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Tugging at the strings of nation's heartland

In the battle of New Yorker vs. Californian, VP choices duel over Midwestern street cred

By Sam Brodey
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — One is a camouflaged former high school football coach and proud Democrat from farm country. The other is a staunch conservative whose rise from a blue-collar Rust Belt family to Yale and Silicon Valley made him a famous author and politician.

The two vice presidential contenders, Democratic Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota and Republican Senator JD Vance of Ohio, have policies, profiles, and tones that can seem worlds apart. But they have one important thing in common: deep Midwestern roots.

With the Democratic and Republican presidential tickets led by a Californian and a New Yorker, respectively, both camps have tapped running mates

from the nation's middle, banking on their ability to appeal to voters in such key battlegrounds as Michigan and Wisconsin. Whether Walz or Vance proves to be a more credible messenger could influence the outcome of a tight election, triggering a jousting match over Midwestern bona fides.

The battle over who most authentically represents the heartland isn't just about regional dialects, clothing, and cuisines. It speaks to a broader competition over just what qualifies as "real" America, and what kind of campaigning speaks to it. While neither directly represents a swing state, the campaigns are hoping their candidate will appeal to the key swing voters in Rust Belt and rural states that could decide the election.

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'The reason that [Walz] works is . . . that the vibe matches the substance.'

PETE BUTTIGIEG
Transportation secretary on Governor Tim Walz (above)



'At the end of the day, JD for me seems to connect at an authentic level with folks.'

JOSH CULLING, an Ohio GOP official on Senator JD Vance (above)

Cambridge kept \$1.4m settlement secret

Council voted without details of claim alleging Police Dept. harassment

By Spencer Buell
GLOBE STAFF

The request before the Cambridge City Council in December 2020 was shrouded in secrecy.

Several councilors who were asked to approve a \$1.4 million payment said they were told in a closed-door meeting only that it involved harassment at the Cambridge Police Department, and that a seven-figure settlement would resolve the issue.

Some voted against spending so much taxpayer money without knowing the details, but the settlement was ultimately approved.

Now public documents obtained by the Globe detail for the first time what Cambridge officials wanted to keep hidden: The city quietly settled with three female Cambridge police officers who had accused a high-profile sergeant of sexual harassment, including allegedly sending inappropriate messages, creating a hostile work environment, and retaliating against them when they complained.

The women said in sworn complaints filed with the state that their harasser was Cambridge police Sergeant James Crowley, the white officer who made national headlines 15 years ago this summer when he arrested Harvard professor Henry Louis

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FLUSH WITH SUCCESS



STAN GROSSFELD/GLOBE STAFF

You would be right in thinking this is not a typical Cape Cod sight and vibe. But the members of the Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage are anything but typical. From left, Jane Driscoll, Robin Melavalin, Susan Baur, Mary Grauerholz, and Marci Johnson are part of a team that scours the mucky bottoms of Cape Cod ponds and watering holes for trash. Their quarry here? A toilet hauled from Johns Pond in Mashpee, much to the delight of Diane Hammer (background). For more on their watery exploits, go to **As I See It** column, **B1**.

Sox star suspended after using homophobic slur

Duran apologizes; outfielder will sit out for two games after yelling at Fenway fan

By Peter Abraham
GLOBE STAFF

Jarren Duran, whose dynamic play has helped put the Red Sox in unexpected playoff contention, was suspended by the team for two games for yelling a homophobic slur at a heckling fan at Fenway Park on

Sunday.

The decision was reached on Monday in conjunction with Major League Baseball and came less than a month after Duran was chosen the Most Valuable Player of his first All-Star Game, part of a breakout season for the 27-year-old outfielder.

"I just let the moment get the best of me," said Duran, who claimed the person had been heckling him throughout the game. "Just said something I shouldn't be saying."

In the sixth inning of the game against Houston, a man yelled, "Tennis racket, tennis racket, you need a tennis racket," while Duran was at the plate.

Duran turned toward the seats

behind him and said, "Shut up," followed by an expletive and the slur.

"There was no intent behind the word that was used. It was just the heat of the moment. It just happened," Duran said.

The Red Sox issued an apology that they attributed to Duran hours after the game, but only to news outlets who inquired about the incident. The team acted more forcefully

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A spotlight on murky digital forensics

Read case reveals competing 'realities' of technologies

By Sean Cotter
GLOBE STAFF

Despite its made-for-TV elements, the Karen Read trial featured an array of critical evidence from cellphones and computers that turned out not to be as clear or convincing as the kind often featured on "Law & Order," "CSI," and other popular crime series.

Inconsistencies in phone call records; a confusing time stamp on a Google search to learn how long it would take for a person to die in the cold; health data that showed a person descending a stairway — or maybe in a car.

While some forensic work is well established, such as DNA evidence, other technologies aren't quite as grounded, as the Read trial showed. In particular, the field of digital forensics continues to evolve, shaped by court challenges and advancing technology. So, questions around the validity of that data have become the latest frontier in what legal observers call the "battle of experts": dueling interpretations of an unsettled science.

And, with enough legal prowess — and financial resources — defendants can line up parades of

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Wednesday: See Tuesday. High 78-83, low 65-70.
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Opponents of the state's recently passed gun law took the first step in seeking a ballot question to toss out the restrictions. **B1**.

The United States dispatched more warships and a submarine to the eastern Mediterranean Sea, as concerns mounted over a potential Iranian attack on Israel. **A3**.

Steward Health Care, for the fourth time, has postponed a hearing on the attempted sale of its hospitals in Eastern Massachusetts. **D1**.

A journal retracted three papers about MDMA-assisted psychotherapy following the Food and Drug Administration's rejection of the treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder. **D1**.

City approves White Stadium demolition

Parks panel advances Wu's redevelop plan but lawsuit is still pending

By Stella Tannenbaum
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Mayor Michelle Wu's plan to redevelop White Stadium into a gleaming sports facility for Boston students and a new professional women's soccer team received a key approval Monday, paving the way for demolition of the dilapidated Franklin Park venue to potentially begin this fall.

The unanimous vote by the Boston Parks and Recreation Commission came after about a dozen people spoke against the roughly \$100 million project, largely about environmental, public access, noise, and traffic concerns. A lawsuit aimed at stopping the project remains pending. Another dozen people expressed

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ANDREW BURKE-STEVENSON FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

A summer bike camper rode along the dilapidated track in Franklin Park's White Stadium. Demolition of the facility may begin this fall, officials said.

The Nation

Trump campaign hackers adhere to usual motives

FBI confirms it is probing breach of an ex-adviser

By David E. Sanger and Michael Gold

NEW YORK TIMES

For the third presidential election in a row, the foreign hacking of the campaigns has begun in earnest. But this time, it's the Iranians, not the Russians, making the first significant move.

On Friday, Microsoft released a report declaring that a hacking group run by the intelligence unit of Iran's Revolutionary Guard had successfully breached the account of a "former senior adviser" to a presidential campaign. From that account, Microsoft said, the group sent fake email messages, known as "spear phishing," to "a high-ranking official of a presidential campaign" in an effort to break into the campaign's own ac-

counts and databases.

By Saturday night, former president Donald Trump was declaring that Microsoft had informed his campaign "that one of our many websites was hacked by the Iranian Government — Never a nice thing to do!" but that the hackers had obtained only "publicly available information." He attributed it all to what he called, in his signature selective capitalization, a "Weak and Ineffective" Biden administration.

The FBI confirmed Monday it is investigating the hacking of Trump's campaign.

The facts were murkier, and it is unclear what, if anything, the Iranian group, which Microsoft called Mint Sandstorm, was able to achieve.

Trump's campaign was already blaming "foreign sources hostile to the United States" for a leak of internal documents that Politico reported Saturday that it had received, though it is unclear whether those documents

indeed emerged from the Iranian efforts or were part of an unrelated leak from inside the campaign.

The New York Times received what appears to be a similar if not identical trove of data from an anonymous tipster purporting to be the same person who emailed the documents to Politico.

Either way, the events of the past few days may well portend a more intense period of foreign interference in a race whose sudden turns, and changes of candidates, could have thrown the hackers off their plans.

Russia has so far played a relatively minor role, investigators and cybersecurity experts say, focusing instead on seeking to undermine the Olympics, from which it was barred from fielding its own team, and support for Ukraine. And while American intelligence officials say they have little doubt that Russia wants to see Trump return to office, Chinese hackers, they say,



DOUG MILLS/NEW YORK TIMES

The Trump campaign is blaming "foreign sources hostile to the United States" for a data breach.

seem uncertain how to play the election; they have reason to dislike Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris.

There is little doubt, investigators say, that the Iranians want to see Trump defeated. As president, he withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal, reimposed economic sanctions on Iran, and then, in January 2020, ordered

the killing in Iraq of Major General Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Quds Force, a clandestine wing of the Revolutionary Guard responsible for foreign operations.

Four years later, the Revolutionary Guard appears still determined to avenge Soleimani's death, and just last week the Justice Department announced it

had charged a Pakistani man who had recently visited Iran, accusing him of trying to hire a hit man to assassinate political figures in the US, most likely including Trump. (There is no evidence that Iran was involved in the July 13 attempt on Trump's life in Butler, Pa.)

Trump often casts his actions against Iran as evidence of his strength, despite the fact that his exit from the Iran deal gave Tehran an opening to rebuild a nuclear program that had been hobbled by the 2015 agreement. Still, the combination of the hack and the hit men looking for Trump and his former aides gave the former president an obvious foil, and he was using it over the weekend to make the case that the Iranians would prefer a continuation of the Biden-Harris administration.

Microsoft stopped short of saying that the hacking effort it detected was focused on Trump's campaign, though the campaign itself said that was the case.

DAILY BRIEFING



ERIC GAY/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Workers began the demolition of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, Texas, on Monday.

Crews begin demolishing Texas church where gunman killed 26 people in 2017

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, Texas — Crews on Monday began to tear down a Texas church where a gunman killed more than two dozen parishioners in 2017, using heavy machinery to raze the small building even after some families sought to preserve the scene of the deadliest church shooting in US history. A judge cleared the way last

month for the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs to tear down the sanctuary where the attack took place, which until now had been kept as a memorial.

That ruling came after some families in the community of less than 1,000 people filed a lawsuit hoping for a new vote on the building's fate. Church

members had voted in 2021 to tear it down.

Authorities put the number of dead in the Nov. 5, 2017, shooting at 26 people, including a pregnant woman and her unborn baby. After the shooting, the interior of the sanctuary was painted white and chairs with the names of those who were killed were placed there. A

new church was completed for the congregation about a year and a half after the shooting.

In early July, a Texas judge granted a temporary restraining order sought by some families. But another judge later denied a request to extend that order, setting in motion the demolition.

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Earthquake rattles Los Angeles area

LOS ANGELES — An earthquake with a magnitude of 4.4 was strongly felt Monday afternoon from the Los Angeles area all the way to San Diego on the US-Mexico border, swaying buildings, rattling dishes, and setting off car alarms but no major damage or injuries were immediately reported.

Monday's quake was centered near the Los Angeles neighborhood of Highland Park, about 6.5 miles northeast of Los Angeles's City Hall, and about 7.5 miles below the surface, the US Geological Survey said.

The quake was felt from greater Los Angeles south to

San Diego and east to the Palm Springs desert region, according to the USGS community reporting page.

It shook a medical building, a live interview on ESPN was interrupted, and the ground swayed in Anaheim, where Disneyland is located in Orange County. Dishes rattled in the storied neighborhood of Laurel Canyon, home to many celebrities, and TV news helicopters showed water spilling from an upper floor of Pasadena City Hall, an ornate domed structure dating to 1927 and seismically retrofitted in the 2000s.

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Storm heading toward Puerto Rico

Forecasters are tracking a fast-moving system in the central tropical Atlantic Ocean that could soon become Tropical Storm Ernesto and eventually a major hurricane. It is headed west toward the Caribbean with heavy rain that could cause significant flooding in areas including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands over the next few days.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center are fairly confident that the system, currently a tropical wave, will intensify into a tropical storm before or upon reaching the Leeward Islands late Monday night and Tuesday, prompting tropical

storm warnings from the Leewards to Puerto Rico.

"Heavy rainfall may result in locally considerable flash flooding and mudslides in areas of the Leeward Islands by later today into Wednesday, and over Puerto Rico late Tuesday into Thursday," the Hurricane Center said Monday morning.

Tropical storm warnings have been issued for the islands of St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat, Antigua, Barbuda, Anguilla, Guadeloupe, St. Martin, St. Barthelemy, Sint Maarten, US Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Vieques, and Culebra.

WASHINGTON POST

Trial begins for ex-Las Vegas official accused in reporter's slaying

LAS VEGAS — The trial of a Las Vegas-area politician accused of killing an investigative reporter who wrote articles critical of him took center stage in Nevada on Monday, with jury selection scheduled to start in a case that stunned Sin City and the world of journalism.

"It turned everything upside down," Tom Pitaro, a Las Vegas defense lawyer, said of the death of reporter Jeff German, who for

44 years developed confidential sources in the city, its government, and its courthouses.

Pitaro also taught Robert Telles, the public official accused of killing German, in law school about a decade ago at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"When you have an officeholder, a respected journalist, and the kind of killing it was, I think people are in shock about how this could come about," Pi-

taro said.

German was widely respected for reporting about courts, organized crime, government corruption, political scandals, and mass shootings, first at the Las Vegas Sun and then at the Las Vegas Review-Journal. Prosecutors say articles that he wrote in early 2022 about Telles and a county office in turmoil were a motive for the killing.

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LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

Robert Telles is accused in the murder of investigative reporter Jeff German.

Instagram views for progressives dive after new policy

Study comes as Meta has quieted political content

By Alicia Clanton

BLOOMBERG

A new study found that several prominent, progressive Instagram accounts saw their reach decline by 65 percent on average in the months following Meta Platforms Inc.'s move to subdue political content on the app.

Over a roughly three-month period following the policy's rollout in March, researchers at Accountable Tech, a social media integrity nonprofit, gathered viewership data for five prominent Instagram accounts with a collective following of 13.5 million people, including those of Hillary Clinton and GLAAD, an LGBTQ+ activist group. Researchers found that posts from those accounts, which heavily feature topics such as voting information, reproductive rights, and advocacy for marginalized groups, were seen by significantly fewer users than before Meta began reducing the spread of political content on the app.

Researchers wanted to see how many views each account received following the policy change, which meant the five participating accounts had to share weekly reach data from their Instagram Insights pages throughout the period of the study. The average weekly reach per post across the five accounts fell an estimated 65 percent over the 10-week period.

The study is among the first to quantify the effects of Instagram's decision to limit political content from its recommendation algorithms unless a user opts in to seeing such posts. Meta executives say people will still see political posts from accounts they follow, just not from accounts they don't, and their aim is to foster a more positive experience for users. But critics say the company's definition of political is unclear and is stifling credible information from activists, news organizations, and marginalized creators during an

unprecedented global election year.

"Millions of people are using it on a daily basis for many, many hours," said Zach Praiss, Accountable Tech's campaigns director who led the research. "It's a place where I think it's important for people to have the ability to talk about what matters to them in a safe, productive manner."

Meta has increasingly stepped back from politics in recent years after critics accused the company of amplifying misinformation and partisan bias. The company announced the update to Instagram and Threads, its X competitor, in a February blog post, which described political content as "potentially related to things like laws, elections, or social topics."

"We don't think it's our place to amplify political news," Instagram boss Adam Mosseri told Bloomberg in June, citing examples like abortion, the war in Gaza, and the US presidential election. "We don't think it's our place to show you a hot take on a political issue from an account you do not follow and therefore you did not ask for it."

"We think that comes along with too many problems to be worth any potential upside there might be on engagement or revenue," he added.

A Meta spokesperson said that it's possible the decline in views was the result of other factors and pointed out that ebbs and flows in reach are common. He also pointed Bloomberg to the company's post from February, and previous statements from chief executive Mark Zuckerberg, who claimed that user feedback confirmed people are tired of political fights on his platforms.

The decision to decrease the reach of political content drew an outcry from mainly left-leaning creators and groups who were concerned it would suppress information on social injustice. As part of the study, Accountable Tech said it sought participants from both sides of the political spectrum, but left-leaning accounts were the only ones who volunteered.

For the record

■ **Correction:** Because of a reporting error, a page one story in the Boston Sunday Globe on the resignation of President Richard Nixon misidentified the last name of Francis Sargent, a former Republican governor of Massachusetts. The Globe apologizes for the error.

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The World

US sends more warships to Mideast

Israel girds for expected attack by Iran's forces

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WASHINGTON POST

TEL AVIV — The United States has deployed more vessels to the eastern Mediterranean Sea, including a submarine and several destroyers, as concerns grow in the region about a potential Iranian attack on Israel.

On Monday, a US official said another US destroyer had moved into the eastern Mediterranean, bolstering offensive and defensive missile capabilities in the region.

The USS Laboon arrived in the area after making its way from the Red Sea through the Suez Canal, a defense official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

The destroyers USS Roosevelt and USS Bulkeley and a three-ship amphibious task force that includes the USS Wasp, the USS Oak Hill, and the USS New York are already in the region. Sailors and Marines in that task force train to handle evacuation operations and could be called upon if US officials determine one is necessary.

Iran has blamed Israel for the assassination last month of Hamas's political leader Ismail Haniyeh and is promising revenge. Israel has not commented on the killing but told US officials immediately afterward that it was responsible.

Speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive security matters, an Israeli official, citing conversations with security officials, said Monday that the country's updated assessments indicate that Iran has



EYAD BABA/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

People Monday cleared rubble in a building hit during an Israeli bombardment in Nuseirat, in the central Gaza Strip.

decided to directly attack Israel in response.

On Sunday, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin ordered the guided-missile submarine USS Georgia to the Middle East and told the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to speed up its voyage to the region.

The US deployment was announced by the Defense Department after talks between Austin and Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant. The pair discussed efforts to “deter aggression” by Iran and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, according to a readout of the call.

Israel has communicated to Iran and Hezbollah that targeting civilian population centers

would be considered a red line for Israel, which is preparing for a spectrum of scenarios, including one in which Hezbollah attacks first and is joined by Iran afterward, said Yoel Guzansky, a former official on Israel's National Security Council who is now a senior fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies in Tel Aviv.

Guzansky also said that Israel was considering a preemptive attack against Hezbollah, but that such a decision would be conditional on approval from the United States, which has recently established a “robust American presence in the region, coupled with an enormous US pressure, not seen in recent years, on Iran to de-escalate.”

“Our readiness level is at its peak,” an Israel Defense Forces spokesman, Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, said Monday, adding that Israel, along with the United States, was “following the situation around-the-clock.”

In a statement, acting Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri said Sunday that “Iran will make the aggressions of the . . . Israeli regime costly in a legitimate and firm action.” Haniyeh was killed in a guesthouse in Tehran where he was staying ahead of the inauguration of Iran's new president, in what has been seen as a humiliating security failure.

Israeli officials fear Iran could coordinate its attack with Hezbollah, which has vowed its

own retaliation for Israel's killing last month of Fuad Shakur, a top commander. Yaakov Amidror, a former national security adviser, said Israel expects that Hezbollah will retaliate for the “hard hit, operationally,” the group experienced.

Israel is also under growing international pressure to agree to a cease-fire deal that would bring an end to the bloody war in Gaza and free Israeli hostages, in addition to calming tensions with its regional adversaries. On Thursday, Israel will send a delegation to Doha, Qatar, to discuss the US-backed cease-fire proposal made public by President Biden in May, the Israeli official told The Washington Post.

DAILY BRIEFING

Helicopter crashes on Australia hotel

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A man died after an unauthorized helicopter flight in Queensland, Australia, ended in a crash on a hotel roof early Monday morning, prompting the evacuation of hundreds of people from the building as flames engulfed the aircraft.

Authorities in Cairns said that they had not confirmed the identity of the pilot, his reason for making the flight, or how the tourist helicopter was able to take off from Cairns Airport.

A couple staying at the hotel was hospitalized suffering from smoke inhalation and have now been discharged, Queensland Police Service Acting Chief Superintendent Shane Holmes told reporters. No one else on the ground was hurt.

Holmes said it was not known whether the man flying the helicopter held a pilot's license or if he worked for the company that owned the craft, Nautilus Aviation.

“There is no further threat to the community, and we believe this is an isolated incident,” Holmes said.

Nautilus Aviation said in an unattributed statement that the flight was “unauthorized” but would not supply any further details.

Cairns Airport chief executive Richard Barker said initial findings of a review Monday showed “no compromise of the airport security program or processes.”

About 400 people were evacuated from the hotel after the crash, which happened in the early hours of the morning in a busy tourist district of Cairns, a tropical city of 150,000 people in far north Queensland.

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A SERPENTINE DEVOTION — A boy helped pour milk and water on the rows of Shiva Linga, the stone replica of the Hindu god Shiva, as Hindus offered prayers during Shraavan Somwar, the last Monday of the Hindu calendar month Shraavan, in Kolkata, India, on Monday.

Wildfire still raging near Athens

An “exceptionally dangerous” wildfire — with flames that have reached as high as 80 feet — is burning around Greece's capital, Athens, in the height of tourist season, forcing mass evacuations, authorities said.

Hundreds of firefighters are working to control the devastating blaze that has raced through forests, carried by strong winds over land left particularly dry by the heat waves that have scorched southern Europe this summer. Greece has experienced one of its hottest summers on record, according to the Hellenic National Meteorological Service.

The fire is “exceptionally dangerous,” Greek Climate Crisis and Civil Protection Minister Vassilis Kikilias said.

Kikilias said Monday that the fire was burning on two main fronts, and that parts of the fire were in dense forest areas that were difficult to access. He said emergency personnel had “been fighting for more than 20 hours under dramatic circumstances.”

Residents of over a dozen areas, including several suburbs of Athens, received a flurry of emergency alerts urging them to leave their homes for areas not in the fire's path.

WASHINGTON POST

Syrian rebels rout government posts

QAMISHLI, Syria — US-backed Syrian fighters carried out a rare attack Monday in eastern Syria, striking at three posts manned by pro-government gunmen and claiming that they killed 18 of them in a major escalation near the border with Iraq.

The renewed clashes in Syria's eastern oil-rich province of Deir el-Zour came amid high tensions in the region following last month's killings of a top commander of Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group in Beirut and the political leader of the Palestinian Hamas group in Iran. Israel was blamed for both attacks, and

Iran and Hezbollah have vowed to retaliate.

The Syrian government, which is backed by Russia and Iran, has vowed for years to liberate eastern Syria from US forces who have been deployed in the area since 2015 to help fight the Islamic State group.

Monday's attack by members of the Arab-led Deir el-Zour Military Council — part of the US-backed and Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces — came days after clashes between the SDF and pro-government gunmen left more than a dozen people dead.

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British man arrested trying to climb Eiffel Tower

PARIS — A British man who was seen climbing the Eiffel Tower on the last day of the Paris Olympics has been released from police custody but remains under investigation for trespassing at a historical site, French prosecutors said on Monday.

Police evacuated the area around the Eiffel Tower on Sunday afternoon after a shirt-

less man was seen scaling the 1,083-foot-tall landmark hours before the closing ceremony of the 2024 Summer Games.

It's unclear where he began his ascent, but he was spotted above the Olympic rings adorning the second section of the monument, just above the first viewing deck. Police intervened and arrested the man.

Prosecutors opened an in-

vestigation on charges of “endangering the lives of other people and trespassing at a historical or cultural site,” according to a statement from the Paris public prosecutor's office. The police custody order for the suspect was lifted on Monday, the also statement said. It did not name the man, but said he is a British national.

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Police evacuated the area surrounding the tower.

Putin directs his rage at West

Ties US, allies to Ukraine incursion

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NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV — President Vladimir Putin of Russia lashed out at the West over Ukraine's weeklong incursion into Russian territory in a tense televised meeting with his top officials Monday, a sign of how the surprise attack has unsettled the Kremlin.

Ukraine's move has had two main goals, analysts said: to draw Russian forces from the front lines in eastern Ukraine and to seize territory that could serve as a bargaining chip in future peace negotiations.

Putin, speaking with security chiefs and regional governors at his residence outside Moscow, insisted that the attack would not soften his negotiating position. And even as Moscow scrambled to respond to the incursion into the Kursk region, Russian forces have continued to pummel Ukrainian forces in the east, Ukrainian military officials said Monday. Putin's statements projected confidence in Russia's military position.

“The West is fighting us with the hands of the Ukrainians,” he said, repeating his frequent depiction of the 30-month war, which he started, as a proxy campaign against Russia by the West. “The enemy will certainly get the response he deserves, and all our goals, without doubt, will be accomplished.” With his top general, Valery Gerasimov, close by, Putin directed his military to push out Ukraine's troops and to work with the border guard service to “ensure the reliable protection of the state border” — an acknowledgment that Russia had failed in that regard.

The Kursk region's acting governor, Aleksei Smirnov, was shown telling Putin by video link that 28 towns and villages were under Ukrainian control. He said Ukrainian troops had pushed 7 miles into Russian territory along a 25-mile front, that 12 civilians had died in the fighting and that 2,000 people were believed to be in Ukrainian-held territory. His claims could not be independently verified, though the description of the extent of Ukraine's advance roughly accorded with analysts' estimates. On social media Monday, the head of Ukraine's armed forces, General Oleksandr Syrsky, claimed control of more than twice as much territory, “about 1,000 square kilometers.”

While Russian civilians have previously been killed by Ukrainian shelling near the border, this is the first time Ukrainian forces have seized a foothold in Russian territory. Smirnov said that 121,000 people had fled the border area and authorities were working to evacuate another 59,000.

Russian officials warned that Ukraine's incursion could expand. In the neighboring Belgorod region, authorities said they were evacuating the Krasnoyarskiy border district and that 11,000 people had already left. And Putin, in his televised meeting, told the governor of a third border region — Bryansk — that while it appeared “relatively calm” for now, “this doesn't mean that the same situation will remain tomorrow.”

The incursion into Russia marked a significant shift in the war's narrative. The incursion was kept so secret that some Ukrainian soldiers and US officials have said they did not know about it in advance.

There is little sign so far, however, that the shock is driving Russia to redirect front-line forces from eastern Ukraine. Russia appeared to be redeploying lower-level units to the Kursk region, according to a briefing Sunday by the Institute for the Study of War, a US-based think tank.

Last year saw over 47,000 heat-related deaths in Europe

Relief measures aided prevention of higher count

By Austyn Gaffney
NEW YORK TIMES

More than 47,000 Europeans died from heat-related causes during 2023, the world's hottest year on record, a new report in *Nature Medicine* has found.

But the number could have been much higher.

Without heat adaptation measures over the past two decades, the death toll for Europeans experiencing the same temperatures at the start of the 21st century could have been 80 percent higher, according to the new study. For people older than 80, the toll could have doubled.

Some of the measures include advances in health care, more widespread air conditioning, and improved public infor-

mation that kept people indoors and hydrated amid extreme temperatures.

"We need to consider climate change as a health issue," said Elisa Gallo, the lead author of the study and a postdoctoral researcher at the Barcelona Institute for Global Health, a nonprofit research center. "We still have thousands of deaths caused by heat every year, so we still have to work a lot and we have to work faster."

Counting deaths from extreme heat is difficult, in part because death certificates don't always reflect the role of heat. The study used publicly available death records from 35 countries, provided by Eurostat, the statistics office of the European Union, and representing about 543 million Europeans.

The researchers used an epidemiological model to analyze the deaths alongside 2023 weekly temperature records to esti-

mate what fraction of deaths could be attributable to heat.

"We're quickly approaching the limits to what the human body can withstand," said Jordan Clark, a senior policy associate at Duke University's Heat Policy Innovation Hub who was not involved in the study. As the planet continues to warm, he said, "we're racing against the clock."

"We can't adapt forever," Clark said.

Heat waves are becoming more severe and prolonged as global temperatures increase. Ending our reliance on fossil fuels would be a core mitigation strategy, Clark said.

The past two decades have pushed people to modify their behaviors in response to heat, Gallo said. Other policy-level changes like improving urban planning, increasing green spaces, investing more in renewable energy and public transportation, and reducing greenhouse

gas emissions could all contribute to adaptation.

"Adaptation has led to less deaths," said Joan Ballester, associate research professor of climate and health at the Barcelona Institute and a co-author of the study. The term adaptation is meant very broadly, he added. It includes anything that reduces a group's vulnerability to heat.

But pointing to the specific adaptation measures or policies that made the biggest differences is more difficult than estimating mortality, according to researchers.

In future studies, Gallo said she hoped to focus more on adaptations and differences between countries. The highest rates of heat-related deaths in the study occurred in countries that experienced the warmest temperatures over the longest periods of time, including high nighttime temperatures, such as Bulgaria, Spain, Cyprus, Portu-

gal, and Italy.

"It's really important to have more studies on evaluations of what's actually being done, that assess the evolution of adaptation," said Francesca deDonato, an environmental public health researcher at the Lazio Regional Health Service in Rome.

One of the earliest forms of adaptation in Europe was a heat-related warning system that some countries, such as Italy, adopted after an exceptionally warm summer in 2003 that contributed to more than 70,000 excess deaths across the Continent. The country's heat adaptation plan has been in place since 2004, based on guidance from the World Health Organization. The system directs medical and social service providers to check on people most at risk every few days when a warning is in effect. Registries indicate who is more vulnerable to heat based on factors such as a chronic disease,

age, socioeconomic status, or whether someone lives alone.

A new website called Forecaster Health, created by the Barcelona Institute, provides an alert system that isolates subgroups that might be the most vulnerable by gender and age. In the future, Gallo said, those warnings could be even more specific to different illnesses such as cardiac disease.

DeDonato's region of Italy has been under a heat wave since late June. She said prolonged heat waves such as the current one, in which temperatures fail to significantly drop for several days in a row, can have the greatest effects on human health.

Ashley Ward, director of the Heat Policy Innovation Hub at Duke University, said the study's timing was critical as it came on the heels of a global call to act on extreme heat issued last month by the secretary general of the United Nations.

Britain's riots pose critical test for its new prime minister

Far-right stokes tension over immigration

By Stephen Castle
NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — With cars being torched and mosques and hotels housing asylum-seekers under attack, the riots that swept Britain over the past two weeks have posed the first direct challenge to the new prime minister, Keir Starmer.

But even if the violence has subsided, for now, at least, the shocking scenes of disorder have underscored the scale of the task facing his government.

That, analysts say, includes defusing tensions stoked successfully by far-right groups — over immigration and fraying public services — particularly in areas of Britain that have long been in economic decline.

While opinion polls show the public clearly supports Starmer's crackdown on violent protesters, "a lot of those people who see the rioters as thugs want immigration brought down," said Steven Fielding, an emeritus professor of political history at the University of Nottingham.

Starmer, who has promised to cut migration numbers, "needs to follow up and do the things he says he's going to do," Fielding added, while noting that it was "no accident" that violence erupted in several economically deprived regions.

Concern over immigration, which declined in Britain after

Brexit, is on the rise again and, when jobs are scarce and health care and other services are overstretched, immigrants make an easy target for the far right. The campaign leading up to last month's general election prompted a bitter political dispute over the last government's plans to send to Rwanda people arriving in Britain on small boats.

But while around 30,000 people entered the country that way last year, that was only a fraction of those admitted legally minus those who left — a number that hit almost 750,000 in 2022.

Sunder Katwala, director of British Future, a research institute, said Starmer must show he can revive neglected areas where the rightists have found support by bolstering employment and public services.

"He needs to deliver," Katwala said, "for those towns and cities — whether it's Southport or Hartlepool — where people's primary concerns are National Health Service waiting lists and, 'Can I get a job?'"

Those close to Starmer say he is getting a grip on the disorder, drawing on his experience as a chief prosecutor in 2011, when riots took place in London and he pushed to get those responsible tried, sentenced, and jailed swiftly to deter others.

"He understands how you prosecute and convict quickly, and you do so visibly in a way that sends a message to anybody who is thinking about participating in one of these riots," said Claire Ainsley, a former policy



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People in the center of Liverpool, where counterprotesters delivered a rejection of anti-immigration violence this month.

director for Starmer.

Ainsley pointed to the role of social media in spreading misinformation and stoking tensions, and cautioned against making a direct link between the riots and immigration. She noted that, alongside extremists, some of the rioters may be looters and other opportunists.

It is, she added, "wrong to assume that all of the people participating in these riots are politically motivated by immigration."

Still, other analysts note the context of the riots, after years of broken promises to reduce immigration and the contentious dispute over the last government's doomed effort to send some asylum-seekers to Rwanda.

They were a particular target of the recent anti-immigrant riots, including in Rotherham, England, where a hotel housing some asylum-seekers was attacked Aug. 4, driving home the severity of the disorder.

Launched by a former prime minister, Boris Johnson, in 2022, the Rwanda plan was adopted as a flagship policy by Rishi Sunak, who entered Downing Street later that year. The courts ruled against the proposal, and despite months of political maneuvering, no asylum-seekers were sent to Africa under the plan. After taking office, Starmer quickly scrapped the effort.

While Starmer can try to lower the political temperature, his practical options for curbing

English Channel crossings are limited. He plans to crack down on people-smuggling gangs, but, unless Britain strikes a new migration deal with France, recent experience suggests that step alone is unlikely to resolve the problem.

One thing the government intends to do is to speed up the system for processing asylum requests to cut the number of would-be refugees accommodated in hotels at public expense — a source of grievance to anti-immigrant protesters. (Asylum-seekers tend to be accommodated in areas where hotel costs are lower, making them a particular target in the recent riots.)

The fact that many more people have been allowed to enter the country legally has created

another issue that has been weaponized by the far right, presenting Starmer with another big challenge.

Successive Conservative governments promised but failed to reduce annual legal net immigration to below 100,000, and control of the country's frontiers was a key issue in a 2016 referendum in which Britons voted for Brexit.

Still, since Brexit, legal immigration has tripled, falling back only slightly from its 2022 peak.

Before losing last month's general election, Sunak tightened the migration rules, restricting the right of some legal immigrants to bring relatives to Britain. Those changes are expected to push down the numbers over the next year.

Man arrested after 2 stabbed at London tourist hot spot

Police say the attack wasn't terror-related

By Megan Specia
NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — An 11-year-old girl and her mother, 34, were stabbed in London's Leicester Square, a tourist hot spot, on Monday morning, police said.

The victims were taken to a hospital, police said in a post on social media, adding in a later update that the girl would require hospital treatment but that her injuries were not life threatening. Her mother suffered minor injuries.

Police said in a later statement that while they were continuing to investigate the suspect's motive, "At this stage there is nothing to indicate the attack was terror-related."

A 32-year-old man was arrested at the scene and was in custody, and police said they did not believe there were any additional suspects. A video later emerged on social media showing police officers detaining the man, who was wearing a T-shirt with "Abbey Road" written on the front.

The episode came exactly two weeks after a deadly knife attack in Southport, near Liver-



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A police officer stood at the scene in Leicester Square, where a man was arrested after allegedly stabbing an 11-year-old girl and 34-year-old woman in London on Monday.

pool, that led to the death of three young girls and injured eight other children and two adults. In the days after the stabbings in Southport, disinformation about the identity of the attacker, including a false claim that he was a migrant in

the country without legal permission, spread rapidly online and ignited a series of violent riots around Britain.

In Leicester Square, an area in front of a shop called TWG Tea was cordoned off by blue and white police tape at 1:30

p.m., with a handful of police officers positioned at the scene. There were visible blood stains and a discarded baseball cap in the cordoned-off zone.

A man working as security in the tea shop said he had witnessed the attack and had

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intervened after a young girl and a woman he believed to be her mother were injured. Police officers then whisked the witness away for further questioning.

The BBC identified the employee as a 29-year-old named Abdullah. He told the BBC and the Press Association news agency that he had tackled the attacker, grabbing him and kicking the knife away, and that he and a few other men held the man down until police arrived.

"I just saw a kid who was getting stabbed, and I just tried to save her," the man said in a video interview.

Two hours after the attack, hundreds of tourists continued to mill about the square.

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IVF threats in Ala. prompt clinics to ship out embryos

Patients in other red states may also destroy cells

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An emerging movement against in vitro fertilization is driving some doctors and patients in red states to move or destroy frozen embryos.

The embryo migration is most striking in Alabama, where the state Supreme Court ruled in February that embryos were “unborn children.” Since then, at least four of Alabama’s seven fertility clinics have hired biotech companies to move the cells elsewhere. A fifth clinic is working with a doctor in New York to discard embryos because of concerns about the legality of doing so in Alabama.

Fertility patients outside of Alabama, too, are worried about how their precious embryos — specks of 70 to 200 cells barely visible to the human eye — might one day be affected by lawmakers who believe human life begins at conception. Since

the Supreme Court’s 2022 decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, 14 states have passed total or near-total abortion bans. And the Southern Baptists, the country’s largest Protestant denomination, voted in June to oppose IVF, calling for the protection of “frozen embryonic human beings.”

That month in Texas, Diana Zucknick spent \$1,550 to send a tank of liquid nitrogen holding five of her embryos to New York for safekeeping. In South Dakota, Jennifer Zabel destroyed two embryos because she feared the state would take control of them. And in Mississippi, Dr. Preston Parry said more of his fertility patients were choosing to make fewer embryos at a time, prolonging the typical IVF process to minimize leftover embryos.

Although there is no official tally of the number of frozen embryos in the United States, experts estimate it’s in the millions. And many clinics are overwhelmed by a mounting inventory of cells that are sometimes years or even decades old.

“Everybody’s thinking about it,” said Karen Hammond, a founder of Innovative Fertility



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Dr. Zaher Merhi at Rejuvenating Fertility Center’s clinic in Manhattan said he had received embryos from patients in Alabama, and that a dozen more planned to move their cells soon.

Specialists, a clinic in Birmingham, Ala., referring to embryo storage. “Definitely in Alabama.”

Alabama’s influential court case began when families sued a clinic in Mobile for a stunning security lapse: Someone wandered into an unlocked storage

room, plucked out frosty tubes of embryos from a tank and dropped them on the floor. The judges agreed with the families’ contention that the state’s wrongful death statute could apply.

Several fertility clinics

around the state halted operations, putting hundreds of families in limbo. Nationally, liberals and conservatives alike denounced the court’s ruling, and Alabama swiftly passed a law shielding clinics from liability. But many doctors and legal ex-

perts expect the state’s courts to overturn the law.

Three Alabama clinics — the Center for Reproductive Medicine in Mobile, Alabama Fertility in Birmingham, and Huntsville Reproductive Medicine in Madison — are working with a company called ReptoTech to move their embryos to other states, according to Brad Senstra, the company’s chief executive. ReptoTech stores embryos from about 60,000 patients in warehouses in Connecticut, Florida, Minnesota, Nevada, and Texas.

The Alabama Center for Reproductive Medicine in Birmingham has also changed its storage procedures. In June, the clinic replaced its small metal tanks with a more secure TMRW robot, which uses digital codes to catalog samples and is opened with an iris scan. And the clinic is working with a doctor in New York who offers free shipping and storage for patients who want to store their embryos outside of Alabama or discard them.

