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New wrinkle in Dennis shelter fight

Builder: Officials didn't reveal land holdings

By John Hilliard
GLOBE STAFF

During a heated meeting over a planned shelter for homeless Cape Cod families in May, one member of the Dennis Planning Board took the microphone for nearly 15 minutes to criticize the project.

Member Richard Hamlin questioned the size of the 79-unit project, raised concerns about the impact on traffic and sewage, and asked who was

looking out for the interests of nearby Dennis residents.

"If this project isn't large, I don't know what is," Hamlin told his colleagues, according to a recording of the meeting reviewed by the Globe.

What he didn't mention during the recording was that he owns more than 20 acres of land near the shelter site and just across the town line in Harwich, a Globe review of public records shows. The properties include parcels along the only road to the proposed site.

On Thursday, a lawyer for the nonprofit building the shelter, **SHELTER, Page A7**

Hospital acquisitions

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, Brighton
Commonwealth of Mass., Boston Medical Center

Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton
Boston Medical Center

Holy Family Hospital, Methuen and Haverhill
Lawrence General Hospital

St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River
Lifespan Health System

Morton Hospital, Taunton
Lifespan Health System

Healey reveals deals for 6 Steward hospitals

State plans to seize St. Elizabeth's and turn it over to Boston Medical Center

By Robert Weisman and Jason Laughlin
GLOBE STAFF

After months of haggling with bankrupt Steward Health Care and the investment firms that owned its hospital properties, the Healey administration said Friday it has engineered preliminary agreements to keep six of the eight Steward hospitals in Massachusetts open under new operators.

The breakthrough deals include a

plan by the state to seize control of the real estate that houses Steward's flagship St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton — a rare exercise of

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eminent domain in the hospital sector — and turn the hospital operations over to Boston Medical Center.

Boston Medical Center, known as BMC, will also take over Good Samar-

itan Medical Center in Brockton, making the state's largest safety net hospital a more critical player in an overburdened health care system. BMC was long run by Kate Walsh, who is now Governor Maura Healey's health and human services secretary and was a pivotal player in putting the Steward hospital deals together.

Lawrence General Hospital will absorb the Methuen and Haverhill campuses of Holy Family Hospital in the Merrimack Valley north of Boston. And to the south, Providence-based Lifespan Health System, soon to be rechristened Brown University **STEWARDS, Page A10**



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Maine blueberry farmers adjust to climate change

By Ivy Scott
GLOBE STAFF

DEBLOIS, Maine — Hopping out of her pickup truck, Brogan Tooley squinted into the August sun as she surveilled the acres of wild blueberries that stretched for miles in every direction. Then, without hesitation, she walked straight into the middle of an unpicked patch, crunching fresh berries beneath her boots with every step.

"Don't worry about it — it's a hardy crop," said Tooley, an agro-ecologist for blueberry grower Wyman's, gesturing to the wild berries that popped underfoot. "And it's probably good to return some of those nutrients from the berries back to the soil anyway."

The bountiful harvest — a boon for Wyman's and the other 484 wild blueberry growers in the region — was a month early this summer.

Growers were ready for it, though, staying laser-focused on changing climate patterns and extreme weather events for the past several years. Cultivators of the wild blueberry, a species only commercially farmed in Maine and eastern Canada, have transformed their growing practices to deal with more heat and swings in precipitation, conducting research on

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Above: A harvester used a blueberry rake at Wyman's Blueberries in Deblois, Maine. Left: Maria Pena dropped berries into a collection box after harvesting them.

'This is the most precious cargo we have navigating our streets.'

MAYOR MICHELLE WU

BPS ready with bus drivers, monitors

District adds training site as it strives to be on time

By James Vaznis
GLOBE STAFF

Long plagued with late buses and staffing shortages, the Boston Public Schools will kick off the upcoming school year with a full slate of bus drivers and monitors for the first time in years, Superintendent Mary Skipper said Friday.

Staffing shortages have long hampered BPS's ability to get buses to run on time in a city with the fourth worst traffic congestion in the nation. School districts around the country have also suffered from an acute shortage of bus drivers.

In Boston, scores of buses have routinely run late on opening day and well into the school year, testing the patience of families and school staff alike. Since 2022, BPS has been operating under a state edict to get 95 percent of its buses to arrive on time in the mornings and afternoons, but has repeatedly fallen short of that target.

BPS ended the last school year with 90 percent of morning buses arriving on time and 87



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School buses sat ready for the new school year on a lot in Roxbury.

percent of afternoon buses being punctual, according to Skipper.

The district has never had all the bus monitor positions filled at the start of a school year in recent memory, Skipper said, but this year will have extra drivers and monitors on hand. BPS will be staffed with more than 740 drivers and 750 monitors to cover hundreds of bus runs, ac-

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Family of trans girl sues N.H. over sports ban

By Steven Porter
GLOBE STAFF

Parker Tirrell, a rising sophomore at Plymouth Regional High School in New Hampshire, spent four hours each evening this week at soccer camp to prepare with teammates and friends for the fall athletic season.

But the 15-year-old was notified Thursday that she won't be permitted to practice with her team on Monday. A new state law banning transgender girls from girls' school sports will take effect this weekend, so she's no longer allowed to participate.

"It's a hard reality, a tough pill to swallow, just stupid," Tirrell told the Globe in an interview Thursday night, a few hours after she received the news.

"I just want to play soccer. . . . It's part of me," she said. "It will never not be a part of me. It's half of what's shaped me into who I am."

Tirrell and her parents haven't given up hope. They, along with another transgender teen girl and her parents, are suing New Hampshire to block enforcement of the law. Their at-

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President Biden designated a national monument at the site of a 1908 race riot that laid waste to a Black community in Springfield, Ill. **A2.**

The United States, Egypt, and Qatar said that cease-fire talks aimed at ending the war in the Gaza Strip would continue next week in Cairo. **A4.**

Resident assistants at Emerson College unanimously ratified their first union contract, reaching an agreement with the downtown Boston institution with unprecedented speed. **D1.**



Close calls

Saturday: Humid, cloudy. High: 72-77. Low: 64-69.

Sunday: Still humid. High: 76-81. Low: 63-68.

Sunrise: 5:54 Sunset: 7:42

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The Nation

Race riot site designated as monument

NAACP creation spurred by 1908 Illinois rampage

By Zach Montague
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Biden designated a national monument Friday at the site of a 1908 race riot that laid waste to a Black community in Springfield, Ill., joining civil rights leaders and state lawmakers at the White House to commemorate the 116th anniversary of the rampage.

The proclamation comes as Biden looks to burnish his legacy during his remaining months in office. It also takes place nearly six weeks after the police shooting of Sonya Massey, a 36-year-old Springfield resident, whose death renewed national conversations surrounding racism and police violence and drew a direct reproof from the White House.

“Sonya’s death at the hands of a responding officer reminds us that all too often Black Americans face fears for their safety in ways many of the rest of us do not,” Biden said in a statement after the shooting last month. “Sonya’s family deserves justice.”

The two-day riot in 1908 was started by a white lynch mob that arrived at a local jail to kill two Black men being held there, and that then flew into a frenzy after learning that the men had been transferred to another facility. The furor — which occurred not far from Abraham Lincoln’s home — killed several people, destroyed dozens of Black homes and businesses, and required scores of Illinois state militiamen to put down. Outrage at the racial violence spurred the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.



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President Biden signed the national monument proclamation in the Oval Office in Washington, D.C., on Friday.

The group asked last year that the president recognize the site, and the process continued through a National Park Service study of homes burned during the riot and other surviving structures near the Madison Street and 10th Street rail corridor in the city. The designation Friday will protect about 1.57 acres of federal land in the vicinity.

At the ceremony Friday, Biden stressed the importance of acknowledging moments of racial violence in American history.

“It’s important that every-

body walk by this area and know what happened, because it can happen again,” he said, pounding on the Resolute Desk for emphasis.

Senator Tammy Duckworth, an Illinois Democrat, who appeared beside the president, said the proclamation was a testament to the role that Midwestern states had played in the Civil Rights Movement and the legacy of the NAACP.

“Good things can come out of bad things, as long as you don’t forget what happened,” she said.

Biden designated the site

through his authority from the Antiquities Act, a 1906 law intended to prevent the looting of Native American artifacts from archaeological sites that has been more recently used to convert public land into national monuments.

The signing of the proclamation was the second time Biden had used the act to preserve a site for its importance to the Civil Rights Movement. The first was the Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument, which was established last year to honor Till, a teenager whose murder galva-

nized the movement, and his mother. That monument encompasses sites in Mississippi and Illinois.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters Wednesday that the president had long considered the designation of the Springfield site “critically important” and in keeping with “telling the full story of America.”

“We have made great strides to march toward full equality,” she said, “but America has never lived up to it in its entirety.”

Harris unveils economic agenda

Aims to cut taxes and lower costs

By Matt Brown
and Makiya Seminer
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RALEIGH, N.C. — Vice President Kamala Harris announced a sweeping set of economic proposals on Friday meant to cut taxes and lower the cost of groceries, housing, and other essentials for many Americans.

“Look, the bills add up,” she declared, trying to address the financial concerns that are at the top of voters’ minds and that Republican Donald Trump is attempting to blame on her.

During a speech in the battleground state of North Carolina, Harris said that “building up the middle class will be a defining goal of my presidency” as she promoted her plan for a federal ban on price gouging by food producers and grocers. She also proposed \$25,000 in down payment assistance for certain first-time homebuyers and tax incentives for builders of starter homes.

“Every day across our nation, families talk about their plans for the future, their ambitions, their aspirations for themselves, for their children. And they talk about how they’re going to be able to actually achieve them financially, because, look, the bills add up,” Harris said. “Food, rent, gas, back to school clothes, prescription medications. After all that, for many families, there’s not much left at the end of the month.”

She stressed tax breaks for families, as well as middle- and lower-income people, promising to expand the child tax credit to up to \$3,600 — and \$6,000 for children in their first year of life. The vice president also wants to enlarge the earned income tax credit to cover people in lower-income jobs without children — which the campaign estimates would cut their effective tax rate by \$1,500 — and lower health insurance premiums through the Affordable Care Act.

Overall, the plans represent a continuation of many Biden administration priorities.

Harris isn’t looking for any radical departures from President Biden, who stepped down from the race last month and endorsed her. Still, the vice president has embraced a dash of economic populism, shifting away from Biden’s emphasis on job creation and infrastructure to matters more closely tied to easing the cost of living — food prices, housing costs, and tax breaks for families.

Much of what she’s proposing would require congressional approval, which is far from assured in the current political environment, though, and Harris’ campaign has offered scant details on how to pay for the ideas.

The vice president is seeking to blunt Trump’s attacks on her as “a radical California liberal who broke the economy,” as he put in during a speech Thursday, during which he displayed popular grocery store items meant to represent the high cost of food.

Kevin Hassett, a former chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers during the Trump administration, called it “completely preposterous” for the government to play a role in setting food prices, a reference to Harris’s proposed federal ban on “corporate price-gouging” on food.

In her speech, Harris offered stark contrasts with Trump’s economic proposals, including his call for steep tariffs on foreign goods. She said that her opponent “wants to impose what is, in effect, a national sales tax on everyday products and basic necessities that we import from other countries.”

“It will mean higher prices on just about every one of your daily needs,” Harris said. “At this moment, when everyday prices are too high, he will make them even higher.”

DAILY BRIEFING

Border arrests at lowest level since 2020

WASHINGTON — Arrests for illegally crossing the border from Mexico plummeted 33 percent in July to the lowest level since September 2020, a result of asylum being temporarily suspended, authorities said Friday.

The Border Patrol made 56,408 arrests last month, down from 83,536 arrests in June, according to US Customs and Border Protection, its parent agency.

Asylum was halted at the border June 5 because arrests for illegal crossings topped a threshold of 2,500 a day, though a lack of deportation flights prevents authorities from turning away everyone. US authorities say arrests dropped 55 percent after the measure, which followed a steep decline earlier this year that was widely attributed to Mexican authorities increasing enforcement within their borders.

“In July, our border security measures enhanced our ability to deliver consequences for illegal entry,” said Troy Miller, acting CBP chief.

The numbers, which were roughly in line with preliminary estimates, may give Democrats some breathing room on an issue that has dogged them throughout Joe Biden’s presidency.

“The Biden-Harris Administration has taken effective action, and the Republicans continue to do nothing,” said White House spokesman Angelo Fernández Hernández.

More than 38,000 people were admitted at land crossings through an online appointment system called CBP One, bringing the total to more than 765,000 since it was introduced in 2023.

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DOUG ENGLE/OCALA STAR-BANNER

Pamela Dias (center), the mother of Ajike “A.J.” Owens, was consoled by friends and family members outside the Ocala, Fla., courtroom Friday after a jury found defendant Susan Lorincz guilty of manslaughter in Owens’s 2023 shooting death. Lorincz faces up to 30 years in prison when she is sentenced.

Jury convicts Florida woman in fatal shooting of neighbor during dispute

A Florida woman was convicted Friday of manslaughter in the fatal shooting of a neighbor amid an ongoing dispute about children playing loudly outside her home.

A jury in Ocala, Florida, found 60-year-old Susan Lorincz guilty after 2½ hours of deliberation. Lorincz faces up to 30 years in prison.

Lorincz had claimed self-defense when she fired a single shot with a .380-caliber handgun through her front door on June 2, 2023, killing 35-year-old Ajike “A.J.” Owens.

She told detectives in a videotaped interview that she feared for her life as Owens yelled and pounded on her door.

The confrontation was the latest in a dispute between Lorincz and Owens over the latter’s children playing in a grassy area near both of their houses. Lorincz said in the interview she had been harassed for most of the three years she lived in the neighborhood.

During closing arguments, prosecutor Rich Buxman had

said there was no evidence that Owens posed an imminent physical threat to Lorincz but came to the defendant’s house after her children complained Lorincz had allegedly thrown roller skates and an umbrella at them amid a long-running annoyance at their boisterous play outside.

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Va. eyes cellphone ban in schools

The Virginia Department of Education is recommending that school districts ban cellphone use on school grounds from “bell to bell” — a departure for many divisions that allow students, particularly high schoolers, to use the devices between classes and during lunch.

The directive, released in draft guidance Thursday, comes about a month after Governor Glenn Youngkin issued an executive order directing the education department to develop guidelines for “phone free learning environments.” The executive order comes amid a wave of efforts across the country to restrict cellphones in schools.

The guidance, however, stops short of outlining how a student’s phone should be restricted, stating only that it must be “stored and off.”

The development in Virginia comes as leaders around the country increasingly look to restrict cellphone use in schools, often citing concerns about mental health as well as disruptions to learning in the classroom. Parents, educators, and students have been divided on the subject, with some wanting to see students learn how to responsibly use the devices while many others are eager to see phones completely removed from campuses.

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Escaped prisoner captured in N.C.

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — A prisoner serving a life sentence for murder was captured at a North Carolina hotel Friday, three days after his escape on the way to a medical appointment, and authorities say he had help from at least one person.

Ramone Alston, 30, escaped from a van Tuesday as it arrived at the UNC Gastroenterology hospital in Hillsborough, where he was being taken for a medical appointment. He freed himself from leg restraints and fled into woods with handcuffs on, according

to the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction.

Alston was taken into custody at about 2 a.m. at a hotel in Kannapolis, about 110 miles southwest of Hillsborough, the department said in a news release.

Alston has been serving a life sentence since his conviction in the killing of 1-year-old Maleah Williams, who was shot on Christmas Day 2015 from a passing car while she was playing outside her family’s apartment in Chapel Hill. She died three days later.



Ramone Alston is serving a life sentence for murder.

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³ **Additional information about the America's Home Grant program:** The America's Home Grant program is a lender credit. Program funds can only be used for nonrecurring closing costs including title insurance, recording fees, and in certain situations, discount points that can be used to lower the interest rate. The grant cannot be applied toward down payment, prepaid items or recurring costs, such as property taxes and insurance. Borrowers cannot receive program funds as cash back.

⁴ Maximum income and loan amount limits apply. Fixed-rate mortgages (purchases or no cash out refinances), primary residences only. Certain property types are ineligible. Maximum loan-to-value ("LTV") is 97%, and maximum combined LTV is 105%. For LTV >95%, any secondary financing must be from an approved Community Second Program. Homebuyer education may be required. Other restrictions apply.

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The World

DAILY BRIEFING

Evacuations ordered as Ampil approaches Japan

TOKYO — Thousands of people in northern Japan were ordered to evacuate Friday due to the risk of flooding and mudslides from a typhoon approaching in the Pacific Ocean.

Flights and trains in the Tokyo area were canceled as warnings were issued for strong winds and heavy rainfall from Typhoon Ampil, which was expected to reach waters near Tokyo in the evening and continue north, bringing stormy conditions to the northern Kanto and Tohoku regions on Saturday.

It had sustained winds of 101 mph with higher gusts Friday morning and was moving north at 9.3 mph, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. Ampil was not expected to make landfall and could weaken to a tropical storm by Sunday.

Power was out in more than 5,000 households, mostly in coastal Chiba and Ibaraki prefectures, east of Tokyo, but also in Saitama to the north.

An evacuation order was sent to the more than 320,000 residents of the city of Iwaki in Fukushima prefecture. Evacuation warnings were sent to at-risk areas in the cities of Asahi and Mobarashi in Chiba.

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Kashmir to hold first assembly elections in decade

SRINAGAR, India — India on Friday announced three-phased assembly elections in disputed Kashmir, the first in a decade and in a new political environment after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in 2019 stripped the Muslim-majority region of its semi-autonomy and downgraded it to a federally controlled territory.

Since those changes the region has remained on edge, governed by an appointed administrator and run by bureaucrats with no democratic credentials.

The new polls will be held between Sept. 18 and Oct. 1, India's Election Commission said at a news conference in the capital, New Delhi. The vote will take place in a staggered process that allows the government to deploy tens of thousands of troops to prevent any outbreak of violence. Votes will be counted on Oct. 4.

The multistage voting will elect a local government — a chief minister who will serve as the region's top official with a council of ministers — from pro-India parties participating in the elections.

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Ernesto expected to pass near or over Bermuda

SAN JUAN — Hurricane Ernesto charged toward Bermuda on Friday as officials in the tiny British territory in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean prepared to open shelters and close government offices.

The Category 2 storm was located 180 miles south-southwest of Bermuda Friday afternoon, packing maximum sustained winds of 100 mph. It was moving north-northeast at 14 mph.

Ernesto was expected to pass near or over Bermuda Saturday morning. Tropical storm conditions including strong winds and life-threatening floods were expected to start affecting Bermuda on Friday afternoon, according to the National Hurricane Center.

"Preparations to protect life and property should be rushed to completion," the center said.

The storm was forecast to dump between 6 and 12 inches of rain, with up to 15 inches in isolated areas. Forecasters noted that Ernesto was a large hurricane, with hurricane-force winds extending up to 75 miles from the center.

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SAJJAD HUSSAIN/APP VIA GETTY IMAGES

PROTESTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN INDIA — Medical professionals and students demonstrated Friday amid protests and strikes following the rape and murder of a doctor in India's West Bengal state, in New Delhi. The brutal killing focused outrage on the chronic issue of violence against women. **A7.**

Gaza cease-fire talks will continue next week

Israel, Hamas remain at odds in negotiations

By Aaron Boxerman and James C. McKinley Jr.

NEW YORK TIMES

The United States, Egypt, and Qatar said Friday that cease-fire talks aimed at ending the war in the Gaza Strip would continue next week in Cairo, as the mediators raced to make progress toward a truce they hoped would help avert a wider regional conflagration.

The announcement came after top US, Israeli, Egyptian, and Qatari officials ended two days of talks in Doha, Qatar, to try to bridge remaining disagreements between Israel and Hamas. US and regional officials hope that movement in the negotiations would blunt or stop a widely anticipated Iranian-led retaliation for the assassination of senior leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah, both backed by Iran.

During the talks, the United States said it had presented a proposal — backed by Egypt and Qatar, the main mediators — that narrowed the gaps between Israel and Hamas on

reaching a cease-fire. Details of the proposal were not immediately known. In a joint statement, all three governments characterized the meetings as "serious and constructive and were conducted in a positive atmosphere."

"This proposal builds on areas of agreement over the past week and bridges remaining gaps in the manner that allows for a swift implementation of the deal," the three countries said. "Working teams will continue technical work over the coming days on the details of implementation."

President Biden, speaking to reporters at the White House on Friday morning, said, "We're much, much closer than we were three days ago."

"I don't want to jinx anything," he added, saying that "we're not there yet" but "we're close."

Senior officials will again convene before the end of next week in Cairo in the hopes of reaching an agreement based on the terms laid out in Qatar, the statement said. In the meantime, lower-ranking officials would continue to hammer out technical details on how the cease-fire proposal



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Palestinians evacuated a school that had been their shelter in eastern Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip, on Friday.

would be implemented, they added.

There was no immediate comment from Israeli or Hamas officials on whether they would participate in the talks in Cairo. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement that Israel hoped mediators would pressure Hamas into accepting Israel's core principles, as outlined in a proposal in late May.

Hamas officials, who have accused the Israeli government

of bargaining in bad faith, did not participate directly in the talks in Doha but have signaled a willingness to consider new proposals from the Israelis. Two Hamas officials said Friday that mediators had updated the group on the talks in Doha and that the current proposal did not conform to the terms the group had agreed to last month. They offered no details.

The talks have taken on heightened significance as the region braces for an expected

retaliation against Israel from Iran and Hezbollah after the recent assassinations of Ismail Haniyeh, the political leader of Hamas, in Tehran and Fouad Shukur, a top Hezbollah military commander, in a Beirut suburb.

The United States has deployed additional combat aircraft and warships to the region and dispatched a guided-missile submarine, underscoring the gravity of the likely repercussions of any attack on Israel.

A cease-fire deal for Gaza, according to US and Middle Eastern diplomats, could help persuade Iran to rein in its response and reduce the likelihood of a broader conflict.

International pressure has been rising for months for some kind of deal to end the suffering in Gaza and allow for the release of hostages. The Gaza Health Ministry reported Thursday that the Palestinian death toll in the war had surpassed 40,000. The ministry's figures do not distinguish between combatants and civilians. On the same day, the Israeli military said that it had killed more than 17,000 combatants over the course of the war.

Israeli settlers attack West Bank village in fatal riot

Officials issue unusual rebukes for the assault

By Ephrat Livni

NEW YORK TIMES

Israeli settler attacks on Palestinians have surged in the West Bank, but a riot Thursday in the village of Jit stood out for drawing rapid and unusual rebukes from Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose coalition government includes West Bank settlers in top positions.

The Israeli military condemned the attack and said that dozens of Israeli civilians, including some wearing masks, had set fire to vehicles and hurled rocks and firebombs. It said that its forces, along with Israel border police, were dispatched to the scene and dispersed the rioters by firing shots into the air and "removing the Israeli civilians from the town."

The Palestinian Authority said that one Palestinian had been shot dead during the attack and that another was critically injured. The Israeli military said it was looking into reports of a fatality and that it

had opened an investigation with other security agencies. One rioter was arrested and transferred to police for questioning.

The prime minister's office said in a statement that Netanyahu took the riots seriously and pledged to find and prosecute those responsible for "any criminal act."

The attack also drew condemnation from the United States and the European Union on Friday. Jack Lew, the US ambassador to Israel, said he was "appalled" by the violence. "These attacks must stop and the criminals be held to account," he said in a post on social media.

As the war in the Gaza Strip between Israel and Hamas has stretched into its 11th month, Israel has increased its military activity against what it terms suspected terrorism in the occupied West Bank, and violent settler attacks have surged at the same time.

Far-right ministers in Netanyahu's government — particularly Bezalel Smotrich, the finance minister, and Itamar Ben-Gvir, the minister of national security, who are both West Bank settlers — have espoused divisive rhetoric and ad-



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A Palestinian stood in his home on Friday after it was torched by Israeli settlers in the West Bank village of Jit.

vanced policies to expand Israel's hold on the territory.

The West Bank is home to about 2.7 million Palestinians and more than 500,000 settlers. Israel seized control of the territory from Jordan in 1967 during a war with three Arab states, and Israelis have since settled there with both tacit and explicit government approval. The international community largely considers settlements illegal, and many outposts also violate Israeli laws.

The United Nations Office

for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, which tracks violent incidents in the West Bank, said in its latest update Wednesday that Israeli settlers had carried out 25 attacks against Palestinians in the previous week. Since the Hamas-led attack on Israel on Oct. 7 that set off the war in Gaza, the agency has recorded around 1,250 attacks by Israeli settlers against Palestinians and their property.

"There has been an uptick in vigilante attacks by a minority

of settlers," David Makovsky, director of the Koret Project on Arab-Israeli Relations at the Washington Institute, said in an interview. "The West Bank is a tinderbox."

Few attacks, however, have generated the kind of immediate approbation from Israeli officials that followed the storming of Jit.

In July, a departing Israeli general issued a harsh rebuke of the government's policies in the West Bank and condemned rising "nationalist crime" by Jewish settlers. Retired Major General Yehuda Fuks, the former chief of Israel's Central Command, said in a speech that the actions of a violent minority threatened Israel's security, undermined Israel's reputation internationally, and sowed fear among Palestinians.

Israel's president, Isaac Herzog, expressed a similar sentiment Thursday in response to the riot in Jit. "This is not our way and certainly not the way of Torah and Judaism," Herzog said in a post on social media. He accused an "extremist minority" of settlers of harming Israel's standing in the international community during an "especially sensitive and difficult time."

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Chicago prepares for protesters expected at convention

Pro-Palestinian groups plan mass demonstration

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Security is always tight at Chicago's Accenture Tower, a skyscraper that connects to a downtown transportation hub and houses the Israeli consulate. Next week it will resemble a fortress.

Located less than two miles from where Vice President Kamala Harris will speak at the Democratic National Convention, the tower is bracing for protests. Pro-Palestinian groups are planning a mass demonstration outside the building, urging followers to "Shut Down the DNC for Gaza!" and decrying Harris

over her support for Israel in its war against Hamas.

The protests will now become a major test for Harris, who has been on a swift ascent since President Biden stepped aside from the race amid concerns about his age and mental acuity. The tension between her bid for party unity and the activists' goal of upsetting the festivities also puts the spotlight on Chicago's security plans — and concerns from police and Democratic leaders over the risk of disruptions and the images they would present to the world.

The worries are exacerbated by memories of two events that rocked Chicago: The Vietnam War protests that erupted into police brutality when the city hosted the 1968 Democratic convention, and the riots that spread across town in 2020 after the murder of George Floyd.

"We will not allow people to

come here and destroy the city," Chicago Police Superintendent Larry Snelling told reporters this week. "The moment that starts, we're going to intervene. I'm not going to wait until it gets out of control."

The planned demonstration outside the Israeli consulate is just part of a broader protest effort that activists say will bring thousands of people from across the country. While most pro-Palestinian protests across the US this year have been peaceful, there have been high-profile incidents of antisemitism and thousands of arrests, including at Chicago universities.

Organizers of a march next week said the event would be inclusive and peaceful.

"Our protest is made up of the broadest, most diverse audience, including children and seniors, people of all physical abilities, people of all immigration

statuses," said Hatem Abu-dayyeh, national chair of the US Palestinian Community Network and a spokesman for the March on the DNC.

Harris has tried to adopt a more sympathetic tone toward the plight of Palestinians in Gaza, but her support of Israel has angered the activists.

"Kamala, Kamala you can't hide! We won't vote for genocide," a group of them yelled at a campaign rally in Detroit earlier this month. The visibly annoyed vice president responded: "You know what? If you want Donald Trump to win, then say that. Otherwise, I'm speaking."

There will be speeches from Biden, Harris, and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, her running mate, drawing contrasts with their Republican opponents: former President Donald Trump and his running mate, Ohio Senator JD Vance.

While police prepare for protests, Democratic officials planning the convention have been reaching out to uncommitted delegates representing voters who opposed Biden in the primaries, the New York Times reported. Most withheld support from the president over what they viewed as his staunch support for Israel amid the rising death toll in Gaza.

Ensuring the event goes smoothly will also be key for Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker, who is often cited as having future presidential aspirations.

In preparation for the Democratic gathering, police studied the failures of 2020 and implemented enhanced training for about 2,500 officers. Chicago is also bringing in as many as 500 police from outside the city, who will be placed around the convention. Some will come from Milwaukee, where Chicago sent

officers last month to help with the Republican National Convention.

In Chicago, the clashes of 1968 weren't limited to the streets, said Craig Sautter, who 56 years ago witnessed violence between demonstrators and police officers during the Democratic gathering that has long scarred the city. There was discord inside the convention as well, said Sautter, co-author of the book "Inside the Wigwam: Chicago Presidential Conventions 1860-1996."

That's unlikely to happen this year given that disagreement over the Vietnam War was pervasive and next week's convention is about party unity around Harris, he said.

"Inside the convention will be calm," said Sautter, who teaches a class on 1968 at Chicago's DePaul University. "Outside there could be some chaos."

Trump says civilian award is 'better' than military award

At a campaign event at his golf club in Bedminster, New Jersey, billed as a discussion

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK about fighting antisemitism, Trump recounted how

he awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Miriam Adelson, the Israeli-American widow of casino magnate Sheldon Adelson. Miriam Adelson, who attended the event, is among his top donors.

"It's actually much better, because everyone gets the Congressional Medal of Honor, that's soldiers, they're either in very bad shape because they've been hit so many times by bullets, or they're dead." Trump said. "She gets it, and she's a healthy, beautiful woman."

Standing in front of six American flags, Trump added that the honors were "rated equal."

Brian Hughes, a Trump campaign spokesman, said that Trump's comments referred to "how it can be an emotionally difficult experience to give the Congressional Medal of Honor to veterans who have been wounded or tragically killed defending our country, as he proudly did when he was commander in chief."

But Trump's remarks drew swift criticism from Democrats and anti-Trump Republicans, who argued that he has exhibited a pattern of disrespect toward military service members that has made him unfit for command.

"Donald Trump knows nothing about service to anyone or anything but himself," a spokesperson for Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign, Sarafina Chitika, said, adding that his comments "should remind all Americans that we owe it to our service members, our country, and our future to make sure Donald Trump is never our nation's commander in chief again."

Trump's remarks also threatened to undermine efforts by his

Republican allies to attack Democratic vice-presidential nominee Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota over his military record.

Trump's running mate, Senator JD Vance of Ohio, who spent four years in the Marine Corps, has criticized Walz for leaving the Army National Guard to avoid being deployed to Iraq and for exaggerating his service record to claim falsely that he had served in combat.

Walz, who retired from the National Guard in 2005 after 24 years, has defended his record, framing his decision to leave the military to run for Congress as a "call of a duty." When he retired, soldiers knew a deployment to Iraq was possible but the actual orders came months after his retirement.

Walz did not personally explain why he said he served in a combat role in war, but the Harris campaign has said Walz "misspoke" when he gave the impression at a political event in 2018 that he had done so.

Vance on Friday defended Trump, telling reporters at a campaign event in Milwaukee that the former president was a "guy who loves our veterans and who honors our veterans." Though he acknowledged he had not heard Trump's full remarks, Vance characterized them as compliments for Adelson that were not "in any way denigrating those who received military honors."

NEW YORK TIMES

Walz more favorable than Vance, a new poll says

Minnesota Governor Tim Walz has made a positive first impression after Vice President Kamala Harris announced him as her running mate. But Senator JD Vance (R-Ohio), former president Donald Trump's choice for vice president, is not winning the popularity contest.

A Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll finds 32 percent of Americans have a favorable impression of Vance and 42 percent find him unfavorable, a net



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Former president Trump arrived for a news conference outside the Trump National Golf Club Bedminster on Thursday.

favorability rating of -10 points.

For Walz, 39 percent are favorable and 30 percent are unfavorable, giving him a net positive rating of nine points. It's still early for both Vance and Walz, with more than one-quarter of Americans saying they don't have an opinion of each. The two candidates agreed this week to face off in a debate on Oct. 1.

Within their parties, both men are well liked. Vance's net favorability among Republicans is +55 and Walz's is an even higher +72 among Democrats.

But Vance struggles beyond typically Republican-leaning groups. He has negative favorable ratings among men (-12), women (-8), and both people under 40 (-22) and 65 and older (-4) — as well as those in between (-4). Despite Vance deriding Democratic leaders for not having children — including Harris, who has two stepchildren — his net favorable rating is -10 among both parents and those without children at home.

