy and to uphold the gold standard," echoed Copper.

For the veterans like Stewart, who also won gold in 2016 and 2020, it's still important to delineate each medal as its own achievement.

"Each one is special," she said. "I know the 61 wins in a row is really impressive, but this one is special just for our group and what we've been able to accomplish."

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Jennifer Valente helped the United States match China with 40 gold medals, winning women's omnium cycling on the Olympics' final day.

NOTEBOOK

Valente dominant in repeat omnium glory

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Jennifer Valente rolled around the Vélodrome National de Saint-Quentin-Yvelines one last time with the American flag held aloft Sunday, a dominant defense of her Olympic omnium title giving her a second gold medal in a span of four days.

The Stars and Stripes flew often after cycling events at the Paris Games.

The Americans won three gold medals and six in all for their best showing at the Olympics in four decades, and Valente capped everything off in style. The 29-year-old from San Diego finished with 144 points in the final event of the cycling program, well ahead of Daria Pikulik of Poland and Ally Wollaston of New Zealand, who rounded out the omnium podium.

"It's been a really long week of racing," Valente said. "I raced [team pursuit] qualifying over a week ago, and we had some really good performances, so to pull it off on the last day, I'm really excited."

Harvard graduate Kristen Faulkner also captured two gold medals in Paris, winning the Olympic road race and joining Valente and teammates Lily Williams and Chloe Dygert in winning the team pursuit. The three gold medals and six total won by the Americans are their most since the team won four gold medals and nine total at the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

Earlier in the final session of cycling, Harrie Lavreysen of the Netherlands won his third gold medal of the Paris Games by holding off Australians Matthew Glaetzer and Matthew Richardson in the finals of the men's keirin, and Ellesse Andrews of New Zealand captured her second gold and third medal overall by sweeping Lea Friedrich of Germany in the sprint finals.

Three straight for Serbia

It happened in Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo, and Paris. The men's water polo tournament at the Olympics ended the same way each time.

With a Serbian flag hanging over a goal.

Milos Cuk scored three times, Radoslav Filipovic made 10 saves, and Serbia beat Croatia, 13-11, for its third consecutive gold medal.

The United States beat Hungary, 11-8, in the bronze-medal match. It's the first medal for the US men since the team lost to Hungary in the final of the 2008 Olympics.

Adrian Weinberg led the US squad to the victory, making 16 saves in regulation and stopping Vince Vignari in the penalty shootout.

Ben Hallock had two goals for the

United States, which bounced back after losing to Serbia in the semifinals.

"This is going to be the second-happiest day of my life, because I'm getting married in 20 days, so it's a pretty good second," US attacker Alex Bowen said. "Maybe it'll hold that until I have a kid. Busy summer."

Hannes Daube, Max Irving, and Bowen converted their opportunities in the penalty shootout, and Hungary was shut out in the tiebreaker. Denes Varga hit the cage before Vignari was turned away by Weinberg. When Gergo Zalanki hit the cage again, it was over.

As the US coaches and players celebrated wildly — on the sideline and in the pool — Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." played on the sound system at the arena. Coach Dejan Udovicic waved his arms in the air to fire up the US fans in the crowd.

"It's 11 years I was waiting for this," said Udovicic, who took over the US program in 2013.

Khelif files legal complaint

Olympic boxing champion Imane Khelif has filed a legal complaint in France for online harassment after a rain of criticism and false claims about her sex during the Paris Olympics, her lawyer said Sunday.

Khelif won gold in the women's welterweight division, becoming a new hero in her native Algeria and bringing global attention to women's boxing.

The complaint was filed Friday with a special unit in the Paris prosecutor's office for combating online hate speech, alleging "aggravated cyber-harassment" targeting Khelif, lawyer Nabil Boudi said. In a statement, he described it as a "misogynist, racist and sexist campaign" against the boxer.

It is now up to prosecutors to decide whether to open an investigation. As is common in French law, the complaint doesn't name an alleged perpetrator but leaves it to investigators to determine who could be at fault.

Congo sprinter suspended

Sprinter Dominique Lasconi Mulamba, listed as one of Congo's flag bearers for the Opening Ceremony of the Paris Olympics, has tested positive for an anabolic steroid, the International Testing Agency said.

Mulamba, who competed in the 100 meters, gave a sample that was positive for stanozolol metabolite, the ITA said. That's the same steroid that sprinter Ben Johnson used at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Mulamba has been provisionally suspended and could not participate in the Closing Ceremony.



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

Brittney Griner (right) and teammates celebrated the women's basketball team's 61st straight Olympic victory.

For Griner, enormity of triumph pours out

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were a few moments of like, 'Wow.'"

The enormity of it hit her on the gold medal stand.

"You know, I was on the podium, the flag was going up, and as soon as the anthem started like that, tears were coming down my face," she said. "It means so much to me. My family didn't think I would be here, like I've said before, and then to be here, winning gold for my country, representing [Team USA] when my country fought for me so hard, to even be standing here, yeah, this gold medal is going to hold a special place amongst the other two."

When the craziness of a heart-pounding, 1-point victory against the home nation settled down — France's Gabby Thomas hit a long jumper at the buzzer, but it was quickly and correctly ruled a 2-pointer and the 67-66 final score stood — the US women spent their postgame time on the court hugging one another as well as family and friends in the stands, workers inside Bercy Arena began assembling the podium.

Griner, who'd been able to connect with her wife Cherelle for a moment of personal celebration, then had to find a moment alone. The emotions were overwhelming. "It hit me pretty hard,

especially right after the game when I went in the back, you know, I just went to excuse myself and went to the bathroom for a little bit, and just kind of had a moment to get myself together to celebrate after that," she said.

She thought she'd stemmed the tide, until hearing those first notes of the Star Spangled Banner.

It was such a long way from Russia, where she used to play professional basketball to supplement her time in the WNBA, a common practice among American women players who don't make enough money in the summer-only US league. But like so many events in our current state of divided and divisive politics, Griner's plight turned into a culture war, riling many who were unsympathetic to her arrest on drug smuggling charges related to vape cartridges found in her luggage that Russian officials believed to be derived from cannabis. Her ensuing detention and sentence in a penal colony brought national and international attention to the efforts to get her released. She ended up spending 10 months in prison before that happened.

She has been working to rebuild her life ever since, including therapy and counseling for post-traumatic stress disorder. She has said in previous interviews that she would only ever leave the

country again to represent Team USA.

"When she returned and came back to USA basketball, we checked in with her. We were worried about her," US coach Cheryl Reeve said. "We had an Olympic qualifying tournament going into Belgium where she was going to come, but just needed some time, maybe a little more than she thought. Just really going through it here, probably every single day, whether she's playing basketball or not, when you see BG around the team, her outward is OK, but you know that inside there's a lot going on there ..."

"She is thankful to be here, so thankful to be here. To see her move through that journey, I was sort of concerned about her being in this space, but she handled everything terrifically. But I think we all should just keep checking on her. Because it's unfathomable what she went through."

Yet here she is, tears and all.

"I always wanted to be here," Griner said. "My country fought for me to get back, and I was able to bring home gold for my country. And I mean, there's just no greater feeling."

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Max Irving (right) and Luca Cupido celebrated after the United States defeated Hungary, 11-8, in the men's water polo bronze-medal match.

IOC wrong on Chiles

American gymnast is stripped of bronze medal

By Tara Sullivan
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PARIS — The image was one of the most memorable of these Paris Games, showing American gymnasts Simone Biles and Jordan

COMMENTARY Chiles, silver and bronze winners, respectively, in the women's individual floor exercise. Each woman had turned, bowing toward the gold medal podium between them. There, gold medalist Rebeca Andrade of Brazil stood, beaming as she accepted their praise.

There was so much to appreciate in that moment: Sportsmanship, respect, friendship, and pride. Three Black women, all with their own tales of redemption both on the mat and off, reaching the podium together.

But now the image is tarnished, trapped in a web of controversy that has nothing to do with the gymnasts involved.

The International Olympic Committee, in all its infinite stupidity, has asked Chiles to return her medal so it can be awarded to Romanian gymnast Ana Barbosu instead. Not because of anything Chiles did wrong, but because of a procedural error pointed out days later by the Romanian gymnastics federation and upheld on appeal by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Let's go back to that final day of gymnastic competition and remember Chiles's dramatic floor routine, her only solo event at these Olympics. A victim of being on a team that is too good for its own good, Chiles, despite having high enough scores, could not compete in the individual all-around or other solo events because of a two-athlete-per-country rule. Floor exercise was it. She competed last in the rotation, a random draw. While scores initially had her in fifth place with Barbosu third, a successful appeal by US coach Cécile Landi about Chiles's degree of difficulty was upheld and Chiles, after being rewarded with another tenth of a point, moved in to bronze medal position.

The Romanians later appealed, saying Landi's was recorded four seconds after the one-minute deadline following the conclusion of Chiles's routine. Not that Chiles broke any rules, not that she had stepped out of bounds, cheated or did something far worse, like an accusation

of doping. No. Just that her coach was four seconds too late, despite the fact that officials on the floor at the time, who possess a stopwatch for circumstances just like these, accepted the appeal.

Somehow CAS ruled in Romania's favor. The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) followed, adopted the CAS ruling as correct and reverted Chiles's score to its original number. Then they reallocated the medals, which meant Chiles had to give hers back.

All this while both the Romanians and the Americans, through previous discussions, had agreed they would be willing to share the bronze medal, giving one to each Chiles and Barbosu. Such a simple and wise solution, so of course the IOC rejected it. Never mind their own history of doing something similar — at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, a judging scandal led to the awarding of two gold medals in figure skating. Rather than strip a Russian pair, the IOC gave a second gold to a Canadian team.

Not this time. The saga is not over. USOPC released a statement that it would continue to appeal, saying: "We firmly believe that Jordan rightfully earned the bronze medal, and there were critical errors in both the initial scoring by FIG and the subsequent CAS appeal process that need to be addressed. . . . Given these circumstances, we are committed to pursuing an appeal to ensure that Jordan Chiles receives the recognition she deserves."

"We remain dedicated to supporting her as an Olympic champion and will continue to work diligently to resolve this matter swiftly and fairly."

Chiles deserves nothing less. She removed herself from social media, citing a need to protect her mental health in the face of vicious attacks, many of them racist in nature.

She deserves better.

And so does Barbosu.

Instead, both gymnasts find themselves trapped in a controversy not of their own making, where the bureaucrats in charge of competition have managed to wreck it for the athletes. Again.

Shame on them.

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Ethiopia's Tigst Assefa (left) tried to slow down Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands, but nothing could stop Hassan from winning the women's marathon in Olympic-record time.

Marathon history for Hassan

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just awesome. Who can do that? Who can come from track and win the marathon? I feel like I just want to be her."

It's not as if Hassan, who emigrated from Ethiopia when she was a teenager, was doing it on a whim. She's the most versatile distance runner on the planet, equally at home in a stadium or on the streets.

At the Tokyo Games three years ago Hassan won both the 5,000 and 10,000 meters and took bronze in the 1,500, an unprecedented achievement. Last year she won London in her marathon debut, then set a course record in Chicago.

So Hassan certainly belonged on the starting line Sunday with the world's hardtop specialists. But lacing up less than 36 hours after she ran the 10,000 on Friday night?

"From the beginning to the end it was so hard," she said. "Every step of the way I was thinking, 'Why did I do that? What is wrong with me? If I hadn't done it I would feel so comfortable here.'"

As always, the field was stocked with other women who'd won majors. Kenya's Peres Jepchirchir was the defending Olympic champion and had won the last two London races. Her countrywoman Hellen Obiri captured the last two Bostons, with New York in between. Ethiopia's Amane Beriso Shankule is the reigning world titlist and Assefa has won the last two Berlins.

All of them had been prepping and resting throughout the Games while Hassan was running herself ragged at the Stade de France. And yet as the marathon checkpoints passed, she still was hanging in.