The doctor, Zaher Merhi, said he had received embryos from six patients in Alabama and that a dozen more planned to move their cells soon.

Free COVID vaccines will soon become harder for some to find

Funds running out for program for uninsured

By **Dani Blum**
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NEW YORK TIMES

There are just two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine left in the fridge at Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett in Norcross, Ga. Once those shots have been used, the nonprofit fears it may have to charge its patients for what was once a free vaccine.

“Once we’re out of it, we’re not going to be able to serve them unless they can pay,” said

Greg Lang, chief financial officer at the nonprofit, which serves more than 25,000 uninsured Georgia residents. The shot can cost more than \$100 out of pocket, plus the charge to administer it.

After COVID-19 vaccines transitioned to the commercial market in the fall, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stepped in to ensure that adults without insurance, or those whose insurance plans did not fully cover the vaccine, could receive free shots. The agency’s Bridge Access Program provided roughly 1.5 million shots, said Dr. Georgina Peacock, director of the immunization services di-

vision at the CDC. Nationwide, about 27 million adults do not have health insurance.

But the CDC announced in May that funding for the program, which clinics expected to last through December, would run out by the end of August. A spokesperson from the CDC said the agency is discussing strategies to increase vaccine access for people without insurance.

For community clinics, the uncertainty comes at an already challenging time: COVID is circulating. Updated COVID vaccines, expected to arrive in the fall, will drive more people to clinics.

The New York Times spoke

with staff members at 10 health centers across the United States who said that they are scrambling to sort out their next steps. Some said they would seek donations or other funding to cover the cost of the shots, or try to rely on doses supplied from state and local public health departments.

“We don’t have a good alternative at this point, except to try to find some money to figure out how to buy some vaccines ourselves,” said Dr. Michael Stacey, chief medical officer of LifeLong Medical Care, a health center in California. LifeLong is trying to determine how it will afford to vaccinate people in homeless en-

campments.

Some community health centers could still provide vaccines for free or on a sliding scale, said Jennifer Tolbert, director of state health reform at KFF, a nonprofit focused on health policy. But fewer providers will be able to offer the shots at no cost.

Dr. John Waits, chief executive of Cahaba Medical Care Foundation in Alabama, said he was concerned that any cost to uninsured and underinsured patients would drive demand even lower. The center already has limited resources and isn’t sure how to keep covering the cost of the shots, he said.

Many clinics are hosting vac-

cine drives and back-to-school health fairs, which could help get more patients vaccinated while the cost is still covered, experts said. Children will still be able to receive free vaccines through a federal program, and many adults will still be able to access free vaccines through Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance plans.

When Good Samaritan Health Centers of Gwinnett realized that it would be short on vaccines, the organization asked the local public health department to donate extra doses it doesn’t use. But the department said no, Lang said: It didn’t have enough to spare.

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In a recent poll, 72 percent of middle and high school students said their generation will find solutions to address climate change, and that it’s important that their future job has a direct impact on preserving the environment. Globe correspondent **Kara Baskin** is joined by an expert in sustainability and young adults, along with a young climate activist herself, to understand how the next generation might solve the climate crisis.

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Technical issues delay Trump's X interview

NEW YORK — Donald Trump recounted his near assassination in vivid detail and promised the largest deportation in US history during a high-profile return to the social media platform formerly known as Twitter — a conversation that was plagued by technical glitches.

"If I had not turned my head, I would not be talking to you right now — as much as I like you," Trump told X's owner Elon Musk.

Musk, a former Trump critic, said the Republican nominee's toughness, as demonstrated by his reaction to last month's shooting, was critical for national security.

"There's some real tough characters out there," Musk said. "And if they don't think the American president is tough, they will do what they want to do."

The rare public conversation between Trump and Musk, which spanned more than two hours and was overwhelmingly friendly, revealed little new about Trump's plans for a second term. The former president spent much of the discussion focused on his recent near assassination, illegal immigration, and his plans to cut government regulations.

Still, the online meeting underscored just how much the US political landscape has changed less than four years after Trump was permanently banned by the social media platform's former leadership for spreading disinformation that sparked the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on Congress.

Such disinformation has thrived at X under Musk's leadership, although it was largely ignored during his conversation with Trump save for a passing Trump reference to a "rigged election."

The session was intended to serve as a way for the former president to reach potentially millions of voters directly. It was also an opportunity for X, a platform that relies heavily on politics, to redeem itself after some struggles.

It did not begin as planned. With more than 878,000 users connected to the meeting more than 40 minutes after the scheduled start time, the interview had not yet begun. Many users received a message reading, "Details not available."



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BACK TO WORK — President Biden and first lady Jill Biden share a private moment shortly after their return to the White House on Monday following a weekend trip to Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Trump's team posted that the "interview on X is being overwhelmed with listeners logging in." Once the interview began, Musk apologized for the late start and blamed a "massive attack" that overwhelmed the company's system. Trump's voice sounded muffled at times.

Trump supporters were openly frustrated. "Not available????? I planned my whole day around this," wrote conservative commentator Glenn Beck. "Please let Elon know we can't join," billionaire hedge fund manager Bill Ackman posted.

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Judge rules Kennedy should not appear on N.Y. ballot

ALBANY, N.Y. — A judge ruled Monday that independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s name should not appear on New York's ballot, saying that he falsely claimed a New York residence on nominating petitions despite living in California.

Kennedy's lawyers on Monday vowed to appeal ahead of the Aug. 15 deadline. If the judge's ruling is upheld, it would not only keep Kennedy off the ballot in New York but could also lead to challenges in other states where he used an address in New York City's suburbs to gather signatures.

Judge Christina Ryba, in her 34-page decision, said the bedroom Kennedy claimed as his home in the state wasn't a "bona fide and legitimate residence, but merely a 'sham' address that he assumed for the purpose of maintaining his voter registration" and furthering his political candidacy.

"Given the size and appearance of the spare bedroom as shown in the photographs admitted into evidence, the Court finds Kennedy's testimony that he may return to that bedroom to reside with his wife, family members, multiple pets, and all of his personal belongings to be highly improbable, if not preposterous," the judge wrote.

Ryba said evidence submit-

ted in trial showed Kennedy had a "long-standing pattern" of borrowing addresses from friends and relatives so he could maintain his voter registration in New York State while actually residing in California.

"Using a friend's address for political and voting purposes, while barely stepping foot on the premises, does not equate to residency under the Election Law," the judge wrote. "To hold otherwise would establish a dangerous precedent and open the door to the fraud and political mischief that the Election Law residency rules were designed to prevent."

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Biden, Obama, Clinton to speak at party's convention

WASHINGTON — Democrats will hear from three presidents at their convention next week in Chicago, where they will gather to recognize Vice President Kamala Harris as their nominee and celebrate an unexpected campaign that has turned the race on its head.

President Biden is expected to address delegates next Monday, the convention's first night, with former president Barack Obama speaking Aug. 20, according to three people familiar with the planning who insisted on anonymity to discuss sensitive arrangements. Former president Bill Clinton and former secretary of state Hillary Clinton, the party's 2016 nominee, will also speak at the convention, two of the people said.

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Dion says song's use by Trump is unauthorized

Singer Celine Dion says the use of her song "My Heart Will Go On" at former president Trump's rallies is unauthorized and not endorsed, after the ballad was played at the Republican presidential nominee's event in Montana last week.

Sony Music Entertainment Canada "became aware of the unauthorized usage of the video, recording, musical performance, and likeness of Celine Dion singing 'My Heart Will Go

On' at a Donald Trump / JD Vance campaign rally in Montana," her official X account posted Saturday.

"Celine Dion does not endorse this or any similar use," it added. "...And really, THAT song?"

The hit was the theme for the 1997 film "Titanic," a blockbuster epic about the deadly sinking of the luxury ocean liner in 1912.

The song's association with the doomed ship triggered jokes about the former president's campaign.

Marc Broklawski, whose X profile says he is a member of the Democratic Party of Virginia, tweeted that the song was perfect "because when your campaign's headed for an iceberg, you might as well set it to music."

Trump's campaign could not be immediately reached for comment late Saturday.

Dion's performance at the Olympic Games in Paris last month was her first since she said in 2022 that she had a rare neurological condition known as stiff-person syndrome.

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DNC targets advertising in key battleground states

With a solidified presidential ticket stumping across the country and a massive amount of money to spend, the Democratic Party is targeting seven critical battleground states with paid advertising for Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz.

The Democratic National Committee announced the Harris-Walz advertising push on Monday, which includes more than 70 billboards across the key battleground states: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

It's the ticket's first paid advertising blitz since Walz joined the campaign — and the first of many to come in areas that are poised to determine the outcome of the presidential election in November.

The billboards will be in several key urban areas across the battleground states, such as Atlanta, Detroit, Charlotte, and Philadelphia, according to the DNC.

There is also an advertisement — both in English and Spanish — in the Las Vegas strip, according to the DNC.

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Campaigns offer diverging takes on Midwest sensibilities

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Speaking for the first time as the vice presidential nominee at a Tuesday rally, Walz went right after Vance's background — and his famous memoir criticizing the culture he grew up in — arguing it was out of touch with the reality of Midwesterners.

"Like all regular people I grew up with in the heartland, JD studied at Yale, had his career funded by Silicon Valley billionaires, and then wrote a best-seller trashing that community," Walz said sarcastically. "Come on! That's not what middle America is."

At a press conference the next day, Vance defended his story. "The fact that Tim Walz wants to turn it into a bad thing that I worked myself through college, through law school, and made something of myself — to me that's the American dream," he said.

And in an interview with the outlet Semafor, Vance took aim at the rural everyman look Walz has long displayed. The idea that people who disagree with Democrats would "vote for you because you wear a T-shirt and, you know, you have a trucker hat — I think it's actually insulting to most voters," Vance said.

Outside opinions on who best captures so-called Real America often broke along party lines. But in interviews, Midwestern political players argued the relationship between each man's policy positions and their personalities could be especially decisive.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, the Democratic former mayor of South Bend, Ind., and a reported contender for Walz's spot on the ticket, argued "the reason that [Walz]



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In Governor Tim Walz, many Democrats see the embodiment of Midwest attitudes and customs.

works is the same as the reason that JD Vance doesn't work, which is that the vibe matches the substance."

"What you get with a Tim Walz is somebody who showed in Minnesota how to have a very Midwestern feel that is authentic, coupled with meaningful progressive policies that turn out to also be very popular," Buttigieg told the Globe, referencing Walz's enactment of paid family and medical leave and universal free school lunches.

"It's this really interesting dynamic now where you have somebody who is just ... extravagantly un-Midwestern in Donald Trump, somebody who's unconventionally Midwestern in JD Vance, and then somebody who's abundantly Midwestern in Tim Walz," Buttigieg said.

Indeed, the governor's biography borders on stereotype. Walz grew up in small-town Nebraska before moving to the mid-sized town of Mankato, Minn., where he taught high

school geography and coached football. The Harris-Walz campaign is selling camouflage hats and beer Koozies; Walz is an avid hunter and fisherman.

To Republicans, Walz's hunting gear belies his liberal record, which includes strengthening LGBTQ+ rights and abortion access.

"A camo hat can't hide Tim Walz's radically far-left record," said Representative Jim Banks, an Indiana Republican and close ally of Vance. "He can dress up like a moderate Midwesterner, but his record shows you the direction he wants to take this country."

Josh Culling, an Ohio GOP official and longtime Vance supporter, noted Vance's own Midwestern idiosyncrasies. He's a rare Republican who shows up on union picket lines, for instance, a sign of his potential appeal to Midwest voters who may defy party orthodoxies.

"At the end of the day, JD for me seems to connect at an au-



STEPHEN MATUREN/GETTY IMAGES

Senator JD Vance grew up in a struggling Ohio town before joining the Marine Corps and going to Yale Law School.

thentic level with folks," Culling said. He also predicted that Walz knocking Vance's backstory of leaving Middletown, Ohio, for the Marine Corps and Yale Law School would backfire.

"It's generally more celebrated than not if someone can get out of a toxic situation and do something with their lives," he said. "I don't think there's an antisuccess sentiment in Ohio."

But Vance could emphasize his Rust Belt tale in a more positive way, some Republicans said, noting the contrast between Walz's happy warrior persona and the senator's more hard-edged style.

Zach Duckworth, a Republican Minnesota state senator, acknowledged the traditional "attack dog" role of a vice presidential candidate but noted his governor's penchant for optimism.

"Walz as you've seen, he'll throw punches, but he's purposeful and strategic about trying to be positive when and

where he can," Duckworth said. "That plays better than doom and gloom."

The Minnesota Republican, who represents a moderate swath of the Twin Cities suburbs, said Vance has an opportunity to reach those voters by leaning on his story and his experience as a father to young children.

"If it's a story he can tell with authenticity, sincerity, generate some compassion from folks... it'll bode very well for him," Duckworth said.

Trump's last vice presidential nominee, Mike Pence, hailed from Indiana and was defined by his ability to play up his folksy demeanor and family values. But Democrats see a very different Midwestern counterpart to Trump this time around, an heir of his MAGA populism.

"I have profound differences with Mike Pence, but one thing I'll say about him is that he did bring a certain Midwest affect to the campaign," said Butt-

igieg, who was an Indiana mayor when Pence was governor. "JD Vance may live in Ohio, but he is not helping with Donald Trump's problem of being almost ostentatiously antithetical to Midwestern values."

The reason why, argued Buttigieg, is the same reason he believes it's fair game for Walz to go after Vance's story and elite credentials. (Buttigieg is also an Ivy League-educated veteran.)

"If you come from the industrial Midwest or Appalachia, you get a chance to have access to the Ivy League or get a shot at a job in venture capital, but then you get into the Senate and you can't even be bothered to vote for the child tax credit, it raises this question about whether you forget where you come from," he said, referencing Vance skipping a recent Senate vote on an expanded child tax credit, an idea the senator has generally supported.

Both VP candidates have already taken their dueling messages straight to the battleground; this past week, Vance counter-programmed Vice President Kamala Harris and Walz's stops in Wisconsin and Michigan. The two are also on course to clash directly at the customary vice presidential debate, though a formal date has not been set.

One thing observers can agree on: It'll be a Midwest-heavy affair.

"You're going to have a well-informed VP debate with guys who have different perspectives on how to bring prosperity to this region," Culling said, "which could frankly use it."

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Read case spotlights realities of digital forensics

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experts to try to undermine a prosecution witness's interpretation of forensic data, from the timing of a Google search to the movement of a human body.

"As technology advances at such a rapid pace, the things that we used to think were black and white aren't black and white anymore," said Christina Miller, a professor at Suffolk Law who previously focused on cases that involved digital forensics as a Suffolk County prosecutor.

She noted two recent Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court rulings that each upheld decisions to disallow certain data from being used as evidence because of questions about their accuracy: In 2021, the courts disallowed the calculation of a defendant's speed by a GPS device, and earlier this year, the courts prevented evidence of a defendant's cellphone location history from being introduced in a criminal trial.

In the latter case, the analysts for the prosecution had used a different version of an iPhone's operating system as they sought to replicate the data. That underlined one of Miller's main points: "The forensic examiner is only as good as the tools they use, and the tools are only as good as the data."

Expect to see more court challenges, she said.

Michael Kendall, a former federal prosecutor who's now a defense attorney, added that judges have to be "much more demanding" in determining the validity and credibility of someone claiming to be an expert — as well as what science and processes are rigorous enough to constitute presentable evidence.

"There has been so much phony scientific evidence that has railroaded people over the years," he said. "There has to be some validation of the expert. The court needs to police the quality of the experts and the quality of the science."

The reliability of certain digital forensic data varies with the nature of the technology at issue. Programs were developed to complete specific functions, not, for example, to serve as an official time-stamped record of events that could constitute irrefutable evidence, said Seth P. Berman, a defense attorney and former prosecutor. So, while emails, Google searches, or phone calls may include a time



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Karen Read was flanked by her attorneys in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham in May.

stamp, that doesn't mean the time stamp itself is accurate.

"This entire field of computer forensics is essentially an accident," said Berman, who leads the privacy and data security practice group at law firm Nutter and previously worked for a firm that specialized in digital forensics. "Nobody created computers with the goal of using them to create evidence."

So, he added, "As a result, the data is not that clear. There are a bunch of things that just go wrong," and can lead to different expert interpretations.

Take, for example, the Read case. She was charged with backing into her boyfriend, Boston police Officer John O'Keefe, with her Lexus SUV after a night of heavy drinking in 2022 and leaving him to die outside the Canton home of a fellow Boston police officer during a blizzard. Her defense team claims she is being framed, and that O'Keefe was actually beaten by people who had been attending a gathering inside the home, and then dumped outside. Read found O'Keefe's body hours later in a snowbank, after returning to look for him.

The case ended in a mistrial

in July, and a new trial is slated for January.

At the core of the defense's theory is the timing of a Google search for "hos [sic] long to die in cold" by Jen McCabe, a woman who was at the gathering inside the Canton home. According to an expert hired by the defense, data show she Googled the inquiry on her phone at 2:27 a.m., hours before O'Keefe's body was found. Many among the crowds of Read supporters who gathered regularly outside the courthouse cited the testimony as a crucial indicator of her innocence.

But prosecution experts said the testimony was wrong and that the search occurred after Read and McCabe found O'Keefe's body shortly after 6 a.m. The discrepancy, prosecution witnesses said, stemmed from confusion around what the time stamp was referring to; they said the 2:27 a.m. stamp simply referred to when the webpage that was later used for the search was first opened.

There were similarly differing claims over other evidence: calls that were deleted from the phone, or not; how fast Read's car accelerated while in reverse;

O'Keefe's movements, based on data from his phone and watch.

Read's team of lawyers mounted an aggressive defense, sharply cross-examining most of the government witnesses and also producing some of their own.

A judge declared a mistrial after the jury reported it was

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SETH P. BERMAN, a defense attorney and former prosecutor

deadlocked and could not reach a verdict. Read maintains her innocence.

Berman noted that most defendants don't have the financial means of Read, a financial analyst and adjunct professor who also benefited from the donations of ardent supporters. A defense effort that had less time, labor force, and money likely would not have been able to

push back so forcefully on inconsistencies in the data, he said.

Ultimately, judges are the arbiters in determining the credibility of an expert witness or the validity of a science, guided by appeals court decisions, including precedents set by the US Supreme Court. The goal is to "winnow science from junk science," said Rosanna Cavallaro, a Suffolk Law professor who teaches about evidence. But that can be difficult, she said, as new technologies and expertise in those technologies evolve.

Cavallaro also said a "battle of experts" can be detrimental to a case when the process devolves into each side simply hunting for the most favorable expert they can find — someone who not only will come to the conclusion they seek, but who will communicate it engagingly and effectively.

At times, she said, "you do become concerned that the person's opinion is up for sale. The problem has been pervasive across the sciences."

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Despite law, ERs deny many labor care

Possibly violating federal measures

By Amanda Seitz

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WASHINGTON— Bleeding and in pain, Kyleigh Thurman didn't know her doomed pregnancy could kill her.

Emergency room doctors at Ascension Seton Williamston in Texas handed her a pamphlet on miscarriage and told her to "let nature take its course" before discharging her without treatment for her ectopic pregnancy.

When the 25-year-old returned three days later, still bleeding, doctors finally agreed to give her an injection to end the pregnancy. It was too late. The fertilized egg growing on Thurman's fallopian tube ruptured it, destroying part of her reproductive system.

That's according to a complaint Thurman and the Center for Reproductive Rights filed last week asking the government to investigate whether the hospital violated federal law when staff failed to treat her initially in February 2023.

"I was left to flail," Thurman said. "It was nothing short of being misled."

The Biden administration says hospitals must offer abortions when needed to save a woman's life, despite state bans enacted after the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to an abortion more than two years ago. The White House spent the last two years publicly warning hospitals to treat pregnant patients in emergency facilities continued to violate the federal law, called the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA).

The law requires emergency rooms to stabilize patients with medical emergencies before discharging or transferring them. And if the ER doesn't have the resources or staff to properly treat that patient, staff members are required to arrange a medical transfer to another hospital, after they've confirmed the facility can accept the patient.

Texas is challenging that guidance, and earlier this summer, the Supreme Court declined to resolve the issue.

More than 100 pregnant women in medical distress who sought help from emergency rooms were turned away or negligently treated since 2022, an Associated Press analysis of federal hospital investigations found.

Two women — one in Florida and one in Texas — were left to miscarry in public restrooms. In Arkansas, a woman went into septic shock and her fetus died after an emergency room sent her home. At least four other women with ectopic pregnancies had trouble getting treatment, including one in California who needed a blood transfusion after she sat for nine hours in an emergency waiting room.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services relies on state employees to inspect hospitals and other medical facilities to ensure they are in compliance with state and federal regulations. These monitoring visits can happen in response to a complaint, a follow up from a previous violation, or at random.

There are a number of ways that emergency rooms can violate EMTALA.

Examples include:

- Telling a patient to seek care at another facility

- Failing to provide a medical screening exam in a timely manner for a patient

- Not providing stabilizing treatment, including the delivery of a baby, for the patient

EMTALA complaints also go through an additional step of being reviewed by a physician. Healthcare facilities typically must respond to the violations within a certain amount of time and explain how they will be changing their protocols or education going forward.

Any emergency room that accepts Medicare funding must follow EMTALA. If hospitals are found in violation of the law, they are subject to fines as well as loss of Medicare funds.

Parks Commission OK's White Stadium demolition

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support for the plan.

The vote marked a major step forward on this issue for Wu, who has argued that a public-private partnership with a professional soccer organization to redevelop the 79-year-old stadium will give Boston Public Schools students access to a state-of-the-art facility without the city having to pay for all the work.

Demolition is slated to begin in September or October, officials said, after the city signs a lease with Boston Unity Soccer Partners, which plans to make the 11,000-seat stadium the home of a pro women's soccer team. The vote Monday was the last needed before demolition begins. Another Parks Commission hearing this fall will allow public comments before a vote on the final design, officials said.

"This unanimous support from the Boston Parks Commission affirms the many months of community engagement that have shaped every aspect of the plan for White Stadium," Wu said in a statement. "We're thrilled to move forward with delivering a state-of-the-art facility and generational investment in Franklin Park for Boston Public Schools students, neighborhood residents, and all those who love the park."

The Boston Planning & Development Agency board in July approved part of the plan, involving the west grandstand and the "grove" area of the site, which Boston Unity Soccer Partners has committed more than \$50 million to overhauling. Boston Globe chief executive Linda Henry is an investor in Boston Unity Soccer Part-



BOSTON UNITY SOCCER PARTNERS LLC

Rendering of a new White Stadium. Mayor Michelle Wu has argued that public-private partnership would give Boston Public Schools students access to a state-of-the-art facility.

ners.

The renovation of the rest of the site, which includes the east grandstand and the track, would be funded by the city of Boston, which has budgeted \$50 million to complete the project. As a municipal project, that part does not need BPDA or city zoning approvals.

Wu's redevelopment plan has drawn opposition, including a lawsuit by a local environmental nonprofit, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy, and 20 residents aimed at stopping the project. The lawsuit, scheduled for trial in March, argues the project illegally privatizes public parkland and hasn't involved sufficient community input, among other concerns.

The city is proceeding with the project to "satisfy the needs

of for-profit sports investors" without sufficient environmental reviews, Emerald Necklace Conservancy president Karen Mauney-Brodek said in a statement.

"If Massachusetts truly stands for environmental justice, we urge state officials to examine this deeply flawed plan, and step in before permanent damage is done to historic Franklin Park and our communities," Mauney-Brodek said.

During a lengthy public comment period at the Parks Commission's virtual public meeting Monday, some attendees said the project has been rushed and a vote on demolition was premature.

"The process has not been fair, and it has not been clear," said Louis Elisa, president of

the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association.

Others, however, voiced support for proceeding with the project because of the urgency of the poor condition of White Stadium and how much it would benefit BPS students and athletes.

"I'm there every single day — the track is terrible," said Nas Rivera, a BPS alumnus and track coach. "The entire thing needs to get destroyed and built back up."

Rickie Thompson, president of the Franklin Park Coalition's board of directors, wrote in a letter to the commission that the community group's February survey of regular Franklin Park users showed 31 percent fully supporting the project and only 20 percent opposing it, de-

spite the "vociferous opposition" heard at community meetings. Thompson wrote that of the concerns and recommendations the coalition presented to the city following the survey, 80 percent have been addressed to the group's satisfaction.

"We commend the proponents' efforts to engage with and address issues raised by the adjacent communities and park users for the last year," Thompson wrote.

Under the Wu administration's plans, the city would remain the stadium's owner but would sign a lease agreement to allow the soccer organization up to 20 games per year and one practice session per game, the Globe has previously reported.

The city has published an overview of the project, its timeline and history, and more information on issues such as priority use, noise and light mitigation, maintenance plans, and environmental sustainability.

A Suffolk Superior Court judge in March denied the plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction to pause progress on the plans until the lawsuit could be resolved.

At the hearing Monday, Alan Lipkind, attorney for the plaintiffs suing to stop the project, said the judge's decision was only a preliminary ruling and there are a number of ways in which it could be reversed. He urged the commission not to rely on the city's assurances about the risks of proceeding with the project because demolition is irreversible.

"Once it's down, it's down," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Tin ear on bronze medals from the IOC

In the Olympic floor routine event finals, American gymnast Jordan Chiles gave it her all. With graceful artistry and athletic tumbling, Chiles, 23, deserved an Olympic moment she could be proud of. She deserved a fair score to determine whether her routine was worthy of a medal. She didn't get it.

With possible judging mistakes and late-breaking rulings by Olympic governing bodies, Chiles was awarded — then stripped of — a bronze medal, thrusting her into an emotional roller coaster rather than the Olympic moment she worked toward for much of her life. The same can be said for Romanian gymnast Ana Barbosu and, possibly, Romanian gymnast Sabrina Maneca-Voinea.

Officials should resolve the medal dispute quickly, and the International Olympic Committee should strongly consider awarding tie bronze medals.

Here's what happened. Chiles, last to compete, posted a score of 13.666, putting her in fifth place behind Barbosu and Maneca-Voinea. Both Romanian women posted scores of 13.7, but Barbosu took third because she had a higher execution score than her teammate.

Barbosu had begun celebrating her medal, waving a Romanian flag atop the podium. But US coach Cecile Landi submitted an inquiry to the judges, suggesting the judges had not given Chiles credit for completing an element that would have boosted her score. The judges ruled in Chiles's favor and raised her score to 13.766 — enough to secure the bronze.

As Chiles jumped up and down in elation, Barbosu was left in tears.

The medal ceremony created an iconic moment of sportsmanship that quickly went viral, as Chiles and teammate Simone Biles — who won the silver — bowed to gold medalist Rebeca Andrade of Brazil as Andrade stood atop the podium.

Then came the reversal. The Romanian Gymnastics Federation, Barbosu, and Maneca-Voinea appealed the scoring to the Court of Arbitration for Sport. They argued that Maneca-Voinea lost 0.1 of a point for stepping out of bounds but replays appeared to show her heels remained in bounds. The court rejected that appeal. The Romanians also argued that the inquiry into Chiles's score came too late. While gymnasts typically have until the next athlete starts their routine to file an inquiry, generally around three minutes, the final gymnast to perform only has one minute. The court ruled that Landi's inquiry was submitted four seconds too late.

The court left it to the International Gymnastics Federation to determine the final rankings, and the



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Silver medalist Simone Biles and Jordan Chiles, who was awarded then stripped of a bronze medal, celebrated after competing in the Artistic Gymnastics Women's Floor Exercise Final.

federation moved Chiles back to fifth. The International Olympic Committee said it would seek to have Chiles return the bronze medal so it could be reallocated to Barbosu.

Then, on Sunday, USA Gymnastics said it submitted to the Court of Arbitration for Sport a time-stamped video showing Landi submitted the inquiry 47 seconds after Chiles's score was posted — within the allowed time frame. It is asking that Chiles's medal-winning score be reinstated.

The court should rule quickly to avoid dragging out the dispute. But regardless of the court's ruling, the fairest result would be for Barbosu and Chiles to be awarded shared bronze medals.

Globe sports columnist Tara Sullivan reported that American and Romanian gymnastics officials have agreed to have Barbosu and Chiles share the bronze — but it's ultimately not their call, since, according to the Associated Press, the IOC decides the medal allocation.

There have been other tie medals in Olympic sports, including gymnastics, because of tied scores and at least once because of a judging problem. At the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, after investigating allegations

of corruption against French judges who unfairly favored Russian over Canadian figure skating pairs to give them the gold, the IOC awarded the Canadians a second gold medal but did not take the medal from the Russians.

Generally, when an Olympian is stripped of a medal, it is because of wrongdoing — for example, an athlete takes banned performance-enhancing drugs. In this case, Chiles is on the verge of losing a medal because of a procedural dispute over whether her coach acted four seconds too late.

Both Chiles and Barbosu have endured public heartbreak through no fault of their own and have exhibited only sportsmanlike behavior. Chiles posted broken heart emojis on Instagram and said she is removing herself from social media to protect her mental health. The Athletic reported that Barbosu told a Romanian publication that her thoughts go out to Chiles and Maneca-Voinea, and said to them, "I know you and I'm sure you'll have the strength to come back even stronger."

The judges and officials, not the athletes, caused this problem. They need to fix it.

Let's stop questioning the honorable military service of Tim Walz (or JD Vance)

By David Nelson

Both current vice presidential candidates have military experience. Republican JD Vance served four years in the Marine Corps and Democrat Tim Walz served 24 years in the Army National Guard. Last week, Vance accused Walz of "stolen valor," a phrase that involves falsely claiming military service, rank, medals earned, or duties and actions while serving.

Strictly speaking, stolen valor is illegal. The Stolen Valor Act of 2013 makes false claims of having earned a military medal such as the Navy Cross or Silver Star federal crimes. And there is an enhanced penalty for offenses involving the Medal of Honor. I am a former Marine Corps judge advocate and it appears to me that nothing done or said by Walz comes anywhere close to violating this law.

But Republicans, led by Vance, have been raising several other criticisms of Walz's service. First, they contend that he shirked deployment to Afghanistan with his Minnesota National Guard unit by retiring from the service in 2005. But Walz had notified his unit of his plans to retire from the guard before official notice of a possible deployment. He said he planned to run for Congress — and he did, winning a seat in 2006.

Second, Republicans contend that Walz inflated his rank after his retirement, calling himself a command sergeant major, one of the highest ranks an enlisted soldier can attain. But Walz had indeed achieved the rank of command sergeant major

while in the service. But due to technical reasons, including that he did not complete military coursework, he retired at a lower rank, master sergeant. The fact that he had achieved the higher rank while in the service makes his lower rank in retirement a minor difference without much of a distinction.

What I do find misleading is Walz's statement that he had carried weapons of war "in war." He was talking about his support for banning military-style assault weapons when he told a group of voters "we can make sure that those weapons of war that I carried in war is the only place where those weapons are at."

The phrase "I carried in war" seems to imply that he had been in combat situations. The Harris-Walz campaign later said he "misspoke." But even in this situation I am not aware of Walz directly stating that he saw combat or falsely claiming to have earned a combat action medal or ribbon. (For that matter, neither has Vance.)

Vance's own military service has been questioned. CNN's Brianna Keilar asked whether Vance had a right to attack the timing of Walz's retirement because he had not been a front-line combat Marine himself. In fact, Vance was a Marine "combat correspondent," meaning "someone who did not see combat," Keilar said, adding: "The title combat correspondent kind of gives you a different impression." When you "dig a little deeper," Keilar asserted, "he was a public affairs specialist."

But that's another distinction without a difference, in my mind. Vance is not claiming to be a

Because neither man has falsely claimed to have received an award for being wounded or for valor, and neither has falsely claimed to be a combat veteran, I don't think either candidate is guilty of stolen valor.

combat veteran and he *did* serve in a war zone. Keilar herself walked back her initial critique, later saying on air that Vance's and Walz's military experiences gave them special insights into the rigors and challenges of military life — something that neither of the presidential candidates can claim.

I do find it amusing that Vance said that the Marine Corps "asked" him to go to Iraq. Unless the protocol has changed, I suspect that, like me, he was "ordered" to overseas duty.

Still, because neither man has falsely claimed to have received an award for being wounded or for valor, and neither has falsely claimed to be a combat veteran, I don't think either candidate is guilty of stolen valor.

Whenever I hear someone falsely and substan-

tively inflate their military record, I am offended and disgusted. Many, actually most, people who serve in the military never see combat and don't earn valor awards. Many leave for other jobs before they are ever deployed. Take my experience. Though I joined the military voluntarily, I never would have volunteered for duty in Vietnam itself. I served during that war, but on Okinawa, where I was a Marine judge advocate. I also left active duty when my enlistment was up in 1973 even though the Marine Corps was short of attorneys, especially in Okinawa.

So I have great admiration for individuals like Walz and Vance who served voluntarily.

My boyhood friend Lee Herron was a Marine who volunteered for Vietnam duty. Once there he insisted to be placed on the front lines. He died Feb. 22, 1969, while saving the lives of fellow Marines. He received the prestigious Navy Cross posthumously. Military individuals like Herron are in a separate class of patriots and heroes.

If anyone falsely claimed to have achieved even close to the status of someone like Herron, Senator John McCain, or Medal of Honor recipient Marine Colonel Wes Fox (Herron's company commander), the public would and should be furious at the stolen valor involved.

But the nitpicking going on between Vance and Walz seems frivolous in comparison. I suggest the subject be dropped; aren't there much more important issues to be confronted?

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INBOX

House member will fight for measure to address pharmacy deserts

The dwindling number of pharmacies in the communities I represent, Dorchester and Roxbury, has always been an issue. Whether it was the disappearance of independent pharmacies or the coming and going of large corporate convenience stores, this is familiar territory for Black and brown people across Massachusetts, and we've had enough ("Drug-store deserts," Page A1, July 28).

The House of Representatives passed a groundbreaking bill to improve prescription drug access and pharmacy bene-

This is familiar territory for Black and brown people across Massachusetts, and we've had enough.

fit manager oversight with the inclusion of my PHARMA amendment, and I am still hoping to see the Legislature pass this measure before the end of the year.

This PHARMA amendment (Promoting Health Accessibility by Requiring More Accountability) addresses pharmacy deserts predominantly in communities of color by legally defining these gaps in access in the Massachusetts General Code. It mandates that entities planning to close a board-registered pharmacy must notify the Board of Pharmacy, local representatives, and the municipal clerk at least 60 days before the closure. If the board finds the closure would create a pharmacy desert, the board is required to conduct a public hearing to inform customers of alternative ways to obtain medications and to gather public concerns.

I look forward to continuing to fight for this legislation — a measure that would dramatically change the way our state handles this issue, taking the burden off customers and pushing it back onto corporations. It is an important step toward confronting the health inequities that exist in communities of color today.

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In face of Cell 15 brutality, lawmakers lag on reforming system

The July 26 editorial, "The taking of Cell 15 aftermath: A brutal assault sets the stage for overdue reforms," serves as a compelling reminder of the need for independent oversight of the Massachusetts Department of Correction. The editorial cites a federal bill as a useful model for oversight in Massachusetts, but the main barrier to reform in our state appears to be resistance within our Legislature, not the want of a viable model. The correctional oversight legislation filed in the current session has been "sent to study," a euphemism for killing a bill. As residents of the Commonwealth, we are all responsible for the kinds of abuses of civil and human rights described in the editorial. As an advocate for reform, I believe it is imperative for every single one of us to urge our legislators to pass robust oversight legislation in the next session. Otherwise, nothing will change.

NANCY BETTINGER

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Democrats can't afford to be lukewarm about Harris-Walz ticket

Re "And just like that, Harris and Walz are off and running": Stanley Spiegel's Aug. 8 letter concerns me ("Harris could have had him at Shapiro or Kelly. She lost him with Walz."). It appears as if Spiegel is planning to donate less to the Democratic ticket because he disagreed with Kamala Harris's choice of Tim Walz as her running mate.

Everyone has the right to support candidates of their choosing and send in letters to be printed. I don't know whether his objections are that Walz is too progressive or that he is not from a swing state. For the record, he wasn't my choice either. However, what concerns me is Spiegel's suggestion that the Democratic ticket is not worth supporting to the same degree as a Harris and Josh Shapiro or Harris and Mark Kelly ticket. This election could go down to the wire, and if Donald Trump is elected president again, we are in a whole lot of trouble. We need to waltz to the music of this Democratic ticket because democracy really is at stake.

STEPHEN VOGEL

Brookline



CJ GUNTHER/EPA

One day after people learned of the death of Robin Williams in 2014, fans stood near the bench in the Boston Public Garden where a scene in the 1997 film "Good Will Hunting" was filmed.

Robin Williams memorial in Boston could create a lot of good will

I was thrilled to hear that Matt Damon was supporting an effort to erect a statue of Robin Williams at the Boston Public Garden, where an iconic scene from "Good Will Hunting" was filmed. Williams was a legend, and if a world-class city like Boston were to honor him, it could help us heal from losing him too soon.

I would love to see a statue of Williams seated on a bench in that setting so that those who sit there could absorb the great love and respect this legend of a man expressed so generously to generations of us mere mortals. He took his little spark of madness and turned on a light in the world.

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JOAN VENNOCHI

On immigration, Healey feels the heat of putting children on the street

On Thursday, the day before the state's new, five-days-and-out shelter eviction policy for migrants and other families was due to go into effect, a few dozen activists staged a protest that began on the steps of the State House and ended outside Governor Maura Healey's office with chants like this: "Governor Healey, feel the heat. Keep the children off the street."

The next day, only a handful of migrant families who had received eviction notices were kicked out of so-called overflow shelters. The others were granted extensions — all part of "an approach of being as humane as possible while dealing with realities," a Healey administration official told me. In other words, Healey is feeling the heat and, to some degree, succumbing to it — if being as humane as possible is succumbing.

On one hand, polls show that a growing number of Massachusetts residents, bombarded by news about the \$1 billion cost of helping migrants and other homeless people and battles over proposed shelter sites, now rank immigration as the single biggest issue facing state government. Balance that, however, against these images from last week's protest: A small tent set up in front of the State House, with a stuffed animal and the sign: "Gov. Healey, why make kids sleep in tents?" Tourists in duck boats that were stopped at the traffic light in front of the seat of state government, gazing at protesters and other homemade signs decrying the governor's new policy, including one expressing the sentiment that pushing families out of state is wrong in Florida, wrong in Texas — and wrong in Massachusetts.

It mirrors the national dilemma for Democrats as they run up against Donald Trump's harsh, anti-immigration agenda — with an added Massachusetts twist. Healey must contend with the state's unique right-to-shelter law and her own record of speaking out and taking legal action against draconian policies.

Under state law, the executive office "shall administer a program of emergency

housing assistance to needy families with children and pregnant woman with no other children." There have been calls to repeal the law or officially change it to restrict the shelter right to residents, but that has not happened and is unlikely to on Healey's watch.

As activists also pointed out, in 2019, as attorney general, Healey joined a brief challenging the Trump administration's "turn-

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back policy," which effectively halted the asylum process at the southern border. In a statement at the time, Healey said, "The Trump administration has done everything possible to deny access to asylum and make life miserable for people seeking refuge in the United States. This unlawful policy inflicts unnecessary, inhumane trauma on children and families who have escaped unspeakable violence and are seeking a better life in America."