Vance receives net positive

ratings among white Christians, including +37 net favorability among white evangelical Protestants, +2 among white non-evangelical Protestants, and +6 among white Catholics, though the latter two margins are not statistically significant. He's also net positive among rural Americans (+13 points), albeit negative among urban (-20) and suburban Americans (-10).

But on the Democratic ticket, Walz's ratings are positive among most groups, though not overwhelmingly. He's net positive 16 points among people under 40 and six points positive among those 40 and older. Walz is seen positively by both men (+9) and women (+9), is net positive among Black people (+41), and Latinos (+15), while white people split roughly down the middle for both candidates.

As in voting patterns, there are sharp differences among white people by educational attainment: Walz is 18 points positive among white people with college degrees, while Vance is 22 points negative with the

same group. And where Vance is nine points positive among white people without bachelor's degrees, Walz is 11 points negative.

WASHINGTON POST

Trump ad-libs during news conference about inflation

He was supposed to be talking about Country Crock.

It was Thursday afternoon, and former President Donald J. Trump was standing outside the clubhouse at his golf course in Bedminster, N.J. Behind him was a bunch of butter substitutes, milk, eggs, and various other groceries that had been laid out across two gold-topped tables with little white signs bearing all sorts of statistics and upward-shooting arrows that detailed the "Price Increase Since Kamala Harris Took Office."

The day before, the Consumer Price Index report had been released, and Vice President Harris made plans to unveil her own economic agenda on Friday. So the Trump campaign threw

together this news conference to get out ahead of her, to remind voters about inflation and Mr. Trump's economic record. It came at a time when many of his allies were begging him to focus on a winning message.

But he appeared to get bored with the grocery talk after a few minutes. And so, there he stood, beside the Fruit Loops and the Wheaties and the Lunchables and the Folgers and the Oreos and the Wonder Bread, talking about MS-13 gang members and Elon Musk and communism and artificial intelligence and John Kerry and windmills and "bird cemeteries" and diesel fuel and Bagram airport and Viktor Orban and the homicide rate in Chicago.

After 45 minutes, Trump, who has described himself as a bacon-and-eggs guy, glanced down at the food and seemed to remember why he was standing out there in the first place.

"I haven't seen Cheerios in a long time," he said. "I'm going to take them back with me."

NEW YORK TIMES

Kim Dotcom loses fight to halt deportation to face US copyright trial

Founded wildly popular website for file-sharing

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Kim Dotcom, founder of the once wildly popular file-sharing website Megaupload, lost a 12-year fight this week to halt his deportation from New Zealand to the United States on charges of copyright infringement, money laundering, and racketeering.

New Zealand's Justice Minister Paul Goldsmith divulged Friday that he had decided Dotcom should be surrendered to the United States to face trial, capping — for now — a drawn-out legal fight. A date for the extradition was not set, and Goldsmith

said Dotcom would be allowed "a short period of time to consider and take advice" on the decision.

"Don't worry I have a plan," Dotcom posted on X this week. He did not elaborate, although a member of his legal team, Ira Rothken, wrote on the site that a bid for a judicial review — in which a New Zealand judge would be asked to evaluate Goldsmith's decision — was being prepared.

The saga stretches to the 2012 arrest of Dotcom in a dramatic raid on his Auckland mansion, along with other company officers. Prosecutors said Megaupload raked in at least \$175 million — mainly from people who used the site to illegally download songs, television shows, and movies — before the FBI shut it down earlier that year.

Lawyers for the Finnish-Ger-



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Kim Dotcom spoke during a select committee hearing at parliament, on July 3, 2013, in Wellington, New Zealand.

man millionaire and the others arrested had argued that it was the users of the site, founded in 2005, who chose to pirate mate-

rial, not its founders. But prosecutors argued the men were the architects of a vast criminal enterprise, with the Department of

Justice describing it as the largest criminal copyright case in US history.

The men fought the order for years — lambasting the investigation and arrests — but in 2021, New Zealand's Supreme Court ruled that Dotcom and two other men could be extradited. It remained up to the country's Justice Minister to decide if the extradition should proceed.

Three of Goldsmith's predecessors did not announce a decision. Goldsmith was appointed justice minister in November after New Zealand's government changed in an election.

"I have received extensive advice from the Ministry of Justice on this matter" and considered all information carefully, Goldsmith said in his statement.

"I love New Zealand. I'm not leaving," German-born Dotcom

wrote on X on Thursday. He did not respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

Two of his former business partners, Mathias Ortmann and Bram van der Kolk, pleaded guilty to charges against them in a New Zealand court in June 2023 and were sentenced to 2½ years in prison. In exchange, efforts by the United States to extradite them were dropped.

Prosecutors had earlier abandoned their extradition bid against a fourth officer of the company, Finn Batato, who was arrested in New Zealand. Batato returned to Germany, where he died from cancer in 2022.

In 2015, Megaupload computer programmer Andrus Nomm, of Estonia, pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit felony copyright infringement and was sentenced to one year and one day in US federal prison.

Blueberry farmers take on climate change

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their fields in real time and adjusting timing, fertilizer, and irrigation year after year.

“The crop adapted to the climate in a certain way [over time], but now we’re seeing this rapid change,” Tooley said. “We’ve had to become more flexible and more adaptive in how we manage this crop, and respond to climate change to help the plant thrive.”

Nearby in the field, hand pickers in long pants and wide-brimmed hats swung metal rakes low to the ground, pulling up the fresh berries from patches that sprouted about ankle-high. Meanwhile in the neighboring town of Cherryfield, widely considered the wild blueberry capital of the world, other Wyman’s farmers steered tractor-sized mechanical pickers back and forth across the fields, yanking up blueberry shrubs and catapulting the berries onto a conveyor belt that shuttled them into crates.

The wild blueberry industry contributes over \$360 million to Maine’s economy each year, according to the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine. Wyman’s alone, one of the state’s larger operations, employs roughly 300 people year around; employment numbers vary for the other approximately 500 growers.

Unlike the high-bush blueberries found in supermarkets across America, wild (or low-bush) blueberries are not planted; rather they spread on their own through underground roots that farmers carefully manage to encourage their growth.

A resilient plant that can grow everywhere from mountaintops and rocky cliffs to sandier coastline soil, wild blueberries don’t need tilling, and typically don’t require much care at all beyond biennial pruning and swarms of honeybees trucked in to help the plants bear fruit. (Wild blueberries are biennials, meaning the plants produce fruit every other year.) Even during difficult years marked by frost or drought, Tooley said, the plants self-regulate to some extent, with “better pollinator efficacy in fields with more damage.”

Even so, research indicates that the region’s blueberry barrens, places where the fruit nat-



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A combine harvester guided by GPS worked at a blueberry barren owned by Wyman’s Blueberries in Deblois, Maine.

urally grows, are warming faster than the rest of the state. And as the climate becomes not just hotter, but more unpredictable, growers like Wyman’s are increasingly investing resources into predicting future weather conditions, and tending to plants with ever more attention to ensure the fruit makes it to harvest.

“Climate adaptation and mitigation planning ... is the challenge of our time. If we want to have a functioning and healthy agricultural system in this country and around the world, we have to be thinking about this,” said Rachel Schattman, a former vegetable farmer and sustainable agriculture professor at the University of Maine, who is working with Wyman’s to model the impact of weather patterns on wild blueberry production.

“If you apply climate change to a market setting ... it’s becoming more and more something that farmers think about a lot, and they understand it affects their business a tremendous amount,” she added. “People used to say, ‘My grandfather always started harvest on the first week of August.’ No questions asked, that’s just when the har-

vest starts. But that’s not reliable anymore.”

Tooley said the shift away from the “calendar method” is industrywide; instead, she and other farmers and ecologists are in the fields multiple times a week throughout the spring, even tagging specific plants to closely study them for signs of buds preparing to flower, and flowers preparing to bear fruit. This year, the harvest in Downeast Maine started in early July and is expected to wrap up weeks before its usual end in mid-September.

While summer weather has varied sharply in recent years — with 2020 and 2022 marked by drought, then a deluge of rain last year — Tooley pointed to three major trends in berry growth that farmers have noticed in the past decade: a longer, earlier growing season, warmer temperatures, and more precipitation. And though that may sound like good news for the harvest, those conditions can harm the blueberry plants, which respond in real time to changing weather patterns.

For example, Tooley said she’s repeatedly observed what ecologists are calling “fall

bloom” during unseasonably warm autumns, when the shrubs mistake the heat for springtime weather and begin to flower six months early. Those buds are then damaged during winter frost, reducing the amount of fruit the plant is able to produce the following year. Similarly, “snowpack,” or a layer of compressed snow over the ground, historically protected the low-growing plant from harsh winds and severe cold temperatures. But with less snowfall in recent years, the plants are forced to face the winter elements.

Growers are limited in what they can do to protect the vast acres of land during the colder months, but once spring hits, Tooley said, her team kicks into high gear to try and simulate “normal” growing conditions as much as possible.

“We’re definitely bringing in bees earlier than we used to ... and irrigating more,” she explained. “The plant is doing everything it can to ripen and reproduce, and we have to give it everything it needs to keep going.”

Each year holds lessons for the next one. After the first year

of intense drought, for example, growers introduced a nitrogen-based fertilizer to the help the soil retain moisture on hotter days. And because of last year’s heavy rainfall, when many of the berries were soggy from overwatering, Tooley said that this year the team is careful to pull back on irrigation on rainy days and adjust the frequency of watering to be more often on sunny ones.

Of course, it all leads up to the first day of harvest, which kicks off a period of nonstop berry collection. And if they get it right, berries abound — so many that harvesters don’t need to worry about crushing a few shrubs in the process.

“We work all year — for two whole years — to make this happen, then we have four weeks to get it out of the ground,” Tooley said. “A lot of people’s livelihoods rely on this, and while we trust the resiliency of the crop, we also want to give it the resources to help it flourish and continue to sustain the people that depend on it.”

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Dennis shelter builder says officials have conflict

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ter filed a complaint with the town of Dennis and the state attorney general’s office arguing Hamlin and another Planning Board member, Elizabeth Chamberlain Patterson, have a conflict of interest over the project that should have precluded them from participating in discussions about it.

Patterson is the daughter of Dennis Town Moderator Robert Chamberlain, who co-owns with Hamlin much of the property near the planned shelter. She has participated in discussions and votes that could affect the development, according to recordings of those meetings viewed by the Globe.

Neither Hamlin nor Patterson had filed disclosures with the town about their links to properties near the shelter site as of late Wednesday, according to the Dennis Town Clerk’s office.

Moreover, the chairman of the Dennis Planning Board, Paul McCormick Jr., who has also questioned approval of the project, has come under fire as well. This spring he signed a real estate filing that declared his primary residence is in Harwich, prompting charges from the nonprofit that he should not be allowed to serve on the Dennis board.

These latest developments ratchet up the controversy over the Housing Assistance Corporation’s proposal to convert a former nursing home on Love Lane into a transitional shelter for families, aimed at easing the increase in homelessness in Barnstable County.

Although the property has been issued a building permit by the town of Dennis, members of the Planning Board have raised objections. The board is scheduled to meet Monday and is expected to discuss appealing the

permit — a legal step that Hamlin, Patterson, and McCormick are on record supporting.

Chamberlain, in an e-mail Wednesday night, did not answer questions from the Globe. He said that “to my knowledge,” none of the properties he and Hamlin own are legal abutters to the Love Lane project, and they did not receive an abutter notification from the developer.

Hamlin on Thursday declined to comment, instead referring questions to the law firm run by Chamberlain.

Patterson did not respond to requests for comment.

McCormick, in a brief phone call, said he is living at his father’s house in Dennis while work is done at his Harwich property. “I live in Dennis,” he said, shortly before hanging up.

In the complaint, HAC lawyer Robert L. Brennan Jr. said the property interests were evidence the board was trying to force the developer to abandon its shelter project. The complaint also said that if McCormick lives in Harwich, he is ineligible to serve on the Planning Board.

“This matter commands your immediate attention,” Brennan wrote. “Our client demands that the town’s efforts to intentionally frustrate HAC’s lawful use of 1 Love Lane for shelter housing with education cease immediately.”

HAC has already begun work inside the former nursing home, and its lawyers have said stopping the conversion would lead to costly delays. The developer’s lawyers have repeatedly accused the Planning Board of bowing to pressure from critics who have claimed the shelter would be used to house migrants who have been flocking to the state. HAC has said that while it is a “possibility” migrant families



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The site of a proposed shelter for homeless families in Dennis at 1 Love Lane.

could move in, the shelter is intended for Cape residents.

The State Ethics Commission advises public officials, including members of municipal boards, to avoid violating the state’s conflict of interest law by recusing themselves from discussions and votes on matters that could have an impact on their financial interests, those of a business partner, or an immediate family member, including parents.

To participate in such a discussion, a public official must publicly disclose their interest and receive an exemption from their appointing authority, according to the commission.

The Dennis Select Board, which appoints the Planning Board, did not respond to questions about whether any exemption was granted. (McCormick’s father is a member of the Select Board.)

According to the Town Clerk’s office this week, McCormick, Hamlin, and Patterson had not filed any disclosures with the town.

At the heart of the dispute between the developer and the Planning Board is the Dover

Amendment, a state law that exempts some uses, such as education, from specific local zoning restrictions. HAC’s proposal includes educational programming for families to help them live independently and ultimately find homes of their own.

Dennis’s building commissioner and town counsel determined that the shelter project “likely” would be a protected use under the state law, and the Building Department issued a permit for it in late July.

During Planning Board meetings in May, July, and last week, Hamlin, Patterson, and McCormick were among members who argued the project shouldn’t fall under the Dover amendment, according to recordings of those sessions reviewed by the Globe. If the project did not, the Planning Board would have far greater oversight.

“I’m just struggling with this,” Patterson said at one meeting in May.

In July, McCormick indicated the board was trying to slow down the HAC project.

“The Planning Board stepped up ... by slowing the process down and throwing up a bit of a

wrench in to make sure that everything was being reviewed, and that our opinion that Dover is likely not applicable here,” McCormick said.

According to Harwich property records, Hamlin owns nine properties near the town line with Dennis and in proximity to the shelter site, including six that he co-owns with Chamberlain.

Many are arrayed along the sole road that leads to the project; the nearest is less than 500 feet from the proposed shelter—a 1.5-acre parcel on Main Street Extension in Harwich. Most of the properties are undeveloped and zoned for industrial use; several have commercial buildings on them.

All together, the nine Harwich properties have a combined assessed value of more than \$4 million, records show.

Hamlin also owns a quarter-acre lot in Dennis, a short distance from the shelter site, according to public records.

According to Barnstable Registry of Deeds records, McCormick and his wife purchased a home in Harwich for \$1.15 million on or around April 9, 2024, and indicated on a declaration of homestead filing that the couple occupied or intended to occupy the premises as their principal residence.

As of Wednesday, McCormick remained registered to vote in Dennis, according to the Town Clerk’s office.

Sydney Heiberger, press secretary for the attorney general’s office, said the agency was following developments involving the proposed shelter.

“We take any alleged violation of the law seriously,” Heiberger said.

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Protests grow in India over fatal attack

Medical workers call for stoppage

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NEW DELHI — Thousands of people marched through various Indian cities Friday to protest the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at a government hospital, demanding justice and better security at medical campuses and hospitals.

Demonstrators held signs calling for accountability for the woman’s rape and killing as they gathered near Parliament in New Delhi. Similar protests were held in the eastern city of Kolkata — the capital of West Bengal state where the killing took place — and other Indian cities like Mumbai and Hyderabad.

The protests, which have generally been peaceful, began Aug. 9 when police discovered the bloodied body of the 31-year-old trainee doctor at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital’s seminar hall in Kolkata.

An autopsy later confirmed sexual assault, and a police volunteer was detained in connection with the crime. The family of the victim alleged it was a case of a gang rape and more were involved.

State government officers who first began investigating the case have been accused of mishandling it. Police later handed the case to federal investigators following a court order.

In the days since, mounting anger has boiled over into nationwide outrage and stirred protests over violence against women. The protests have also led thousands of doctors and paramedics to walk out of some public hospitals across India and demand a safer working environment.

Sexual violence against women is a widespread problem in India. In 2022, police recorded 31,516 reports of rape — a 20 percent increase from 2021, according to the National Crime Records Bureau.

Many cases of crimes against women go unreported in India due to stigma surrounding sexual violence, as well as a lack of faith in the police. Women’s rights activists say the problem is particularly acute in rural areas, where the community sometimes shames victims of sexual assault and families worry about their social standing.

Richa Garg, a doctor who was part of the protests Friday in New Delhi, said she no longer felt safe at her workplace.

“As a woman, it boils my blood. The culprits of this crime should be found immediately ... and our workplaces should be made safer,” she said.

On Wednesday night, the hospital where the trainee doctor was killed was attacked. Police did not identify who was behind the rampage, but said they have arrested 19 so far.

The Indian Medical Association, the country’s largest grouping of medics, called late Thursday for a “nationwide withdrawal of services,” except essential services, for 24 hours starting Saturday.

“Doctors, especially women are vulnerable to violence because of the nature of the profession. It is for the authorities to provide for the safety of doctors inside hospitals and campuses,” the IMA said in a statement issued on the social media platform X.

Political parties, Bollywood actors, and other high profile celebrities have also voiced shock at the crime and called for stricter punishments for those who commit them.

For many, the gruesome nature of the attack has invoked comparisons with the horrific 2012 gang rape and killing of a 23-year-old student on a New Delhi bus. The attack galvanized massive protests, sometimes violent, and inspired lawmakers to order harsher penalties for such crimes, as well as the creation of fast-track courts dedicated to rape cases. Under pressure, the government also introduced the death penalty for repeat offenders.

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MARCELA GARCÍA

Losing a pet: I asked, you answered

It's hard not to think constantly about death when you have a senior pet. I find myself wondering all the time what the last day for my dog will look like, or whether he'll know what's happening.

I know, I know. I should learn a thing or two from our pets, who always live in the moment.

Some of you recently reminded me of that nugget of wisdom — and then some. When I wrote about a controversial pet euthanasia legal ruling in Massachusetts, I asked readers to share their stories of pet loss and the ensuing grief. How did you know it was time to say goodbye? Did you follow your veterinarian's advice or did you make the decision yourself?

I received more than 100 responses.

Several things struck me when reviewing people's emotional stories (yes, I read every single one). More than 50 percent of those who responded said they themselves

knew it was time to put their pet to sleep. About 1 in 5 said they did it when their veterinarian recommended euthanasia, and nearly a third offered a variety of deciding factors, including their animals' diminished quality of life and having difficulty controlling their pets' pain.

One particular response stood out. Niki Vettel of Winthrop wrote to say she is "an animal companion end-of-life doula" and the job is exactly what it sounds like. At least two area universities — University of New England in Maine and University of Vermont — offer online professional certificates to become pet death doulas.

While doulas are typically associated with the beginning of life, assisting patients during their pregnancies and labor, they also lend support at the end of life, including the death of domestic animals.

"You want to help the client have a good death," Vettel told me, clarifying that in her case the client is the dying pet's owner. And what is the most important quality a pet death doula should have? I asked her. "We are taught how to be nonjudgmental. You're not there to fix the situation. You're there to provide support." And that can look different from client to client. "I can

come to the vet and take notes for you, or help with your children and help them understand what's going on, etc."

As rates of pet ownership rise, so does the need for occupations like doulas and pet loss grief specialists. Companies are also catching up, offering pet bereavement leave (and "pawternity" leave) among their benefits.

Vettel also said that there's been a huge increase in at-home pet euthanasia, in part thanks to national nonprofit organizations like Lap of Love that help connect pet owners with end-of-life resources, such as a network of veterinarians



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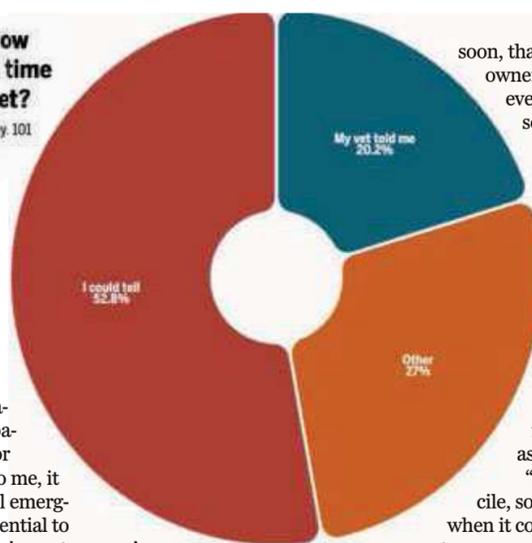


En Español:



Readers respond: How did you know it was time to euthanize your pet?

Source: *Globe Opinion* reader survey. 101 readers responded.
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who will perform the procedure at your home and veterinary hospice options.

If you're tempted to roll your eyes and dismiss Vettel's job as cockamamie, then you're probably not the right client for her, and that's OK. But to me, it sounds like a meaningful emerging field that has the potential to make a big difference during pet owners' worst moments. It could also help ease the emotional load and trauma that typically falls on veterinarians, the so-called compassion fatigue that the profession carries.

A major theme from my informal survey about pet euthanasia is that many of the respondents seem to have lingering guilt about the timing of it. "I second-guess myself often," Kate Chambers wrote. "Mostly wondering ... if it had to be THAT DAY?"

"They say it's the hardest decision you ever make during your pet's life, and this is true. However, it's also the greatest gift that you give your beloved companion," Tammy Camillone wrote. "A common phrase you hear is 'better a day too

soon, than an hour too late.' Responsible pet owners do not want to see their pets suffer, even if it means having to say goodbye sooner than we would like."

Most readers agree: "It is an act of love not to let your best friend suffer," Paul Goodwin said.

Another common thread was the obvious comparison with human end-of-life care. "[W]hat about human suffering? And forcing people to prolong their lives?" an anonymous reader from New Jersey wrote. "[S]hould they be allowed to humanely end their own suffering? I think the same concern for animals should be extended to us as humans."

"[F]or reasons that I have yet to reconcile, society treats pets better than people when it comes to end-of-life issues," Chris Deziel wrote.

For all the pain and grief evident in readers' replies, it was also moving to see so many people clearly recognize that caring for and loving a pet is a huge responsibility and privilege. And many pet owners, after going through a loss, are more than happy to do it all over again.

"Will I get another dog? Absolutely!" Molly Shamas wrote. "I'm already looking at local rescue sites for my next dog. Time to save another life, for however long that may be."

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Tibetan people deserve their dignity — and their rights

By Jim McGovern

Earlier this summer, I was part of a bipartisan congressional delegation that traveled to Dharamshala, India, to meet with the Dalai Lama.

Our visit was to India — not Tibet — because the Dalai Lama has lived in exile there for the past 65 years, forced to flee after his native homeland was brutally taken over and occupied by the People's Republic of China.

For decades, the United States has played a complicated role in the resulting dispute — pledging support for the people of Tibet while also accepting China's sovereignty over the region. In recent years, and rightfully so, the Chinese government has come under increasing scrutiny for violating the rights of the Tibetan people and attempting to erase their language, culture, religion, and way of life. For America to help right these wrongs, we must demand that China start treating the people of Tibet with dignity and respect. We have more tools in the toolbox — now is the time to use them.

Visiting with His Holiness was an incredibly powerful and moving experience. As the world's best-known Tibetan leader, he has inspired millions with his belief in the oneness of all humanity and the importance of human dignity. I have been guided by his commitment to nonviolence and his dedication to preserving the one planet we all share. In a world consumed by turmoil, his leadership is as relevant and as necessary today as ever.

Yet it is the Tibetan people who the Dalai Lama represents who are most on my mind after my trip — those still in Tibet, who every day must confront the Chinese government's unceasing efforts to erase their existence, and those scattered in diaspora communities all over the world, doing their utmost to keep their history and memory alive.

Our visit to Dharamshala was a vivid reminder of these two realities. The Tibetans we met in India are there because of Chinese repression. The thriving community and sol-



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Tibetan Buddhist monks played the traditional Kangling instrument, a horn made from the human tibia, at the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery on Feb. 8, in Bylakuppe, India.

id institutions they have built — including the democratically self-governing Central Tibetan Administration — are evidence of their strength and resilience as a people. But the underlying dispute over the Tibetan right to self-determination is unresolved.

The week before our bipartisan delegation departed for India, the House voted overwhelmingly to pass the Promoting a Peaceful Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act, a bill I authored. This legislation affirms America's support for Tibetan self-determination and requires the State Department to counter false information about Tibet — such as the PRC claim that Tibet has been part of China since ancient times. Correcting the historical record is one step the United States can take to support the Tibetan people.

China has criticized this new legislation with the tired accusation that it constitutes interference in China's internal affairs. In

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fact, the PRC sanctioned me for my role in calling out their horrific human rights record — an action that only serves to highlight how afraid their leadership is of free and open debate, and how they seek to punish and silence those who disagree with them.

I will wear their sanctions as a badge of honor, and I will continue to call on the Chinese government to honor its existing obligations under international human rights law. As a state party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, China has accepted that "all peoples have the right to self-determination." Self-de-

termination can take many forms; the Dalai Lama's Middle Way Approach, which seeks genuine autonomy for Tibetans in China, is one example.

The United States must continue to pressure Chinese officials to stop their efforts to erase Tibetan culture. Tibetans must be able to speak their language, practice their religion, educate their children, and preserve their history as they see fit. Tibetan political prisoners should be released. And the Dalai Lama's successor, the Panchen Lama — forcibly disappeared by the Chinese government in 1995 — should be allowed to live his life in freedom. The Dalai Lama should be allowed to return to Tibet if he wants and meet with his people.

The United States must also urge the Chinese government to negotiate in good faith with the Dalai Lama, the Central Tibetan Administration, or whoever Tibetans decide, to ensure a future in which Tibetans preserve their dignity and all of their rights. There is no obstacle to negotiation on the Tibetan side. It is past time for the PRC to return to the table. If they were to take these steps, the international community would respond positively.

Finally, America must uplift the voices of Tibetans in the diaspora and support their initiatives to preserve their culture and memory. At the end of the day, this comes back to the Tibetan children who greeted us upon our arrival in Dharamshala. We seek a better future for their sake.

Despite our differences, China and the United States must learn to peacefully coexist. But peaceful coexistence doesn't mean staying silent when we disagree — we have different principles and values, and those values compel the United States to stand up until the human rights of the Tibetan people are respected.

America must stand in solidarity with the people of Tibet for as long as that takes.

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READERS' FORUM

Welcome to Boylston Street, a microcosm of the bike lane battle

Not-on-my-busy-street perspective is a 20th-century argument

Re "Is the Boylston Street bike lane really necessary?" (Metro, Aug. 12): Based on the car-centric perspective of Brian McGrory's column, you could be forgiven for thinking that he might be an anthropomorphic automobile from one of the Pixar movies come to life.

Recently, for the first time in many years, I drove my car down Boylston Street from Mass. Ave. to Charles Street. I was surprised at how narrow it has become. I recalled how back in my college days, Boylston Street used to be three lanes of wide, straight, sometimes-lawless chaos. Picture "Mad Max: Fury Road" without the stunts and pyrotechnics. As a classic unreformed Boston driver in my 20s, I found it fast and fun — though for bicyclists, not so much.

McGrory's 20th-century perspective — that Boylston Street would be better if vehicle traffic could move unimpeded — is almost amusing. He's certainly right about one thing, though: "There's little middle ground" in this debate. He seems to feel that bicycles deserve their own space on the streets of Boston as long as they don't ride on the streets he likes or cause him one minute of delay on his drive.

NATHANIEL WOODWARD
Stockbridge



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A city-installed bike lane on Boylston Street has reduced three lanes of vehicular traffic to two.

City has made a mess of what was a beautiful street

Thank you, Brian McGrory, for a timely and well-reasoned column about the changes to Boylston Street. Having worked in that area for 20 years, I was appalled, on a recent return visit, to see the chaotic mess this beautiful street has become. In general I applaud efforts to support commuters who pursue alternatives to driving a car into the city, but these changes have to make sense.

Leaving the bike lane discussion to others, I question the new bus line as not only intrusive but also unnecessary. In my experience, when there were three lanes, the bus was rarely slowed by traffic, and given that there are bus stops all along Boylston Street, it would seem the dedicated lane makes no difference in terms of bus speed or time of the commute.

As new efforts to move people through the city — by bike, car, or bus — are introduced, I hope that the architects of these changes are evaluating whether they achieve their goals and that they are willing to rethink things if they do not.

PAT KELLEHER
South Boston

It's long past time for vehicular traffic to make room on the roads

The Brian McGrory column criticizing the bike lanes on Boylston Street unfortunately follows the historical American ideology favoring motorized transportation. This is most evidenced by his complaint that "what used to be three through lanes ... has been reduced to a maximum of two." The headline itself, "Is the Boylston Street bike lane really

necessary?" only serves to maintain the hegemony of motorized transportation, something which is way past time for change.

McGrory's testament that various forms of transportation, such as delivery drivers, are "not going away" is a surrender to these drivers frequently double-parking and violating other regulations while often interfering with other vehicular traffic as well as cyclists and pedestrians. Nowhere to be found in his piece is the suggestion of enforcing laws.

Stating that there is insufficient walk time for crossing the street at selected intersections is a valid criticism, but more importantly, all roads should simply be safe for all users, including pedestrians.

We obviously need improved planning and good implementation. Cheap shots, though, are not helpful.

ROBERT ROSOFSKY
Milton

We should think even bigger: Imagine car-free boulevards

Brian McGrory is lamenting necessary and reasonable changes that haven't been executed well. But the fact is we don't need fewer bike lanes. What we need is fewer cars. For that matter, maybe we don't need any cars on Boylston or Newbury street. They could be magnificent boulevards — no congestion, no chaos; more outdoor seating.

Not only in Copenhagen but also in numerous other European cities the concept works well: enough parking around the city center, public transportation, and a network of bike lanes. The result: vibrant pedestrian zones and commercial centers.

The Boylston Street bike lane is not the problem. Rather, it is the lack of a well-planned, visionary infrastructure concept for the entire city. But that requires all of us changing our relationship to cars, agreeing on funding, and accepting a period of construction. Either we do and come out much better at the end of it, or we keep living with traffic jams and a noisy, messy Boston.

MICHAELA NIELSEN
Quincy

Meanwhile, pedestrians are left to dodge cars — and bikes

I thought Brian McGrory was spot-on in his criticism of the disaster that traffic on Boylston Street has turned into. It led me to wonder whether our municipal government is actually preparing Bostonians to participate in a new pedestrian olympics.

We have long competed for the greatest number of falls on broken pavements and close encounters with cyclists (old-fashioned and increasingly motorized) speeding on sidewalks as well as in bike lanes. A new competition would involve attempting to cross Boylston Street at intersections where it's impossible to tell whether there's oncoming traffic because cars and delivery vans are blocking the view.

One popular event would be to identify the pedestrians who use the most colorful language in yelling at drivers and cyclists who come close to hitting them — or in describing the politicians who have created this mess.

KATHRYN RUTH BLOOM
Boston

I biked to Boylston Street to run an errand. In short: Thank you, Mayor Wu.

Contrary to what columnist Brian McGrory argues, people who bike to the Prudential Center, Copley Square, the Boston Public Library, or the restaurants and stores in Back Bay have an entitlement to Boylston Street equal to drivers.

On Sunday afternoon, I needed to pick up an item at a store in the Pru. Having commuted by bike to my downtown law office for decades, I knew the quickest way to get there and back was by bicycle.

Thanks to the new bike lanes that Mayor Michelle Wu has championed, it took me little more than 15 minutes to get to the Prudential Center from Brookline by way of Beacon Street, Mass. Ave., and then Boylston. There was an available bike rack next to a street busker.

I picked up my item and headed home, crossing Newbury Street, closed to vehicular traffic on Sundays in the summer and crowded with shoppers, tourists, and others enjoying the fresh air.

The round trip took me an hour, including the shopping. I couldn't have done that in a motor vehicle.

I concede that the two vehicle lanes on Boylston were crowded with cars, but from what I saw, the cars moved about as fast as in the old days of three lanes for which McGrory longs.

Boylston Street was not built for only motor vehicles. It was built for people who travel on Boylston Street in many ways.

Thank you, Mayor Wu.

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CHRISTOPHER WEYANT



BPS for school year with buses and monitors

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cording to district data.

“That 100 percent fill and above is something that very few large urban districts are able to achieve,” Skipper said, noting BPS pulled it off through partnerships with the bus driver and monitor unions and training programs.

Skipper shared the development at a back-to-school press conference with Mayor Michelle Wu at a school bus yard in Roxbury where they touted several transportation improvements, including a new training facility to grow the workforce of school bus drivers and a new bus tracking app.