On a warm and sunny morning that was heating up by the minute on the way to 90 degrees by mid-afternoon none of the contenders wanted to dash away and perhaps blow up.

Midway along the leader was Australia's Jessica Stenhouse, who ended up 13th. In the pack behind her the Ethiopians and Kenyans, the eternal rivals, were eying one another warily

and striding shoulder to shoulder. And Hassan's confidence was growing.

"I felt so good," she said. "Then I knew I wanted gold. But everybody else was fresh and all I was thinking was, when are they going to break? They're going to go hard, they're going to go hard."

But nobody did. Attrition thinned out the pack one by one. Jepchirchir faded after 18 miles and finished 15th. At 24 miles the leaders were down to five — Lokedi, Beriso Shankule, Obiri, Assefa, and Hassan.

But Obiri, who'd fallen twice and missed her water bottle, was hurting.

"I felt so bad in my stomach," she said. "Maybe because of that I stopped and puked. Then to catch up with the girls I used a lot of energy."

The closer the leaders came to the finish line at Les Invalides, the more they worried about Hassan and her track speed.

"We tried our best to drop her," said Obiri, who held on for the bronze medal. "But she was there and there was no way to break her."

And then they were down to two with Assefa and Hassan running in close quarters. Too close for Assefa, who was bumped by Hassan and thrown off stride down the stretch.

"Sifan pushed me so I could not control the sprint," said Assefa, a former track ace who ran the 800 in Rio in 2016. "I was shocked but at least I took the silver medal."

Hassan went double gold on the Tokyo track so she knew how to shift into overdrive when she had to.

"This is just a 100-meter sprint," she told herself. "Come on, Sifan. Just feel it."

"Saturday's result Harwich 7. Bourne 3

When she broke the tape in 2 hours, 22 minutes and 55 seconds, the fastest time in Olympic history, beating Assefa by three seconds, Hassan was shocked.

"When I finished I couldn't stop celebrating," she said. "I was feeling dizzy. I wanted to lie down. Then I thought: 'I am the Olympic champion. How is this possible?'"

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Baseball

TRIPLE-A INTERNATIONAL

EAST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Lehigh Valley	21	15	.583	4
Rochester	21	17	.553	1
Scranton/W-B	20	17	.541	1½
Charlotte	18	18	.500	3
Jacksonville	18	20	.474	4
Norfolk	18	20	.474	4
Syracuse	18	20	.474	4
Worcester	18	20	.474	4
Buffalo	17	21	.447	5
Durham	17	21	.447	5

WEST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Columbus	25	12	.676	—
Nashville	21	16	.568	—
Omaha	20	17	.541	1
Toledo	19	19	.500	6½
Indianapolis	18	18	.500	6½
Gwinnett	18	20	.474	7½
Memphis	18	20	.474	7½
St. Paul	18	20	.474	7½
Louisville	16	21	.432	9
Iowa	15	23	.395	10½

SUNDAY'S RESULTS				
At Syracuse 4	Worcester 2	(susp.)		
At Louisville 4	Charlotte 3			
Rochester 10	at Buffalo 8			
Scranton/W-B 6	at Lehigh Valley 2			
At Memphis 5	Gwinnett 4			
Columbus 6	at Norfolk 5			
Jacksonville 7	at Toledo 6			
At Norfolk 7	Durham 2			
At Omaha 4	Iowa 3			
At Nashville 3	Indianapolis 0			

SATURDAY'S RESULTS				
Worcester 5	at Syracuse 4			
At Syracuse 5	Worcester 2			
Scranton/W-B 9	at Lehigh Valley 3			
Durham 5	at Norfolk 4			
At Buffalo 2	Rochester 7			
At Toledo 8	Jacksonville 7			
At Omaha 16	Iowa 3			
Charlotte 11	at Louisville 5			
At Nashville 3	Indianapolis 0			
At Memphis 8	Gwinnett 1			
Columbus 11	at St. Paul 8			
At Lehigh Valley 6	Scranton/W-B 4			

DOUBLE-A EASTERN

NORTHEAST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Portland	24	12	.667	—
Hartford	22	15	.595	2½
Somerset	21	16	.568	3½
Binghamton	20	16	.558	4
Reading	15	23	.395	10
New Hampshire	13	22	.371	10½

SOUTHWEST				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Akron	8	2	.800	—
Erie	21	16	.568	3½
Bowie	18	20	.474	7
Altoona	16	22	.421	9
Richmond	16	22	.421	9
Harrisburg	16	26	.385	13

SUNDAY'S RESULTS				
At Portland 9	Altoona 8			
Harrisburg 5	at Bowie 4			
At Buffalo 2	Rochester 1			
Erie 19	at New Hampshire 1			
Hartford 6	at Richmond 1			
Binghamton 6	at Somerset 4			

SATURDAY'S RESULTS				
At Portland 10	Altoona 4			
Erie 10	at New Hampshire 4			
Binghamton 4	at Somerset 2			
Reading 6	at Akron 3			
Hartford 15	at Richmond 1			
Bowie 6	at Harrisburg 5			
At New Hampshire 3	Erie 0			
Binghamton 1	at Somerset 0			
At Bowie 3	Harrisburg 2			
At Richmond 2	Hartford 1			
Reading 11	at Akron 4			

Portland, 9-8

ALTOONA AB R H BI BBSO Avg.									
Fraizer C	5	2	2	1	0	1	.226		
Pichardo ss	3	1	3	5	1	0	.266		
Slami r	4	0	0	1	0	1	.250		
Cimillo 1b	2	0	1	1	2	.271			
Gonzalez dh	5	1	1	0	0	.233			
Gutierrez c	5	1	1	0	0	.243			
Bowen lf	5	1	2	1	0	.239			
Glen 3b	1	1	3	4	0	.185			
Jarvis 2b	4	1	0	0	1	.091			
Totals	39	8	12	8	3	9			

PORTLAND AB R H BI BBSO Avg.									
Anthony cf	4	3	2	1	1	1	.269		
Campbell ss	4	1	2	1	1	.380			
Teel c	5	1	3	1	0	.298			
Ehrhard 1b	2	1	0	2	1	.387			
Binelas dh	4	1	1	0	1	.249			
Sikes rf	4	2	1	1	1	.258			
Miller 3b-If	2	0	1	3	2	.140			
Rosier lf	2	0	0	2	1	.272			
Ravelo 2b	2	0	1	0	0	.132			
Liendo 2b-3b	4	0	0	0	0	.190			
Totals	33	9	11	9	8	9			

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ALTOONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA		
Perachi	3½	4	3	3	3	3	5.71		
Year	2½	3	1	1	1	2	3.92		
Nielson	1	2	4	4	3	3	9.82		
Carey	1	2	1	1	1	1	3.57		

PORTLAND IP H R ER BB SO ERA

HIGH-A SOUTH ATLANTIC									
NORTH					W	L	Pct.	GB	
Hudson Valley	22	17	.564	—					
Greensboro	23	18	.561	—					
Aberdeen	21	20	.512	2					
Wilmington	19	21	.475	3½					
Jersey Shore	19	22	.463	4					
Brooklyn	16	24	.400	6½					

SOUTH				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Bowling Green	26	13	.667	—
Greenville	24	17	.585	3
Hickory	22	19	.537	5
Winston-Salem	20	21	.488	7
Asheville	16	25	.390	11
Rome	14	25	.359	12

SUNDAY'S RESULTS				
At Winston-Salem 5	Greenville 0			
At Brooklyn 4	Hudson Valley 2			
At Asheville 7	Bowling Green 6			
Jersey Shore 9	at Wilmington 4			
Aberdeen 4	at Hickory 0			
Rome 5	at Greensboro 1			
At Brooklyn 3	Hudson Valley 1			

SATURDAY'S RESULTS				
At Winston-Salem 3	Greenville 2			
Greenville 4	at Winston-Salem 3			
At Hickory 6	Aberdeen 1			
Rome 7	at Greensboro 0			
Jersey Shore 5	at Wilmington 2			
Hudson Valley 3	at Brooklyn 0			
Bowling Green 4	at Asheville 1			
Aberdeen 2	at Hickory 1			
At Greensboro 2	Winston-Salem 1			
At Wilmington 3	Jersey Shore 2			

SINGLE-A CAROLINA

NORTH				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Fredericksburg	26	15	.634	—
Down East	21	16	.568	3
Salem	23	18	.561	3
Carolina	22	18	.556	3½
Lynchburg	18	21	.462	7
Delmarva	17	24	.415	9

SOUTH				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Charleston	22	15	.595	—
Columbia	21	17	.553	1½
Myrtle Beach	19	18	.514	3
Fayetteville	18	21	.462	7
Kannapolis	16	23	.410	9
Augusta	12	26	.309	12

SUNDAY'S RESULTS				
At Salem 2	Delmarva 1			
At Down East 8	Myrtle Beach 0	(susp.)		
Carolina 4	at Fredericksburg 4			
At Charlotte 4	Augusta 1			
Myrtle Beach (ppd.)	at Down East 3			
Kannapolis 5	at Columbia 0			
At Charlotte 2	Augusta 0			
At Columbia 7	Kannapolis 1			
Lynchburg	20	at Fayetteville 11		
Carolina 3	at Fredericksburg 1			

CAPE COD LEAGUE

FINALS (BEST OF THREE)				
SUNDAY'S RESULT				
Bourne 7	at Harwich 1			

MONDAY'S GAME

Harwich	at Bourne	6		
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SATURDAY'S RESULT

Harwich 7	at Bourne 3			
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LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

WORLD SERIES

SUNDAY'S SEMIFINALS

Southwest 2	Central/Southeast 1			
North Carolina 1	Mid-Atlantic 0			

SUNDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

North Carolina 1	Southwest 0			
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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

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JASINS, Milda

BELMONT
ANASTOS, Ernest George Johannes

BOSTON
SCOTT, Donald Stephenson

BRAINTREE
DIGIROLAMO, Joanne R.

BROCKTON
CRANE, Daniel M.

BROOKLINE
HANDMAN, Eleanor T.

CANTON
BYNOE, Margaret E. (Cooper)
DIGIROLAMO, Joanne R.

CHELSEA
ZALCMAN, Renee B. (Boone)

EASTON
CRANE, Daniel M.

HOLLISTON
DIGIROLAMO, Joanne R.
KRAUS, Pearl (Lager)

HYANNIS PORT
CRANE, Daniel M.

MARBLEHEAD
SCOTT, Donald Stephenson

NEWTON
ZALCMAN, Renee B. (Boone)

PLYMOUTH
DIGIROLAMO, Joanne R.

QUINCY
DIGIROLAMO, Joanne R.

SHARON
BYNOE, Margaret E. (Cooper)

WEST BRIDGEWATER
CRANE, Daniel M.

WEST ROXBURY
CRANE, Daniel M.