Now, she's the one implementing a policy that activists are calling cruel, especially to children. The state has been anything but Trumpian in its response, but as budget pressures grow, Healey is embracing policies that will put more families with children on the street as they begin their quest for a better life in Massachusetts. The new eviction policy limits families to a five-day stay at one of the state's four temporary respite centers, unless they are homeless because of a no-fault eviction; face sudden or unusual circumstances beyond their control such as flood or fire; or a family member is a veter-

an. There are exceptions, including for significant medical needs, newborn children, and those at risk of domestic violence.

After the new eviction policy went into effect on Aug. 1, some 57 families received eviction notices. By last Friday, state officials said 11 families had left the overflow shelters for other accommodations or were provided tickets for transportation to other locales, the Globe reported. Other families said they had been given a short extension. Of the reprieve, Kelly Turley, associate director of the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, told me, "I think it is a softening, but they are still keeping the policy in place at this point."

What happens this week? The activists want Healey to rescind the five-day eviction policy. There's no sign of that happening. Instead, this may end up being a case where exceptions are found to get around it. Leaving families and children to fend for themselves on the streets is not right and Healey knows it. She's not Governor Greg Abbott of Texas. Yet the drain on the state budget is huge. According to the Boston Herald, Healey wants to tap leftover money from the state's COVID-19 pandemic account and put it toward shelter expenses, a plan immediately condemned by the state's Republican Party.

Could state government do a better job of partnering with foundations, nonprofits, churches, and synagogues? Those who want to stop any aid for migrants taunt those who do want to help with questions about how many have been taken into private homes. But that isn't the answer either. This is a community problem and needs to be solved somehow by community. If we don't want "taxpayer money" to go toward it, is there a way to better organize other fund-raising and shelter options?

If more migrant families and children do end up on Massachusetts streets, Healey should feel the heat of what that means — and so should everyone else.

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Private equity is coming for your pets

Who among us pet owners hasn't nearly screamed in shock and horror when seeing a veterinary bill lately?

You're not imagining it — the cost of veterinary services has gone up in recent years. And one big reason behind the soaring prices is the often-demonized private equity industry.

But fear not — Senator Elizabeth Warren is on it.

Last week the senator from Massachusetts and her Connecticut counterpart, Senator Richard Blumenthal, sent a stern letter to JAB Holding Co., a German private equity conglomerate, that raised concerns about its role, and impact, in the rapid consolidation of veterinary care practices in the United States.

"In recent years, private equity firms — including JAB Holding Company — have spent billions on buying up veterinary practices and then profiteering while reducing quality of care, increasing prices for pet owners, and making working conditions even harder for veterinarians," the senators wrote. "[C]orporate consolidation of veterinary care and an accompanying rise in prices represents a major issue for American consumers and a life and death issue for their pets."

Their action is a much-needed first step to increase oversight of private equity, an industry that typically operates with little transparency, and its relatively new incursion in the veterinary care sector, a fragmented space where small and independent practices are the norm.

That's been changing. Roughly 30 percent of veterinary clinics in the United States were owned by private equity firms as of May, according to a Fortune article. This has had a significant impact on market dynamics.

Here's how much: The price for veterinarian services soared 65 percent in the past 10 years, whereas prices of general consumer goods went up half of that, or 33 percent. And it adds up. The

lifetime cost of pet health care can range from \$20,000 to \$55,000 for dogs and \$15,000 to \$45,000 for cats, according to a study from Synchrony, a financial company that offers a credit card to finance health care-related costs, including pet care. The report also found that Massachusetts ranked as the third most expensive state in average vet visit costs (\$85).

A vet technician from Plymouth with 30 years of experience told me that quite a few vet clinics in her area have been bought by corporations. "It's pretty wor-

selves more on the risks they take when they spend thousands of dollars buying designer breeds with known health issues or from questionable breeders, which can lead to a lifetime of vet care expenses.

Also, corporate America owns roughly 19 percent of the pet clinic market, according to a 2023 KPMG report. For instance, Mars Inc., a privately owned company that makes candy products like Skittles, Snickers, and Dove, is also one of the biggest vet service providers with pet food brands like Royal Canin

and Whiskers in its portfolio and hundreds of vet clinics across the United States under the names of VCA Animal Hospitals, BluePearl, and Banfield Pet Hospital. Who knew?

The aggressive entry of private equity into pet health care isn't just a consumer protection issue — it's also a labor issue. Some veterinarians and technicians in private equity-bought practices are being pressured to generate more business.

"It becomes an environment for them to be kind of cutthroat because they're trying to make a commission," the Plymouth vet tech told me in regard to a nearby vet business that was bought by a private equity-backed hospital. "Their doctors and staff are probably instructed to sell as much as they can." Indeed, a vet from Virginia told The New York Times that she was required to see 21 animals a day, which apparently was a half-dozen more patients than her workload.

We've seen this movie before. As the Steward Health Care System crisis has clearly shown, private equity can be pernicious and downright dangerous — and sometimes beyond the reach of regulators and crusading politicians like Warren. But it's only sensible to sound the alarm early and force operators to reveal their practices to the increasingly burdened pet owner community.

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risome," she said of the private equity buying spree in the vet business sector. "If I wasn't working at a [small, private] practice, I don't know where I'd go." The sector "has changed so much" and not for the better, she said.

JAB owns more than 1,100 vet clinics in the United States in addition to pet insurance brands. JAB also has investments in Panera, Krispy Kreme, and Coty, the beauty and fashion conglomerate that partially owns brands like Kylie Cosmetics, Burberry, and Marc Jacobs.

The Federal Trade Commission has already taken notice of JAB's worrisome practices in the vet services industry; it has twice ordered the conglomerate to divest some acquisitions in concentrated regional markets and to seek prior approval on future purchases in certain areas for 10 years. The company signed a consent agreement but denied any wrongdoing.

To be sure, the explosion of costs and consolidation of the vet industry doesn't all fall on private equity. Consumers also need to do their part by educating them-

Cambridge OK'd \$1.4m settlement

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Gates Jr., who is Black, at his Cambridge home. The incident sparked a national uproar about policing and race, and Crowley and Gates were invited by then-president Obama to the White House to make peace at a “beer summit.”

Crowley strongly denies the sweeping harassment and retaliation allegations and said he first learned of many of the claims against him from a Globe reporter. He remains a sergeant on the force.

Cambridge officials justified keeping the \$1.4 million payout under wraps because they said it was necessary to protect the identities of the accusers.

But several councilors said the unusual level of secrecy left them ill at ease.

“It’s \$1.4 million of taxpayer money that could have gone to any number of things,” said City Councilor Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler, one of two councilors who voted in December 2020 against the payment. “The public should have known what it was going for, and the council wasn’t given the details. The public weren’t given the details. And I still don’t understand why.”

Earlier that year, the women had filed complaints about Crowley’s alleged behavior with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. The city settled so quickly that the state never finished investigating their claims. The heavily redacted settlement agreement that the Globe obtained through a public records request indicates the city did not admit wrongdoing. The agreement also contained a confidentiality clause.

The women declined interview requests through their lawyer, Ellen Zucker, a top attorney who has successfully obtained large discrimination settlements for her clients from cities, including Cambridge. Zucker wouldn’t comment directly on the allegations her clients made.

“They resolved their differences with the city,” Zucker said in a statement on the women’s behalf, “and were heartened by the city’s willingness to listen and to recommit to a safe, unbiased, and non-retaliatory work environment for them and for all of [the city’s] employees.”

The Globe is not naming them because it does not publicly identify people who make sexual harassment allegations without their consent.

City spokesperson Jeremy Warnick confirmed that the state complaints obtained by the Globe are the ones that led to the \$1.4 million payment in 2020.

In an interview, Crowley called the allegations “bogus” and “outrageous.” He said the women “never faced discrimination from me directed at them and I never saw anybody else discriminate against any of those women.”

He said that the \$1.4 million payout was made without his knowledge and that he and his colleagues only heard whispers such an agreement had been inked.

“Without speaking with me, this was settled for an exorbitant amount of money,” Crowley said. “I was shocked, because I figured, that’s got to be a rumor. That could never happen.”

Warnick said the city’s rationale for settling came after an internal Police Department investigation sustained some claims against Crowley, though he wouldn’t say what they were.

A heavily redacted 2019 report on that investigation, which the Globe obtained through Crowley’s lawyer, said fellow officers found he sent an inappropriate text message. The text, which Crowley does not dispute, was included a year later in the discrimination filing with the state.

In the text, Crowley wrote to a female colleague whom he had helped down from a fence after she’d gotten stuck on top of it during a foot chase. He said they “shouldn’t ignore the moment” they shared during the rescue and he had “saved [her]” undercarriage from certain destruction and future baby making.”

For the text, Crowley said, he received a written reprimand. Subsequently, he was placed on a list of Middlesex County law enforcement personnel with potential credibility issues — called the “Brady” list — where he is one of four Cambridge officers who have had sexual harassment findings against them. Crowley disputes that the text he sent should be described as sexual harassment.

In the interview, he said the text was a joke to “lighten the mood” after a shared traumatic experience but acknowledged it was in poor taste.

“I have owned that mistake,” he said. “It was a learning experience for me.”

Crowley denies sending another text, which was included in the MCAD complaints against him but does not appear in the unredacted portions of the internal police report that his lawyer sent the Globe.

That alleged incident, one of the complaints says, came in a group chat with female officers supervised by



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Crowley, one of whom indicated that they would need snacks while spending a long time at a crime scene. In response, the filings say, he sent them “a picture of his crotch with the comment ‘Gotcha covered.’”

Crowley said he did not send that text or photo and has not seen any evidence that he did. He said he had never heard about those alleged messages until told about them by a Globe reporter.

It was not clear whether his department looked into that purported text. The city has declined to share the Police Department’s report on its investigation, citing pending litigation. Crowley and his union formally complained to the state’s Department of Labor Relations to obtain an unredacted copy of it; the effort was still pending as of this month.

MCAD itself did not weigh in on the legitimacy of the claims, a spokesperson for the agency said, as “the parties settled prior to the completion of the investigation.”

Elsewhere in the MCAD complaints, the women alleged he subjected them to gender discrimination, and they felt they were being undermined at work because they had spoken out.

“We have found the atmosphere and the conditions within the Police Department damaging, painful, and disappointing,” they wrote in 2020. “Not only has the department failed to remedy an atmosphere where gender stereotypes limit women’s roles and the perception of us at work, but also the department has failed to address the retaliatory conditions we have faced — and continue to face.”

Warnick, the city spokesperson, would not say if Cambridge changed any policies as a result of the alleged harassment. He said the city has since formed an office of equity and inclusion, whose first chief was hired last year. He also said the city hired an equity and inclusion investigator this year to probe complaints about harassment, discrimination, and retaliation.

Louis DePasquale, who was city

manager at the time Cambridge made the payment, did not respond to voice-mails requesting comment. Warnick said DePasquale was aware of the Globe’s story.

The current city manager, Yi-An Huang, was sworn in in September 2022. In a statement, the city said that Huang would continue to honor the confidentiality agreement related to the allegations and that he “recognizes the need to balance providing greater public transparency, protecting the privacy of complainants, and our broader legal operations.”

‘By the time we were presented with this full vote, it’s like a fait accompli.’

QUINTON ZONDERVAN,
former city councilor in Cambridge

Crowley is represented through his union, the Cambridge Police Superior Officers Association, by attorney Alan McDonald. McDonald is also counsel for the Boston Newspaper Guild, which represents Boston Globe reporters and some editors.

Cambridge has made large payouts in discrimination cases before, notably in 2011 when it settled for nearly \$4 million with two women — one a city lawyer and the other the head of the Cambridge Kids’ Council — who said they faced harassment and retaliation on the job. Citing privacy concerns, the city kept aspects of those payments secret as well until compelled by the state to release them.

That came after a multimillion-dollar payment to a third woman — the former head of the Police Review and Advisory Board — who alleged racial discrimination and retaliation and won a 2008 jury verdict against the city.

Zucker represented those women, too.

The Globe first learned of the \$1.4 million payment through a public records request filed in March that sought records of payouts involving city employees that Cambridge made from 2019 through 2023. The city sent the Globe the redacted agreement about that payment, the largest of its kind during that time period, on the Friday before July 4.

Aside from the \$1.4 million payment in 2020, three payouts in that time were to settle discrimination cases. All involved Cambridge Public Schools employees. One person was paid \$35,000, another was paid \$60,000, and another was paid \$85,000. None of their names were redacted.

William Sinnott, who was the City of Boston’s top in-house lawyer for eight years, said he could not recall ever seeing a similar level of secrecy in a harassment case.

“I’ve never seen that, certainly not in Boston,” he said, referring to the Crowley case.

The fact that the settlement agreement had been redacted to exclude Crowley’s name, and even the department where he worked, is highly unusual, he said. He said public records law in most cases errs on the side of releasing information contained in settlement agreements.

The city in a statement said it was not influenced by Crowley’s national profile stemming from his 2009 encounter with Gates at the professor’s house.

The incident a decade and a half ago began when Crowley showed up to investigate a possible break-in at the address and wound up arresting the prominent Black academic, who had been trying to get into his own home after a trip abroad. Charges of disorderly conduct against Gates were dropped.

Obama initially said Cambridge police had “acted stupidly” in arresting Gates, but later said he regretted his “choice of words” and, famously, invited

Cambridge officials justified keeping the \$1.4 million payout under wraps because they said it was necessary to protect the identities of three female Cambridge police officers who had accused Cambridge police Sergeant James Crowley of sexual harassment. Above, an aerial photo of Cambridge City Hall.

both men to the Rose Garden to hash out their differences over beers.

Cambridge police defended Crowley at the time and cleared him of wrongdoing. The incident is considered an important moment of Obama’s first term.

Zucker, the accusers’ lawyer, wouldn’t discuss the city’s rationale for secrecy but said women first responders who pursue discrimination complaints can need extra protection due to the nature of the work, which can include being side-by-side in dangerous situations with fellow officers whom they have accused of harassment.

“For women in law enforcement, the cost of coming forward and looking for meaningful change can be very high,” Zucker said.

Ellen Messing, another lawyer who has represented alleged discrimination victims but was not involved in this case, said she is sympathetic to the idea that withholding an alleged harasser’s identity could protect the identities of their accusers. But, she said, it also means the payments may not deter bad behavior, let others know they have recourse if the same thing happens to them, or reveal whether the alleged behavior is part of a pattern in the department.

“The fact that somebody thought the damage that was inflicted on fellow human beings was valued at \$1.4 million suggests that there is a problem that somebody should solve,” Messing said.

Some city councilors have said they were told too little at the meeting in 2020 when they were asked to approve the payment, including what the nature of the harassment entailed, or who had been accused.

“By the time we were presented with this full vote, it’s like a fait accompli,” said then-councilor Quinton Zondervan, who voted in favor of spending the money but said he had reservations about it. “Voting ‘no’ would just mean that these victims wouldn’t get their settlement.”

After the 6-2 vote (one councilor voted present), Zondervan said he and other councilors talked about creating a policy that would require more details be given to them when allegations are made against police officers, but it never led to changes.

“I called for more transparency in the Police Department in general, and specifically around harassment and other malfeasance that occurs there,” Zondervan said. “That’s the problem with secrecy, right? We don’t even know [alleged harassment is occurring]. So how can we hold people accountable for allowing it to persist?”

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Rat birth-control pilot program draws supporters, critics

Among Jamaica Plain residents, far from a consensus on the program's efficacy

By Niki Griswold
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As the city of Boston ramps up its perpetual battle against rats, more attention has focused on unconventional strategies to eliminate rodents, including deploying rat contraceptives to suppress the pests' reproductive systems.

In Jamaica Plain, a group of residents, in partnership with the nonprofit WISDOM Good Works, are testing the idea through a pilot, putting out feeders with rat birth-control pellets and tracking consumption to see if the

population is declining. But in the Hyde Square area of the neighborhood, there is far from consensus on the program's efficacy so far, a reflection of ongoing questions and criticism of the novel strategy for reducing rat numbers.

James Sherley, who has lived in his house in Jamaica Plain for 25 years, said he and his wife rarely spotted rats around their home, but that has changed since they joined the pilot program. They started to see rats in their yard by their feeder.

"It wasn't long after that before my

spouse said, 'James, there's noises in the basement that I haven't heard before,'" Sherley said, adding that some of his neighbors also say they've noticed an increase in rat activity on their properties. "At some point, you would expect that the activity would decrease. In fact, all we've seen is just a continuing increase, to the point where we have now rodents in our basement."

Sherley and his wife decided to opt out of the program and are now using conventional methods, like poison and traps, to try and get rid of the rats in

their basement. He sees the continuation of the program in their neighborhood as a problem. The WISDOM Good Works birth-control pellets are formulated to be appealing and nutritious for the rats, to encourage them to rely on the pellets as a food source.

"It's like a picnic table out around the houses now," Sherley said. "This is a real problem, and I don't think they've yet shown, at least not in this field study, that the contraceptive is effective."

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JAMES SHERLEY,
a Jamaica Plain resident who participated in the pilot program

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AS I SEE IT



Susan Baur, 84, a member of Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage, jumped into Johns Pond in Mashpee last month.

UNDERWATER JUNKYARD DETAIL

These women plumb the deep to clean our waterways

MASHPEE — Wearing dive masks and bright-orange swim caps, the Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage, (OLAUG) plunge into Johns Pond searching for a yucky, broken porcelain toilet bowl.

The conditions are awful.

"You had the rain, you had the wind, you had the darkly overcast sky, and you had a billion, trillion things of plankton making the visibility poor," says Susan Baur, the group's 84-year-old founder. "We couldn't see a damn thing."

The 15 swimmers and five kayakers fan out in what looks like a search-and-rescue operation. They are fit and highly motivated. To join the club, women must be at least 64 years of age, swim a half mile in under 30 minutes, and free-dive to at least eight feet.

They have pulled up golf balls, tires, beer cans, fishing lures, and a garden gnome from Cape Cod ponds. They scout each pond and find the trash before approaching the pond association.

Frequently they deny it, Baur says.

Baur says the toilet bowl is their most chal-

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Jean Bourdon of Falmouth retrieved a red plastic cup from the bottom of Johns Pond, a small part of the haul that she and her colleagues pulled from the pond. Said Baur: "There's not one woman who's thinking about what she's making for dinner that night. You are totally out of your own head, immersed in the experience."

Opponents to challenge new Mass.

gun law

Seek referendum for 2026 ballot question

By Anjali Huynh
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A sweeping new law to strengthen the state's already strict gun control regulations may face a challenge at the ballot box.

Opponents of the legislation that updated rules for selling and carrying firearms in the state, and was signed by Governor Maura Healey last month, have taken the first step in filing a referendum petition, which could place the law's future directly in the hands of Massachusetts voters.

The 82-page law, one of the few major pieces of legislation passed toward

the end of formal sessions, contained a number of measures to update the state's gun laws, which included regulating ghost guns, expanding the state's "red flag" laws, and prohibiting firearms from being carried in polling places and schools.

Supporters of the effort will need to collect tens of thousands of signatures by early October in order to get a question on the 2026 ballot that would allow voters to decide whether they want to keep or repeal the law. If they collect a sufficient number, they could also potentially have the law suspended in the meantime.

The Gun Owners' Action League, a Massachusetts-based gun rights group, announced that they would seek to file a referendum to put it on the ballot, one day after Healey officially signed the legislation. Jim Wallace, the group's executive director, raised a litany of concerns about the law, among them that it would make it difficult for licensed firearm retailers to operate and for residents to obtain new firearms licenses.

"We're going to use every measure imaginable to defeat this because this is hands down the worst attack on civil rights in modern US history," he said.

The group has vowed to challenge the wide-reaching law by breaking it down by subject matter. So far, they have filed a lawsuit in federal court in which they alleged that licensing and training portions of the legislation had violated the Constitution. Other organizations working in tandem with them also plan to file legal actions, the group said.

The referendum petition process of

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Ex-Holy Cross trustee aims to recoup millions in legal row

By Travis Andersen and Shannon Larson
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The College of the Holy Cross is locked in a legal battle with a former trustee seeking to recover some \$21 million he donated for a campus performing arts center that bears his name, claiming that the Catholic liberal arts school repeatedly delayed construction of the project and rebuffed his efforts to learn details of how his money was being handled.

The dispute centers around the construction of the Prior Performing Arts Center, which opened in late 2022. For-

He claims Worcester college failed to honor agreement to build performing arts center

mer trustee Cornelius B. Prior Jr., a 1956 graduate of the Worcester college, donated \$18 million between 2012 and 2016 toward the project, according to a lawsuit he filed last year in US District Court in Worcester. The suit is pending. It was first reported by the newsletter Contrarian Boston.

Holy Cross "did not honor its agreement" to build the center promptly, Prior alleges in the civil complaint. Instead, in 2015 the school's president

told trustees that a planned athletic facility needed an additional \$3 million to comply with a school policy of delaying construction on a project until at least two-thirds of the costs were covered by pledged donations, according to the complaint.

Although he had no interest in supporting the athletic facility, Prior donated the \$3 million so it would not "act as a block on the pursuit of the arts center, the complaint said.

"Nevertheless, inexplicably, Holy Cross continued to delay active development of a [performing arts center] for approximately four more years," the lawsuit said.

On Monday, the college's president, Vincent D. Rougeau, flatly disputed Prior's allegations. "I can't tell you how deeply saddened we are about this situation," Rougeau said in a letter to the campus community. "The donor's allegations are simply untrue."

Rougeau said Prior, whom he referred to only as "the donor," was a trustee when he made a \$25 million

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Indictment pending

A Plymouth County grand jury hearing evidence against Jared Ravizza, a Martha's Vineyard resident charged with stabbing six people in May, is expected to issue an indictment in the next couple of weeks, and Connecticut authorities continue to investigate Ravizza's alleged role in the murder of a man there, prosecutors said Monday. **B2**

BPD overdose case

A civil jury will decide if Boston police officers are liable for a fatal overdose at a police station. **B2**

Indictment expected for suspect in stabbings

By Travis Andersen
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A Plymouth County grand jury hearing evidence against Jared Ravizza, a Martha's Vineyard resident charged with stabbing six people during an hours-long rampage in May, is expected to issue an indictment in the next couple of weeks, and Connecticut authorities continue to investigate Ravizza's alleged involvement in the murder of a 70-year-old man there, prosecutors said Monday.

During a brief hearing in Plymouth District Court, prosecutors said that they expect to be ready for a probable-cause hearing



RAMPAGE IN MAY

Jared Ravizza is charged with stabbing six people.

ing scheduled for Sept. 6, but that the grand jury could well return an indictment by then, which would move the case to Superior Court.

Ravizza, 27, is being held without bail on charges including armed assault to murder, two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and indecent exposure, legal filings show. He has pleaded not guilty.

Authorities allege that Ravizza stabbed two workers at a McDonald's in Plymouth on the evening of May 25, about an hour after stabbing four girls at a Braintree movie theater. All six people survived.

In the Braintree attack, Ravizza is charged in Quincy District Court with four counts each of assault to murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, records show. He has pleaded not guilty with a probable-cause hearing slated for Sept. 4, according to legal filings.

In Connecticut, authorities have described Ravizza as a suspect in the slaying earlier in the afternoon on May 25 of Bruce Feldman, 70, who was found with "visible injuries" outside a home in Deep River, after police responded to a reported disturbance there shortly before 3:40 p.m.

On Monday, Plymouth prosecutors said in court that Connecticut authorities are moving forward with their investigation. Connecticut State Police said in May that criminal charges against Ravizza were pending and that Feldman's death remained under investigation.

State Police said Monday there is an arrest warrant in Connecticut for Ravizza, though the agency didn't specify the charges.

"Ravizza has not yet been charged in CT [Connecticut] due to the fact that he is held in custody in MA," the agency said in a statement. "He cannot be charged for crimes in CT while held in the custody of another state, therefore he will need to be extradited back to CT in order to be charged here. The Central District Major Crimes Detectives who are handling this investigation are working in conjunction with the MA judicial system in order to facilitate this."

In a Massachusetts court in May, psychologist Kimberly Bistis testified that Ravizza has struggled with his mental health for about two years.

Those issues appear to have culminated in what appeared to be a serious thought disorder with signs and symptoms of an "active psychotic illness," and delusions, Bistis said.

Ravizza believes his family is involved with the Mafia, she said, and thinks "he is being controlled by multiple sources outside of him, which have made him at times angry and upset," Bistis testified.

During Ravizza's meeting with Bistis, he could answer some basic questions about the nature of the charges against him, she said. But he would also burst into tears suddenly and was distractable, she said.

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Jury to decide whether police liable for overdose

Civil suit against 4 Boston officers

By Shelley Murphy
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On a July morning in 2019, Boston police arrested Shayne Stilphen for breaking into a car near Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, an area often called Mass. and Cass that is widely recognized as the epicenter of the city's overlapping homelessness and opioid crises.

The 28-year-old was placed alone in a cell at the District 4 police station in the South End, where he pulled out a small bag of fentanyl he had hidden inside his shorts. For several hours, he used drugs, undetected by officers who walked by his cell every 15 minutes during routine checks and monitored his cell on a surveillance camera.

As the fentanyl in Stilphen's body approached a toxic level, officers failed to get him help until it was too late, and he died of a drug overdose, a lawyer told jurors in US District Court in Boston on Monday during opening statements in a civil suit brought against four Boston police officers by Stilphen's mother.

"You'll see how these officers did nothing to help Shayne time and time again," said attorney Alexandra Valenti. "Instead they locked him in a cell alone and left him to die."

She showed jurors photos and surveillance video of the last hours of Stilphen's life, as he struggled to stand up during the booking process, then sat slumped inside his cell, his face over his knees and his arms contorted awkwardly behind his back. She said he was clearly suffering from drug abuse and in dire need of medical attention even before he ingested more drugs at the station.

"Any one of us could recognize that Shayne was in need of attention," said Valenti, adding that the four officers were trained on how to recognize opioid abuse and had the life-saving anti-over-



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Shayne Stilphen died of a drug overdose while he was alone in a cell at the District 4 police station in the South End in 2019.

dose drug Narcan at the station but failed to apply it until it was too late. One of those officers was also on duty seven weeks earlier when another man died of a drug overdose inside a cell, she said.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Stilphen's mother by the law firm Goodwin Procter and the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, is seeking damages against the four officers for the unconstitutional failure to provide medical care. It names Officers Ismael Almeida, Paul Michael Bertocchi, Catia Freire, and Brian Picarello.

US District Judge Richard Stearns told eight jurors who were selected to hear the case that they may only find the officers liable if they decide the officers committed deliberate indifference, "which means affirmatively choosing to do the wrong thing or doing nothing despite knowing what the law requires."

The city is also named in the suit but will be tried separately.

In his opening remarks, a law-

yer representing the officers called Stilphen's death "a tragedy" but said the officers were not to blame.

"Once the officers realized Stilphen was overdosing they did everything they could to save his life," Randall Maas said, describing how they used Narcan, performed CPR, and called Emergency Medical Services.

He pointed to the four officers as they sat in the courtroom gallery. Freire and Picarello had just graduated from the police academy the month before Stilphen's death.

Maas told jurors that police were prohibited from strip-searching Stilphen, who was accused of a nonviolent misdemeanor. Valenti also told jurors that the failure to find Stilphen's drugs before placing him in the cell was not an issue in the lawsuit.

Maas disputed claims that Stilphen was in obvious distress when he arrived at the police station after his arrest shortly after

1 a.m. on July 14, 2019. Stilphen was able to answer questions, take his shoes off, and stand on one foot during the booking process, he said.

"This was a chaotic and busy night at the D-4 station," said Maas, adding that Almeida, then a 13-year veteran, described it as the busiest of his career.

While Stilphen was in his cell, according to Maas, a SWAT team was called to the station to assist in an unrelated case involving a man who became violent and slammed his head on a transport van after his arrest on assault and attempted rape charges.

The first time officers realized Stilphen "had a serious medical need" was when a fifth officer checked on him at 5:51 a.m., entered his cell when he didn't respond, and discovered the bag with drug residue, Maas said.

Stilphen's mother, Lynnel Cox, testified Monday that Shayne was a loving son, brother, and friend who had struggled with opioid addiction since he

was about 16 but had repeatedly sought treatment and had spoken to her about his dream of recovering and working as a barber.

"I never lost hope for him, ever," Cox said. "I never thought he would die in police custody."

She cried as jurors were shown letters Stilphen had written to her, expressing how grateful he was that she had always stood by him and believed in him. The day before he died, she said they spoke about his plan to go into a long-term drug treatment program in Florida.

Cox said she wasn't told of her son's death until six hours later, when officers came knocking on her door in East Bridgewater to let her know.

"Nobody deserves to die alone," she said. "I wanted to go see him and hold him ... and they took that opportunity away from me."

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Man, 31, drowns off Nantucket; third on island since late July

By Travis Andersen
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A 31-year-old man died in an apparent drowning Saturday off Ladies Beach on Nantucket, the third such death on the island since late last month, officials said.

Lifeguards pulled the unresponsive man from the water around 4:15 p.m., and firefighters arrived a few minutes later, Fire Chief Michael M. Cranson said in a statement.

Ladies Beach was unguarded

at the time, so bystanders "called 911 and the public safety dispatchers contacted lifeguards at the closest guarded beach, and they responded over to the site of the incident," Cranson said.

Cranson said emergency responders "began advanced life-support procedures" on the man, who was later taken to Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

"Despite the best efforts of both the Nantucket lifeguards and the NFD, the patient unfortunately died," Cranson said.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends during this difficult time."

The man's name was withheld.

His death came five days after another man was pulled unresponsive from the water at Miacomet Beach and taken to the hospital, officials said. He later died, Cranson said.

On July 20, a Connecticut resident died after being pulled from the water during the Nantucket Triathlon.

The race director, Bill Burnett, said the participant "experienced a medical emergency" during the swim portion of the race.

"Our hearts are broken," Burnett said at the time. "The Nantucket Triathlon is committed to safety and has been known for organizing high-quality events for over 14 years. At this point, we ask that the entire island and all visiting athletes stand with and support the family impacted by this tragedy."

Just after 7 a.m., lifeguards

alerted firefighters that a triathlon participant was unresponsive in the water, officials said.

Lifeguards brought the swimmer to shore at 7:05 a.m. and advanced lifesaving interventions began two minutes later, officials said.

The swimmer was taken to Nantucket Cottage Hospital and pronounced dead shortly after 8 a.m., officials said.

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1,300-pound bull causes 3-vehicle crash

By Sabrina Lam
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A "highly aggressive" 1,300-pound bull was euthanized Monday after escaping from a farm and charging onto Interstate 495 where it caused a multi-vehicle crash that left a driver hospitalized, Raynham police said.

At approximately 9 a.m. Monday, town police received multiple 911 calls about a "large black bull" running down Jennings Drive near Elm Street East, officials said. Callers warned the bull was "highly aggressive."

Workers at nearby Mathieu Farms had been attempting to load the bull onto a truck that was headed to a slaughterhouse

when the animal became enraged and broke free, running through several fences on its rampage, officials said.

"The bull ran through multiple fences, including electrified fences, and jumped over a 6-foot-tall berm to escape," town police said.

The animal ran onto I-495 causing a crash involving three vehicles in which "one driver was transported to a local hospital for their injuries," police said.

From I-495, the bull fled into the woods of Elm Street East and ran into Lake Nippenicket where it was confronted by officers and farm staff, police said. Undeterred, the bull "quickly and aggressively swam toward the group on shore" prompting

an officer to shoot at the bull, they said.

But the bull kept charging. An officer fired several more shots, finally disabling the creature by striking it in the leg.

"After being disabled, the bull needed to be humanely euthanized; however, the rifle that the officer was using was not powerful enough," police said.

The owner of the farm euthanized the bull with his hunting rifle, police said.

The farm owner and staff had previously advised officers to put down the bull rather than capture it due to its aggression, police said.

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This day in history

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 13, the 226th day of 2024. There are 140 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Former US surgeon general Joycelyn Elders is 91. Opera singer Kathleen Battle is 76. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Clarke is 75. Golf Hall of Famer Betsy King is 69. Movie director Paul Greengrass is 69. Actor Danny Bonaduce is 65. Actor DAWN Lewis is 63. Actor John Slattery is 62. Actor Debi Mazar is 60. Figure skater Midori Ito is 55. White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre is 50. Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders is 42.

► In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured Tenochtitlan, present-day Mexico City, from the Aztecs.

► In 1792, French revolutionaries arrested and imprisoned King Louis XVI; he would be executed by guillotine the following January.

► In 1889, William Gray of Hartford received a patent for the first coin-operated telephone.

► In 1952, Big Mama Thornton first recorded the song "Hound Dog," four years before Elvis Presley's famous version was released.

► In 1969, New York City held a ticket-tape parade for Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins.

► In 2011, seven people were killed when a stage collapsed at the Indiana State Fair during a powerful storm just before a concert was to begin.

► In 2020, in an interview on Fox Business Network, President Trump acknowledged that he was starving the US Postal Service of money in order to make it harder to process an expected surge of mail-in ballots.

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| Last 3 | \$94 |

LUCKY FOR LIFE

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Lucky Ball 02
Jackpot: \$1,000 a day for life; winners

MASS CASH

August 12 **03-10-21-32-34**

Jackpot: \$100,000; no winners

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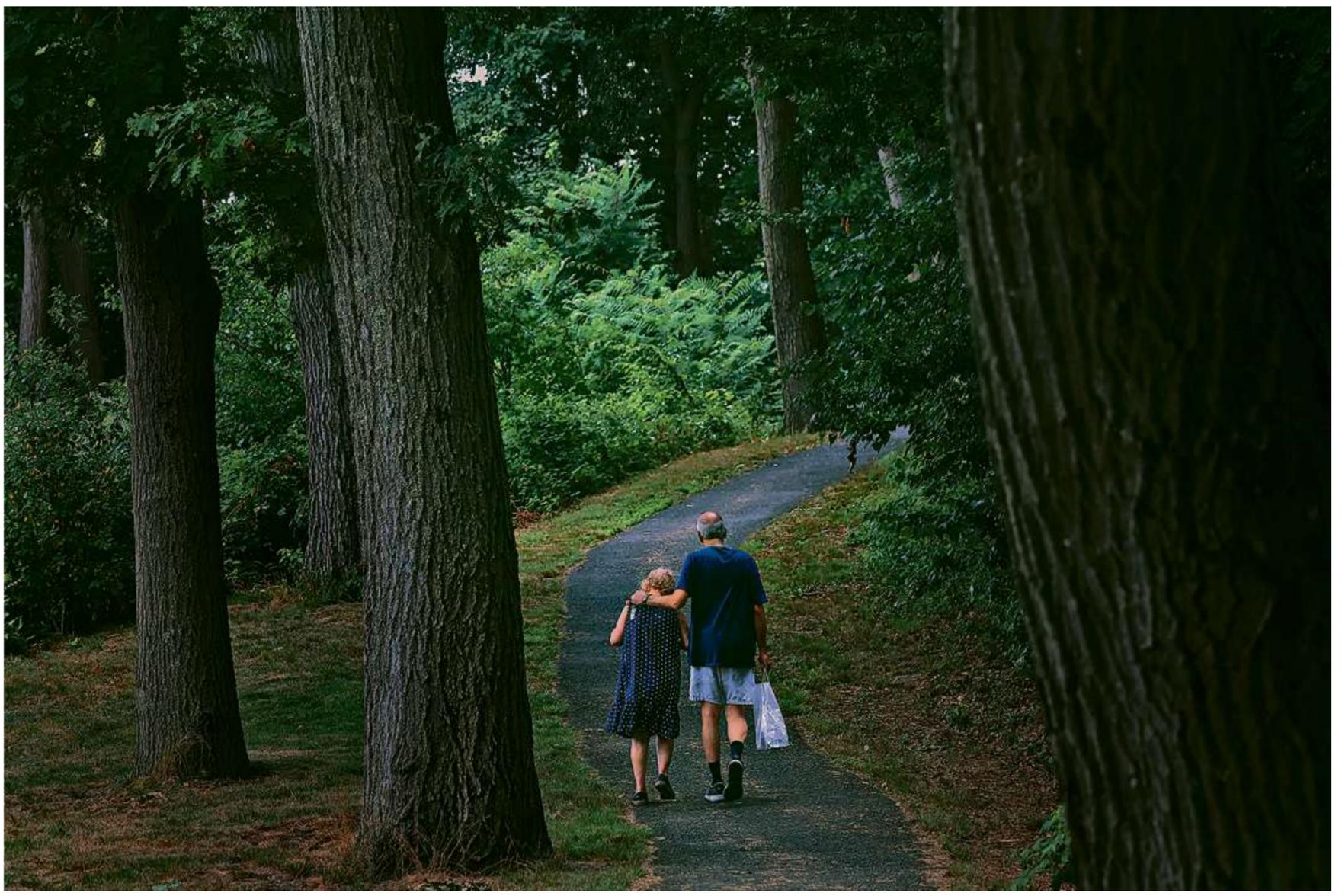
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MEGABUCKS

03-04-06-09-29-30
Jackpot: \$2,471,572
No winners

POWERBALL

August 12 **09-22-57-67-68**
Powerball **14** Powerplay **3x**
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SCENIC SERENITY — A path through the Chestnut Hill Reservation allowed a bucolic escape from the city in Cleveland Circle.

Localities face deadline to spend pandemic money or lose it

By Amanda Gokee

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CONCORD, N.H. — Local New Hampshire governments are at risk of losing millions in pandemic aid if they don't commit to spending it by the end of the year, according to a new report from the New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute.

The report found that, by the end of March, New Hampshire counties hadn't committed \$52.3 million, according to the most recent federal data from the US Treasury Department. Although information about cities and towns was incomplete, the report said available data showed cities and towns risk losing at least \$31 million.

The federal government can take the money back if local governments don't commit to spending those funds on a particular expense by the end of

2024.

The money has to be "obligated" by that deadline, which means an order has to be placed for a service or property, or a contract has to be finalized, according to the federal government's definition. Just budgeting to spend the funds is likely not sufficient, according to the report.

The money comes from the 2021 federal American Rescue Plan Act, which gave flexible funding to state governments, as well as counties, cities, and towns in an effort to help local governments recover from the economic impact of the pandemic.

Money sent to New Hampshire included \$994.6 million for the state government, while counties got \$264.1 million, and cities and towns were allocated \$198.2 million, according to the US Department of the Treasury.

The money can be used to replace public revenue lost from the pandemic, to respond to

public health and economic impacts from the pandemic, provide premium pay for essential workers, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, some transportation projects and community development, and provide relief for natural disasters.

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The report found four New Hampshire counties stood to lose "significant" funds, nine months ahead of the deadline. Grafton County had \$4.1 million at risk (23 percent of total

received), and Rockingham County had \$9.1 million (15 percent).

Julie Libby, the county administrator for Grafton County, said now there are between \$2.5 to \$3 million in unobligated funds, and that the county expects to obligate all of the funds ahead of the deadline.