But some work remains, most notably negotiations for a new contract with the bus drivers union are ongoing. The bus drivers' contract expired June 30 but has been extended for a few additional months.

About 23,000 students are expected to ride the buses this school year to more than 200 BPS, private, and charter schools. The first day of school for most BPS students in Grades 1-12 is Sept. 5; preschoolers and kindergartners begin Sept. 9.

To help ease frustration over late buses, parents will have a new tool to track the buses, the Zum app, which BPS launched earlier this summer. It replaces a web-based bus tracking system, more than a decade old, that parents often complained didn't provide timely information or didn't seem to work.

Parents can download the Zum app on BPS's website. Parents and caregivers can use the Zum app to view their children's school bus assignment, track rides in real time, and receive alerts when the bus is arriving or is delayed.

Wu, who experienced the frustrations of late buses when raising her school-age sister in Boston a decade ago, said she hopes the new app will help alleviate anxiety among parents when they don't know where their children are because of late buses.

“This is the most precious cargo we have navigating our streets,” Wu said, expressing appreciation for drivers and the transportation team for adopting the app. “This will be a big



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Above: Instructor Mike Denis demonstrated the app on the dashboard of a Boston school bus. Left: Mayor Michelle Wu and Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper spoke before the announcement.

step forward in how we can ensure that families have that peace of mind, real-time information, and the ability to communicate.”

Drivers also will utilize the

Zum app, rather than paper directions, to follow their routes and also will be given tablets to record when students board the bus, when they depart, or when they are keeping very young

children on board because no adult was at the stop to pick them up.

The startup costs for implementing the Zum app and associated routing software was \$1.1

million in addition to an annual fee of \$550,000.

City Councilor Enrique J. Peñón, who rode the BPS buses as a student, said one of the biggest concerns he's heard from constituents since taking office in January is about the school buses, as well as transportation overall in the city. He said the new app should hopefully address some of the communication gaps with the late-running school buses.

“I used to joke around about why can I track my burrito [delivery], but I can't track the school bus?” he said. “But thanks to Mayor Wu and BPS I can stop saying that.”

Cheryl Buckman, whose son

About 23,000 students are expected to ride the buses this school year to more than 200 BPS, private, and charter schools.

uses the bus and will be a sixth grader this fall, said she is skeptical about the full staffing levels because BPS has made similar claims previously only to have buses arrive late or not at all due to shortages of drivers or monitors.

“It's like empty promise after empty promise,” she said. But she added the new bus tracking app sounds promising.

The school bus driver shortage affected BPS most severely during the 2021-22 and the 2022-23 school years. In response, BPS consolidated bus routes and stepped up recruiting and training of drivers, which included introducing a new program to train drivers for commercial licenses.

The new City Academy training facility will be run in partnership with UMass Boston and will enable would-be drivers to receive their commercial license training in Dorchester. It is designed to serve about 150 drivers a year.

Justin Augustine, regional vice president at Transdev, the private contractor that oversees BPS's bus fleet, said the new facility will provide new drivers a safe environment to learn how to maneuver the buses and other skills, and will give veteran drivers a place to go for refresher courses and post-accident training. The driving course can be adjusted depending upon the skills being taught.

“This new training facility will allow us to have a dedicated training area to conduct a variety of behind-the-wheel training experiences all in one location that will help us promote safe driving skills,” he said.

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Healey reveals deals to move six Steward hospitals to new owners

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Health, will gain a foothold in Massachusetts by taking over operations at St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River and Morton Hospital in Taunton.

The preliminary sales come as two other Steward hospitals — Carney Hospital in Dorchester and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer — are slated to close by Aug. 31 after Steward said they had failed to attract qualified bids.

Financial terms of the sales deals weren't disclosed but are expected to be included in bankruptcy court documents in the coming week. After struggling to pay vendors and maintain operations at its hospitals in Massachusetts, Steward filed for bankruptcy on May 6 and has been working to sell off its holdings here and in five other states to pay creditors.

Healey announced the deals at a news conference Friday

where she was flanked by Walsh and public health commissioner Robbie Goldstein. She excoriated Steward, saying the for-profit company, which had acquired the former Caritas Christi chain of Catholic hospitals in 2010, left a legacy of greed, mismanagement, and chronic underinvestment.

“Today, I'm pleased to say we're closing the book on Steward once and for all in Massachusetts,” Healey said. “Good riddance and goodbye.”

As part of the deals, all of the hospital buyers will receive financial aid from the state to transition operations and upgrade facilities, especially BMC and Lawrence General, which treat large numbers of low-income patients insured by MassHealth, the state Medicaid program.

The Healey administration is providing \$30 million in bridge financing to cover payroll and operating costs during the transition and helping to arrange more than \$80 million a year in state and federal funding for advances or additional MassHealth payments over the next three years. Other funding sources are also being contemplated.

BMC, in a statement, said it was stepping up “to help mitigate a looming public health crisis in the region.” It noted that the sales still need to be finalized and approved by a federal bankruptcy judge.

Lawrence General chief executive Abha Agrawal said in a statement that she looked forward to “signing an agreement that will allow Holy Family Hospital[s] ... to join Lawrence General Hospital to build a true regional healthcare care system in the Merrimack Valley.”

Jessica Wharton, a spokesperson for Lifespan, also underscored that the deals aren't complete, saying the Rhode Island system “continues to work on fi-



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

The state plans to take St. Elizabeth's Medical Center by eminent domain and have it run by Boston Medical Center.

nalizing terms” with Steward and its landlord.

The state will move to seize St. Elizabeth's, Healey said, because despite “endless go-rounds,” it was unable to reach a lease deal with the owners of the hospital's land and buildings, which Steward had sold in 2016. The company later paid a \$111 million dividend to shareholders — most going to chief executive Ralph de la Torre, according to a lawsuit filed by a Steward creditor.

Earlier this month, the companies that own the real estate, Medical Properties Trust and Macquarie Infrastructure Partners, turned the properties over to their mortgage lender, New York-based private equity firm Apollo Global Management. But the hospital sales negotiations have remained deadlocked over leases that buyers would need for the property, with its owners demanding more than bidders could pay.

In a statement, Healey said the trio of firms — MPT, Macquarie, and Apollo — “have repeatedly chosen to put their own interests above the health and well being of the people of Massachusetts.”

“Enough is enough,” the gov-

ernor said. “Our administration is going to seize control of St. Elizabeth's through eminent domain so that we can facilitate a transition to a new owner and keep this hospital open.”

A spokesperson for Apollo declined to comment on the eminent domain plan. Property owners can fight an eminent domain taking in court.

The hospital sits on nearly 14 acres of valuable land in Brighton Center, and has an assessed value of just over \$200 million, according to property records.

On Friday, the governor said she gave Apollo a take-it-or-leave-it last offer of \$4.5 million for the property, which Healey said reflects its fair market value. She did not specify how the state was funding the seizure, saying that was still being worked out.

If the owner refuses, the state plans to file an order in Suffolk County to seize the property. The administration does not need the Legislature's approval to use eminent domain.

The potential transfer of St. Elizabeth's to BMC was welcome news in its neighborhood. Anna Leslie, executive director of the Allston Brighton Health Collaborative, said she hoped the take-

over would reinvigorate the hospital's engagement with the surrounding community.

“We could be so much stronger in terms of public health preparedness and prevention, if we had a stronger relationship with such a large health care provider in our neighborhood,” she said.

Eminent domain wasn't feasible at Carney or Nashoba, Healey said, because those hospitals, unlike St. Elizabeth's, didn't have an operator willing to take them over. “That's why those hospitals are set to close,” she said, “what Stuart did in running them to the ground.”

But many in the communities served by those two hospitals, as well as workers and patients, have blamed the Healey administration for not acting more aggressively to save Carney and Nashoba. In a statement Friday, state Senator Nick Collins, whose district includes Dorchester, said the governor's “bold action” to save St. Elizabeth's demonstrates the state has “the authority and resources to save our community hospitals.”

Healey acknowledged the losses that communities in Dorchester and Central Massachusetts face. “The news today is good, but not for everyone,” she said. “And as governor, I understand that.”

One major health care union on Friday praised Healey's move to steer most of the Steward hospitals into better hands, but said it still hoped she could do the same to keep Carney and Nashoba Valley open.

“This is the exact kind of aggressive action that the health care workers of 1199SEIU have been demanding from our state leaders,” said Tim Foley, executive vice president of 1199, which represents 80,000 health care workers in Massachusetts. He called for “the same level of uncompromising commitment”

to save Carney and Nashoba Valley.”

Steve Walsh, president of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, applauded the deals and said he hoped they would help to stabilize a state hospital system that had been bracing for the worst.

“We are highly encouraged to see that trusted health systems are on track to take over Steward's Massachusetts hospitals and have every confidence in their ability to restore normalcy,” he said in a statement. “In turn, we are hopeful that this process will help alleviate the pressures being felt by other healthcare facilities” across the state.

Shortly before Healey's announcement, at a hearing in Houston, federal bankruptcy Judge Christopher Lopez approved a separate deal to sell Steward's physicians network, Stewardship Health, to Rural HealthCare Group, an arm of buyout firm Kinderhook Industries, for \$245 million. Roughly half of Stewardship's 5,000 doctors work in Massachusetts.

At that same hearing, Steward attorney Ray Schrock said the parties had made “very significant progress” in negotiating the Massachusetts hospital sales but had yet to finalize deal. Schrock said he hoped asset purchase agreements could be signed as soon as Monday. After Healey announced her plan, a Steward spokesperson said the company had no immediate comment.

Lopez has scheduled a hearing next Thursday at which he'll be asked to approve the sales.

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‘From a young age, I learned that fat bodies are always wrong.’

MAGGIE BOWLBY, *Bigger Bodies Boston communications director*

‘It feels powerful’

Bigger Bodies Boston aims to ban size discrimination — and have some fun doing it

By **Jeremy C. Fox**
GLOBE STAFF

MALDEN — There was a sultry mood in the air one Saturday evening, as Jasmin Lino closed her eyes and lifted her rich voice to fill a massive Tudor-style room inside a Unitarian church.

“I would rather — I would rather go blind,” Lino belted, “than to see you walk away from me.”

The soulful tribute to Etta James followed hits by the Backstreet Boys and Taylor Swift at a karaoke night hosted by Bigger Bodies Boston, a self-described fat liberation organization working to build a community of support for people of all sizes.

“It feels powerful,” Lino, 28, of Woburn, said after she sang. “It’s powerful to be able to do that in a space that I feel comfortable in. It’s hard, and it’s always nervous going up in front of a crowd . . . especially singing — but it’s fun.”

Founded in 2021, Bigger Bodies Boston fosters
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Community members sang their hearts out at Bigger Bodies Boston’s recent karaoke night at First Parish in Malden, including communications director Maggie Bowlby (top) and social media coordinator Jasmin Lino. The group is advocating for a bill in the Legislature that would ban size discrimination.

Child’s death in car part of alarming trend

By **Nick Stoico**
GLOBE STAFF

The death of a baby boy who was left for hours in his mother’s car in Lexington this week follows a number of similar fatal accidents reported across the country this summer, raising alarm among safety advocates who say such tragedies can happen far more easily than people realize.

Advocates say tragedies can happen to any parent, regardless of attentiveness

Twenty-three children have died after being left in hot cars this year in the United States, according to the nonprofit National Safety Council. The federal National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says about 37 children die each

year after being left or becoming trapped in a hot vehicle.

Amber Rollins, director of the advocacy group Kids and Car Safety, said this type of death became more common in the mid to late 1990s as children were moved to

the back seat to combat air bag deaths. The deaths peaked in 2018 and 2019, when a combined 107 children died in hot cars.

The exhaustion from having a baby or toddler, combined with a simple change in routine, can be enough for a parent to make such a tragic error, she said.

“This can happen to anybody. It
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Mass. bans PFAS in firefighter equipment

Governor Healey signs bill to stop using the toxic ‘forever’ chemicals

By **Travis Andersen**
GLOBE STAFF

Governor Maura Healey on Thursday signed a bill to phase out the use of toxic “forever” chemicals in firefighters’ protective gear, saying the ban will help “protect the health, safety, and well-being of our firefighters in Massachusetts.”

The law deals with poly- and perfluoroalkyl, or PFAS, chemicals, which have long been used in firefighters’ protective equipment owing to their ability to withstand high heat and block water and oil penetration, the Healey administration said.

But research has shown that the chemicals can be extremely toxic even at low levels, and firefighters and their families have cited high rates of cancer in the profession.

Starting in January, all manufacturers and sellers of gear that contains PFAS chemicals will have to provide written notice to the buyer that the equipment has such chemicals, the reasons why, and the specific PFAS chemicals in question, Healey’s office said in a statement.

Beginning in January 2027, manufacturers and sellers will be barred from knowingly selling gear to fire departments in Massachusetts with “intentionally added” PFAS chemicals.

“Our firefighters are our heroes,” Healey said. “They selflessly run into harm’s way to protect their neighbors. It is essential that they have comprehensive information about what’s in their protective gear so that they can make informed choices that are best for them.”

Richard MacKinnon Jr., president of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, also lauded the bill.

“This is the strongest language in the nation when it comes to banning PFAS in firefighter turnout gear. Showing that Massachusetts is leading the way in taking care of their firefighters,” he said.

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Man accused of fatally stabbing father showed mental decline

Father’s wife said she saw a recent change in behavior

By **John R. Ellement and Travis Andersen**
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A Plymouth man who allegedly stabbed his father to death inside the home they shared has a history of psychiatric illness and was recently showing signs of mental decline, a prosecutor said Friday.

Matthew A. Paluzzi, 26, is accused of killing his father, Anthony L. Paluzzi, in the living room of the family’s Plymouth home on Thursday.

The victim’s wife, Wendy Paluzzi, told authorities she heard Matthew Paluzzi walk past her bedroom and a few minutes later found her husband, 73, covered in blood with a kitchen knife nearby, Plymouth Assistant District Attorney David J. Cutshall said in court Friday.

Responding paramedics pronounced Paluzzi dead, officials said.

“Wendy Paluzzi also told police that there had been a recent decline in the defendant’s mental health,” Cutshall said during Matthew Paluzzi’s arraignment in Plymouth District Court. “She noticed a particular change in his behavior over the past month, including the fact that he had been smoking marijuana.”

Wendy Paluzzi also told police that “Matthew Paluzzi kept a lot of his mental health issues away from his family, adding that he was an adult, and this information was private to him,” according to court records.

Paluzzi was ordered held without bail Friday by Judge Julie J. Bernard. She also found probable cause that Paluzzi violated the terms of his probation for a 2020 incident in which he pointed a pistol at a woman he did not know at an ATM and asked

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WHEEL IN THE SKY

Visitors to the 156th Marshfield Fair walked by the Spider Wheel amusement ride Friday on the opening day of the fair. Hundreds of fairgoers enjoyed dozens of rides, games, livestock competition, and a demolition derby. The fair runs through Aug. 25.



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Somerville names Benford as new police chief

Currently heads Boston Housing Authority police

By Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

Somerville has selected a top public safety official with the Boston Housing Authority as its next police chief following a lengthy search to replace the city's last permanent chief, who retired in 2020, officials said Thursday.

Shumeane Benford currently holds dual positions as chief of the Boston Housing Authority's police department and as the city's chief of emergency management. He will take the helm of Somerville's police department after serving in a range of public safety roles in Boston over the last three decades, officials said in a statement.

Benford's hiring in Somerville comes at the end of a nationwide search, as city officials sought to bring in a leader who could help shepherd the department through a slate of policing reforms.

Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne called Benford "a change agent."

"He has been driving fiscal, operational, and community-driven reforms in Boston, along with advancing efforts to support staff morale and investment, transparency, and social equity especially for marginalized and disenfranchised communities," Ballantyne said in a statement released Thursday.

"We look forward to his deep experience, vision, and love of community undergirding our daily work to keep Somerville safe as well as advancing our efforts to move our Public Safety



MATTHEW J. LEE/GLOBE STAFF

Shumeane Benford introduced himself during a community walk against violence starting at Harambee Park Playground in Dorchester on July 2.

for all goals forward."

Benford will take over as Acting Police Chief Charles Femino retires, according to the city's announcement. Femino has led the department since December 2020, when then-Chief David Fallon announced his retirement.

"We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Chief Femino for stepping in when we needed him and for not just filling the role but for wholeheartedly working to advance the department, support our officers and community, and move forward our Public Safety for All efforts and goals for community change," Ballantyne said.

City officials said the search

for Fallon's replacement was delayed by "pandemic disruptions" and restarted in spring 2023 with the hiring of GovHR, a national public-sector executive-recruitment firm.

Last November, Ballantyne and the Police Chief Search Committee, which is made up of residents and city officials, announced that interviews with three candidates for the department's top job failed to result "in a successful hire."

Benford began his law enforcement career in Boston in 1994 as a police officer with the Boston Housing Authority. He went on to work for the Boston Police Department and the city while serving as an adjunct pro-

fessor at Roxbury Community College.

Benford earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Curry College and a master's degree in political science at Suffolk University, according to the statement. He has also earned certifications from the Police Executive Research Form, Harvard University's National Preparedness Leadership Initiative, and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security, officials said.

Benford will officially assume the role of chief in September, the city said.

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Malden man guilty in attack at Capitol, to be sentenced in November

By John R. Ellement
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A Malden man was convicted Thursday of four misdemeanor charges for his actions during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the US Capitol following a two-day trial before a federal judge in Washington, D.C., records show.

Mark G. Sahady helped bring several busloads of supporters to attend a speech by Donald Trump before rioters stormed the Capitol as Congress was preparing to formalize the transfer of power to President Biden in 2021.

Sahady, who helped organize the 2019 "Straight Pride" parade in Boston, was shown in photos and surveillance videos joining protestors as they climbed the steps outside the Capitol and went inside the building, according to court records.

US District Court Judge Carl J. Nichols found Sahady guilty of

four misdemeanors based on his actions that day, records show. He was convicted of entering a restricted building, disorderly conduct inside the Capitol, disruptive behavior in the Capitol, and demonstrating in the Capitol.

A felony count of obstructing an official proceeding was dropped after the US Supreme Court in a 6-3 ruling concluded prosecutors had improperly used the law against some Trump supporters who stormed the Capitol, records show.

Nichols scheduled a sentencing hearing for Nov. 20.

Sahady remains free on personal recognizance, records show. His lawyer couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

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Ex-charter school teacher in Salem facing enticement, child porn charges

By Travis Andersen
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A former gym and health teacher at a Salem charter school was recently indicted on child pornography and enticement charges after allegedly trying to arrange a sexual encounter with an undercover officer posing online as a 14-year-old girl, officials said.

Darren Benedick, 42, of Salem, was arrested July 3 and arraigned in Newburyport District Court, where he was released on bail with conditions that included home confinement, records show. The indictment moves the case to Superior Court.

Benedick allegedly made plans to meet a 14-year-old for sex, unaware the person he was speaking with was actually an undercover Newbury police officer monitoring a "teens only" chat room, according to the Essex District Attorney's office.

"Benedick was previously employed at Salem Academy Charter School," prosecutors said Friday. "Authorities have no allegations that students at the school were subject to the defendant's alleged misconduct."

Prosecutors didn't disclose the timeline of Benedick's employment at the school and his reason for leaving.

Salem Academy's executive director, Stephanie Callahan, said in a statement that school officials "continue to be in communication with local authori-

ties and are cooperating in their investigation, but we cannot comment publicly on this case. We can confirm that Mr. Benedick is no longer employed at Salem Academy."

Benedick's lawyer, Daniel J. Gaudet, said his client was a "dedicated and respected educator for many years."

Gaudet filed a motion last month seeking a change to his client's home confinement order to allow him to attend medical and legal appointments and go into his fenced-in backyard. The motion was allowed.

Salem Academy Charter School opened in 2004 and serves students in grades 6 through 12, according to its website.

Benedick is charged with three counts of distributing material of a child in a sexual act, and one count each of possession of child pornography, distributing obscene matter to a minor, and enticement of a child under 16, according to legal filings. His arraignment is scheduled for Aug. 23.

Officials urged parents and guardians to "engage youth in age-appropriate discussions about proper online and social media behavior, and to encourage them to speak up if they encounter inappropriate contact from an adult."

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Woman killed in moped crash on Martha's Vineyard

By Jacqueline Munis
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A Florida woman died Thursday after the moped she was driving crashed into a car on Martha's Vineyard, authorities said.

Julie Harris, 41, of Fort Lauderdale, was headed toward Edgartown on Sea View Avenue at about 11:30 a.m. Thursday

when she lost control of the moped, crossed the median, and collided with a Jeep Wrangler, officials said.

Harris was pronounced dead at Martha's Vineyard Hospital at 12:15 p.m., authorities said.

A passenger on the moped, Anya Fisher, 40, of Boston, was taken to Martha's Vineyard Hospital and then flown by helicop-

ter to a Boston hospital, police said. Authorities said she is now in stable condition.

One passenger in the Jeep sustained minor injuries, and the four other occupants, including the 41-year-old driver, were not injured.

The moped was rented in Oak Bluffs earlier on Thursday, officials said. Local police had

initially said Harris and Fisher were not wearing helmets at the time of the crash, but State Police later said they were wearing them, citing video footage and witness statements.

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This day in history

Today is Saturday, Aug. 17, the 230th day of 2024. There are 136 days left in the year.

► Birthdays: Computer scientist Margaret Hamilton is 88. Actor Robert De Niro is 81. Businessman Larry Ellison is 80. Film director Martha Coolidge is 78. Filmmaker/author Julian Fellowes is 75. Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 72. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 66. Author Jonathan Franzen is 65. Actor Sean Penn is 64. Singer/actor Donnie Wahlberg is 55. College Basketball Hall of Famer and retired NBA All-Star Christian Laettner is 55. Tennis Hall of Famer Jim Courier is 54. Singer Phoebe Bridgers is 30. ► In 1807, Robert Fulton's North

River Steamboat made its first voyage, heading up the Hudson River on a successful round trip between New York City and Albany.

► In 1863, federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of shelling.

► In 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

► In 1945, Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta proclaimed independence for Indonesia, setting off the Indonesian National Revolution against Dutch rule.

► In 1945, the George Orwell novel "Animal Farm," an allegorical satire of Soviet Communism, was first published in London by Martin Secker Warburg.

► In 1959, trumpeter Miles Davis released "Kind of Blue," regarded as one of the most influential jazz albums of all time.

► In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

► In 1988, Pakistani President

Mohammad Zia ul-Haq and US Ambassador Arnold Raphel were killed in a mysterious plane crash.

► In 1998, President Clinton gave grand jury testimony via closed-circuit television from the White House concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky; he then delivered a TV address in which he admitted his relationship with Lewinsky was "wrong" but denied previously committing perjury (Clinton was subsequently impeached by the House of Representatives, but acquitted in the Senate).

► In 1999, more than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck the Kocaeli Province of Turkey.

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Lottery

FRIDAY MIDDAY 8400
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EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	\$6,024
First or last 3	\$843
Any 2 digits	\$72
Any 1 digit	\$7

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	\$502
First 3	\$140
Last 3	\$281

FRIDAY NIGHT 0743
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Any 2 digits	\$65
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ANY ORDER

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LUCKY FOR LIFE
Aug. 15 3-7-19-24-38

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Jackpot: \$100,000; no winners

MEGA MILLIONS
Aug. 16 22-38-48-51-61

Megaball 5, Megaplier 3
Jackpot: \$464,000,000

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Car death of infant in Lexington is part of a tragic pattern

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happens to the absent-minded [type of person] and the type A, infinitely organized, and always-prepared-type person,” Rollins said. “It just doesn’t discriminate. So even if you’re a loving, responsible parent who is taking all the safety measures, it can still happen to you.”

On Tuesday, the day the infant died in Lexington, a 3-year-old boy died after he was left in a car outside of a grocery store in Vicksburg, Mich., and a 10-month-old girl was found in a car in Jennings, La., when temperatures were in the 90s. She died the next day.

The deaths have been reported in states across the country. The oldest was an 8-year-old girl who died in June after she was left in a car in Charlotte, N.C., while her mother was at work.

The boy who died in Lexington would have celebrated his first birthday on Aug. 31, officials said. He was found unresponsive after police were called about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday to a day-care facility. He was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Lexington Police Chief Michael McLean said the child’s death is under investigation. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the cause and manner of death.

The founder of Sol-Solecito Daycare, Nelly Mayorga, told Boston 25 News that the boy attended the day-care center but was not brought there Tuesday. The facility reached out to the boy’s mother at about 9 a.m., Mayorga said, but never heard back from her.

When the mother showed up at 5:20 p.m. to pick up her son, the staff told her he wasn’t

there, and she became agitated, Mayorga said. When a day-care worker asked where the child might be, the mother ran to her car and found her unresponsive son, Mayorga told the news station.

“The preliminary investigation suggests that the child had never entered the day care on the day of his death and that he may have been in the car for an extended period of time,” Ryan and McLean said in a statement.

The news was a heartbreaking reminder for a Massachusetts mother whose family has experienced the same type of loss. Taylor, who asked that her last name not be published, was living in North Carolina with her family in the summer of 2022 when her husband accidentally left their baby girl, Fiona, in the back seat of his vehicle while he went to work.

“I am so heartbroken for this family,” she said in a phone interview Friday. “It brings me right back to those first few days after we lost Fiona.”

Taylor said her husband was short on sleep that day after a long night at his job as a plant manager. He had come home from work around 3 a.m. and had to wake up at about 6:30 a.m. While she took their son to school, her husband was planning to bring Fiona to day care on his way to work. Fiona, who had been up most of the previous night, fell asleep in her car seat on the way.

“My husband had been going back and forth to the plant so frequently without her, he just went on autopilot because he was so tired,” she said.

Taylor said her husband went inside and had a meeting that morning. He was carrying some small pads they had purchased for their son’s car seat in his pocket, and after his meet-



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Twenty-three US children have died after being left in hot cars this year, according to the National Safety Council.

ing he went outside to put them in the car, she said. That was when he realized Fiona was still there.

Taylor said she was doing laundry at home when her husband called her.

“I got this call from him screaming,” she said through tears. “He couldn’t even really formulate what had happened.”

Fiona would have turned 3 on June 8, she said.

“It’s hard to even go back there,” Taylor said of reflecting on her daughter’s death. “People can be very cruel and say, ‘How could you do that? How could you not protect your child?’ But the thing is, something like this can happen to anyone.”

“My husband and I are proof that it can and it does,” she added. “He is a loving and doting father, and the only reason he is still standing is because of our other children.”

The couple has two boys, one who is 1 and another who will soon turn 5.

Rollins, the director of Kids and Car Safety, recalled driving her daughter’s friend home one day after a sleepover. She had planned to drop off her baby boy at day care on the way back. Instead, she said, her “autopilot” kicked in and she drove straight home.

“I got halfway home and he made this screeching sound in

the back seat, and I immediately knew I had lost awareness of him in the car,” she said.

Rollins said parents should find something they can’t leave the car without, such as a purse or wallet or even one of their shoes, and place it next to their child’s car seat. The group has also suggested using visual reminders, such as placing a stuffed animal in the front passenger seat when a child is riding in the back.

Taylor said she now places her kids’ bags in the front seat next to her when they leave in the morning.

Taylor has been working with Kids and Car Safety by sharing her story in the hope that it will prevent other parents from experiencing such a tragedy. She and the organization have been calling on lawmakers in Washington, D.C., to mandate that car manufacturers equip their vehicles with technology to detect the presence of passengers in the back seats.

Rollins said some vehicles have that technology but it needs to be more widely available.

“This is preventable. The technology is out there,” Taylor said. “These babies don’t need to die.”

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Harvard settles suit over students’ claims of sexual harassment

By Jesus Jiménez
NEW YORK TIMES

Three graduate students who sued Harvard University in 2022 over its response to sexual harassment allegations against a prominent professor reached a settlement with the university this week, court records show.

The students — Margaret Czerwiński, Lilia Kilburn, and Amulya Mandava — filed a federal lawsuit against Harvard in February 2022, claiming that the professor, John Comaroff, used his power to “exploit aspiring scholars,” and that the university failed to “protect students from sexual abuse.”

Comaroff, 79, “kissed and groped students without their consent,” and when the students complained, he “threatened to sabotage” their careers, the lawsuit states. The professor denied the allegations.

Court records show that the case moved to mediation late last year. The terms of the settlement this week have not been publicly disclosed.

A court filing Wednesday showed that the students and the university agreed to dismiss the case without costs, bringing an end to a matter that spurred student protests and prompted the university to investigate the claims against Comaroff.

“We’re proud of our clients’ courage in coming forward, speaking up about their experiences and shedding light on important issues,” Sanford Heisler Sharp, the law firm representing the three students, said in a statement Thursday. “We are glad that our clients will now be able to move on with their lives and careers.”

Harvard and lawyers representing the university in the case did not immediately respond to requests for comment Thursday.

Lawyers who represent Comaroff but were not involved in defending him in the lawsuit de-

clined to comment on the case.

The Harvard Crimson, the university’s student newspaper, reported on the settlement this week and on the sexual harassment allegations against Comaroff in 2020.

Comaroff, who joined Harvard in 2012, was a prominent professor of African American studies and anthropology before he retired in June. In a statement announcing his retirement, Comaroff described the lawsuit against him as “meritless.”

“I was falsely accused of harassment by one Harvard student, and of threatening retaliation against two others,” he said. “After a 14-month investigation, I was found not responsible for any of those accusations, save for one instance of verbal impropriety.”

According to the lawsuit, Comaroff sexually harassed Kilburn repeatedly, including on one occasion in 2017 when Comaroff kissed her without her permission while she was a prospective student. The lawsuit also claims that Comaroff threatened to sabotage the careers of Czerwiński and Mandava after he learned that they had told university faculty members about reports that Comaroff had sexually harassed another student besides Kilburn.

Despite the students’ complaints about Comaroff to the university, Harvard did not begin an investigation until The Crimson published reports of his misconduct, the lawsuit states.

Comaroff was placed on administrative leave after the reports of sexual harassment surfaced.

The lawsuit, Comaroff said in his statement, did not influence his decision to retire, but he said that allegations and suit had been “extremely hurtful given my decades of dedication to my teaching and my students.”

Family of transgender girl sues N.H. over ban from sports team

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torneys from three law firms that advocate for the rights of LGBTQ+ people filed a complaint Friday morning in federal court, asking a judge to step in quickly.

Chris Erchull, a senior staff attorney with GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), said the lawyers representing Tirrell had known her first soccer game of the season was scheduled for Aug. 30, so they anticipated needing to seek judicial intervention ahead of that event.

“But now it is apparent that we need relief even more immediately,” Erchull said, noting that the plaintiffs are asking the court to issue an order on an emergency basis.

Otherwise, the harms resulting directly from the implementation of this new law will begin next week, with deeply personal and stigmatizing impacts for Tirrell, he said.

“That is the perfect exemplar of why this law is so unfair and so cruel,” he added. “She’s not going to be able to go be with her friends on Monday at soccer practice, and they are going to know why — and if they don’t know why, they are going to ask why.”

Although proponents of the new law said the legislation would preserve fairness and safety for girls in athletic competition, Erchull said it was clearly drafted to target transgender girls, who are now being subjected to unfair treatment that

undermines their safety. The lawsuit alleges enforcement of the new law violates Title IX and the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment.

“It’s cruel and unnecessary, and it doesn’t serve any interest that the state could actually justify,” Erchull said.

A spokesperson for Governor Chris Sununu referred questions about the lawsuit to the New Hampshire Department of Justice. A spokesperson for the DOJ said attorneys for the state are reviewing the complaint “and will respond as appropriate.”

Sununu, a Republican, signed the bill on July 19, with an effective date 30 days later. He said it would ensure “fairness and safety in women’s sports by maintaining integrity and competitive balance in athletic competitions,” with a policy posture that has become mainstream.

“With this widely supported step, New Hampshire joins nearly half of all US states in taking this measure,” he said.

While roughly half of the states nationwide have enacted such bans in a wave of such legislation, New Hampshire is the first in the Northeast to do so.

The lawsuit says being transgender “is not an accurate proxy for athletic performance or ability.” Tirrell has been receiving puberty-blocking medication since May 2023, so she hasn’t and won’t experience the physiological changes and increased testosterone levels of male puberty, the lawsuit says. Instead, the hormones she has taken have



ERIN CLARK/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

Amy Manzelli sat with her daughter Iris Turmelle. Their family is also part of the lawsuit.

caused her to develop physiological changes associated with puberty for girls.