WESTON
JASINS, Milda

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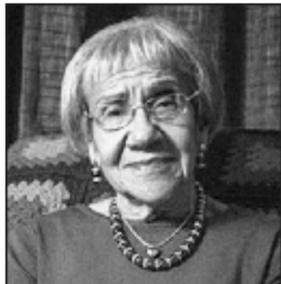
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JASINS, Milda

ANASTOS, Ernest "Ernie" George Johannes



Ernie, age 91, of Belmont, MA, passed away on July 29, 2024, surrounded by his family. Ernie was born in Queens, NY, the proud son of Greek immigrant Peter Anastos and German immigrant Peter Else (Herrmann) Anastos. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 54 years, Loretta Anastos; and is survived by his daughters, Christine Anastos of Arlington, MA, and Laura Taylor and her husband, Christopher; and their children, Alexandria and Anastasia of Lincoln, MA. On Tuesday, August 13, 2024, there will be a 10:00am Visitation and an 11:00am Funeral Service at the Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, in Watertown, MA. These services will be immediately followed by Ernie's Burial at Belmont Cemetery, in Belmont, MA. A Celebration of the beautiful Lives of both Ernie and Loretta will take place at 1:30pm, on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at the New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, 11 French Drive, in Boylston, MA. Donations in Ernie's memory can be made to the Taxiarchae/Archangels Greek Orthodox Church's Endowment Fund Trust, 25 Bigelow Avenue, Watertown, MA 02472, to continue supporting the community he loved so dearly. May Ernie's memory be eternal. Complete obit. and online guestbook, at www.browndanndickey.com

BYNOE, Margaret E. (Cooper)



Age 102, of Sharon, passed away August 9th. Beloved wife of the late Ivan G. Bynoe. Mother of Barbara R. Smith and her late husband James of Charlotte, N.C., Margaret H. Bynoe and her husband Kenneth of Sharon, and Claire D. Rabsatt and her late husband Calvin of Waddington, NY. Sister of the late Robert and Edward Cooper. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends invited to attend a Funeral Service at the Dockray & Thomas Funeral Home, 455 Washington St., CANTON, Wednesday morning, at 11:00 am. Visiting Hour Wednesday morning, prior to the Service Wednesday morning, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. For complete obituary, see www.dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com

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CRANE, Daniel M.



Of Easton, August 9, 2024. Dan was predeceased by his wife of 48 years, Anne; his parents, Anna and John; and his 4 brothers, Mike, John, Tom and Fr. Basil.

In addition to his sister, Anna; he is survived by his son, Christopher B. Crane and his wife, Jane, of West Hyannisport; daughters, Carolyn A. MacNeil and her fiancé, Brian Koeller, of West Roxbury and Laura J. Butler of Easton and Kathleen M. Crane of West Bridgewater. Dan was a proud grandfather to Kerrin (MacNeil) Sullivan, Colin MacNeil, Shane Butler, and Matthew and Mark Crane. He is also survived by 2 great-grandchildren; Colton and Declan.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Visiting Hours at Kane Funeral Home, 605 Washington St., SOUTH EASTON, on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, from 8:30-10:30 am, followed by a Funeral Mass at Holy Cross Church, 225 Purchase St., South Easton, at 11:00 am. Interment at Furnace Village Cemetery, Easton.

DIGIROLAMO, Joanne R. (Carlson)



Of Canton, died August 10, 2024. She was 84 years old. Joanne was a retired stewardess for American Airlines. She enjoyed skiing at Loon Mountain and was a longtime volunteer of FISH in Canton. Joanne was an avid golfer and was a member of the Milton Hoosic Club and White Cliffs Country Club. She also enjoyed entertaining guests at her house parties. She was the devoted wife of the late Gaetano V. Digirolamo. Loving mother of Chip Digirolamo and his wife Cleo of Erie, CO, Carl Digirolamo and his wife Allison of Canton, Eric Digirolamo and his wife Mary of Quincy, and Greg Digirolamo and his wife Amie of Canton. Sister of Linda Patrick of Holliston, Richard Carlson of Braintree and the late H. Edward Carlson. Proud grandmother of Olivia, Sophia, Gisele, Jack, and Isabel Digirolamo. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours in the Pushard Family Funeral Home, 210 Sherman St., CANTON, on Wednesday, August 14th, from 4-7 PM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Funeral from the funeral home on Thursday at 10:00AM, followed by a Graveside Service at 11:00AM in Canton Corner Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made in Joanne's memory to the Jimmy Fund (www.jimmyfund.org), 10 Brookline Pl., Brookline, MA 02445 or to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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HANDMAN, Eleanor T.



Passed away on August 4, 2024, at the age of 91. She leaves behind her niece, Lynn Lieberman; nephew Kurt Lieberman; a great-niece, Zoe Amowitz; and great-nephews, Ari Amowitz and Ben and Gabe Lieberman. Ellie was a successful business owner at a time when women in business were sparse. She ran a book club for years, loved to cook, was an avid reader and a skilled knitter. She was fiercely independent, but always made time to visit family or friends if they were hospitalized. She proudly lived independently until her death. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Handman; her father, Louis Handman; and uncle Benjamin Handman. Honor her by getting a COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster.

JASINS, Milda



On Saturday, July 20, 2024, Milda Frances Jasins of Menlo Park, California, peacefully passed away at the age of 88.

Milda was born and raised in Athol, Massachusetts. She was of Lithuanian heritage and maintained a strong relationship with her relatives there. She attended Regis College, in Weston, Massachusetts. When Milda studied there, it was a women's college, and she graduated with a B.A. degree in Mathematics, rare for a woman at that time.

Milda's professional life began at Bell Labs in New Jersey, where she worked as a programmer. Then she went on to a long career at IBM, joining as a programmer in Manhattan at the Time/Life building. Later, she transferred within IBM to Palo Alto, California, eventually becoming a project manager. She was admired for her technical, professional, and interpersonal skills.

After retiring, Milda taught low impact aerobics at the Palo Alto YMCA for many years. Her volunteer work included assisting those in need to file their income tax returns. Milda maintained her connection with her religion and was a member of St. Denis Roman Catholic Church.

Milda was fun-loving and participated in many sports, including tennis and skiing. She enjoyed the arts, attending the ballet, classical music performances, and the theater. She also loved travelling around the world and had friends in many countries.

Her many friends describe her as the nicest, sweetest person they knew. She was always jovial, inquisitive, enthusiastic, smart, and active. She will be missed terribly by her friends and family.

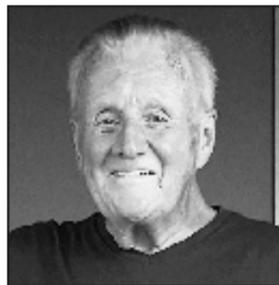
Milda died of complications of Alzheimer's and Multiple Myeloma. She is survived by her brother John Jasins of Massachusetts; nephew Fred Jasins of Washington, D.C.; and nephew John Jasins currently residing in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

If you wish to make a donation in Milda's memory, please consider Doctor's Without Borders or St. Denis Catholic Church in Menlo Park, California.

KRAUS, Pearl "Peni" (Lager)

Of Holliston, passed away peacefully on August 10. Beloved wife of Stephen Kraus. Devoted mother of Eric Kraus and his wife Joy, and Jennifer Kraus and her husband Bob. Dear sister of Max Lager, Linda Lager and the late David Lager. Loving grandmother of Samantha, Sarah, and Kyle. Graveside Services on August 13th, at 11:00 AM, at Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery, 16 Buxton Road, Danvers. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. For online guestbook and directions, please visit the funeral home website, www.torffuneralservice.com

SCOTT, Donald Stephenson



Donald Stephenson Scott was born March 19, 1934 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Alexander Fenton Scott of New Brunswick, Canada, and Bertha Trevaline Stephenson of The Bronx, New York. He passed away on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

He was predeceased by his parents, Bertha and Alexander; and his brothers, William and Alfred Murphy; as well as his daughter, Tracey S. Scott.

He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly B Scott-Morgan and husband Mark; his former wife, June E. Scott; his niece, Barbara Cummings; and his nephews, Mark Murphy and wife Wendy, Donald Murphy and wife Leanne, Stephen Murphy and Kevin Murphy. Also, special family members, Patricia Marciano Breen and Kyle Marciano.

Donald was the kind of person that people gravitated to, with his stories of travel, his smile, and his wonderful laugh. Known for his charisma and quick wit, he was often described as a living legend who lived life to the fullest. He was extremely generous, always willing to help someone in need, and possessed the incredible ability to find the good in people. He left a lasting impact on everyone he met.

He attended Reading High School and Lawrence Academy, and then enlisted in the Air Force in 1953, stationed in Denver, New York, and Germany. He served his country for 4 years. Upon his return from service, he joined the Executive Training program at Jordan Marsh in Boston. He continued to work his way up in retail, becoming a buyer, store manager, regional and executive Vice President of Filenes department stores, and even ran the world-famous Boston Filenes Basement, overseeing 500 employees who loved working for him.

After retiring, he spent most of his time involved in interior design and home renovation, as well as gardening. He was a devoted father to his 2 daughters, and enjoyed his travels around the world with them. His kind heart, loving spirit, compassion, and joy of life, will live through his family, friends, and all those that he touched.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, August 14th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at J. S. Waterman Langone Chapel located at 580 Commercial St., BOSTON, MA 02109. COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING ATTENDANTS AT THE FRONT DOOR.


617-536-4110

ZALCMAN, Renee B. (Boone)



Of Newton, formerly of Chelsea, on Saturday, August 10, 2024. The beloved wife of the late Lawrence C. Zalcmán. Loving mother of Amelia Zalcmán & Lawrence Lewis of Newton, James Zalcmán of Mamaroneck, NY, and Janey & Eric Goldberg of Merrimack, NH. Adored "Bobi" of Samantha, Theodore and Jackson Lewis & Madison Florence, and Tallin, Josephine and Lucas Goldberg. Dear sister of Ellen Boone Samuels and the late Fred Boone. She is also survived by many adoring nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Service at Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington Street, Newton, on Wednesday, August 14, at 11:00 AM. Burial in Everett. Memorial observance at the residence of Amelia Zalcmán following the Burial until 9pm, and continuing Thursday, from 12-5pm & 7-9pm. Please omit flowers. Remembrances would be appreciated to Days for Girls International, PO Box 2622, Mount Vernon, WA 98273.

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From left: Republican Senators Steve Symms, Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming, Charles Percy of Illinois, and Charles Grassley of Iowa on the steps of the US Capitol in September 1981 showing support for then-President Reagan's economic plan.

Steve Symms, 86; was conservative Idaho senator

By Brian Murphy
WASHINGTON POST

Steve Symms, a former Republican lawmaker from Idaho who made staunch conservative views his political brand and rattled the 1988 presidential campaign by falsely claiming that Kitty Dukakis, the wife of Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis, once burned an American flag, died Thursday at his home in Leesburg, Va. He was 86.

The death was announced by the office of Idaho Governor Brad Little. No other details were given.

Mr. Symms came to Congress in 1973 as a House member and soon established himself as a loyalist — and something of a showman — among GOP factions that found federal agencies a favorite target of scorn.

His campaign slogans riffed off his background as an apple farmer: “Take a bite out of big government!” In a stunt to support privatization of the Postal Service, he once sent two letters to Harpers Ferry, W.Va., about 60 miles from Washington. One letter was carried by a rider on horseback; the other was dropped in a mailbox. The outcome was preordained: The horse got there first.

He served four terms in the House before knocking off a popular Democratic incumbent, Senator Frank Church, in a tight race in 1980. Mr. Symms rode the conservative wave unleashed by Ronald Reagan in his presidential victory. The Senate campaign also included a GOP-bankrolled committee, Anyone But Church, and offered hints of the political culture wars and hard-line en-

trenchment that could come to define politics.

“In America, freedom and justice have always come from the ballot box, the jury box, and when that fails, the cartridge box,” Mr. Symms once said.

In 1981, he was among a group of Republican senators who opposed Reagan over the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O’Connor. Mr. Symms said he was not satisfied that O’Connor opposed the federal abortion protections in *Roe v. Wade*. (The court in 2022 overturned *Roe*.)

Mr. Symms in 1985 joined three other Republican senators, Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Barry Goldwater of Arizona, and Chic Hecht of Nevada, to oppose a resolution to condemn South Africa’s apartheid system of white rule.

In a letter to Reagan, Mr. Symms said he did not object to a multiracial government in South Africa. He worried the US policymakers were not doing enough to guard against a “hostile anti-Western” regime taking power after apartheid, he wrote. (Mr. Symms received a \$1,000 campaign donation from a leader of a white-supremacist “Hitler Youth” group, but he transferred the funds to Jewish organizations.)