The county commissioners will meet in August to discuss

the county, in addition to funding a prosecutor and investigator in the County Attorney's office to help with the backlog of court cases from the pandemic.

While Merrimack County had \$12.7 million in unobligated funding (43 percent) in March, the county's finance director Aaron Turner said much of those funds will go toward a solar project in Boscawen.

He said the project had long been part of the county's plan for spending the money, the county just needed to finalize the related contracts. Turner said the county is "definitely" on track to obligate all of the federal funds ahead of the deadline.

According to the federal data, Hillsborough County had the most unobligated funds remaining, at \$25.3 million or 31 percent of its total funding through the program.

But Chad Monier, the Hillsborough County administrator, said by the county's own accounting, they had obligated

much more than that in March and were on track to obligate it all by the deadline. According to the county's website, all but \$1.8 million has been obligated, and the remaining funds were reserved for county costs.

That could be a result of the county defining obligated funds differently than the US Treasury. "A local government may be treating funds as obligated because they have budgeted them," according to Phil Sletten, the report's author and the research director at the N.H. Fiscal Policy Institute.

The Hillsborough County website acknowledged the difference, noting that the county considered funds committed after county commissioners approve a project, but said recent federal guidance and a push to award contracts will better align the county's tracking with federal reporting.

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Ex-Holy Cross trustee aims to recoup millions for arts center

► HOLY CROSS

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pledge for the performing arts center. Prior left the board in June 2021 and was "intimately involved" in planning for the construction, Rougeau said.

"He frequently lobbied for choices that caused the project's cost to balloon, ultimately growing from an original estimate of up to \$57 million — for which he pledged \$25 million in support — to a final project cost of \$109 million," Rougeau said.

He disputed the assertion that the school delayed the project.

"The trustees, including the donor, had unanimously approved a requirement that two thirds of the funding required for any building project — not just this project — must be raised before the College could put shovels in the ground," Rougeau said. "These cost increases caused by the donor's choices extended the timeline and the necessity to secure sufficient funds from additional generous donors before the project could begin."

Lawyers for Prior, a retired telecom executive who resides in St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands, and Holy Cross had a hearing Aug. 2 in federal court in Worcester, where Magistrate Judge David H. Hennessy heard arguments on the college's motion to move the dispute into



SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF/FILE 2020

Holy Cross president Vincent D. Rougeau said the school is "deeply saddened" over the dispute with Cornelius B. Prior Jr.

mediation and arbitration.

Hennessy took the motion under advisement. Another hearing is scheduled for Aug. 30, records show. In his complaint, Prior also referenced an opening concert at the center that had been planned for December 2022. Prior said he had invited a number of prominent friends to

attend the event, including architect Liz Diller, three US Supreme Court justices, Cardinal Sean O'Malley of the Boston Archdiocese, and former deans at Harvard Law School, where Prior graduated in 1962.

The college abruptly canceled the concert, Prior alleged, after he requested a meeting with col-

lege officials to discuss how his funds were being handled.

Rather than honor his request for a meeting, Prior "received an aggressive conference call the next day from two representatives of the Executive Committee demanding that he pay an additional" \$7 million within five days or the concert would be

canceled, the complaint alleged.

Prior said he made "significant efforts" to put together stock holdings valued at \$10 million for the project, but later learned the college had already canceled the concert.

But Rougeau framed the \$7 million request as the final installment of Prior's initial \$25

million pledge for the arts center, described at the time as the largest single donation in school history.

"As construction neared completion and the deadline approached for the final payment on his pledge, we made repeated attempts to remind the donor of his obligation beginning months before it came due, and thereafter, to give the donor every opportunity to fulfill his promise to Holy Cross," Rougeau said. "Unfortunately, he did not."

In his complaint, Prior said he wants his donations returned to the Prior Family Foundation, which would "re-direct" the funds to another charitable cause, plus damages for income that he could've collected from the "reasonable investment of the funds" he donated, records show.

Prior's lawyer, Steven M. Cowley, said his client's claim "arises out of his position that the College did not honor its agreement to proceed with the development of a [performing arts center] as a priority when it unilaterally refused to move forward with the [center] because of a lack of sufficient funding for the athletic center."

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Gun advocates move to challenge new law at the ballot box

► GUN REFERENDUM

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officially started on Thursday, when Mike Harris, the group's public policy director, submitted 10 signatures from registered voters to the secretary of state's office, according to Debra O'Malley, a spokesperson for the office which oversees the state's elections. The attorney general's office will need to prepare a summary of the law to be printed on the petitions, after which the elections office has 14 days to print them.

Supporters of the petition, which Wallace said will be organized by a special campaign committee, will have until Oct. 9 to submit signatures to local clerks for it to appear on the 2026 ballot. If they want to suspend the law before it appears on the ballot, they will need to file at least 49,716 signatures. Healey, however, could also choose to add an "emergency preamble" to the legislation within 30 days of her signing it, which makes the law take effect immediately and prevents it



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The 82-page gun bill regulates ghost guns and expands the state's "red flag" laws.

from being suspended. If she does so, the advocates would need at least 37,287 signatures to appear on the ballot, O'Malley said.

"In Massachusetts, strong

gun laws save lives. It's why we came together to enact our state's most significant gun safety legislation in a decade," said Jillian Fennimore, a spokesperson for Healey. "We are confi-

dent that Massachusetts voters will support these efforts to keep our neighbors, our communities, and our state safe."

Representative Michael Day, a Stoneham Democrat who

sponsored the gun legislation in the House, said lawmakers had prepared to face legal challenges from opponents when crafting it.

"We're confident we're on firm legal grounds, constitutional grounds with this — it's in the tradition of what we've always done here in Massachusetts," he said after an event at the State House celebrating the law's passage.

"I think the vast, vast, overwhelming majority of residents here understand what we're doing today and agree with what we're doing today to make us safer," he added.

In addition to the vast majority of state legislators, the law was supported by an array of gun control advocates and statewide police groups, including the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police.

A similar effort to repeal legislation via referendum petition took place two years ago after the state passed a law that would allow undocumented residents to obtain driver's licenses. The

legislation was vetoed by then-governor Charlie Baker, but the Legislature overrode his opposition. Opponents of the driver's license law then launched a successful last-minute effort to have voters decide its fate. Those voters ultimately chose to keep the law in place.

Toby Leary, the co-owner of Cape Gun Works who helped organize the referendum petition, said he sought to provide an outlet for those upset about the legislation to make their feelings known and "have the people in Massachusetts decide whether or not our rights should be taken away." He plans for his Hyannis-based gun store to be a center for organizing around the effort, where supporters can pick up and drop off petitions.

"This is a really good opportunity for the voters in Massachusetts who feel that their vote doesn't count in this state to really end up counted in a huge way," he said.

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These women clean up the mess others leave in our ponds

► GROSSFELD

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lenging mission ever. The first hour they collect trash but there is no sign of the broken throne. A few swimmers are frustrated and exhausted. Baur then directs a nine-person sweep of the area where the toilet was located in a June scouting mission.

Nothing. She decides to call in reinforcements in kayaks to give the women a chance to take a break.

After another failed sweep, Baur is cursing like a sailor. The brave women are spent, breathing heavy and clinging to the kayaks. No one can mask their disappointment.

She reluctantly signals the swimmers to return to the beach for safety concerns. Everyone starts swimming in. A sad silence fills the air.

"It was a total disaster," says Baur. "We failed."

Then suddenly a piercing scream rings out across the water.

"Toilet!" yells Jane Driscoll of Centerville.

Hootin' and hollerin' rise from the re-energized swimmers. Quickly they grab yellow ropes, dive, and lasso it in eight feet of water. It looks like an underwater rodeo.

"The damn thing was on its side. [Initially] we couldn't move it," says Baur.

Finally, it is brought to the surface, and they tow it into shallow water. Victory cheers ring out again as the algae-coated blue commode surfaces.

Then comes another scream, this time by Baur.

"When we tried to lift it onto the kayak, we had to tip it sideways to get the water out. And out came a full-sized eel. Man, it comes out of the throat of the toilet and squibbles between my legs. Freud, where are you now?" says Baur.

Chris Clark, a board member of the Falmouth Water Stewards, who also helped tug the fixture out of the muck, paddles it back to the shore on his ocean kayak. Men can't join this club, but they can run the kayaks or bake cookies, Baur says. Various pond associations ask them what is their price for a day's work.

"We work for cookies and hot chocolate," says Baur. "We never



Paule Carton of Plymouth kayaked in support of divers at Johns Pond in Mashpee. At left, Marci Johnson high-fived teammates Jane Driscoll and Mary Grauerholz after a successful mission retrieving a toilet from the bottom.

Baur is known as the "Turtle Lady." She has been swimming with turtles in Cape Cod kettle ponds for the last 20 years. She used to gauge her laps by the beer cans she saw on the pond floor.

In 2017, she had seen enough. She enlisted two friends and a kayak, and OLAUG was hatched.

"I got started, to clean up for my turtle buddies," she says.

"Sometimes, we're swimming and we see these fish and turtles looking at us, and it feels like they're saying, 'Thank you,'" says Robin Melavalin of Fal-

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ROBIN MELAVALIN
of Falmouth

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There are also heartbreaking scenes, like finding a turtle with a lure trailing from its mouth. Baur once came face to fin with an angry catfish at an abandoned fire pit on the pond floor.

"He comes out ready to fight me. And there's his wife and his 25 children in the space of the fire pit. She's ready to fight too."

Baur swims away. "Everything just wants to live," she says.

The women who join OLAUG are transformed once they enter the water. "There's not one woman who's thinking about what she's making for dinner that night. You are totally out of your own head, immersed in the experience," she says.

Some folks don't like the group's name.

"One person wrote in and she was irate. She wanted us to call ourselves 'Glitter Litter Mermaids.' But we are old ladies. Our name is terrific."

Onshore, the women pose with their toilet, flush with pride. They also call the police to report that they found a waterlogged wallet with a license, credit card, and a soggy \$5 bill still in it. Grateful pond residents ask for selfies with the OLAUG team.

There is a giddiness — maybe a sugar high — as they pose with the toilet. OLAUG member Diane Hammer addresses the team.

"Isn't it true, ladies, whenever we're looking for a toilet, we can never find it?" she says as the sound of laughter resonates across the now-cleaner pond.

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Rat birth control pilot program draws supporters and critics

► RATS

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But Lauren Ockene, who has lived in her Jamaica Plain house for 26 years, disagrees. Ockene is one of the residents who reached out to WISDOM Good Works to start the pilot, in an effort to find a more humane way to address the area's rat problem.

"With people poisoning them, you started seeing them dead, smushed in the road a lot," Ockene said.

She acknowledged that she noticed an increase in rat activity right after the program began but said it was expected as the rats got accustomed to the feed-

ers and the pellets as a food source.

"People get, understandably, a little freaked out when they think they're doing something to [address the problem], and it looks like it's going in the opposite direction," Ockene said. "But the increase stopped after a month or two ... In the last few months, we were still noticing them on occasion at night in our yard, but now we're not."

WISDOM Good Works says the data it is collecting, corroborated by video evidence, show a 50 to 60 percent reduction in consumption and rat population size since a peak in September 2023.

"They're still around, for sure, they're not truly ever going away, which is okay with me, but it's not problematic anymore right here, which feels like a huge victory," Ockene said.

But Sherley takes issue with WISDOM Good Works' interpretation of the data, arguing it cannot determine whether the pellets and the program are effective without independently measuring rat population numbers, outside of consumption.

Other experts also have questions about the product, the research methods, and rodent contraceptives' effectiveness in an open environment.

Michael Parsons, a scientist

and rodent researcher, said testing a product in the field comes with a lot of variables that are difficult or impossible to control.

"I love momentum, I want to support new technology, but I'm also a realist," said Parsons, who has a consulting company called the Center for Urban Ecological Solutions. "All it takes is one animal to not enjoy it, or two animals to not like the taste. ... Then the two that dislike the contraceptive are going to be the ones that have a tremendous reproductive advantage."

He added that rats migrate and have other food options, so it's difficult to tell if the rodents

are eating enough of the product, and often enough, for it to be effective without microchipping, testing, or tracking them.

Parsons also questioned whether it's accurate to assume that a reduction in consumption of the pellets is due to a reduction in population size. It's possible the rats prefer other foods, are impacted by weather or seasons, or if other strategies, like using rodenticide or traps, are also contributing to the findings.

Loretta Mayer, cofounder of WISDOM Good Works, who invented the rat birth control pellets, said that's what they're trying to demonstrate with the var-

ious pilot programs.

"This is research. ... There are complexities that you don't have in the laboratory or in an animal facility," Mayer said.

But in Jamaica Plain, some residents are not on board with giving the research time.

"The problem with that is, it's got to be responsible when people's lives are being affected by it and their property is being affected by it, it's not enough to say, 'Well, we're just gathering data and we can see what happens,'" Sherley said.

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TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY DON AUCOIN



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From left: "Succession" actors Sarah Snook, Alan Ruck, Brian Cox, Jeremy Strong, and Kieran Culkin in 2023.

For 'Succession' stars, boards beckon

Given that they probably had their choice of projects after "Succession," it's telling that so many of that HBO drama's stars have made it a priority to return to the stage.

It was announced last week that Kieran Culkin will costar with Bob Odenkirk ("Better Call Saul") and Bill Burr in a Broadway revival next spring of David Mamet's "Glengarry Glen Ross."

Culkin played the weasely and twisted Roman on the series about the Murdoch-like Roy family, jockeying for control of their media empire. In "Glengarry Glen Ross," Culkin will portray a very different character: star salesman Ricky Roma, played by Joe Mantegna in the original 1984 Broadway production and Al Pacino in the 1992 film.

(Six-degrees-of-separation note: Culkin made his Broadway debut in the 2014 production of Kenneth Lonergan's "This Is Our Youth." He was superb as young drug dealer Dennis Ziegler, costarring with Michael Cera and Tavi Gevinson, also making their Broadway debuts. Playwright Lonergan is married to J. Smith-Cameron, the acclaimed stage actress who on "Succession" played general counsel Gerri Kellman, the object of Roman's creepy fixation.)

Jeremy Strong, who played the troubled and ravenously ambitious Kendall Roy, won a Tony Award in June for his performance in Amy Herzog's adaptation of Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People." Strong played principled physician Thomas Stockmann, trying desperately to warn of environmental calamity in a town determined to ignore him.

Sarah Snook, who was Shiv Roy, seething at the unequal treatment she received as the only female member of the younger generation — and eventually acting on that resentment in a very big way — took on the challenge of a solo production in London of Oscar Wilde's "The Picture of Dorian Gray." Snook narrated the tale and played the title role, in live performance, as well as more than two dozen other characters who were seen in pre-recorded footage.

That brings us to Brian Cox, who portrayed the fearsome patriarch Logan Roy. He played another forbidding father, James Tyrone, in a London production earlier this year of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey Into Night."

Cox devoted much of "Putting the Rabbit in the Hat," his 2021 memoir, to his career in the theater. Noting that movie roles did not flow his way after his feature film debut as Leon Trotsky in "Nicholas and Alexandra" (1971), he wrote: "But that hardly mattered to me. Why? Because although I had grown up loving the cinema, I was now consumed by the theatre. It was on the stage that I found my bliss."

Might that be the one thing the Roys can agree on?

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

I feel like 'the girlfriend who got pregnant'

Q. A few months ago I found out I was pregnant with my boyfriend's child. We haven't been dating for a long time, and this pregnancy has taken us by surprise. So far, he has been there for me, supported me in every aspect, and has found us a home to start our small family. Recently, we were having a conversation and he revealed that in his previous relationship that ended around a year and a half ago, his ex-girlfriend had a miscarriage. I felt like a bucket of ice fell on top of me when he told me this.

He said it was a moment where their relationship was at an end because his ex cheated on him with someone else. He did say that after the miscarriage, she took some time off work and he took care of her and her expenses. I understand his actions because I believe it says a lot about him. But I can't stop thinking about him already going through the process of being an expecting father. I feel threatened by his ex because they have gone through so much, compared to my relationship with him, where it's been so short. I know it's unhealthy to think this, but I feel like he is just with me because of my pregnancy, although he says it's not the case. I just can't help but feel jealous of his ex, knowing that they'd been together for two years. She'd met his family and had been introduced as a girlfriend, whereas, in my situation, I feel like I'm the girlfriend who got pregnant.

This has nothing to do with his ex-girlfriend. It has to do with this: "but I feel like he is just with me because of my pregnancy." That is what you need to work through.

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^Precisely. She needs to accept the fact that that is EXACTLY why he is with her. The rest of the world would call that "reality." Once she accepts reality she can start working on what she wants to do about it.

JIM-IN-LITTLETON

"So far, he has been there for me, supported me in every aspect, and has found us a home to start our small family." I'm not sure how much more you can ask of him. He's trying to make this work, even though you don't know each other well. Concentrate on having a healthy relationship with your guy. His previous relationship is irrelevant at this point.

JACQUISMITH

I don't know how long you have been dating, so maybe your relationship is on the fast track because of the baby. All you can do is live day by day anyway. No one can predict the future, so there's really no benefit in worrying.

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Congratulations on your pregnancy! The anxiety and visceral jealousy you are experiencing could be caused in part by your surging hormones. Not to mention the shock of such a big surprise! So cut yourself some slack. If you give birth to his first child and raise it very well (showing him respect as the father the whole time), you will supersede his ex completely. Don't even think about her. ... I bet he isn't even thinking about her at all!

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Q. A few months ago I found out I was pregnant with my boyfriend's child. We haven't been dating for a long time, and this pregnancy has taken us by surprise. So far, he has been there for me, supported me in every aspect, and has found us a home to start our small family. Recently, we were having a conversation and he revealed that in his previous relationship that ended around a year and a half ago, his ex-girlfriend had a miscarriage. I felt like a bucket of ice fell on top of me when he told me this.

He said it was a moment where their relationship was at an end because his ex cheated on him with someone else. He did say that after the miscarriage, she took some time off work and he took care of her and her expenses. I understand his actions because I believe it says a lot about him. But I can't stop thinking about him already going through the process of being an expecting father. I feel threatened by his ex because they have gone through so much, compared to my relationship with him, where it's been so short. I know it's unhealthy to think this, but I feel like he is just with me because of my pregnancy, although he says it's not the case. I just can't help but feel jealous of his ex, knowing that they'd been together for two years. She'd met his family and had been introduced as a girlfriend, whereas, in my situation, I feel like I'm the girlfriend who got pregnant.

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A. If he wanted to be with his ex, he'd be trying to get back with his ex. The end.

And of course they went through a lot of experiences together. Two years is a long time.

It makes sense that you have questions about why you and your boyfriend are together, what might be fueling the commitment, and how your relationship will play out over time. These are all fair things to wonder about. But they have *nothing to do with the ex*. Focusing on her is useless. My guess is that it's easier to think about her than the real questions popping up in the relationship.

Not to say the wrong thing here, but there are many reasons your relationship

READERS RESPOND:

Stop thinking about someone who is no longer in HIS life. Be happy that things with him are as good as they are. This jealousy will drive him away.

FREEADVICEFORYOU

The pregnancy took you "by surprise?" You do know how babies are made? It appears you do not take responsibility for yourself, that things "just happen" to you. Under the circumstances, you are correct in being unsure about your future. Be an adult and focus on how you can provide your baby with a good life.

SEENITTOOS

You're going to be a mother and you have to stop worrying about irrelevant things. Who cares if you're labeled the "one who got pregnant"? Does it really matter when it comes down to what's important? Who cares if there were girlfriends before your boyfriend met you! Seriously, stop thinking about anything but how to make a family unit and deliver a healthy child. Get resources to help you if you feel you can't do this on your own. Get help from your family. Talk to your employer about your maternity leave. Your world is about to completely change, so focus on that. Right now your bf has stepped up, which is a good thing. Please stay positive and healthy. Good luck!

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| 2 | WGBH PBS Context | Freedom Songs: The Music of the Civil Rights Movement | The Australian Pink Floyd Show | A Boston (R)evolution (M) | Aman-pour (N) | | | | | |
| 4 | WBZ CBS Wheel of Fortune | Jeopardy! | Big Brother (N) | FBI | FBI: International | News (N) | (:35) Colbert | | | |
| 5 | WCVB ABC News | Chronicle | Celebrity Flava Flav, Donny Osmond (N) | Judge Steve Harvey (N) | What Would You Do? | NewsCenter 5 (N) | (:35) J. Kimmel | | | |
| 6 | WLNE ABC Hollywood | Inside Ed. (N) | Celebrity Fam (N) | Judge (N) | What Would | ABC6News (N) | J.Kimmel | | | |
| 7 | WHDH (N) | Extra (N) | Family Feud | Family Feud | 7 News at 9PM (N) | 7 News at 10PM (N) | 11PM (N) | Inside Ed. | | |
| 9 | WMUR ABC Chronicle | News (N) | Celebrity Fam (N) | Judge (N) | What Would | News (N) | J.Kimmel | | | |
| 10 | NBC Boston Boston News | Hollywood (N) | America's Got Talent (N) (Live) | "Quarterfinals 1" | Password Lindsey Vonn | Boston News (N) | (:35) J. Fallon (N) | | | |
| 10 | WJAR NBC News (Live) | Extra (N) | America's Got Talent (N) (Live) | "Quarterfinals 1" | Password Lindsey Vonn | News (Live) | (:35) J. Fallon (N) | | | |
| 11 | WENH PBS Travelscope | Samantha | Finding Your Roots David Duchovny | Experience "The American Diplomat" | A Boston (R)evolution (M) | Aman-pour (N) | | | | |
| 12 | WPRI CBS Wheel of Fortune | Jeopardy! | Big Brother (N) | FBI | FBI: International | 12 News at 11 (N) | (:35) Colbert | | | |
| 25 | WFXT FOX ET (N) | TMZ (N) | Beat Shazam | The Quiz With Balls "School of Splash" | Boston 25 News at 10PM (Live) | News (Live) | (:35) News (N) | | | |
| 27 | WUNI Rosa "La otra cara de la moneda" | Golpe de suerte (N) | Marea de "Una bala perdida" (N) | Ellas soy yo "Con la suerte a favor" (N) | Noticias Univision (N) | SaborDe/ (:35) Noti.. | | | | |
| 36 | WSBE PBS Last-Wine | Served? | Upstart Crow | Waiting for God | As Time Goes By | Keep-Appear | Doc Martin "Everlasting Love" | PBS News Hour | | |
| 38 | WSBK Big Bang | Big Bang | WBZ News 8p (N) | News (N) | Daytime Jeopardy | 48 Hours (N) | Big Bang | Seinfeld | | |
| 44 | WGBX PBS (6:30) Tom Lehrer -- Live | Celtic Thunder -- Odyssey | Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom | | PBS News Hour (N) | | | | | |
| 50 | WVJE Heartland Homicide | Heartland Homicide | Heartland Homicide | Heartland Homicide | Heartland Homicide | Dateline | | | | |
| 56 | WLVI CW Young Sheldon | Young Sheldon | The Conners | The Conners | The Conners | The Conners | 7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N) | Modern Family | Modern Family | |
| 64 | WNAC FOX Family Feud | Family Feud | Beat Shazam | The Quiz With Balls "School of Splash" | 12 News on Fox Pr (N) | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | | | |
| 68 | WBXP ION Chicago Fire "The Sky Is Falling" | Chicago Fire "All Hard Parts" | Chicago Fire "Bad for the Soul" | Chicago Fire "Two Ts" | Chicago Fire | | | | | |
| PREMIUM CABLE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cinemax | (6:30) ★ The Prince (14) Jason Patric. | ★★★ The Strangers (08) Scott Speedman, Liv Tyler. | (:25) ★★ Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey (91) Keanu Reeves. | ★★★ Brooklyn (15) Saoirse Ronan. | | | | | | |
| Flix | (5:55) ★★ Point Break (91) | ★★★ Gone Baby Gone (07) Michelle Monaghan, Casey Affleck. | ★★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley (99) Gwyneth Paltrow, Matt Damon. | | | | | | | |
| HBO | (6:25) ★★ Wonder Woman 1984 (20) Chris Pine, Kristen Wiig, Gal Gadot. | Hard Knocks | Industry | Hard Knocks | | | | | | |
| HBO 2 | (6:45) House of the Dragon | Hard Knocks | Last Week (N) (:40) ★★ Garden State (04) Ian Holm, Ron Leibman, Zach Braff. | (:25) Her | | | | | | |
| Paramount-Sho | (6:50) ★★ Tombstone (93) Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell. | Outlaw Posse (24) William Mapother, John Carroll Lynch, Mario Van Peebles. | ★ The Kid (19) Ethan Hawke. | | | | | | | |
| Showtime 2 | (6:20) ★★ I.S.S. (23) Ariana DeBose. | ★★★ Coming to America (88) Arsenio Hall, John Amos, Eddie Murphy. | ★★★ Die Hard 2 (90) Bonnie Bedelia, William Atherton, Bruce Willis. | | | | | | | |
| Starz! | (:05) ★★ Halloween Ends (22) Andi Matichak, Jamie Lee Curtis. | ★ Law Abiding Citizen (09) Gerard Butler, Jamie Foxx. | (:50) ★★ Sisu (22) Aksel Hennie, Jorma Tommila. | | | | | | | |
| TMC | (6:35) Tollbooth (21) | ★★★ We Were Soldiers (02) Madeleine Stowe, Greg Kinnear, Mel Gibson. | (:20) ★★ Flyboys (06) Martin Henderson, Jean Reno, James Franco. | | | | | | | |
| SPORTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| CBSSN | PWBA Bowling Tour Championship From Allen Park, Mich. (Live) | We Need to Talk (N) | PWBA Bowling Tour Championship From Allen Park, Mich. | | | | | | | |
| ESPN | ESPN Films | In the Arena: Serena Williams (N) | The Ultimate Fighter | SportsCenter (Live) | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | Arena Point of No Return | Arena The Deep End | The Ultimate Fighter | In the Arena: Serena Williams (N) | | | | | | |
| Fox Sports 1 | NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Clean Harbors 250 | K Harvick Richmond Recap (N) | American Flat Track Black Hills Half-Mile | American Flat Track Pereira TT | | | | | | |
| Golf | Ask (N) Ask (N) | World Long Drive | One Shot | Golf Central | Ask | | | | | |
| NBA | (6:00) Ma... NBA TV Marquee Matchup | NBA TV Marquee Matchup | Race for the Cup | | | | | | | |
| NBC Sports | Early Edition | Early Edition | Best of Zolac and Bertrand | Boston Sports (N) | Boston Sports | | | | | |
| NESN | MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Boston Red Sox (Live) | Extra | Red Sox | JimmyFu... Baseball | | | | | | |
| FAMILY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cartoon | King/Hill | King/Hill | Burgers | Burgers | Burgers | American | American | American | American | Rick |
| Disney | Big City Greens | Big City Greens | Ladybug "Truth" | Ladybug "Lies" | Ladybug | Marvel's Moon Girl | Hailey's on It! | Hailey's on It! | Raven's Home | Raven's Home |
| Encore Family | Movie | (:40) The Ladybug (18) | (:55) The Giant King (12) | (:40) ★ Beautiful | | | | | | |
| Nickelodeon | KnuckleB... | SpongeB... | SpongeB... | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends |
| Nick Jr. | PAWPatr... | PAWPatr... | Rubble | Rubble | PAWPatr... | PAWPatr... | PAWPatr... | Rubble | Rubble | PAWPatr... |

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| A&E | Neighbor. | Neighbor. | Neighbor. | Neighbor. | Neighbor. | Neighbor. | Customer Wars (N) | Neighbor. | (:05) Neighbor. | (:35) Neighbor. |
| AMC | (5:00) Bad Boys II | ★★★ The Fugitive (93) | Tommy Lee Jones, Harrison Ford. | | | | | | | Lethal Weapon |
| Animal Planet | North Woods Law "Backseat Bear" | Wardens of the North | Wardens of the North | Wardens of the North | Wardens "Adult Skip Day!" | Wardens "Why, Is That Bad?" | | | | |
| BBC America | Bones | Bones | Bones | Bones | Bones | Bones | | | | |
| BET | Celebrity Kareem Abdul-Jabbar | Celebrity Family Feud | Celebrity Fam Neil Patrick Harris | Blackson (N) | ★★ Black Knight (01) Marsha Thomason, Martin Lawrence. | | | | | |
| Bravo | Dubai "Note to Be Trusted" | Housewives of NJ "Off the Rails" | The Real Housewives of Dubai "Dressed to the Whines" (N) | Dubai "Dressed to the Whines" | Housewives/OC | | | | | |
| CMT | Mom | Mom | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Reba | Mama's | Mama's |
| CNN | OutFront (Live) | Cooper 360 | The Source With | CNN (Live) | Laura | (Live) | | | | |
| Comedy Central | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Office | The Daily Show | (:35) Mike |
| CSPAN | (5:00) Public Affairs Events | | | | | | | | | |
| CSPAN2 | (6:50) Public Affairs Events | | | | | | | | | |
| Dest. America | BBQ Pitmasters | BBQ Pitmasters | BBQ Pitmasters | BBQ Pitmasters | BBQ Pitmasters | BBQ Pitmasters | | | | |
| Discovery | Deadliest Catch | Deadliest Catch (N) | In the Eye | Contraband | Contraband: Seized | Contraband: Seized | | | | |
| Discovery Life | (6:00) My 600-Lb | My 600-Lb. Life "Lacey's Journey" | | | | | | | | |
| E! | ★★ Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (16) | ★★★ Neighbors (14) Seth Rogen. | !E News | Movie | | | | | | |
| Encore | (:10) ★★ Plane (23) | Gerard Butler. | Escape Room: Tournament of C... | Back on the Strip (23) (P) | | | | | | |
| Food | Chopped | Chopped "Celtuce Setbacks" (N) | Bobby's "Titans vs Silvia Barban" (N) | Bobby's "Titans vs. Michael Symon" | Chopped "Trash Into Treasure" | | | | | |
| Fox News | Ingraham (Live) | Jesse (N) (Live) | Hannity (Live) | Gutfeld! (N) | Fox News (Live) | | | | | |
| Freeform | (6:00) ★★ Lightyear (22) | ★★ Cars 3 (17) Owen Wilson. | The 700 Club | | | | | | | |
| FUSE | My Wife | My Wife | My Wife | My Wife | Sex Sells | Sex Sells | Sex Sells | Stevie Nicks: Wild at Heart | | |
| FX | (5:00) Man on Fire | ★ The Equalizer 2 (18) Denzel Washington. | ★★ The Equalizer 2 (18) | | | | | | | |
| FXM | (6:05) ★★ Logan (17) Hugh Jackman. | (:55) ★★ X-Men: Dark Phoenix (19) | X-Men: Dark Phoenix | X-Men: Dark Phoenix | | | | | | |
| Hallmark | One Perfect Wedding (21) Taylor Cole. | Royally Ever After (18) | Gold Girls | Gold Girls | | | | | | |
| Hallmark Myst. | Hailey "A Marriage Made for Murder" | Hailey Dean Mysteries "A Will to Kill" | Murder, She Wrote | | | | | | | |
| HGTV | Dream Home "Vision to Reality" | 100 Day Hotel Challenge "May the Best Spouse Win" (N) | Hunters Int'l (N) | Hunters Int'l | Hunters Int'l | Hunters Int'l | | | | |
| History | (6:00) American Godfathe | American Godfathers: The Five Families "The Last Don" (N) | (:05) American Godfathers: The Five Families "The Last Don" | | | | | | | |
| HLN | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic | Forensic |
| HDN | Suzanne (N) | Suzanne (N) | Falloween (N) | Falloween (N) | Falloween (N) | Falloween (N) | | | | |
| ID | Murder "One in the Chamber" | Body Cam "Deception" | High Speed Chase (N) | Ni. Lockup | Ni. Lockup | Body Cam "High Impact" | | | | |
| IFC | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men |
| Lifetime | Castle "XY" | Castle "XX" | Castle "PhDead" | (:05) Castle | (:05) Castle | (:05) Castle | | | | |
| LMN | (6:00) Kidnapping in... | Secrets in the Desert (23) | Do You Trust Your Boyfriend? (21) | | | | | | | |
| MAGN | Beachfront Reno | Motel Rescue (N) | Beachfront Reno | Beachfront Reno | Beachfront Reno | | | | | |
| MSNBC | ReidOut (Live) | All In (Live) | Wagner (Live) | Last Word (Live) | 11th Hour (Live) | | | | | |
| MTV | Love, Hip Hop | Love, Hip Hop (N) | The Surreal Life (N) | The Challenge | Love, Hip Hop | | | | | |
| National Geographic | Port Protection | Port Protection Alaska "Still Icy" | Port Protection Alaska (N) | Life Below Zero "Dog Power" | Life Below Zero "Wild Taught" | | | | | |
| NatGeoWild | Secrets of the Zoo | Secrets of the Zoo | Secrets of the Zoo | Secrets of the Zoo | Secrets of the Zoo | | | | | |
| NECN | Boston News Daily | Dateline | HUBToday/OpenHou... | 1st Look | Rescue | | | | | |
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LivingArts

By Meredith Goldstein

GLOBE STAFF

I was telling a friend about “The Cliffs,” the new novel by J. Courtney Sullivan.

The book features characters who live in Boston. It also features a big house in Maine surrounded by mystery.

“And it’s by a local writer!” I said, referring to Sullivan — which was now *actually* true. Sullivan moved back to her hometown, Milton, during the pandemic. She’d been living in New York City for the better part of two decades.

The thing is, I’d been calling Sullivan a local author for years, despite her mailing address and the fact that she’d lived away from her hometown for her *entire* career as an author.

But Sullivan *felt* local. Despite becoming a New Yorker after college, she wrote books about places in Maine (“Maine”), which is local-adjacent (to me) and Dorchester (“Saints for All Occasions”), which is very much *here*.

(Sullivan also wrote “Friends and Strangers,” which is a book about New York characters, but it felt Northampton-ish.)

In thinking about Sullivan’s new, *more aggressive* localness, I realized there are probably some good guidelines to make about who counts as a local writer. I asked Sullivan whether it was fair to call her local this whole time.

Her answer was yes — because she’s never felt home anywhere else. She said she never tried to get clout as a Brooklyn writer, partly because it felt like everyone in Brooklyn was writing a book, but also because she was an imposter there.

“I never identified with somebody who’s a New Yorker — and I didn’t really want to be it either,” Sullivan said. “I kept my Massachusetts driver’s license for like 15 years. I kept finding ways.”

After speaking with Sullivan and some other authors about how they view themselves, I’ve come up with a short list of who’s a local author. I will use these guidelines from now on.

1. You are local if you are from here and still live here. (Obviously.)
2. You are local if you moved here and have lived here long enough to love and/or despise it here.
3. You are local even if you left, but you keep writing about this place.
4. You are *not* a local author just because you went to college here. That’s a different thing. (I used to call Emerson grads local authors, but often they don’t think of themselves that way at all. They’re simply Emerson people.)
5. You are a local author if you’re from or in the part of Maine that isn’t that too far from Boston. If you’re closer to Bangor, that’s another thing.



Just two local authors. Really. J. Courtney Sullivan in conversation with fellow author Tom Perrotta during her book’s launch event July 2 at Brookline Booksmith.

BOOKS

J. Courtney Sullivan is a local author — for real this time

Are you a local author? Are you reading a book by a local author? Who counts as local?

Even Sullivan knows that.

“My book ‘Maine’ is set in the Ogunquit area, as is ‘The Cliffs.’ And now I have friends who live, you know, in like, *Orono*, and they just laugh that I even think that’s Maine. They’re like, that’s not Maine.” If you are from the part of Maine where a Stephen King clown might haunt you, you’re local on *those* shelves.

6. You are a local author if you are Dennis Lehane. According to people I interviewed, Dennis Lehane could move to Mars and he’d still be a local author.

7. You are local if you live here but have roots elsewhere, but wound up here. Bonus points if you weave local scenery into your stories.

“You take Sue Miller. I mean, she’s from Chicago,” said *very* local author Laura Zigman, whose recent books



JAKE BELCHER

Ottessa Moshfegh, author of the award-winning 2015 novel “Eileen,” spent her formative years in Newton.

include “Small World” and “Separation Anxiety.” “A lot of her stuff isn’t based in Boston, but a lot of it is. ‘Mogamy’ was based in Cambridge. You take Alice Hoffman, who, again, is from Long Island. She’s been here, I don’t know, for 40 years, maybe longer. And you know, a lot of her stuff is obviously set in New England.” If you write about New England witches, you are local.

8. You are local — say all — if you are conflicted about being in Massachusetts because you grew up here and it’s part of why you are who you are. This is the big one!

Writer Ottessa Moshfegh, whose books include “Eileen,” “My Year of Rest and Relaxation,” and 2022’s “Lapvona,” said she is a local author, even if she now lives in Pasadena, Calif. Her formative years were spent in

“I never identified with somebody who’s a New Yorker — and I didn’t really want to be it either.”

J. COURTNEY SULLIVAN *on her years living in New York City. She has since moved back to Milton, her hometown*

Newton, and that means plenty when it comes to her storytelling.

“The times that I spent walking to Mason-Rice Elementary and back ... it feels like that was 95 percent of my life,” she said. “I spend so much time imagining that time over and over and over again, and I find it to be an inexhaustible source of inspiration and feeling.”

Moshfegh said that as a writer who moved away, it’s not always easy going back. Which is part of what it means to be local sometimes.

“I think a big part of it is that when I go back ... my mom will probably come to my reading, and my next-door neighbor growing up, who was like a very big figure in my life, would probably come to my reading. And until recently, my old piano teacher would probably come to my reading, and my best friend Rosie, who still lives in the area ... And I love them. Somehow being an artist around the people that you love is incongruous to the feeling of being an artist. And I don’t think that’s specific to being someone from the Boston area.”

This makes sense to me. I’ve never felt like a Maryland author, despite being from there. But when I visit — which happens rarely — I get anxiety hives. That probably means that I am a real, local, Maryland author, even though I’ve lived in Boston for more than 20 years.

Sullivan gets this, too. Coming home can feel fraught, even if she’s thrilled to be full-time local again. Suddenly, she’s a kid and a grown-up all at once. This is most apparent at the local pool.

At least for Sullivan, she’s exploring some new territory. She lives in what some people call West Milton now, but she’s originally from the east side of town. Sometimes it feels like a new world.

“I think I live in a totally different town, even though people laugh at me when I say, ‘Well, I grew up in East Milton, and now I live in West Milton, so it’s very different.’”

J. Courtney Sullivan appears with Laura Zigman at Wellesley Books on Sept. 10.

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R.I. tattoo artist’s watercolor-like work draws wide attention

By Emily Wyrwa

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Tiffany Vance of Houston was in the market for a tattoo of a golden apple — a nod to the saying “the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree.” The tattoo held significant meaning to her.

“My mom’s a little crazy, and I always felt like it was my fault,” Vance said. “If the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree, it’s a golden apple.”

She had been following Mark Wade’s work, along with other artists, for six months before she reached out to him to book an appointment; she wanted to be sure she landed with the right artist for such an important tattoo. She knew Wade was “the one” when she would be able to spot one of his pieces on her explore page before even clicking on his profile; his work was that distinct.