The lawsuit adds that sports have been a key source of social connection for Tirrell, and switching to a boys’ team isn’t a valid option for her.

“Parker is a girl. It would be painful and humiliating to be forced to play on a boys’ team,” the lawsuit says. “It would also undermine her treatment for gender dysphoria.”

Tirrell said she has entertained hopes of one day winning an athletic scholarship, but the notion that she has an unfair advantage or poses a physical risk to her teammates doesn’t match the reality: She stands 5 feet 6 inches tall and has less muscle mass than some of her female peers — not exactly the imposing presence that policy makers seem to have in mind.

“They imagine a trans girl as

a big, buff, beefy, bodybuilder man. I feel like that’s how they picture it,” she said, attributing advocacy for policies like this one to a general sense of nervousness amid rising social acceptance for trans and nonbinary people. “I think they’re scared.”

Under the new restrictions, public schools that serve students in fifth through 12th grades, and private schools whose students compete against public schools, must designate each of their interscholastic sports and club athletics teams as being for either males, females, or both.

The law bars biological males from female-designated teams. A student’s sex is determined based on their unamended birth certificate. If a birth certificate “does not appear to be” original or does not specify sex at birth, then the student “must provide

other evidence indicating the student’s sex at the time of birth” and cover any costs associated with doing so.

Critics warned that the lack of clarity around what “other evidence” students will be required to provide when their sex is called into question could cause problems.

The legislation requires the state Board of Education, each local school board, and the governing body for each public charter school in New Hampshire to adopt and enforce policies to ensure compliance. It also provides an avenue for students to sue schools for alleged failures to follow the new rules.

In an email to Tirrell’s parents, Pemi-Baker Regional School District Superintendent Kyla A. Welch wrote Thursday that the district must begin enforcing the restrictions “even though it has not enacted a policy to ensure compliance with the new law.” The law bars Tirrell from the soccer team, and only soccer team members are allowed to practice with the team, she wrote.

Welch told the Globe on Friday that her team hasn’t received any guidance from the state on how to interpret and enforce the law. But the district had no choice, she said, noting that schools can be sued by private parties under the new law for failing to enforce its restrictions.

The other plaintiff in the lawsuit is Iris Turmelle, 14, a rising ninth-grader at Pembroke Academy. She has tried her hand at

tennis and expressed interest in the javelin throw, but said she’s “definitely not” a star athlete. For her, athletics are primarily an avenue for social, educational, physical, and emotional benefits, according to the lawsuit.

“It’s unfair to single out girls like me and Parker for no valid reason,” she told the Globe.

Turmelle’s mother, Amy Manzelli, said she hopes Granite Staters can empathize with her, her husband, and their daughter who’s being blocked from part of her high school experience.

“We’re just a regular family . . . and we just want our wonderful daughter — our wonderful, not-star-athlete daughter — to have the right to play sports for all the same reasons that other girls and boys want to play sports,” Manzelli said.

The two families are represented by attorneys Erchull and Ben Klein at GLAD, Henry Klementowicz and Gilles Bissonnette at the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire, and Louis Lobel, Kevin DeJong, and Elaine Blais at Goodwin.

The defendants are New Hampshire Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut, each of the seven members of the state Board of Education, the Pemi-Baker Regional School District and each member of its board, and the Pembroke School District and each member of its board.

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Bigger Bodies Boston embraces people of all sizes

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personal connections that participants say can be life-changing for those who have experienced shaming and prejudice for much of their lives. But it’s also part of a movement to change laws — and hearts — to end discrimination.

The all-volunteer organization has been pushing for the passage of a bill that would outlaw discrimination based on body size in workplaces, schools, and public facilities by adding the phrase “height or weight” to the state’s existing nondiscrimination laws.

The bill has no organized opposition but stalled as the legislative session drew to a close at the end of last month. On July 1, the Judiciary Committee sent the bill to study, dashing hopes of a vote before the session ended. State Senator Becca Rausch, a Needham Democrat, said she plans to refile when the next session begins in January, and Bigger Bodies Boston has pledged to continue advocating for its passage.

A similar measure passed the New York City Council last year, and San Francisco outlawed size discrimination four years ago. Other US cities, including Binghamton, N.Y.; Santa Cruz, Calif.; Urbana, Ill.; and Washington, D.C., also offer protections. Only Michigan has a statewide law banning size discrimination, though bills are under consideration in Colorado, New Jersey, and Vermont.

Anna Ardelean, a Waltham resident attending the karaoke night, was a public policy intern last summer for the 55-year-old National Association to Advance

Fat Acceptance and then joined that organization’s advocacy committee. Ardelean, 24, said the push for the New York City law helped her see size discrimination as a civil rights matter.

“These are systemic issues that are keeping us from being able to participate fully in society,” she said.

Bigger Bodies Boston’s founder is Samantha Powers, 35, who decided three years ago that larger people needed more than just online groups for mutual support — they needed a way to get together and have fun.

The group started on Instagram and began hosting events last summer, launching with a pool party that quickly sold out and required a larger venue, where it drew a crowd of almost 200. Now members are organizing more events — including a second annual Fat Pool Party and Picnic at Waltham’s Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School on Aug. 24 — and they obtained official nonprofit status in early June.

Bigger Bodies Boston doesn’t have a formal membership other than its six-person board of directors, but its events mostly draw women, Powers said.

“Typically women face more size oppression than men,” she said. “Size discrimination is based in patriarchy and racism, and generally white supremacy and capitalism, so it’s something that women in particular feel the effects of.”

Singers at the karaoke night performed alongside three B-shaped teal balloons and a poster explaining the group’s “Fat Liberation Code of Conduct,” which includes the instructions



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Bigger Bodies Boston board members posed at a karaoke night hosted by the group at First Parish in Malden, Universalist.

“NO diet talk or food policing” and “Be kind OR leave.”

Several attendees, breaking the rules to talk to a reporter, said they first tried dieting as children. For most, the diets resulted in short-term weight loss and years of disordered eating habits that threatened their health.

They said “straight-sized” people — a term some fat activists use to describe those of average size — frequently offer them unsolicited advice on diet or exercise, assuming anyone with a large body got there by making bad choices.

Maggie Bowlby attended her first Weight Watchers meeting when she was 5, accompanying her mother, who had a “tormented and painful” relationship to her own body, Bowlby said. She began her first diet at 12.

“So I developed my own painful relationship with my body,” the 32-year-old Lowell resident said, being taught “that hunger

is good and hunger is meant to be withstood or ignored.”

“From a young age, I learned that fat bodies are always wrong,” she said.

In 2020, a dietician told Bowlby she has an eating disorder: atypical anorexia, which is “only atypical because of my body size,” she said. In short, she meets all the criteria for anorexia except being considered “underweight.”

“If I were a tiny person, it would be just regular anorexia,” she said.

A study of college students with eating disorders found only 2 percent were “underweight,” but those who met “standard diagnostic criteria for anorexia were 14 times more likely” to get the recommended treatment than students who didn’t have the expected appearance, according to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders.

At the karaoke night, people also shared stories with a report-

er of discrimination by employers and officials, but they spoke most emotionally about experiences with health care providers, which led some to avoid treatment.

Powers said she experienced negative encounters related to her size with her primary care physician, OB-GYN, and specialists treating a back injury and providing pain management.

Doctors often express shock if a large patient doesn’t have illnesses commonly associated with larger bodies, she said, saying things like, “Oh, you’re not diabetic,” or “Oh, you *don’t* have high blood pressure.”

In 2019, a weight-loss clinic north of Boston prescribed a daily injection that Powers said “made me not want to eat and therefore incredibly sick, but it was the only thing my doctor told me would be possible for me to regain my fertility. They would not prescribe me anything to help without weight loss.”

One day, Powers was giving herself an injection, she said, and realized “that there’s just no way that a human body was meant to be injected and feel sick, and that maybe having been fat my whole life, I was just meant to be fat.” The moment “really changed my perspective drastically,” she said.

Now she hopes to change minds and laws in ways that could save others from years of struggle.

The group’s leadership, she said, believes “in humanity’s ability to move on from” discrimination against larger people.

“Being in spaces like this makes me feel like it’s possible to get where we want to go,” Powers said, “which is feeling comfortable in spaces with people at large, not just amongst ourselves.”

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Massachusetts bans toxic PFAS chemicals in firefighter gear

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“This is a great step in our fight against firefighter occupational cancer and will save the lives of our firefighters for generations to come.”

The chemicals are also found in drinking water, and in April the US Environmental Protection Agency announced restrictions to limit their presence and force utilities to filter them out. The chemicals have been used

for decades in a wide array of consumer products, including cosmetics, dental floss, fast food packaging, and textiles.

In recent years, a growing body of evidence has emerged documenting their persistence in the nation’s water supply and in the human body — by some estimates, they are present in the bloodstream of 99 percent of Americans — and linking excessive exposure to a wide array of health problems, including auto-

immune diseases, cancer, and maternal and infant health complications.

The federal regulation came four years after Massachusetts officials launched a major initiative to remove four of the six chemicals singled out by the EPA from local drinking water. Since 2020, the state has provided more than \$504 million in grants and loans directly to communities to combat PFAS contamination and build new treat-

ment infrastructure, officials said.

“PFAS contamination in our water, soil, and consumer products is a threat to public health — and we certainly shouldn’t be putting these harmful chemicals on the literal backs of first responders,” David Melly, legislative director of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, said about the new law Thursday. “The prevalence and persistence of PFAS is one of the great

environmental health hazards of our time, and ELM is pleased the Governor and the Legislature are taking this step to address one of its most high-risk uses.”

Diane Cotter, wife of retired Worcester Fire Lieutenant Paul Cotter, whose cancer diagnosis forced him off the job, said the bill signing was a momentous occasion.

“Paul and I rejoice today as this historical signing promises

commitment to firefighters facing staggering odds of occupational cancer in Massachusetts,” she said in a statement. “The signing falls just weeks prior to Paul’s 10-year cancer diagnosis, ending his career and leading us to the discover the staggering amounts of PFAS in turnout gear. . . . Today we rejoice in this magnificent signing!”

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Matthew Paluzzi (left), arraigned for allegedly murdering his father Anthony Paluzzi on Thursday, stood next to his attorney Makis Antzoulatos on Friday.

Man accused of killing father had declining mental health

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Paluzzi's probation was set to end in October. Last November, he refused to participate in a mental health court designed to assist people with psychiatric illnesses instead of incarcerating them, according to court records.

In asking that Paluzzi be held without bail, Cutshall said Paluzzi had a history of arguing with his father and his father's wife and often threatened him. Paluzzi's half-brother told investigators that at a family party on July 3, Matthew Paluzzi told him, "I can't wait for Anthony to die."

Police also interviewed a neighbor who reported hearing Paluzzi and his father arguing with each other in August 2023. The neighbor "recalled the defendant saying, quote, 'I'm going to [expletive] kill you,'" Cutshall said.

Wendy Paluzzi told police that she once found her husband complaining of abdominal pain. He told her his son had "come at him," Cutshall recounted.

After he allegedly stabbed his father, Paluzzi took his mother's Nissan Murano and was eventually spotted driving on Route 3 towards Hanover. Police, with the help of State Police troopers in a helicopter, tracked him to Washington Street in Hanover, where he was taken into custody.

Paluzzi allegedly had "fresh blood stains" on his hooded sweatshirt and sweatpants and later tested positive for the presence of blood on his hands, Cutshall said.

In custody, Paluzzi initially said he was willing to speak with investigators, Cutshall said. "The defendant was given his Miranda warnings, and he initially told police that he would quote, 'Tell you guys every-

thing,'" Cutshall said. "He stated that he had ongoing mental health issues and that he quote, 'snapped,'" Cutshall said.

Paluzzi then decided to ask for a lawyer and refused to speak further with police.

Citing information from family members, Cutshall said Paluzzi had been hospitalized for mental health issues at McLean Hospital and at High Point Treatment Center.

Paluzzi's court-appointed defense attorney, Makis Antzoulatos, did not challenge the no-bail order but asked the judge for funds to hire a psychologist and for an order requiring police not to destroy any notes. The judge approved both requests.

Paluzzi is scheduled to return to court Oct. 2, records show.

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The live from New York debate: Who will portray Tim Walz and J.D. Vance on 'SNL'?

By Christopher Muther
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Some "Saturday Night Live" casting decisions come easy. When Joe Biden chose Kamala Harris as his running mate in 2019, the uncanny resemblance between Harris and former "SNL" cast member Maya Rudolph brought the comedian back to the show for a string of memorable appearances. She portrayed Harris as "America's fun aunt."

Similarly, when John McCain chose Sarah Palin as his running mate, "SNL" stalwart and Palin doppelgänger Tina Fey put on a wig and gamely attempted her best Alaskan accent.

Rudolph will be back on "Saturday Night Live" this fall to appear as Harris, at least through the end of the election cycle, but who will portray her vice presidential choice, Tim Walz? The "Saturday Night Live" hive mind, also known as Reddit, has been buzzing with speculation. Similarly, fans are already stunt-casting J.D. Vance, but the true obsession seems to be with Walz.

The conundrum is that Walz bears no physical resemblance to any current cast member, and the show's resident impressionist, James Austin Johnson, already has his hands full portraying former president Donald Trump. Now that Alec Baldwin is free of manslaughter charges, he could return to "SNL" as Trump, but Johnson has been offering a solid and superior Trump impersonation since Baldwin's departure.

With his snowy white hair, dark-framed glasses, and long history with "SNL," many thought Steve Martin would be the ideal pick to play Walz, but Martin confirmed to the Los Angeles Times that he turned down "SNL" creator Lorne Michaels's offer to step in. Vanity Fair offered a list of actors it would like to see playing Walz, including Al

Franken, Jim O'Heir, and Jim Gaffigan. But so far, there has been no confirmation and no obvious front-runner.

It would be fun to see John Goodman, who has hosted the show 13 times, play Walz. However, at 72, Goodman is 12 years older than the Minnesota governor. Danny Devito's name has been bandied about, but his abrasive nature doesn't fit Walz's turkey-trotter-tot-hot-dish Midwestern personality.

Melissa McCarthy has yet to emerge as a serious contender in the great debate. The actress, whose off-the-rails impersonation of White House press secretary Sean Spicer was

a fan favorite, would make a terrific Walz. She already has proven chemistry with Rudolph from their work in "Bridesmaids." We won't likely know who dons a white wig and dark-framed glasses until "SNL" premieres on Sept. 28.

Speculation on casting for Vance has been less frantic. "SNL" obsessives have said they'd like to see former cast member Taran Killam return to play Vance. Killam exited the show in 2016 after his contract was not renewed, so there may be some lingering resentment. Vanity Fair's picks for Vance include comedian Shane Gillis, Haley Joel Osment, Zach Galifianakis, and Kate McKinnon.

But the best option for Vance is already in the cast. Put some eyeliner and a fake beard on Weekend Update coanchor Colin Hanks and send him onstage. He already cheekily played Pete Buttigieg, so he's game to appear as a political candidate. Jost's autobiography is called "A Very Punchable Face," and the childless cat ladies of America want to punch Vance, so it's a perfect match.

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STEVE MARTIN



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TARAN KILLAM



Madeline Bugeau-Heartt (right) shot the pilot of "Neighborhood" in her Arlington studio apartment in mid-March.

She's reimaged 'Mister Rogers' Neighborhood'

By Emily Wyrwa
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

When Madeline Bugeau-Heartt was growing up in Massachusetts, Mr. Rogers was "as close to a religious saint-like figure as any" in her house.

Her mom — a "big Mr. Rogers fan," Bugeau-Heartt said — gave Bugeau-Heartt, then in her 20s, a book of Mr. Rogers's sayings. She absentmindedly flipped through it in 2016 at a time in her life when she was thinking heavily about spirituality.

"I could not stop reading it," Bugeau-Heartt said. "I had this feeling that this was the kind of language I had been looking for. It wasn't overtly religious, which was still freaking me out at the time, but deeply spiritual, and about how you love your neighbor, and how to be in community."

During the pandemic, she applied and was accepted to Harvard Divinity School. When it came time for her thesis, she remembered that book her mom gave her, and it gave her an idea.

That idea turned into a 35-minute pilot episode of what she calls a "reimagined" version of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," which premiered last week at the Regent Theatre in Arlington. Bugeau-Heartt hopes to continue to pursue the project and upload it for streaming. Of course, she noted there is the dream of "getting in the right rooms with the right people" to make it into a larger series and spread the show's positive message to a modern audience.

"We've got an election coming up, the climate crisis isn't going away, there's a war in Gaza, there's still so much pain and suffering," Bugeau-Heartt said. "Not

just draws people in."

"She's so playful and hilarious, when you're talking with her, you end up kind of seeing the poetry of the world," Moreno said.

To Moreno, what set this project apart from the many others she and Bugeau-Heartt have worked on together was the team behind it. Bugeau-Heartt wanted to compile a cast and crew of people that reflected the values of the piece, which made the environment deeply collaborative.

"Conceptually, [the pilot] brings together a lot of things that Madeline and I have been interested in for a long time, about finding a place where you kind of create belonging, where you find ways to ask questions about what is keeping people separate, and ways to talk about what makes a quality life," Moreno said.

Ultimately, Bugeau-Heartt hopes audiences walk away with a reminder of Mr. Rogers's key message: "The greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving."

"Mr. Rogers, in his own time and context, saw media, film, TV, as kind of an inevitable, ubiquitous source of learning for people," said Gianluca Avanzato, who played the delivery man in the pilot and assisted Bugeau-Heartt in writing the script. "Everyone was tuned into their TVs, and he didn't like everything that he saw. Just like he was trying to do, Madeleine, and the crew behind this, is trying to create a different way of being in the world, and one that is more in tune with each other and a lot kinder."

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Adriane Moreno, one of the pilot's producers and its set designer who has known Bugeau-Heartt for over a decade, said Bugeau-Heartt's "infectious energy

And the groom wore shorts

By Alyson Krueger
NEW YORK TIMES

As soon as Willie Muse was invited to his cousin's wedding in June on Cape Cod, he googled what the "beach formal" dress code meant.

The first item that popped up was a linen suit from J. Crew that consisted of matching shorts and a blazer.

Muse, 34, loved the idea of wearing shorts to a wedding. Summer events, in particular, have never been particularly comfortable for Muse, who lives in the New York City borough of Brooklyn and works as a full-time content creator.

"I don't know what to wear because I know I am going to end up sweating profusely by the end of the night," he said.

But he was nervous that shorts would be considered too informal.

"The one thing you are worried about when you wear something different to the wedding is having people look at you instead of the bride," he said. "I had a moment of panic."

So he did what any good cousin would do: He wore the outfit to the rehearsal dinner first and ran it by the bride. "She didn't say no," he said, laughing.

Still, a few family members essentially did: One cousin pointed out that her 3-year-old son had worn a similar outfit to a wedding the weekend before. An aunt told him that she had told her husband he couldn't wear shorts to the wedding.

"She was like, 'You are undercutting my point right now,'" Muse said. Nevertheless, he wore the shorts.

"It's the most comfortable suit I own," he said — and, he added, his new go-to outfit for summer formal occasions.

Shorts, once considered a fashion faux pas at a wedding, are now the preferred attire of some wedding guests, and even some couples themselves.

Experts say it's not just the heat waves crashing summer weddings across the country, although they have certainly played a role. It's also the fact that fashion is evolving (short suits are in); guests are looking for fun outfits to wear to weddings to distinguish themselves; and fashion, in general, is becoming more casual, said Jules Martinez Hirst, an etiquette expert based in Culver City, Calif.

Julie Sabatino, owner of the Stylish Bride, a wedding-styling business in New York City, said she expects more people, including brides and grooms, will be wearing shorts at weddings in the future.

"You have Timothée Chalamet pushing the limits of what is cool in menswear, and that really filters through," she said.

One of her clients, J. Winkelreid, an activist and philanthropist who identifies as nonbinary, wore shorts to their February 2023 wedding to Maddie Winkelreid in Jupiter Island, Fla. "Most people get married in pants, I wanted something different," said the 32-year-old, who lives in New York City. "It was my own moment to really make my own while marrying my best friend."

Still, some etiquette experts believe shorts have no place at a wedding, re-

gardless of trends.

Hirst put it bluntly. "I understand it is going to be hot, but there are things you can wear that aren't shorts and flip-flops," she said.

The exception, she said, is when there is a directive from the top.

For her beach wedding in the Florida Keys last spring, Elena Marrone Filarecki, 28, a compliance analyst, knew she wanted all the men at the wedding (including her groom, Brent Filarecki, her father, and the groomsmen) to wear shorts.

"I wanted the attire to be romantic and cocktail attire, but not too hot," she said. "I also wanted everyone to be comfortable."

On her wedding website, she specified that "dress shorts" were allowed but "no cargo pockets."

"I also put together a Pinterest board with reference photos," she said.

To get the right look, the groomsmen ended up buying lightweight suits and having a tailor hem them to shorts.

Elena Filarecki loved how happy and carefree everybody looked. "My dad looked so handsome," she said. "And just like himself."

Problems can arise, though, when guests show up in shorts without approval from the hosts.

Cassie Horrell, a wedding planner in Pittsburgh, was appalled when a friend showed up to a mutual friend's wedding in June — it was at a vineyard in Seven Springs, Pa. — in a dress shirt, paired with shorts.

"It was a cocktail-style celebration," she said. "If you wear shorts, it can also



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Elena Marrone Filarecki wanted all the men (including her groom, Brent Filarecki) to wear shorts at her wedding in the Florida Keys.

be a sign of disrespect."

She said it also created unnecessary drama. "Everybody noticed, and everybody was giving him slack," she said. "We are still talking about it and it's been months."

It doesn't help, said Hirst, that social settings have become more casual. "We've become such a lax culture," she said. "I've gone to galas and seen people in jeans." (Indeed, we are in a culture where people wear workout gear to dinner and crop tops to work.)

Some wedding guests turn to shorts while searching for something different and fun to wear.

For her best friend's wedding in June in Boulder, Colo., Gemma Nash, 26, a software engineer in Brooklyn,

wanted to wear something that would stand out. "My best friend and I are very goofy," she said.

The dress code was "smart casual/garden party," and she found a bright-green matching set with shorts and a blazer, which she felt would work particularly in the 90-degree weather. She wasn't worried about wearing the ensemble, she said, because she had showed it to her friend and received her approval.

But at another wedding a month before in California, Nash ultimately balked at donning the shorts set. "I was worried it would be too casual," she said.

She wore wide-leg satin pants instead.

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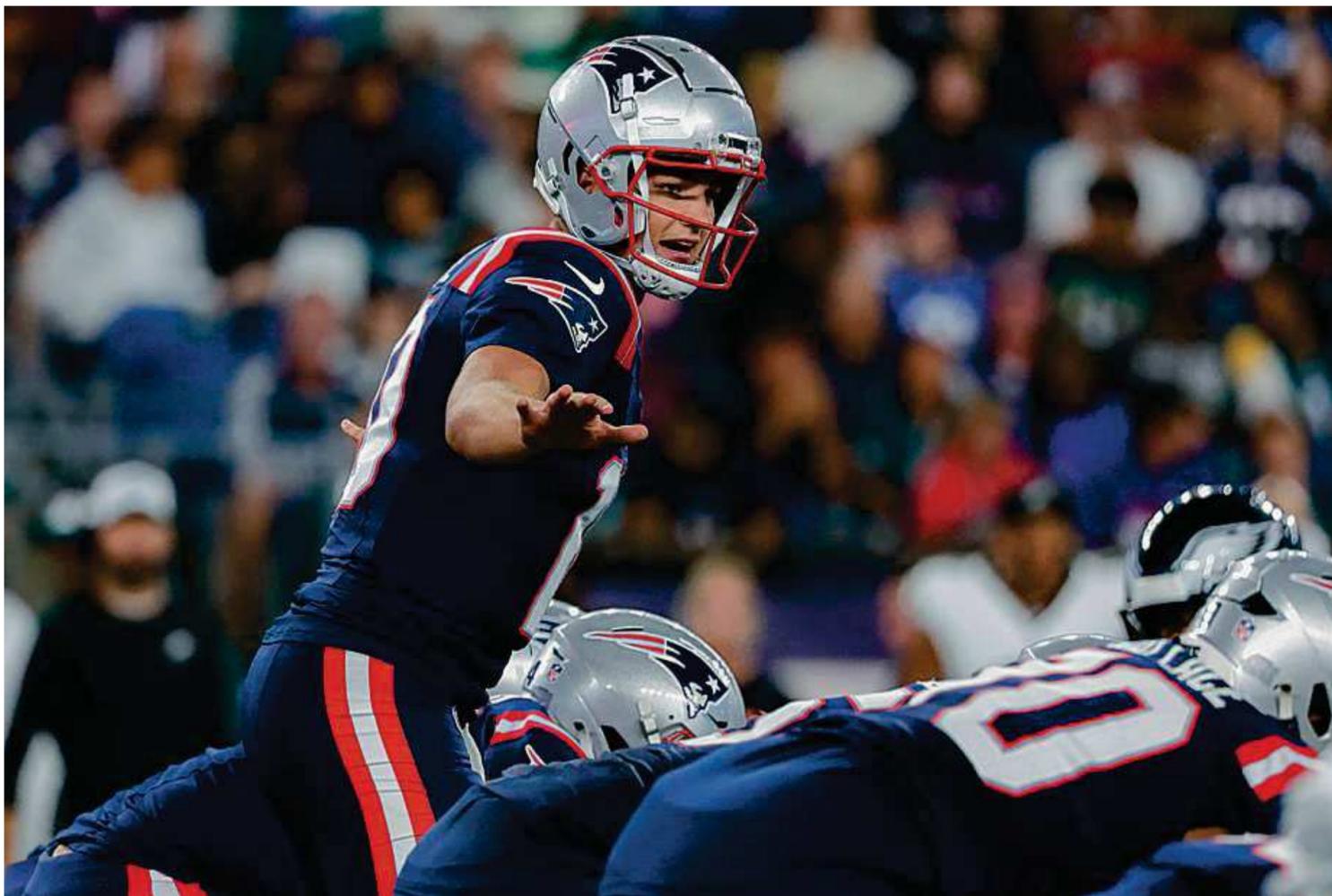
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Patriots' job at starting QB still TBD

By Christopher Price
 GLOBE STAFF

Patriots coach Jerod Mayo maintained Friday morning there is still competition for the starting quarterback job.

Speaking with reporters in the wake of Thursday's 14-13 preseason loss to the Eagles, Mayo sounded impressed by the work of rookie Drake Maye, who finished 6 of 11 for 47 yards and a rushing touchdown.

Maye, who played 24 snaps, worked in relief of veteran Jacoby Brissett and played all of the second and third quarters. It was a stark difference from the first preseason game, when the rookie was in for one series and six snaps.

"We have three more days of training camp practices, and it's our job as coaches to evaluate," Mayo said. "The competition isn't over. They're still going to go out there. They have to show not only themselves and the coaches but their teammates. It's definitely still a competition."

On Thursday, Maye engineered the Patriots' lone touchdown drive, one he capped with a 4-yard run for a touchdown.

"I think it's an awesome opportunity," Maye said after the game. "I think there are definitely things I can clean up. I had some good things, had some bad plays, dropped snaps — inexcusable from me.

"Other than that, sometimes I felt I was scrambling when I could sit in there, hang on, and try to make a throw. So there are definitely a lot of things to learn from."

He also was sacked once, but Mayo said that, as a whole, the game and Maye's work in the joint practice Tuesday against Philadelphia represented a "step forward."

"The sack happened, the defensive end got chipped inside,"

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Patriots brain trust showed its awareness with Judon trade

CHAD FINN



PHOTOGRAPH BY GLOBE STAFF

Give the Patriots credit for some astute situational awareness.

I'm not talking about what we've seen on the field. They lost their second preseason game Thursday night, falling to the Philadelphia Eagles Junior Varsity, 14-13.

The most important thing was a positive: Rookie quarterback Drake Maye looked (mostly) smooth in his first ex-

tended playing time.

The kid throws a nice, effortless ball and can scoot a little, running for the Patriots' only touchdown in the second quarter.

I'll presume this means Maye gets to keep his roster spot for another week (phew), though given how over-the-top the "concern" was after he struggled in his first week of practice, some sports-radio caterwauler might concoct a moronic way to dispute even that. Stay tuned. Better yet, don't.

There wasn't much you would call sharp or alert or situationally aware about the Patriots otherwise.

Not one but two backup centers struggled with the most fundamental action on offense — snapping the ball to the quarterback.

Rookie receiver Javon Baker couldn't hang on to Maye's best throw of the night, a dart down the right seam. Baker also has a habit of running out of bounds on sideline routes. He has to play, but he's going to be one of those rookies who provides a highlight for every five exasperating plays.

But this, given who was put at risk, was the most troubling play: Just before halftime, Eagles rusher Nolan Smith drilled Maye from the blind side after

running back Kevin Harris's attempt at chipping Smith seemed to drive him out of the path of being blocked by left-tackle-by-default Vederian Lowe.

I'm coming around on the idea of wanting Maye to play sooner rather than later, but the cause for pause remains that . . . well, that Vederian Lowe somehow is shaping up to be their *best* option at left tackle, and I'm not even sure he's the best option to be the backup left tackle on a decent team.

So, yes, the Patriots offense has a lot of work to do just to be considered a work in progress.

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Sox bats deliver big in victory

Batter Burnes, bail out pitching

By Julian McWilliams
 GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 12 BALTIMORE — To have any chance against the Orioles on Friday evening, the Red Sox were going to need to outslug their opponent — and maybe even say a little prayer.

They employed the opener strategy and a bullpen game, beginning with Brennan Bernardino and Zack Kelly, against one of the best hitting clubs in baseball before turning it over to the returning Cooper Criswell. It was an even taller task with the offense facing Corbin Burnes.

One of the best pitchers in baseball, Burnes entered Friday with a 2.71 ERA in 24 starts and an 0.64 (one run in 14 innings) in two against the Red Sox. He'd allowed no more than four earned runs in any game, doing that twice — against the Astros and Guardians.

The Red Sox got the right-hander for eight in four innings. The eight runs were a career worst, as were his 10 hits allowed.

"I think we put good swings," said manager Alex Cora. "Our lineup is a good one and we had seen him twice already. Probably, he was off a little bit as far as his cutter. He went to his chan-

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ANDREW BURKE-STEVENSON FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Olympic gold medalists Madison Chock and Evan Bates dazzled at "Summer Sizzler."

Stars bring sizzle to the ice

Elite figure skaters hope to bookend season in Boston

By Kat Cornetta
 GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

NORWOOD — Boston has played an important role in the careers of many of US Figure Skating's top athletes.

Two-time reigning world champion ice dancers Madison Chock and Evan Bates made their first Olympic team after stunning performances at the TD Garden a decade ago, and won their second World Championships medal in Boston in 2016.

For reigning men's world champion Ilia Malinin, Boston hosted the first Grand Prix event, 2022 Skate America, where he landed his trademark quadruple axel.

For two-time Olympic Jason Brown, his now-famous "Riverdance" long program at the

2014 US Championships at TD Garden catapulted him onto his first Olympic team as a 19-year-old.

Boston, said Brown, "was the launching pad."

On Thursday, the city took precedence again as Brown, Malinin, and Chock and Bates took the ice for Skating's Elite Summer Sizzler, a first-of-its-kind ice show held by US Figure Skating and the Skating Club of Boston. The event's purpose was twofold. It raised needed training funds for the federation's top athletes just 17½ months before the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan. It also provided a preseason pressure-filled environment for the athletes to perform in.

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MASSACHUSETTS WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Smith's second title caps a cool summer

By Matt Doherty
 GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

WILLIAMSTOWN — Morgan Smith went through the same routine on the putting green. A walk behind the hole to examine the line, a few practice strokes, and some deep breaths for focus.

The 20-year-old from Westford relied on her process to sink several clutch putts in Friday's Massachusetts Women's Amateur final, including a 6-footer on the 14th hole that dripped over the edge and cemented a 5-and-4 win over Brookline 18-year-old Julia Imai at the scenic Taconic Golf Club.

Smith captured her second title in three years.

"I'm really pumped," said Smith. "It's a great way to end the summer and get things rolling for college. Knowing I can do it and win a tournament like this definitely helped me today."

Smith's putter also bailed her out on the difficult 13th hole when she chipped to 5 feet and rolled in a bogey putt to win the hole and take a 4-up lead. The sizable cushion allowed Smith to clear her mind for the tee shot on the par-3 14th, a hole where

Jack Nicklaus famously made a hole-in-one as a 16-year-old during a practice round for the 1956 US Junior Amateur.

Aware of Nicklaus's feat, Maddie Smith, Morgan's caddie and younger sister, gave her a simple instruction as she approached the tee box.

"Maddie just looked at me and said, 'Do what Nicklaus did,'" said Smith, who fired a high iron shot directly at the flag, landing the ball a few feet short to set up the winning putt.

Smith's win capped a year in which she was constantly trying to prove herself. It started in the spring when she entered the transfer portal following her freshman year at Georgetown. Unsure if any big-time programs would come calling, Smith received an offer from SEC powerhouse Georgia and decided to transfer.

Just last week, Smith made the cut at the US Women's Amateur at Southern Hills in Oklahoma but was eliminated in the Round of 64. She arrived in Williamstown looking to make a statement.

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Sunny outlook

Connecticut Sun takes the big stage at TD Garden Tuesday in WNBA game vs. LA Sparks. **C4**

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White offers a huge upside

By Christopher Price
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FOXBOROUGH — Emptying out the notebook after another week with the Patriots ...

■ In the wake of Matthew Judon's departure, I was struck by something former Patriots linebacker Rob Ninkovich said prior to the trade on "The Dan and Ninko Show."

Ninkovich said Keion White — with his skill set and potential ceiling, given that he's on a rookie deal — was likely a sizable reason why Judon wasn't retained.

"Keion White is going to be a freak," said Ninkovich, who has had the opportunity to work with White since he arrived as a rookie last season. "He's going to be a guy that can defeat any tackle. He's got power, he's got speed. He can run."

Ninkovich added the Patriots believe they can get something close to the same level of production with White on a rookie deal as opposed to Judon, who is owed \$6.5 million in base salary in 2024. (And that doesn't take into account the bump the 32-year-old would likely be looking for in 2025 and beyond.)

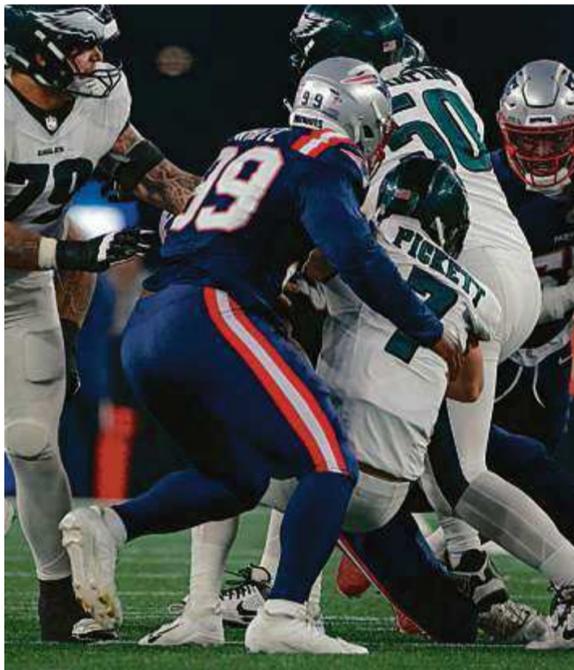
So can White step up his game if more is put on his plate?

"I look for him to have a big year, but we have to keep growing and developing and getting better each day in practice," said Patriots defensive line coach Jerry Montgomery prior to the trade. "What you do out here carries over to the game."

"We're just looking forward to him affecting the quarterbacks and doing a good job in the run game like anybody else. But he definitely has some tools to work with."

■ We head into the last week of camp with a genuine kicker competition. When it comes to field goal attempts, including Thursday night, Joey Slye is 30 for 36 this summer, while Chad Ryland is 28 for 33. Slye came up big Thursday, with makes from 51 and 45 yards.

The two will likely face more



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The Patriots believe Keion White (above) is capable of the same production as departed linebacker Matthew Judon.

pressure over the last week, with the coaching staff likely to mimic something it used last week — plenty of trash talk directed toward the kickers as they line up. Both had to deliver in the face of teammates like Deatrich Wise Jr. getting after them pretty good.

"Coach [Jerod] Mayo likes a lot of competition, so that's more of a Mayo thing," said special teams coach Dennis Springer. "I love it, having those guys in pressure situations. It's really hard to simulate that kind of stuff in practice. The more and more you can have the players around, talking, talking trash, things like that, it's healthy for the competition."

■ According to Mayo, the possibility exists that he will start rookie Drake Maye at quarterback come Week 1. Who were the last three rookie quarterbacks to open the regular season as the starter in New England? Answer below.

■ You have to put all the stats into context because it's the preseason, but it's worth noting that undrafted receiver David Wallis leads the league in punt-return yards (36) and kick-return yards (100), and is eighth in kick-return average (33.3) and 15th in yards per punt return (12).

Wallis faces an uphill battle to make the final 53, but his performance as a returner certainly puts him in the conversation when you're talking about a practice squad berth.

■ It was striking to hear inside linebackers coach Drew Wilkins, who was on the Ravens staff from 2010-21, talk about Dont'a Hightower, who is in his first season as an assistant in New England. It's clear that the respect Wilkins had for Hightower as a player has crossed over now that the two have offices next to each other.

"I just remember sitting in team meetings in Baltimore,"

Wilkins recalled. "And just the respect that everybody in that building had for him. And honestly, the fear that the offensive guys would have, knowing that they were going against 'Boom-tower'."

"He's Mr. February, right? He's going to make the plays when they matter most. But what you see with a guy like that is he's also Mr. August. As a player and as a coach, he's going to outwork everybody. He's a grinder who constantly cares about his players, cares about the details."

"This guy is going to be a head coach in the NFL."

■ Two health notes we picked up from Mayo on Friday morning. One, it sounds as if whatever is ailing cornerbacks Jonathan Jones and Marcus Jones isn't a long-term issue. And two, Mayo said more information will be forthcoming on wide receiver JaQuae Jackson, who went down with a leg injury Thursday night.

"The X-rays came back negative, and he'll be getting an MRI [Friday]," Mayo said.

■ Prior to the joint practice with the Eagles, Mayo indicated any starter who was caught fighting during the workout would play the whole game. So after we saw Joshua Uche involved in a scrap Tuesday — and he was spotted playing in the second half Thursday — it was natural to draw a line between the two. But Mayo shut that down quickly, saying what happened Tuesday shouldn't have been labeled a fight.

"When I was talking about a fight, I'm talking about punches being thrown," said Mayo. "Now, scuffles, they happen all the time. It was a bunch of pushing and shoving. But that had nothing to do with it."

■ Quiz answer: Mac Jones (2021), Drew Bledsoe (1993), Jim Plunkett (1971).

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Patriots coach Jerod Mayo had a huge distraction removed when the disgruntled Matthew Judon was dealt to Atlanta.

In dealing Judon, Patriots showed their awareness

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The credit for astute situational awareness doesn't belong to the Patriots' players, but to executive vice president of player personnel Eliot Wolf and the front-office folks charged with assembling a contending football team again.

Trading Matthew Judon to the Falcons on Wednesday brought a nice return — a 2025 third-round pick — and cured what was becoming a chronic headache, the veteran pass rusher's displeasure with his contract situation.

There was a boldness to the move that is rather admirable. Judon had 32 sacks in just 38 games with the Patriots. He was a productive player with a big personality, someone on the short list of the best veteran players on the roster.

Wolf and coach Jerod Mayo are in their first year in their particular roles. It would be human nature for them to try to validate their new gigs by doing everything in their power to win as many games as possible this season, even at the expense of the future.

The Patriots defense last year was practically heroic in the football sense, allowing the seventh-fewest yards in the league despite constantly being left in difficult situations by Mac Jones and a historically inept offense.

A healthy Judon — who was lost for the season in Week 4 last year — would have made them even better. He elevated teammates such as Joshua Uche, whose sacks fell from 11½ in 2022 to three last season.

Plus, the defense had already endured a blow in training camp when defensive tackle Christian Barmore, who emerged as a force last season, was lost indefinitely with blood clots. It seemed as if they couldn't afford to lose Judon if they wanted to be competitive.

But that's where Wolf, and perhaps Mayo too, had that as-

tute situational awareness that is often lacking in new leaders.

They assessed Judon, and their own circumstances, honestly. Judon is 32 years old, and as good as he is at his job, he probably won't be the same player by the time the Patriots are a genuinely good team again.

So Wolf did the right thing, which isn't always congruent with the easy thing: He traded an accomplished veteran player for a future asset, all but acknowledging that the purpose of the 2024 Patriots is to develop young talent, find a core group, and prepare for the seasons beyond this one.

I wouldn't call it a full-on tank-a-thon. They probably don't *have* to tank, given some of the voids and talent gaps on this roster. (Vederian Lowe? Vederian Lowe???)

They will naturally lose, and they will naturally lose often, and the best hope along the way is that Mayo, and Baker, and Ja'Lynn Polk, and Keion White and the assortment of other youngsters look much better at the end of the season than they do at the beginning.

It's a great sign that the Patriots' brain trust can be honest with themselves about where this team stands. They know who they are, and they know what they are — one of the league's weakest teams, right now.

It's an important acknowledgement, because it allows them to rebuild the proper way. They're being prudent, and they're being patient, and they're willing to endure short-term pain for the long-term payoff.

The awareness of the situation is admirable.

Now if Wolf could just find someone to competently play left tackle until the draft comes around again.

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said the coach. "Just that miscommunication, to see him take a hit like that was definitely unfortunate. But I would say as a whole, I thought he moved around a lot better."

"Some of the things that happened the last couple of weeks [were] just stepping up into pressure. I thought he did a better job overall of using his legs and really extending plays. He made some good throws. They didn't always come down with the catch. But he definitely took a step forward."

Mayo pointed to a few things the rookie could improve on.

"I think first and foremost, just the entire operation," he said. "I think it needs to be faster. He needs to get those guys in the huddle faster. Get them out of the huddle faster. And get to the line and be on point."

"I think that's a thing he definitely has to work on. And I think he is. Like I said, we have

three more days of camp, and that's going to be my point of emphasis for him."

Mayo didn't sound thrilled with the botched exchanges between the quarterback and center that took place when Mayo was in the game.

"We had three [botched] quarterback/center exchanges," he said. "You can sit here and say whose fault it is, but it's both. It's a problem between the quarterbacks and the center."

"We definitely have to get better at that. That's part of the preseason is to make sure we're good on the quarterback/center exchange. And you have to get used to taking snaps from other people outside of David Andrews."

"We have to do a better job with that and rep that more. But that was one of the more disappointing things, how many times the ball was on the ground."

Brissett was 3 of 7 for 17 yards and an interception. For a

veteran who had been mostly steady over the course of camp, the pick — which happened in the red zone on a ball intended for tight end Austin Hooper — was an uncharacteristically poor decision. Philadelphia's Avonte Maddox took the ball back to the Eagles' 45-yard line.

"It was just forcing the play," Mayo said. "He had other guys open on the play. It was just a poor play. It was a terrible play. And we can't have those, especially when we have guaranteed points on the board."

"There's a lot of room for growth, obviously," Brissett said. "And our operation is getting cleaner. You don't want those errors — the picks, for instance, to happen. But it gives you a chance to look at it and say, 'This is what I was thinking here.'"

"It opens up the room for communication. Even when [Hooper] came back to the sideline and was talking to me, it was like, 'We haven't been in

that situation before.'

"It's going to be good to learn from a lot of this stuff."

To this point in the summer, Brissett has been surrounded mostly by starters while Mayo has been predominantly working with backups. Mayo did get an opportunity to play behind four-fifths of the starting offensive line in the first half Thursday, with center Nick Leverett stepping in for Andrews.

On Friday, Mayo didn't dismiss the idea of Mayo receiving reps with the starters over the final week of camp.

"We'll see," he said. "We'll have the staff meeting a little later on today and that decision will be made. I do think he definitely showed improvement [Thursday] as a whole, and we'll see what happens moving forward."

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Ex-Patriots QB Jones to make a preseason start for Jaguars

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Mac Jones, with the Patriots for the first three seasons of his career, is clearly enjoying his new role with his hometown Jaguars. After

being the third quarterback to take the field in last week's preseason opener against the Chiefs, Jones is expected to start against Tampa Bay on Saturday.

With Trevor Lawrence taking the night off following two joint practices with the Bucs, Jones will get a chance to secure the team's backup job. It's a far cry from being *the guy* for 43 games in New England, but it's also a refreshing reboot for the former Alabama star.

"I've competed my whole life and I find great joy in competition," Jones said. "I try to just be myself. I'm not going to change because of one thing or another."

Jones and C.J. Beathard are expected

to split the exhibition. Jones completed 9 of 11 passes for 98 yards against the Chiefs; Beathard connected on 7 of 14 for 125 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown pass to Devin Duvernay.

It would be a mild upset if Jones didn't land the No. 2 spot. After all, the Jaguars traded a sixth-round draft pick to New England in March in hopes of finding an upgrade behind Lawrence.

Lawrence missed the first game of his professional career following a sprained right shoulder in December. He also missed significant practice time because of other injuries: a sprained left knee in Week 6, a sprained right ankle in Week 13 and a concussion in Week 15.

Beathard, 30, won his lone start in 2023 but also dealt with a nagging shoulder injury down the stretch. He is entering the final year of his contract.

The 25-year-old Jones, meanwhile, became available once the Patriots and

new coach Jerod Mayo decided they were going to draft a quarterback (Drake Maye) with the No. 3 pick in April. It was a low-risk move for Jacksonville, which is on the hook for \$2.8 million in the final year of his rookie deal.

It also gave Jones a fresh start after getting booed, benched and eventually booted. The Jacksonville native and starter during Alabama's 2020 national championship run doesn't have nearly the same amount of pressure now. But he insists he's approaching everything the same way he did in college and in New England.

"Some years you're the starter and you may not be playing much. A lot of times it's a coach's decision. But I always want to get out there and play as much as I can," he said. "Whether you're the starter, backup, third or fourth, it doesn't matter. You want the reps in the game."

The Jaguars believe Jones has meshed well in their QB room — and it shows in practice.

"He's going to have a fun time no matter what," said coach Doug Pederson. "I think that's just his personality. He's great in the locker room, great with the guys. Sometimes he drives us crazy with some of the stuff he does or says, but it's good."

"I think it's really good because when he gets in there, it's business. He's a competitor, and he loves to compete."

Bengals extend kicker

Bengals kicker Evan McPherson agreed to a three-year, \$16.5 million contract extension, eliminating any chance of him hitting free agency in March.

McPherson, who earned the nickname "Money Mac" because of his penchant for making clutch kicks, will earn \$10 million in new money in 2025, ac-

cording to his agents at New York-based Sportstars Inc. That's nearly 10 times his base salary of \$1,055,000 for 2024.

A fifth-round draft pick from Florida in 2021, McPherson has made 78 of 93 field-goal attempts in three seasons. He's hit 21 of those from beyond 50 yards and is 126 of 132 on extra points.

Bengals owner/president Mike Brown said last month the sides had begun talking about an extension for McPherson, who is the fourth kicker to land a contract extension in the past five months.

Kansas City's Harrison Butker signed a four-year, \$25.6M extension earlier this month that made him the NFL's highest-paid kicker. Cleveland's Dustin Hopkins signed a three-year, \$15.9 million extension in July, and Philadelphia's Jake Elliott signed a four-year, \$24 million extension in March.

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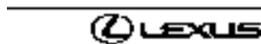


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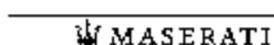
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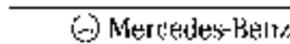
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Lots of festivities for WNBA's Boston debut

Full weekend sets stage for Sun game

By Andrew Mahoney

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The WNBA is coming to Boston. The Connecticut Sun will play the Los Angeles Sparks Tuesday at 7 p.m. at TD Garden. It marks the first time the Sun will play a regular-season game there.

On Friday, the Sun announced the game was sold out, but verified resale tickets are available on Ticketmaster.com.

The 19,156 tickets sold mark the third-highest total for a WNBA game this season, and the most tickets sold for a Sun game in franchise history.

"We are thrilled with the reception from the Boston market for our game at TD Garden," Sun club president Jen Rizzotti said in a statement. "It's truly special to make history by hosting the first ever professional women's basket-

ball game in this arena, known for its incredible basketball prowess and championship culture.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to expose the Connecticut Sun brand by playing a game more centrally located to our New England fan base. Women's sports are here to stay, and this is a wonderful celebration and confirmation of that fact."

The Sun enter the weekend with the second-best record in the league at 18-6. DeWanna Bonner, a five-time All-Star, leads the team in scoring with 16.7 points per game. All-WNBA Alyssa Thomas, who won a gold medal with Team USA in Paris, is averaging 11.4 points and leads the team in both rebounds (9.2) and assists (7.6).

The Sparks are in fifth place in the Western Conference, entering the weekend with a 6-18 record. Dearica Hamby, who won a bronze medal with Team USA's 3x3 squad in Paris, is averaging 19.2 points and 10 rebounds to lead Los Angeles in both categories.

The Sun, along with Meet Boston, will be hosting festivities in the area beginning Saturday, including a youth sports festival, a Sun watch party, and a block party.

Here's a guide to the events this weekend through Tuesday:

■ Connecticut Sun Youth Sports Festival

When: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: New Balance Track (91 Guest Street, Boston)

The festival will include 20-minute Sun Academy clinics throughout the day; showcases from other women's sports leagues such as the NWHL, PWHL, LGPA, and Swarm AAU Basketball; Science of Basketball STEM sessions powered by Microsoft; mental strength conditioning sessions sponsored by Daily Human; and an athlete wellness and conditioning session with Saysh, a sneaker company founded by Olympic sprinter Allyson Felix.

Youth athletes can participate in the activities by showing their previously

purchased game ticket or by purchasing a ticket at the entrance to the festival. Admission without a ticket will be \$10, cash only. Parents and family will be permitted to attend with no charge.

The following Sun Academy Power Hour advanced sessions are available for an additional registration fee:

10-11 a.m.: Ball handling and footwork

Noon-1 p.m.: Jab steps and finishing

2-3 p.m.: Shooting and competition

■ Watch party

When: Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

Where: Game On! Fenway (82 Lansdowne Street, Boston)

The Sun will host a watch party for the team's 3 p.m. game at Atlanta against the Dream. There will be chances to win prizes, tickets, and ticket upgrades. Rizzotti, who won a national title as a guard for UConn's 1995 squad that went 35-0, will be on hand.

■ Block party
When: Tuesday, 3-7 p.m.
Where: Canal Street outside TD

Garden

The block party will be open to the public and hosted in partnership with the City of Boston and Meet Boston, with live music, fan giveaways, and lots of activities for families leading up to the game, which tips off at 7 p.m. and will air on NBC Sports Boston.

Friday night in Arlington, Texas, DeWanna Bonner hit four 3-pointers to pass Tamika Catchings for eighth on the all-time WNBA list, finishing with a game-high 29 points to lead the Sun to a 109-91 win over the Dallas Wings.

Marina Mabrey, making her Sun debut, had 17 points, while Tyasha Harris (14 points), Alyssa Thomas (12 points), 14 assists, 8 rebounds), Brionna Jones (12 points), and Olivia Nelson-Ododa (10 points) all scored in double-figures for Connecticut (19-6). Arik Ogunbowale had 21 points for Dallas (6-20).

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Red Sox 12, Orioles 10

At Oriole Park at Camden Yards, Baltimore

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Duran lf	5	3	3	1	1	1	.291
Abreu rf	6	1	1	1	0	3	.269
Casas 1b	5	1	1	0	0	2	.241
Devers 3b	4	2	2	3	1	1	.298
Wong c	5	2	2	1	0	1	.295
Yoshida dh	4	1	3	4	1	0	.291
Sogard 2b	4	1	0	0	1	3	.227
Hamilton ss	4	1	2	2	1	1	.255
Rafaela cf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Totals	42	12	14	12	5	12	

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Cowser lf	6	1	1	0	0	2	.249
Santander rf	5	0	1	0	1	2	.242
Henderson ss	4	0	0	1	2	2	.287
Mountcastle 1b	6	1	2	0	0	0	.272
Jiménez dh	3	2	2	1	0	0	.264
a-O'Hearn ph-dh	2	1	1	0	0	0	.279
Holliday 2b	5	3	4	1	0	0	.200
Mullins cf	3	1	1	0	2	0	.225
Urias 3b	3	1	3	5	1	0	.244
McCann c	4	0	2	1	0	2	.226
Totals	41	10	17	9	6	8	

Boston.....	202	400	310	-	12	14	0
Baltimore.....	013	020	310	-	10	17	0

a-grounded out for E.Jiménez in 6th. **LOB**—Boston 8, Baltimore 12. **2B**—Duran (37), Abreu (25), Devers (32), Wong (14), Mountcastle 2 (27), Jiménez (12). **3B**—Holliday (1). **HR**—Duran (15), off Kimbrel, Devers (26), off Burnes, Yoshida (8), off Burnes, Hamilton (7), off Kimbrel, Urias (7), off Garcia. **SB**—Sogard (3), Hamilton (31), Mullins (21). **SF**—Urias, McCann. **Runners left in scoring position**—Boston 4 (Abreu 2, Sogard, Rafaela), Baltimore 7 (Cowser 2, Santander, Jiménez 2, Holliday, McCann). **RISP**—Boston 5 for 15, Baltimore 4 for 15. **Runners moved up**—Casas, Mountcastle, Mullins 2. **GIDP**—Cowser. **DP**—Boston 1 (Casas, Hamilton, Casas).

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bernardino	2/3	0	0	0	1	2	13	3.73
Kelly	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.87
Criswell W 5-4	3 1/3	9	6	6	4	1	79	4.56
Horn	3/2	0	0	0	1	2	15	6.60
Sims	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	6.43
Garcia	1	4	3	3	0	1	17	5.26
CHMartin	1	3	1	1	0	0	20	3.23
Klansen S 23	1	0	0	0	0	2	12	2.72

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burnes L 12-5	4	10	8	8	3	7	95	3.10
Akin	2	0	0	0	0	3	37	3.63
Kimbrel	1	2	3	3	1	0	22	3.89
BurSmith	1	2	1	1	0	1	20	3.14
Baker	1	0	0	0	1	1	21	4.71

Horn pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. **Inherited runners scored**—Kelly 1-0, Horn 7-0, Sims 1-0. **WP**—Criswell, Sims, Burnes 2, Akin. **Umpires**—Home, Ryan Willis; First, Ben May; Second, Carlos Torres; Third, Brian Walsh. T—3:36. A—34,541 (45,971).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING

RED SOX — Duran hit an infield single to second. Abreu doubled to right, Duran scored. Casas grounded out, pitcher Burnes to first baseman Mountcastle. Abreu to third. Devers doubled to right. Abreu scored. Wong struck out. Yoshida walked on four pitches. Sogard struck out.

SECOND INNING

ORIOLES — Criswell pitching. Holliday singled to center. Mullins grounded out, second baseman Sogard to first baseman Casas. Holliday to second. Urias singled to left. Holliday scored. McCann singled to right. Urias to third. Cowser grounded into a double play, first baseman Casas to shortstop Hamilton to first baseman Casas. McCann out.

THIRD INNING

RED SOX — Casas singled to right. Devers homered to right on a 1-2 count. Casas scored. Wong flied out to left fielder Cowser. Yoshida singled to left. Sogard struck out. Hamilton singled to left. Yoshida to third. Rafaela lined out to right fielder Santander.

ORIOLES — Santander popped out to catcher Wong. Henderson flied out to right fielder Abreu. Mountcastle doubled to left. E.Jiménez doubled to center. Mountcastle scored. Holliday tripled to right. E.Jiménez scored. Mullins walked on a full count. Mullins stole second. Urias walked on a full count. On Criswell's wild pitch, Holliday scored. Mullins to third. McCann struck out.

FOURTH INNING

RED SOX — Duran walked on a full count. On Burnes' wild pitch, Duran to second. Abreu struck out. Casas struck out. On Burnes' wild pitch, Duran to third. Devers walked. Wong singled to right, Duran scored, Devers to second. Yoshida homered to right on the first pitch, Devers scored. Wong scored. Sogard struck out.

FIFTH INNING

ORIOLES — E.Jiménez singled to left. Holliday singled to right. E.Jiménez to second. Mullins walked on a full count. E.Jiménez to third, Holliday to second. Urias singled to center. E.Jiménez scored. Holliday to third, Mullins to second. McCann hit a sacrifice fly to center fielder Rafaela. Holliday scored. Mullins to third. Horn pitching. Cowser struck out. Santander struck out.

SEVENTH INNING

RED SOX — O'Hearn in as designated hitter. Kimbrel pitching. Yoshida grounded out, shortstop Henderson to first baseman Mountcastle. Sogard walked. Sogard stole second. Hamilton homered to right on a 0-1 count. Mullins scored. Rafaela lined out to second baseman Holliday. Duran homered to right on a 0-2 count. Abreu flied out to center fielder Mullins.

ORIOLES — L.Garcia pitching. Mullins singled to right. Urias homered to center on a 0-2 count. Mullins scored. McCann struck out. Cowser singled to right. Santander singled to right. Cowser to third. Henderson grounded into fielder's choice, second baseman Sogard to shortstop Hamilton. Cowser scored, Santander out. Mountcastle grounded out, second baseman Sogard to first baseman Casas.

EIGHTH INNING

RED SOX — Smith pitching. Casas grounded out, first baseman Mountcastle unassisted. Devers struck out. Wong doubled to left. Yoshida singled to right. Wong scored. Sogard lined out to second baseman Holliday.

ORIOLES — C.Martin pitching. O'Hearn singled to left. Holliday singled to left, O'Hearn to second. Mullins flied out to left fielder Duran. O'Hearn to third. Urias hit a sacrifice fly to center fielder Rafaela. O'Hearn scored. McCann singled to right. Holliday to third. Cowser flied out to left fielder Duran.

Casas's return coincides with offensive barrage

By Julian McWilliams

GLOBE STAFF

BALTIMORE — **Triston Casas** knew he was ready to return to the Red Sox after his first at-bat Thursday evening

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

for Triple A Worcester. After missing nearly four months with a rib cage strain, the first baseman turned to the WooSox trainers in the middle of the game and said it was time for him to rejoin the parent club as it holds out hope for a postseason berth.

"Something just popped in my head and told me I was ready to go. Nothing more than that," said Casas ahead of Friday night's 12-10 win against the Orioles, in which he hit third and went 1 for 5 with a pair of strikeouts. "I told the trainers, 'I'd be OK if this was my last game.' So they were OK with that decision as well. The process happened fast, and I was here a couple of hours later."

Bat speed numbers were back to Casas's liking, something that concerned him initially. With the combination of his large frame (6 feet 4 inches, 240 pounds) and elite bat speed, the slugger was unsure if his ribs could hold up. That Casas didn't reinjure that area made him confident that he could compete against big-league pitching again.

He did so Friday, singling off Baltimore ace **Corbin Burnes** in the third inning and scoring on **Rafael Devers's** two-run home run.

Casas would have reached the 20-day limit allowed for a rehab assignment on Monday, and it was thought he would use all 20 days. Red Sox manager **Alex Cora** said earlier in the week he didn't expect Casas to return for the Baltimore series.

Though Casas feels some discomfort, the Red Sox slugger feels as though he can manage it.

"Discomfort is OK. Everybody is playing with some level of discomfort," said Casas. "It was discomfort before I tore it. I was managing it then. When I got to the point where I couldn't get out of bed and I couldn't breathe, that's when I called it. But I'm feeling good enough to come back."

"It's going to be 100 percent soon. I don't know when, but it's not going to affect the play on the field."

Prior to going on the injured list April 21, Casas was hitting .244/.344/.513 (.857 OPS), with six homers in 22 games. In 76 games since the 2023 All-Star break, Casas has been one of the best hitters in baseball, carrying a .295/.395/.585 slash line (.981 OPS) with 21 homers.

"He hits the ball out of the ballpark. That's what he brings to the equation," said Cora. "Every at-bat he doesn't chase. He's going to put [up] a good at bat every time out there."



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Rafael Devers (rear) launched a two-run home run in the third inning, scoring the returning Triston Casas.

Smith designated

To make room for Casas, **Dom Smith** was designated for assignment. The Sox traded for Smith following the Casas injury and he quickly became a steady presence both in the clubhouse and on the field, appearing in 83 games.

"He was outstanding," said Cora on Smith, who hit .272/.330/.485 (.816 OPS) and three homers while also playing a solid first base. "It's one of those that is a tough decision, but one that I think everybody knew was going to

happen roster wise. He played great. He was A-plus."

O'Neill on verge of return

Tyler O'Neill, out since Aug. 2 with a leg infection, will likely be reinstated from the injured list and play Saturday . . . Reliever **Liam Hendriks** is set to make his first rehab appearance Sunday at Worcester . . . The Red Sox reinstated **Cooper Criswell** from the 7-day COVID-related IL, then called on him in the second inning of Friday's bullpen game. Criswell picked up the win after

allowing six runs on nine hits and four walks in 3 1/3 innings . . . The Sox also optioned righthander **Chase Shugart** to Worcester after he made his major league debut in the final 2 1/2 innings of Thursday's loss . . . **Justin Slaten** (elbow) threw a bullpen Friday . . . O's catcher **Adley Rutschman** was a late scratch Friday due to lower back tightness.

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Offense bails out pitching as Sox battles past Burnes, O's

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geup a lot. He went to the breaking ball a lot."

Yet even that wasn't enough against the relentless Orioles, who held the edge in hits by night's end. Boston's four home runs, though, helped deliver a 12-10 victory at Camden Yards.

Jarren Duran (3 for 5, double, RBI), Masataka Yoshida (3 for 4, 4 RBIs), Rafael Devers (2 for 4, double, 3 RBIs), and David Hamilton (2 for 4, 2 RBIs) all went deep in the game, which ended Boston's two-game losing streak and allowed them to stay 2 1/2 games behind Kansas City in the wild-card chase.

"I think just being picky, man. I think we were just so locked in on the spot we wanted, and we stuck to it," said Duran on their success against

Burnes. "We didn't chase him around too much and we had quality at-bats. We kind of grinded him down a little bit, making him throw quality pitches, and I feel like sometimes, it's hard for a pitcher."

Boston's pitching has struggled mightily, its 5.99 ERA since the break second-worst in MLB. The Orioles ensured that continued Thursday, erasing an early 4-1 lead — Devers clubbed his two-run shot in the third — and consistently answering each time the Red Sox bats delivered more distance on the scoreboard. Criswell, summoned for the second inning after Bernardino and Kelly worked around a hit and a walk in the first, was knocked around for nine hits and six runs in 3 1/3 innings.

He earned the win thanks to a four-run Red Sox fourth, highlighted by a

three-run trip around the bases for Yoshida which reestablished Boston's lead for good at 8-4. Things, however, were far from decided.

"Good swings. Good at-bats. Smart hitter," said Cora of Yoshida, who's in the midst of an 18 for 42 (.429) run the last 11 games. "I think there are certain guys that are going to benefit from having Triston [Casas] in the lineup. Raffy, hitting behind him, because Triston is going to see pitches and Raffy can do whatever he wants and be aggressive. Masa is going to benefit from those two at-bats, just watching."

Casas, playing in his first game since April 20, was 1 for 5 with a third-inning single off Burnes.

The Orioles put the first four on in the fifth against Criswell, then made it 8-6 on a James McCann sacrifice fly.

That brought on Bailey Horn, who fanned both Colton Cowser and Anthony Santander as the potential tying run.

After a perfect sixth from Lucas Sims, the Sox rebuilt the lead to 11-6 in the seventh against former closer Craig Kimbrel, whom Hamilton (two-run) and Duran (solo) tagged for their home runs. Luis Garcia promptly handed all three runs back via four hits, the biggest a two-run shot by Ramón Urias to right-center.

A Connor Wong double and Yoshida single made it 12-9 in the eighth with Boston's big two relievers in line, but Baltimore got to Chris Martin for two singles and a one-out Urias sacrifice fly. A McCann single put runners on the corners and the tying run on base, but Cowser flew out.

That, at last, was enough. Kenley Jansen cut through the heart of the Baltimore order in the ninth, striking out Santander and Gunnar Henderson and getting Ryan Mountcastle to ground out for his 23rd save.

"I've seen a lot of these games," said Jansen. "I've been in a lot of these games, and you just got to slow it down mentally. You just got to prepare yourself and slow it down and know that, you know, the momentum's on both sides. It's a crazy game, a high-scoring game. Everybody's seeing the ball well. And for me, it's just trying to mentally slow it down and that's what I did, slow the game down and got 1-2-3."

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Baseball



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Seiya Suzuki delivered a 10th-inning walkoff single to push the Cubs past the Blue Jays, 6-5, on Friday in Chicago. After being swept in Cleveland, the Cubs blew a 5-2 lead to visiting Toronto in the ninth.

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
New York	73	50	.593	—	—	6-4	W 3
Baltimore	72	51	.585	1	—	5-5	L 1
Boston	64	57	.529	8	2½	4-6	W 1
Tampa Bay	60	61	.496	12	6½	3-7	W 1
Toronto	57	65	.467	15½	10	6-4	L 1
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Cleveland	72	50	.590	—	—	5-5	L 1
Minnesota	69	53	.566	3	—	6-4	W 2
Kansas City	67	55	.549	5	—	5-5	W 2
Detroit	59	64	.480	13½	8½	6-4	L 1
Chicago	30	93	.244	42½	37½	3-7	W 1
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Houston	65	56	.537	—	—	8-2	L 1
Seattle	63	60	.512	3	4½	4-6	L 4
Texas	56	67	.455	10	11½	2-8	L 2
*Los Angeles	52	69	.430	13	14½	4-6	L 3
Oakland	52	70	.426	13½	15	6-4	W 1

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Philadelphia	72	50	.590	—	—	6-4	W 3
*Atlanta	64	57	.529	7½	—	4-6	L 1
New York	63	59	.516	9	1½	4-6	W 1
Washington	55	68	.447	17½	10	4-6	L 3
Miami	45	77	.369	27	19½	3-7	L 2
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Milwaukee	70	52	.574	—	—	7-3	W 3
Cincinnati	60	62	.492	10	4½	6-4	L 1
St. Louis	60	62	.492	10	4½	3-7	L 5
Chicago	60	63	.488	10½	5	6-4	W 1
Pittsburgh	57	64	.471	12½	7	1-9	W 1
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Los Angeles	72	51	.585	—	—	6-4	W 1
Arizona	69	54	.561	3	—	8-2	L 1
San Diego	69	54	.561	3	—	8-2	L 1
San Francisco	62	62	.500	10½	3½	5-5	W 1
Colorado	45	78	.366	27	20	4-6	W 1

* — Not including late game

RESULTS									
FRIDAY									
Boston 12	at Baltimore 10	At NY Mets 7	Miami 3						
At Chi. Cubs 6 (10 inn.)	Toronto 5	Minnesota 4	at Texas 3						
Kansas City 7	at Cincinnati 1	Chi. White Sox 5	at Houston 4						
NY Yankees 3	at Detroit 0	At Milwaukee 5	Cleveland 3						
At Pittsburgh 5	Seattle 3	LA Dodgers 7	at St. Louis 6						
At Philadelphia 3	Washington 2	At Colorado 7	San Diego 3						
At Tampa Bay 5	Arizona 4	Atlanta	at LA Angels						
THURSDAY									
At Baltimore 5	Boston 1	At San Francisco 6	Atlanta 0						
Oakland 7	at NY Mets 6	At Philadelphia 13	Washington 3						
At Detroit 2	Seattle 1	Minnesota 3	at Texas 2						
At Milwaukee 6	LA Dodgers 4								

SATURDAY'S GAMES										
.....2024..... Team2024 vs. opp..... Last 3 starts.....										
Odds	W-L	ERA	rec.	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	
BOSTON AT BALTIMORE, 7:05 p.m.										
Bello (R)	Off	10-5	4.97	15-7	1-1	10.1	3.48	0-0	17.0	3.18
Povich (L)	Off	1-5	6.27	3-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	10.2	11.81
SEATTLE AT PITTSBURGH, 1:05 p.m.										
Castillo (R)	-160	10-11	3.40	12-13	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	18.0	3.50
Falter (L)	+135	5-7	4.07	8-12	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	11.1	3.97
NY YANKEES AT DETROIT, 1:10 p.m.										
Rodón (L)	-195	13-7	4.18	15-9	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.1	2.60
Montero (R)	+165	3-5	5.76	5-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	18.0	4.50
TORONTO AT CHI. CUBS, 2:20 p.m.										
Bassitt (R)	Off	9-11	4.30	9-15	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.0	8.40
Steele (L)	Off	3-5	3.16	7-12	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.2	3.57
ARIZONA AT TAMPA BAY, 4:10 p.m.										
Gallen (R)	Off	9-5	3.69	12-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	17.1	3.63
Springs (L)	Off	0-1	4.61	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	13.2	4.61
MIAMI AT NY METS, 4:10 p.m.										
Meyer (R)	+160	3-2	5.20	4-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.1	8.22
Severino (R)	-190	7-6	4.17	11-12	1-0	18.2	2.89	0-3	13.0	9.69
WASHINGTON AT PHILADELPHIA, 6:05 p.m.										
Gore (L)	+175	7-10	4.50	11-13	1-0	12.0	3.00	1-2	14.1	4.40
Sánchez (L)	-210	8-8	3.63	11-12	0-1	11.1	3.97	1-2	16.1	7.71
KANSAS CITY AT CINCINNATI, 6:40 p.m.										
Wacha (R)	+115	9-6	3.50	12-9	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	20.0	2.70
Lodolo (L)	-135	9-4	3.99	13-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	6.88
MINNESOTA AT TEXAS, 7:05 p.m.										
Festa (R)	Off	2-2	5.20	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	13.1	2.03
Eovaldi (R)	Off	8-6	3.75	12-9	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	14.0	7.07
SAN FRANCISCO AT OAKLAND, 7:07 p.m.										
Birdsong (R)	-130	3-2	5.40	4-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	11.1	9.53
Bido (R)	+110	3-3	3.92	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.2	5.17
CHI. WHITE SOX AT HOUSTON, 7:10 p.m.										
Floren (R)	+295	2-11	5.34	2-21	0-0	6.0	1.50	0-1	11.2	6.17
Brown (R)	-370	10-7	3.96	11-12	1-0	6.0	1.50	1-1	17.0	3.71
CLEVELAND AT MILWAUKEE, 7:15 p.m.										
Bibee (R)	-105	10-4	3.39	18-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.2	2.16
Peralta (R)	-115	7-7	4.11	14-10	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	5.29
LA DODGERS AT ST. LOUIS, 7:15 p.m.										
Glasnow (R)	-180	9-6	3.49	14-8	1-0	6.0	1.50	1-0	20.0	3.60
Pallante (R)	+150	4-6	4.21	5-7	0-0	3.0	9.00	0-2	15.1	5.28
SAN DIEGO AT COLORADO, 8:10 p.m.										
Cease (R)	-210	11-9	3.41	15-10	1-1	12.2	2.84	1-1	11.2	2.31
Bildt (L)	+175	3-4	5.75	8-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	15.1	4.11
ATLANTA AT LA ANGELS, 9:38 p.m.										
Safe (L)	-220	13-3	2.61	15-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	17.1	2.08
Canning (R)	+180	4-10	5.11	10-14	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	18.0	5.50

Team rec. — Record in games started this season

YANKEES 3, TIGERS 0									
NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.		
Torres 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.238		
Soto rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.305		
Judge cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.333		
Stanton dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.241		
Verdugo lf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.235		
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	1	2	.247		
Trevino c	3	0	1	0	1	0	.246		
LeMahieu 1b	4	0	0	0	2	1	.193		
Peraza 3b	3	1	1	1	0	1	.333		
Totals	31	3	5	3	8				

DETROIT									
Meadows cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.192		
Carpenter dh	4	0	1	0	1	2	.286		
Vierling rf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.258		
Madris 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.269		
Jung 3b	2	0	0	0	2	2	.000		
Malloy lf	4	0	1	0	3	2	.166		
McKinstry 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.188		
Sweeney ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.333		
Rogers c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.193		
Totals	32	0	5	0	2	11			

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Kahnle	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.80		
Holmes S 26	1	0	0	0	2	2	2.76		

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WP—Weaver. NP—Cole 95, Weaver 27, Kahnle 12, Holmes 14, Brieske 30, Hanifee 29, Hurter 78. Umpires—Home, Cory Blaser; First, Nestor Ceja; Second, Manny Gonzalez; Third, Todd Tichenor. T—2:27. A—36,244 (41,083).									
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Varsho cf	5	0	1	0	2	2	.208		
Guerrero Jr. 1b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.319		
Horwitz dh	5	1	1	0	2	2	.265		
Kirk c	5	0	1	0	1	2	.239		
Wagner 2b	4	1	2	0	1	1	.583		
Clement 3b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.276		
Loperfido lf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.208		
Jimenez ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.221		
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Busch 1b	4	0	0	1	2	2	.257		
Suzuki dh	5	0	1	1	0	2	.265		
Bellinger rf-cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.276		
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.164		
Hoerner 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.256		
DanSwanson ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.228		
C. Armstrong cf	2	1	1	1	0	1	.210		
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Southie welcomes triathlon stars

How organizers brought supertri, Olympic champions to the Hub

By **Amin Touri**
GLOBE STAFF

The Boston Triathlon has been a fixture of the city's summer sporting schedule for more than a decade, but never quite like this.

The 16th edition of the event will take place in South Boston this weekend with a new twist and an injection of star power. Its usual triathlon races for amateurs will serve as a warmup for the opening leg of the supertri League Series, which will bring newly minted Olympic champions to the streets and shores of Boston.

Ten Olympic medalists from Paris will race Sunday, including individual gold medalists Alex Yee of Great Britain and Cassandre Beaugrand of France, German mixed relay gold medalist Tim Hellwig, and American mixed relay silver medalists Taylor Spivey and Seth Rider in a star-studded pro field.

Yee will renew his battle with Olympic silver medalist Hayden Wilde of New Zealand, whom Yee hunted down in the final moments of the men's individual triathlon in Paris to win gold. Boston is a bit like home turf for Yee, who has long been sponsored by Boston-based New Balance.

"I remember coming down my first time to the Lenox and staying outside the where the Boston Marathon finishes," Yee said. "And over that week of the Boston Marathon, whilst I was here, just feeling that buzz and that energy about the area, and for me, I really kind of fell in love with this place a little bit, just the energy and how excited everyone was."

"I'm excited that we're finally able to race here."

The supertri League is a global race series that features some of the world's best athletes in a unique format that sees them complete three consecutive swim-bicycle-run sequences; instead of finishing their run and heading for a post-race meal, they'll be heading straight back into the water.

"You have to think about so many different elements to the race," Spivey said. "How you're going to set your bike in transition, what gear you're going to be in, if you're going to rack your bike forwards or backwards, how many running shoes you're going to have ... It's like all these little intricacies that you



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Olympic gold medalist Alex Yee of Great Britain will race on Sunday.

know you have to think about."

The supertri race will serve as the closing act Sunday. The weekend starts with the kids race Saturday morning before the Olympic-distance triathlon — a 1.5-kilometer (0.93-mile) swim, a 35-kilometer (21.75-mile) bike ride, and a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) run — at 7 a.m. Sunday. That will be followed at 8:40 a.m. by the sprint-distance race, with each leg exactly half the distance of its Olympic-distance counterpart.

Athletes will complete the swim in the harbor at Carson Beach, bike up and down Day Boulevard through Pleasure Bay, and run through Moakley Park before finishing back at the beach.

Then Sunday morning's competitors will be able to relax with a drink and a bite to eat and watch some of the best triathletes in the world go head-to-head at 12:30 p.m.

"All of my athletes will be off the course, done and dusted, medals around their neck, beer in their hands, slice of pizza, feeling the glow of their own race," race director Michael O'Neil said. "And then 12:30 hits, this incredible spectator event with the world's fastest athletes fresh off of Paris."

"It's really cool," said Yee. "Triathlon's always been a community-based sport; we've always focused on including everyone, no matter what level you are. People will be able to race their own race, have their own ambitions, their own goals, and then also be able to kind of appreciate what we're doing as well."

"And from that point of view, hopefully we'll be able to inspire some of the younger generation that have come and potentially tried the sport for the first time."

O'Neil, once an agent in the sport be-

fore moving full-time into ownership and operation, had a longstanding connection with multiple-time triathlon world champion Chris McCormick, one of supertri's founders.

The Boston Triathlon wasn't quite ready for that sort of venture yet, but bringing supertri to Boston seemed like a matter of when, not if.

"It was a little early in their development, and it was also an interesting growth period for the Boston Triathlon, and I felt like it would not have been good timing to bring it to Boston then," O'Neil explained. "We're at a place now where this would be a good fit for us."

That didn't mean it was an easy undertaking to add a top-level pro race to an event that O'Neil said was already "an eight-ring circus." With a few dozen permits required, swim clinics, and road closures already to account for, O'Neil and co-director Will Thomas had to figure out how to stage supertri, too.

It helped that they caught some natural breaks. The looped nature of the course made the unusual transition from the run back to swim possible. The road closures for the race meant they already had two large parking lots either side of the McCormack Bath House at Carson Beach at their disposal to add another ring to the circus, as O'Neil and Thomas coordinated operations with their supertri counterparts in Europe.

As it turns out, from thousands of miles away, they were already on the same page.

"So we laid this out, and we had our first call with their ops guys and they had the whole thing mapped out just like we did, just from looking on Google Earth," O'Neil said with a laugh. "And when we rolled [our plans] out, they started laughing, and they're like, 'This is going to be great.'"

So before supertri heads to Chicago, London, the south of France, and Saudi Arabia, it'll start in South Boston.

"It's a real honor," O'Neil said. "There's only five of these in the world, only two in the US, and this is the first time they've ever staged a race at an event that they don't own. I think it's a real testament to Boston being just a legendary sports town."

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Paul Zukauskas took Lawrence Academy to four ISL championships and now looks to lead BC High, his alma mater, back to prominence.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

New coaches set the tone on Day 1

By **Trevor Hass**
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

As he roamed the turf at Murphy Family Stadium on Friday, first-year BC High football coach Paul Zukauskas asked his players three simple questions.

"Who is going to help us win? Who are the leaders? Who is doing things right?"

Zukauskas' message was in part to his team, but it also served as introspection. In his first official day back at his alma mater, Zukauskas is figuring out how to vault the Eagles back into state title contention.

Once a perennial power, BC High is searching for its first championship since 2011. With Zukauskas at the helm — a Weymouth native and Class of 1997 standout who shined at Boston College and played 43 games in the NFL in the early 2000s — the Eagles have a renewed sense of optimism.

"He can relate to us," senior running back/safety Brenden Ryan said. "He knows what it's like being in our shoes. It's a shared brotherhood. All my teammates and I have a shared brotherhood, and we share that with him, too. That's a really special thing."

Zukauskas spent seven years as the head coach at Lawrence Academy, steering the Spartans to four Independent School League championships.

Carroll, a William & Mary-bound quarterback, will lead the Eagles alongside fellow captains Ryan, wide receiver Conrad Babka, and center Mike Smith. Last year, the Eagles finished 6-4, falling to eventual runner-up St. John's Prep in the Division 1 quarterfinals. This year, they believe they're capable of much more.

"BC High is a very valued program in the state," Carroll said. "We have an opportunity to bring back a super rich culture and bring it back to where it should be."

■ In Brockton, first-year head coach, but longtime assistant and 2003 graduate Jailson Silva welcomed an athletic and skilled group that includes 20 seniors.

"The first day is always exciting, no matter the level — college or high school," said Silva of the first workout at Marciano Stadium. Silva played for both Armond and Peter Colombo with the Boxers and is taking a similar approach as his mentors.

"You can be tough, but you have to be able to reel that back in," said Silva. "You have to be a mentor, but play both sides where you can also be someone that the players trust and confide in."

Senior Jayden Seale (6-1, 270) can be a force and Jaden-Lopes Ribeiro will be a top target. Sophomore Marcio Semedo takes over under center.

■ There has "not been much to write about" for Bridgewater-Raynham (4-7 in 2023) in recent years.

But first-year head coach Eain Bain, who spent the last eight years on a successful tear at Franklin, is ready to turn that narrative around. A native of Raynham, Bain's connection with the program feels different.

"Franklin was great, but I live here," said Bain. "For me, it's nice to be connected into this community."

Bain believes he has leaders at all four grade levels, and senior captains Owen King (6-1, 180) and Caleb Tripp (5-9, 188) are responsible for establishing that culture.

"It's B-R, and we're gonna have high expectations for ourselves," said Bain. "B-R is full of history, right? Our expectations are always going to be high because of who we are as a program."

■ In Duxbury, the Dragons begin their quest for a third-straight Division 4 title. They lost seven starters on offense and defense, including stand-out running back and linebacker Alex Barlow, but coach Matt Landolfi is optimistic about the returning core.

Running back/linebacker Jack Rees, quarterback/cornerback Trevor Jones, guard/defensive lineman James Scanlon, linebacker John Rovegno, and linebacker Joe Barbera will serve as captains and catalysts.

"We're really just trying to get the kids focused on getting ready for Abington, our first game," Landolfi said. "We have a tough four games to start the season. That'll be a great test for us."

■ Milton is the defending Division 3 champion, but coach Steve Dembowski declared that the program's first title is now history.

"What happened last year is gone — we have to establish new leadership," he said. "You can't rush it, and you can't pick up where you left off."

Junior Ronan Sammon (5 feet 11 inches, 180 pounds), a 1,000-yard receiver last fall, is the lone returning starter on offense, and junior Patrick Collins steps in for graduate Patrick Miller (Worcester Academy) at quarterback.

"We have so many new spots, it's a new group of kids. They're an athletic group, with a lot of guys getting an opportunity to start," Dembowski said. "We really just need to see who is going to step up and earn jobs."

■ After last year's 8-3 run, Methuen must replace Globe All-Scholastic quarterback Drew Eason, a Phelps Scholar now at Stonehill.

Coach Tom Ryan said his team has a "tremendous amount of skill." Junior Josh Danella (6-0, 175) and sophomore Dylan Conway (5-10, 165) are competing at quarterback.

"They both know they're not going to be Drew Eason, but they're going to be themselves," Ryan said.

Correspondents Graham Dietz and Lenny Rowe also contributed.

Figure skating stars bring sizzle to the ice

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The Summer Sizzler also marked the end of Champs Camp, an elite evaluation camp US Figure Skating has held for 17 seasons. Held in Boston the last five days, it brought approximately 60 skaters in to have their fitness tested, learn the federation's expectations for the year, and have their programs for the season *evaluated*.

Given that TD Garden will host the World Championships in March, it was quite appropriate to start the season here. Skaters found comfort in the idea of bookending their season in the same place.

"It was very convenient that Champs Camp is here and then Worlds is going to be Boston," said Malinin. "It's pretty cool to feel the environment here and really get to know people here and just see how it might look."

"It definitely makes you that much more excited to then hopefully make that World Championships team, if I wasn't already excited," said Brown. "We're always striving to make the World Championships, but being in a place that sets the tone, makes you think, 'Oh, I want to make it back here.' It makes it more real."

Malinin and Brown, the two top men's skaters in the United States, may have expressed similar thoughts about Champs Camp's setting, but they approached the Summer Sizzler differently. Brown performed a modified version of his new short program to "The Leg-

end of Tarzan," taking out a jump combination because of early-season conditioning. Brown is competing in the fall Grand Prix season for the first time in two seasons, so he is working carefully to get in ideal form. Still, his skate was one of the highlights of the evening with the strongest edges, footwork, and spins currently in the sport.

Skating second-to-last, Malinin decided not to try out one of his competitive programs, instead performing an exhibition to "Hope" by rap artist NF. He left most of his traditional jumps out of the program, instead showing off innovative acrobatic skills, including his "raspberry twist," a full twist horizontal to the ice.

Malinin's rebel skating style was reflected in the night's opening skater, 16-year-old Patrick Blackwell. The Providence-born junior international skater trains at the Skating Club of Boston, and has included several of Malinin's acrobatic skills into his programs, including a backflip. Since the International Skating Union decided this off-season that backflips are no longer penalized (a rule that had been in place since 1976 after American Terry Kubicka performed the move), more of those skills will be seen when skaters take the ice for the World Championships this March.

Blackwell wasn't the only local taking part in Thursday's event. Jimmy Ma, the veteran showing a newfound confidence this preseason, nailed his short program early in the show. Sophie

Joline von Felten, who previously represented Switzerland but now represents the United States, delivered a clean short program to Annie Lennox's "Sweet Dreams," including a clean triple axel. Last season, von Felten became the seventh US woman to land the jump.

Last year's national runners-up, Alisa Efimova and Misha Mitrofanov, showcased their flamenco short program. In their second season together, the Boston-based pair's security in lifts is impressive, with Efimova's commanding presence while lofted in the air reminiscent of the Russian greats of decades ago.

Chock and Bates closed the evening with an exhibition. Their off-season has been the shortest of all skaters involved at Champs Camp, because of international tours, their wedding, and finally receiving their delayed 2022 Olympic gold medals at a ceremony last week in Paris. They conceded that their competitive programs weren't quite ready for prime time, but they still appreciated the chance to skate at Champs Camp and the Summer Sizzler.

"There's excitement surrounding figure skating coming back here, especially a World Championships in a pre-Olympic year," said Bates, who is in his 16th senior international season. "Boston just keeps popping up in our career. Coming back here is always a big highlight for us."

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SportsLog

Brockton's Khang rises to top of Women's Scottish Open leaderboard

Brockton native **Megan Khang** birdied her final hole to shoot 4-under-par 68 Friday and join **Minjee Lee** of Australia in a share of the lead at the Women's Scottish Open in Irvine, Scotland. Both players were 8-under overall and seeking their first wins of 2024. Khang's round Friday was seven shots better than the field average. The two leaders were two shots clear of three players — Olympic gold medalist **Lydia Ko** (69), **Charley Hull** of England (68), and American **Lauren Coughlin** (69) . . . **Talor Gooch** played bogey-free for a 7-under 63 that gave him a three-way share of the lead with **Sebastian Munoz** and **Jason Kokrak** after one round of LIV Golf Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.V.

OLYMPICS

Barbosu receives contentious bronze

Romanian gymnast **Ana Barbosu** received her Olympic bronze medal during a ceremony in the capital Bucharest that marked the conclusion of a swirl of controversy after the medal was first awarded

to US gymnast **Jordan Chiles** but later revoked. The medal was reallocated to Barbosu after a ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport last week that voided an appeal by Team USA coach **Cecile Landi** during the Aug. 5 floor exercise final in Paris, which had vaulted Chiles into third place and pushed Barbosu down to fourth.

TENNIS

Alcaraz plays his 'worst match'

Carlos Alcaraz repeatedly smashed his racket on the court in a rare show of frustration, and the four-time Grand Slam winner fell to **Gael Monfils** 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 at the Cincinnati Open. In a second-set tiebreaker, Monfils took the last two sets from the second-seeded Alcaraz, who called the loss his "worst match" . . . **Marketa Vondrousova**, the 2023 Wimbledon champion, and **Cam Norrie** pulled out of the US Open. The 18th-ranked Vondrousova has been sidelined by a hurt hand, and the 47th-ranked Norrie has a forearm problem.

MISCELLANY

Clark records 10th double-double for Fever

Caitlin Clark finished with 29 points and 10 assists while **Kelsey Mitchell** scored 28 points to help the Indiana Fever fend off a furious second-half rally from the Phoenix Mercury for a 98-89 victory. **Kahliah Copper** led the Mercury with 32 points and eight rebounds as Clark tallied the 10th double-double of her rookie season.

Judge blocks new streaming sports bundle

The launch of Venu Sports will be delayed after a federal judge granted FuboTV's motion for a preliminary injunction against the planned sports streaming venture by ESPN, Fox, and Warner Bros. Discovery. US District Judge **Margaret M. Garnett** said in her 69-page ruling that Fubo was likely to be successful in proving during a trial that the joint venture would violate antitrust laws, and Fubo and consumers would "face irreparable harm in the absence of an injunction." ESPN, Fox, and Warner Bros. Discovery said they will appeal.

FEDEX CUP PLAYOFFS

Matsuyama tied for lead with McCarthy

By Doug Ferguson ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hideki Matsuyama and Denny McCarthy combined to make nearly 300 feet of putts Friday, so it was no surprise to see them sharing the lead going into the steamy weekend of the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

Matsuyama recovered from a shaky start — he missed a 4-foot birdie putt on No. 2 and put his tee shot into the water on the par-3 fourth — with two long birdie putts and a 3-wood to about 12 feet on the par-5 16th for one of his easier birdies. He had a 6-under 64.

McCarthy, with a reputation for a smooth putting stroke, put that to good use on the smooth greens of TPC Southwind. He holed three birdie putts from about 25 feet or longer to offset a pair of bogeys in his round of 63.

They were at 11-under 129, one shot ahead of another great putter, Sam Burns, who shot 29 on the front nine before cooling slightly. He had a 63.

Scottie Scheffler got on track late with three straight birdies for a 65 and was two back.

The first PGA Tour postseason event is the most consequential. The points are quadrupled, and the top 50 players in the FedEx Cup advance to the BMW Championship next week and are assured of playing in all the \$20 million signature events next year.

Jordan Spieth moved closer to the end of his year.

He had a pair of double bogeys on the par 3s, one from the water on No. 4, another by taking two shots to get out of bunker on No. 14, and posted a 75 that left him in a tie for 65th.

Spieth has talked about the possibility of wrist surgery in the off-season, and he could have the next three months clear barring two of his best rounds of the year.

Others who had better seasons could afford a spotty performance. Rory McIlroy is the No. 3 seed going into the postseason and turned in a lackluster performance on another day when the heat index was in the range of 110 degrees (40 degrees Celsius). He played the two par 5s in 3 over and shot 73, leaving him in a tie for 58th.

This is a big week for McCarthy, who has never won on the PGA Tour and is at No. 45. A victory would move him into the top five in the standings and secure a spot in the Tour Championship for the top 30.

Ditto for Justin Rose, who is outside the magic number at No. 55. He had another 66 and was tied for fifth with Nick Dunlap (65).

Amazingly, McCarthy is doing this with what he described as a torn labrum without getting into too many details. "I don't want to divulge too much. It's bothering me, and I've been able to do enough the last few days to push through it," he said. "The heat helps it. Yeah, looking forward to a challenge on the weekend."

Matsuyama doesn't divulge too much on any topic, and he summed up his round thusly: "I missed a short putt there at 2, knocked it in the water at 4, but from that point on, I really played well and putted well."

As for the hot weather? "Today was nice and cool," the Japanese star said, smiling as it was translated to English.

Matsuyama was in good spirits about his game. He is coping with having a bag stolen last week in London while at a restaurant that included his wallet and the passports of his caddie and coach.

They are in Japan trying to get new passports. He's tied for the lead in Memphis.

Players will go off both sides in groups of three Saturday to cope with thunderstorms expected in the morning.

Scheffler and Xander Schauffele generated the most interest from a gallery that was subdued by the scorching heat, a pairing that combines three of the four majors and \$44 million in earnings on the PGA Tour this year.

Schauffele started well until running into trouble on the tough 12th — water off the tee, and then after a penalty drop, a shot that hit off the cart path and bounded over the green near a bush.

He did well to make double bogey from there, shot 69 and was six shots behind.

Scheffler played bogey-free but didn't look to get much out of his round until the very end when he stuffed a wedge on the 15th for birdie, got up-and-down for birdie on the 16th and holed a birdie putt from just inside 25 feet on the 17th.



MASS GOLF

Everything came up roses (and other flowers) for Morgan Smith, who captured the Mass. Women's Amateur in decisive fashion.

Smith's summer ends in Mass. Women's Am win

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After cruising through the stroke-play portion and two match-play wins Wednesday, Smith battled her other younger sister, Molly, in Thursday's epic semifinal that lasted 20 holes. Morgan drained a par putt on the 18th hole to force a playoff, then ousted Molly, last year's runner-up, with a par on the second playoff hole.

Friday's match was much easier. Smith won the first two holes, took a 3-up lead through five holes, and stretched the advantage to 4-up with a steady par on the 11th. "I've felt like the last few years I've been trying to prove myself, whether it's against Molly or with college coaches," said Smith. "Obviously going into the transfer portal is a big risk. I'm pretty fortunate with how it all turned out."

Imai, a four-time Globe All-Star, a four-time Ingholch, won holes No. 7 and 12 to inch closer. But Smith, who routinely pounded

250-yard drives, had too much firepower down the stretch. With her older brother James, the 2024 Massachusetts Open runner-up, on the bag, Imai was grateful for the experience before she headed off to the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"I enjoyed the course and it was a fun place to play," said Imai. "Morgan's such a talented player and I knew it was going to be difficult. I wasn't the outcome I wanted, but I still had a lot of fun out there."

All three Smith sisters played in this year's US Women's Amateur, becoming the first trio of sisters to play in the event. Morgan is officially headed to next year's championship at Bandon Dunes in Oregon thanks to Friday's win.

But first, Smith hopes a second Massachusetts Amateur title propels her to a stellar fall season at Georgia. She left for Athens immediately after Friday's round. "I always wanted to go to the best golf program out there," said Smith. "I'm super excited."

Golf

ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Hideki Matsuyama (-11), Denny McCarthy (-10), Sam Burns (-10), Scottie Scheffler (-9), Justin Rose (-8), Viktor Hovland (-7), Ruston MacIntyre (-7), Chris Kirk (-6), Erik van Rooyen (-6), Will Zalatoris (-6), Tony Finau (-6), Mick Dunlap (-6), Brian Harman (-6), Tom Kim (-5), Aaron Rai (-5), Xander Schauffele (-5), Brendon Todd (-5), C. Beuzidenhout (-5), Harris English (-5), Tommy Fleetwood (-5), Ben Griffin (-5), Russell Henley (-5), Taylor Pendrith (-5), Nick Taylor (-5), Akshay Bhatia (-5), Wyndie Clark (-5), Austin Eckroat (-5), Emiliano Grillo (-5), Seamus Power (-5), Justin Thomas (-5), Eric Cole (-5), Min Woo Lee (-5), Shaun Lowry (-5), Maverick McNealy (-5), Alex Nedeljkovic (-5), Matthew Pavon (-5), Adam Scott (-5), Sepp Straka (-5), Davis Thompson (-5), Ludvig Åberg (-5), Byeong Hun An (-5), Keegan Bradley (-5), Patrick Cantlay (-5), Corey Conners (-5), Cam Davis (-5), Jason Day (-5), Tom Hoge (-5), Sungjae Im (-5), Peter Malnati (-5), Collin Morikawa (-5), Victor Perez (-5), J.T. Poston (-5), Sahithi Theegala (-5), Stephan Jaeger (-5), Patrick Rodgers (-5), Mackenzie Hughes (-5), Rory McIlroy (-5), Taylor Moore (-5), Cameron Young (-5), Thomas Detry (-5), Adam Hadwin (-5), Jhonattan Vegas (-5), Mark Greyserman (-5), Jordan Spieth (-5), Mark Hubbard (-5), Si Woo Kim (-5), Jake Knapp (-5), Max Homa (-5).

WOMEN'S SCOTTISH OPEN

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Megan Khang (-8), Minjee Lee (-8), Lauren Coughlin (-8), Charley Hull (-8), Lydia Ko (-8), Esther Henseleit (-8), Mary Liu (-8), Alison Lee (-8), Ayaka Furue (-8), Cara Gainer (-8), Nicole Garcia (-8), Georgia Hall (-8), A Lin Kim (-8), Cheyenne Knight (-8), Jin Young (-8), P. Roussin-Bouchard (-8), Wei Ling Hsu (-8), So Mi Lee (-8), Lisa Pettersson (-8), Sarah Schmelzel (-8), Lily May Humphreys (-8), Alison Kim (-8), Gabriela Ruffo (-8), Madelene Sagstrom (-8), Lila Vu (-8), Xue-Chia Cheng (-8), Savannah Grewal (-8), Celine Herbin (-8), Aaron Inglis (-8), Sel Young Kim (-8), Albane Valenzuela (-8), Peiyun Chen (-8), Johanna Gustavsson (-8), Jin Hee Im (-8), Nuria Ibarra (-8), Marta Martin (-8), Yaeli Noh (-8), Anna Nordqvist (-8), Sara Kjeller (-8), Ana Pelez Trivino (-8), Kirsten Rudgeley (-8), Mao Saigo (-8), Rose Zhang (-8), Maura Alexander (-8), Ashley Bai (-8), Hye-Jin Choi (-8), A. Forsterling (-8), Haegi Kang (-8), Minami Katsu (-8), Jenny Shin (-8), Liz Young (-8), Celine Boutier (-8), Nicole Broch Estrup (-8), Virginia Elena Carta (-8), Olivia Cowan (-8), Laura Fuenfstueck (-8), Nasa Hataoka (-8), Brooke Henderson (-8), Ariya Jutanugarn (-8), Hyo Jo Kim (-8), Leona Maguire (-8), Morgane Mettraux (-8), Anne-Charlotte Mora (-8), Anastasia Nadadu (-8), Lee-Anne Pace (-8), Lineea Strom (-8), Eleanor Givens (-8).

Missed cut

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Stephanie Kyriacou (-1), Alessandra Fanali (-1), Andrea Lee (-1), Apathie Sauzon (-1), Bailey Tardy (-1), Anne van Dam (-1), Lauren Walsh (-1), Na Rin An (-1), April Angurasaranee (-1), Ally Ewing (-1), Linn Grant (-1), Lauren Hartlage (-1), Moriya Jutanugarn (-1), Aline Krauter (-1), Bronie Lau (-1), C. Wannasaen (-1), Manon De Roey (-1), Perrine Delacour (-1), Annabel Dimmock (-1), Gemma Dryburgh (-1), Jiwon Jeon (-1), Alison Lee (-1), Stacy Lewis (-1), Hira Naveed (-1), Alexa Pano (-1), Maja Stark (-1), Madelene Stanger (-1), Marta Sanz Barrio (-1), Trichat Cheenglab (-1), Gabriella Cowley (-1), Jodi Ewart Shadoff (-1), Erika Hara (-1), Alice Hewson (-1), Whitney Hillier (-1), Frida Kinshult (-1), Sara Kjeller (-1), Mi Hyung Lee (-1), Yan Liu (-1), Emily Pedersen (-1), Emma Spitz (-1), Ursula Wickstrom (-1), Emma Grechi (-1), Wichanee Meechai (-1), Yuna Nishimura (-1), Chise Williams (-1), Sophie Witt (-1), Archipacha Yubol (-1), Cassandra Alexander (-1), Kirstin Gilman (-1), Madelene Stanger (-1), Sara Kousova (-1), Meghan MacLaren (-1), J. Suwannapura (-1), Kylie Henry (-1), Aspe Kristal (-1), Stephanie Meadow (-1), Julia Melichova (-1), Paula Reto (-1), Laura Beveridge (-1), Hannah Burke (-1), Noora Komulainen (-1), P. Isabel Schmidt (-1), Xiaowen Yin (-1), Chiese Williams (-1), Kim Metraux (-1), S. Tarning Soenderby (-1), Moa Folke (-1), Kristyna Napoleova (-1).

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Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes David Raveetto (-13), Andrew Johnston (-12), Richie Ramsay (-12), Esper Svansson (-12), Aspe Kristal (-12), B. R. Thompson (-12), Ross Fisher (-12), Cormor Syme (-12), Bernd Wiesberger (-12), Sung Kang (-12), Francesco Laporta (-12), Richard Mansell (-12), Anders Sorenstam (-12), Freddy Schott (-12), Clement Sordet (-12), Oliver Wilson (-12), Miles Chappell (-12), S. Friedrichsen (-12), Kevin Hovland (-12), Pieter Moolman (-12), Maximilian Ruffuff (-12), Brandt Snedeker (-12), Andy Sullivan (-12).

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Tennis

CINCINNATI OPEN

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Gael Monfils (def. Carlos Alcaraz (2), 4-6, 7-5 (5), 6-4; Felix Auger-Aliassime, def. Casper Ruud (7), 6-1, 6-1. Third Round: Alexander Zverev (3), def. Pablo Carreno Busta, 7-5, 7-6 (6); Andrey Rublev (6), def. Brandon Nakashima, 7-5 (5), 6-1; Janik Sinner (1), def. Jordan Thompson, 1-6, 6-2; Ben Shelton (12), def. Fabian Marozsan, 6-4, 6-1; Hubert Hurkacz (5), def. Flavio Cobolli, 3-1, 3-6, 6-1. Women's singles Second Round: Jessica Pegula (6), def. Karolina Muchova, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, def. Caroline Wozniacki, 6-1, 6-4; Qinwen Zheng (7), def. Magdalena Frech, 6-1, 7-5. Third Round: Iga Swiatek (1), def. Marta Kostyuk (15), 6-2; Lucia Samsonova (10), def. Elena Avanesyan, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; Mirra Andreeva, def. Jasmine Paolini (5), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; Aryna Sabalenka (3), def. Elina Svitolina, 7-5, 6-2; Leylah Fernandez, def. Diana Shnaider, 6-1, 6-4; Paula Badosa, def. Yulia Putintseva, 6-4, 6-4.

Hurkacz-Cobolli

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes 1st-serve percentage: 64 58, 2nd-serve winning pct.: 64 57, Aces: 10 5, Double faults: 1 1, Break points: 1-2 7-10, Receiving points: 29-77 20-70, Total points won: 79 68.

Badosa-Putintseva

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes 1st-serve percentage: 55 59, 1st-serve winning pct.: 67 53, 2nd-serve winning pct.: 44 39, Aces: 7 2, Break points: 6-9 7-12, Receiving points: 34-66 31-71, Total points won: 74 63.

BARRANQUILLA OPEN

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Hiroko Kuwata, Japan, and Jessica Fairlie, United States, def. Despina Papamichail, Greece, and Destanee Aiava (2), Australia, 6-1, 6-2.

Soccer

MLS

Table with 2 columns: Conference and Standings. Includes Eastern Conference (Miami 15, Columbus 12, Cincinnati 12, NY Red Bulls 10, Seattle 10, Charlotte 9, Orlando 9, Toronto 9, Chicago 8, Philadelphia 8, Montreal 6, D.C. United 6, Chicago 6, New England 3) and Western Conference (LA Galaxy 26, LAFC 24, Real Salt Lake 25, Colorado 26, Vancouver 24, Seattle 25, Portland 25, Minnesota 25, Austin 25, Sporting KC 26, St. Louis 25, San Jose 25).

LEADERS

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Christian Arango, RSL (-17), Denis Bouanga, LAF (-16), Daniel Gazdag, LAF (-14), Mateusz Bogusz, PHI (-13), Andres Gomez, RSL (-13), Peter Musa, Col (-13), Dejan Joveljic, LA (-12), Lionel Messi, Mia (-12), Lewis Morgan, NYR (-12), Luis Suárez, Mia (-12), Luciano Vietto, AS (-12), Whiteo Acosta, Cif (-12), Lionel Messi, Mia (-12), Evander, Por (-12), Julian Gressel, Mia (-12), Cristian Arango, RSL (-12), Robi Lo, Min (-12), Alptug Altin, Mia (-11), Albert Rusnak, Sea (-11), Cristian Espinoza, SJ (-10), Gabriel Pec, LA (-10), Diego Bernabede, Tor (-10), Santiago Moreno, Por (-10), Joseph Rosales, Min (-10), Kai Wagner, Por (-10), Denis Bouanga, LAF (-120), Cristian Arango, RSL (-97), Cucho Hernandez, Cib (-97), Gabriel Pec, LA (-83), Diego Bernabede, Tor (-82), Raúl Ruidiaz, Sea (-73), Puig, LA (-73), Hanj Mukhtar, Nas (-71), Cristian Benítez, DC (-69), Peter Musa, Del (-69).

Scoreboard

Table with 7 columns: Day, Time, Game, Network. Includes SAT 8/17 (7:05 NESN), SUN 8/18 (1:35 NESN), MON 8/19 (8:10 NESN), TUE 8/20 (8:10 NESN), WED 8/21 (2:10 NESN), THU 8/22 (7:10 NESN), FRI 8/23 (7:10 NESN).

ON THE AIR

AUTO RACING

3:30 p.m. Xfinity: Cabo Wabo 250 USA

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1:10 p.m. NY Yankees at Detroit MLB

4:10 p.m. Arizona at Tampa Bay MLB

6 p.m. Triple A: Lehigh Valley at Worcester NESN+

7:05 p.m. Boston at Baltimore NESN

7:15 p.m. LA Dodgers at St. Louis Fox

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LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

7 p.m. Salem (N.H.) vs. Newtown (Pa.) ESPN2

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2 p.m. WNBA: Minnesota at Washington CBS

4 p.m. WNBA: New York at Las Vegas CBS

BOXING

10 p.m. Super middles: Mbill vs. Derevyanchenko ESPN

CYCLING

noon Vuelta a Espana CNBC

10 a.m. Women's Tour de France CNBC

DRAG RACING

6 p.m. NHRA: Brainerd Challenge (tape) FS1

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8 a.m. Humminbird Bassmaster Elite FS1

PRO FOOTBALL

1 p.m. Preseason: Cincinnati at Chicago NFL

4 p.m. Preseason: Detroit at Kansas City NFL

4 p.m. IFL championship: Mass. vs. Arizona CBSSN

7 p.m. Preseason: Buffalo at Pittsburgh NFL

7 p.m. CFL: Edmonton at Hamilton CBSSN

10 p.m. Preseason: Dallas at Las Vegas NFL

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10 a.m. LPGA: Scottish Open Golf

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1 p.m. PGA: FedEx St. Jude Championship Golf

3 p.m. PGA: FedEx St. Jude Championship NBC

3 p.m. US Amateur (semifinals) Golf

7 p.m. Champions: Shaw Charity (tape) Golf

HORSE RACING

12:30 p.m. Saratoga Live FS2

1 p.m. Saratoga Live FS1

3 p.m. Alabama Stakes Fox

6 p.m. Saratoga Live FS2

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9 p.m. PLL: Denver at Utah ESPN2

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7:30 a.m. English: Luton Town at Portsmouth CBSSN

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12:30 p.m. Serie A: Inter Milan at Genoa CBSSN

2:50 p.m. CFL: HFX Wanderers at Valour FS2

3 p.m. La Liga: Barcelona at Valencia ABC

7:30 p.m. USL: Oakland at Rhode Island NESN+

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11 p.m. Liga MX: Pumas at Tigres CBSSN

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Baseball

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 2 columns: Team and Record. Includes Rochester (25 W, 17 L, 595 Pct.), Scranton/W-B (24 W, 17 L, 585 Pct.), Lehigh Valley (21 W, 19 L, 525 Pct.), Charlotte (20 W, 50 L, 400 Pct.), Worcester (20 W, 21 L, 488 Pct.), Durham (19 W, 23 L, 452 Pct.), Norfolk (19 W, 23 L, 452 Pct.), Syracuse (18 W, 23 L, 439 Pct.), Buffalo (17 W, 25 L, 405 Pct.).

WEST

Table with 2 columns: Team and Record. Includes Columbus (27 W, 13 L, 675 Pct.), Nashville (23 W, 18 L, 561 Pct.), Omaha (23 W, 19 L, 548 Pct.), Indianapolis (21 W, 19 L, 525 Pct.), Hall B (3 W, 0 L, 252 Pct.), Memphis (20 W, 22 L, 476 Pct.), Toledo (20 W, 22 L, 476 Pct.), Louisville (18 W, 23 L, 439 Pct.), St. Paul (18 W, 24 L, 429 Pct.), Iowa (15 W, 25 L, 390 Pct.).

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Game and Score. Includes At Worcester 3, At Lehigh Valley 0, At Scranton/W-Barre 3, At Durham 3, At Scranton 3, At Rochester 9, Toledo 5, At Gwinnett 7, At Indianapolis 3, At Omaha 10, At Memphis 10, At Iowa 4.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Game and Score. Includes Lehigh Valley at Worcester (4-0), Columbus at Iowa (5-3), Toledo at Charlotte (6-0), Norfolk at Gwinnett (6-0), Buffalo at Scranton/W-B (6-0), Alvarez rf (3-1), Syracuse at Rochester (6-5), St. Paul at Indianapolis (7-0), Louisville at Omaha (7-0), Columbus at Iowa (8-0).

Worcester, 3-0

At Polar Park, Worcester

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Clemens lf (3-0), Kingery ss (4-0), Dahl dh (4-0), Kennedy 3b (3-0), Hall 1b (3-0), Castro 2b (3-0), De la Cruz rf (3-0), McKenna cf (3-0), Roberts c (1-0), Alvarez rf (3-1), Dalbec 1b (3-0), Westbrook 3b (3-0), McQuire c (3-0), Guthrie lf (2-0), Totals (26-3).

Lehigh Valley, 0-0

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Johnson 5f (1-0), Bellatti 1b (1/2), Covey 1 (1-0), McGary 1b (1/2), Merced 1b (1-0), Worcester lf (1-0), Priester 5 (2-0), Guerrero 2 (1-0), Ramirez 2 (0-0), HBP by Ramirez, WP -Bellatti, T-2:12, A-8:61.

DOUBLE-A EASTERN

Table with 2 columns: Team and Record. Includes Portland (29 W, 12 L, 707 Pct.), Somerset (24 W, 17 L, 585 Pct.), Hartford (23 W, 18 L, 561 Pct.), Binghamton (21 W, 20 L, 512 Pct.), Reading (17 W, 25 L, 405 Pct.), New Hampshire (12 W, 25 L, 359 Pct.).

SOUTHWEST

Table with 2 columns: Team and Record. Includes Akron (27 W, 15 L, 643 Pct.), Erie (24 W, 17 L, 585 Pct.), Bowie (20 W, 22 L, 476 Pct.), Altoona (17 W, 25 L, 405 Pct.), Richmond (17 W, 25 L, 405 Pct.), Harrisburg (15 W, 27 L, 352 Pct.).

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Game and Score. Includes Portland 8, Bowie 8, Akron 8, At Harrisburg 1, At Reading 1, At Hartford 1, At St. Paul 1, At New Hampshire 1.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Table with 2 columns: Game and Score. Includes Portland at Binghamton (2-6), Bowie at Altoona (2-1), Akron at Erie (2-1), At Harrisburg 1, At Reading 1, At Hartford 1, At St. Paul 1, At New Hampshire at Reading (6-45).

Portland, 8-2

At Mirabito Stadium, Binghamton, N.Y.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Campbell ss (5-1), Castro lf (3-0), Hickey dh (3-0), Sikes cf (4-2), Bineslas 3b (1-1), Liendo ph-3b (3-1), Miller 1b (4-0), McDugh 2b (4-0), Marrero c (4-2), Rosier rf (4-0), Totals (35-8).

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AUCOIN, Mr. Edward J. "Oakie/Popper"

A resident at Brightview in North Andover and beloved husband of more than 60 years of the late Janet (O'Donnell) Aucoin, passed away surrounded by his family at Brightview on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. He was 94 years old.

Born in Waltham, Massachusetts, on January 7, 1930, he was the beloved son of the late Delphin and Elizabeth Aucoin and a graduate of Waltham High School, class of 1947. Edward was a U.S. Marine Veteran, entering the military during the Korean conflict at Boston on August 1, 1950 and received his honorable discharge from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on February 11, 1952. Mr. Aucoin attained the rank of Sergeant and served in the 2nd Marine Division. In civilian life, Edward worked at Cavanaugh & Early and became a Journeyman Sheet Metal Worker. In 1968, he established Oak Roofing and Sheet Metal Works Company.

Calling Hours will be held at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, ANDOVER, on Monday, August 19, 2024, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Donations in Edward's memory may be made to the charity of your choice. For the complete obituary, additional information, or to submit online condolences please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com

CARROLL, Daniel P.



Of Norwood, went to his eternal rest August 11, 2024, at the age of 92, six years after the death of his beloved wife, Arlene (Melanson). Carroll grew up in Newton, where he graduated from Sacred Heart High School. A printing apprenticeship led to more than 20 years of employment with the Boston Herald-Traveler and the Boston Globe. Dan traveled with the Boston Typos baseball team, sponsored by the International Typographical Union (ITU). He would later trade his playing days for labor negotiations, representing the Boston Typographical Union #13. With changes in the newspaper industry, Dan joined the Middlesex District Court in Waltham, where he served as a court officer until his retirement, at the age of 70. Dan's love of sports kept him on the baseball field as a youth coach and an umpire. He was an active member of the Eastern New England Baseball Umpires Association and the Boston chapter of the Collegiate Baseball Umpires Association. He gave his time generously, helping to found and coach the first basketball team from St. Catherine of Siena School, as well as coaching many seasons of Babe Ruth baseball. Daniel was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Arlene (Melanson); parents, Patrick and Mary (Murphy) Carroll; brother Rev. John P. Carroll; infant son, Robert; and son-in-law Terry English. Beloved father of Loretta, Daniel and his wife Kristina, Stephen and his wife Karen, Luke, Jeannine English, and Elena Lindenthal and her husband Jim. Cherished grandfather of Devin and her husband Jeff, Molly and her husband Eric, Leo, Clayton and his wife Joanna, Avery, Matthew, Stephen, Andrew, Meghan, Brianna, Kurt, Von, Dean, Hannah and Laney. Services from Gillooly Funeral Home, 126 Walpole Street (Rt. 1A), NORWOOD, on Tuesday, August 20, at 10 AM. Funeral Mass in St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 547 Washington Street, Norwood, at 11 AM. Interment will follow the Mass at Highland Cemetery, Norwood. Visiting Hours in the Funeral Home on Monday, from 4-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in memory of Daniel P. Carroll to St. Catherine of Siena School, 249 Nahatan Street, Norwood, MA 02062.

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MARTIN, Marilyn M. (McNulty)



Of Dedham and Ogunquit, ME, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family, on August 14, 2024. Beloved wife of the late James Martin, Ret. Boston Police Det. Devoted mother of Marilyn A. "Lynn" Stewart of Dedham and Mark A. Maher of Milton. Loving grandmother of Jarad T. Maher and his girlfriend, Bryanna M. Richardson of Roslindale. Daughter of the late Thomas P. and Margaret A. McNulty. Sister of the late Thomas J. McNulty. Former mother-in-law of Susan F. Maher of Roslindale. Funeral from the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Monday, August 19, at 9am. Followed by Funeral Mass at St. John Chrysostom Church, 4750 Washington Street, West Roxbury, at 10am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery. Visiting Hours on Sunday, August 18, from 3 to 7pm, in the funeral home. Marilyn was one of the first licensed Nursing Home Administrators. She owned and operated McNulty Convalescent Homes, a chain of five family operated nursing homes in the Greater Boston area for several decades. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Marilyn may be made to The Franciscan Monastery of St. Clare, 590 Gay Street, Westwood, MA 02090. For directions and guestbook, please visit gormleyfuneral.com.

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ROMANO, Steven A.



Of the North End, died peacefully on August 12, 2024. He is survived by his daughter Edi-jo (Romano) Cooper and her husband Paul, his grandchildren Isabella and Anthony all of Wilmington. Also survived by his brothers Frank and his wife Sharon of Wilmington, Michael and his wife Rose of Burlington, and John and his wife Patricia of Wilmington, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Frank J. and Mary A. Romano.

Steven worked for many years at the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Library. He proudly graduated as a member of the first graduating class of Bunker Hill Community College.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, August 22nd from 9:00 am -10:30 am in the J.S Waterman Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11 am in St. Stephen's Church, 401 Hanover St., Boston.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in his memory, to St. Francis House Homeless Shelter, 37 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116.

For online condolences please visit www.watermanboston.com



WEST, William "Danny"



Of Chestnut Hill, was born on Feb. 5, 1948 to the late Harold, Sr. and Dorothy West. A former longtime resident of Cambridge, MA, he was the Owner/Operator of Westside Construction, dedicating over 50 years of service to Boston and surrounding areas. He was a committed family man and friend. Danny transitioned on Aug. 9, 2024, at the age of 76. He was the beloved husband of Christine; and loving dad of Matthew Daniel, Sr., Christopher Aaron and Errick Daniel. He is survived by six grandchildren and one great-grandson. He also leaves to hold his memory, his sister: Carolyn Pickney; and brothers: Jerome (Yvonne) and Charles West; along with cherished family members and a host of dear friends. Preceding Danny in death, his only daughter, Lisa Marie West; and two sisters and two brothers.

Visiting Hours: Visiting Hours will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 20, from 4-8pm, at the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, MA 02026. His Funeral will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 10am, at Roxbury Presbyterian Church, 328 Warren Street, Boston, MA 02119.

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Obituaries

Wally Amos, Famous Amos cookies creator, child literacy advocate, 88

By Clay Risen
NEW YORK TIMES

Wally Amos, an indefatigable entrepreneur who in 1975 took a \$25,000 loan from a few friends in Hollywood to start Famous Amos, one of the first brands to push high-quality cookies in its own stores and one of the world's best-known names in baked goods, died Tuesday at his home in Honolulu. He was 88.

His children Shawn and Sarah Amos said the cause was complications of dementia.

At a time when flavorless, preservative-packed cookies were about the only thing available to consumers not blessed with a baker in the family, Mr. Amos's confections stood out. Derived from a recipe he had learned from his aunt, they used real ingredients, no coloring or chemicals added, and he kept them as close to handmade as possible, even as his company exploded into national distribution through the early 1980s.

What began with a single store in Los Angeles that made \$300,000 in revenue its first year became by 1981 a \$12 million company (about \$42 million in today's currency), with dozens of Famous Amos stores across the country and packaged products sold in supermarkets and department stores like Bloomingdale's as well.

His cookies were small — bite-size, for most mouths — and came in three varieties: chocolate chip with peanut butter, chocolate chip with pecans, and butterscotch chips with pecan. All were handmade, at the store.

"You can't compare a machine-made cookie with a handmade cookie," Mr. Amos told MSNBC in 2007. "It's like comparing a Rolls-Royce with a Volkswagen."

The cookies were widely proclaimed delicious, but a big draw

was Mr. Amos himself. An energetic, ever-smiling pitchman, known for his panama hat and colorful Indian gauze shirts, he loved the hustle of building a brand, going on the road to promote it for weeks at a time. (Today, both his hat and one of his shirts are held by the Smithsonian Institution.)

His first store, on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, became an attraction in itself. The opening day drew thousands, and he would frequently get the city to shut down the block out front for a street party, which he made sure was stocked with celebrities.

Mr. Amos, a former talent agent, treated his cookies like another client — the door to the shop's kitchen had a star on it, just like an actor's trailer — and he understood the importance of building a personal brand decades before it became practically a requirement.

Within a few years he was a household name across much of the United States, appearing on the cover of Time and as a guest on the TV sitcoms "The Jeffersons" and "Taxi." Much later, he would also appear on "The Office."

But, as was the case with many entrepreneurs, his passionate creativity was not matched by business acumen, and he struggled to keep up profits as the company expanded. He sold off equity stakes through the 1980s, and in 1988 he sold the remainder to a private equity firm, the Shansby Group, for \$3 million (about \$8 million today).

Mr. Amos stayed with the company for a year as a paid spokesperson before leaving in frustration. By then he had developed a second career of sorts as an author and speaker, regaling readers and audiences with



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Mr. Amos, pictured in Kailua, Hawaii, in 2007 after launching the Cookie Kahuna, one of several brands he developed following his success with Famous Amos.

his rags-to-riches story and tips for entrepreneurial success.

He also became an advocate for childhood literacy. His mother had never learned to read, and neither had he until late in his childhood. He worked closely with the group Literacy Volunteers of America, and in 1987 he hosted his own public-access cable TV program, "Learn to Read."

Years later, after he had gotten back into the cookie trade with a small shop near his home in Honolulu, he set aside an adjacent room stocked with children's books. Every Saturday, he would take a seat in a rocking chair, surrounded by children, and read to them for hours.

Wallace Amos Jr. was born July 1, 1936, in Tallahassee, Fla. His father worked for the local electric utility, and his mother, Ruby (Hall) Amos, was a domes-

tic worker who later helped run Mr. Amos's first store.

After his parents divorced when he was 12, Mr. Amos moved to New York's Harlem neighborhood to live with his aunt, a baking wiz named Della Bryant. Entranced by her skill with an oven, he set his mind on a culinary career. He attended the Food Trades Vocational High School in Manhattan and got an apprenticeship in the kitchen at the fashionable Essex House hotel.

But after finding himself repeatedly passed over for promotion in favor of white students, he dropped out of school and joined the Air Force. He spent most of a four-year stint in Hawaii.

Mr. Amos then returned to New York, took secretarial classes, and eventually went to work in the mail room at the William

Morris talent agency. By 1961, he had worked his way up to the title of junior agent — the first Black person to hold that position at the agency and one of the first in the country.

In that job he arranged package tours for Motown acts, including Marvin Gaye and the Temptations. But again he found his career stymied by racism, and when the opportunity arose to move to Los Angeles to open his own agency, he took it.

For nearly a decade he scratched by, representing second-tier actors and musicians. To relieve stress, he found himself baking cookies at night, then sharing them at pitch meetings and film shoots.

Eventually, a friend suggested that he go into the baking business himself. With a \$25,000 investment from Gaye, singer Helen Reddy, and a few

others, he leased a building on Sunset Boulevard. Famous Amos was born.

Mr. Amos was always forthcoming about his struggles in growing his brand and about the decisions that led him to lose control of it.

"I'd lost the company really because I didn't use to listen to people a lot because I was Famous Amos," he told The New York Times in 1999. "The first couple of years after I left Famous Amos, I didn't even make cookies anymore, and I used to always make cookies at home. I didn't even want to talk about chocolate chip cookies, really. I shaved my beard and stopped wearing hats."

In 1991, he launched a new cookie venture, Wally Amos Presents, but the owners of Famous Amos sued him for trademark infringement. Frustrated, he changed the company name to Uncle Noname. After two years of litigation, they agreed that he could use the name Uncle Wally as long as he didn't sell cookies — so he sold muffins instead.

The Uncle Wally brand was successful, if not quite the home run Famous Amos had been; it ended up in some 5,000 retail outlets, though Mr. Amos eventually sold his portion.

He was married five times, most recently to Carol Williams, who survives him. Along with his son Shawn and his daughter Sarah he is also survived by two other sons, Michael and Gregory; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

"Being famous is highly — very, very, very highly — overrated," he told Honolulu magazine in 2014. "I am fortunate that, through all the tribulations, all the ups and downs that I've experienced, I still make a cookie that tastes good."

Peggy Moffitt, model whose bob reshaped '60s beauty, 86

By Marisa Meltzer
NEW YORK TIMES

Peggy Moffitt, a model and muse who famously posed in designer Rudi Gernreich's topless bathing suit, and whose bob and heavy eye makeup helped define the look of the 1960s, died Saturday at her home in Beverly Hills, Calif. She was 86.

Her son, Christopher Claxton, said the cause was complications of dementia.

Ms. Moffitt started working with Gernreich as a fitting and show model in 1962. "I entertained myself and the audience by regarding the collection as a play, with each outfit a new act or a new character," she wrote in "The Rudi Gernreich Book" (1991), a collaboration with her husband, photographer William Claxton, who took the topless photo. "In fact, I didn't really model the clothes so much as perform them."

She met Gernreich when she was working at a small boutique in Beverly Hills that was known for its unusual and avant-garde clothes. Ms. Moffitt was drawn to the humor in his designs.

She was initially hesitant about posing for a photo in his topless suit, but she decided to do it as long as some conditions were met: that she never wear it in public and that Claxton, who was best known for his portraits of jazz musicians, shoot it.

The suit, made famous by Claxton's 1964 picture, made international news when it was banned in some countries and denounced by the Soviet newspaper Izvestia; it said in its criticism that the American way of life "is on the side of everything that gives the possibility of trampling on morals and interests of society for the sake of ego."

The photo continued to follow her for decades, and in the process became somewhat of a nuisance. "Think of something in your life that took 1/60th of a second to do," she said in 2012. "Now, imagine having to spend the rest of your life talking about it. I think it's a beautiful photograph, but, oh, am I tired of talking about it."

Fashion historian Jessica Glasscock, in an interview for this obituary last year, said: "In the 1960s, the idea of who could be a model really started to expand, and to include people who were not adhering to a traditional patrician, WASPy Western line



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Ms. Moffitt "was transgressing extreme femininity toward something that identified with the avant-garde ideal of the '60s," fashion historian Jessica Glasscock said.

of beauty. Peggy Moffitt was willing to look not traditionally pretty and explore other aesthetics. She was transgressing extreme femininity toward something that identified with the avant-garde ideal of the '60s. She was working with her collaborators to make true art."

In 1966, Ms. Moffitt appeared as a model in the Michelangelo Antonioni film "Blow-Up," about a fashion photographer played by David Hemmings.

On Dec. 1, 1967, Ms. Moffitt appeared with Gernreich and model Léon Bing on the cover of Time magazine. In that photo, she wore her hair in what became her signature geometric bob. Its shape, designed by Vidal Sassoon, framed her face and created clean, modern lines.

Her look was so recognizable that in 1968, writer-illustrator William Pène du Bois published a children's book called "Pretty Pretty Peggy Moffitt."

In 1967, Claxton directed a seven-minute short, "Basic Black," which is often cited as the first fashion film. It features

clothes designed by Gernreich and worn by Ms. Moffitt, who saw modeling as not about striking a pose but about constant movement.

"His clothes conformed to the body and were flexible and free and more like dance wear," Christopher Claxton, her son, said in an interview. "That appealed to her, and it was a common connection they had."

Peggy Moffitt was born in Los Angeles on Oct. 2, 1937. Her father, Jack Moffitt, was a film critic and a screenwriter, and her mother, Mary (Came) Moffitt, raised their children, Peggy and her older sister, Barbara.

"She told me stories about going to the Brown Derby and other Hollywood restaurants during World War II with her parents and hearing air raid sirens and getting scared," Claxton said. "She was a little girl on the banquette asking, 'Can we go home now?'"

Ms. Moffitt grew up in the Hancock Park neighborhood of Los Angeles and attended Marlborough, a private all-girls school.

After she graduated, with a view to become an actress, she took classes at the Neighborhood Playhouse in New York City, where acting was taught by Sydney Pollack and dance by Martha Graham. Her classmates included Suzanne Pleshette and Robert Duvall.

She then moved back to Los Angeles and signed a contract with Paramount Pictures, landing small parts in the films "Senior Prom" (1958) and "Girls Town" (1959).

Ms. Moffitt was becoming disenchanted with the idea of making it in Hollywood when she met Claxton, a friend of the man she was dating at the time. "She saw a tall man come out of a small Jaguar XK140, and she asked, 'Who is that?' And he said, 'Oh, that's Bill Claxton,'" her son said.

She recognized his name from photos of his that she had seen on jazz albums. As family lore has it, she was arguing with her boyfriend and running downstairs from his apartment when she passed by Claxton as he was coming up. She said, "You must be William Claxton; I love your work."

Ms. Moffitt found herself continuing to think about Claxton that night. Before much time had passed, she returned to her boyfriend's apartment, hoping to find him still there. She invented the pretext of having forgotten something. Claxton was overjoyed to see her again.

"He said, 'Don't leave,'" Christopher said. "They were basically out all night talking."

They married in June 1959 in New York. She kept her name professionally but changed it legally to Peggy Moffitt Claxton. "The joke was that music people called her Mrs. Claxton, and fashion people called him Mr. Moffitt," her son said. They remained married until Claxton died in 2008.

Ms. Moffitt's son, a psychotherapist who manages his father's photography archive, is her only immediate survivor.

"I think a side of her liked being a muse very much, and there was a side that was terrified — that didn't want to draw attention or to be looked at or be judged," Christopher Claxton said. "But she also had this wild and experimental side of her that was about creating art and pushing boundaries."



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Mr. Russell spoke to reporters in the aftermath of the deadly Station nightclub fire in West Warwick, R.I., in 2003.

Jack Russell, Great White singer, Station fire survivor

By Alexandra E. Petri
NEW YORK TIMES

Jack Russell, the singer who led the popular 1980s hard rock band Great White, as well as a spinoff group that set off one of the deadliest nightclub fires ever, has died. He was 63.

The cause of death was Lewy body dementia and multiple system atrophy, said K.L. Doty, the author of Mr. Russell's autobiography. No other details were given.

Mr. Russell's death was announced in a post on his official Instagram profile Thursday and confirmed by Doty. Great White also paid tribute to his death on its Instagram page.

Mr. Russell cofounded Great White with guitarist Mark Kendall. The band, originally called Dante Fox, began playing in small clubs in Southern California in the early 1980s. It became Great White in 1984. The group's first big hit, "Rock Me," landed the No. 60 spot on the Billboard Top 100 chart in 1987.

Great White found success with its third album, which featured its biggest hit, "Once Bitten Twice Shy." The song reached No. 5 in 1989 and earned the band a 1990 Grammy nomination.

Mr. Russell briefly left Great White in 1996 to build a solo career but returned in 1999. By 2001, Great White had disbanded.

In 2002, Mr. Russell and Kendall hired three new musicians and began touring as Jack Russell's Great White, playing in

small clubs. In February 2003, while performing at the Station Nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., the band's pyrotechnics ignited a deadly fire that killed 100 people, including Great White's guitarist, and left 230 injured. It was one of the worst club fires in US history.

The two brothers who owned the club, and installed the highly flammable soundproofing foam around its stage, and the band's tour manager, who lit the blaze, were charged in connection with the fire.

Mr. Russell was not charged, but members of the band agreed to pay a \$1 million settlement.

By 2005, Jack Russell's Great White parted ways after "the stress from lawsuits, inner band turmoil, and Russell's substance abuse . . . had taken its toll," according to the All Music Guide.

Great White reunited in 2007, but it was short-lived. Mr. Russell continued making music with Jack Russell's Great White. He announced in an Instagram post in July that he was retiring because of his health problems.

"I am unable to perform at the level I desire and at the level you deserve," Mr. Russell wrote. "Words cannot express my gratitude for the many years of memories, love, and support."

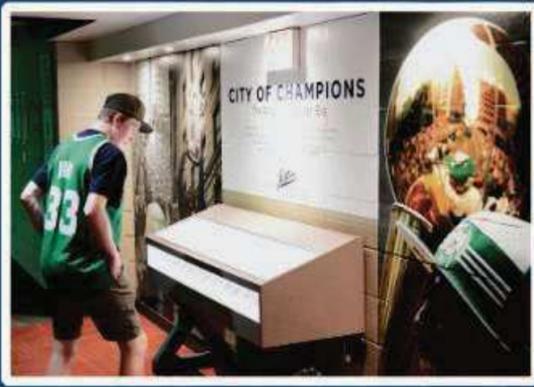
Jack Patrick Russell was born Dec. 5, 1960 in Montebello, Calif. He grew up in Whittier, Calif., and dropped out of high school to pursue music.

He is survived by his wife, Heather Ann Russell, and his son, Matthew Hucko.

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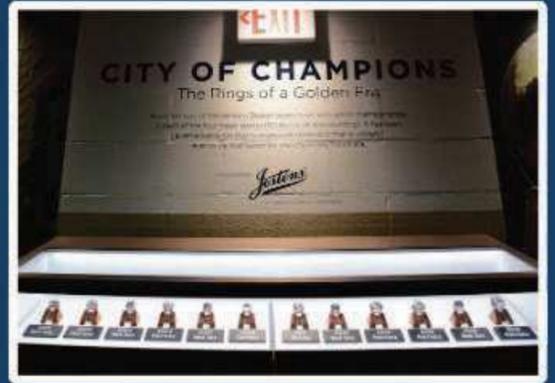
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Emerson College RAs secure first union contract

By Diti Kohli
GLOBE STAFF

Resident assistants at Emerson College unanimously ratified their first union contract Thursday, reaching an agreement with the downtown Boston institution with unprecedented speed, within a year of first organizing.

The 70-some undergraduate students are now guaranteed semesterly stipends up to \$1,600 — on top of the existing perks of free room and board — and will be automatically reappointed to the position, which requires an application and interview, each school year they remain enrolled.

The contract also institutes daily pay minimums for RAs during school breaks, reduces the length of pre-semester training, and eliminates the 24-hour on-call requirement, which charged students with addressing resident calls and emergencies at all hours.

Lorenzo Sosa Lopez, a junior theatrical design and production major and

Agreement provides semesterly stipends and strengthens worker protections

union organizer, said the agreement will help remedy the way RAs were historically undervalued.

“This is the culmination of months of organizing and several years of feeling taken advantage of,” Sosa Lopez said. “When we recognize how expensive Emerson is as an institution, it will make a huge impact on who is able to get by.”

Senior visual media arts major Mahkye Hayden said that the contract will also be transformative for many RAs who are low income and pursued the role in part to afford attending the pricey, private institution. (The annual cost of tuition alone at Emerson is more than \$56,000.)

“The RA job used to be necessity, and for some people, it still is,” he said. “But it’s also now legitimate job that

people can take that lets them buy food [and] go out with friends — a job that benefits them beyond the reduction of tuition and housing costs.”

In a statement, Emerson spokesperson Rosemary Lavery said that the “College congratulates the RA union members on the results of their unanimous vote and is committed to working with the RA union as we begin the new academic year.”

Resident assistants at Emerson began to mobilize last November and formalized their union in January, amid a wave of organizing among undergraduate workers across the country. In Massachusetts, similar unions have formed at Boston University, Tufts University, and Mount Holyoke College.

And there are no signs yet of the momentum slowing, said David Ham-

er-Hodges, director of organizing and first contracts with the local chapter of the Office and Professional Employees International Union, with which the Emerson RAs are affiliated.

“We’re not going to back down,” he added. “It’s just a matter of how painful the institution wants the process to be, because this is a movement that is not going away.”

Emerson otherwise has begun to cut back due to financial constraints.

The college recently laid off 10 employees affiliated with its Bright Lights Cinema Series and Engagement Lab. It also plans not to fill some vacant positions in the coming year to account for an enrollment decline it said was caused in part by “negative press and social media” from the spring semester’s pro-Palestinian demonstrations and subsequent arrests.

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Report details hospital chiefs’ pay

Mass General Brigham leader tops local list

By Thomas Lee
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The CEO of the state’s largest hospital system received a sizable pay raise, including a big bonus, in 2022 even as compensation for her counterparts at other hospitals fell significantly.

Anne Klibanski, who leads Mass General Brigham, received more than \$6 million in total compensation in 2022, an 11.6 percent jump from her pay in 2021, according to newly released tax documents. In contrast, the pay of Kevin Tabb, CEO of the state’s second largest health system, Beth Israel Lahey Health, fell 47 percent to \$2.8 million in 2022.

Laurie Glimcher, CEO at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, earned \$2.33 million in 2022, 41 percent less than 2021.

2022, the most recent year for which pay data is available, represented another tough year for hospitals as they continued to grapple with COVID-19 patients even as funds from the \$3.3 trillion federal stimulus law started to run dry. At the same time, hospitals suffered a wave of resignations from burned-out nurses and other medical employees, forcing organizations to hire expensive temporary workers.

The Massachusetts Hospital & Health Association recently released a report that says temporary labor expenses hit \$1.5 billion in 2022, more than double the previous year.

As a result, hospitals started to lose money. As of December 2023, 37 percent of hospitals in Massachusetts reported negative operating margins, meaning they were spending more than they took in for daily operations, the report said. Hospitals’ median operating margin at this time was just 1.7 percent.

Such financial metrics can influence executive compensation. Cape Cod Healthcare Inc. CEO Michael Lauf received \$2.33 million in 2022, about 25 percent less than his package the previous year. UMass Memorial Health CEO Eric Dickson earned \$3.1 million, about the same as 2021.

Mass General Brigham reported an operating loss of \$93.5 million in 2022. In a statement, the health system suggested other factors contributed to Klibanski’s package other than just revenue and profits for that particular year.

“In recent years, we have taken groundbreaking steps to transform the future of health care,” Mass General Brigham said. “These initiatives are designed to reshape health care delivery, elevate patient outcomes, and enhance opportunities for our faculty to focus on exceptional patient care, research, and teaching.”

“The integration of resources and expertise across our system will strengthen our national and global reputation as the most renowned academic health care institution and unlock new potential in research, accelerate the development of innovative diagnostics and therapies, and improve outcomes for patients both locally and globally.”

Klibanski received a bonus of \$3.37 million in 2022, accounting for more than half of her total compensation. The bonus was also 41 percent more than her base salary of \$2.4 million.

Mass General Brigham said Klibanski’s compensation was determined by a “performance-based system that aims to keep pay competitive with other academic medical centers in Boston and across the country.”

Klibanski’s compensation has attracted criticism from labor unions that represent Mass General Brigham’s workers. The Massachusetts Nurses Association recently cited her pay while negotiating a new contract with Brigham and Women’s Hospital, which is owned by Mass General Brigham.

“While Brigham nurses fight for a competitive contract, executives are making millions in bonuses every year,” union leader and Brigham nurse Jim McCarthy said in a statement last month. “We care for extremely sick and injured patients under the threat of violence without enough staff. MGB should be investing in nurses to make the Brigham safer for everyone.”

After threatening to launch a 24-hour strike at Brigham and Women’s, the union recently reached an agreement with the hospital.

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DAVID SCHILDMEIER

Ayer residents were joined by patients and staff of Nashoba Valley Medical Center at a hearing Thursday on the fate of the hospital.

Patients, others press Healey to find a way to keep Ayer hospital open

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GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

AYER — The Healey administration’s deal to keep open six Massachusetts hospitals operated by the failing Steward Health Care won’t save Nashoba Valley Medical Center. But the people who live near Nashoba Valley and the staff who work there don’t plan to go quietly.

At a 4 ½-hour public hearing held by state officials in Ayer on Thursday, patients and residents rallied against Steward’s decision to shutter the small community hospital — and against the state for allowing it to happen.

“This is personal to us,” said Beth Reid, who said she’d worked at Nashoba as an imaging technologist for 35 years. “You are ripping away the livelihood of our people, of our patients. They don’t know where to turn. They are horrified. They’re in my office crying, saying, ‘Who is going to take care of us now?’ That’s just unconscionable.”

“Stand up to them, for the love of God,” Reid added. “Money is not that

important if everyone’s dead.”

Steward announced last month that it would close Nashoba Valley, along with Carney Hospital in Dorchester, on Aug. 31, as part of the company’s bankruptcy proceedings. That move quickly garnered opposition from locals, who say the increase in emergency response times could potentially cost lives.

In a press conference Friday, Governor Maura Healey acknowledged that her administration was unable to keep Nashoba Valley and Carney operating, blaming Steward’s mismanagement for essentially made them unsellable. Steward said the two failed to attract qualified buyers.

“The news today is good, is good, but not for everyone,” Healey said. “As governor I understand that.”

Much of the frustration at Thursday’s hearing centered on the perceived inaction of the Department of Public Health and other state officials. Activists urged Healey to enforce the 120-day notice period required by law for hospital closures.

That, they argue, would be

enough time for the state to find a bidder willing to keep the hospital open. Nashoba received at least one bid, from Michigan-based Insight Health Systems, but it was rejected by Steward.

“You’ve invited us here tonight to beg for basic public health services,” said Susan Buchholz. “Is this really how little you think of us?”

Several speakers, including Massachusetts Nurses Association organizer Dana Simon, repeated the same refrain — which became a rallying cry at a raucous hearing at Carney Hospital two days earlier: “The state did nothing.”

“Every time there is a hospital closure, it’s the same thing: The Department of Public Health holds listening sessions such as tonight’s, and then another hospital closes, in another working-class or rural community,” Simon said.

With the closure of Nashoba Valley, residents of Ayer and the surrounding area could see emergency response times increase from five minutes to upward of 30 minutes.

The nearest hospitals are UMass Memorial HealthAlliance in Leominster or Emerson Hospital in Concord.

For emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes, advocates said, that can be the difference between life and death — especially for older residents, who make up a large proportion of Ayer’s population.

“They are the most vulnerable population in the community,” said Kenneth Martin, the town’s housing director. “And we’re closing the hospital? Twenty minutes to Leominster could be an eternity for a senior.”

“It may not be easy, it may not be simple, but you can figure out and get it done and save this hospital,” said Jason Main, president of the Massachusetts Veterans’ Service Officers Association (many Ayer residents are also veterans). “Because otherwise, you’re putting veterans and families and Gold Star families in jeopardy of not having access to health care.”

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After a sour 2023, cranberry growers expect a good crop this year

harvest and about average for Massachusetts over the past five years.

The state’s 2022 harvest yielded about 2.26 million barrels, but the weather conditions in 2023 resulted in a projected yield of just 2 million, a 12 percent decrease. The actual harvest fell short of the estimate, at 1.97 million barrels, according to US Department of Agriculture statistics.

This year, Massachusetts’ crop is expected to make up over a quarter of the 8.24 million barrels of cranberries expected to be grown nationwide.

Steve Ward, who grows cranberries

near the Middleboro/Carver line, said the projection sounds realistic and would hopefully signify a return to normal after a few years of disappointing yields.

But climate change is shifting what’s “normal,” said Ward, who has been growing cranberries for about 60 years.

Cranberry growers sometimes flood the bogs in the winter to protect the cranberry vines from being injured or killed by harsh winter temperatures. It used to be cold enough for growers to flood the bogs right after Thanksgiving, he said. Now, Ward said, it’s done mid-January, if at all. Changing temperatures also affect



plant zones, he said, so poison ivy is more of a problem than it used to be.

Ward is hopeful that the future of cranberries in the Commonwealth is a long and fruitful one — for the region and for his family, too.

When an opportunity arose to grow cranberries, Ward’s father, a physical education teacher, thought it would be a good way to keep the family active. Now 84 years old, Ward’s father still turns on his irrigation system and drives around to monitor the sprinkler heads. Growing cranberries, Ward said, keeps his father “just active enough,” and in addition to caring for his own property, Ward helps out his father alongside his own son, who will be a cranberry grower, too.

The “culture of cranberries” is ingrained in southeastern Massachusetts, he said.

“I love that cranberry culture,” he said. “I love giving tours. I love talking to people about cranberries. It’s a good way of life.”

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This year’s cranberry crop in the Commonwealth will not be bogged down by last year’s disappointing harvest, according to a national cranberry crop forecast.

The 2024 annual projection from the National Agricultural Statistics Service expects a statewide total of 2.2 million barrels, with one barrel equal to 100 pounds. That’s about 12 percent more than the 2023 harvest of the state’s official fruit, when a cold spring and rainy summer harmed the berries’ ability to grow.

“Mother Nature always has that final say in what’s going to happen,” said Karen Cahill, deputy executive director of Massachusetts Cranberries, an association representing hundreds of cranberry growers in southeastern Massachusetts.

Although the recent heat wave may keep the crop from reaching that estimate, growers expect a solid harvest this fall, Cahill said. Her more conservative estimate is about 2 million barrels, which she said would be a decent

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By: **Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT**
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Highway Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

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Mansion of Dover family is up for sale for \$4.2m

By **Camilo Fonseca**
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The 5-acre Dover estate that was the site of a tragic murder-suicide last year is now up for sale.

The lavish property at 10 Wilson's Way is on the market for \$4.2 million, according to a Zillow listing posted Monday. It was previously owned by Teena and Rakesh "Rick" Kamal, who lost it in foreclosure after failing to make mortgage payments. A few days after Christmas last year, when the family was due to move out, Rick Kamal shot and killed his wife and his teenage daughter Arianna in their bedrooms, before turning the gun on himself, according to police reports.

The listing describes the Colonial-style mansion as a "perfect family home," with luxurious amenities including a gym, sauna, home theater, and a four-car garage. The estate is "seamlessly integrated" into the "extremely desirable" neighborhood of Wilson's Way, according to the listing. Two open houses are scheduled this weekend.

The Kamals bought the 11-bedroom, 19,000-square-foot mansion on Valentine's Day in 2019 for \$4 million. The entrance to the property was adorned with a pair of lion statues and placards bearing the family name in gold.

The property was previously assessed at \$6.79 million, according to Dover town records.

The mortgage on the property — a \$3.8 million loan initially set to be paid in 2021 — became a major factor in Rick Kamal's financial issues that authorities believe spiraled into the grisly murder-suicide.

Thousands of items from the property, including furniture, oil paintings, and even a \$3,400 pinball machine, were put up for auction in July, according to an online listing.

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Massachusetts unemployment rate climbs as hiring slows

By **Robert Gavin**
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate jumped to its highest level in more than a year as hiring slowed and thousands of people poured into the job market.

Unemployment in July climbed to 3.5 percent — the highest since March 2023 — from 3.2 percent in June as job creation failed to keep up with the people entering the labor force. Employers cut a net 2,300 jobs last month while the labor force surged by 22,000 workers, the state Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported Friday.

The labor participation rate — the share of residents 16 or older working or looking for work — rose in July to 66 percent, the highest since September 2020.

The slowdown in the state's labor market reflects national trends. The national economy has weakened as the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates at their highest in more than two decades.

In July, job growth nationally fell below expectations as the labor force grew by 420,000 workers. The unemployment rate jumped to 4.3 percent, the highest since 2021.

The question now is whether the slowdown is a welcome cooling of an inflationary economy or a recession signal. The disappointing national employment report, released two weeks ago, helped spur a plunge in stock markets around the world.

Stocks have since recovered and rallied as more recent data indicates the US economy remains on solid footing. First-time claims for unemployment benefits fell for the second consecutive week, the government reported Thursday, while retail sales climbed in July.

In Massachusetts, sectors that added jobs in July included government, which gained 3,700; leisure and hospitality, which added 2,400; financial activities, which gained 400; and trade, transportation, and utilities, which grew by 300 jobs.

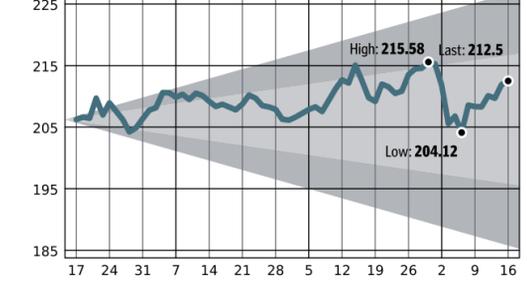
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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts

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Yesterday 212.50 ▲ 0.60 ▲ 0.3% ▲ YTD 12.7%

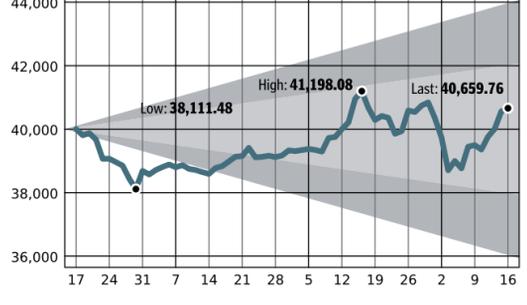
Company	Price	Chg	% chg	Market cap (bil.)
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TJX Cos Inc/The (TJX)	111.45	-0.03	-0.0	126.0
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc (VRTX)	477.37	+5.37	+1.1	123.2
Boston Scientific Corp (BSX)	78.25	+0.67	+0.9	115.2
Analog Devices Inc (ADI)	223.19	-0.48	-0.2	110.8
American Tower Corp (AMT)	219.85	+1.79	+0.8	102.7
GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	184.06	-4.76	-2.5	50.6
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	35.39	+0.06	+0.2	48.0
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc (ALNY)	268.24	+5.54	+2.1	34.4
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	86.84	+0.22	+0.3	33.4
Iron Mountain Inc (IRM)	108.30	-0.28	-0.3	31.8
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	201.91	+0.28	+0.1	29.4
Verato Corp (VLTO)	108.72	-0.25	-0.2	26.9
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	497.87	+8.36	+1.7	25.6
State Street Corp (STT)	81.18	+0.63	+0.8	24.2
Eversource Energy (ES)	65.11	+0.26	+0.4	23.3
Teradyne Inc (TER)	133.12	+1.39	+1.1	21.7
PTC Inc (PTC)	173.56	+0.20	+0.1	20.9
Waters Corp (WAT)	339.98	-0.70	-0.2	20.2
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	81.48	+0.93	+1.2	18.9
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	112.81	-0.54	-0.5	17.0
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	34.14	-0.00	+0.0	16.6
Toast Inc (TOST)	24.74	-0.07	-0.3	13.9
Symbotic Inc (SYM)	22.24	+0.85	+4.0	13.0
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	133.46	+0.12	+0.1	12.7

Markets

Wall St. closes out strong week

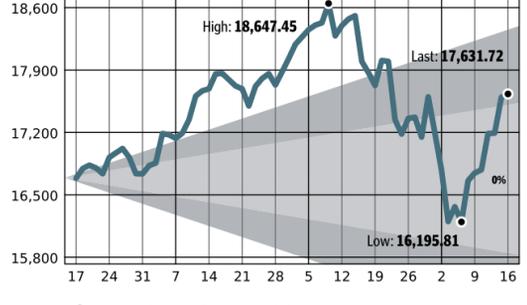
NEW YORK — Wall Street coasted to the close of its best week since November, as US stocks drifted a bit higher Friday. Treasury yields eased in the bond market following a couple mixed reports on the US economy. One showed homebuilders broke ground on fewer projects last month than forecast, which threw some cold water on the market. But a report later in the morning suggested US consumers are feeling better about the economy than expected. That's a big deal for Wall Street because their spending makes up the bulk of the economy. Even though confidence rose in the economy's strength following this week's strong run of reports, it is still likely slowing under the weight of high interest rates. That's by design. The Federal Reserve's goal has been trying to cool what was a hot job market by making it more expensive for companies and households to borrow and spend. The Fed did that that to remove upward pressure on inflation, which peaked at more than 9% two summers ago. The question is whether the slowdown in the economy's growth will overshoot and become a recession. That's still to be determined. ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOW JONES industrial average



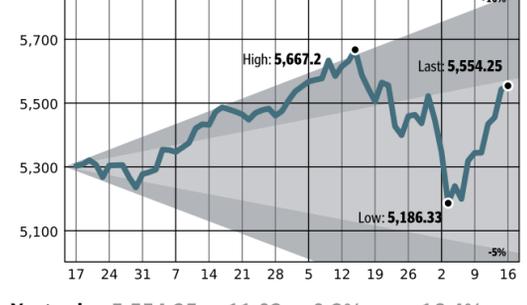
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NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 17,631.72 ▲ 37.22 ▲ 0.2% ▲ YTD 17.5%

S&P 500 index



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Boston's forecast

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MONDAY (6 A.M., NOON, 6 P.M.) forecast details including high/low temperatures and wind directions.

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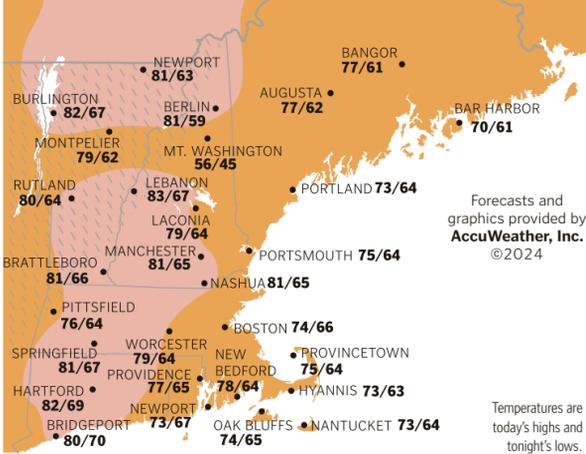
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New England forecast

TODAY: Partly sunny with a breezy afternoon. Most areas will have dry weather but there can be a shower or two in the north.

TOMORROW: Variable cloudiness with showers, mainly in the west. Watch for high surf and dangerous rip currents along the Atlantic Beaches.

EXTENDED: Rather cloudy Monday with rain and a heavier thunderstorm. Watch for high surf and dangerous rip currents at the Atlantic Beaches.



Cities

Table listing forecast high and low temperatures and conditions for various cities including Atlanta, Los Angeles, and New York City.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low 72°/64°
Sunrise 5:54 a.m.
Sunset 7:42 p.m.
Moonrise 6:52 p.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)
Weather Dense fog
Visibility 1/16 of a mile
Wind west-southwest at 12 m.p.h.

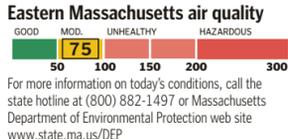
24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)
Yesterday 0.23"
Month to date 3.55"
Year to date 33.99"

Tides table with columns for A.M., P.M., High tides, and locations like Boston, Gloucester, and Hyannis Port.

New England marine forecast

Table with columns for Wind, Seas, and Temp for locations like Boston Harbor, East Cape, and Buzzards Bay.

Allergies table with columns for Trees, Weeds, Grass, and Mold, showing moderate to low levels.



For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

North dealer — N-S vulnerable

North

- ♠ Q 9
♥ A 5 3
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ A K 7 5

West

- ♠ 6
♥ K Q J 10 7
♦ A K 9
♣ 10 9 8 2

East

- ♠ 5 4 3 2
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ Q 10
♣ Q 6 4

South

- ♠ A K J 10 8 7
♥ 4
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ J 3

North 1 ♣, East Pass, South 1 ♠, West 2 ♥

Pass, Pass, 3 ♠, Pass

4 ♠, All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ K

Simple Saturday columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking.

Though drawing trumps is desirable — and new players are admonished to draw them promptly — there are good reasons to wait. Principle: If your trump situation is shaky, go after your side suit quickly.

In today's deal, South's jump to three spades was bold; many players would have bid only two. North had a clear raise to game. West led the king of hearts, and declarer took the ace and drew trumps; it took four rounds, so he had two trumps left.

South next led a diamond, and East won and returned a heart. South ruffed, lost another diamond and ruffed the next heart with his last trump. He took his A-K of clubs and lost the last two tricks to West, who had the ace of diamonds and a heart.

South must plug away at the diamonds without drawing any trumps. Then when West wins the third diamond and leads a heart, South can ruff in dummy, preserving four trumps in his hand to draw trumps.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ Q 9 ♥ A 5 3 ♦ J 7 6 3 ♣ A K 7 5. You open one club, your partner responds one spade, you bid 1NT and he jumps to three hearts. What do you say?

ANSWER: Since you lack four cards in hearts or three in spades, to bid 3NT would be acceptable. You would reach a good spot if your partner held A K J 7 6, K 10 7 6, Q 5 2, 3. But if he has A K J 7 6, K 8 4 2, 4, Q 6 4, you belong at four spades. Bid three spades. Partner can always try 3NT next.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024:

Even though you present a calm exterior to the world, you're full of volatile emotions. You are strong-willed, energetic, and self-sufficient. This is a year of service, mainly service to family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Today is a friendly day, which is welcome news. However, there might be a few surprises when dealing with parents or bosses. Pay attention to what you say and do, because no one wants to hear, "Busted!"

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Travel plans might suddenly change today. They might be canceled; however, on the upside, you might have a lovely and unexpected chance to travel.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Double-check details with banking, shared property, inheritances,

and anything you own jointly with others. Something unexpected could impact these areas. It's important for you to be in the know. Meanwhile, relations with bosses and parents are warm and cozy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

A close friend or partner might say or do something that surprises you today. It could be a declaration of love and warm feelings. People feel extra sensitive today and very kindhearted to each other.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Something related to your health and your job are surprising today. It's also possible that something related to a pet will catch you off guard. Therefore, be alert. Meanwhile, a work-related romance will be affectionate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

This is a romantic, fun-loving, playful day! However, it will have some surprises, so keep your eyes open. People feel affectionate to each other, especially in romantic situations, as well as soft-hearted to children. Be on the lookout to

avoid accidents with kids. Tonight: Work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Something unexpected could happen at home. It might be surprising news. However, small appliances might break down or minor breakages could occur. A spontaneous get-together might happen because people feel affectionate and warmhearted today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

It's a lively day! You feel curious and eager to meet new faces and see new places. You might be surprised by news or gossip. You also might meet someone unusual or take a spontaneous short trip. Whatever happens, you will enjoy the company of others and your immediate surroundings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Keep an eye on your money and possessions, because something unexpected could impact them. You might find money; you might lose money. Protect what you own. However, a gift might come your way. Especially since feelings with family members are affectionate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today you feel independent and

spontaneous! There's some excitement in the air, which might mean you will meet someone interesting. You are certainly tuned in today. Your Spidey sense is activated. Conversations with others will be warm and reassuring.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is the perfect day for a fun outing — a sport event, fun activities with children, meeting friends socially, enjoying the arts and having a vacation. You feel warmhearted toward friends and even casual acquaintances, which is why this is an excellent day to meet new people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Romantic sparks might happen with a platonic friend today. This is because many people feel warmhearted and affection to each other today. And at the same time, today is also full of a few surprises! Most of these surprises will be welcome, perhaps fun invitations. However, a few unexpected glitches might occur.

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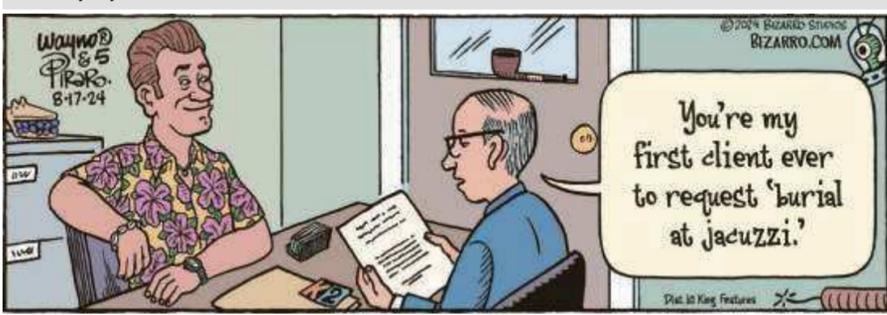
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ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY DON AUCOIN



JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION/AP/FILE

Eugene (left) and Dan Levy, pictured at the Primetime Emmy Awards in 2019, will cohost this year's awards show, Sept. 15.

Winning back then, hosting now

Eugene Levy and Dan Levy made history four years ago when "Schitt's Creek," a comedy they co-created, won a record nine Emmy Awards.

Next month they'll again be writing a new chapter in the Emmy annals, having been named cohosts of the Emmys. It's the first father-son pairing since the Emmy Awards began in 1949.

In a joint statement, the Levys said: "For two Canadians who won our Emmys in a literal quarantine tent, the idea of being asked to host this year in an actual theater was incentive enough.

"Schitt's Creek" chronicles the downfall and ensuing travails of the previously wealthy Rose family after they learn that their business manager has embezzled funds from their video store business.

The series aired on the CBC in Canada and on Pop TV in the United States, then moved to Netflix. On Emmy night in 2020, "Schitt's Creek" won the Emmy for outstanding comedy.

If you stayed with it, "Schitt's Creek" became steadily more enjoyable. But it's debatable whether the series deserved nine Emmys.

Addressing a larger issue in The Wrap, an online publication that covers the entertainment and media industries, veteran entertainment journalist Steve Pond wrote: "Like stadiums full of sports fans carrying brooms to a game where their team has a chance to complete a sweep against an archrival, the Emmys have been home to a string of dominant showings in recent years.

My ex still sends memes and old pictures

Q. Five years ago, the man I thought I would marry some day broke up with me out of the blue. For context, I am in my 50s and divorced; this wasn't a schoolgirl crush — I felt like I had finally met my person.

I was devastated. Our breakup coincided with the pandemic. It was a dark time; I became depressed. Fast forward to now, after lots of therapy and yes, meds, I am in a new relationship. We are happy enough, and I try not to think about my ex.

At first I am thrilled to hear from him, but it sends me into a spiral. The messages are anything from notes saying happy birthday, to pictures of us when we were together, to internet memes.

I am having a hard time moving on for good when these messages make me think of all of the possible what-ifs. (He has been in a relationship with the same woman since we broke up.)

Can you help me sort this all out, Meredith?

ANONYMOUS

A. You can be honest with him about how these messages make you feel. You can also set a boundary.

As in, "Listen, whenever you reach out, it's confusing for me. It feels like you're trying to get back together — but I assume that's not the case. I have no interest in friendship at this point, so I need to ask you to stop all contact.

You can add an "I wish you the best," if you want.

I assume he does miss you, and that when he sees a meme that reminds him of your time together, he's desperate to share. But that doesn't mean he wants to be your romantic partner.

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN



Meredith is seeking questions about everything from dating and marriage to life after divorce. Scan the QR code to make your anonymous submission.

— because you're not fully satisfied so you're looking back.

JIM501

Not sure why so many people have a hard time blocking people on social media. If the person (ex, family member, friend) disturbs your peace or causes you any kind of negative emotion, please JUST block that person.

BRENDA67

ever sometimes.

The old pictures seem far more manipulative and thoughtless. I have no idea what he's up to with that — but he doesn't seem to be considering your feelings very much!

As you set this boundary — and yes, you can block his accounts, too — consider whether this new relationship is fun. You didn't say anything about the person you're dating.

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

"You can be honest with him about how these messages make you feel. You can also set a boundary. As in, 'Listen, whenever you reach out, it's confusing for me.'"

BIGSIGH

I wouldn't give the old flame the time of day. He left you of his own free will and moved on to a new relationship, and now he seems to want it all.

Saturday August 17, 2024

Table with columns for time slots (7 pm to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (WGBH, WZLX, WCVB, etc.) listing programs like Celtic Thunder, Wheel of Fortune, and MLB Baseball.

Table with columns for time slots (7 pm to 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (A&E, AMC, Animal Planet, etc.) listing programs like The First 48, Transformers, and Expedition.