When Reagan proposed seeking an arms control accord with the Soviet Union, Mr. Symms led GOP dissenters.

The biggest political tempest stirred by Mr. Symms came in 1988 during a radio interview with an Idaho radio station when he asserted that Kitty Dukakis burned a US flag during a protest of the Vietnam War. Mr. Symms’ only evidence was that he had “heard” that a

photo existed of the incident.

There was no image, but the Dukakis campaign still needed damage control. A statement called Mr. Symms’ claims “beneath contempt.” Mr. Symms later acknowledged that he could not corroborate the accusation. Some Democrats linked the comment to smear campaigns orchestrated by top GOP strategist Lee Atwater.

Mr. Symms’ allegations came as Republicans were struggling with questions over whether Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana, the running mate of presidential nominee George H.W. Bush, joined the National Guard during the Vietnam War to avoid the draft.

“Lies move numbers ... how about the one about Kitty Dukakis burning a flag at an antiwar demonstration, another out-and-out lie, which the Bush campaign denied having anything to do with, except that it turned out to have come from a United States senator via the Republican National Committee?” Susan Estrich, the former Dukakis campaign manager, wrote in a 2004 essay.

Atwater, near death from brain cancer in 1991, wrote a deathbed apology for “less than virtuous acts” that included trying to sabotage Dukakis during the 1988 campaign. Mr. Symms sought to avoid revisiting his remarks. “I’ve never claimed to anybody that I am perfect,” he said.

Despite his unyielding reputation, Mr. Symms found common ground at times with Democrats on policies such as infrastructure projects, rural health care, and agriculture assistance. He built a particularly good working relationship with

Democratic Senator George Mitchell of Maine on various Senate committees.

“I was always conservative but never really necessarily a partisan,” Mr. Symms said in a 2009 oral history with Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

An opinion column last year in the Idaho State Journal by business executive Trent Clark said Mr. Symms “would likely be classified a RINO [Republican in Name Only] in today’s Idaho GOP” for efforts at bipartisan dealmaking.

In Washington, Mr. Symms also built a name on the nightlife circuit. “A big-time D.C. party animal,” a 1998 story in *Salon* said. His wife, the former Frances Stockdale, was often at home because of health issues that included an autoimmune disease known as scleroderma.

They separated in the mid-1980s and divorced in 1990. Mr. Symms announced he would not seek a third term as senator. His poll numbers in Idaho had dropped. His son, Daniel, was facing federal charges of falsifying applications for alien farmworker permits at the family fruit ranch. The suspicions of infidelity by Mr. Symms brought headlines such as: “First he duped her, then he dumped her.”

Mr. Symms left the Senate in 1993 to start a Washington lobbying firm.

He had married Stockdale in 1959, and they had four children. In 1992, Mr. Symms married Loretta Mathes Fuller, who later was deputy sergeant of arms of the Senate. She died in 2023. His son, Daniel Thomas Symms, died in 2014. He leaves three daughters, a sister, and three stepchildren.

Bob Tischler; helped revive ‘Saturday Night Live,’ 78

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Bob Tischler, who was part of the production and writing team that helped revive “Saturday Night Live” after the groundbreaking comedy show fell into a deep creative trough in the 1980-81 season, died July 13 at his home in Bodega Bay, Calif. He was 78.

His son, Zeke, said the cause was pancreatic cancer.

Bob Tischler did not define himself as a writer when he joined “SNL.” He was best known for his work in audio, having produced “The National Lampoon Radio Hour” and albums by the Blues Brothers.

“I produced a lot of comedy and I did writing, but I wasn’t a member of the union or anything,” Mr. Tischler told James Andrew Miller and Tom Shales for their book “Live From New York: An Uncensored History of ‘Saturday Night Live’” (2002).

“SNL” needed a lot of help. After five trailblazing seasons under Lorne Michaels, its first producer, it floundered under his successor, Jean Doumanian, whose only season was widely considered the show’s worst to date.

The show’s “flinty irreverence gave way a year ago to cheap shocks and worn-out formulas,” reporter Tony Schwartz wrote in a 1981 New York Times article.

Dick Ebersol, who replaced Doumanian as producer, hired Mr. Tischler as a supervisory producer in the spring of 1981 at the suggestion of the dark and temperamental Michael O’Donoghue, a veteran of the original “SNL” whom Ebersol had brought back as head writer, and who had known Mr. Tischler from the Lampoon radio show.

Mr. Tischler became the head writer early the next year after Ebersol fired O’Donoghue over a sketch in which he had portrayed Fred Silverman, who had recently resigned as NBC’s president, as Adolf Hitler. The sketch never ran because NBC deemed it potentially libelous.

“For starters, unlike Michael, Bob wanted the show to succeed,” Ebersol wrote in his autobiography, “From Saturday Night to Sunday Night: My Forty Years of Laughter, Tears, and Touchdowns in TV” (2022), “but more than that, he was exactly the leader the writers’ room needed — steady, calm and respected.”

Kevin Kelton, a writer for the show from 1983 to 1985, said in an interview that Ebersol “was a terrific producer, but he was not considered a great comedic mind. Bob was more forceful on the comedy side in terms of determining how to shape material and what material made the show. He mentored me, along with the rest of the writing staff.”

He added, “I’m not sure the show would have survived without Bob.”

The show gradually recovered — in large part because of the star power of Eddie Murphy,

who had been underutilized by Doumanian but was championed by Mr. Tischler — and found firmer footing in the 1984-85 season with the addition to the cast of established performers like Billy Crystal, Christopher Guest, and Martin Short.

By then, Mr. Tischler was the show’s producer, and Ebersol the executive producer.

Mr. Tischler was born June 12, 1946, in Englewood, N.J. His father, Leonard, owned a roofing company. His mother, Florence (Parets) Tischler, was an artist for an advertising agency.

Bob Tischler attended Ithaca College for two years before transferring to Franconia College in New Hampshire in 1966. He did not graduate.

He soon started work as a sound engineer for radio and TV commercials and movie trailers. At the Floyd Peterson studio, he cast Guest in a radio ad for the 1971 Joe Cocker concert film, “Mad Dogs & Englishmen.” Guest brought him into the Lampoon fold by helping to get him hired to produce the comedy magazine’s 1972 album, “Radio Dinner,” according to a 2014 profile of Mr. Tischler in *Sound on Sound* magazine.

In 1973, Mr. Tischler became the producer of “The National Lampoon Radio Hour,” which featured future “SNL” performers like Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Gilda Radner, and Bill Murray. He went on to produce the Lampoon albums “Gold Turkey” in 1975 and “That’s Not Funny, That’s Sick” in 1977.

As a result of his growing friendship with Belushi, which began at the “Radio Hour,” Mr. Tischler was hired to produce “Briefcase Full of Blues,” the first album by Belushi and Dan Aykroyd, his “SNL” castmate, in their musical guises as Jake and Elwood Blues.

“Briefcase Full of Blues” rose to No. 1 on the Billboard album chart. Mr. Tischler told *Sound on Sound* that Belushi “was more of a performer than a vocalist, and there was more soul and fun in his voice than ability, but he could still sing and the audience could really feel it.”

Mr. Tischler produced several more Blues Brothers albums, including the soundtrack for the hit 1980 film “The Blues Brothers,” which reached No. 13 on the Billboard chart, and “Made in America” (1980), which hit No. 49.

Mr. Tischler left the show in 1985 when Michaels returned. Mr. Tischler continued to write for television shows, including the sitcoms “Empty Nest” and “Boy Meets World.” An episode of “Something So Right,” a comedy about a blended family, earned Mr. Tischler a Humanitas Prize for its exploration of the human condition.

In addition to his son, Mr. Tischler is survived by his wife, Judith (English) Tischler, and his brother, Jim. His marriage to Belinda Horowitz ended in divorce.

Howie Cohen, copywriter whose Alka-Seltzer ads spawned catchphrases; at 81

By Sam Roberts
NEW YORK TIMES

Howie Cohen, an advertising copywriter, often said he was congenitally familiar with indigestion. So perhaps it was only natural that in the 1970s, he, along with an ad agency colleague, would conjure up a catchy slogan that would not only sell more Alka-Seltzer but also become an American pop culture punchline: “I can’t believe I ate the whole thing.”

That bedside lament, spoken by comedian and dialectician Milt Moss, vaulted from a 30-second TV commercial to sweat-shirts, supermarket windows, and even church marquees.

It proved even more popular than “Try it, you’ll like it,” the first catchphrase for Alka-Seltzer that Mr. Cohen coined with his business partner, Bob Pasqualina, an art director at the Manhattan agency Wells Rich Greene.

Mr. Cohen, who helped popularize products and companies such as Petco (“Where the pets go”) and fast-food chain Jack in the Box (exploding its clown mascot in a TV commercial in

announcing a new, more sophisticated menu), died on March 2 at his home in Los Angeles. He was 81.

His death, which wasn’t widely reported at the time, was announced on Facebook by his brother, Jerry, who said the cause was cancer.

Alka-Seltzer’s creative advertising had already found success in the 1950s and ’60s. It had introduced its mascot Speedy and its “plop, plop, fizz, fizz” jingle. It had brought “tummies” to television commercials. And it had played on cultural stereotypes (“that’s a spicy meatball”), offending some viewers. But by the early 1970s, sales were lagging.

Mr. Cohen and Pasqualina, who had recently joined Wells Rich Greene, were tasked with creating an ad campaign that would run until the agency could come up with a long-term strategy to make Alka-Seltzer a household name again.

Mr. Cohen recalled in a 2019 memoir that those two popular ads the partners came up with, both in 1972, were inspired by his upbringing in the Pelham

Parkway neighborhood of the East Bronx in New York City.

The “try it” tagline had its roots, he wrote, in his mother’s dinnertime plea that he eat the liver and onions that regularly congealed untouched on his plate.

“We only had 30 seconds, so we couldn’t get too complicated,” Mr. Cohen told *The New York Times* in 1972. “One of us came up with ‘Try it, you’ll like it.’ We said it over and over again, because we couldn’t think of another line, and the repetition became the thing.”

In the ad, Jack Aaron, a stage actor who had appeared in commercials, plays a man sitting in a restaurant recounting a meal he once had — an indigestible one, it turned out — at the encouragement of a waiter, who kept telling him, “Try it, you’ll like it.”

“I used to work part-time as a waiter,” Aaron told the *Times* in 1972. “Now I eat at Sardi’s, and the waiters all say, ‘Try it, you’ll like it.’”

If “try it” was inspired by Mr. Cohen’s abstinence, the “whole thing” line resulted from his overindulgence. He, Pasqualina,

and a production crew were in London gorging on an Italian dinner hosted by director Milos Forman, who had filmed a commercial that the two admen had created for Diet Rite Cola.

“I’m a nice Jewish kid from the Bronx, so I ate everything until I couldn’t fit one more thing in my body,” Mr. Cohen would often recall. “I leaned back in my chair and said, ‘I can’t believe I ate the whole thing.’ And my wife said, ‘There’s your next Alka-Seltzer commercial.’”

In the commercial, a woman, trying to fall back to sleep, urges her pajama-clad husband, who is sitting groaning on the edge of their bed, to take two Alka-Seltzer tablets to settle his stomach after overindulging. He repeats the “whole thing” line over and over.

Both ads are enshrined in the advertising industry’s Clio Awards Hall of Fame.

A marketing survey found that about 85 percent of Americans could identify Alka-Seltzer through the “whole thing” slogan, which would later be immortalized in the game Trivial

Pursuit and on the TV animated series “The Simpsons.”

“They say the best lines come from the heart,” Mr. Cohen wrote in his book, “I Can’t Believe I Lived the Whole Thing: A Memoir From the Golden Age of Advertising.” “I can’t believe I ate the whole thing” came from my stomach.”

Howard Stephen Cohen was born on Sept. 25, 1942, in the Bronx to Samuel and Jeannette Cohen. The elder Cohen owned a steel fabrication company that he had inherited from his father.