It took two years to complete, but now when she thinks about the piece, she gets chills.

“I have a bouquet of flowers on rainy days and in the middle of hurricanes,” Vance said. “I have this apple that says ‘you’re golden.’”

The Rhode Island-based tattoo artist has built his career — and a platform of over 100,000 Instagram followers — based on his ability to ink hyper-realistic florals. In June, he and his wife, Maia, opened a shop in East Greenwich, R.I., Body Florist, where people like Vance fly in from all over the country to get his work on their skin.

“It feels surreal,” Wade said. “I’ve traveled to other countries to get tattooed. I know how much energy it takes, so I’m incredibly grateful that people would do that.”

The shop is inside an old mill near Greenwich Bay, with exposed brick walls and a “peaceful” interior designed by Maia. The pair decided to put down roots in Rhode Island, where Maia is originally from. The move was largely



PHOTOS BY MAIA WADE

Tattoo artist Mark Wade sketches one of his designs. At right are examples of his work.

due to Maia’s challenges with epilepsy and her desire to feel “more grounded,” she explained.

Wade, who is originally from Lubbock, Texas, hadn’t spent more than two years in any one place in over a decade. He moved throughout the country, honing his craft, and gaining a reputation in the tattoo community for his impressive designs and work ethic.

“He was always very persistent, as far as wanting to put in time, staying late, and going to conventions,” said Rember Orellana, owner of Texas’s Dark Age Tattoo and one of Wade’s mentors. “He would always be a friend, in a good way every every show we went to, so it was just fun to see him making that progress.”

Wade’s interest in floral tattoos came from a desire to become “the best” at something. Early in his career, clients continued to compliment his color tattoos, and Wade continued working from there. He looked up to Phil Garcia Lee, a tattoo artist who also specializes

in floral designs.

While he does not have formal art training, he put in countless hours toward mastering his craft. During his first tattoo apprenticeship, Wade remembers not sleeping for the first six months — running on 20-minute naps every four or five hours so he could tattoo more.

“The further I’ve gone with [the style], the more I get into it,” Wade said. “It feels like something I’ve never really mastered. It’s always changing, and I’m always making it better.”

Each tattoo, Wade said, is ultimately a collaboration. He finds that working one-on-one with the clients to hone the design not only makes the process more “real” and keeps him in check artistically, but it creates a more intimate space.

The process isn’t short: Tattooing one 5-inch by 5-inch area takes an entire day.

One appointment with Wade takes 12 hours, Vance said. She called the process “a beast,” where she will sit and get tattooed for 58 minutes, take a two-minute break, and Wade will start again.

“When he tattoos — good God — he doesn’t even know the time, because he’s just diving into it so much,” Maia said.

Carmen Vanderheiden Brodie, another of Wade’s clients, has a full sleeve of flowers from Wade. The sleeve doesn’t represent anything; Vanderheiden Brodie was simply in awe of Wade’s art. They met at a tattoo convention in New Jersey in 2016, and she had been following his work ever since.

“I feel like I have the most fantastic jewelry on all the time,” Vanderheiden Brodie said. “People will wear a necklace or earrings or whatever. My tattoo is my adornment.”

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TV HIGHLIGHTS

Baseball: Rangers-Red Sox, 7:10 p.m., NESN
Baseball: Dodgers-Brewers, 8:10 p.m., TBS
Listings, C7

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ALEX SPEIER

ON BASEBALL

Duran's actions show there is still work to do

It is one thing for a team to struggle on the field. It is another, far more painful matter for it to hurt members of the community that supports it.

As such, Monday represented a particularly grim day for the 2024 Red Sox. A thoughtless moment by Jarren Duran that was caught on a game broadcast Sunday afternoon, in which the leadoff hitter directed a homophobic slur at a heckling fan, resulted in a team-issued two-game, unpaid suspension. Duran's salary for the two games - approximately \$8,000 - will be donated to PFLAG (Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays).

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The two-game suspension is in line with past punishments issued by teams (in consultation with Major League Baseball) for similar homophobic language. In a self-flagellating media session on Monday afternoon, Duran apologized for the epithet.

Duran suspended. A1

"I know I shouldn't have said that word. I know I'm going to get looked down on for saying it, and it's my own fault because I brought it upon myself," said the 27-year-old. "There was no in-

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It was hat off to Rob Refsnyder, whose walkoff shot to left-center helped the Red Sox snap a four-game losing skid.

Refsnyder, Red Sox walk it off in 10th

By Julian Benbow
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Red Sox 5
Rangers 4

Feeling the weight of four straight losses and the cloud of a mess made by Jarren Duran's homophobic slur toward a fan, which led to a two-game suspension, Rob Refsnyder felt as if Monday was a good day to deliver a message to his Red Sox teammates.

Stay loose, play free, maintain the identity that's gotten you this far.

"Sometimes when you lose a couple games in a row, you get a little passive," Refsnyder said. "I just wanted the younger guys to push the envelope."

The Sox have fed off their young players and their willingness to take risks, burning up the base paths to make plays.

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"To get in the postseason, you can't be scared to make mistakes," Refsnyder said.

The fallout from Duran's comments made Monday a long day. Going extra innings in their series opener against the Rangers made it even longer.

But a 5-4 walkoff win thanks to an RBI single to the gap in left-center by Refsnyder felt like a much-needed reset.

"It was a great team effort," Refsnyder said. "We're pretty banged up right now... It was a really good team win and we really needed it. We had that tough little stretch right there, so it was big."

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Bailey Zappe did not take a snap in 7-on-7 or 11-on-11 drills Monday.

BEN VOLIN

ON FOOTBALL

The Patriots' QB rotations have been a little strange

FOXBOROUGH — It's always tricky for an NFL team to parse out enough reps for four quarterbacks in training camp. There are never enough snaps to go around.

Still, it's hard not to be confused by how the Patriots quarterbacks are being used in practice and the preseason.

To use a word that has gotten some good run lately, the rotations have been pretty, well, weird.

Drake Maye is being groomed as the franchise quarterback, but he played only six snaps in last Thursday's preseason opener, and never works with the starters at practice.

Joe Milton shined for 1 1/2 quarters in the preseason game, yet has been getting almost no team reps in practice.

Bailey Zappe, meanwhile, played 36 snaps vs. the Panthers even though he is A) a known quantity, B) not getting many team reps in practice, and C) might not have a future on the team past training camp.

To top it off, new head coach Jerod Mayo doesn't seem to want to take accountability for the decisions, instead pinning it on offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt.

"Look, the reps, that's something to

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After looking good Thursday, Joe Milton has not taken many snaps.

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Star edge rusher Reddick wants trade; Jets say they won't budge. C7

Help in middle

Revolution add Nigerian midfielder Yusuf, 24, for defensive prowess. C7

2024 PARIS OLYMPICS



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The pool was a highwater mark for the United States, which members of the gold-medal-winning mixed 4x100 medley relay team proudly displayed.

On top of the world
US golden in track, swimming, but depth crucial

JOHN POWERS

ON OLYMPICS

PARIS — So what has changed since the Jazz Age? The United States easily topped the medal table the last time the Olympics were held here, and when the counting was done Sunday evening, the Americans had done it again. They collected 126 medals — their most ever at a non-boycotted Games — to 91 by the Chinese and equaled their golden haul of 40.

Once again, track and field (34) and swimming (28) delivered the most precious metal, but breadth also mattered greatly, with Americans making

the podium in 29 disciplines ranging from boxing to breaking, surfing to sports climbing.

A sport-by-sport look at how the Americans fared (golds and total medals in parentheses):

Archery (0/2): After missing the target in Tokyo in 2021, the Americans rebounded creditably. Brady Ellison, who won his fourth and fifth career medals and was one arrow away from gold, teamed with Casey Kaufhold for the mixed bronze.

Artistic swimming (0/1): Probably the most startling result by any US team at these Games. The Americans, who hadn't made the podium in two decades and didn't qualify until Febru-

ary, won the team silver. That '80s show is back.

Badminton (0/0): Beiwen Zhang, perennially the top American competitor, went out in the Round of 16 again. Cracking the Asian stranglehold on the sport gets no easier.

Basketball (2/3): The men and women had to sweat mightily to pass their French finals, but they pulled off a fifth consecutive sweep, with the women claiming their eighth straight crown. After winning gold in Tokyo, the women's 3x3 team settled for bronze. The men, who figured to make the podium, ended up seventh.

Beach volleyball (0/0): Not much was expected from the men, who ha-

ven't made the podium since 2008. But the women, who'd won gold at four of the last five Games, didn't survive the quarterfinals. Maybe they'll fare better on Santa Monica sand.

Boxing (0/1): The Yanks likely weren't going to match the four medals they won in Tokyo, but Omari Jones's sole bronze in the men's 71 kg class was a letdown. The first-round loss by top-seeded Joshua Edwards at 92+ was a particular disappointment. None of the four women survived a second bout.

Breaking (0/1): The hoped-for gold from world champ Victor Montalvo didn't happen, but he did get the

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Some of the most memorable Olympic moments

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As the curtain closed on the 2024 Olympics in Paris with Sunday's ceremony sending the Olympic flag on its way to Los Angeles, it's hard to believe how much was packed into just two weeks in France.

Stars were born, legends were immortalized, underdogs shocked the world, and there was plenty of controversy.

As we put the Paris Olympics behind us, let's take a look back at some of the best moments of a Games we won't forget any time soon.

Looking Spiffy

Who could forget Alex Sedrick's miraculous, last-second try to secure Team USA its first medal in rug-



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Alex Sedrick scored a late try to give the US a win over Australia for the bronze in rugby.

by sevens? With almost no time on the clock, Sedrick collected the ball near her own try line and dashed nearly the full length of the field, scoring a late try to tie the game with Australia in the waning seconds. The kicker? There wasn't one. No one on the field at the time of the try had experience kicking conversions, so Sedrick, who had only kicked a handful of times in practice, stepped in, and her conversion as time expired secured the bronze medal for the US.

Marching home

The crowd at Paris La Défense Arena was never louder than when French swimmer Léon Marchand was in the pool. The 22-year-old from Toulouse fed off that energy, bringing home four individual gold medals, plus a bronze in the men's 4x100-meter relay. Two of those golds came on the same night, as

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Baseball



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Enmanuel Valdez tied the score, 4-4, with a clutch double in the 10th inning.

Refsnyder, Sox walk it off in the 10th

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The Sox snapped a four-game losing streak with their seventh extra-inning win of the season (third at home). It was their fifth walkoff of the season.

Refsnyder, who considers himself a brotherly figure to Duran, said his support would always be there.

“At the end of the day, we all love him,” Refsnyder said. “We’re here to support him and whatever he needs from us, we’ll be there for him.”

With Duran out of the lineup, the Sox had to get contributions from every crevice of the lineup. Starter Brayan Bello went six innings, giving up one run on four hits and three walks with five strikeouts.

For his part, Refsnyder went 2 for 5. With

two outs, the bases loaded, and the score knotted at 4-4, he waited for a 2-and-0 cutter from Rangers reliever Walter Pennington and pounced when he got it. It was the second walkoff RBI of his career.

“I was just guessing he was going to come in there with the cutter,” Refsnyder said.

The Sox had to come from behind to get to that point. Josh Smith plated the go-ahead run for the Rangers in the 10th inning with a groundout to second after Corey Seager moved the ghost runner, Marcus Semien, to third with another grounder to second.

But Enmanuel Valdez kept the Sox alive in the bottom of the inning with a pinch-hit ground-rule double to the triangle in center field that scored Romy Gonzalez and evened the score at 3. Valdez is 4 for 7 with two dou-

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| At Fenway Park | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------|--|--|--|
| TEXAS | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. | | | |
| Semien 2b | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .241 | | | |
| Seager ss | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .277 | | | |
| JoshSmith 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .270 | | | |
| AdoGarcia rf | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .219 | | | |
| Lowe 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .260 | | | |
| Jung dh | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | .281 | | | |
| Langford lf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .240 | | | |
| Heim c | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .229 | | | |
| Taveras cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .225 | | | |
| Totals | 35 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 9 | | | | |
| BOSTON | AB | R | H | BI | BB | SO | Avg. | | | |
| Hamilton ss | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .252 | | | |
| a-Gasper ph | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | | | |
| Yoshida dh | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .274 | | | |
| Refsnyder lf | 5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | .300 | | | |
| Devers 3b | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | .297 | | | |
| Wong c-1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | .292 | | | |
| Abreu rf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .268 | | | |
| b-González ph-rf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .272 | | | |
| DominSmith 1b | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .237 | | | |
| c-DanJansen ph-c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .226 | | | |
| d-Valdez ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .224 | | | |
| Sogard 2b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | .281 | | | |
| Rafaela cf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .263 | | | |
| Totals | 37 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 15 | | | | |

| TEXAS | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|----------------------|-------|---|---|----|----|----|------|------|
| Mahle | 4 2/3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 92 | 2.79 |
| Chafin | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 3.98 | |
| Festa | 1 1/3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 4.50 |
| Robertson | 1 1/3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 35 | 2.81 |
| Yates | 1 1/3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 25 | 1.04 |
| Garabito BS 1; L-O 1 | 1/2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 3.75 |
| Pennington | 1/2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 4.50 |

| BOSTON | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | NP | ERA |
|------------------|-------|---|---|----|----|----|----|------|
| Bello | 6 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 95 | 4.97 |
| ZackKelly | 2 2/3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 2.76 |
| Horn BS 2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6.92 |
| Martin | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 3.07 |
| KenJansen | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 2.88 |
| Winckowski W 3-1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3.35 |

Chafin pitched to 4 batters in the 5th. Inherited runners scored—Chafin 1-1, Festa 3-0, Yates 2-0, Pennington 2-1, Horn 1-1. IBB—off Chafin (Devers, Wong). HBP—by Mahle (Rafaela), by Bello (Heim). WP—Chafin. Unpitched—Home, Mike Estabrook; First, Erich Bacchus; Second, Laz Diaz; Third, Tripp Gibson. T—3-34. A—35,715 (37,755).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FOURTH INNING
RED SOX — Devers struck out. Wong singled to second. Abreu singled to right, Wong to third, Smith walked. Abreu to second. Sogard hit sacrifice fly to right, Wong scored. Rafaela lined to second.

FIFTH INNING
RANGERS — Heim struck out. Taveras walked. Seager scored. Semien to second. Smith walked to center, Semien to third. Garcia struck out.

RED SOX — Hamilton walked. Hamilton stole second. Yoshida struck out. Refsnyder struck out. Chafin pitched. Devers was intentionally walked. On Chafin's wild pitch, Hamilton to third, Devers to second. Wong was intentionally walked. R.González, hitting for Abreu, walked. Hamilton scored. Devers to third, Wong to second. Jansen, hitting for Smith, walked. Devers scored. Wong to third, R.González to second. Festa pitching. Sogard struck out.

SEVENTH INNING
RANGERS — Heim walked. Taveras struck out. Semien grounded to pitcher, Heim to second. Horn pitching. Seager homered to right, Heim scored. Smith lined to shortstop.

TENTH INNING
RANGERS — On initial placement, Semien to second, Seager grounded to second, Semien to third. Smith grounded to shortstop, Semien scored. Garcia grounded to shortstop.

RED SOX — On initial placement, R.González to second, Valdez, hitting for Jansen, hit ground-rule double to center. R.González scored. Sogard singled to center, Valdez to third. Rafaela reached on fielder's choice, second to shortstop, Sogard out. Pennington pitching. Gasper pinch-hitting for Hamilton. On defensive indifference, Rafaela to second. Gasper walked. Yoshida reached on fielder's choice, second to catcher, Valdez out. Rafaela to third, Gasper to second. Refsnyder singled to center, Rafaela scored, Gasper to third, Yoshida to second.

The incident shows there's work to do

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ment behind the word that was used. It was just the heat of the moment and just happened to be said. It's on me for that word coming out.”

While Duran's tone and words conveyed contrition, however, his choice of apparel potentially undermined his message.

Duran wore a T-shirt with a profane message, “[Expletive] 'em,” in front of the assembled cameras. He wears the shirt regularly to signal defiance in the face of mental health struggles and questions of self-worth.

But for those unfamiliar with the deeply personal meaning of the slogan — and even some who are — the shirt introduced the possibility of unnecessary confusion to an apology that needed to be unconditional.

“If there's a swear word on a shirt . . . I don't think that's appropriate right now at this particular moment,” said Sox president and CEO Sam Kennedy.

As an organization, the Sox want to stand for inclusiveness. The team was one of the first in Major League Baseball to introduce a Pride Night to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in 2013 and has tried to forge a commitment that runs deeper than a marketable event.

Yet in consecutive years the Sox have had to answer for the pain caused by their players to that group. In 2023, the Sox promoted journeyman pitcher Matt Dermody to the big leagues despite multiple homophobic social media posts. Dermody was subsequently released. And on Monday, the organization was left once again to apologize for one of its players.

“We've worked really hard over these past two and a half decades to make sure that Fenway Park is a place where everyone feels welcome,” said Kennedy. “There's a lot of incredible work that's being done, a lot of positive momentum. But a day like today is a reminder that we have a lot more work to do.”

“You feel like it's a massive setback [to] the organizational values that we try to live every day. When something like that

happens, we've fallen short of meeting that goal. And you also just sort of ask yourself, how could this be possible? How could this happen? We have had lots of conversations about who we are, what we stand for, what we value.”

Duran expressed regret that his words could be seen as an affront to the principle of inclusiveness.

“I don't think that my actions should represent what the team and MLB represent. It was just a bad moment on my part, and I'm owning up to it and apologizing for it,” said Duran. “There was no intent to harm anybody or any organization in any way. It was just a dumb mistake on my part that I'm going to learn from.”

Duran and members of the Red Sox suggested that accountability in the form of the suspension and apology represented a necessary but insufficient first step that must be followed by education and sincere, empathetic engagement with the LGBTQ+ community.

“Just one mistake by the kid doesn't show who we are or who he is. Obviously it was a bad moment. He's learned from it. We're learning from the situation and we're going to be better not only as individuals, but as an organization,” said Sox manager Alex Cora. “It's hard to say we have to move forward. We're not moving forward. We have to work. There's a lot of work we have to do — not only Jaren as a person, but us as a group. We will do that.”

On Monday, Duran — who'd played in the Red Sox' first 116 games of the season — acknowledged that his on-field work and the continuation of his streak was less meaningful than what he had to do to try to diminish the harm he'd caused.

“[Not playing] is not the most important thing right now,” said Duran. “Trying to be better and learn from my mistake of what I said is the most important thing right now.”

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Less than a month ago, the Sox' Jarren Duran was on top of the world after being named All-Star Game MVP for the AL.



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Rob Refsnyder (2 for 5) was the center of attention after his walkoff single in the 10th inning, delivering a much-needed positive message to his young teammates.

bles and four RBIs as a pinch hitter this season.

“It feels good to be able to help the team,” Valdez said through an interpreter. “Whatever roles I can help the team, I'm more than happy to do. If it's from the bench or starting, it doesn't really matter.”

Rookie Nick Sogard went 2 for 4, going for multiple hits for the third time in his first nine games. He broke the ice for the Sox in the fourth, shooting a one-out, bases-loaded sacrifice fly to right field that plated Connor Wong for a 1-0 lead.

The Rangers got the run back in the fifth. With one out and Leody Taveras on second, Semien shot a 3-and-1 sinker to center for an RBI single.

Rangers starter Tyler Mahle lasted just 4 2/3 innings, giving up two runs on three hits and three walks with seven strikeouts. He handed the ball to Andrew Chafin in the fifth inning with two outs and one on, and things went slightly haywire. Chafin faced four batters and walked all of them (two intentionally). He became just the 22nd reliever in baseball history to face four batters and walk all four without recording an out. He walked in a pair of runs that allowed the Sox to take a 3-1 lead.

“Felt like that fifth inning was a big moment there,” said Sox manager Alex Cora.

The Rangers' offense got Chafin off the hook in the sixth. Seager tagged Sox reliever Bailey Horn for a two-run homer that tied it at 3. Since the All-Star break, lefthanders have a .321/.353/.696 slash line with five HRs and 10 extra-base hits against the Sox' lefthanded relievers.

But the Sox were able to rally in extras and after a difficult day, the win felt like a relief.

“It was fun to watch, man,” Cora said. “We're playing with kids trying to make it to the playoffs. You look around like, wow, this is really happening.”

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Sox' Duran suspended two games after using homophobic slur

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ly on Monday after discussing the issue with MLB.

Duran's pay for the two games — approximately \$8,000 — will be donated to PFLAG, a national organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for the LGBTQ community.

Team president Sam Kennedy said it was “a disappointing, unacceptable event” and a “horrific mistake” for Duran.

“You need to hold people accountable when things like this happen,” Kennedy said. “But what I would like to see is more education, more understanding, more open dialogue around the really negative impact of hate speech and homophobic slurs

that are just not acceptable at all levels.”

The punishment essentially mirrored how other teams handled similar incidents, the latest coming in 2017 when Oakland outfielder Matt Joyce was suspended two games for using an anti-gay slur while arguing with a heckler.

Red Sox players and staffers undergo mandatory sensitivity training in spring training. Duran attended those sessions and will now be required to attend further training.

“I think it is striking evidence that while we may have made strides and done great work, we haven't done nearly enough,” said Craig Breslow, chief baseball officer for the Sox.

“I think an incident like this

is an important reminder that there's still a ton of progress that needs to be made.”

“He made a big mistake and he's living with it,” Sox manager Alex Cora said.

“It's hard to say we have to move forward. We're not moving forward. We have to work. There's a lot of work we have to do.”

Tanya Neslusan, executive director of Mass Equality, a statewide LGBTQ advocacy group, said Duran would benefit from meeting with people who are directly affected by the language he used.

“Beyond donating his salary for two games, I'd like to see him take this as a learning opportunity and meet with kids and learn the harm that is done with

that word,” she said.

“What we'd like to see is engagement with groups like ours who try to keep people safe, including baseball players who could be sharing a locker room with him.”

Brian K. Bond, CEO of PFLAG, noted it was “truly sad” the incident occurred a few days after the death of MLB senior vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion Billy Bean.

“Working together, we hope this unfortunate misstep becomes an opportunity for learning and deeper engagement for the Red Sox and every club in MLB,” he said.

Duran has changed the trajectory of his career over the last two seasons, becoming one of the best players in the game, a

combination of power, speed, and hustle. He also has spoken about dealing with mental health challenges and what at times has been a lack of self-confidence.

Cora has said he wants to mold Duran into a team leader. He still believes that can be accomplished.

“I don't think it compromises who he is in the clubhouse,” the manager said. “The kid made a mistake. . . . There's a lot of stuff that we have to do to help him out. There's stuff that he has to do to keep getting better.”

Said Duran: “I'm a terrible leader. I know I shouldn't have said that word. And I know I'm going to get looked down on for saying it, and it's my own fault.”

Duran was the only Red Sox

player to have appeared in all 116 games this season. The suspension ended his quest to play in all 162 games, something no Sox player has done since Bill Buckner in 1985.

Duran has hit .291 with 14 home runs, 58 RBIs, and 29 stolen bases this season.

Before the game on Sunday, Duran was named the team's winner of the Heart and Hustle Award, which is sponsored by the MLB Players Alumni Association.

The award is given to a player “who demonstrates a passion for the game and best embodies its values, spirit, and traditions.”

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Baseball



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Mookie Betts, out nearly two months with a broken left hand, returned to the Dodgers lineup — and homered in the third.

Another nice step in Story's comeback

By Julian Benbow GLOBE STAFF

Stepping onto the field at Fenway Park before the Red Sox opened their series against the Rangers Monday night was more than enough for Trevor Story to validate his optimism about returning this season after undergoing shoulder surgery in April.

Story looked more than comfortable being back in the mix, taking ground balls at shortstop, then hopping into the last batting practice group to take some cuts.

"It felt good, man," Story said. "Taking some BP was good for me mentally and physically too."

He lifted two balls into the Monster seats and one to the first row over the center-field wall.

"The effort wasn't too high, so for me knowing I could still get it out like that, that's a big thing for me," he said.

Just four months ago, Story was resigned to the possibility that the shoulder injury he suffered in April making a diving stop against the Los Angeles Angels would end his season. But in the time since, he's worked to make a return that now feels very much within reach.

"It feels close, so I'm happy about that," Story said. "Body's responding well. So I've just got to kind of get in baseball shape."

Red Sox manager Alex Cora said seeing Story take batting practice was a significant sign.

"It means a lot that he's on the field," Cora said. "From that day in Anaheim to all the way to now, it's incredible to be honest with you."

After the injury, Story spent most of the season in Los Angeles rehabbing, and Cora said spending that time away from the team proved to be a wise choice.

"Him being away from the team helped in a sense," Cora said. "Instead of being here in the middle of things, he just concentrated on him — being selfish in a good way. Like let me take care of this. He turned the corner and it's been good."

Cora said it wasn't until the Sox' trip to Colorado after the All-Star break that he truly started believing that Story could actually play this season.

"He caught me off guard," Cora said. "We started talking and he said, 'I'm doing this, I'm doing this. I'm hitting on the field this day and there's a chance I'll be ready.'"

There are still checkpoints along the way for Story. For now, the plan is to continue taking regular batting practice, then see some higher speeds off a pitching machine and also get some simulated looks with the Trajekt Arc projection system.

But with just over 40 games left in the season, Story can see the pathway to his return.

Meanwhile, lefthander Brennan Bernardino and righthander Brad Keller were optioned to Worcester, and infielder/outfielder Jamie Westbrooker was designated for assignment.

Triston Casas was in the clubhouse for a check-up day, and he had an exchange with Cora that left the manager encouraged about the first baseman's recovery from a rib injury he sustained in April.

"Cora recalled. 'I was like, 'Oh, good for you.'"

Gasper was born in New Hampshire and went to school at Bryant University in Rhode Island. He was drafted by the Yankees in the 27th round in 2018. The Sox took him in the first round of the minor league phase of the Rule 5 draft in December, and Cora considered the pick "a testament to the organization recognizing talent."

In 40 games with Worcester this season, Gasper is hitting .402 (55 of 137) with a 1.179 OPS, 12 doubles, 8 homers and 32 RBIs. Among all minor leaguers with 300-plus plate appearances, Gasper ranks fifth in average, first in OBP, and second in OPS.

"All kidding aside, the at-bats are real," Cora said. "We have talked about the gap in between the big leagues and Triple A — it's a big one, it is, talent-wise — but it gets to a point where he keeps doing this thing over and over and over again, a month, a month and a half, two months, and you're like, 'The at-bats are good.'"

Gasper had another good at-bat last night, helping set the stage for the Red Sox' 5-4 victory in 10 innings. Cora called him to pinch hit in the 10th with one out and runners on the corners, and after falling down 1-2 to Rangers rookie reliever Walter Pennington, Gasper worked a walk to load the bases.

After Masataka Yoshida couldn't get the winning run home, grounding into a force at home plate, Rob Refsnyder delivered the winning blow with a single to left-center.

The Sox made several roster moves Monday. Lefthander James Paxton went on the 15-day injury list after straining his right calf covering first in the first inning Sunday against the Astros.

Paxton underwent an MRI this morning and met with a doctor prior to Monday's game to go over the results.

"He's in pain," Cora said. "He's obviously not moving well. So we'll see what happens." Paxton said the pain is severe and the MRI showed as much, but he's hoping he can return before the end of the season.

Righthander Brayan Bello was reinstated from the paternity leave list, and put in a solid start — allowing just one run on four hits over six innings, striking out five and walking three.

Righthander Chase Shugart was selected from Worcester, while lefthander Bailey Horn was recalled from Worcester.

But it was a nightmare return for Horn, who came in the seventh to get one guy out, and instead threw one pitch that Corey Seager wrapped around Pesky's Pole for a game-tying, two-run homer.

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Cyclist Faulkner a big wheel from a small town

By Amin Touri
GLOBE STAFF

It's been a heck of a week for Kristen Faulkner.

The Harvard graduate and Team USA cyclist couldn't have had a more successful trip to Paris, winning Olympic gold medals in the women's road race and the team pursuit, making waves in the former as she took down some of the best in the world to win a stunning individual title.

It hasn't quite sunk in for the Alaska native, whose whirlwind time in France saw her win the road race on a Sunday (Aug. 4), compete in team pursuit qualifying two days later, win another gold in the event Wednesday, then quickly say her goodbyes Saturday and head to the start of the Tour de France Femmes with Team EF-Etixx-Cannondale.

"I couldn't celebrate," Faulkner said. "I couldn't, you know, have some champagne, I had to really get back into mode for racing."

"I think it's been, like, a lot of back-to-back, focus on the next thing. I think it'll really sink in after the Tour, when I'm home in Girona and can just like, you know, starfish and relax."

Much has been made in recent weeks of Faulkner's unlikely rise to the top of professional cycling, which didn't include junior championships or a childhood on the bike. She rowed at Harvard and earned a degree in computer science before starting a career in venture capital.

She first clipped into pedals as part of a clinic in Central Park in 2017, and she was hooked. A hobby became a passion and then a profession; she only left



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Harvard graduate Kristen Faulkner picked up two gold medals in Paris.

her day job to compete full-time in 2021.

Faulkner started finding success internationally in 2022, winning multiple stages (and the mountains classification) of that year's Giro d'Italia Women and taking second in the Tour de Suisse. She won the time trial event at the 2023 Pan American Games, then a US national road race title this May.

Faulkner was planning to compete in the team pursuit in Paris but had a suspicion she may end up taking on the road race. That proved correct when Taylor Knibb withdrew to focus on the triathlon.

So there was Faulkner at the head of the chase pack, hunting down a two-woman breakaway led by three-time

world road race champion Marianne Vos of the Netherlands. Faulkner and Belgium's Lotte Kopecky, the defending road race world champion, reeled in Vos and Hungary's Blanka Vas through the courtyard of the Louvre to make it a four-woman race with just over 2 miles to go.

That's when Faulkner attacked, shifting gears as the racers crossed the Seine and putting an injection of pace into the 98-mile race. She knew Vos and Vas would be tired after leading for more than an hour, and she sensed that Kopecky, who wasn't closing the gap whenever the Belgian led the chase pack, was gassed too.

"I knew that of the four of us going to the finish, I would be the slowest

sprinter, and so if I went to the finish with them, I wouldn't get a medal," Faulkner explained. "And so the only way I could win, and the only way I could get a medal, is if I attack them, and the best moment to attack would be as soon as we caught them, because it would catch them by surprise."

"It was very calculated, my move. I thought about it long before it happened. And actually, the first time I saw the course about a year ago, I said, you know, 'I'm going to attack at the top of the last climb, and if it doesn't work, I'm going to attack on that last section.'"

"So I definitely thought about it in the months before the race, and then also during the race. I said, 'That's where I have to go.'"

Some of the best cyclists in the world could only watch. Vos, Vas, and Kopecky looked around at each other before dropping their heads and their cadence, opting to save their energy to battle each other for the two remaining medals as Faulkner's lead ballooned from 5 meters to 50 in the blink of an eye.

"That's my signature move," Faulkner said with a laugh. "That's how I win races all the time. I think some people have said, 'Oh, I'm surprised that she went there,' but if you look at my race results and you look at how I won races, it's always that way."

The race for gold was over, and Faulkner powered home across the finish line in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower as the first US Olympic champion in the road race in 40 years.

But she wasn't quite done making history. There was the small matter of

the team pursuit on the track, where she was part of an American foursome that claimed the first US Olympic gold in the women's event. That made Faulkner the first US woman to win gold in multiple disciplines (track and road cycling) at the same Games.

Faulkner got plenty of messages from old colleagues and entrepreneurs from her time at Bessemer Venture Partners before getting swept up in the media storm. But the responses that meant the most came from Homer, a small fishing village of about 5,500 people in rural Alaska, which can now claim a two-time Olympic champion as one of its own.

"It's just a really small-knit town," Faulkner said. "My neighbor is my teacher. My mom was friends with my swim coach. These people have known me since I was born. My whole town raised me . . . and so they're just so excited to see someone that they've known in diapers on the world stage now."

"When I finished my race, actually, I told the media manager, 'I'll do interviews with the big publications, but I also am going to do interviews with the local radio station in my hometown.' I don't care if it's two people who listen or 200 or 2,000 or 200,000, I'm going to do it. Because those people helped get me where I am, and they made me."

"The Homer, Alaska, radio station, it's on par with the New York Times, or, you know, NBC. Like, we're going to do both of them. It's either both or none."

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Jordan Chiles (right) must return the bronze medal she received alongside Simone Biles (silver) and Rebeca Andrade (gold).

NOTEBOOK

Panel: Chiles must return the bronze

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USA Gymnastics officials said an arbitration panel won't reconsider a decision asking gymnast **Jordan Chiles** to return the bronze medal she was awarded in the floor exercise at the Paris Olympics.

USA Gymnastics said it will continue efforts to let Chiles keep the medal.

"USA Gymnastics was notified by the Court of Arbitration for Sport on Monday that their rules do not allow for an arbitral award to be reconsidered even when conclusive new evidence is presented," USA Gymnastics said in a statement.

"We are deeply disappointed by the notification and will continue to pursue every possible avenue and appeal process, including to the Swiss Federal Tribunal, to ensure the just scoring, placement, and medal award for Jordan."

CAS voided an on-floor appeal from Chiles's coach that vaulted her to third, saying the appeal came four seconds beyond the one-minute time limit for scoring inquiries.

USA Gymnastics disputed the timing, saying in a statement Sunday that the agency submitted video evidence to CAS that showed Team USA coach **Cecile Landi** first appealed 13 seconds before the deadline.

The dispute over such minute details sets up what could be a months- or years-long legal battle over the gymnastics scores.

The International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) said Saturday night it would respect the court's decision and elevate **Ana Barbosu** of Romania to third.

The International Olympic Committee confirmed the ruling Sunday, announcing that it was re-

allocating the medal.

CAS ruled Saturday that Landi's inquiry to have 0.1 added to Chiles's score came outside the one-minute window.

The CAS ad hoc committee wrote that Landi's inquiry came 1 minute, 4 seconds after Chiles's initial score was posted.

The IOC said in a statement it will be in touch with the USOPC regarding the return of Chiles's bronze and will work with the Romanian Olympic Committee to discuss a reallocation ceremony honoring Barbosu.

The appeal could go to Switzerland's highest court, the Swiss Tribunal, or the European Court of Human Rights.

Rebeca Andrade of Brazil won gold and **Simone Biles** of the United States was the silver medalist.

Algeria cheers champ

Olympic boxing champion **Imane Khelif** returned home to a warm welcome as Algerians rallied around her in the face of international scrutiny and misconceptions about her sex.

The Algerian gold medalist in women's welterweight boxing flew back to the gas-rich North African nation's capital Monday afternoon along with other Olympic medalists, including gymnast **Kaylia Nemour**, and runner **Djamal Sedjati**.

They were greeted in Algiers by Minister of Youth and Sports **Abderrahmane Hammad** and were scheduled to meet President **Abdelmadjid Tebboune** later this week, according to APS, the nation's public press service.

"It's a dream I had for eight years," Khelif said of her gold medal performance. "We did our best to represent Algeria."

Moments to remember from Paris

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Marchand won the 200 butterfly and 200 breaststroke in what Olympic legend Michael Phelps called "probably the greatest double I've ever seen in the history of the sport." The arena roared when he won his fourth gold of the Games in the 200-meter individual medley, setting a new Olympic record. Talk about hometown heroes.

This guy is no Djok

Entering these Games, Novak Djokovic had won just about every prize in tennis: 24 Grand Slam men's singles titles, including a record ten Australian Open titles; 99 singles titles overall; an Olympic bronze medal (Beijing, 2008); a triple Career Grand Slam; and a Career Golden Masters. The only prize that eluded him was an Olympic gold medal. So when he beat young superstar Carlos Alcaraz in the gold-medal match, Djokovic broke down in tears on the court, raising his fists in the air as he dropped to his knees. What a moment for Djokovic, 37, who turned pro more than two decades ago.

Clark Kent with a Rubik's Cube

When the glasses come off, you know something big is about to go down on the pommel horse. Worcester's Stephen Nedoroscik became an overnight sensation when he played hero-ball on the pommel horse, waiting hours during the men's gymnastics team competition just to compete the final routine on the final event, where he locked up a bronze medal for Team USA.

Five days later, the pommel horse specialist did it again, winning bronze in the individual apparatus final. But he wasn't just a sensation because of his prowess on the pommel horse; Nedoroscik went viral for his nerdy demeanor, his signature glasses, and his ability to solve a Rubik's Cube in under 10 seconds — everything you'd expect out of an Olympic medalist.

Legendary Ledecy

Just because it's not a surprise when she wins doesn't make it any less fun to watch Katie Ledecy dominate in the pool. The most decorated female Olympian in American history won four more medals at these Games — two gold, one silver, and one bronze — to reach an unrivaled total of 14 Olympic medals. She held off Australian rival Ariarne Titmus to win gold in the 800-meter freestyle, the event where she won her first Olympic medal as a 15-year-old at the 2012 London Games. Then, in the 1,500-meter freestyle, Ledecy once again pulled so far ahead of her competitors that she was the only swimmer in the broadcast's frame, winning her signature event to give her the 20 fastest times ever in that event.

On top of the world

Mondo Duplantis barely touched the mat before running to his girlfriend, Desirée Inghander, in the stands to celebrate breaking his own pole vault world record to win his second straight gold in the event. The Swedish pole vaulter from Louisiana popped right up after clearing 6.25 meters (20 feet 6 inches) and sprinted straight to Inghander as he cheered and

pounded his chest. It was the ninth time that Duplantis, 24, had broken the world record.

The City of Love

A few athletes really got into the Parisian spirit, bringing some romance to the Olympic Games. Just after China's Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong accepted their gold medals in mixed-doubles badminton, Huang's boyfriend, fellow badminton player Liu Yuchen, got down on one knee and proposed to Huang, who had tears in her eyes as she said yes.

Four days later, French runner Alice Firot finished fourth in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase and walked over to the stands, where she proposed to Spanish triathlete Bruno Martínez Bargiela with an Olympic pin. He said yes and put it on his shirt.

Game recognizes game

The gymnastics at these Games were incredible, and they were capped off by a pretty special moment.

Brazil's Rebeca Andrade, who suffered three ACL tears in recent years, completed an incredible comeback to the sport with a gold medal in the women's floor exercise.

Silver medalist Simone Biles and bronze medalist Jordan Chiles were more than happy to give Andrade her flowers, bowing down to the Olympic champion on the podium.

That storybook ending unfortunately had some further twists, as Chiles was later controversially asked to return her bronze medal after her scoring change appeal, initially granted, was overturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Her case remains ongoing as USA Gymnastics looks to appeal the ruling.

Golden Gabby and regal relays

It was some trip to Paris for Northampton and Harvard's Gabby Thomas, whose ascension to the top of the sprinting world was finally complete when she dominated the field to win 200-meter gold.

That was just the beginning for Thomas, who showed off her incredible range by running an excellent bend in the gold-winning 4x100-meter relay, then claiming a third gold medal as part of a dominant 4x400.