Howie Cohen wrote in his memoir that he grew up in a one-bedroom apartment adjacent to an elevated train. When he was 13, he was given a tape recorder as a bar mitzvah gift and began producing commercials. After graduating from New Rochelle High School in Westchester County, he attended the University of Miami and earned a bachelor’s degree in business from New York University.

Destined to inherit his father’s company but eager not to, he applied to ad agencies and in 1965 landed a job as a copy

trainee on the Volkswagen account by Doyle Dane Bernbach.

He joined Wells Rich Greene in 1967; left to start his own firm with Pasqualina; returned to Wells Rich Greene as a creative director; became the president of its Los Angeles office; and founded another agency with adman Mark Johnson, which he sold in 1997 to the Phelps Group. He remained as partner and chief creative officer until he retired in 2017. He also wrote a blog called *Mad Mensch*.

In addition to his brother, he leaves his wife, Carol (Trifari) Cohen, whom he married in 1972; two children, Jonathan and Johanna; a stepdaughter, Cristina; and a granddaughter.

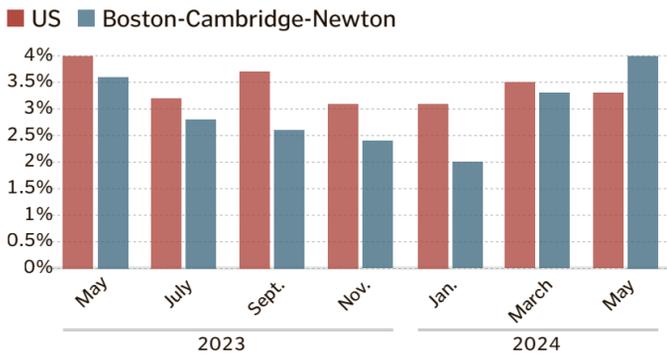
In 2012, Mr. Cohen was asked by Google to reimagine the “I can’t believe I ate the whole thing” ad for a 21st-century digital version.

“I look at the internet tools and technologies that we have and see exciting new ways to express an idea,” he told the *Los Angeles Times*. “But emotions will always trump algorithms. Advertising is about connecting in a human way.”

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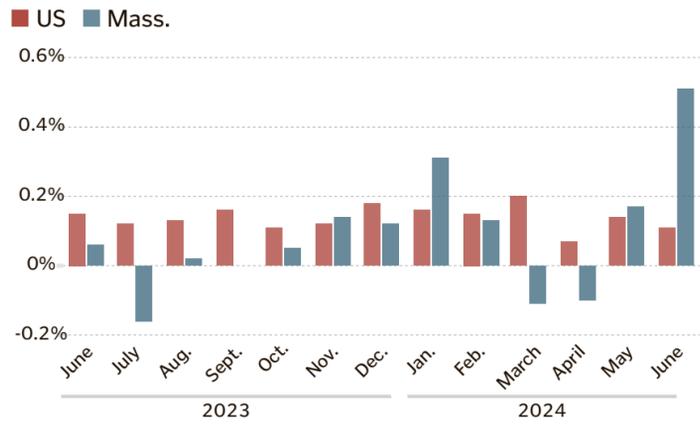
Until recent months, inflation in the Boston metro area was hewing closer than the US to the Fed's 2 percent target.



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Month-over-month change in number of nonfarm employees in the US vs. Mass.

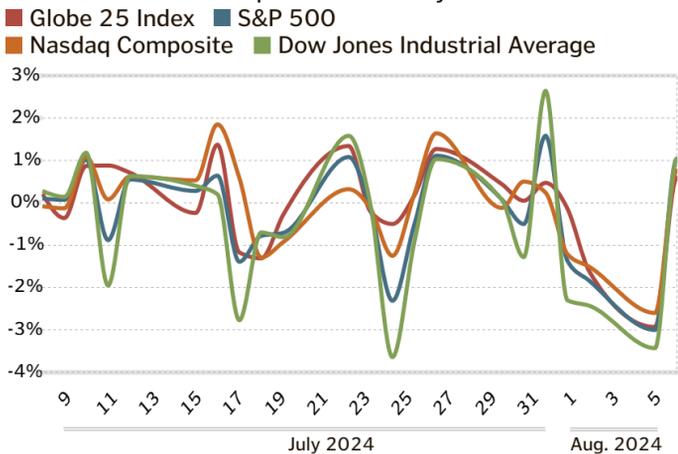
After stumbling earlier this year, payrolls in Mass. are back in the black — most recently, at a much higher clip than the US at large.



SOURCE: US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Data is seasonally adjusted. GLOBE STAFF

Closing prices for stock market indexes

An index of 25 publicly traded companies in Mass. outperformed the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq amid last Monday's meltdown.



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Inflation in Massachusetts continues to prove tricky to contain. Above, shoppers walked near the Roche Bros. store in Downtown Crossing.

REALITY CHECK

Last week's market meltdown focused attention on the state of the national economy. So how are we doing in Massachusetts?

By Dana Gerber
GLOBE STAFF

In case you hadn't heard, the US economy had a bit of a scare last week.

Markets, increasingly jittery over the possibility that the Fed's inflation battle will push the country into a recession, took a nose-dive last Monday following a weaker-than-expected jobs report.

So how's the Massachusetts economy doing? Not bad.

All things considered, outside of last Monday's

blip, both the United States and Massachusetts are holding up fairly well in the face of sky-high interest rates, the Fed's weapon of choice to rein in runaway inflation. And by the latest indications, Massachusetts economic growth and hiring are outpacing national trends.

The stock values of our local companies held up better amid the Wall Street drama. Inflation, however, is proving trickier to contain.

With that in mind, here is a look at the state of markets, jobs, industry, and cost-of-living in the United States, Massachusetts, and Greater Boston.

Stocks

First things first: Wall Street's mini-meltdown on Aug. 5 hit the Nasdaq Composite — a collection of tech-focused companies — particularly hard, with the index slipping 3.4 percent from the previous business day. This was probably due to existing anxieties about whether stocks in this sector have been bullishly overvalued by the AI boom.

The Dow Jones industrial average and the Standard & Poor's 500 indexes also experienced routs, though less dramatic (2.6 percent and 3 percent, re-

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Biotech VC firms face another record-low year of fund-raising

Annual rankings show post-pandemic woes linger, but there are glimpses of hope

By Allison DeAngelis
STAT

Life science venture capital firms are pacing for another record-low year of fund-raising, potentially hindering the amount of money that startups can draw from over the next several years.

In the first half of the year, the industry's VC firms have raised just 15 pools of capital from wealthy individuals, sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, or university endowments. That's down from 53 funds last year and 85 funds in 2022, according to data from Pitchbook.

Many VC firms have struggled in the post-COVID era, as they have digested rich startup valuations or their investment overindulgence. The stock market is recovering, but is far from the lush Eden it was for biotechs a few years ago. Those factors are still weighing heavily on many firms, as shown in the fifth annual edition of "Ranking biotech's top venture capital firms" by STAT, the Globe's sister publication covering life sciences. But, there are some indications that the

pressures are easing.

STAT's report is one of the only public examinations of just how well biotech investors are doing, individually and collectively. Its rankings are based on financial returns data that investors generally don't share, but that STAT gathers through public records requests. This year, the report has expanded to include eight more investment firms, providing an even broader look at how biotech VCs are faring.

This year, Flagship Pioneering returned to the top of the rankings. Flagship is an atypical investment firm. It raises money from outside investors like pension funds and private foundations, but invests that money solely in startups it creates. (Other firms may put a significant portion of their investment dollars in startups they create, but they will also accept pitches from independent startups.) It is also one of the few firms to raise a new fund this year, bringing in \$2.6 billion for a namesake fund and \$1 billion in other capital.

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Secretive Cambridge lab tackles world's most daunting challenges

Applied Invention develops innovative designs to enhance industry

SCOTT KIRSNER
INNOVATION ECONOMY



On a backstreet near Central Square is one of the most secretive research and development labs in New England. The front door is behind a chain link fence. No name or logo is on it. Just a bell.

But if you've ever used an iPhone, you've likely encountered the work of Applied Invention, born in 2014. One cofounder, Danny Hillis, ran one of the highest-profile supercomputing companies of the late 1980s, Thinking Machines, before joining Disney and working on projects such as the Animal Kingdom theme park.

These days, Hillis and his team are working on mind-boggling initiatives, such as a mechanical clock designed



THE LONG NOW FOUNDATION

Danny Hillis, cofounder of Applied Invention, at the Texas site of the "Clock of the Long Now." It's designed to last 10,000 years.

to last 10,000 years or small, torpedo-like underwater drones to gather data from beneath the surface of the ocean. In the center of the room is an elephant — well, an elephant-sized, four-legged robot — that they do not want to talk about.

No one I knew had ever been inside Applied Invention. When I met a

senior executive for lunch five years ago, the disappointing denouement to our meal was that it was unlikely for anyone would talk to me on the record, let alone invite me for a visit. But I kept at it, because it seemed worth noting that Hillis — whose name is on more than 300 patents —

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TALKING POINTS

ENTERTAINMENT

DISNEY DETAILS VAST THEME PARK EXPANSION PROJECTS

As part of a plan to spend \$60 billion over the next decade to expand its theme park and cruise businesses, Disney is building four new cruise ships — on top of four others it had previously announced — almost trebling the size of its current fleet by 2031. The Magic Kingdom, Disney's flagship theme park in Florida, will undergo the largest expansion in its 53-year history, with one new "land" devoted to classic Disney villains and another focused on Pixar's "Cars" movies. The Disneyland Resort in California will add two superhero-themed rides, a water-based "Avatar" attraction, the company's first "Coco" ride and a Main Street, USA, show starring an animatronic Walt Disney. "We're dreaming big," said Josh D'Amaro, chair of Disney Experiences, which includes theme parks, Disney Cruise Line, video games, and consumer products. "We're investing in every part of our portfolio and pushing boundaries as we turn what-ifs into reality." Disney is also working on a "Monsters, Inc."-themed suspended roller coaster (with cars that hang under the tracks), a ride-through "Encanto" experience, a "Lion King" water ride, and a major "Spider-Man" roller coaster. The project list, which includes new nighttime parades and elaborate outdoor pageants that Disney calls "spectaculars," goes on and on. D'Amaro detailed the projects — they're all happening, he insisted, nothing conceptual — during a three-hour evening presentation at D23: The Ultimate Disney Fan Event, a three-day gathering in Southern California. (D23 is a reference to 1923, the year Walt Disney arrived in Hollywood.) One important caveat: The ships and expansions detailed Saturday, while vastly expensive, do not add up to \$60 billion. That sum also covers still-secret rides, resort hotels, and shopping and dining areas that Disney is planning for the longer term, along with technology and infrastructure investments. — NEW YORK TIMES

INTERNATIONAL

US VIES WITH ALLIES AND INDUSTRY TO TIGHTEN CHINA TECH CONTROLS

The Biden administration is fighting to overcome opposition from allied nations and the tech industry as it prepares to expand restrictions aimed at slowing China's ability to make the most advanced semiconductors, which could be used to bolster Beijing's military capacity. The administration has drafted new rules that would limit shipments to China of the machinery and software used to make chips from a number of countries if they are made with American parts or technology, as well as some types of semiconductors, according to people who have seen or were briefed on a draft version of the rules. The rules are aimed at blocking off some newer routes that Chinese chipmakers have found to acquire technology, despite international restrictions. The United States has been pushing allies including Japan and the Netherlands to toughen their restrictions on technology shipments to China, during visits to those countries as well as a Japanese state visit to Washington in April. But industry in the United States and other countries has argued the rules could hurt them, and it remains unclear when or if foreign governments will issue limitations. Much about the policy remains unclear and could be subject to change. But the rules — which could come as soon as this month — are clearly an effort to shore up previous restrictions aimed at limiting China's ability to develop the most advanced artificial intelligence chips. Most advanced chips are used in consumer devices, but some can also be used to develop weaponry, carry out cyberattacks, and construct surveillance systems. The US government has blocked US technology exports to China, but a key part of the Biden administration's strategy has been to get other countries to pass similar regulations. — NEW YORK TIMES

Problem solving, done in secrecy

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was back in Cambridge after effectively vanishing in the mid-1990s.

In terms of public profile, Applied Invention is the opposite of Hillis's high-flying Thinking Machines, which he cofounded in 1983 while earning a doctorate in math and computer science from MIT. That company built some of the world's most powerful computers — used by American Express and the Pentagon and referenced in Tom Clancy novels and the first "Jurassic Park" film.

The renowned physicist Richard Feynman worked for the company, and its management dramas were covered regularly by this newspaper. Its computer, the Connection Machine, was displayed at the Museum of Modern Art. Thinking Machines aimed to advance the then-new field of artificial intelligence. Its motto: "Building a machine that will be proud of us."

Thinking Machines grew to more than 500 employees and became an anchor company in what was briefly called "AI Alley" in Kendall Square. But it faced tough competition from bigger rivals and depended too much on government contracts. The company filed for bankruptcy in 1994.

Hillis went to Los Angeles to work for Disney's famed Imagineering research division, where he was part of a team of technologists charged with keeping Disney ahead of other theme parks. "It was a world of artists and storytellers — a second education for me," Hillis said.

After departing Disney in 2000, Hillis formed a consultancy called Applied Minds with Bran Ferren, a colleague in the Imagineering division. Many of the consulting firm's clients were defense contractors such as Northrop Grumman and government agencies



SCOTT KIRSNER/GLOBE STAFF

The secretive Applied Invention remains a mystery as it works to develop innovative designs. Even its front door remains unmarked at the company's Cambridge office.

such as NASA. After a decade, Hillis said, he decided he wanted to work with mainstream companies as clients and develop some of his ideas into startups.

Hillis spun off Applied Invention with a goal to "reengage with the intellectual community of Cambridge," planting the company between MIT and Harvard. The company, which employs about 50, also has an office in Burbank, Calif.

Applied Invention has taken at least three different approaches to developing new technologies: working with clients who have a specific problem to solve; starting a company and then bringing in executives to lead it; and investing in products that were initially built by someone else.

Some examples of those approaches: Applied Invention is using artificial intelligence to help Sensei Farms, a California company cofounded by Oracle chief technology officer Larry Ellison, grow and distribute food. Applied Invention helped form Apeiron Labs, which is using underwater drones to lower the cost of gathering data from the ocean and make weather forecasting more accurate.

And if you've ever looked at the weather app on an iPhone, much of the forecasts and precipitation maps for your loca-

tion were developed by a startup called Dark Sky. Applied Invention invested in Dark Sky and then helped its founders to improve the app. Apple acquired the app in 2020.

Another project, ZPR, which stands for "zero-trust packet routing," wants to reshape the internet to provide more control over data security and identity. Imagine if each fragment of data carried a digital passport that proved who sent it. A ZPR network, Hillis explained, could prevent digital impersonation and discourage disinformation and deep fakes that depend on anonymity.

Applied Invention is collaborating with Oracle to promote ZPR as an open standard that other technology companies can adopt.

Perhaps the oddest — and most inspiring — Applied Invention project is called The Clock of the Long Now. Hillis first proposed the idea of a mechanical clock that could last for 10,000 years in a 1995 essay. The author and entrepreneur Stewart Brand helped create a nonprofit, The Long Now Foundation, to advance the idea, and the musician Brian Eno designed a way for 10 bells inside the clock to ring in a different combination every day for those 10 millennia. The project's goal is to help people

think about humanity's impact over a longer timeline.

The clock is being built inside a mountain in west Texas, on land owned by Jeff Bezos. Applied Invention is doing much of the work on the design and components of the clock, which, according to Brand, could start ticking by the end of the decade.

The clock "is quintessential Danny," said Lew Tucker, a colleague from the Thinking Machines era who has continued to collaborate with Hillis. "He has always been an inventor, a tinkerer, and a builder, and this was a really big thing that he was going to build."

If it works, it could become one of those enduring artifacts that humanity creates, such as Stonehenge or the Egyptian pyramids — both only about 5,000 years old.

After I visited Applied Invention earlier this month, Hillis called to say that he and his cofounder, Daniel Abrutyn, were worried I would say too much about the company. They also decided they didn't want the Cambridge employees to be photographed in the office. So Applied Invention, as it enters its second decade, retains at least some of its mystery.

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Mark Kim of Flagship Pioneering spoke last year at a meeting of the Pioneering Intelligence AI team.

Biotech VC firms still struggling to raise funds

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The rate of life science VC fund-raising seems a bit low, but fund-raising has dropped off very significantly across all sectors, according to Theresa Hajer, managing director at investment advisory firm Cambridge Associates. That's because, across all industries, investors have had a hard time getting returns on their earlier investments.

Pension funds or sovereign wealth funds often divvy up the money they have to invest among many things, like venture capital, the stock market, fixed rate bonds, and more. But in 2020 and 2021, many of these organizations put more money into venture capital than they normally would, and now they're trying to rebalance their books, so they're putting less money into new venture capital funds.

Many investors are also still waiting for the payout from those earlier investments. But venture capitalists can't begin distributing profits until the startups they invested in conduct an IPO on the stock market, get acquired, or do something else that would trigger a payout to investors. But those types of events dried up in 2022 and 2023, said Chris Rizik, managing partner of Renaissance Venture Capital, a company that invests in several VC firms. "So, [outside investors] either started saying 'no' to VCs that were fund-raising, or they said 'yes' but for smaller amounts than previously."

Biotech M&A has picked up over the last year, which has helped some VC firms in the eyes of their third-party investors.

Aaron Royston, a managing partner at San Francisco life science VC venBio, credited the firm's ability to raise an oversubscribed \$528 million fund in July in part to its success in providing investors with good returns. Over the last two years, several biotechs that venBio had invested in have been ac-

quired, including RayzeBio, Vividion Therapeutics, and Checkmate Pharmaceuticals.

But even that comes with caveats, Hajer said: You have to read the fine print of those deals to see how much money will be given back to investors upfront, versus how much money will be held until the startup that was acquired meets an R&D event, like successfully advancing its lead drug through a clinical trial or getting a therapy approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Over the last couple of years, these milestone payments have made up a significant portion of overall M&A deal value, according to investment bank HSBC. In 2023, the median upfront payment was \$305 million, while the median amount of money held aside for milestones was \$500 million.

One thing that may have worked in Flagship's favor when raising its newest fund was investors' interest in artificial intelligence and data sciences. Flagship creates all of the biotechs it invests in, and started working with artificial intelligence tools at least five years ago.

"You cannot have a meeting without anybody talking about AI. It's the new paradigm that's impacting every market," Hajer said.

Those outside investors who are willing to put more money into VC firms are assessing the makeup of those firms, whether data scientists or people with AI experience are sitting around the investment table and participating in the due diligence process, or being relegated to a back room.

Investors are "thinking very carefully about the culture within these partnerships.... The team that may have been in the market a decade ago may not be the one you go forward with," Hajer said.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Division of Banks

EAGLE BANK, Everett, Massachusetts (BANK), has petitioned the Division of Banks (Division) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws chapters 167H and 167I for permission to reorganize the BANK into a mutual holding company structure. This multi-step transaction will involve the creation of an interim mutual savings bank, which will reorganize into a mutual holding company under the name EAGLE BANCORP, MHC (MHC) with a subsidiary banking institution in stock form. Thereupon, the BANK will then merge with and into the newly formed stock savings bank and operate under the name EAGLE BANK. Applications addressing the statutory requirements of the reorganization and seeking all related authorities have been filed with the Division.

In determining whether or not to approve the applications, the Division must decide, among other things, whether competition among banking institutions will be unreasonably affected and whether public convenience and advantage will be promoted by these proposals.

Any objections or comments relative to this proposed reorganization must be communicated in writing to the Commissioner of Banks, 1000 Washington Street, 10th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02118-6400 or via electronic mail to dob.comments@mass.gov prior to the close of business on September 9, 2024. The applications and all communications relative to these matters are available from the Division by request at dob.rao@mass.gov.

MARY L. GALLAGHER
Commissioner of Banks

Lobbyists block crackdown on costly retirement advice

By Tony Romm
WASHINGTON POST

To protect older Americans' life savings, President Biden pledged in October to crack down on financial advisers who recommend investments just because they pay higher commissions. Then the insurance industry got to work.

Lobbying groups representing New York Life, Lincoln Financial Group, Prudential Financial, and other companies first pushed back against the newly proposed regulations before suing to topple them entirely. Now the government's latest attempt to protect retirees is in political and legal limbo, facing the possibility that it may never take effect.

It is the latest example of a pervasive pattern: As the Biden administration tries to impose new restrictions on powerful industries, those businesses successfully turn to Congress and the courts for a reprieve. This time, the resulting clash centers on a basic question: Should federal law require more financial professionals to put retirees' needs above all else — including their own paychecks — when they offer advice about how to invest?

In April, the Labor Department finalized rules that would subject a wide array of brokers to a higher legal standard, requiring them to act as fiduciaries. The effort primarily aims to protect the millions of Americans who leave their jobs, or otherwise need to roll over their retirement savings, and opt for tax-advantaged accounts such as IRAs — transactions that exceeded \$770 billion in 2022 alone, according to federal estimates.

These savers face critical, one-time decisions about what to do with their money, and a miscalculation caused by conflicted investment advice could cut deeply into their retirement funds. But the Biden administration's attempts to ensure Americans receive the best guidance have sparked immense political backlash, as financial services and insurance professionals look to avert what they see as costly, illegal federal mandates.

In July, the industries scored a string of critical, early victories: Congress took the first step toward invalidating the new rules, while judges in two federal courts blocked the government from implementing the proposal nationwide in late September, as planned, potentially setting the stage for the new regulations to be scrapped.

Micah Hauptman, the director of investor protection at the Consumer Federation of America, predicted additional delays as the fight winds its way to the Supreme Court — adding to the high stakes for Americans who already face confusing choices about what to do with their retirement money.

"Conflicted advice is very costly to retirement savers," he said. "It can mean the difference between tens if not hundreds of



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thousands of dollars in lost savings over time."

The American Council of Life Insurers, one of the organizations that sued, declined to comment. But it cheered the court ruling in an unsigned statement last month, adding that the new fiduciary requirements threaten to "deprive millions of consumers [of] access to much needed retirement financial guidance and protected lifetime income products."

At the heart of the wrangling is a 1970s federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which governs retirement programs and the professionals who advise Americans about their options. Lawmakers adopted the statute, known as ERISA, long before 401(k) plans overtook pensions as the primary way that Americans save for retirement — resulting decades later in what the White House has described as a set of persistent "loopholes."

Federal officials contend the gaps are especially glaring in the market for certain annuities, a product that sees retirees hand over funds to an insurance company in exchange for a fixed payout annually. These investments can protect an individual from losing money, since they are not subject to the daily whims of individual stocks. But the products may also come with costly restrictions, including steep penalties for early withdrawals and caps on the returns that retirees can generate over their lifetimes.

Ultimately, fixed-index annuities may not be the best choice for everyone, yet the government says savers can be steered toward them anyway, especially if insurance agents earn more money selling these products over better alternatives. The dynamic prompted the Biden administration in October to pledge new oversight of the broader financial services industry, by treating more agents as fiduciaries who could face private lawsuits, tax penalties and other punishments if they fail to put investors' needs first.

Finalized in April, the rules would newly cover many agents who provide one-time advice to investors, as well as financial service professionals who advise small businesses about the investments to include in their

401(k) plans. In doing so, the government aims to ensure that financial advisers "give advice that's prudent, that's loyal, that doesn't invite overcharges, and doesn't involve lying to people," said Timothy D. Hauser, the deputy assistant secretary for program operations of the Employee Benefit Security Administration, part of the Labor Department.

For Americans who still choose to invest in annuities, the rules could save them about \$32.5 billion over the next 10 years, according to the financial services firm Morningstar, which said insurance agent commissions would probably fall as a result.

Facing a significant change to their business model, many insurers and others in the financial industry have mounted a fresh political attack.

The lobbying group ACLI — whose board of directors includes executives from Prudential, Lincoln Financial and New York Life — argued in January that the government threatened to create an "impermissible barrier" between savers and advisers. That would reduce the availability of advice, the organization added, denying Americans "access to savings opportunities and retirement income solutions they want and need."

An allied industry group — the Federation of Americans for Consumer Choice, or FACC — argued the new rules would be "potentially devastating for the insurance industry," particularly because they could restrict agents' commissions. Kim O'Brien, the group's chief executive, said in an interview that the government had "never demonstrated" the marketplace today "has harmed any consumer."

Many advocates representing retirees sharply contest the industry's arguments, stressing that average Americans should not be forced to choose between poor financial advice and no advice at all.

"What they're saying is, the only way they can operate is by giving you advice that is not in your best interest," said Bill Sweeney, the senior vice president for government affairs at AARP. "If they hung that on their shingle ... no one would go to that financial adviser."

A look at the the Massachusetts economy

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spectively). The Massachusetts economy — while relatively strong — is heavy on tech and biotech, so it landed somewhere in the middle. That Monday, the closing price of the Boston Globe's index, which tracks 25 publicly traded companies in the Bay State, sank 2.9 percent.

But, like, the other indexes, it was back in recovery mode by Tuesday, a rally that continued — with some stops and starts — through the week.

Employment

A big concern right now among investors is the job market, considered one of the strongest indicators of an impending recession.

The United States added a relatively meager 114,000 jobs in July. State-specific payroll data for July won't be released until later this month. But by the latest measures, Massachusetts companies are very much in hiring mode.

year, Massachusetts employers added 19,000 jobs in June, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics — an uptick of 0.51 percent from May. By comparison, the United States' bump from May to June was just 0.11 percent.

GDP

Growth in Massachusetts' gross domestic product — the total value of all produced goods and services — outran that of the United States in the second quarter of 2024, ticking up by an annualized rate of 3.3 percent from the first quarter, according to MassBenchmarks, an economic group that analyzes the state. The last time that happened was a year ago, in the second quarter of 2023.

MassBenchmarks has some theories for why that is. "In Massachusetts, this increase in growth was supported by moderate payroll employment growth, high withholding and sales taxes — which imply high wage and salary income and spending growth, low unemployment rates, and a growing

labor force," the group said in a report.

Inflation/cost-of-living

If there's one area where Boston reliably outpaces the rest of the country, it's the cost of living. Recent data show that's not changing.

After months of year-over-year inflation growth in the Boston metro area staying in the 2 percent range, it began to edge up again earlier this year. The last reported measure showed prices 4 percent higher in May 2024 than they were in May 2023, compared to 3.3 percent higher for the United States. The increase in Boston was primarily driven — no surprise — by exorbitant shelter costs.

It remains to be seen whether prices in Boston have abated at all over the summer; the next Consumer Price Index for the metro area is due to be released later this month.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Norma M. Costa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, dated December 2, 2017 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 31722, Page 167, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from,

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, its Successors and assigns to Finance of America Reverse LLC, recorded on March 1, 2024, in Book No. 38350, at Page 156

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 AM on September 9, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 1 Littleton Road, Unit 222, Bldg. 7, Woodcrest Condominium II, Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Those certain premises situated in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, more particularly described as follows: Unit 222 in Woodcrest Condominium II, situated at 181 Littleton Road, Chelmsford, more particularly described in the Master Deed of Woodcrest Condominium II dated June 30, 1986, recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 3578, Page 16, amended by First Amendment to Master Deed of Woodcrest Condominium II dated December 4, 1986, recorded with said Deeds in Book 3838, Page 274, further amended by Second Amendment to Master Deed of Woodcrest Condominium II dated November 30, 1987, recorded with said Deeds in Book 4339, Page 338, further amended by Third Amendment to Master Deed of Woodcrest Condominium II dated April 26, 1988, recorded with said Deeds in Book 4483, Page 208; and Unit 222 in Said Unit is shown on floor plans recorded with the above-described Master Deed of Woodcrest Condominium II to which the Assignments and together with the exclusive right and easement to use certain Common Areas and Facilities as set forth in said Master Deed and Amendments. Subject to and with the benefit of matters shown and recited in Plans in Plan Book 141, Page 116 and Plan Book 154, Page 93 recorded in the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.

For mortgagor's/s)' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 8768, Page 4.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants or claims in force and applicable in improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, MA 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed to be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
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(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 002263 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: William Taylor, Natali Taylor aka Natali Mathurin Taylor

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq);

U.S. Bank Trust National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-RP6,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Boston (Dorchester), numbered 27 North Munroe Terrace, Unit 2, 27 NORTH MUNROE TERRACE CONDOMINIUM II, Boston, MA 02118, and recorded in the Middlesex County Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prime Mortgage Financial, Inc., dated November 7, 2007, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 42700, Page 1, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 9, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on July 25, 2024.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
24-003837

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket No. 24 SM 002756 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Michael L. Herra a/k/a Michael Herra

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq);

U.S. Bank Trust National Association Not in its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For RCF 2 Acquisition Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 2 Suncrest Avenue, given by Michael L. Herra and Linda A. Herra to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, dated April 5, 2007, and recorded in Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 21134, Page 50, as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated August 10, 2014, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 29337, Page 119, and further affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated February 3, 2016, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 29908, Page 268, and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 09/16/2024 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 8/2/2024

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson,
Recorder

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 24 SM 002788 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Evans P Mehcziz

And to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 § 3901 (et seq);

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Dorchester (Boston), numbered 381 Centre Street, Unit 1, given by Leonor F. Mesquita to National City Mortgage a division of National City Bank, dated December 2, 2013, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 44300, Page 177, as affected by Loan Modification dated September 1, 2013 and recorded at said Registry in Book 52484, Page 156 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 16, 2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on August 5, 2024.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

Legal Notice
Request for Interest
Strategic Highway Safety Plan & Task Order Traffic Safety Engineering Support

Services The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking to engage one (1) professional engineering firm to provide support services for the development, implementation, and updated Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) for Connecticut. In addition, the firm will provide Task Order Traffic Safety Engineering Support Services. More detailed information regarding this opportunity can be found at <http://portal.ct.gov/DOI/Consultant-Selection/Consultant-Selection-Information>.

Connecticut Department of Transportation
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Gregory Desamours to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Finance of America Reverse LLC, dated July 29, 2013 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 51863, Page 203, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated December 23, 2016, and recorded with said Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 57508, Page 340, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from,

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bridgeview Bank Mortgage Company, Limited Liability Company to Wells Fargo Bank, MA, recorded on June 9, 2015, in Book No. 54578, at Page 237

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on August 26, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 1465 Blue Hill Avenue, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of Boston, called Mattapan, being Lot "A" shown on "Plan of Lands in Dorchester District" George H. Surveyor, dated May 5, 1915, as recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 3880, Page 557, and bounded and described as follows: EASTERLY by Blue Hill Avenue, about forty five and 25/100 (45.25) feet; SOUTHERLY by land of Frank B. Newton, sixty six and 80/100 (66.80) feet; and NORTHERLY by land now or late of Wilbur about seventy eight and 03/100 (78.03) feet. Containing four thousand two hundred and two (4,202) square feet of land. Said premises are conveyed subject to and together with any and all easements, rights of way and restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's/s)' title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 51663, Page 201.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all mortgages, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed to be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
24719

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 002270 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Joseph M. Peterson

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq);

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as Trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the Holders of the RAAC Series 2007-RP4 Trust, Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-RP4,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Boston, numbered 1241 Adams Street, Unit F601, Baker Square Condominium, given by Joseph M. Peterson to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated September 15, 2006, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 40388, Page 294, as affected by a Loan Modification dated December 1, 2008, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 44969, Page 202, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 9, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on July 25, 2024.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
23-004752

(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket 24 SM 002691 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Alan K. White ; Dale R. Belcher

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq);

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2021-A,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Boston (Roslindale), numbered 40 Beryl Street, owned by Alan K. White and Dale R. Belcher to PHH Mortgage Services Corporation, dated June 25, 2007, and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 42066, Page 241, as affected by a Loan Modification dated July 29, 2010, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 47064, Page 85, as affected by a Loan Modification dated September 2, 2015, and recorded in Said Registry of Deeds in Book 55162, Page 835, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before September 9, 2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on July 29, 2024.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
24-003835

WANTED TO LEASE
OFFICE SPACE IN BRIGHTON, CHESTNUT HILL, DEDHAM, DORCHESTER, HYDE PARK, MILTON, NEWTON, ROSLINDALE, ROXBURY, OR WEST ROXBURY

On behalf of the Committee for Public Services Counsel, the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance invites proposals to lease approximately 6,000-7,000 usable square feet of office space in the above-referenced search area for a term of 3 years.

Proposals must be submitted to:

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
Office of Leasing and State Office Planning
One Ashburton Place
15th Floor, Room 1500
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

or by e-mail to: leaseproposals@mta.dcam@mass.gov

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **September 12, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.** Proposals will be opened at that time.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.mass.gov/services/details/leasing-property-to-the-commonwealth Under "Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Lease Space, click on "COM-MBUYS" and then click on "Find It." You may also email leasing@mta.dcam@mass.gov or call 617-724-1355 to request a copy of the RFP. Bidding/Procurement Project Number 202403600. For further information, email Jamie Merrill Blod, jamie.blod@mass.gov. This notice is also available at www.masspublicnotices.org.

City of Boston Public Improvement Commission
August 8, 2024

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the City of Boston that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority,

On a petition by the petitioner for the making of Specific Repairs within the following public ways in Dorchester:

•Dorchester Avenue – generally at Bailey Street;
•Bailey Street – at Dorchester Avenue;
•Huron Path – between Beale Street and Van Winkle Street.

This Commission appoints August 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE
EAMON SHELTON
TANIA DEL RIO
HENRY VITALE
CHRISTEN MURPHY
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.

Attest:
Karin M. Powell
Executive Secretary

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Boston's forecast

Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.), Weather icons, and Forecast text (High 77-82, Low 62-67, etc.)

TUESDAY forecast table with weather icons and text: HIGH 78-83, LOW 66-71

WEDNESDAY forecast table with weather icons and text: HIGH 78-83, LOW 65-70

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THURSDAY forecast table with weather icons and text: HIGH 77-82, LOW 63-68

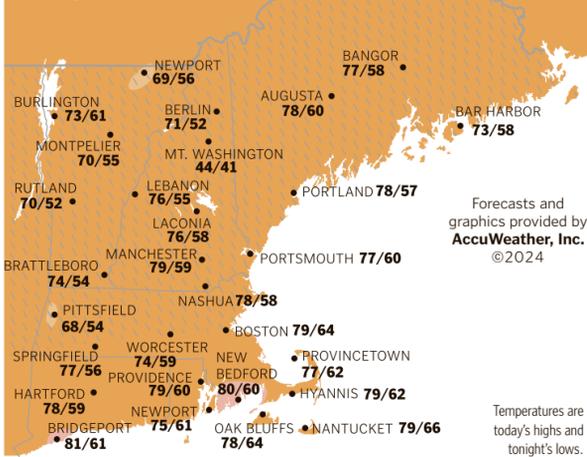
FRIDAY forecast table with weather icons and text: HIGH 78-83, LOW 65-70

New England forecast

TODAY: Times of clouds and sun with a few showers and thunderstorms to the north and west.

TOMORROW: A few showers in the northern and western portions of the region; otherwise, intervals of sun and clouds are expected.

EXTENDED: Sunshine with some patchy clouds throughout Wednesday. Showers expected to the north.



Almanac

Table with 2 columns: Event (Yesterday's high/low, Sunrise, etc.) and Value (84°/69°, 5:49 a.m., etc.)

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday) weather details: Fog, Visibility 1/8 of a mile, etc.

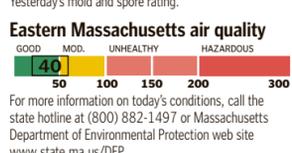
24 Hr. Precipitation table: Yesterday 0.00", Month to date 2.66", etc.

Tides table with columns for A.M., P.M., High tides, and locations like Boston, Gloucester, etc.

New England marine forecast

Table with 3 columns: Location, Wind, Seas, Temp (Boston Harbor, East Cape, etc.)

Allergies table: Trees (Absent), Weeds (Low), Grass (Absent), Mold (N.A.)



For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site.

Cities

Table of forecast high and low temperatures and conditions for various cities like Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami, etc.

Table of current Charles River Basin water quality, including parameters like Dissolved Oxygen, Turbidity, etc.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 12, 2024: You are resourceful and tenacious, and have a strong sense of purpose.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) This is a productive day for you, especially if you're dealing with red-tape issues like bookkeeping, accounting, shared resources, inheritances, taxes, debt and that sort of thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will get a lot done today because you're motivated to work. You're looking down the road and seeing what you need to finish and complete.

roundings. You might even color-code your closet or clean out drawers and reorganize them. You want to feel that your life is running smoothly.

swers and solutions to problems. Tonight: You're restless. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's Monday, and you're in the mood to get serious.

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge game details: BY FRANK STEWART, South dealer — N-S vulnerable, North hand (♠ 752, ♥ KJ653, ♦ Q, ♣ KJ52), West hand (♠ QJ943, ♥ None, ♦ K10942, ♣ 1084), East hand (♠ K1086, ♥ A Q 10, ♦ 85, ♣ Q963), South hand (♠ A, ♥ 98742, ♦ A J 7 6 3, ♣ A 7), South West North East 1♥ 1♠ 4♥ All Pass, Opening lead — ♠ Q

"My high school teachers said I would never be successful because I procrastinate," Cy the Cynic told me. "I don't know why they would say that," I said, knowing Cy is the world's worst putter-offer.

"I told them, 'Just you wait,'" Cy said. Cy's procrastination often serves him well — when he waits to draw trumps. In a team match Cy was declarer at four hearts, and West led the queen of spades.

East overruffed with the 10 and led another spade, but Cy ruffed for his eighth trick and ruffed another diamond. East overruffed queen and took the ace, but Cy still had one trump in each hand.

In the replay, South led a trump at Trick Two, and East won with the 10. Later, East was able to overruff dummy on a diamond lead and take his ace of trumps, leaving declarer a trick short.

This week: trump management. DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ A ♥ 9 8 7 4 2 ♦ A J 7 6 3 ♣ A 7. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids two clubs. What do you say?

ANSWER: Since neither opponent has bid spades, partner may have a few; hence not many hearts. If he has 8 7 6, A, K Q 10 8 2, K J 6 4, you have a grand slam. Jump to three diamonds if it's forcing.

ZIPPY "Leave It to the Mole People" by Bill Griffith



ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters

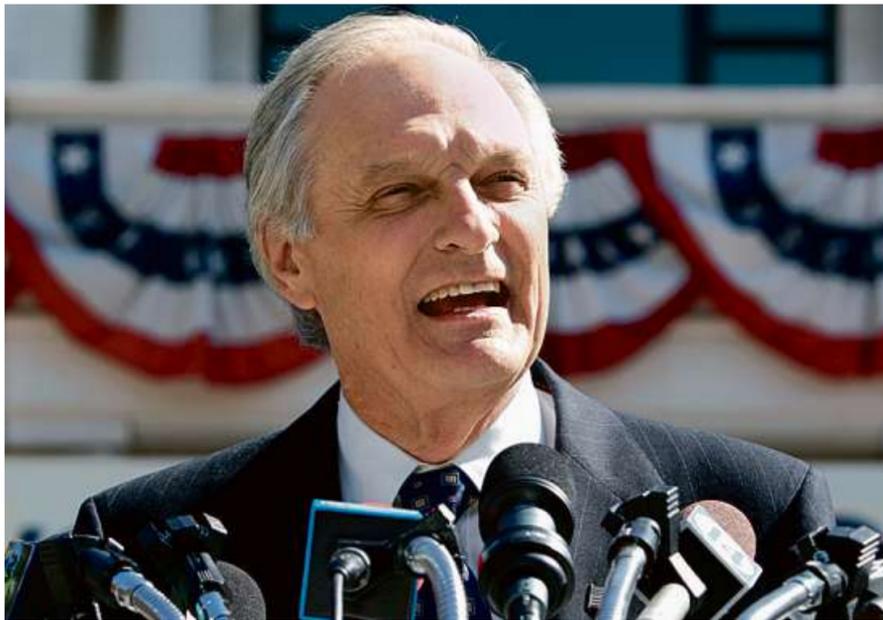


Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY DON AUCOIN



NBC UNIVERSAL

Alan Alda as Republican Senator Arnold Vinick in a 2004 episode of "The West Wing."

Aaron Sorkin on why 'West Wing' wouldn't work now

During its run on NBC from 1999 to 2006, "The West Wing" was derided as "The Left Wing" by conservatives.

That's something of an exaggeration, although there was never much doubt which of our two major parties "The West Wing" favored. (It starts with a D.)

Nonetheless, the series did make periodic attempts to take seriously the policy ideas put forward by Republicans, especially in the person of Arnold Vinick. A moderate GOP senator from California and eventual presidential nominee, Vinick was played by the enduringly popular Alan Alda in more than two dozen episodes from 2004 to 2006.

"West Wing" creator Aaron Sorkin said Saturday that if the series was launching today, audiences would still respond to it, but there would be a new challenge for its writers.

"What would be different would be this, and I don't want to get a rumble started over anything," Sorkin said, according to The Hollywood Reporter. "This is simply what would be different. I'm afraid to say that right now — and maybe things will be different a year from now or two years from now, but right now — it would be implausible that the opposition party, that the Republican Party, was reasonable."

"People would watch that and it would be unfamiliar to them as the country that they live in," Sorkin added. "On the show, while the Republicans were the opposition, they were reasonable, the Republicans that [the Bartlet administration] dealt with."

Sorkin was speaking at an event in Los Angeles to celebrate Melissa Fitzgerald and Mary McCormack's book "What's Next: A Backstage Pass to 'The West Wing,' Its Cast and Crew, and Its Enduring Legacy of Service," scheduled for publication this week.

Sorkin generated a storm in late July with an op-ed piece in The New York Times calling on Democrats to make Republican Mitt Romney their nominee for president. At that time President Biden was struggling in the polls against Republican nominee Donald Trump.

Wrote Sorkin: "Nominating Mr. Romney would be putting our money where our mouth is: a clear and powerful demonstration that this election isn't about what our elections are usually about, but about stopping a deranged man from taking power."

But when Biden announced he would not seek reelection and endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris, Sorkin said on X, formerly Twitter: "I take it all back. Harris for America!"

ASKING ERIC

Husband 'just chatting' on Facebook dating site

Q. I recently discovered my husband was messaging/talking to three women through the dating portion of Facebook. I saw messages on his phone from one woman and a phone call for 44 minutes.

I confronted him and he said he was trying to learn how to communicate and he was not cheating.

I decided that if he thought this was OK, then it should be OK for myself, too. I started my own profile in the dating portion of Facebook. He did not like the attention I was getting and he shut down his account and ended all communication. I also ended mine.

We have a great intimate relationship but I'm still hurt and untrusting of him. We have been through a lot over the past 28 years. Do you have any advice?

SORE MESSENGER

A. Of all the places one can "learn how to communicate," Facebook's dating section is the least ideal. Was Toastmasters booked?

While he may think he wasn't cheating, it's clear that what he was doing was outside the bounds of your relationship as it currently stands. Clarity about where the lines are, especially if the lines have moved in the last 28 years, will help you both act with love and respect.

Ask him what he's looking for and if there are things he's not getting. Ask yourself that, too, and don't be afraid to tell him.

It may be that you both agree that taking "conversation lessons" like Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady" is OK.

His jealousy about the attention you were getting shouldn't dictate the rules. But I'd be very cautious of making any moves that are simply tit for tat.

You can't revenge date your way to a healthier relationship. However, if you want to add more zip to your talks with each other, try the conversational card games "The And" by Skin Deep and "Where Should We Begin" by Esther Perel.

Q. Ever since the pandemic started, a few relatives have chosen to distance themselves from the rest of my immediate family. We used to see each other every weekend like clockwork for years, and then, without any explanation, they dropped off the face of the earth. No contact attempts from them whatsoever.

Naturally, this dynamic no longer includes gifts or greeting cards. Last year, I learned that three of these now-distant relatives have been in constant contact with one another.

In the interest of rebuilding a connection, I sent each of them a simple birthday gift in the mail to let them know that they're loved and were being thought of. Not one of them reached out to thank me for the gifts I sent them.

Just like one of your previous columns noted: I feel sometimes no answer is an answer.

This year, I just sent a quick text as birthday wishes. Yep, you guessed it: They acknowledged my texts! Message received: They prefer not to participate in gifts. But then riddle me this: They don't acknowledge my gifts, we hardly ever speak, yet they will send me hundreds of dollars for my birthday and Christmas? What is going on here?

TO GIVE OR NOT TO GIVE

A. The plot twist at the end of your question really got me! Hundreds of dollars? Oh my word!

These relatives may not think they're as distant as you think they are. Money talks, but sometimes it mumbles. Reach out to ask your relatives to translate.

Try a phone call. "We've been out of contact for a while. Did something happen and, if so, can we fix it?" They may think, since they're sending stacks of cash, that all is well.

The fact that the break happened around the pandemic might be a clue here, also. It was easy for relationships to fall out of rhythm and some haven't recovered. It was also a fraught time politically. So, maybe someone in your immediate family posted something online that the distant relatives didn't like.

Judging by the gifts, though, they've clearly thought of you. Reach out and find out exactly what they're thinking.

Q. Abandoned Grandmother was hurt that she sent money to her grandkids and heard nothing back. I don't have that problem, because I communicate with the younger kiddos in my life via social media and money transfer via apps.

If a grandchild posts a picture of them out with friends, I will send \$25 via a money app and say something like "enjoy a glass of wine on me!" I always get a thank you text, often instantly, sometimes with a selfie and a phone call later where they discuss friends, activities, and so on.

SOCIAL MEDIA GRANDMA

A. That's very generous! And very creative! Cheers!

R. Eric Thomas can be reached at eric@askingeric.com.

Monday August 12, 2024

Table with columns for time slots (7 pm to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WGBH, WBZ, WCVB, etc.) listing programs like 'Context', 'Wheel of Fortune', 'The Bachelor', etc.

Table with columns for time slots (7 pm to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (A&E, AMC, Animal Planet, etc.) listing programs like 'Neighbor', 'Intervention', 'Homestead Rescue', etc.

Content Ratings: TV-Y Appropriate for all children; TV-Y7 For children age 7 and older; TV-G General audience; TV-PG Parental guidance suggested; TV-14 May be unsuitable for children under 14; TV-MA Mature audience only Additional symbols: D Suggestive dialogue; FV Fantasy violence; L Strong language; S Sexual activity; V Violence; HD High-Definition; (CC) Close-Captioned