The 4x100 had another memorable moment as Sha'Carri Richardson anchored the Americans to gold, looking across the track and staring down her runners-up before crossing the line.

USWNT returns to the top

It's been a rough couple of years for the US women's national team, which had its worst finish at a Women's World Cup in 2023.

Enter Emma Hayes, and a triple shot of espresso.

With just two months to prepare her team, Hayes rode a red-hot front three — Sophia Smith, Mallory Swanson, and Trinity Rodman — to an unbeaten run through the tournament and a first Olympic gold for the US women since 2012.

Smith, Rodman, and Swanson each scored a winner in the three knockout games, with Swanson's cool finish in the final putting the Americans back on top of

the world.

Can't stop Syd

What is there left to say about Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, the American track star who just turned 25 years old and has already dominated the sport in unprecedented fashion.

McLaughlin-Levrone does something special every time she steps on the track and Paris was no different. She buried the field in the women's 400-meter hurdles in a blistering time of 50.37, smashing her own world record — already considered one of the strongest in all of track and field — by almost three-tenths of a second.

And just for good measure, she ran one of the fastest 4x400 relay splits in history to put the field away early for the US. Just another day's work for Sydney.

Shooting stars

One of the great things about the Olympics is learning about relatively niche sports — the strategy involved, the special equipment, the techniques that allow the best in the world to do what they do.

The shooting competition spawned a couple viral hits, starting with South Korea's Kim Ye-ji, who became an instant on-line hit for her presence on the stage.

Then there was Turkish shooter Yusuf Dikec, a man who came to Paris with no special equipment, put on some casual attire, shoved a hand in his pocket, and won a silver medal.

Colin Jost's terrible, horrible, no-good, very bad summer

You know who had a weird time at the Olympics? "Saturday Night Live" star Colin Jost, who spent the last couple weeks in Tahiti as NBC's surfing correspondent. An avid recreational surfer, it was a perfect gig for the comedian, until Mother Nature intervened.

Just cut his foot on a coral reef as soon as he arrived and contracted a staph infection in his foot, then later acquired an ear infection just for good measure, cutting his time in Tahiti short. Jost posted a video on Instagram Sunday apparently in Malta, joking that he had not been sent home by NBC, but declared a leper and exiled to the small island off the coast of Italy.

Elsewhere at the surfing was a different sort of surprise guest: a whale sighting during the competition.

Raygun's big day

It's going to be hard to forget the debut of breakdancing at the Olympics, a sport whose most famous exponent is now Rachael Gunn, an Australian academic who stole the show in Paris.

Although, she didn't exactly steal the show in the way she may have wanted, with clips of her performance going viral for reasons other than its brilliance or impressive shows of athleticism.

"Raygun," as she's called in the breaking world, is hopefully doing well amid all the newfound attention. We'll never forget her.

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Sport breakdown of medal haul for US

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bronze.
Canoeing (0/2): Nevin Harrison, who took silver in the women's sprint single, was the first US canoeist to medal in consecutive Games since 1992. And Evy Leibfarth's bronze in slalom canoe was a nice surprise.

Cycling (3/6): After just two medals in Tokyo, six was a jackpot. Kristen Faulkner collected the first gold in the women's road race since 1984. There was another in the team pursuit, and Jennifer Valente repeated in women's omnium. That, plus silvers in mountain bike from Haley Batten and Perris Benegas in BMX freestyle, and Chloe Dygert's time trial bronze. Now if the men can just get up to speed.

Diving (0/1): The three-medal breakout in Tokyo was a one-off. One was realistic this time, and it was a silver from Sarah Bacon and Kassidy Cook in women's synchronized springboard.

Equestrian (0/1): Three medals seemed possible, but the eventers once again came up empty. A silver in team jumping was the only keepsake.

Fencing (2/4): Double the Tokyo total thanks to women's foil, which went 1-2 with defending champion Lee Kiefer and Lauren Scruggs and won the team title. Nick Itkin chipped in a bronze on the men's side. But more was expected from the men's sabre team, which was shut out again.

Field hockey (0/0): The American women haven't made the podium in four decades, so a medal was highly unlikely. But after failing to qualify for Tokyo, a ninth-place finish with a victory and a draw was a reasonable result.

Golf (1/1): After going double gold in Tokyo, the US was hoping for four medals this time. Scottie Scheffler came through but Xander Schauffele dropped to ninth and Nelly Korda and Lilia Vu came un-



MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY IMAGES

Lee Kiefer led a 1-2 finish in women's individual foil, then won team gold as the Americans claimed four medals in fencing.

done.

Gymnastics (3/9): A record-tying haul led by the incomparable Simone Biles, who anchored her teammates to the women's team gold, claimed the all-around crown, won on vault, and was second on floor. A trio of bronzes were delivered by Suni Lee (all-around and balance beam) and Jade Carey (vault), and Jordan Chiles had another on floor until a Romanian scoring challenge was upheld five days later. The men claimed their first team medal (a bronze) since 2008, and Worcester's Stephen Nedorosic, an instant social media star, produced a bronze on pommel horse.

Judo (0/0): Only four fighters qualified, and once again none survived the Round of 16. After four consecutive Games without a podium finish, that's an unsettling trend.

Modern pentathlon (0/0): Connecticut's Jessica Davis, the sole US competitor, didn't make the final. That was no surprise for a team that hasn't medaled since 2000.

Rowing (1/2): After a historic swamping of the entire US flotilla in Tokyo, a gold from the men's four (their first since 1960) and a bronze from the eight (their first medal since 2008) were cause for rational exuberance. But the women, who'd hoped for three medals, missed the podium.

Rugby sevens (0/1): The women's last-second victory over Australia delivered a breakthrough bronze. And while the men placed eighth, they did draw with champion France in their opener.

Sailing (0/1): No ill wind this time for the Americans. Ian Barrows and Hans Henken earned a bronze in men's 49er, and Daniela Moroz just missed one in women's Formula Kite.

Shooting (1/5): Once again the skeet shooters were on the mark. Vince Hancock (his fourth career gold) and Conner Prince went 1-2 in the men's event, Hancock and Austen Smith earned silver in mixed team and Smith a bronze in the women's event. And Sagen Maddalena's silver in women's three-position rifle was a pleasant addition.

Skateboarding (0/3): No golds,

but the guys got the trio they figured to — silver from Tom Schaar in park and silver and bronze from Jagger Eaton and Nyjah Huston in street.

Soccer (1/1): One summer after their World Cup pratfall, the women are back atop Olympus after a dozen years. The men were schooled by Morocco in the quarters but did manage to advance from their group for the first time since 2008.

Sport climbing (0/2): The Yanks are on the rise. Brooke Raboutou grabbed a silver in women's combined, Sam Watson a bronze in men's speed, and Colin Duffy just missed in men's combined.

Surfing (1/1): The Americans were hoping for a trio in Tahiti. Caroline Marks grabbed the women's gold but defending champ Carissa Moore went out in the quarters and the men didn't get that far.

Swimming (8/28): The US easily topped the table ahead of archrival Australia, but the women did the heavy lifting, winning twice as many medals (18) as the men, who produced only one individual victor (Bobby Finke in the 1,500 free-

style). Once again Katie Ledecky, with two distance golds, a relay silver, and a 400 bronze, was the star of the show.

Table tennis (0/0): A medal still is a few quadrennia away, but Kanak Jha won a couple of matches before losing to the Chinese champion.

Taekwondo (0/1): No gold this time, but Kristina Teachout produced a women's bronze at 67 kg and CJ Nickolas just missed one in the men's 80 kg.

Tennis (0/2): Coco Gauff underachieved but there were two medals from an unexpected source in men's doubles. Austin Krajicek-Rajeev Ram and Taylor Fritz-Tommy Paul won silver and bronze. Not since 1904, when Americans made up virtually the entire draw, had that happened.

Track and field (14/34): Thanks primarily to the sprinters and hurdlers, the Yanks had their best outing since the boycotted 1984 Games. The 14 golds were double their Tokyo number, and there were medals in everything from the men's steeplechase to the women's triple jump. The stage is set for a Coliseum reprise in 2028.

Triathlon (0/1): The US figured there'd be a women's medal. It came instead in the mixed relay — a silver in a photo finish.

Volleyball (0/2): The women didn't retain their Tokyo crown, but their silver was their fifth straight podium finish. The men, who missed out last time, collected a bronze.

Water polo (0/1): The women, who were shooting for their fourth straight title, missed the podium for the first time. But the men's bronze was their first medal since 2008.

Weightlifting (1/2): The biceps bunch made history. Olivia Reeves' gold at 71 kg was the first for the women since 2000 and the bronze by Hampton Morris at 61 kg was the first men's medal since 1984.

Wrestling (2/7): Sarah Hildebrandt (50 kg) and Amit Elor (68 kg) produced women's golds as the grapplers got the seven they figured to. Spencer Lee (57 kg) picked up a freestyle silver to go with bronzes by Kyle Dake (74 kg) and Aaron Brooks (86 kg) on the men's side. Kennedy Blades (76 kg) earned a silver and Helen Maroulis a bronze (57 kg) on the women's.

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Crystal Dunn (center) and the US women's soccer team defeated Brazil, and they are back atop Olympus after a dozen years.



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Team USA won 14 golds in track and field, including an eighth straight in the 4x400 relay thanks to (from left): Shamier Little, Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, Gabrielle Thomas, and Alexis Holmes.



EVELYN HOCKSTEIN/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

Guerschon Yabusele, 28, who was drafted by the Celtics, deserved praise for his play at the Olympics.

BEAT WRITER'S NOTEBOOK

NBA return coming for Yabusele?

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

In a game that included future Hall of Famers such as LeBron James, Stephen Curry, and Kevin Durant, former Celtics forward Guerschon Yabusele was the one to receive "MVP" chants as France pushed the United States to the end before falling in Saturday's Olympic men's basketball final.

Sure, it was largely because the game was played in Paris. But Yabusele's play during the tournament was deserving of the praise. He was particularly dominant in the knockout round. He tallied 22 points and 5 rebounds in a quarterfinal win over Canada, 17 points and 7 rebounds in a semifinal win over Germany, and 20 points against the US, the two loudest coming with a thunderous one-handed dunk over James.

His performance raised questions about whether it is time for the burly 6-foot-7-inch forward to get another NBA opportunity. After the gold-medal game, he left no question about his hopes, posting on X: "Been waiting for a 2nd chance..I'm ready."

One NBA scout who has seen Yabusele play extensively overseas agrees. The scout said Yabusele, 28, has grown into his body and become an excellent defender playing for the Spanish power Real Madrid.

"He deserves another chance just because of how his game has developed, if teams can deal with him not shooting it consistently," the scout said. "But in general he's a strong player for that position. He has really turned up his defense and can even defend some 5s, and he's in good shape. I think he deserves another go-round."

The Celtics drafted Yabusele 16th overall in 2016, and he averaged just 2.3 points and 1.4 rebounds over 74 games from 2017-19 before continuing his career overseas. He spent a year in China and two in France before joining Real Madrid in 2021.

Yabusele's Real Madrid contract reportedly has a \$2.5 million buyout, and an NBA team could contribute only \$850,000 of that figure. Also, most NBA rosters are just about full right now, so the possibility of Yabusele joining a team this year seems unlikely. But the scout said that with another strong year in Spain, he should get an NBA opportunity next season.

■ Celtics stars Jayson Tatum and Jrue Holiday won gold medals at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and knew for months that they would be part of this Paris squad. But it truly turned into one crazy summer for Derrick White, who was running his youth camp in Colorado last month when he got the call to replace injured forward Kawhi Leonard.

"This is stuff that you dream about but you never think that you're going to be in it," the Celtics guard said after winning gold. "So to be part of this team and just part of this group is really special."

It was no surprise that White fit in instantly, and he drew frequent praise from US coach Steve Kerr. White said the transition was seamless because he was essentially asked to do the same things he does for the Celtics.

"I didn't know what my role was going to be," White said. "I was just going to do what I do, compete at a high level and just try to help us any way we can."

■ Tatum acknowledged that the lack of opportunity he received during the Olympics was humbling, but it's hard to see how it would be damaging. He is a three-time first-team All-NBA performer who just guided his team to a title and then signed the richest contract in NBA history. Now he's returning to lead a group that is favored to win it all again, and his role will remain massive.

Tatum sat out both Olympic games against Serbia and mostly had a limited role otherwise. He said after the win over France that he would take a lesson from the experience. He also was noncommittal when asked about the 2028 Los Angeles Games, but pointed out that they are still four long years away anyway.

■ The full NBA schedule is expected to be released this week, but some key dates are starting to trickle out. The Athletic reported that the Celtics will play host to the Knicks at TD Garden on opening night, Oct. 22, when the franchise's 18th championship banner will be raised to the rafters and players will receive their rings.

This is a good choice for an opener. The Knicks' ascension has reenergized this rivalry, and the addition of star forward Mikal Bridges makes New York's roster even more interesting.

The ring ceremony, said Celtics president of basketball operations Brad Stevens, "will be a great moment, but then I'll be watching everybody's body language to see if we're ready to play."

The Celtics reportedly will face the 76ers at TD Garden on Christmas.

■ A large Celtics contingent that included Jaylen Brown, Sam Hauser, and Xavier Tillman attended Payton Pritchard's wedding over the weekend. And former Celtics forward Blake Griffin was the officiant.

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Olympic medals

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PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Defense in for a real test with the Eagles in town

By Christopher Price

GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — What are you hoping to get out of Tuesday's joint practice with the Eagles, **DeMarcus Covington**?

"Hopefully, we come out and dominate," the Patriots defensive coordinator said Monday. "That's what we're looking for, being completely honest. That's what we're trying to do. Go out and dominate."

"We're trying to execute, work on our fundamentals and technique, most importantly."

With all due respect to the Panthers, the next few days — which include a joint practice and a preseason game against the Eagles — should provide the first real rest of the summer for the Patriots, particularly for the defense.

The Eagles have an elite group of receivers led by **A.J. Brown** and **DeVonta Smith**, both of whom topped 1,000 yards receiving last year. In addition, quarterback **Jalen Hurts** and newly acquired running back **Saquon Barkley** will push the Patriots defense on all three levels.

"They have a well-rounded team," Covington said. "Up front. The running backs. The quarterback position. Same thing with the receivers. It'll be good for our guys to have that level of competition to see who can fill those voids or help contribute to this defense this season."

On the other side of the ball, the week should allow for a proper evaluation of the offense, particularly the passing game.

"We've obviously got stuff to clean up every day, but excited to get another team in here — a contending team — to see where we land," said quarterback



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A young fan watching training camp holds a sign imploring the Patriots to work out a new contract with linebacker Matthew Judon.

Jacoby Brissett. "I know it'll be good work on both sides of the ball. I'm excited for that."

"Looking forward to our first one," said receiver **Ja'Lynn Polk.** "I can't wait to go out there and compete."

Covington covers it

Covington offered a show of support for **Matthew Judon**, who has been enmeshed in a contract dispute with the team this summer.

"He's been the same for us," Covington said. "I always stay out of all those [contract] conversations. For us and the defensive staff, he's been Judon. He's been Matt Judon. He's been great in the classroom. He's been great for us on the practice field."

The coordinator talked about the

day earlier in the summer when Judon left the field, returned briefly, and left again following a conversation with coach **Jerod Mayo** and others.

"I look at it like this: We all have bad days, right?" Covington said. "Unfortunately for him, his bad days will be on camera. Just like our bad days will be behind doors. He had a bad day, and that was it. Everybody got to see it."

"Other than that, the guy's been who he's been since we signed him a couple of years ago. I have nothing but respect and love for Judon, and what he can do and will do for this team."

Covington also touched on the loss of defensive lineman **Christian Barmore**, who has been sidelined because of blood clot issues and faces an uncertain future.

"Christian is a big part of our defense," he said. "Unfortunately, that happened, and our thoughts and prayers are with him. Just like any other injury that we have in football, it's the next-man-up mentality, which is good for that room; we have the depth and the competition in that room to fill that void."

Earlier in camp, Mayo said the defense was ahead of the offense. Covington, in his first full season as defensive coordinator, sounded like he appreciated the kind words, but he also acknowledged that can flip quickly.

"Every day we have to come out and act like we've done nothing," he said. "That's the kind of like the mindset. A workers' mentality. A blue-collar mentality. We have to earn everything every day."

"So what we did yesterday in practice doesn't mean we bring that into today. What we do today, we can't have the same mind-set when the Eagles come in here."

"It's like a start-over mentality. Every practice. Every day. Every week. Every game."

Mr. Outside, Mr. Inside

Get yourself someone who talks about you the way **Drew Wilkins** talks about **Dont'a Hightower**.

Wilkins, in his first season as outside linebackers coach, raved when asked what it's been like to work alongside Hightower, who was named inside linebackers coach this offseason.

"I think as a coach the sky's the limit for him," said Wilkins, who referred to Hightower as "Mr. February" because of his Super Bowl highlights. "This guy is going to be a head coach in the NFL."

"He's so smart. So gifted as a communicator. And understands the game

at such a high level, which makes sense when you realize the defenses that he's been in."

"He brings that enthusiasm. He brings that juice. This is a great coach. This is a superstar in the league that we're all lucky to be around every day."

Taking attendance

Tight end **Hunter Henry** was among the notables who weren't spotted at the start of the workout, which ran 90 minutes and was not padded. Henry appeared to suffer some sort of injury Sunday and was taken back to the locker room on a golf cart . . . Barmore, cornerback **Jonathan Jones**, cornerback **Shaun Wade**, cornerback **Marcus Jones**, and safety **Marte Mapu** were all nonparticipants. The three players on the PUP list — wide receiver **Kendrick Bourne**, offensive lineman **Cole Strange**, and linebacker **Sione Takitaki** — were nonparticipants . . . Referees were in attendance for the second consecutive day, and weren't shy when it came to throwing flags . . . Mayo laid in to the defense twice during team drills, and the group ended up running a lap on both occasions . . . The Patriots resigned running back **Deshawn Fenwick**. The 24-year-old undrafted free agent spent his college career at South Carolina and Oregon State, with 385 rushing attempts for 2,039 yards and 18 touchdowns. To make room for Fenwick, the Patriots released defensive end **John Morgan** . . . Gates will open for Tuesday's joint practice at 9:30 a.m., and the workout is scheduled to begin at 10:30. It is the final practice open to the public.

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QUARTERBACK WATCH

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

■ **Jacoby Brissett:** With each passing day, it's becoming clearer that DeMario Douglas is the go-to receiver on the roster, regardless of which quarterback is throwing the ball. The shifty, undersized pass catcher had five catches Monday, including multiple grabs courtesy of Brissett, who ended up 6 for 9 in 11-on-11 work and 2 for 5 in seven-on-seven sessions. "He's been making a lot of plays," Brissett said of Douglas, who has shed the red noncontact jersey he was wearing earlier in the summer. "We've been staying out there a lot getting the work in, and it's starting to show on the practice field when we're in live periods. Excited to have him back."

■ **Drake Maye:** The arrow is pointing in the right direction again for Maye. He wasn't always crisp, but the rookie was able to put some heat on a few passes (including multiple red zone touchdowns), and he finished the day 5 for 8 in seven-on-seven work and 3 for 6 in 11-on-11s. He had nice connections with tight end Jaheim Bell and wide receiver Javon Baker in seven-on-sevens. While Maye has shown an affinity for Douglas, he also has leaned on running back Antonio Gibson as a favorite option out of the backfield over the last couple of weeks, including multiple times Monday.

■ **Joe Milton:** The rookie out of Tennessee saw limited reps, going just 1 for 5 in 11-on-11 sessions with a pick of a batted ball. (Linebacker Joe Giles-Harris had the tip and safety Dell Pettus collected the interception.) He took a pair of deep shots that brought the crowd to its feet near the end of the workout, but both passes fell incomplete.

■ **Bailey Zappe:** Zappe did not get any reps in seven-on-seven or 11-on-11 work.

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Jacoby Brissett has split most of the reps with Drake Maye since the Patriots resumed practicing after their preseason victory over Carolina.

TRAINING CAMP OBSERVATIONS

FOXBOROUGH — Three takeaways from the Patriots' 13th practice of training camp, a 90-minute session in shells Monday:

1. Hunter Henry is an essential piece. Practice seemingly took place without much drama. It was a lighter day, with the Patriots set to face the Eagles in a joint practice Tuesday. Matthew Judon was all smiles. Drake Maye and Jacoby Brissett took a bunch of reps again. But one key piece was quietly missing — tight end Hunter Henry, who on Sunday left the field about midway through practice. And seeing the offense line up without him highlighted how important he is to the team.

Most of us probably can agree that the Patriots will be light on offense, and will have to win games the old-fashioned way — with ball security, the run game, defense, and special teams. A big part of that philosophy is using two tight ends, to give them better run looks and open up the play-action game.

The Patriots have two solid veteran tight ends in Henry and Austin Hooper who have been getting a lot of work together with the starting offense. Henry, with 17 touchdowns in three seasons with the Patriots, might be the team's best red zone threat. Hooper, a nine-year veteran, has been heavily involved in the offense and has made plays throughout camp. But take Henry out of the equation, and the Jenga tower starts to collapse. Hooper as the No. 1 tight end is much less effective. And right now, the No. 3 tight end is Mitchell Wilcox, who to his credit has made some plays in camp, but caught just 29 passes and one touchdown in three seasons with the Bengals. Behind Wilcox are seventh-round pick Jaheim Bell and street free agents La'Michael Pettway and Jacob Warren. None should be expected to contribute to an NFL offense right away.

The Patriots don't have enough talent or depth at wide receiver, so for the offense to have a chance, they need to have two healthy tight ends, and one of them has to be Henry.

2. Wide receiver is still crowded. The Patriots released JuJu Smith-Schuster, who was running about eighth on the receiver depth chart. Even with him gone, they may have a tricky numbers game.

Right now there are four locks: DeMario Douglas (who has been fantastic the last two days since shedding the noncontact jersey), K.J. Osborn, and rookies Ja'Lynn Polk and Javon Baker. Teams usually keep five receivers, at most six. That leaves Kayshon Boutte, Tyquan Thornton, Jalen Reagor, and three others fighting for one or two spots. There's also Kendrick Bourne, still on the Physically Unable to Perform list. I would pick Boutte for being the most consistent at camp, and Reagor for his dynamic return skills, leaving Bourne for PUP and Thornton for the practice squad.

3. The end of Zappe time? Bailey Zappe surprisingly played seven series and 36 snaps in the preseason opener against Carolina, even though he looks to be the odd man out in the quarterback rotation. But is Zappe time finally coming to an end?

Zappe got only three snaps in team drills Sunday, then got zero Monday. He'll probably participate in Tuesday's joint practice, but it would be a big surprise if he played a lot instead of Drake Maye or Joe Milton Thursday night.

There are three weeks left of camp, and the Patriots have two rookie quarterbacks who need all the practice reps they can get. Zappe is still their second-best quarterback, but it might finally be time for the Patriots to let him find another home.

BEN VOLIN

Divying up the QB reps has been a little odd

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talk to AVP about," Mayo said Thursday night.

It's certainly curious that Maye didn't play much in the preseason opener. He's going to hit the bench once the regular season starts, and has only three preseason games to get game experience.

"This is the first preseason game. We still have two left," Mayo said Thursday. "He'll have plenty of opportunities to go against other teams."

But there was value in getting onto the field Thursday night, even for a nine-year veteran like starter Jacoby Brissett.

"It was mainly about communication, getting plays from AVP, getting into the huddle, getting into the line of scrimmage, snap, and then get the ball," Brissett said.

Instead, Maye's night ended almost as soon as it began. Mayo said that Maye is getting plenty of work in practice, which the team views as more important. But surely Maye, who rarely huddled or called his own plays at North Carolina, could have benefitted from more than six snaps of live game experience.

Of the six first-round quarterbacks in the NFL this year, only Jayden Daniels (11 snaps) played fewer than 20 snaps last weekend, and Daniels is all but certain to be the Commanders' Week 1 quarterback.

To be fair, there were valid reasons for the Patriots to be careful with Maye. The weather was lousy, and the last thing they need is Maye getting hurt. Mayo also said the state of the offensive line factored into Maye's playing time. With the Panthers sitting all of their starters, perhaps there wasn't much to gain by playing Maye, but plenty to lose if he stayed in the game too long.

But it's hard not to wonder whether the Patri-

ots are protecting Maye — or at least shielding the public from seeing where he is in his development. Maye hasn't shined too brightly in practice, but most fans don't get to see it. A poor performance in Thursday's preseason game could have set off panic alarms across New England.

By the same token, it's a bit weird that Maye isn't practicing with the starting offense or against the starting defense. He gets a ton of work in practices; on Sunday, Brissett and Maye each took 26 reps in 11-on-11 drills, while Zappe got three and Milton only two. But Maye never works with or against the top units.

In 2021, a rookie Mac Jones was splitting first-team reps with Cam Newton almost immediately, and eventually overtook him. But the Patriots don't seem to be challenging Maye to beat out Brissett. Again, it makes you wonder whether they are protecting Maye — keeping him with the backups so he doesn't get exposed by the starters.

It also raises questions about whether Van Pelt, a first-time offensive coordinator, has Maye on too slow of a track. If Brissett gets hurt, Maye probably will be the next man up, even in Week 1. He needs to work with the starters in camp.

Then there's Milton, the sixth-round pick with incredible physical gifts who is also incredibly raw. Playing him for nearly 20 minutes against the Panthers made a lot of sense. Burying him at practice makes little to no sense.

Milton should be getting a ton of reps, especially after he showed flashes Thursday. Instead, for the last week and a half, he has been mostly a bystander for the second half of practice. On Sunday, he took two measly snaps.

Perhaps there simply are not enough reps to go around after Brissett and Maye get what they need. Or, perhaps, the Patriots don't want Milton playing as well as or better than Maye and creat-

ing unwanted drama.

To top off the weirdness, Mayo seems to be pointing the finger at Van Pelt and offensive assistant Ben McAdoo for the QB decisions. After explaining Thursday that Van Pelt was responsible for the QB usage against the Panthers, Mayo confirmed Friday and Saturday that Van Pelt makes the decisions, calling him "the head coach of the offense."

"Going into the game, I talked to AVP, McAdoo, and the entire offensive staff about what's the plan for the quarterback," Mayo said Friday. "This conversation has been ongoing, and so this has always been the plan to develop these guys this way. We'll see how it looks going forward."

An important part of leadership is giving underlings autonomy to do their jobs. And as Mayo said, "I may not necessarily know all the lingo" when it comes to offense. But it's not a great look for Mayo to publicly pass responsibility for the quarterback development, arguably the most important task of the Patriots' entire preseason. The big-picture decisions about how much Maye will play still fall to the head coach.

Mayo said Maye will play more this Thursday against the Eagles, but wouldn't quantify how much. The teams also have a joint practice Tuesday.

"I would say this is a huge week for us against Philly," Mayo said. "When he's ready to go, we'll put him there."

The Patriots have two main tasks this summer — get the team ready to play, and develop Maye into the franchise quarterback. Through three weeks of camp and one preseason game, the plan looks a little, well, weird.

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SportsLog

Jets won't trade holdout DE Reddick

Haason Reddick's holdout from the Jets has gotten ugly as it enters its third week. Shortly after a person familiar with the situation told the Associated Press that the star edge rusher requested a trade Monday, Jets general manager **Joe Douglas** said the team has no intention of granting Reddick his wish. "We have informed Haason that we will not trade him, that he is expected to be here with his teammates and that he will continue to be fined per the CBA if he does not report," Douglas said in a statement issued by the Jets and shared on social media. "Since the trade discussions back in March, we have been clear, direct and consistent with our position." Reddick was acquired from Philadelphia in the offseason after asking to pursue a trade from the Eagles over his contract situation. He wanted a new deal then and the Eagles weren't going to give him one.

Rodgers admits COVID issue in book

Aaron Rodgers said in a soon-to-be published book that he should have handled discussing his COVID-19 immunization status differently. The Jets quarterback was still with the Packers in 2021 when he told reporters he was "immunized" against the virus — and then tested positive for COVID-19 three months later and had to be sidelined for 10 days. Rodgers unsuccessfully appealed to the league that his homeopathic treatment regimen should qualify him as vaccinated. The four-time NFL MVP was widely criticized for not being truthful about his status. "If there's one thing I wish could have gone different, it's that, because that's the only thing [critics] could hit me with," ESPN reported Rodgers told author **Ian O'Connor** for the biography, "Out Of The Darkness: The Mystery of Aaron Rodgers," which goes on sale next week.

No shoulder surgery for Chiefs' Brown

Chiefs coach **Andy Reid** said wide receiver **Marquise "Hollywood" Brown** did not need surgery for the shoulder injury he suffered in the team's preseason opener in Jacksonville. Brown spent Saturday night in a Jacksonville hospital before being released Sunday morning and was not present for Monday's practice. "They were able to get the joint back in place without surgery, which is a positive," Reid said. "We'll just see on the recovery. He's back in Kansas City now. He stayed over in Jacksonville until they got that thing situated." Reid said after Saturday's game that Brown suffered a sternoclavicular posterior dislocation.

121ST MASSACHUSETTS WOMEN'S AMATEUR

North Easton's Costello leads by two shots

By **Brendan Kurie**
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Mekhala Costello finished with back-to-back birdies to finish as the only competitor under par in a field of 60 at the 121st Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship Monday.

The 18-year-old Costello, a North Easton resident and member of Blue Hill Country Club, fired a 2-under-par 69 at Taconic Golf Club in Williamstown, which is hosting the women's event for the first time after hosting the men five times. Play was suspended for about 50 minutes because of heavy rain before resuming a little after 2 p.m.

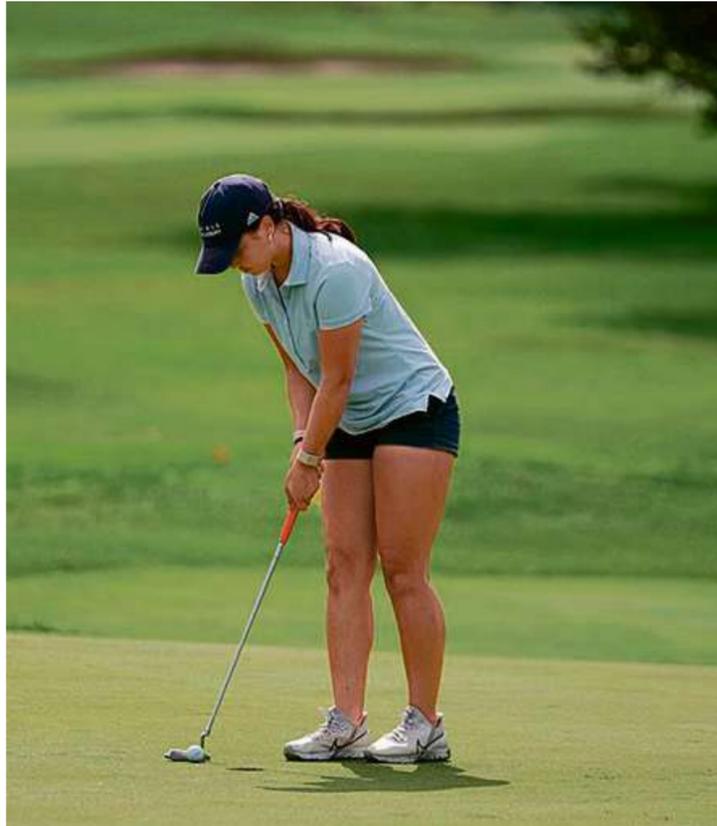
It's the second straight year Costello has held at least a share of the lead after Day 1 of the Women's Am, which runs through Friday. She opened her day with birdies on Nos. 1 and 8, sitting 2 under at the turn, then bogeying No. 10 and No. 13 before wrapping up with consecutive birdies on Nos. 17 and 18.

"Seventeen, I was not expecting to birdie that. I was kind of between clubs, then I went with the shorter club and just hit it really well," Costello said. "Then hit the putt, right to left, and it just went in. I wasn't like, I was trying to make it, but I was just trying not to beat myself. Figure out speed and make sure I was safe for three, because I'd been putting the ball a little bit past the hole."

Costello, who will play soccer at Amherst this fall, started at Canton High, setting a program record with a 36.8 scoring average (for nine holes). She reached the quarterfinals last year.

Two behind Costello with an even-par 71 is 20-year-old Morgan Smith, one of three Smith sisters competing. The Westford native and Vesper Country Club member won the 2022 title at Orchards Golf Club. On Monday, she notched four birdies and four bogeys, all in her first 11 holes.

Smith, who is transferring to Georgia this fall, was second this year at the Massachusetts Women's Stroke Play Championship.



MASS GOLF

Mekhala Costello shot 2-under 69, the only player in the field under par.

Three strokes off the lead at 1-over 72 is 17-year-old Carys Fennessy of Dover, N.H., a College of Charleston-bound two-time winner of the New Hampshire Women's Amateur and runner-up at the 2023 New England Junior Amateur.

Tied for fourth at 2-over 73 are two prior champions: North Easton's 41-year-old Shannon Johnson (Thorny Lea), the 2018 winner, and Sharon's 22-year-old Allison Paik (The Cape Club), who took the crown in 2020. Morgan's sister, 19-year-old Molly Smith, last

year's runner-up, is sixth at 3-over 74. "Obviously I know it's a very long week, five days with many golf rounds on the same course," Paik said. "You just have to be really patient out there, especially at a course like Taconic where the greens are super slopey, you've got to be below the hole. So I just try to give myself good looks and leave myself in good spots out there."

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WNBA

Hamby sues Aces over treatment

Los Angeles Sparks All-Star **Dearica Hamby** sued the WNBA and her former team in federal court regarding her treatment from the Las Vegas Aces while pregnant. Hamby's lawsuit alleged the Aces discriminated and retaliated against her, leading to her January 2023 trade to the Sparks. The Aces did not immediately respond to requests for comment, but the club and coach **Becky Hammon** previously refuted the allegations. Hammon said in May 2023 that Hamby was traded for strategic reasons.

GOLF

Rai the winner; Kuchar apologizes

Aaron Rai won the Wyndham Championship in near darkness Sunday evening, a rain-delayed tournament that wasn't officially in the books until Matt Kuchar finished Monday morning at Greensboro, N.C. It was a peculiar ending, and Kuchar apologized to the tournament officials after he finished the 18th hole with a scrambling par to tie for 12th, seven shots out of the lead. But he explained what went into his decision to stop playing Sunday night, wanting to set a precedent for rookie **Max Greyserman** if he also wanted to wait until Monday morning with so much riding on the outcome. One problem — Kuchar didn't know Rai had made birdie in the group ahead of him to take a two-shot lead, making it improbable for Greyserman to catch him. Kuchar was in the last group as the 36-hole leader. He thinks the darkness played a role in Greyserman four-putting the 16th green in a wild finish for the rookie. Greyserman holed out for eagle on the 13th to take a four-shot lead, but lost it with a quadruple bogey on the next hole.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Georgia is the preseason No. 1

Georgia is No. 1 in the Associated Press Top 25 preseason poll for the second straight year as the superconference era begins with the SEC and Big Ten dominating the top 10 of the rankings. The Bulldogs received 46 first-place votes and 1,532 points in the Top 25 and the SEC powerhouse finished comfortably ahead of No. 2 Ohio State (15 first-place votes and 1,490 points) of the Big Ten.

Scoreboard

| | TUE 8/13 | WED 8/14 | THU 8/15 | FRI 8/16 | SAT 8/17 | SUN 8/18 | MON 8/19 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | TEX 7:10 NESN | TEX 6:10 NESN | BAL 6:35 NESN | BAL 7:05 NESN | BAL 7:05 NESN | BAL 1:35 NESN | HOU 8:10 NESN |
| | | | PHI (exh.) 7:00 WBZ, NFL | | | | |
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ON THE AIR

| BASEBALL | WOMEN'S BOWLING | MEN'S SOCCER | TENNIS |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| 6:30 p.m. Triple A: Lehigh Valley at Worcester NESN+ | 7:10 p.m. Texas at Boston NESN | 7:10 p.m. LA Dodgers at Milwaukee TBS | 9:40 p.m. Pittsburgh at San Diego MLB |
| 7 p.m. PWBA: Tour Championship Week CBSN | noon Saudi Super Cup: Al Hilal vs. Al Ahli FS2 | 8 p.m. Leagues Cup: Tigres UANL at NYFC FS2 | 11 a.m. Cincinnati Open Tennis |

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Cape League

| FINALS (BEST OF 3) |
|----------------------------------|
| Harwich wins 2-1 |
| Aug. 10: Harwich 7..... Bourne 3 |
| Aug. 11: Bourne 7..... Harwich 1 |
| Aug. 12: Harwich 4..... Bourne 3 |

Little League

BASEBALL WORLD SERIES

| WEDNESDAY'S GAMES |
|-----------------------------------|
| New England (N.H.) vs. West.....3 |
| Cambrian vs. Mexico.....1 |
| Asia-Pacific vs. Canada.....5 |
| Southeast vs. Midwest.....7 |

International League

| EAST | WEST |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lehigh Valley.....21 16 .568 | Columbus.....26 12 .684 |
| Rochester.....22 17 .564 | Nashville.....22 16 .579 |
| Scranton/W-B.....21 17 .553 1/2 | Omaha.....21 18 .538 5/2 |
| Jacksonville.....19 18 .514 2 | Memphis.....19 20 .487 7/2 |
| Norfolk.....19 20 .487 3 | Toledo.....19 20 .487 7/2 |
| Charlotte.....18 19 .486 3 | Indianapolis.....18 19 .486 7/2 |
| Syracuse.....18 20 .474 3 1/2 | Gwinnett.....18 21 .462 8/2 |
| Worcester.....18 20 .474 3 1/2 | St. Paul.....18 21 .462 8/2 |
| Buffalo.....17 22 .436 5 | Louisville at Omaha.....7:25 |
| Durham.....17 22 .436 5 | Columbus at Iowa.....7:38 |

TUESDAY'S GAMES

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|-------------------------------------|
| Lehigh Valley at Worcester.....6:45 |
| Buffalo at Scranton/W-B.....6:35 |
| Nashville at Durham.....6:35 |
| Syracuse at Rochester.....6:45 |
| Toledo at Charlotte.....7:04 |
| Memphis at Jacksonville.....7:05 |
| Norfolk at Gwinnett.....7:05 |
| St. Paul at Indianapolis.....7:05 |
| Louisville at Omaha.....7:25 |
| Columbus at Iowa.....7:38 |

Eastern League

| NORTHEAST | SOUTHWEST |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Portland.....25 12 .676 | Akron.....26 13 .667 |
| Hartford.....23 15 .605 2/2 | Erie.....22 16 .579 3 1/2 |
| Binghamton.....21 16 .568 4 | Bowie.....18 21 .462 8/2 |
| Somerset.....21 17 .553 4 1/2 | Altoona.....16 23 .410 10 |
| Reading.....15 24 .385 11 | Richmond.....16 23 .410 10 |
| New Hampshire.....13 23 .361 11 1/2 | Harrisburg.....13 26 .333 13 |

TUESDAY'S GAMES

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|---------------------------------|
| Portland at Binghamton.....5:05 |
| Portland at Binghamton.....7:35 |
| Bowie at Altoona.....6 |
| Akron at Erie.....6:05 |
| Richmond at Harrisburg.....6:30 |
| New Hampshire at Reading.....7 |
| Somerset at Hartford.....7:10 |

South Atlantic League

| TUESDAY'S GAMES |
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| Greenville at Aberdeen.....7:05 |
| Rocklyn at Wilmington.....6:35 |
| Hickory at Hudson Valley.....6:30 |
| Asheville at Rome.....7 |
| Winston-Salem at Jersey Shore.....7:05 |
| Greensboro at Bowling Green.....7:35 |

NWSL

| W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|-----|----|----|
| Orlando | 11 | 0 | 5 | 38 | 32 |
| Kansas City | 10 | 1 | 5 | 35 | 40 |
| Washington | 11 | 4 | 1 | 34 | 32 |
| Gotham FC | 9 | 3 | 4 | 31 | 13 |
| Portland | 8 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 27 |
| North Carolina | 8 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 20 |
| Chicago | 7 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 23 |
| Bay FC | 6 | 10 | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| Louisville | 3 | 6 | 7 | 16 | 21 |
| San Diego | 3 | 7 | 6 | 15 | 12 |
| Angel City | 4 | 9 | 3 | 15 | 16 |
| Houston | 3 | 8 | 5 | 14 | 23 |
| Seattle | 2 | 9 | 5 | 16 | 28 |
| Utah Royals FC | 2 | 11 | 3 | 9 | 28 |

*Play resumes Aug. 23

MLS

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | WESTERN CONFERENCE |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| LA Galaxy.....26 14 7 5 49 | LA Galaxy.....26 14 7 5 49 |
| LAF.....24 14 5 5 47 | LAF.....24 14 5 5 47 |
| Real Salt Lake.....25 12 8 5 44 | Real Salt Lake.....25 12 8 5 44 |
| Colorado.....26 12 5 9 41 | Colorado.....26 12 5 9 41 |
| Vancouver.....24 11 5 8 38 | Vancouver.....24 11 5 8 38 |
| Houston.....24 10 7 7 37 | Houston.....24 10 7 7 37 |
| Seattle.....25 10 7 8 37 | Seattle.....25 10 7 8 37 |
| Portland.....25 10 6 9 36 | Portland.....25 10 6 9 36 |
| Minnesota.....25 9 10 33 | Minnesota.....25 9 10 33 |
| Austin.....25 8 7 10 31 | Austin.....25 8 7 10 31 |
| Dallas.....25 8 6 11 30 | Dallas.....25 8 6 11 30 |
| Sporting KC.....26 6 14 24 | Sporting KC.....26 6 14 24 |
| St. Louis.....25 4 11 10 23 | St. Louis.....25 4 11 10 23 |
| San Jose.....25 4 2 19 14 | San Jose.....25 4 2 19 14 |

LEAGUES CUP

| Round of 16 |
|--------------------------------------|
| Philadelphia vs. Cincinnati.....7:30 |
| Pumas UNAM vs. Seattle.....7:30 |
| Miami vs. Columbus.....7:30 |
| Mazatlan vs. Cruz Azul.....8 |
| New York vs. Tigres.....8 |
| Colorado vs. Toluca.....10:30 |
| San Jose vs. LAFC.....10:30 |
| St. Louis vs. Club America.....10:30 |

College football

AP Top 25 poll

| Rank | Team | Pts. |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 1 | Georgia (46) | 1,532 |
| 2 | Ohio State (15) | 1,490 |
| 3 | Oregon (1) | 1,403 |
| 4 | Texas (4) | 1,386 |
| 5 | Alabama | 1,260 |
| 6 | Mississippi | 1,189 |
| 7 | Notre Dame | 1,122 |
| 8 | Penn State | 1,060 |
| 9 | Michigan | 995 |
| 10 | Florida St. | 971 |
| 11 | Missouri | 927 |
| 12 | Utah | 887 |
| 13 | SU | 864 |
| 14 | Clemson | 869 |
| 15 | Tennessee | 629 |
| 16 | Oklahoma | 566 |
| 17 | Oklahoma St. | 538 |
| 18 | Kansas St. | 526 |
| 19 | Miami | 492 |
| 20 | Texas A&M | 297 |
| 21 | Arizona | 232 |
| 22 | Kansas | 231 |
| 23 | USC | 172 |
| 24 | N.C. State | 171 |
| 25 | Iowa | 140 |

Also receiving votes:

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| Louisville 111, |
| Virginia Tech 77, Boise St. 47, Iowa |
| State 33, SU 33, Liberty 32, Washing- |
| ton 23, West Virginia 17, Memphis 15, |
| Nebraska 16, Wisconsin 15, UTSA 6, Tu- |
| lane 5, Appalachian St. 4, Kentucky 3, |
| Auburn 2, Colorado 1 |

FBS Coaches poll

| Rank | Team | Pts. |
|------|----------------|-------|
| 1 | Georgia (46) | 1,364 |
| 2 | Ohio State (7) | 1,302 |
| 3 | Oregon | 1,228 |
| 4 | Texas (1) | 1,223 |
| 5 | Alabama | 1,077 |
| 6 | Mississippi | 1,019 |
| 7 | Notre Dame | 969 |
| 8 | Michigan (1) | 944 |
| 9 | Penn State | 889 |
| 10 | Florida St. | 867 |
| 11 | Missouri | 808 |
| 12 | LSU | 742 |
| 13 | Utah | 665 |
| 14 | Clemson | 657 |
| 15 | Tennessee | 621 |
| 16 | Oklahoma | 609 |
| 17 | Kansas St. | 416 |
| 18 | Oklahoma St. | 359 |
| 19 | Miami | 292 |
| 20 | Texas A&M | 273 |
| 21 | Arizona | 230 |
| 22 | N.C. State | 216 |
| 23 | USC | 199 |
| 24 | Kansas | 186 |
| 25 | Iowa | 148 |

Also receiving votes:

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| Washington |
| 123, Louisville 95, Virginia Tech 64, |
| SMU 47, Memphis 44, Boise St. 30, Au- |
| burn 25, West Virginia 22, Wisconsin |
| 17, Iowa State 15, Liberty 15, Kentucky |
| 12, Florida 11, South Carolina 10, North |
| Carolina 6, Maryland 5, UNLV 5, Texas |
| Tech 4, UCF 4, UTSA 3, Texas State 2, |
| Appalachian St. 2, Tulane 2, Colorado |
| 2, Syracuse 1, Miami (OH) 1, Air Force |
| 1, James Madison 1, Troy 1 |

Revolution sign Nigeria's Yusuf, 24, for help in the midfield

By **Hayden Bird**
BOSTON.COM STAFF

The Revolution announced the acquisition of midfielder Alhassan Yusuf from Belgian club Royal Antwerp FC on Monday, adding another interesting piece to New England's midfield.

Yusuf, 24, will join the Revolution pending receipt of his P-1 visa International Transfer Certificate. He will occupy one of the team's international roster spots, and is under contract through the 2027 MLS season (with a club option for 2028). The transfer fee is reportedly between \$2 million-\$3 million.

Here are a few things to know about the newest member of the Revolution:

Special salary mechanism used

As with anything pertaining to MLS, the Revolution's signing of Yusuf involves the use of a somewhat byzantine

roster rule system. In the case of Yusuf, New England completed the signing via the "season-ending injury replacement mechanism." That is a specific reference to Revolution winger Tomás Chancalay, who was ruled out for the season in June because of a torn right ACL.

MLS allows clubs to make one annual replacement player signing using the injured player mechanism, provided the player designation has been formally made prior to the secondary transfer window, which opened in July.

He's played at a high level

Yusuf heads to New England coming off a three-year stint at Antwerp that included winning multiple trophies as well as high-level competition in the UEFA Champions League.

On top of helping his team win the domestic league's first-division champi-

onship, the Belgian Cup, and the Belgian Super Cup, Yusuf was also part of the team's first qualification for the UEFA Champions League group stage.

And in his first Champions League appearance, Yusuf scored a quality goal against Porto (though Antwerp lost the match, 4-1). He later notched an assist against Barcelona.

Prior to Antwerp, Yusuf featured for Swedish Allsvenskan club IFK Göteborg between 2018-2021, where he won the league's Newcomer of the Year in 2019.

He's internationally capped

Along with his club contributions, Yusuf, who comes from Kano, Nigeria, has played for his country as well.

He made his Nigerian debut in a 1-1 draw to open the team's Africa Cup of Nations tournament run in January as a somewhat surprising starter due to the

injury of Wilfred Ndidi.

Though he had to be subbed off because

Remembered

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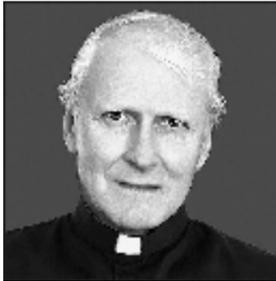


Born April 12, 1937, Corsham, Wilts, U.K., of Belmont, Massachusetts. Died in Cambridge, MA on July 24, 2024, at age 87, after a brief illness. Carolyn began her civil service career working for the Wiltshire County Council in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, UK in 1954, at age 17. From there, her career took her to London, and eventually to the Foreign Office and the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., where she met her late husband, George Walter Chandler Bingham, d. 2014. After marriage in 1967, she moved to Belmont, Massachusetts and worked for the Consul General in Boston, until she became a mother in 1972. She will be missed by daughter, Susan Cordelia Bingham; and grandchildren, Rowyn, Dana and Ewan Bingham McLaughlin of Waltham, Massachusetts; and by her many friends and family in both the U.S. and the U.K. Carolyn's parents were Kit Webb, born Kathleen Iris Tinkler and Edward "Ted" Louis Webb, Master Builder. Her brother, David, d. 2010, was a builder and avid sailor.

Carolyn loved to dance and all things theater. She earned ballroom certifications while still living in the U.K. and continued to dance into her 80s. She loved the Belmont Dramatic Club and participated in nearly every capacity over her fifty plus years as a member. Carolyn's boundless curiosity for family history led her to a second career as a genealogist, to her ongoing membership in family and local history societies on both sides of the Atlantic, notably the Alden Kindred and Mayflower Society and the Wiltshire Family History Society and the publishing of several books, including a history of the Bingham Family at Dartmouth. At the time of her death, she was still looking forward to the publication of her genealogy of Christopher Webb, born in Crediton, Devon, U.K., around 1600, who died in Braintree, MA, USA in 1671. Carolyn was a true social butterfly. She loved red, acrostics and freesias and she leaves behind a large pile of colorful necklaces and a lifetime of memories of her laughter.

Carolyn's life will be celebrated at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Belmont, MA, at 1PM, on August 14, 2024, followed by a private interment of her ashes, with her husband in the family plot in Manchester, NH and with her parents in the cemetery at St Michael's Church, in Melksham, Wiltshire, U.K. www.swdfuneralhome.com

GYVES, Rev. Peter W. SJ



Of Boston, on August 7, 2024. Beloved son of the late William S. and Mary (Crowley) Gyves. Brother of Timothy W. Gyves (Theresa), Christine Gyves Griffin (Francis), Regina Gyves (Tom Heinemann), Mary Jane Gyves Lebel (Rick), Katherine Gyves-Ray MD (William), William S. Gyves, Jr. (Susan), Thomas W. Gyves (Monica), Clare Gyves Reeves (Dan), Andrew W. Gyves (Maureen) and the deceased John W. Gyves, MD. Father is also survived by nieces and nephews, as well as his many Jesuit brothers. Fr. Gyves was the founder and director of A Faith That Does Justice, Inc., an interfaith organization that raises consciousness about social issues affecting society's most vulnerable, which offered opportunities for people to walk in solidarity with those who are marginalized. A Board-Certified Pediatrician and Pediatric Endocrinologist, his medical career also included scientific research at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. He entered the Society of Jesus in 2003 and was ordained a priest in 2008. He lived and worked in several countries outside the United States, both as physician and a priest, including El Salvador and Guatemala, during their civil wars of the 1980s and early 1990s and in several English and French-speaking African countries. A 1969 graduate of Xavier High School in New York City, Fr. Gyves studied at Boston College, Georgetown University Medical School, Johns Hopkins University and Weston School of Theology. A Visiting Hour will be held at St. Cecilia Church, 18 Belvidere St., Boston, on Wednesday, August 14, at 10 am, followed by a Concelebrated Funeral Mass at 11 am. Burial will take place at Campion Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to A Faith that Does Justice, Inc. at <https://faith-justice.org/donate/>

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KELLEY, Elaine A.



Of Milton, passed peacefully on August 10, 2024, in Milton, with her family by her side. Born in Medford, Massachusetts, Elaine spent 15 years as a nurse in both clinical and academic settings, culminating in her years as a Milton Academy school nurse. This was followed by her many years as a commercial business broker in the Plymouth area, during which, she was instrumental in the creation of the Cranberry Area Hospice, an institution she held close to her heart, as a founding board member.

Though wearing these varying career hats, her most cherished titles were mother, grandie and auntie. A dear friend to many, Elaine leaves an extraordinary legacy in the enduring relationships she nurtured with lifelong friends from Medford, Milton, Duxbury, Plymouth and Naples, Florida.

A beloved matriarch to our family, Elaine is survived by her daughters, Kathleen Kennedy (John) and Patrice Morse (Carter); and was predeceased by her daughter, Jeanne Marie "Gigi" Dolan. She is also survived by her five grandchildren, Shannon, John, Alexandra, Sophia and Juliet and predeceased by her beloved Molly-O.

We will forever miss her fantastical magic carpet rides, her warm blueberry bread and her wonderful Grandie "meet-ups" at "Mug & Muffin."

Visiting Hours will be held at Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Ave., MILTON, on Wednesday, August 14, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Milton Academy Athorpp Chapel, 170 Centre St., Milton, on Thursday, August 15, at 11:00 AM.

To leave the Kelley family a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com

MARKS, Larry

Age 71. Of Brookline, formerly of Newton, on August 10, 2024. Loving son of the late Sidney and Nancy (Jacobson) Marks. Adored brother of Susan and Harvey Lazarus and Robert Marks. Larry faced his challenges with a positive attitude. He was beloved by his caretakers and all who knew him. A private Burial was held at Sharon Memorial Park. There will be no memorial observance.

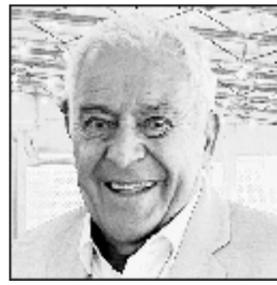
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MUTTO, Betty



Age 94, of Framingham, MA, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2024, with her beloved daughter and son-in-law by her side. She was the loving wife of the late Charles "Charlie" Muto, a Framingham Police Lieutenant, who passed away in 2009 and to whom she was married for 53 years. She leaves behind her devoted daughter, Jennifer Muto and son-in-law, Sol McLellan of Charlestown, MA and Silverthorne, CO; and several nieces and nephews. Betty will be remembered for her kindness, friendship and work ethic and the great love she had for her daughter, who was the light of her life. Born in Kingsport, Tennessee, Betty was a 1948 graduate of Dobyns-Bennett High School and voted Most Likely to Succeed by her senior class. She briefly pursued a career as a hat model in New York City, before joining Eastman Chemical and moving to Framingham in 1952 to open its Boston sales office. She paused her career to raise her daughter, returning to work for the Framingham School System for over 25 years. Betty was active in town politics, serving for more than 20 years as a Framingham Town Meeting Member and was a long-time member of the Framingham Council on Aging. Although Betty will be dearly missed, her legacy will live on through the memories shared by her family and friends and her many contributions to the community. Calling Hours are Friday, August 16, from 4 to 7pm, at Norton Funeral Home, 53 Beech St., FRAMINGHAM. A Funeral Service will be held at Cushing Memorial Chapel, in Cushing Memorial Park, 60 Dudley Rd., Framingham, on Saturday, August 17, at 10am, with interment to follow at St. Stephen's Cemetery, on Fenwick Street, Framingham. In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty's memory may be made to Better Day Adult Social Day Program, at <https://betterdayprogram.org/donate> or The Native Plant Trust <https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/> donate For a full obituary or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.nortonfuneralhome.com

SIGNORE, Anthony L.



Of Newton, passed away on August 10, at the age of 88. He is survived by his loving wife, Sheila; three children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Visiting Hours in the Eaton Funeral home, 1351 Highland Ave., NEEDHAM, on Thursday, August 15, from 4 to 7pm. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, 1360 Highland Ave., Needham, on Friday, at 11am. For complete obituary or to share a memory of Anthony, visit www.eatonfuneralhomes.com

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YOUSIF, Naim



Of Wrentham, August 11, 2024. Dear and devoted husband of Colette (Chahwan) Yousif. Beloved father of Farida Chrisostomidis and her husband, Vasilios of Rhode Island, Sanah Ghosn and her husband, Nazih of Dubai, George Yousif and his wife, Deanna of Foxboro, Nada Najjar and her husband, Ayman of Texas, Michael Yousif and his wife, Nicole of Wrentham. Loving grandfather "Jidou" of nine grandchildren. Dear brother of Farida Youssef, Samira El-Khoury, Dia Salem and the late Samir Yousif, Jamal Ayoub and Mazher Ilyas. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral Service on Thursday, at 10 a.m., at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury. Visiting Hours on Wednesday, 5 to 8 p.m., at the Kfoury Keefe Funeral Home, 8 Spring St. (corner of Centre St.), WEST ROXBURY. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Naim's memory to the Church, stgeorgeofboston.org Interment at The Gardens Cemetery, West Roxbury. Guestbook, at www.KfouryFuneral.com

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Announcements

SHEET METAL WORKERS' LOCAL UNION 17

Mourns the loss of retired member Larry E. Jordan, who passed away on August 1, 2024. He was a member of Local 17 for 45 years.

Sadly missed but not forgotten.

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Obituaries

Duane Thomas, 77, played with Cowboys

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Duane Thomas, whose brief period of brilliance as a running back with the Dallas Cowboys in the early 1970s was overshadowed by a highly publicized contract dispute with the team that ended up shortening his career, died Aug. 4 at his home in Sedona, Ariz. He was 77.

His daughter Jamila Pamoja-Thomas said the cause was a pulmonary embolism.

The Cowboys had not yet won a Super Bowl or been nicknamed “America’s Team” when they drafted the fast, powerful, and elusive Mr. Thomas from West Texas State University as the 23rd pick in the first round of the NFL draft in 1970.

“I’m so excited, I can’t think,” Mr. Thomas, a Dallas native, told The Associated Press.

In his rookie season, he led the team with 803 rushing yards and caught a touchdown in the Cowboys’ 16-13 loss to the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl V. Although his teammates were subdued after that loss, Mr. Thomas reacted with wisdom beyond his years.

“There is something noble in defeat,” he told reporters. “You cannot find victory unless you first understand defeat.”

In the summer before the 1971 season — two decades before a full-fledged free agency system in the NFL gave players more leverage, and much higher salaries — Mr. Thomas threatened to retire if the Cowboys did not renegotiate his contract. At a news conference, he blistered the team’s management, calling Tom Landry, the stoic coach, “so plastic, just not a man at all” and Tex Schramm, the general manager, “dishonest with me all along.”

The dispute escalated: The Cowboys traded Mr. Thomas during training camp that summer to the New England Patriots. Mr. Thomas and the team’s head coach, John Mazur, disagreed on Mazur’s insistence that Mr. Thomas line up in the traditional three-point stance before a play, rather than stand upright, as he had in Dallas.

“The coach kicked him off the field,” Upton Bell, the Patriots’ general manager at the time, recalled in an interview last week. (Bell had traded for Mr. Thomas and had been the personnel director of the Colts when he saw Mr. Thomas play at West Texas State.)

“The three greatest players I saw in college were Jim Brown, O.J. Simpson, and Gale Sayers,” Bell added, “and Thomas, with his size, speed, football intelligence, and blocking ability, was the great ‘What if?’ in all sports.”

With Pete Rozelle, the NFL commissioner, intervening at the request of the Patriots, Mr. Thomas was traded back to Dallas, where he continued to hold out for a new contract until early in the 1971 season.

He nevertheless had a productive season, rushing for 793 yards on 175 carries and scoring a league-leading 11 touchdowns. The Cowboys went on to return to the Super Bowl in January, defeating Miami 24-3. Mr. Thomas led both teams in



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Dallas Cowboys running back Duane Thomas during a game against the Miami Dolphins. Mr. Thomas (far left), with his adviser, former Cleveland Browns running back Jim Brown, prior to the Super Bowl 1972.

rushing, with 95 yards, and had scored a touchdown to put Dallas ahead 16-3. It was Dallas’ first Super Bowl victory.

For a time, Mr. Thomas’ adviser was Jim Brown, a civil rights activist and former Cleveland Browns superstar.

Mr. Thomas’ stance and his willingness to sacrifice his career were “part of a larger narrative of Black athletes challenging how labor was treated,” Robert Bennett III, a professor of health, exercise, and sports studies at Denison University who is writing a book about activist Black football players in the 1960s and ‘70s, wrote in an email.

He compared Mr. Thomas to Curt Flood, an All-Star center fielder who challenged baseball’s labor system, under which the reserve clause contractually tied players to their teams year after year unless they were traded or sold. (Flood’s case ended in 1972 with the US Supreme Court leaving the clause undisturbed. But free agency came to baseball through an arbitrator’s ruling three years later.)

Mr. Thomas hadn’t spoken to reporters throughout the 1971 season, believing that they had sided with management during his holdout. And when he rebuffed a reporter in the locker room after the Super Bowl, Landry defended him.

“His sole object is to be prepared to play football,” Landry told the AP. “He does it his own way. He doesn’t like any distractions. At meetings, he says maybe two words. He seldom is not ready to play.”

Duane Julius Thomas was born June 21, 1947, in Dallas.

His father, John, was a carpenter who also rented out homes. His mother, Lauretta (Jones) Thomas, was a housekeeper.

Duane Thomas was a star at Lincoln High School in Dallas before being recruited by West Texas State, in Canyon, where he played in the backfield with Mercury Morris, a future Miami Dolphins star. In his senior year, Mr. Thomas gained 1,072 yards, the 10th-highest total in the country among college running backs.

When Mr. Thomas was drafted by the Cowboys, Red Hickey, a team scout, told the AP that Mr. Thomas could “run over you or he can run around you.”

“He probably has more weave, more moves than Hill,” he added, referring to Calvin Hill, a running back Dallas had drafted a year earlier.

As talented as Mr. Thomas was, he didn’t stay with the Cowboys past the 1971 season. After skipping practice and two team meetings, he was traded to the San Diego (now Los Angeles) Chargers during training camp in the summer of 1972.

“I could justify illness,” Landry told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, “but I can’t justify somebody not showing up just because they didn’t feel like it.”

Mr. Thomas never played for the Chargers because of a dispute with their coach, Harland Svare, over, among other things, a lackluster practice; he was traded in July 1973, during training camp, to the Washington Redskins (now Commanders), gaining only 442 yards over the 1973 and 1974 seasons. When he did not report to training camp in 1975, he was

released.

Over the next few years, Mr. Thomas attempted comebacks with the Honolulu Hawaiians of the World Football League, the Cowboys, the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League, and the Green Bay Packers. But nothing lasted.

After his football career, he earned a living by signing autographs at shows, growing avocados on a farm in Ojai, Calif., and painting portrait landscapes. He also collaborated with sports writer Paul Zimmerman on a book, “Duane Thomas and the Fall of America’s Team” (1988).

In addition to Pamoja-Thomas, Mr. Thomas is survived by his wife, Tapzyana Thomas; three other daughters, Hisani Thomas, Aisha Thomas, and Naeemah Thomas-Riley; three sons, Awali and Duane, from his marriage to Imani Pamoja, which ended in divorce, and Hassan Speed, from a relationship with Racheal Speed; a stepson, Sheloman Byrd, from his second marriage; a sister, Jocelyn Thomas; a brother, Bertrand; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

For Mr. Thomas, his silence had been “my way of performing, of telling people I still didn’t agree with what the Cowboys were doing,” he once told The Plain Dealer of Cleveland.

“It was a way of protesting my treatment in a quiet way,” he added.

Bennett said he viewed Mr. Thomas as a player who “sought control over himself.”

“He was his own man,” he said, “considering the times.”

Eddie Canales, 76, advocate who gave migrants dignity

By Adam Nossiter
NEW YORK TIMES

Eddie Canales, a human rights advocate who fought to save migrants trekking through the harsh terrain of South Texas, died July 30 at his home in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was 76.

The cause was pancreatic cancer, said Nancy Vera, his associate at the South Texas Human Rights Center, a nonprofit rescue organization that Mr. Canales founded in Falfurrias, Texas.

For more than a decade, Mr. Canales placed dozens of water stations — giant blue plastic barrels marked “Agua” filled with gallon water jugs — along the region’s routes for migrants evading a checkpoint on US Route 281, about 70 miles north of the Mexican border. The migrants, who are usually led (and sometimes abandoned) by smugglers, known as “coyotes,” leave the main road and undertake a perilous journey through featureless scrub and bush to evade the Border Patrol.

Some don’t make it. Those who fail succumb to severe dehydration, hunger, and exposure to the unforgiving elements in a semi-desert where temperatures can easily reach 100 degrees in the summer and drop below freezing during the winter. Mr. Canales led a campaign to recover, identify, and ensure proper burials for the migrants’ remains.

The mission required forcefulness and tact. The land is private and belongs to South Texas ranchers, many indifferent or hostile. Some have created armed posses dressed in military gear to hunt up the migrants and turn them over to authorities, as shown in a trenchant 2021 documentary about Mr. Canales’s work, “Missing in Brooks County.”

The migrants “go through the ranches,” Mr. Canales said in a 2015 oral history interview for the University of North Texas.

“The ranchers’ concerns is, you know, damage to their fence, litter or debris of water bottles, or something they’d leave behind,” he continued. For the migrants, he said, “it takes so long for them to circumvent this. And then they’re forced to die out here and there, you know. So the reaction is, it’s, it’s a bother, it’s a nuisance.”

When Mr. Canales started, in 2013, only one rancher of the 15 or so in the area allowed him to put a water station on his property. He eventually struck deals with about half of them, Vera said.

“Some of the ranchers are naturally humanitarians,” she said. “In finding bodies, they realized the desperation of these people. You could find baby clothes in some of these encampments.”

Mr. Canales successfully placed more than 170 water stations across seven counties, the outposts recognizable from afar by flags with a red cross flown high. He also made alliances with local sheriffs’ deputies and with forensic anthropologists at Texas State University to identify remains, particularly those already buried in unmarked graves.

In the 2021 documentary, Mr. Canales is seen scraping off a phrase scrawled on one of the blue barrels: “Build the wall,” a reference to Donald Trump’s effort during his presidency to build a wall on the Mexican border.

Mr. Canales also dealt with a more common problem: stolen barrels. A rancher interviewed by the filmmakers questioned Mr. Canales’s motives, suggesting with a smile that he was actually in league with the smugglers.

Mr. Canales sometimes slept on a makeshift bed in the tiny one-story redbrick building that is the headquarters of the Human Rights Center in Falfurrias, the county seat of Brooks County, population 4,600. The county is the epicenter of migrant deaths in South Texas, with more than 100 recorded in a typical year, Vera said.

Mr. Canales would field calls late into the night from anxious relatives whose loved ones had gone missing. The sheer number of such calls, and of migrants who were missing, impressed on him the need for a permanent presence in Falfurrias.

“Nobody was on the ground in order to be able to change things and push things,” he said in the 2015 interview.

He came to the role of rescuing migrants late, at the age of 65, coming out of retirement after a long career as a union organizer and official in Texas and Colorado. In 2012, the year before he began his mission, 129 sets of remains were found in Brooks County. Mr. Canales joined protests in Falfurrias the next year and opened the center, sometimes funding it with his own pension.

“Learning what was taking place here, knowing that many people are dying here,” Mr. Canales said in 2015, “saving the lives, trying to prevent them from dying and then, sort of, water station initiative.”

Eduardo Osiel Canales was born Jan. 12, 1948, in Corpus Christi. His parents, Ignacio Canales and Consuelo Vidaurri de Ramos, were farm laborers, and he recalled picking cotton as a child. “I never really saw indoor plumbing until I was 12,” he said.

He graduated from W.B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi in 1966 and began working for Eastern Airlines, cleaning airplanes at night. He recalled unloading body bags returning from Vietnam, which led him early on to question the established order.

Later, while studying political science at the University of Houston (he did not graduate), Mr. Canales became an organizer for the United Farm Workers union in its campaign against grape growers. He helped set up a community center focused on immigrants in Houston, became its director and had confrontations with police over instances of brutality, he recounted in 2015.

In 1986, he moved to Denver to become an organizer for the Service Employees International Union, representing janitors. He moved back to Texas in 1999 to work for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America in San Antonio, and for the Texas Farm Workers Union.

The question “always, for me, has been the question about worker rights,” he said in the 2015 interview. “It’s fulfilling enough to get people, to be able to empower themselves and feel that they are taking steps to change their conditions.”

Mr. Canales leaves a son, Eddie Jr., and a daughter, Erika. He was divorced.

Antonio Delfim Netto, 96, minister behind Brazil’s boom

By Martha Beck
and Josue Leonel
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Antonio Delfim Netto, a former Brazilian finance minister who oversaw what became known as the country’s economic miracle, has died. He was 96.

Mr. Delfim Netto, an influential voice in Brazilian economics for a half-century, died early Monday in Sao Paulo.

He had been hospitalized due to health complications, but no specific cause of death was provided, according to GloboNews.

As finance minister from 1974 to 1974, Mr. Delfim Netto served as the economic czar of

the military regime that ruled the country for more than two decades. On his watch, the Brazilian economy expanded at an average annual rate of 10 percent, still the fastest on record.

He also acted as agriculture and planning minister in the final years of the military dictatorship that held power from 1964 to 1985, helping negotiate the restructuring of Brazil’s foreign debt. Mr. Delfim Netto later served in Brazil’s Congress.

Despite strong links to the military regime, his vast experience in different governments turned Mr. Delfim Netto into an informal economic adviser

to several presidents, including leftist leader Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who oversaw Brazil’s fastest period of growth in the post-dictatorship period during his first presidency, from 2003 to 2010.

The former minister routinely received phone calls from the presidential palace during difficult times or when new policies were being prepared. He also commented frequently on economic matters through newspaper columns and interviews.

Lula, who returned to the presidency last year, acknowledged his shifting views of Mr. Delfim Netto in a statement issued after his death.

“For 30 years, I criticized Delfim Netto,” Lula said. “During my campaign in 2006, I publicly apologized because he was one of the greatest defenders of the development and social inclusion policies that I implemented during my first two terms in office. When a political opponent is intelligent, he makes us work to be more intelligent and competent.”

Finance Minister Fernando Haddad said in a statement that Mr. Delfim Netto “deserves respect for having dedicated himself to Brazilian economic progress.”

Luiz Carlos Trabuco Cappi, the chairman of Banco Bradesco SA, hailed Mr. Delfim Netto



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Mr. Delfim Netto, pictured in an undated photo, was Brazil’s finance minister from 1967 to 1974.

for taking “Brazil to another level, with a diversified economy based on infrastructure and modernity.”

Mr. Delfim Netto was born in 1928 in Sao Paulo. He leaves a daughter and a grandson, according to GloboNews.

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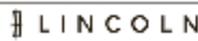


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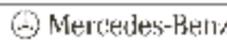
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Steward puts off bankruptcy sales hearing

The delay is the company's 4th; Haverhill officials, workers press governor to save Holy Family Hospital

By Robert Weisman
GLOBE STAFF

After months of intense negotiations over the sale of Steward Health Care hospitals in Eastern Massachusetts, the financially troubled company has again postponed a final sales hearing before a federal judge.

The hearing, which had been set for Tuesday, was pushed back three days, until Friday. It was the fourth time that Steward, which is running out

of operating capital, has delayed a sales hearing for the hospitals.

Steward, in an overnight filing in US Bankruptcy Court in Houston, gave no reason for postponing Tuesday's sales hearing.

But the latest delay could affect the timetable for \$30 million in bridge financing that state officials had agreed to provide to help cover operating expenses at the Massachusetts hospitals until they're sold. The funding was an advance of state

money paid to "safety net" hospitals, treating low-income patients, that participate in MassHealth programs.

A second tranche of the funding, totaling about \$18.6 million, was conditioned on buyers signing purchase agreements by last Friday. A state spokesperson didn't respond to inquiries about whether the Healey administration would withhold that money until the sales are complete.

Steward, which had operated more than 30 hospitals in eight states, filed for bankruptcy on May 6. The company has been trying to sell its hospitals and doctors group, Stewardship Health, to pay creditors.

Last month, it said it would close Carney Hospital in Dorchester and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in the north central Massachusetts town of Ayer by Aug. 31 because they had received no qualified bids.

Officials from the state Department of Public Health are hosting hearings in Dorchester on Tuesday night and Devens on Thursday night to take public comment on the hospital closings. Two other DPH hearings on the Carney and Nashoba Valley shutdowns will be held virtually this week.

Multi-party negotiations have continued to sell six other Massachusetts hospitals: St. Elizabeth's

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RUNNING OUT OF TIME



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Fi-Fi El Sherbini, who has been an educator at First Path Day Care Center for 17 years, interacted with children in the infant room. The day care is renovating its new location, a process it claims has been delayed by the City of Watertown.

A Watertown day care could be forced to close as it faces possible eviction from its landlord — the Boys & Girls Club

By Stella Tannenbaum
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

A Watertown day care is facing possible eviction after a recent court filing by its landlord, the Watertown Boys & Girls Club, in a long-running saga that also involves the city of Watertown.

If successful, the motion filed Aug. 5 in US District Court would allow the Boys & Girls Club to evict First Path Day Care Center. Eviction would leave 60 families without child care and 14 employees out of work, the day care said.

The day care is renovating its new location, a process it claims has been delayed by the City of Watertown. Being forced to close a few months before that construction is expected to be complete would be a "death warrant" for the 26-year-old day care, First



Eviction would leave 60 families without child care and 14 employees out of work, the day care said.

Path general manager Max Bolyasny said.

"If the school shuts its doors, and we lose the staff and lose the families ... we financially will not be able to complete this project," he said. "Once First Path closes its doors, I believe First Path will never open its doors again."

The Boys & Girls Club says it needs the space now and can no longer delay its plans to renovate its ground floor and build its own child care center, a \$1.6 million construction project called New Foundations. Its center would house an after-school program that the city badly needs, the club says.

"Unfortunately, continued discussions and deliberation with the current occupant of the building's ground floor, First Path Daycare, for [the Boys & Girls Club] to reclaim the space for the New Foundations program have

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Three MDMA papers are retracted over data concerns

Pulled due to material linked to ethical violations at time of submission

By Meghana Keshavan
STAT

The journal Psychopharmacology has retracted three papers about MDMA-assisted psychotherapy — right on the heels of the Food and Drug Administration's rejection of the closely watched treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Many authors on the three studies are affiliated with the nonprofit Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) and its commercial spinout Lykos Therapeutics, including founder Rick Doblin, the Harvard PhD who spearheaded the decadeslong efforts to win approval for the psychedelic treatment. Lykos CEO Amy Emerson is an author as well.

The retractions were due to "protocol violations amounting to unethical conduct," particularly during a Phase 2 trial at the MP4 study site in Canada, Psychopharmacology said. This site is where an unlicensed therapist was accused of sexual assault in civil court by a MAPS trial participant.

The authors of the papers, published in 2020 and 2021, confirmed they knew some of the data were linked to ethical violations when they submitted the papers, the Psychopharmacology retraction noted. But they didn't disclose that to the journal or remove data from the site from their analysis.

"This is a forceful message that psychedelic research will and should be held to a high standard of ethics and accountability," said Boris Heifets, a neuroscience researcher at Stanford University who studies psychedelics.

Issues with data integrity and research bias have been an ongoing concern during Lykos's ill-fated bid to win approval for MDMA-assisted therapy. In March, the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review think tank published a report that raised questions about whether participants' serious adverse events, including extreme mental distress, were accurately reflected in the research data.

Activist groups have also been clamoring for regulators and academics alike to further scrutinize the reliability of Lykos's data, in part due to reports of suicidality and assault among a small number of trial participants. On Friday, the FDA said Lykos needed to conduct another Phase 3 trial to further study the drug's safety and efficacy if it wanted to ultimately win approval.

Doblin and some other authors disagreed with the retraction, saying instead that a correction would have sufficed. "The authors are actively working to correct all publications including these data with the appropriate disclosures to best preserve the integrity of the scholarly re-

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BOLD TYPES

Sullivan steps into top job at The Arc of Massachusetts

By Jon Chesto and Shirley Leung
GLOBE STAFF

It's not hard to figure out what drives **Maura Sullivan's** passion for **The Arc of Massachusetts**, the Waltham-based advocacy organization for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Two of her three children are on the autism spectrum. They have high needs yet are thriving with support and services. Neil, 23, is nonverbal, while Tyler, 20, is going to school and holds a part-time job at a local library.

"Even within the same family, autism can look very different," Sullivan said. "Raising children with disabilities has given me a deep understanding of the challenges that families face."

Sullivan, 55, will turn to that personal experience as she takes the reins as Arc's new executive

director in November. The organization announced on Monday that she will succeed **Leo Sarkissian**, who is retiring after 33 years. Sullivan will be the first parent of children with disabilities to lead the Arc since **Pearl Hurwitz**, who launched the organization in 1954.

Arc consists of 17 local chapters that provide day programs, group homes, and other services, while the Arc of Massachusetts lobbies for legislation and state funding to help more than 250,000 people and their families living with disabilities.

For the past decade, Sullivan has served as Arc's director of government affairs and health policy. She had joined Arc in 2011 as its director of Operation House Call, a training program Arc created for students in the medical fields so they can learn how to interact with patients with in-

tellectual and developmental disabilities. The program is now part of every medical school in Massachusetts.

Sarkissian's tenure at Arc has been marked by a critical expansion of services and protections, notably with the state's landmark Autism Omnibus law in 2014 and the passage of Nicky's Law in 2020, which safeguards people with disabilities from abuse.

Sullivan has worked closely with Sarkissian on legislative work and to increase state funding to help the record number of children with disabilities who are turning 22 and are in need of adult services.

"I've just really been focused on empowering families and people with disabilities to share their stories," Sullivan said, "and to make advo-

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Maura Sullivan joined Arc in 2011.

TALKING POINTS

FINANCIAL SERVICES

EUROPEAN EXECUTIVE TO RUN STATE STREET'S LARGEST DIVISION



One of State Street's top European executives has been promoted to run its investment services business, State Street's largest division. The Boston-based financial services giant on Monday announced that chief commercial officer Joerg Ambrosius (left), who is based in Germany, has been appointed president of investment services. The business provides a range of custody, accounting, and fund administration services to State Street's asset-management clients. State Street chief executive Ron O'Hanley had been running that business since January following the retirement of Lou Maiuri. Meanwhile, the company noted that Mostapha Tahiri, who is based in the United Kingdom and took over the COO role from Maiuri, will remain as State Street's chief operating officer. The two will continue to report directly to O'Hanley. — JON CHESTO

LABOR

AT LEAST A THIRD OF HADLEY TRADER JOE'S WORKERS VOTE TO DECERTIFY UNION

At least a third of the 70-some employees at a Hadley Trader Joe's voted last week to decertify its union, reaching the threshold needed to drop it. They allege that union organizers divided workers and championed their own cause at whatever cost. Lee Stratford, the employee who brought the petition, said his colleagues promoted false narratives in union press releases, coerced employees to support them, and excluded workers who did not support Trader Joe's United — an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union. It "sowed division and smeared both our workplace and anyone who dissents from the union's agenda," Stratford wrote. "This isn't what I believe the majority of my co-workers want or deserve." Representatives for the Trader Joe's union did not respond to a request for comment, and all parties are now waiting for a decision on the matter from the National Labor Relations Board. The Hadley storefront was the first freestanding location of the company to unionize alongside a collection of big-box stores in Western Massachusetts. Other Trader Joe's in Minnesota, Kentucky, and New York have since organized. In December, the NLRB ruled that the company had illegally fired a union worker in Hadley and withheld retirement benefits from organized stores. — DITI KOHLI

CRYPTOCURRENCY

STARTUP DEALS DWINDLE

Crypto startups raised more money but closed fewer deals in the most recent quarter, mirroring the broader slowdown seen in the digital-asset world. Venture capital investment in crypto companies totaled \$2.7 billion in the three months ended in June, a 2.5 percent increase from the first quarter and a 9.8 percent decrease from the year-earlier period, PitchBook data show. The number of deals closed dropped 12.5 percent from the first quarter. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



TRANSPORTATION

CONGRESSMAN SAYS RIDERS SHOULD BE REIMBURSED FOR AMTRAK DISRUPTIONS

A US representative wants New Jersey Transit riders to be reimbursed if they experience long delays due to Amtrak service disruptions after commuters in the New York City region this summer were left stranded on trains and platforms for hours. Josh Gottheimer, a New Jersey Democrat, is proposing that rail passengers be reimbursed when their trains are delayed or canceled for at least three hours, with Amtrak to repay NJ Transit customers when its system is at fault, the lawmaker announced Monday at a press event in Glen Rock, N.J. Called the "All Aboard Act," the planned legislation is a rail-passenger bill of rights similar to what's been proposed for airline customers. Commuters in the New York City region have been plagued by extreme service disruptions as Amtrak's aging infrastructure cannot withstand the record heat wave that's hit the area this summer. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ENERGY

HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC IS IN SERIOUS FINANCIAL TROUBLE DUE TO MAUI WILDFIRE



Hawaiian Electric Industries Inc. plunged the most in almost a year after issuing a going-concern warning. The utility continues to face fallout from a wildfire last year in Maui that killed dozens of people and destroyed the historic town of Lahaina. The company said late Friday it's required to disclose a going-concern risk in its financial statements until it can develop a plan to pay for settlement obligations. It pegged losses from estimated accrual of liabilities stemming from the disaster at \$1.7 billion. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

LABOR

MAINE NOW HAS LAW TO FORCE EMPLOYERS TO PAY BACK WAGES

Maine workers will now benefit from a law that allows the state to order businesses to pay back wages as well as damages from missed wages. The law went into effect Friday and is the latest state-level effort among Democrat-controlled states to give workers more options to seek compensation for lost wages. California amended its labor laws earlier this year to get more businesses to correct such labor violations. Laws to combat wage theft are common, but Maine's new laws will give the state Department of Labor more tools to hold businesses accountable for failure to pay, lawmakers said. The law states that the labor department can now order an employer to pay both the unpaid wages as well as damages equal to twice the amount of those wages with interest. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEBT

FORMER LUMBER LIQUIDATORS FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY

LL Flooring Holdings Inc., formerly called Lumber Liquidators, has filed Chapter 11 to close several stores while attempting to sell its remaining locations. The flooring retailer sought court protection Sunday in Delaware, carrying nearly \$110 million in long-term debt. The company said it faced a series of challenges following the COVID-19 pandemic, including a drop in home sales and rising interest rates, which have contributed to a decline in consumer spending on home-improvement projects. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



HOUSING

RENTERS IN SOME PLACES ARE GETTING FREE WEEKS, PARKING

US renters are winning concessions when they sign new contracts, an indication that surging apartment construction is easing the supply squeeze, according to a new blog post from Zillow. Some 60,000 multifamily units were completed nationwide in June, more than any month in the past 50 years, according to Zillow. That's pushing owners to offer concessions which range from parking privileges to weeks of free rent. Zillow said the share of listings on its platform that offered such concessions topped 33 percent last month, up from 25 percent a year earlier. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

DEBT

BLINK FITNESS FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY



Gym chain Blink Fitness filed for bankruptcy protection, becoming the latest chain to succumb to stiff competition and higher costs. The company, a low-cost offshoot owned by luxury gym chain Equinox, filed for Chapter 11 protection in Delaware. Blink listed assets and liabilities of between \$100 million and \$500 million each in its bankruptcy petition. Blink plans to keep operating while it tries to sell itself out of bankruptcy, according to a company statement. It has received \$21 million of new financing from its lenders, it said. Blink positions itself as a gym for everyone. More than 65 percent of its members are younger than 35, chief restructuring officer Steven Shenker said in court papers. Memberships range from \$15 to \$45 per month, he said. The company operates separately from Equinox, which itself struggled to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. A number of gyms including 24 Hour Fitness, Gold's Gym, and Town Sports International went bankrupt in the wake of the virus. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ROCKLAND TRUST BANK

Sullivan steps into top job at The Arc of Mass.

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cacy a comfortable and normal part of everyone's life."

Slushy maker selling fast at SharkNinja

SharkNinja chief executive Mark Barrocas had plenty of good news to report on the Needham company's earnings call last Thursday, including a big increase in its revenue forecast for the year.

But Barrocas offered another intriguing bullet point: The new \$300 Ninja Slushi frozen drink maker sold out in a few days after its US launch last month, making it the fastest-selling product for the company's direct-to-consumer site. SharkNinja has released thousands more but it has barely made a dent in a wait list that exceeds 100,000 people. Order fulfillments could stretch into the new year.

Chief marketing officer Adam Petrick said SharkNinja's success starts with making great products that consumers want to buy and talk about online, as well as honing its social media presence, particularly on TikTok, with posts designed to go viral. To some extent, it helps to involve celebrities, like skateboarder Tony Hawk hawking the Slushi or promoting it as a margarita mixer with Matthew McConaughey's Pantalones tequila. Petrick said his team is "getting to a place where we are trying to perfect and work out the playbook that allows us to stoke the 'flames of virality.'"

Barrocas said the idea for the Slushi machine came from the popularity of frozen drinks at Sonic and 7-Eleven, and the slushy machines on seemingly every street corner in Europe.

"Every product that launches, it's like butterflies in your stomach," Barrocas said. "Is it really going to connect with the consumer? ... It's like curtains going up on a Broadway show. Is the audience going to love it, or is the audience going to walk out on you?"

His cast apparently served up a sell-out show this time.

New Balance wins big in Paris

The watch parties at the New Balance headquarters in Brighton have been particularly raucous lately.

That's because the athletic shoe company enjoyed a gold-medal kind of Summer Games in Paris. Gabby Thomas and Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone won gold in the 200-meter dash and 400-meter hurdles, respectively, wearing New Balance shoes. They were just two of 84 athletes sponsored by New Balance at the Olympics this year.

"Paris is the most successful Games we've had as a brand, ever," said Kevin FitzPatrick, the company's global vice president of running. "The amount of athletes we brought to Paris but also the hardware that is going home associated with the brand is off the charts."

FitzPatrick points to three key factors: recruiting and retaining the right athletes, designing great shoes, and all the research and training at New Balance's state-of-the-art indoor track and lab at its Boston Landing headquarters campus. New Balance, owned by Jim Davis and Anne Davis, invests in these elite track programs to be credible to the broader running market, FitzPatrick said.

New Balance has found a winner with the FuelCell MD-X, a spiked track shoe with a carbon-fiber plate and high-density foam. The versatile shoe could be found on sprinters such as Thomas or McLaughlin-Levrone, or middle-distance runners like Vermont native Elle Purrier St.

Pierre in the 1,500-meter race.

FitzPatrick said many New Balance athletes train in Brighton and work with shoe designers to offer insights. FitzPatrick points to the SC Elite distance racing shoe, developed with the help of marathoner Emily Sisson. Elements of that shoe were used in the FuelCell Rebel that's popular with everyday runners.

"If we didn't have these athletes, we wouldn't have a shoe like the FuelCell Rebel," FitzPatrick said. "Having the athletes allows us to be innovative."

EF scores some gold, too

New Balance wasn't the only local company celebrating an Olympic victory last week.

Zurich-based EF Education First, whose North American headquarters is in Cambridge, sponsors gold medalist Kristen Faulkner. Her career arc as a venture capitalist-turned-pro cyclist made her one of the most talked-about athletes at the Games. Faulkner was not considered one of the top contenders for the cycling road race — she was essentially a backup who stepped up after Taylor Knibb opted out — and surprised just about everyone watching when she won it. Faulkner, one of nine EF-backed pro cyclists in the Olympics, also took home a gold medal as part of a four-person squad in the women's team pursuit event.

After the road race win, local EF employees turned on their computers the next morning and were greeted with a photo of a beaming Faulkner celebrating her win in front of the Eiffel Tower, and the message "EF's Kristen Faulkner wins Olympic Gold." Meanwhile, EF chairman Philip Hult posted this message to his nearly 7,800 followers on LinkedIn: "It's been a thrill to watch all the athletes compete in this summer's Olympics, especially EF's own 2X gold medalist Kristen Faulkner, cyclist extraordinaire for EF Pro Cycling!"

A big opportunity at Alewife?

Redeveloping the crumbling Alewife garage at the northern end of the Red Line could be quite complicated for the MBTA and the developer that the T eventually picks as a partner. But that didn't prevent a who's who of Boston-area construction and development firms from showing up last week for a T meeting to introduce the project.

Around 175 people attended in person at Ten Park Plaza, and another 75 tuned in virtually. The firms represented included several with a history in the Alewife area, such as Cabot, Cabot & Forbes, IQHQ, and Healthpeak. But a wide range of other firms showed up, too, including developers Boston Global Investors, Drew Co., HYM Investment Group, QuakerLane, Samuels & Associates, and Trinity Financial. Plenty of architecture and engineering firms showed interest, too, such as CambridgeSeven, CBT, and Utile.

The MBTA's Scott Bosworth was clearly impressed with the crowd, borrowing a joke from Jeff Mullan of Foley Hoag to kick things off: "[The crowd] says to me we're really on to something, or the real estate market is much worse than we thought and you have nothing else to do."

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Cost-conscious consumers may be killing inflation spike

By Christopher Rugaber
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The great inflation spike of the past three years is nearly spent — and economists credit American consumers for helping slay it.

Some of America's largest companies, from Amazon to Disney to Yum Brands, say their customers are increasingly seeking cheaper alternative products and services, searching for bargains, or just avoiding items they deem too expensive. Consumers aren't cutting back enough to cause an economic downturn. Rather, economists say, they appear to be returning to pre-pandemic norms, when most companies felt they couldn't raise prices very much without losing business.

"While inflation is down, prices are still high, and I think consumers have

gotten to the point where they're just not accepting it," Tom Barkin, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, said last week at a conference of business economists. "And that's what you want: The solution to high prices is high prices."

A more price-sensitive consumer helps explain why inflation has appeared to be steadily falling toward the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target, ending a period of painfully high prices that strained many people's budgets and darkened their outlooks on the economy. It also assumed a central place in the presidential election, with inflation leading many Americans to turn sour on the Biden-Harris administration's handling of the economy.

The reluctance of consumers to keep paying more has forced companies to

slow their price increases — or even to cut them. The result is a cooling of inflation pressures.

On Monday, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported that Americans' expectations of how much they'll spend in the next 12 months has declined — and so has their outlook for inflation. Consumers expect their spending to grow 4.9 percent in the coming year, according to a survey by the New York Fed. That is the lowest such reading since April 2021, when inflation was beginning to surge.

And they expect inflation to average just 2.3 percent over the next three years, the survey found, the lowest such figure since the survey began in 2013. Consumer expectations for inflation can be self-fulfilling: When households expect low inflation, they tend to delay

some purchases in the expectation that prices won't rise much in the near future — and might even decline in some cases. This trend can keep price pressures down.

Other factors have also helped tame inflation, including the healing of supply chains, which has boosted the availability of cars, trucks, meats, and furniture, among other items, and the high interest rates engineered by the Fed, which slowed sales of homes, cars, and appliances and other interest rate-sensitive purchases.

Still, a key question now is whether shoppers will pull back so much as to put the economy at risk. With evidence emerging that the job market is cooling, a drop in spending could potentially derail the economy. Such fears caused stock prices to plummet a week ago,

though markets have since rebounded.

On Wednesday, the government will release the consumer price index for July. It's expected to show that prices — excluding volatile food and energy costs — rose just 3.2 percent from a year earlier. That would be the lowest such year-over-year inflation figure since April 2021.

And on Thursday, the government will report last month's retail sales, which are expected to have climbed a decent 0.3 percent from June. Such a gain would suggest that while Americans have become vigilant about their money, they are still willing to spend.

Many businesses have noticed. "We're seeing lower average selling prices ... right now because customers continue to trade down on price when they can," said Andrew Jassy, CEO of Amazon.



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Cancer-causing benzene used to make store-brand cold relief medicine

By Anna Edney
BLOOMBERG NEWS

While it may seem like the only difference between extended-release Mucinex and its generic store-brand counterpart is the price tag, the latter potentially exposes users to a deadly cancer-causing chemical.

Millions of Americans who buy the store-brand option at various major US chains are unknowingly choosing a drug that risks containing a potent carcinogen called benzene, according to a Bloomberg analysis of government data. Benzene can cause blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma.

Just looking at the boxes, consumers wouldn't easily be able to spot the difference between the two medicines. They both contain the same active ingredient, guaifenesin. And while the inactive ingredients differ, benzene isn't listed among them. It instead lurks in an inactive ingredient, a white powder called a carbomer.

Both medicines use carbomers to create an extended-release phenomenon that helps relieve symptoms over a 12-hour period. But while the brand-name version, sold by the British drugmaker Reckitt Benckiser Group, uses a carbomer that isn't made with benzene, the generic ones sold as store brands by CVS, Walmart, Target, and Walgreens use a cheaper one made with the harmful chemical, Bloomberg found.

US regulators have allowed drugmakers to use benzene for decades, even though international authorities have said they shouldn't. In recent years, testing has found dangerously high levels of the chemical in some products in the United States, raising concerns. Last year, the US Food and Drug Administration said the ingredient would be phased out of pharmaceutical use in 2025, a deadline that has been extended to 2026 following industry complaints.

"The FDA is continuously working to ensure that all drugs meet the highest-quality standards with the health and well-being of Americans top of mind," said Amanda Hils, a spokesperson for the agency. In response to Bloomberg's questions about generic Mucinex having benzene, CVS said the company would work with its supplier to replace the ingredient. Walgreens said it works with its suppliers to follow FDA regulations. Walmart, Target, and Rite Aid didn't respond to re-

quests for comment.

The FDA has also been studying drugs sold in gel form that use carbomers. Tablets, like generic Mucinex, are not included in that analysis, Hils said. She didn't offer details on the results of the testing. Bloomberg's analysis found a few dozen drugs besides generic Mucinex that still contain carbomers made using benzene, including Walgreens' version of Anbesol, an oral pain reliever; Walmart's Equate brand face moisturizer with sunscreen; and Rite Aid's version of Bengay muscle rub.

While most shoppers trust that store-brand medicines are just as safe and effective as brand-name ones, that's not always true. Generic drugs of all sorts, from eye drops to cancer treatments, have been linked to factories using unsafe practices, often to cut costs.

When it comes to store-brand generics, the retailer isn't responsible for the quality of the products it sells. Instead, oversight and liability lies with the manufacturer.

In the case of generic Mucinex, the major US chains all source their extended-release mucus-relief medicine from the same New Jersey company, Amneal Pharmaceuticals Inc. The drugmaker didn't respond to requests for comment, including questions about whether it tested its drugs for potential benzene contamination or how it plans to comply with upcoming FDA regulations.

Swapping ingredients is "dramatically costly and dramatically time-consuming" because it requires additional testing and another round of FDA approval, said Vivek Dave, an associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences at St. John Fisher University in New York.

Prices for carbomers are not made public and companies that sell them contacted by Bloomberg didn't respond to inquiries. On Amazon, India-based Bangalore Fine Chemicals lists about four ounces of a carbomer made with benzene for \$4 less than the one without. Drugmakers buying in bulk would potentially have to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars more for a less risky carbomer.

The inventor of Mucinex says there's no scientific or therapeutic reason to use a carbomer made with benzene. "Clearly, benzene is not viewed fondly," said Jeff Keyser, CEO of Renibus Therapeutics in Texas.

Watertown day care faces possible eviction

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proved unsuccessful," the Boys & Girls Club said in a statement.

A hearing on the latest motion is scheduled for Aug. 19.

The City of Watertown, for its part, has denied in court records the day care's allegations that it unnecessarily delayed First Path's construction project in its new location. City Manager George Proakis told the Globe he tried nearly a year ago to help work out a solution for First Path.

"Our professional staff has worked to provide the best advice on how First Path can continue to serve the important role that they play in our community and be a good neighbor in its new location," Proakis said in a statement.

"Unfortunately, First Path chose instead to file litigation against the City, and has now chosen to litigate this case in the press," he added.

Watertown City Councilor Vincent Piccirilli, who represents the district where the day care is currently located, at 25 Whites Ave., said it was crucial that both organizations stay open for the families they serve.

"Both organizations are well-loved by Watertown parents, and both provide essential services for the children of Watertown," he said in an email. "While the City of Watertown plays no role in the operation of either business, it is in the City's best interest that both of these local businesses thrive and grow."

Now, families at First Path are concerned about what they'll do if the day care closes.

"It's pretty impossible to find any day care here on such short notice," said Oleg Volkov, whose two children have attended First Path. He said his daughter, 3, loves her friends and teachers there: "Whenever I drop her off, she just rushes into the room."

The dispute, which involves at least four court cases, dates back years. In October 2020, Bolyasnyy contacted the Boys & Girls Club to initiate the lease negotiation process three years before the day care's lease was set to expire, writing that three years may seem long but is a "short period relative to long term plans."

The Boys & Girls Club replied that its board president wanted to do a walkthrough of the day care because he had never seen it, and a plan for lease negotiations would be developed after that.

"Hang tight," the club's email stated. "The process is starting!"

But in December 2021, the Boys & Girls Club notified First



Children practiced a song for their pre-K graduation and a toddler played with a wooden puzzle at First Path Day Care Center. The Boys & Girls Club, the center's landlord, says it needs the space now and can no longer delay its plans to renovate its ground floor and build its own child care center.

Path that the club would not renew the day care's lease, and their tenancy would expire on June 30, 2023.

Finding a new space in Watertown that the day care could afford and completing all necessary steps to open, Bolyasnyy said, would've been more manageable had he been given three years' notice, instead of 18 months.

"How can we live up to something which they know is unrealistic?" Bolyasnyy said.

The day care purchased a building in Watertown in early 2023 and was "making constructive steps to obtain a new location," so the Boys & Girls Club did not immediately take action to remove First Path from its space when the lease expired last June, the club said in the Aug. 5 court filing.

By the fall of 2023, the Boys & Girls Club no longer felt the day care was making adequate progress toward opening the new location and filed for an eviction in Waltham District Court. A month later, they made an agreement in which the day care would vacate the space by the end of May 2024.

On May 17, Waltham District Court ruled in favor of the Boys & Girls Club, giving the club the right to evict First Path. But last month, First Path filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, prompting an automatic stay, or pause, of the eviction process.

On Aug. 5, the Boys & Girls Club filed a motion to challenge that stay, claiming the lease agreement had expired long before the day care filed for bankruptcy protection. The club needs the space for its own use, the filing said.

"While [First Path] has asserted that its new location could be ready at the end of October, 2024, this would appear, at best, to be highly speculative," the Boys & Girls Club motion read, citing the city's recent denial of an application by the day care.

But Bolyasnyy said the reno-

novations, which began in May, could be completed even sooner than October if the city stopped "dragging its feet."

Bolyasnyy said the Aug. 5 motion is an attempt to "deprive us of protections" that bankruptcy law affords.

Bolyasnyy said First Path has lost precious time to the City of Watertown's slow processes throughout its search for a new space and the permissions required to open there. First Path filed two lawsuits and spent 14 months "fighting the City's machine" just to be issued a building permit, Bolyasnyy wrote in a letter to the Watertown News.

In a lawsuit First Path filed against the city last November, it alleged that city officials appeared to be "slow-walking" the permitting process, saying the officials were expressing concerns about parking and traffic plans that those same officials had suggested. The lawsuit also accused the city of forcing First Path to go through a zoning approval process that it believed it shouldn't have been subject to.

"Everybody has to come together to stop this madness, and we need to accelerate the process," Bolyasnyy told the Globe. "We need the city of Watertown to look at this as an emergency."

The city has denied First Path's allegations in court filings.

Proakis, the city manager, said in a statement that he met with First Path's leadership last September to discuss ways the day care could have a "long and successful future in Watertown, despite the need to relocate." He declined to comment further, citing the ongoing litigation.

For now, the day care continues to operate with uncertainty looming.

"What's going to happen to all these families?" Bolyasnyy said. "Our families absolutely are totally shocked by what's going on."

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Uber pushes plan that may curb lawsuits

By Jessica Silver-Greenberg
NEW YORK TIMES

Uber is seeking to place a measure on Nevada's ballot that would drastically limit the amount of money that lawyers could collect when they brought successful lawsuits. If the measure passes, it will make it less attractive — and in some cases financially impractical — for plaintiffs' lawyers to file lawsuits against companies seeking compensation for alleged injuries, mistreatment, and other harms.

The initiative is being spearheaded by Nevadans for Fair Recovery, a political action committee created this year by Uber and its lobbyists.

The company has put \$5 million into the PAC and is its only financial backer, campaign finance records show.

The PAC has presented the measure as a way to protect people from trial lawyers who are "getting rich at the expense of plaintiffs and everyone else," as the group says on its website,

alongside a picture of a \$100 bill sliding into a suit pocket.

But Uber is pushing the proposal at the same time that the company faces a torrent of lawsuits in Nevada and elsewhere from customers who have accused it of failing to protect them from being sexually assaulted or harassed by drivers. The suits have been consolidated in federal court, a move that is likely to make it easier for additional victims to come forward with similar claims.

The initiative has the potential to help shield Uber from that onslaught.

The ballot measure would prohibit lawyers in Nevada from collecting more than 20 percent of their clients' jury awards or settlements in the form of so-called contingency fees. Today, those fees can be as high as 40 percent.

Contingency fees allow lawyers to take on cases without requiring clients to pay anything out of pocket.

Steward postpones bankruptcy hearing

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Medical Center in Brighton, Holy Family Hospital facilities in Methuen and Haverhill, Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, Morton Hospital in Taunton, and St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River.

Those talks appeared closer to resolution last week when Medical Properties Trust and Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, two investment firms that jointly owned the hospitals' real estate, transferred the properties to their mortgage lender, Wall Street goliath Apollo Global Management, in a move that seemed to simplify negotiations.

Several matters remain to be resolved, according to parties close to the negotiations, including whether bidders for the hospitals will be able to acquire the land and buildings in addition to the operating licenses, and the scale of financial packages the state will offer to hospital buyers.

Governor Healey, in a Monday interview on Radio Boston, said "it breaks my heart" that the Carney and Nashoba hospitals are closing. But she insisted, "This really isn't up to me. This is really up to Steward and the lenders at this point."

Previously, the for-profit system shuttered New England Sinai Hospital, a rehabilitation facility in Stoughton in April and Quincy Medical System in 2014. Steward-run Norwood Hospital has been closed for renovations since a 2020 flood and wasn't part of the sales process.



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Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, which Steward Health Care plans to close.

Deal completed to sell doctors group to private equity firm

By Robert Weisman
GLOBE STAFF

Bankrupt Steward Health Care said late Monday night that it's reached a definitive agreement to sell its eight-state physicians network to a private equity firm.

Rural Healthcare Group, an affiliate of Kinderhook Industries Inc., will buy the doctors group, called Stewardship Health, which includes about 5,000 employed and affiliated physicians in Massachusetts and

other states who treat about 400,000 patients, Steward said.

The statement from Steward didn't disclose a purchase price.

It was the largest acquisition of a Steward asset since the health care company filed for bankruptcy on May 6. Steward had signed a letter of intent to sell Stewardship to the Optum unit of health insurer UnitedHealth before the bankruptcy filing, also for an undisclosed price, but the parties couldn't fi-

nalize that transaction.

The sale is subject to regulatory approval and the approval of US Bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez at a Houston hearing scheduled for Friday. Lopez will also be asked to approve the sale of up to six Steward hospitals in Massachusetts at that hearing, but sales deals have yet to be completed.

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In the meantime, new worries have emerged over the future of Holy Family hospital in Haverhill.

Mayor Melinda Barrett of Haverhill and State Senator Barry Finegold, whose district includes Haverhill, said they were closely tracking sales negotiations for the hospitals. They said the tenor of the conversation in recent days had left them concerned about whether the Haverhill hospital would survive.

Both said the Haverhill hospital is critical to health care in

the Merrimack Valley, where other hospitals are already overburdened.

Leaders of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, which represents Holy Family nurses, issued a statement Friday saying "there is no valid, moral, or medical justification for the loss of Holy Family Haverhill."

Representatives of Steward and Healey's office declined to discuss the bids for six Steward hospitals in the state or say whether a bidder for Holy Family in Methuen, a sister hospital,

would also acquire the Haverhill hospital. The two hospitals operate under the same license.

In addition to its Massachusetts hospitals, Steward's sales hearing delay until Friday also covered Stewardship Health and hospitals in Arkansas and Louisiana. Hearings for Steward hospitals in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Arizona were postponed until later in August or September.

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cord," Lykos said in a statement.

Lykos said it has filed an official complaint with the Committee on Publication Ethics to review how Psychopharmacology came to this decision. Lykos also said that it did report the ethical violations to the FDA, Health Canada, and the Institutional Review Board and Independent Ethics Committee, and issued a public statement about it in 2019.

"However, we did not dis-

close the violations to the journal itself, an additional step we should have taken and regret not doing," Lykos said.

The company said that Psychopharmacology had initially requested that Lykos make a correction — so "the authors removed the data from the four participants treated in the MP4 study, and the updated analyses were consistent with the original publications." The four participants were at the MP4 site, which was led by the therapist accused of assault in the civil

case, as well as his wife.

The retraction notice also says that the authors did not fully declare a potential competing interest. Lykos disagreed, saying that the authors disclosed all relevant information.

Allison Feduccia, one of the authors in all three studies, said that she agreed with the retractions. Psychopharmacology, she said, would not let the authors amend the data.

"Since a correction was not possible, I agree with the retraction since a participant's data

who experienced an ethical violation was included," she told STAT in an email.

Sasha Sisko, an activist who has investigated trial conduct at MAPS and Lykos, said that they have been in regular contact with the editor of Psychopharmacology for more than a year, sharing information about the ethical violations, including sharing video of the assault at the MP4 trial site.

The data in these studies are not the same as the Phase 3 efficacy data submitted to the FDA that underpinned the treatment's rejection. One was a pooled analysis of the long-term outcomes from six Phase 2 trials that evaluated MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for PTSD; another outlined the design and rationale for the subsequent Phase 3 studies; the third evaluated how discontinuing the use of certain psychiatric medications impacted the treatment response of MDMA-assisted psychotherapy.

Earlier this year, it seemed inevitable the FDA would approve the treatment: Two trials showed that MDMA-assisted psychotherapy was an effective treatment for PTSD, and Lykos also received "special protocol assessment," meaning the FDA signed off on the trial design. And there's a tremendous unmet need: There hasn't been an approved new treatment for PTSD in two decades.

But sentiment shifted. An FDA advisory committee in June overwhelmingly voted against approving MDMA-assisted psychotherapy.

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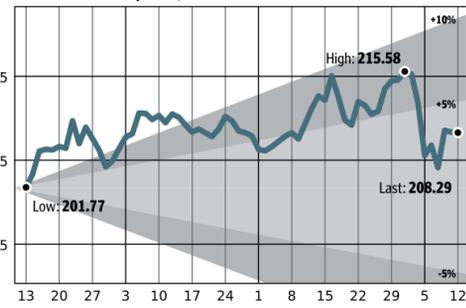
THE BOSTON GLOBE

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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts

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Total market cap: \$1,264.2b



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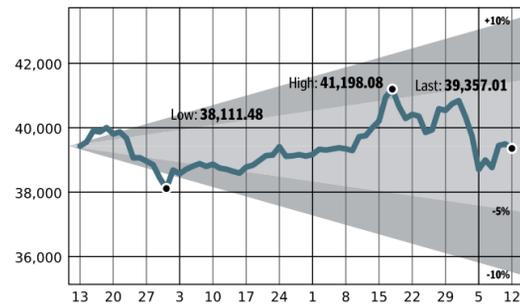
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Markets

A mixed day on Wall Street

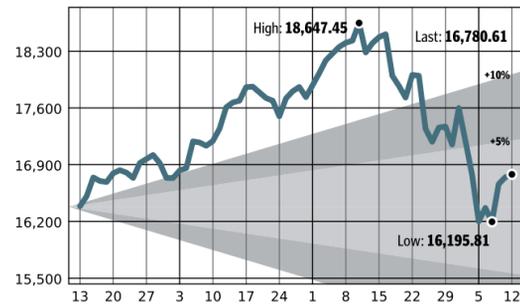
Stocks drifted through a quiet Monday to finish mixed, as markets around the world stabilized following a wild week of extreme swings. This week will feature reports on inflation and how much US shoppers are spending at retailers. The best-case scenario for Wall Street would be data showing a continued slowdown in inflation, combined with strengthening US retail sales. That would indicate the Federal Reserve is successfully slowing the US economy enough to snuff out high inflation, but not so much that it causes a recession. Nvidia jumped 4.1 percent. It and other Big Tech giants have been shaky recently and have been mostly declining the last month on worries their stocks shot too high in the frenzy around artificial-intelligence technology. KeyCorp jumped 9.1 percent after the regional bank announced a \$2.8 billion investment from the Bank of Nova Scotia. The Cleveland bank said the cash influx will allow it to drive further growth in its investment banking and wealth management businesses. In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury slipped to 3.90 percent from 3.94 percent late Friday. The two-year Treasury yield fell to 4.01 percent from 4.06 percent.

DOW JONES industrial average



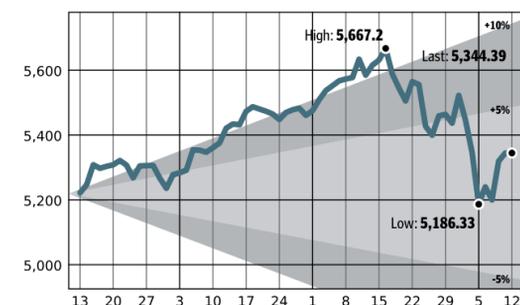
Yesterday 39,357.01 ▼ 140.53 ▼ 0.4% ▲ YTD 4.4%

NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 16,780.61 ▲ 35.31 ▲ 0.2% ▲ YTD 11.8%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 5,344.39 ▲ 0.23 ▲ 0.0% ▲ YTD 12.0%

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LEGAL NOTICES

City of Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals
Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

PUBLIC NOTICE

Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing: Wednesday, August 28, 2024, with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, Administration Building, 149 Main St., Watertown, MA. This is in-person, and with remote access link on the Agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please note that the Planning Board is scheduled to hold a public meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to make an advisory recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

6 Church Hill St-William T Conti requests a Special Permit in accordance with §5.01 (e) for the construction of a new three-family dwelling (existing 2266 sq ft lot expanded to 2797 sq ft). The project would include demolition of an existing single-family structure. Central Business (CB) Zoning District. ZBA-2024-09.

12 Church Hill St- The owner, Brianna LLC, through its manager, William T Conti, requests a Special Permit in accordance with §5.01 (e) for the construction of a new three-family dwelling (existing 3373 sq ft lot decreased to 2840 sq ft). The project would include the demolition of an existing two-family structure. Central Business (CB) Zoning District. ZBA-2024-10.

Legal Notice
Request for Letters of 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 evaluation of an 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 assignment can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOI/Consultant-Selection/Consultant-Selection-Information>.

Connecticut Department of Transportation
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LEGAL NOTICES

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 24 SM 002816
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:
Manuel J Pedro; Susan M. Pedro

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

Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for Nationstar Home Equity Loan Trust 2007-FRE 1

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Malden, numbered 180 Mount Vernon Street, and replacements, both gas and oil, chimney lining from AF Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, dated January 24, 2007, and recorded at Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 48908, Page 319, 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 grounds of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of said Court on August 6, 2024.

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

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/EOC 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.

LEGAL NOTICES

(SEAL)
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

Docket Number: 24 SM 002637

TO:
Jennifer A. Deland, a/k/a Jennifer Deland

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

TD Bank, N.A., f/k/a TD Banknorth, N.A., claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Holliston, numbered 25 Regency Drive, Holliston, MA 01746, a/k/a 25 Regency Drive, # U-25, given by Jennifer A. Deland to TD Banknorth, N.A., dated July 13, 2007, recorded or filed at Middlesex (South District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 49913, Page 324, has filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/ 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 24, 2024.

Attest: /s/ Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

Boston's forecast

Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.), High/Low (81-86, 65-70), and Description (Times of clouds and sunshine, Winds WNW 7-14 mph).

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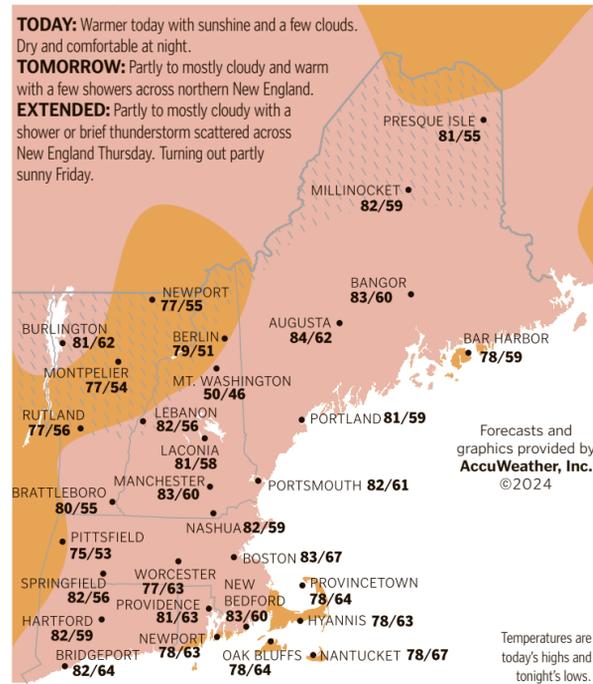
Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.), High/Low (74-79, 63-68), and Description (A shower in the morning; otherwise, sun and clouds, Winds ESE 7-14 mph).

AccuWeather Get the AccuWeather app

Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.), High/Low (76-81, 65-70), and Description (Partly sunny and nice, Winds SSE 7-14 mph).

Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.), High/Low (74-79, 65-70), and Description (Partly sunny with showers possible, Winds E 7-14 mph).

New England forecast



Almanac

Table with 2 columns: Event (Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise) and Time (5:50 a.m., 7:48 p.m., 3:03 p.m.).

24 Hr. Precipitation

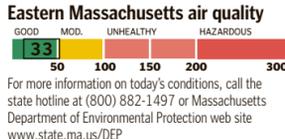
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Table with 6 columns: Location, A.M., P.M., High tides, A.M., P.M., High tides, A.M., P.M. (Boston, Gloucester, Hyannis Port, etc.).

New England marine forecast

Table with 4 columns: Location, Wind, Seas, Temp (Boston Harbor, East Cape, Buzzards Bay, etc.).

Table with 4 columns: Category (Trees, Weeds, Grass, Mold) and Status (Absent, Low, Absent, N.A.).



SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in various cells.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART South dealer — Both sides vulnerable

Bridge hand layout showing North, South, West, and East hands with cards and suits.

Cities Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, and Conditions (Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami, etc.).

For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org.

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, and Conditions (Seattle, Washington, Beijing, etc.).

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024:

You are independent, resilient, and unconventional. You do your own thing. You accept challenges and aren't afraid to make waves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Avoid the temptation to get involved in controversial subjects today. You might find yourself at odds with someone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Squabbles about shared property, taxes, debt, and insurance issues might arise today. They might involve a family member.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

This is a poor day to discuss salaries, cash flow or how to boost your earnings, because disputes and disagreements will likely arise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Be patient with co-workers today. Everyone is a bit short-tempered and irritable. Possibly, you feel annoyed because you have to go back and correct something or redo it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Expect some static or difficulties with social plans, sports events, and dealing with kids today. Likewise, communications with romantic partners also might be stalled in water.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Tread carefully with family discussions today, especially discussions with female relatives (especially Mom), because things could go off

the rails. In a perfect world, you will avoid important discussions today, and if they must take place, you'll be patient and friendly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Disputes and arguments with relatives, neighbors, or siblings might break out today, especially about past issues or something that is happening once again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Avoid difficult conversations with parents, bosses, and people in authority (this includes the police), because today these discussions will not go well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Disputes about past issues that might relate to politics, religion, or racial issues might surface today. People will be at odds with each other. These same disputes also might relate to legal matters, medical situations, or something to do with travel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You might feel restless today because you're unhappy about how something is being shared or divided. Or maybe you feel that, once again, you're responsible for something from the past that you thought was previously taken care of.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Be careful about being entrenched in your point of view today when dealing with friends or members of groups. Incidentally, this could involve an ex-partner or an old friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

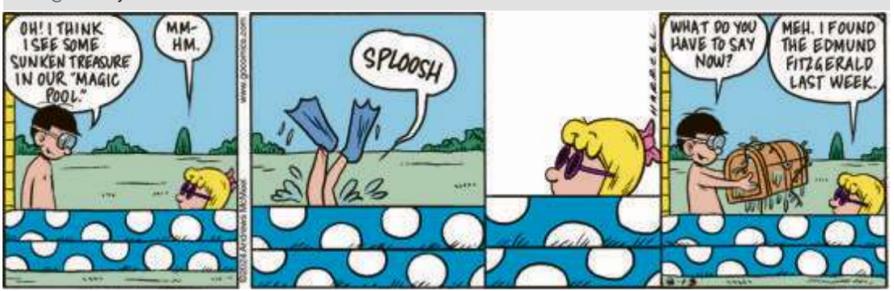
It's important to know that you are high-viz today, which means if you get into a dispute with someone, it will probably be noticed by others. (A hissing, whispered argument in an elevator?)

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Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers.