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‘Worse year than average’ for deadly EEE

Warnings and risks on rise in New England

By Adam Piore
GLOBE STAFF

New England is on track for a bad year of eastern equine encephalitis.

Rhode Island on Friday warned the entire state was at high risk for EEE and other mosquito-borne illnesses, after recording its first confirmed EEE infection this week. Massachusetts officials announced the state's fourth case of EEE, the most since 2020, with outbreaks occurring more often. Massachusetts designated four towns at “critical risk,” with an additional 13 towns at “high risk.”

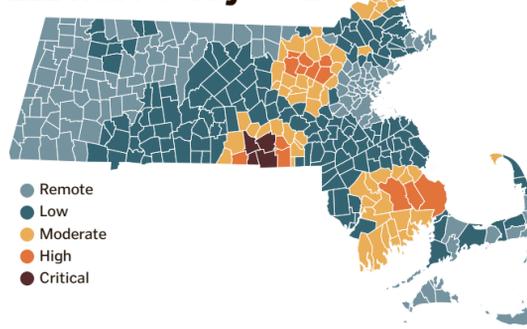
And, in New Hampshire, a 41-year-old Hamstead man became the state's first case in a decade. He died in August.

► **11th case of West Nile virus reported in Massachusetts. B5.**

In response to the growing threat, public health officials are urging schools and organizations to move early morning or evening sporting events and other outdoor activities inside, or rescheduling them to earlier in the afternoon when

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EEE risk level by town



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Shooting at rally shocks Newton

Pro-Israel demonstrator pleads not guilty after his alleged attacker is hit

By Danny McDonald and Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

NEWTON — Nearly a year into the Israel-Hamas war, tensions over the conflict boiled over half a world away on a busy suburban road Thursday evening when a man who allegedly attacked a demonstrator at a small pro-Israel rally was shot during the scuffle.

The demonstrator who was attacked, Scott Hayes, 47, a military veteran from Framingham, was charged Friday in Newton District Court with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a gun, in connection with the shooting. He pleaded not guilty.

The man who was shot, Caleb Gannon of Newton, suffered life-threatening injuries and was rushed to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he remained on Friday. Prosecutors said they will also seek a criminal complaint that Gannon assaulted Hayes.

Gannon's father told Newton police his son is mentally unstable and possibly autistic, according to records, and has been “hyper-focused” on Hamas and the Israel-Hamas conflict. There was no answer at a home in Newton listed for the Gannons Friday night.

The shooting rocked Newton, a city with a
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‘There’s this potential to store carbon in these coastal systems.’

MATTHEW LONG, associate scientist, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution



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Jean Brochi of the EPA entered the water in Hadley Harbor near Naushon Island off Falmouth to study underwater meadows.

SEEKING A NEW WAVE CLIMATE SOLUTION

Scientists turn to seagrass in their search for carbon storage

By Erin Douglas
GLOBE STAFF

WOODS HOLE — Safety pins, zip ties, and red lipstick are almost all that scientist Phil Colarusso needs to complete his study. That, and his scuba-diving gear.

“High-tech science,” said Colarusso, a marine biologist for the Environmental Protection Agency, gesturing toward the relatively rudimentary supplies with a smile.

After a short boat ride to Hadley Harbor near Uncatena Island, one of the small islands off the coast of Woods Hole, Colarusso unboxed the equipment. It was the middle of July, and this was one of several trips he would make to the same research site while the weather allowed for a study that will last



A view of underwater vegetation in Woods Hole. Researchers are studying how seagrasses can capture and store carbon.

through October. He sat on the edge of the boat, tipped himself backward into the water, and began his descent to the underwater meadow of seagrass.

The dive team's goal this year: to better understand how eelgrass, a type of seagrass prevalent in New England, absorbs carbon dioxide and under what conditions the plants can best do that work.

“There’s this potential to store carbon in these coastal systems because they are so good at it, mangroves and seagrasses particularly,” said Matthew Long, an associate scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and captain of the small research vessel that day.

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Biden adds billions in Chinese tariffs

Takes tough stance on Beijing ahead of election

By Ana Swanson and Jordyn Holman
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration on Friday announced measures that will add tariffs to Chinese products worth tens of billions of dollars, a move intended to protect US factories and project a tough-on-China approach before the presidential election.

The tariffs, which range from 7.5 to 100 percent, will apply to clothing, solar panels, electric vehicles, syringes, steel, and other goods that China has been selling at far cheaper prices than many US businesses, threatening to put US factories out of business.

The steps are likely to raise the cost of some imports at a time when Americans are already dissatisfied with rising prices. But they also represent a major effort by the Biden administration to address a salient political issue for some voters: America's dependence on China for an array of products.

Both Democrats and Republicans have turned away from emphasizing the benefits of freer trade to criticizing the role that Chinese imports have

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Harmony Montgomery's mother, Crystal Sorey, filed a wrongful death lawsuit on her daughter's behalf against the state of New Hampshire. **B1.**

About 100 chanting and sign-waving student demonstrators took to the steps of MIT to demand that the school “cut ties with Israel” and to call for a cease-fire in Gaza. **B1.**

Cain Hayes, chief executive of Point32Health, is leaving “to pursue other opportunities” after three years running Massachusetts' second-largest health insurer. **D1.**

It's crunch time at apple orchards

Farmers learn ways to adjust for warmer, wetter weather

By Ivy Scott
GLOBE STAFF

Each year for more than a decade, Jon Clements has faithfully documented the status of his apples.

From August to October, the University of Massachusetts orchard researcher notes the firmness, redness, and sweetness of each of the many apple varieties grown at the school's orchard in Belchertown, from gala to honeycrisp to McIntosh, updating his annals every one to two weeks. And if there's one thing he's learned in more than 25 years of orchard research, it's that “there's nothing perfect in this world of growing apples.”

“It's not like a car manufacturing line where you can get closer to perfection,” he said. Rather, the quest for the ideal apple — crisp and sweet, or softer and brilliant red, depending on who you ask — is a delicate science, requiring careful observation that starts around the spring bloom, plus some good luck from Mother Nature.

Last year's dismal harvest drew attention to the impact of
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JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

Researcher Jon Clements says the conditions this year portend a fruitful apple harvest.

The Nation

After bomb threats, Ohio mayor says enough

Slams rhetoric from politicians about migrants

By Miriam Jordan
NEW YORK TIMES

The mayor of the Ohio city at the center of a firestorm over immigration says that his town needs help — not the hate that has been stirred by politicians and extremists.

“We are hurting,” the mayor of Springfield, Rob Rue, said in an interview with The New York Times on Thursday.

The tensions over the growing Haitian population in Springfield exploded this week after former president Donald Trump used the presidential debate to spread debunked rumors that Haitians were stealing pets and eating them.

On Thursday, bomb threats led to the evacuation of Springfield City Hall, two schools, and the state motor vehicle agency’s local facility.

Rue said the threats, which came by email, were a “hateful response to immigration in our town.”

“Obviously, the negative response and threats are very sad and hard to handle,” he said. “We want to move forward together, and it just makes it more difficult to do that when we have

violent actions and threats.”

Even before the debate, the city had been drawing attention, stirred by Trump’s running mate, Senator JD Vance, and others who sought to portray the influx of Haitians as a failure of the Biden administration’s immigration policies.

“It’s frustrating when national politicians, on the national stage, mischaracterize what is actually going on and misrepresent our community,” Rue said.

While the arrival of thousands of Haitian immigrants has strained schools and some government services, most of the Haitians are in the United States legally and many have filled jobs in local industry.

But it was the death of 11-year-old Aiden Clark, killed last year when his school bus was struck by a minivan driven by a Haitian immigrant, that began stirring anger and anxiety, ultimately thrusting Springfield into a vitriolic national debate over immigration.

On Tuesday, Vance referred to Aiden in a post on social platform X, saying that “a child was murdered by a Haitian migrant.”

Later that day, Aiden’s father, Nathan Clark, lashed out at Vance and others he said were exploiting his son’s death for political gain.

“My son was not murdered. He was accidentally killed by an



immigrant from Haiti,” Clark, a teacher, said at a Springfield City Commission meeting.

“This tragedy is felt all over this community, the state and even the nation, but don’t spin this towards hate,” he continued.

Yet, it was not too long into the presidential debate that night before Trump was talking about the town and spreading debunked claims about Haitians. “In Springfield, they’re eating the dogs. The people that came in, they’re eating the cats. They’re eating — they’re eating the pets of the people that live there.”

Senator Ted Cruz of Texas and other Republicans posted mocking videos with kittens that went viral. Elon Musk also joined the social media frenzy.

The Haitians have filled jobs in manufacturing, distribution, and other sectors and been wel-

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ROB RUE, mayor of Springfield, Ohio

comed by many employers. But the volume and pace of arrivals has put pressure on housing, health care, and schools in the city, which is between Columbus and Dayton and had nearly 60,000 residents in 2020, according to census figures that year.

Estimates of the number of Haitians who have arrived range from 12,000 to 20,000.

“We can’t deny that adding 25 to 30 percent to our population in a three-year period would overwhelm services,” Rue said.

Governor Mike DeWine announced this week that the state would provide Springfield with \$2.5 million to ease strains on primary health care, and would deploy members of the state highway patrol to improve road safety. The mayor said that he was still hoping to receive federal assistance.

Among the targets of Thursday’s bomb threat was an elementary school that has a large Haitian student body. Apprehension has enveloped the Haitian community in Springfield this week, said Vilés Dorsainvil, executive director of the Haitian Community Help and Support Center.

Dorsainvil said that he had fielded many calls from families concerned for their children’s safety.

“People started panicking,” he said. “I tried to help them understand that it’s just politics.”

Vance’s campaign weighed in on the tensions on Thursday night. “Senator Vance condemns these threats and believes that those responsible should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law,” said Luke Schroeder, a spokesperson for the vice-presidential nominee.

Haiti is engulfed in violence, political upheaval and a humanitarian crisis, which have led tens of thousands of Haitians to move to other countries, including Brazil, Chile and the United States.

“At the end of the day, we are here,” Dorsainvil said. “We have been through a lot and are resilient people.”

On a Haitian WhatsApp chat group, Haitian leaders urged community members to “keep calm, stay informed, stay safe and stay connected.”

“Don’t let tension and fear make you make bad decisions,” said the message in Haitian Creole.

“Do not listen to rumors or unconfirmed information,” it advised them, according to a screenshot provided to the Times that was translated into English.

“I am feeling uncomfortable in this situation. I am asking myself what I should do,” said Jean Frantz, 35, the father of two children.

“They are spreading lies that I can’t believe,” he said. “We work, pay taxes, buy cars and respect the law.”

Rue said his message to the Haitian community was one of sympathy. “I am sorry this is going on in our community and that they have to endure this type of hate,” he said.

White House signals delay in US Steel takeover decision

Says Biden will not block sale in the short term

By Jeff Stein
and David J. Lynch
WASHINGTON POST

White House officials are signaling that President Biden will not imminently move to block Nippon Steel’s bid to acquire US Steel amid mounting concerns over the political and economic consequences of nixing the deal, according to three people with knowledge of the matter.

The White House last week had been preparing to announce that the president would formally block the Japanese company’s proposed \$14.9 billion acquisition of US Steel on national security grounds. But after vocal opposition to the idea, White House officials have now indicated that such a decision is unlikely in the short term and may not be made until after the 2024 presidential election, according to the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe confidential conversations.

The president remains opposed to the deal, officials said. No announcement was ever scheduled. But the pace of internal deliberations has slowed.

White House spokeswoman Saloni Sharma disputed that there had been a change of plans, saying an announcement was never imminent and that the president remains committed to waiting for a recommendation from an interagency review board, as the law requires.

The delay of any announcement, however, comes as investors, Pennsylvania Democrats, and some members of the steelworkers’ union warned that the deal’s collapse could spark an economic calamity for Pennsylvania’s beleaguered steel belt.

“People certainly don’t think we’re where we were Tuesday of last week. Everybody was like: ‘We’re dead. It’s over. We’re done.’ There’s definitely a sense we’ll probably get a chance to fight til November 5th. What happens Nov. 6 is still up in the air,” said one US Steel shareholder, who supports the merger and who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a politically controversial subject.

The United Steelworkers union, which endorsed Biden for reelection and endorsed Vice

President Kamala Harris in her presidential bid, has opposed the transaction from the outset.

White House officials have said they are waiting for a recommendation from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, the interagency board that reviews foreign transactions for national security implications. The panel is chaired by Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen and includes six other Biden cabinet secretaries as well as other political appointees who take direction from the president.

Since March, Biden has publicly opposed US Steel being owned by a foreign firm.

“The president’s position is that it is vital for US Steel to remain an American steel company that is domestically owned and operated. The President told our steelworkers he has their backs, and he meant it,” Sharma said. “As we made clear last week, we have not received any recommendation from CFIUS.”

The proposed acquisition has assumed outside importance given its potential political impact on the 2024 election.

Biden’s opposition to Nippon Steel’s acquisition of the once-iconic US Steel aligned with the position of the United Steelworkers union. David McCall, president of the labor organization, has described the deal as a threat to his members’ long-term job prospects and pension security.

But a move that the White House may have hoped would bolster its chances of winning Pennsylvania’s 19 electoral votes has instead triggered significant opposition among Democrats in western Pennsylvania’s steel belt.

“The White House was prepared to act precipitously and I think they were surprised by the pushback they got from all quarters,” said one person close to the process, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

On Thursday, USW leadership told its members that Nippon Steel would favor US Steel’s nonunion operations in Arkansas rather than its unionized workforce that operates Pennsylvania’s traditional blast furnaces.

But in towns near Pittsburgh, many steelworkers and their neighbors were upset by word of the president’s apparent plan to kill the deal, which they see as the best chance for US Steel’s outdated mills to survive.



HONORING EXCELLENCE — Participants attended a “Brunch in Celebration of Black Excellence” on the South Lawn of the White House, on Friday in Washington, D.C.

DAILY BRIEFING

Astronauts look on bright side

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Stuck-in-space astronauts Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore said Friday that it’s been tough dealing with their Boeing ride leaving without them and the prospect of spending several extra months in orbit.

It was their first public comments since last week’s return of the Boeing Starliner capsule that took them to the International Space Station in June. They remained behind after NASA determined the problem-plagued capsule posed too much risk

for them to ride back in. Their eight-day mission is now expected to last more than eight months.

While they never expected to be up there nearly a year, they knew there could be problems. “That’s how things go in this business,” said Williams, of Needham.

The transition to station life was “not that hard” since both had previous stints there, said Williams.

“This is my happy place. I love being up here in space,” she said.

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Boar’s Head closing listeria plant

Boar’s Head said Friday that it’s closing the Virginia plant tied to a deadly listeria outbreak.

The Sarasota, Fla.-based company said it will also permanently discontinue production of liverwurst, the product that was linked to the deaths of at least nine people and hospitalizations of 50 others in 18 states.

Boar’s Head said an internal investigation at its Jarratt, Va., plant found that the contamination was

the result of a specific production process.

That process only existed at the Jarratt plant and was only used for liverwurst, the company said.

The Jarratt plant hasn’t been operational since late July.

Boar’s Head recalled more than 7 million pounds of deli meats and other products after tests confirmed that listeria bacteria in its products was making people sick.

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Competing abortion initiatives cleared

The Nebraska Supreme Court ruled Friday that competing measures that would expand or limit abortion rights can appear on the November ballot.

The high court’s ruling came days after it heard arguments in three lawsuits that sought to keep one or both of the initiatives off the November ballot.

Organizers for each measure turned in more than 200,000

signatures, which was well over the 123,000 required valid ones needed to get them on the ballot.

Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen, a Republican who approved both measures in August, said it was probably the first time in state history that two initiatives on the same topic moved forward in the same election year.

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Timberlake pleads guilty to DWI

Singer Justin Timberlake pleaded guilty Friday to driving while impaired, resolving a case that began with his June arrest on drunken-driving charges in the Hamptons.

As part of his plea, Timberlake agreed to pay a \$500 fine and serve 25 hours of community service for a charity of his choosing. He also agreed to a 90-day suspension of his driver’s license in New York.

The singer, who was originally charged with the more serious crime of driving while intoxicated, entered the plea during an appearance in the village of Sag Harbor, N.Y.

Timberlake acknowledged that he had erred in driving rather than calling a taxi or getting a ride from a friend.

“It was a clear misjudgment,” he said.

NEW YORK TIMES

For the record

■ **Correction:** A story in Friday’s Metro section about city councilors asking the state to intervene in the late school bus crisis in Boston incorrectly stated which day 55 percent of buses arrived at school on time. It was Wednesday. The Globe regrets the error.

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The World



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FREEDOM — A Ukrainian serviceman, reacting after being released from Russian captivity at an undisclosed location near the Ukrainian-Belarusian border, was among 49 Ukrainian prisoners of war who had been returned Friday in a prisoner exchange. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky will travel to the United States later this month to attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York, and he is expected to present a plan to President Biden in hopes of achieving “a reliable peace.”

DAILY BRIEFING

Migration to EU countries down

BARCELONA — Unauthorized migration to European Union countries dropped significantly overall in the first eight months of this year, even as political rhetoric and violence against migrants increased and far-right parties espousing anti-immigration policies made gains at the polls.

There was, however, a spike in migrant arrivals to the Canary Islands, a Spanish archipelago close to the African coast that is increasingly used as an alternate stepping stone to continental Europe.

Irregular migration dominated the European parliamentary elections in June and influenced recent state elections in eastern Germany.

Despite the heated debates, irregular crossings over the southern borders of the EU — the region that sees the most unauthorized migration — were down by 35 percent from January to August.

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Militants kill 14 in Shi'ite area

ISLAMABAD — Islamic State militants killed 14 people in a Shi'ite-majority area in central Afghanistan in one of the deadliest attacks in the country this year.

The militant group claimed responsibility for the shooting, which took place on Thursday and targeted a group of minority Hazaras traveling between the provinces of Ghor and Daikundi. Six other people were wounded.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the shootings before the Taliban authorities in Kabul acknowledged the attack. The IS said its fighters used a machine gun in the assault, and claimed inflicting a higher death toll than the Taliban later reported.

The Iranian news agency IRNA quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani as saying the gunmen targeted people welcoming Afghan Shi'ites who were returning home from visiting shrines.

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WHO clears mpox vaccine

GENEVA — The World Health Organization said Friday that it has granted its first authorization for use of a vaccine against mpox in adults, calling it an important step toward fighting the disease in Africa.

The approval of the vaccine made by Bavarian Nordic A/S means that donors like vaccine alliance Gavi and UNICEF can buy it.

But supplies are limited because there's only a single manufacturer.

WHO also said it was creating an “access and allocation mechanism” to try to fairly distribute mpox tests, treatments, and vaccines to the countries who need them most.

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Journalists face harassment

HONG KONG — Dozens of Hong Kong journalists and some family members and associates have been harassed in recent months, a leading media professional group said Friday.

Drastic political changes have created an increasingly restricted environment for journalists.

Selina Cheng, chair of the Hong Kong Journalists Association, said it was the largest-scale harassment of reporters in the city that they are aware of.

Cheng said her group found that people describing themselves as patriots have sent anonymous complaints to at least 15 journalists' family members, the employers of their family members, their landlords, and other related organizations.

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US points finger at Russian TV network

Accuses it of carrying out covert operations

By Steven Lee Myers and Michael Crowley

NEW YORK TIMES

The United States, Canada, and Britain on Friday accused Russia's global television network, RT, of acting as an arm of that country's intelligence agencies, announcing new sanctions meant to cut off international financing for disinformation operations around the world.

The action came days after the Justice Department indicted two employees of the network for funneling at least \$9.7 million to bankroll American podcasters on Tenet Media, a video streaming site in Tennessee, in hopes of pushing the Kremlin's propaganda and undermining the American democratic political process.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken, appearing at the State Department, said RT no longer acted simply as a state-owned news organization. Instead, it now actively carries out covert operations not only in the United States, but also in several other countries at the direction of intelligence officials reporting directly to the Kremlin.

“Today, we're exposing how Russia deploys similar tactics around the world,” Blinken said. “Russian weaponization of disinformation to subvert and polarize free and open societies extends to every part of the world.”

“We urge every ally, every partner, to start by treating RT's activities as they do other intelligence activities by Russia within their borders.”

Those operations have included disinformation campaigns, like the one using Tenet Media, but also cyberespionage, fund-raising for Russia's war in Ukraine, and the laundering of funds to covertly purchase light material, including sniper rifles, drones, and night-vision goggles from China and other countries.

The announcement Friday, along with a series of recent investigations by the Justice Department and the FBI, signaled an intensifying effort by the Biden administration to thwart Russia's influence operations before the presidential election in November.

US intelligence officials have said that the Kremlin is seeking to bolster former president Donald Trump's campaign, angered by the Biden administration's support for Ukraine. The announcement Friday was meant to spotlight RT's global activities, US officials said.

Moscow expels 6 British diplomats

By Ivan Nechepurenko

NEW YORK TIMES

Russia announced on Friday that it had decided to expel six British diplomats from the country, accusing them of engaging in espionage and sabotage work, in a move that highlighted the deepening tensions between Moscow and London.

The Russian Federal Security Service, or FSB, said that the decision had been made in response to “the numerous unfriendly steps taken by London,” an apparent reference to signals from Britain that it is eager to allow Ukraine to use its “Storm Shadow” long-range missiles against military targets deep inside Russia.

Speaking on Thursday about that potential shift on the use of missiles, President Vladimir Putin warned that such a decision would mean that NATO countries were “at war with Russia” and that it would “clearly change the very essence, the very nature of the conflict.”

On Friday, the Kremlin's spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, told reporters that Putin's statement was “very important” and that the Russian government had “no doubt” that the message “had reached its addressees.”

The British Foreign Office — which said the accusations of spying by the diplomats were baseless — said that the six had left Russia last month, after Moscow's notification to London about its decision in early August. That came after Britain said in May that it was expelling a Russian defense attaché as an undeclared military intelligence officer and that it was imposing other restrictions on the Russian Embassy in London.

At the time, Moscow responded by ordering the British defense attaché to leave Russia. The tit-for-tat exchanges have come amid the backdrop of the war in

The officials have tracked similar efforts involving RT to interfere in other countries, such as Argentina, France, and Moldova, which goes to the polls next month and has become a particular target of the Kremlin's interference. RT covertly operates an English-language news outlet in Germany called Red., and another that covers Africa, called African Stream, Blinken said.

RT, as well as Red. and Afri-



FRANK AUGSTEIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police officers guarded the entrance of the Russian Embassy in London on Friday.

Ukraine, and the timing of the latest Russian announcement coincided with Prime Minister Keir Starmer's trip to Washington on Friday.

The proposed use of Britain's “Storm Shadow” missiles — which would allow the Ukrainian military to strike in Russian territory far from the border — is high on Starmer's agenda for the meeting. Britain wants explicit permission from President Biden to demonstrate a coordinated strategy with

activities of the six diplomats were “threatening” to Russia's security and that “signs of spying and sabotage” had been detected in their work.

In a statement, the British Foreign Office said, “The Russian authorities revoked the diplomatic accreditation of six UK diplomats in Russia last month, following action taken by the UK government in response to Russian state-directed activity across Europe and in the UK.” It added, “We are unapologetic

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the United States and France, which has virtually the same model of missile.

The FSB, the main successor agency to the Soviet-era KGB, said that the six expelled diplomats had been sent to Russia by the British foreign service directorate responsible for Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Since the invasion of Ukraine, the statement said, the British directorate has been “a special service, whose main task is to inflict strategic defeat” on Russia.

The FSB said that the ac-

about protecting our national interests.”

Maria V. Zakharova, a spokesperson for the Russian Foreign Ministry, said in a statement that her ministry supported the FSB's decision.

She said that the six British diplomats had been engaged in “subversive work aimed at harming” Russian people. In a separate statement, the Russian Foreign Ministry promised to expel more British diplomats should they engage in similar activities.

can Stream, did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the accusations.

The sanctions announced Friday are an effort to undercut RT by making it difficult for the organization to conduct global business in dollars, which officials hope will curtail its ability to work outside Russia.

The campaign is not unlike the one the Trump administration began, with mixed results, against Huawei, the Chinese

telecommunications giant that officials feared posed a threat to US national security interests. The United States, under the Trump and Biden administrations, has sought to warn countries about relying on Huawei for critical infrastructure.

“We're exposing what they do in country after country around the world,” said James P. Rubin, the coordinator of the State Department's Global Engagement Center, which focus-

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The undated photo featuring Kim Jong Un seems to show a modern plant packed with long rows of centrifuges.

North Korea unveils uranium factory

Kim calls for production to be expanded

By Choe Sang-Hun
NEW YORK TIMES

SEOUL — North Korea on Friday revealed a weapons-grade uranium-manufacturing site for the first time, as its leader, Kim Jong Un, flaunted his expanding nuclear weapons program before the United States presidential election in November.

Kim recently visited a centrifuge plant — until now, a highly guarded component of the country's nuclear weapons program — and urged his engineers to expand their production of highly enriched uranium to build “exponentially” more nuclear weapons, the North's official Korean Central News Agency reported Friday.

The news agency carried photos of Kim inspecting what looked like a modern plant packed with long rows of centrifuges, devices used to enrich uranium. The images will be pored over by foreign governments for intelligence at a time when tensions are rising with South Korea and when the Biden administration has pivoted the United States' nuclear strategy to focus on possible coordinated threats from China, Russia, and North Korea.

Although North Korea in 2010 showed a centrifuge plant to a visiting team of former US officials and academics, including a former director of Los Ala-

mos National Laboratory, Siegfried Hecker, the report and photos published in state media Friday were the first time that the country has unveiled such a facility to the wider world.

A series of resolutions adopted by the United Nations Security Council ban North Korea from developing nuclear weapons. But the country has ignored them by producing nuclear bomb fuel and conducting underground tests of six nuclear devices and tests of ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads.

After his 2010 visit to Yongbyon, Hecker said that the uranium-enrichment facility there appeared to contain about 2,000 gas centrifuges. But North Korea is widely believed to operate other centrifuge plants in other, secret locations. Experts suspect that Kangson, just outside Pyongyang, is one such location. In June, Rafael Grossi, the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said that the Kangson complex shared characteristics with the centrifuge enrichment facility at Yongbyon.

North Korea on Friday did not reveal the location of the plant Kim visited or its production capacity.

But Kim “stressed the need to further augment the number of centrifuges in order to exponentially increase the nuclear weapons for self-defense,” state media reported Friday. Kim also said his country was introducing “a new-type centrifuge” that would help expand its weapons-grade nuclear materials.

The so-called North Korean nuclear crisis began in the early 1990s when the United States began accusing the country of producing plutonium from the spent fuel from a small Soviet-designed nuclear reactor in Yongbyon. It was later revealed that the country was securing another type of fuel for atomic bombs: highly enriched uranium.

North Korea conducted six nuclear tests between 2006 and 2017. In June, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute estimated that North Korea had built roughly 50 nuclear warheads and had enough fissile material to build about 40 more.

The country's nuclear force is especially dependent on missiles as delivery vehicles because it lacks advanced warplanes or submarines from which to launch them. Under Kim, North Korea has diversified its arsenal of missiles, testing various short- and long-range ones, as well as expanding its production of bomb fuel. North Korea launched several short-range ballistic missiles off its east coast Thursday in its first missile tests in more than two months.

In recent months, Kim has emphasized the production of additional short-range ballistic missiles. North Korea has supplied Russia with some of these missiles for use in the war in Ukraine, researchers have said.

North Korea has also asserted that many of its short-range ballistic missiles were capable of carrying nuclear warheads. In August, it said it was deploying 250 launchers of such nuclear

missiles near the border with South Korea. On Friday, North Korean state media quoted Kim as saying that his country needed more nuclear materials to make more such short-range “tactical nuclear weapons.”

Kim's visit to the uranium-enrichment factory came as the campaign for the November presidential election in the United States heats up, in which North Korea has become one of the foreign policy issues under discussion.

“It's nice to get along when somebody has a lot of nuclear weapons,” former president Donald Trump said of Kim when he accepted the Republican Party's presidential nomination in July. “I think he misses me, if you want to know the truth.”

During a presidential debate Tuesday, his Democratic rival, Vice President Kamala Harris, criticized Trump for his personal rapport with Kim.

“It is well known he exchanged love letters with Kim Jong Un,” she said. Addressing Trump, she added, “And it is absolutely well known that these dictators and autocrats are rooting for you to be president again because they're so clear they can manipulate you with flattery and favors.”

On Friday, the South Korean government said it strongly condemned North Korea's nuclear weapons program, including its short-range tactical nuclear weapons.

It said it would deal with the North Korean nuclear threat by strengthening the alliance with the United States.

Biden adds billions in Chinese tariffs

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played in hollowing out US manufacturing and damaging the communities centered around those factories. This week, Vice President Kamala Harris sparred with former president Donald Trump over the impact of tariffs, and Republican lawmakers proposed several new laws aimed at reducing China's economic influence.

One of the measures the Biden administration proposed would drastically limit a trade rule, called de minimis, that allowed more than 1 billion packages from China to enter the United States last year without being subject to existing tariffs. The administration said a flood of shipments under the rule had hurt US manufacturers and allowed products like fentanyl and counterfeit goods to come into the country.

The trade rule allows packages to be shipped from foreign countries directly to consumers or businesses without paying tariffs, as long as the shipments do not exceed \$800 per recipient per day. The new proposal would strip that exemption from a wide array of products and is likely to have a significant impact on large exporters of Chinese goods such as Shein and Temu, two online marketplaces that have become popular with American shoppers.

“The drastic increase in de minimis shipments has made it increasingly difficult to target and block illegal or unsafe shipments coming into the US,” said Daleep Singh, the deputy White House national security adviser for international economics.

“We're making sure foreign companies respect our laws and don't endanger American families,” Singh added.

The Biden administration Friday also published a long-awaited review of the tariffs that the Trump administration placed on more than \$300 billion worth of Chinese goods beginning in 2018.

The report, which runs to 187 pages, concluded that the Trump tariffs had been effective in reducing US exposure to harmful trade practices from China and that they should be maintained. It found that those tariffs had encouraged China to take steps toward eliminating some of its harmful policies, though the report said such programs continue to exist.

The report also said that the tariffs contributed to US companies shifting their sourcing out of and away from China. China's overall share of US imports fell to 13.7 percent in 2023 from 21.6 percent in 2017.

As part of the review, the Biden administration said it was adding or increasing tariffs on

additional products from China, including electric vehicles, battery parts, medical gloves, graphite, semiconductors, and other goods. Those levies will go into effect Sept. 27. The Biden administration put forward some of these additional tariffs in May, but this week's report finalized those measures as well as proposed additional levies on tungsten and solar products.

Katherine Tai, the US trade representative, said in a statement that the tariffs would “target the harmful policies and practices of the People's Republic of China that continue to impact American workers and businesses.”

The Information Technology Industry Council, a trade association for technology firms, said the additional tariffs on chips and other electronics would “cause more disruption and instability in global supply chains.”

The Biden administration “has repeatedly dismissed industry concerns regarding economic impacts and supply chain resilience in favor of more tariffs,” it said.

The decision to formalize Trump's tariffs and add new ones could put Harris in a tricky position, given her criticism of the former president's approach to China. Trump has said that, if elected, he would seek to impose even higher tariffs on China — as much as 60 percent — as well as a 10 to 20 percent tariff on imports from other countries. Harris has blasted that idea as a “national sales tax.”

At this week's debate, Trump noted that the Biden administration had adopted similar trade policies, saying, “She's going to my philosophy now. In fact, I was going to send her a MAGA hat.”

Democrats have tried to strike a careful balance in distinguishing their trade policy from that of Republicans while also trying to appeal to voters who appreciate Trump's more aggressive trade approach.

The Biden administration's review of Trump's China tariffs, which took more than two years, spurred a debate among Biden officials. Some argued for reducing certain tariffs on goods as a way to ease prices on American consumers. But they were overruled by others who said the United States could not countenance decreasing trade penalties on China.

The Biden administration's additional tariffs on electric vehicles and other products will cover \$18 billion of Chinese imports. It is not clear exactly how much trade will be covered by the proposal to close the de minimis loophole, but the change appears to apply to a substantial portion of US de minimis imports, which totaled \$54.5 billion last year.

Paris mayor wants to keep Olympic rings on tower

But descendants of Gustave Eiffel oppose proposal

By Juliette Fekkar
and Ellen Francis

WASHINGTON POST

PARIS — One of the selling points of the Paris Olympics was that it wouldn't involve lots of expensive new construction. The plan to stage competitions in temporary spaces won praise — and turned the city's landmarks into a stunning stage.

But now, after a successful Summer Games, some Paris officials want a memento.

Mayor Anne Hidalgo is pushing to keep the Olympic rings on the Eiffel Tower. She also wants to keep the hot air balloon that lifted the Olympic cauldron into the sky during the Games.

“We have built and then lived and shared a historic moment,” she told local news outlet Ouest-France. “I want this festive spirit to remain!”

The proposals, though, have elicited logistical, legal, and cultural objections — including from the descendants of the tower's creator, French engineer Gustave Eiffel. The problem is not about keeping Olympic emblems, critics say, but about changing a signature of Parisian architectural history.

“You can't disfigure the Eiffel

Tower by giving it a sense that isn't its own,” said Olivier Berthelot-Eiffel, Eiffel's great-great-great-grandson and president of the Association of the Descendants of Gustave Eiffel.

He told the Post that it was the first time the family had voiced this sort of public opposition to plans for the landmark.

“The Eiffel Tower, a historical symbol of Paris and France, should not be permanently associated with an external organization, no matter how prestigious

on a gay nightclub in Orlando. The message “Merci, Johnny” went up after singer Johnny Halliday's death.

The tower has also been used at times for commercial messaging. From 1925 to 1934, French car company Citroën displayed its name in massive letters going all the way up to the top. The slogan “Fashion loves Paris” has helped promote Paris Fashion Week.

It was an obvious choice to use the tower as a focal point

‘You can't disfigure the Eiffel Tower by giving it a sense that isn't its own.’

OLIVIER BERTHELOT-EIFFEL,
Gustave Eiffel's great-great-great-grandson

it may be,” the descendant association said in a statement. “On the contrary, the facade of the Eiffel Tower should continue to be used for the temporary promotion of worthy causes.”

Originally built for the 1889 World's Fair, the Eiffel Tower conveys “Paris” above all else. But it is also routinely illuminated in support of various campaigns — green for the Paris climate agreement, pink for breast cancer awareness, blue and yellow for Ukraine, and so on. The hashtag #lovewins was displayed in lights after an attack

during the Olympics. The monument served as a backdrop for beach volleyball and a pedestal for Celine Dion's moving comeback at the Opening Ceremonies. The Olympic logo, installed between the first and second floors, regularly featured in television broadcasts.

For Hidalgo, it's a “very beautiful idea to combine the Eiffel Tower, a monument designed to be ephemeral for a universal exhibition, with the Games, an ephemeral moment which will also have marked Paris and our country.”

“I want the two to remain married,” she said late last month.

Other Olympic host cities have mounted the logo on landmarks — on London's Tower Bridge in 2012 and the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 2000, for instance. Both were taken down afterward.

The International Olympic Committee strictly controls depictions of the rings.

Hidalgo, though, maintains she has the IOC's backing, and because the city owns the Eiffel Tower, she said the plan should be able to move forward. She said the intention is to keep the rings at least until the next Summer Games, Los Angeles 2028, and then, “we'll see.”

The IOC said in an email that it “warmly welcomes” the intention to “make the legacy of the sensational Olympic Games Paris 2024 accessible to as many people as possible,” including by keeping the rings on the Eiffel Tower. It said it was “supporting this initiative by conducting a feasibility study,” with results expected in the coming months.

The 30-ton version of the logo there now would be too heavy to safely withstand winter winds, and Hidalgo said she envisions replacing it with a lighter reproduction.

There has been more public surprise than outrage at her plan, but a petition against it



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The Olympic Rings now on the Eiffel Tower weigh 30 tons and would have to be replaced if they were to be permanent.

gathered more than 42,000 signatures, and political opponents have accused the Socialist mayor of trying to score political points.

Hidalgo, who has been mayor for a decade, put her reputation on the line as one of the biggest champions of hosting the Olympics in Paris — and has claimed victory over the skeptics after

the Games were widely considered a success. She and city officials largely dismissed criticism of the plan as typical complaints from Parisians, who bashed plans for the Olympics only to be awed by the event.

The objections from Eiffel's relatives may be harder to wave away.

Demonstrator pleads not guilty after man is shot

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large Jewish population which has seen demonstrations related to the Israel-Hamas conflict before, but not with such violence.

Glenn MacKinlay, a lawyer representing Hayes, called the incident “a textbook case of self defense.” He said a charge that Hayes violated Gannon’s constitutional rights has already been dropped.

“We’re confident that the investigation, when it’s completed, will clear Mr. Hayes of all charges,” MacKinlay said.

The incident unfolded at about 6:40 p.m. Thursday at the intersection of Washington and Harvard streets. Witnesses told police a small group of pro-Israel demonstrators were on one side of the street, when an individual “apparently completely randomly” walking down the other side of the street shouted across at the demonstrators, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan told reporters Thursday night.

“Words were exchanged back and forth across the street,” Ryan said.

At some point, the man not involved in the protest, later identified as Gannon, crossed the street and “jumped on one of the demonstrators,” Ryan said.

A “scuffle ensued,” during which the person “was shot by a member” of the demonstrators group, she said. Hayes told officers on the scene that he shot Gannon, according to a police report.

A video of part of the incident posted on social media showed a man shouting across the street at a small group of pro-Israel demonstrators, some of whom had Israeli flags. He accused the demonstrators of defending genocide.

“You are sick,” he told them.

One of the demonstrators retorted that he was stupid. A chaotic scene ensued. The man ran across the street and tackled one

of the demonstrators, sending both to the ground while other demonstrators put their feet on the face and neck of the man who had rushed across the street.

In the video, someone can be heard saying, “Grab my pistol.” It’s not clear from the video when Gannon was shot.

At Newton District Court Friday, dozens of people who identified themselves as friends of Hayes defended him, describing him as a military veteran and “a kind person.”

“He stands on his side, he doesn’t cross the line. He doesn’t let other people cross the line. He’s military, he’s fought for our country,” Adina Troen-Krasnow said.

Dave Sherman of Needham wore a white shirt and a tie with the words “Free Scott” written in black marker on strips of duct tape across his chest. Sherman said he was standing next to Hayes when he was tackled. He believes Hayes kept him from getting hurt.

“I was not physically injured, thank God, and Scott is partially to credit for that,” he said. “He is a great guy.”

During the arraignment, Hayes stood in an enclosed glass area of the courtroom. He spoke only when Judge Jennifer Queally asked him questions relating to conditions of his bail, which was set at \$5,000. He was ordered to stay away from Gannon, as well as the city of Newton, and to abide by a curfew from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., and he was barred from having weapons.

In June, the Brookline News reported Hayes had organized pro-Israel rallies across the Boston area in recent months.

The article focused on two opposing rallies outside Brookline High School during Town Meeting, which was considering a proposal in support of a cease-fire resolution for the war in Gaza.

“This one was particularly



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Scott Hayes was arraigned in Newton District Court. He was ordered to stay away from Caleb Gannon and the city of Newton.

tense,” Hayes told Brookline News. “Both sides, especially when they’re in larger groups like this, tend to get heated. And there are words exchanged.”

“My goal, and the goal I put out to the people that I assembled, was to oppose the cease-fire resolution. That was our only goal,” Hayes said.

The violence in Newton unfolded as the war in Gaza grinds on. Earlier in the week, Israeli airstrikes across Gaza hit a UN school sheltering displaced Palestinian families as well as two homes, killing at least 34 people, including 19 women and children, hospital officials said.

International efforts to mediate a cease-fire between Israel and the Hamas militant group have repeatedly stalled as each side accuses the other of making additional and unacceptable demands.

Israel’s offensive in Gaza has killed at least 41,084 Palestinians and wounded another 95,029, the territory’s Health Ministry said. Israel launched its campaign vowing to destroy Hamas after the Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel in which mili-

tants killed some 1,200 people and abducted 250 others.

On Friday morning, just over the Newtonville commuter rail bridge on Washington Street, leftover strands of crime scene tape knotted to a street sign blew in the wind. What appeared to be blood was splattered in front of a crosswalk where the shooting occurred. In

the US now and globally that we’ve got problems living together and we don’t have the right leaders to prevent lawlessness,” Murphy continued. “Which I’m not saying is the shooting; it’s the scuffle to begin with.”

Paul Miller, 62, lives in the neighborhood and heard the news of the shooting Friday

‘It’s a tragedy, it’s terrible. It involves unnecessary violence.’

JOHN MURPHY, *Newton resident*

the early evening, there was no sign of pro-Israel demonstrators.

John Murphy, 70, of Newton, walked across Washington toward the scene in the morning but was unaware of the violence that had transpired hours before.

“It’s a tragedy, it’s terrible. It involves unnecessary violence,” said Murphy.

“I’m quite surprised and I think it’s a comment on society

morning. He said he has seen both sides protesting down the street near the Whole Foods many times before and realized they weren’t at their usual location.

“My reaction is that Newton used to be the safest town in America for years and years and to have this occur around the corner from my house,” Miller said, his voice trailing off for a moment while he shook his head.

He continued, “I understand that there are tensions on both sides but it shouldn’t come to this.”

Jeremy Burton, chief executive of Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, said during a phone interview there have been scores of events across the region in recent months calling for the release of hostages held by Hamas, and that “every one of these events have been peaceful and without incident.”

“We ought not rush to the conclusion that this is the point at which we’re at,” he said.

Burton added, “There has to be no room for political violence of any kind.”

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Trump invites Loomer on campaign trail

Before Donald Trump traveled to Philadelphia for this week’s debate, he invited one of the internet’s most polarizing figures along for the ride.

Laura Loomer was backstage with the Trump entourage while Trump squared off against Vice President Kamala Harris. She was in the spin room with the former president immediately afterward. And the next day, she flew with him to New York City and Shanksville, Pa., to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

A far-right activist known for her endless stream of sexist, homophobic, transphobic, anti-Muslim, and occasionally antisemitic social media posts and public stunts, Loomer has made a name for herself over the past decade by unabashedly claiming 9/11 was “an inside job,” calling Islam “a cancer,” accusing Florida Governor Ron DeSantis’s wife of exaggerating breast cancer, and claiming that President Biden was behind the attempt to assassinate Trump in July.

Just two days before the debate, Loomer, 31, posted a racist joke about the vice president, whose mother was Indian American. Loomer wrote on X that if Harris won the election, the White House would “smell like curry.”

For many observers, including some of Trump’s most important allies, the candidate’s choice at a critical moment of the campaign to platform a social-media instigator, albeit one with 1.3 million followers on X, was stunning.

“The history of this person is just really toxic,” Senator Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, a Trump ally, told a reporter for HuffPost on Thursday. “I don’t think it’s helpful at all.”

His comments were echoed by Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, Republican of Georgia, a



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COMING TOGETHER — President Biden (left) hosted a bilateral meeting with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer (right) in the White House on Friday in Washington.

devoted supporter of Trump. “I don’t think that she has the experience or the right mentality to advise a very important presidential election,” Greene told reporters Thursday morning.

Loomer declined to comment, saying in a text message that she was “not interested in speaking to the media so they can further their conspiracies about me.” But she took to X, her favorite medium, to attack both Greene and Graham, calling them disloyal to Trump while making a string of accusations about their personal lives.

NEW YORK TIMES

Harris hires Obama, Hillary Clinton campaign veterans

Vice President Kamala Harris is pitching herself as a forward-looking bridge to the future — but she is doing so with a little help from the past.

Since emerging as President Biden’s replacement at the top of the Democratic ticket following his disastrous debate performance in late June, Harris has brought on several high-profile veterans of Barack Obama’s two presidential campaigns, as well as a top adviser to Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign.

Now, with Harris seeking to become the first woman — and the first Black and Indian American woman — to win the White House, the question remains if the experienced Obama and Clinton hands can help re-create the Obama magic of 2008.

Democrats are hoping they can help Harris and her running mate, Governor Tim Walz of Minnesota, harness newfound enthusiasm for her campaign into electoral success as they did with Obama in 2008, as well as deploy the lessons learned working for historic Black and female candidates to help Harris navigate her history-making bid.

“This is all-hands-on-deck, and it doesn’t matter what people did in the Obama campaign or the Clinton campaign or the Kerry campaign,” said John Anzalone, a Harris campaign adviser and pollster, who worked on both Obama campaigns and Clinton’s 2016 bid.

The group includes David Binder, who led Obama’s public opinion research operation and is taking on an expanded role in the Harris campaign; Stephanie Cutter, Obama’s 2012 deputy campaign manager and now a senior adviser for strategy mes-

saging; David Plouffe, a top strategist on both Obama campaigns and senior White House adviser who has joined as a senior adviser for strategy; and Mitch Stewart, the grass-roots strategist on both Obama campaigns and now the senior adviser for battleground states. Jennifer Palmieri, the communications director for Clinton’s 2016 campaign, also joined the Harris-Walz campaign last month as a senior adviser to second gentleman Doug Emhoff.

WASHINGTON POST

Biden marks 30 years of Violence Against Women Act

WASHINGTON — President Biden said Thursday joined scores of advocates and survivors of domestic abuse to mark the 30th anniversary of the landmark Violence Against Women Act, a law he wrote and championed as a US senator because he wanted to “change the culture of America” around the issue.

Biden said that back then “society often looked away” and that violence against women was not treated as a crime in many places. He said a national hot line was not available to those suffering abuse and few police departments with what are known now as special victim units.

“My goal was to do more than change the law,” he said at a White House event marking Friday’s 30th anniversary of the law. He said his goal was “to change the culture of America” by providing more protection and support for survivors and accountability for perpetrators.”

The White House said that between 1993 and 2022, annual rates of domestic violence dropped by 67 percent and the rate of rapes and sexual assaults declined by 56 percent, according to FBI statistics. A national domestic violence hot line has fielded more than 7 million calls since 1996, Biden said.

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Christian conservatives are feeling abandoned

Cite little support from politicians

By Elizabeth Dias and Ruth Graham

NEW YORK TIMES

On a recent Tuesday afternoon, Sam Brownback, the former governor of Kansas and a champion of socially conservative causes, asked a small crowd of his fellow Christian voters if they were feeling discouraged.

Inside this church in Grapevine, Texas, nearly every hand shot up.

The response might seem mystifying: These voters had won huge victories, most notably in overturning Roe v. Wade, which had guaranteed the constitutional right to abortion.

And Brownback sat alongside a former football coach whose victory in another Supreme Court decision allowing prayer on the field symbolized the court’s decisive swing in their favor.

But with the presidential election closing in, hope suddenly felt thin. Powerful efforts to “suffocate” their values seemed to be everywhere, Brownback said to widespread agreement.

He tried to offer reassurance. He recounted the biblical story of Gideon, who triumphed in battle against a vast army with only 300 men by his side.

“God never needs a majority,” he said. “All he needs is a faithful remnant.”

As opposition to their social agenda grows, particularly on abortion, many conservative Christians are experiencing whiplash as they grapple with an uncertain future.

For years, many evangelical Christians and Catholics operated with the sense that they were a silent majority. If they could simply motivate enough of their fellow Christians to vote, they believed they could win, and of-

ten they did.

By all indications, conservative Christians are poised to vote again overwhelmingly for former president Donald Trump in November. But now, they are facing the reality that many of their views are not widely held, and that to advance their goals nationally they need power at the highest levels — power that Trump suddenly seems less inclined to give.

In that way, the coming election feels like a referendum on the role of conservative Christianity in American public life. And some conservative Christians worry that it is a race that is harder and harder to win.

The country is growing more secular and pluralistic by the year, with regular church attendance declining. Many leaders in the Republican Party, their political home for decades, have gone silent about their opposition to abortion rights and same-sex marriage. And, Trump, the man once considered to be their strongest champion, is publicly distancing himself from their causes, even as he attacked Democrats in the presidential debate for their support of reproductive rights.

For decades, their views have been embraced and pushed by the Republican Party. When Trump ran for president in 2016, he made a promise — “Christianity will have power” — to groups unsure of his loyalty to their cause. Even after he lost reelection in 2020, Trump gave them overwhelming victories through the judicial system he remade. Overturning Roe was the culmination of a generational battle for conservative Christians, delivering a victory that amounted to one of the biggest political resurgences in US history.

But in this post-Roe era, the political landscape has grown increasingly fraught for them.

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Paws-itively false: The best memes debunking Trump's pet-eating claim

IT WAS THE MOST unexpected intersection of my top interests as a columnist, one that I'm sure will never happen again. Earlier this week, I was gifted with a trifecta of news topics all at once: dogs, immigrants, and national politics.

During the presidential debate Tuesday night, Republican nominee and former president Donald Trump repeated a false claim that Haitian migrants are killing and eating family pets in Springfield, Ohio.

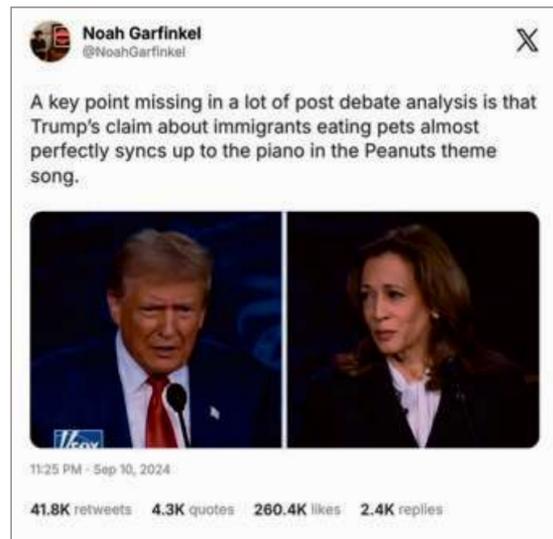
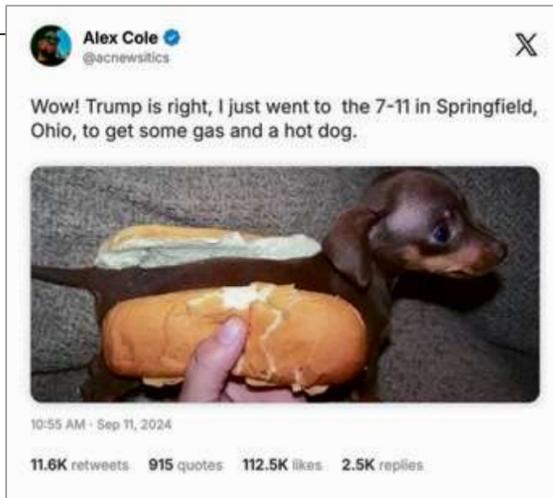
The notion that immigrants of color are to be feared because they're inherently dangerous is a terrible racist trope. Trump just couldn't resist amplifying such a blatant, outlandish lie.

Naturally, the internet had thoughts about his incendiary comments. Here are some of the best memes and viral social media posts.

Stating the obvious

"They're eating the dogs, the people that came in, they're eating the cats," Trump said in response to a question about immigration. "They're eating the pets of the people that live there, and this is what's happening in our country, and it's a shame."

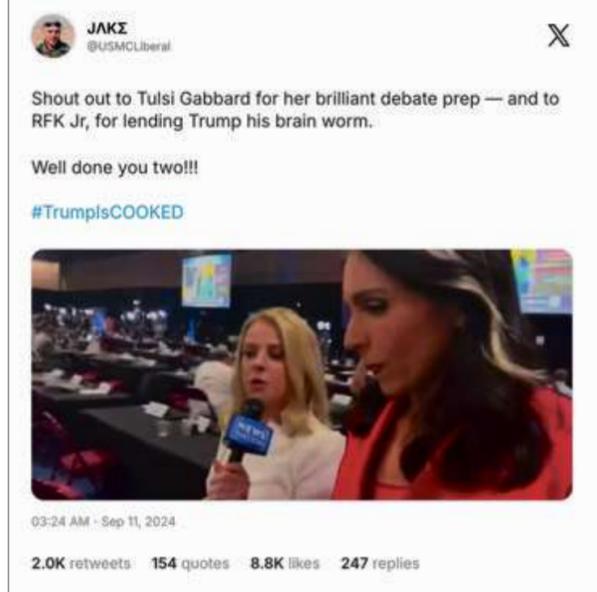
To reiterate before moving on to the fun, what Trump said is false — Springfield police have denied the allegations.



Oh, the irony...

It wasn't lost on some people that two high-profile Trump supporters are the ones killing animals. Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota was once considered a top contender to be Trump's running mate — that is, until she revealed that she shot her puppy Cricket, admitting that she "hated that dog" and that it was "less than worthless."

Then there's Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who ran for president as an independent before dropping out of the race and endorsing Trump. The controversial politician has had his fair share of animal scandals, including a claim that he cut a dead whale's head and dumped a dead bear cub in Central Park.



Barking up the wrong tree

If nothing else, the episode proves once again that there is no bottom Trump won't sink to in order to vilify and denigrate immigrants. But it will probably backfire. That moment in the debate instantly became the signature line of the night, and it definitely didn't land well among many voters.

"At best, it's a distraction," Alex Conant, a Republican strategist, told Bloomberg. "At worst, it reminds people of all the craziness that comes with Trump."

Indeed, it is such a wildly crazy claim that there is nothing to do but to have fun with it. Hug your pets and, if you're an immigrant like me, send me your favorite recipe for poodles or dog al pastor. (It's a joke, people! Lighten up.)



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Don't come here looking for kind words on Donald Trump

Maybe the Trump faithful are just desensitized to his instability

Re "How low will Donald Trump go?" by Renée Graham (Opinion, Sept. 11): At this crucial time in our history, this question may not be answerable. When I first learned about negative numbers in junior high school, I understood to go to zero and then keep going downward.

After watching Tuesday night's debate, it is unfathomable that any intelligent, thinking, caring person could ever believe that Trump is fit to be the president of the United States. Yet as Graham astutely pointed out, "familiarity hasn't bred the universal contempt that Trump deserves."

We worry that our teens become desensitized to violence when they play grisly shoot-'em-up video games. Nearly 50 percent of our citizens have become desensitized to Trump's lunacy, instability, and malice by watching and reading far too many Trump diatribes — statements that would have been horrifying if uttered by any other politician in America.

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Insistence on leaving abortion to the states is cruel policy

What should not be lost in the debate over abortion is that the crux of former president Donald Trump's position — that abortion access should be left up to the states — leaves vulnerable citizens in a position of being unable to access reproductive health care due to geography, travel expense, time away from work, etc. Vice President Kamala Harris touched on this briefly in the debate, but the need for a universal, federal position on abortion that affects all states is clear. Put that front and center and Trump has no place to hide on the issue.

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Republican presidential nominee and former president Donald Trump departed a campaign event at Central Wisconsin Airport on Sept. 7 in Mosinee, Wis.

On debate stage, Trump played to the other white guy in the room

I'm wondering if I alone noticed this during the presidential debate: While Vice President Kamala Harris generally addressed the American people, former president Donald Trump tended to speak directly to David Muir of ABC, one of the two moderators and the only other prominent white male in the room. Trump's inability to engage with the two women of color — Linsey Davis was the other moderator — speaks volumes to me. Not to mention his inability to talk to the camera, to the people.

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IRS budget is another key issue in this race

The recent announcement that the Internal Revenue Service has collected nearly \$1.3 billion in overdue taxes from wealthy households in the past year points out one more reason it is so important to vote for Kamala Harris for president. Donald Trump, who perhaps knows a thing or two about avoiding taxes, cut the IRS budget significantly during his term as president, which surely was in his own best interest as well as that of his wealthy supporters.

President Biden's boost of the IRS budget in the Inflation Reduction Act shows the value of providing the agency with the funds needed to go after tax cheats. I'm confident

that the funding dedicated to tax audits was below the amount recovered to date. It shows that the IRS budget should be increased further, since I'm sure the \$1.3 billion is just the tip of the iceberg.

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A critical election, with the clearest of choices

In Jeff Jacoby's column "The specious argument that Harris's nomination was 'undemocratic'" (Opinion, Sept. 11), he rightly attacks the argument that Kamala Harris's nomination was "undemocratic" because of an absence of a primary. He then maintains that "there is no shortage of serious reasons to oppose" her campaign for the White House. I can't imagine what they are, given the choice between a thoughtful, analytical candidate in Harris and a destructive, unhinged challenger in Trump.

In my 60 years of voting for presidents, this election is the most critical for our democracy's future.

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One and done

I read Donald Trump's explanations about why he won't debate Kamala Harris again before Election Day. He could have given us the message using just one word: "Uncle!"

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The truth about cats and dogs

Donald Trump and his running mate, JD Vance, should have learned from Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota: Don't mess with pets.

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For many, cancer care blueprint is still very much in the draft phase

The Sept. 6 op-ed "A bold blueprint to combat cancer" by three physicians from Mass General Brigham Cancer described the provision of complex cancer care under one hospital system, where a multitude of highly specialized services work hand in hand to enhance outcomes and increase the odds of patient survival. Examples cited include positive results in an elderly patient with heart disease and pancreatic cancer and a young woman with squamous cell cancer of the head and neck who successfully gave birth to a child. These are laudable advances in medicine and cancer care, and they show what is possible at a leading medical system.

However, for many patients and providers, the reality is more complicated. To many front-line oncologists, it entails not just provision of medical and surgical expertise but also social and psychological services to the patient and caretakers. Prior approval for coverage is a constant challenge. Service is also needed to help homeless people and non-English speakers navigate the care process. The landscape of providing cancer care is very different in safety-net hospital

systems, not to mention in the neighborhoods where hospitals have just been closed. Mass General Brigham can take the lead in the Commonwealth to create a rising tide that lifts all cancer patients. This blueprint can potentially make all live longer, better, happier, and more financially secure.

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Although published in the Globe Opinion section, "A bold blueprint to combat cancer" appeared to be an advertisement of a new service that the Mass General Brigham system is rolling out. It was curious that the authors briefly acknowledged their former partner (and current competitor) Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

It seems as though the largest and most expensive health care system in the area could afford to invest in a full-page Globe advertisement to celebrate its "bold blueprint for the future."

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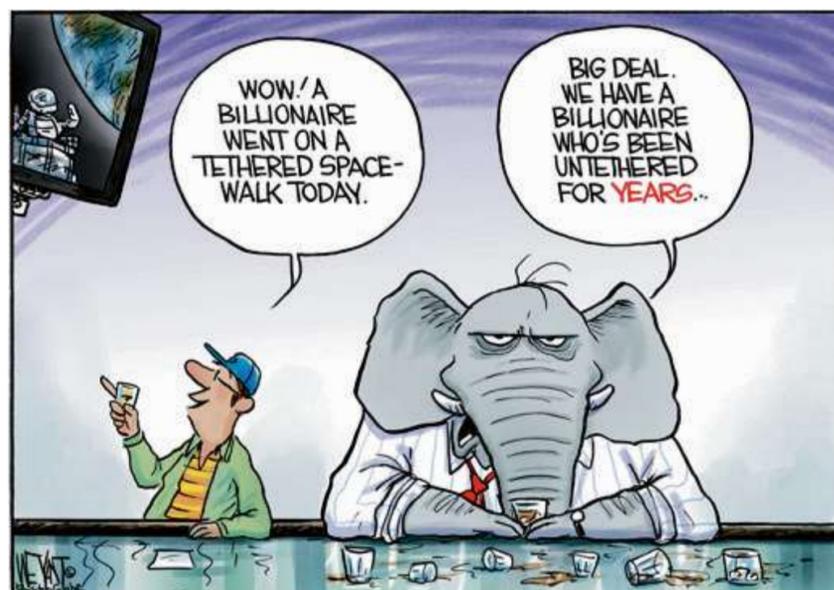
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Scientists seeking carbon storage solution under the sea

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Just as planting trees on land can absorb carbon dioxide, so too can growing coastal reeds, underwater grasses, and wetland shrubs. In fact, coastal ecosystems tend to be several times more efficient at absorbing carbon than trees, researchers have learned.

The emerging research could have big implications. Quantifying this “blue carbon,” or, carbon that is absorbed and then stored by coastal ecosystems, could spur decisions by local governments as to what areas ought to be protected, help Massachusetts meet its ambitious climate goals, and eventually create a market for buying carbon credits in the ocean.

But verifying how much carbon is stored in these natural ecosystems is extraordinarily complex — even more so underwater.

“It’s like trees floating around in the atmosphere and trying to measure them,” Long said. “You’ve got to go find that tree again in 20 years and measure it.”

Down below, Colarusso marked 15 plants with the ties. Occasionally some ties come loose, or he may not be able to find all of the plants when he returns a few weeks later. He returns at least six times per season, marking plants for measurements and gathering sediment for carbon tests at MIT labs.

The greater amount of plant surface area there is, he has learned, the more carbon that will be collected by the meadow.

Oceans absorb 30 percent of the carbon dioxide that humans produce each year, a phenomenon that has increased the acidity of the planet’s oceans. More

than 90 percent of the extra heat on Earth caused by carbon emissions is contained in oceans.

At least 7.5 million metric tons of carbon are held beneath New England’s salt marshes and eelgrass meadows, according to a report by the Environmental Protection Agency. That’s the amount of carbon dioxide produced by 6 million gasoline-fueled cars in the course of a year.

That figure, however, is a dramatic undercount. Researchers were only able to sample at limited depths and in a handful of places. The actual figure of carbon sequestered is likely several times what the EPA was able to initially estimate, scientists said.

Colarusso, who has studied seagrass meadows for decades, and a handful of other researchers want to know just how much carbon could be stored just offshore, and what conditions make an ecosystem particularly ripe for carbon sequestration. After two years of collecting data in the Hadley Harbor meadow, the team will aim to publish their results in 2025, Colarusso said.

The answer could help governments meet ambitious climate goals.

In 2017 at a meeting of the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, blue carbon was included as one of the region’s key climate action plan strategies. Massachusetts has its own goal to have net zero emissions by 2050.

Earlier this summer, the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game announced it will create a blue carbon program to put a dollar value on the amount of carbon that’s sequestered when salt marshes are protected.

When plants in coastal ecosystems die — perhaps due to pollution, sea level rise, or warming oceans — carbon is released since the roots can no longer hold the carbon-trapping sediment in place. Fish and Game’s program will provide funds to landowners to restore or conserve such marshes, with the value determined by the amount of carbon stored.

The program, which will be used for up to 6,500 acres of salt marsh by 2030, will initially be funded with \$340,000 from the state’s 2025 budget, according to a department spokesperson.

Massachusetts has the largest potential for blue carbon sequestration in New England — more than 112,000 acres of salt marshes, eelgrass meadows, and reeds in wetlands, according to the EPA’s initial estimate. That represents more than half of New England’s total.

The research off Woods Hole is also setting the stage for an emerging blue carbon market, as companies and nonprofit organizations attempt to put a number on the value of keeping all that carbon below ground.

Companies often turn to carbon offsets to help meet climate targets when reducing emissions is considered too expensive or when the targets are very ambitious. For example, Microsoft in 2020 announced a goal to be carbon negative by 2030. “If you’re going to do that, you have to be relying one way or another on offsets,” said Joseph Aldy, a professor of the practice of environmental policy at Harvard University, who has studied carbon markets.

However, such carbon offset markets have struggled amid questions about whether the credits actually do what they claim. Last year, for example,



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Phil Colarusso (left) held some seagrass after a dive with Jean Brochi at Hadley Harbor. The researchers mark the grasses underwater and then return to make measurements.

scientists found that more than 90 percent of rainforest carbon credits verified by Verra, one of the largest and trusted carbon certifiers, had no climate benefit.

Nature-based carbon credits — replanting forests, restoring mangroves — are also at the whims of weather. What if the forest burns down? What if a hurricane destroys the mangrove? Not only will the ecosystem no longer store carbon, but carbon will be released.

Juliet Simpson, an MIT Sea Grant College Program researcher who has worked with Colarusso to measure the amount of carbon in sediment samples, cautioned that there are likely many years to go before scientists can confidently measure

coastal ecosystems for offset programs.

“They’re not ready to be used in carbon markets yet,” said Simpson, a coastal ecologist. But, off the coast of Cape Cod, they’re getting closer.

Just a few feet away from where Colarusso is diving near Uncatena Island, a bobbing metal instrument is anchored about 200 feet from shore.

While Colarusso is underwater, Long explains that the device, called the Eddy covariance instrument, is one version of the type of technology that could be used to verify carbon sequestration in the ocean year-round, measuring some of the same variables that divers collect by analyzing plants.

It takes readings during

storms (something a team of divers can’t do, for obvious reasons). So far, the data has revealed that carbon absorption plummets during storms since photosynthesis grinds to a halt and the strong waves kick up sediment, releasing carbon dioxide into the water.

These year-round measurements make it possible to have a more accurate picture of sequestered carbon, Long said.

“We need to capture those really nice, sunny days when we’re out here on a boat and photosynthesis is cranking,” Long said, “But we also need to capture the other extreme.”

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EEE warnings and risks are on the rise

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mosquitoes are less active.

Here’s what you need to know.

What is EEE and how dangerous is it?

EEE, or eastern equine encephalitis virus, is an extremely dangerous virus spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. It can lead to brain swelling, coma, and brain damage.

Cases are rare: approximately 115 in Massachusetts since it was first identified in the state in 1938. But of every 100 people who are bitten by an infected mosquito, between two and five will get sick, according to Dr. Ruanne Barnabas, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Massachusetts General Hospital. About 30 percent of them will die. Many of those who survive have ongoing neurologic problems. There are no approved vaccines to prevent or medicines to treat EEE.

Last month, Steven S. Perry, 41, from Hampstead, N.H., died after contracting EEE, the state’s first death from the disease in a decade.

“It seems like we are on the path to this being a worse year than average,” said Dr. David Hamer, professor of global health and medicine at the Boston University School of Public Health who also directs a travel clinic at Boston Medical Center.



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EEE is passed between mosquitoes and birds. And it spreads as infected birds are bitten by other mosquitoes.

How does it spread?

EEE is passed between mosquitoes and birds. Though many birds die when bitten by infected mosquitoes, the survivors become “living, flying, incubators and delivery mechanisms” that can spread the virus miles away

Cases usually continue until the first frost, when the bugs begin to die.

when bitten by another mosquito, explained Richard Pollack, a public health entomologist and expert on mosquito control measures.

The most common avian carriers live in freshwater swamps, but some routinely fly between 30 and 40 miles in a normal day and end up in backyards, public parks, and town greens, including robins, European starlings, and sparrows.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can start four to 10 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito and include fever, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, behavioral changes, altered mental state, and drowsiness.

What Massachusetts towns are currently at high risk?

Four towns in Worcester County have been deemed at critical risk: Oxford, Webster, Douglas, and Sutton, while the neighboring towns of Uxbridge, Northbridge, and Dudley are at high risk. Other towns where the risk is high include Plymouth, Carver, and Middleborough in

Plymouth County, and Carlyle, Acton, Boxborough, Ayer, Concord, and Littleton in Middlesex County.

In areas deemed at critical risk, state officials advise residents to cancel or reschedule outdoor gatherings, including organized sporting events, to avoid peak mosquito hours — advice some towns are already following: Plymouth moved its high school football game this week up to 4 p.m.

Residents in those towns and towns at high risk should also repair window screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering homes, wear long sleeves and long pants, and use mosquito repellent between dusk and dawn. Those in towns of moderate and low risk are also advised to use repellent and repair screens and use netting on baby carriages and playpens. (The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends applying DEET sparingly to children younger than 2.) Those where risk is “remote” are advised to repair window screens.

Why are those specific areas at high risk?

That is the million dollar question.

“Those who are asking should come and be graduate students and spend a bunch of years trying to study this,” said Pollack, who serves as a commissioner on the mosquito control board for the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District. “Because we don’t know the reasons why.”

There are some theories. Pollack noted that some of the traditional hot spots for infections are near swampy areas that appear to be ideal habitats for the mosquitoes known to carry the disease. But how the virus arrives there and why it seems to

show up with some regularity in those areas remains a mystery.

Why can’t we get rid of it?

There are two different species of mosquitoes involved in the transmission of EEE, Pollack said. Both are extremely difficult to kill in their larval stages because one matures underground, and the second in swampy, muddy areas.

“We’re limited to trying to attack it in its adult stage, which is far less efficient than trying to kill them as larvae,” said Pollack. “We’re basically spraying fairly broad areas with a pesticide, trying to kill an awful lot of these adult mosquitoes.”

Officials completed aerial spraying in Plymouth County and truck-based spraying in southern Worcester County in the towns of Douglas, Dudley, Oxford, Sutton, and Uxbridge in late August.

Is EEE more common?

EEE outbreaks are occurring more frequently, and the geographic area of those outbreaks is expanding, state officials say. Outbreaks historically occurred in Massachusetts every 10 to 20 years. But the last outbreak began just five years ago, when 12 people were infected with EEE, six of whom died. That outbreak continued in 2020 with five cases, including one fatality.

The risk of EEE and other mosquito-borne illnesses is likely to continue to grow in the years ahead, thanks to shorter winters, warmer temperatures, and changing rainfall patterns that are likely to lead to more flooding and standing water, said Hamer.

When will cases peak?

Cases usually continue until the first frost, when the bugs begin to die. Over the course of the summer, the virus slowly spreads among birds, increasing the chances of human infection.

The most common carrier of EEE is a breed of mosquitoes known as *Culiseta melanura*, which are abundant in cedar swamps and prefer birds to humans. As the summer progresses and the virus spreads, it becomes more common in a second species called *Cattail mosquito*, or *Coquillettidia perturbans*, which are far more likely to feed on humans.

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Farmers finding ways to protect apple crops

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climate change on New England’s apple orchards: increasing weather variability, extreme weather events, and overall warmer temperatures that bring new diseases can mean a bountiful apple-picking season is no longer guaranteed. Researchers, though, are finding ways to adapt.

Fortunately, this year, Clements said, the conditions are ripe for a fruitful harvest across the state’s orchards.

“Looking at the forecast, we’re in real good shape,” Clements said. “Sunny days and cool nights make the quality great.”

There’s no promise, however, that next year will be so great. So as apple researchers work to better understand our changing climate, growers are doing their best to create more resilient orchards.

At the University of Maryland, Chris Walsh, founder of the school’s Tree Architecture Project, cultivated two new varieties of weather-resistant apples last year that can better handle the climatic changes.

The two new varieties, one red and one yellow, are heat resistant: genetically designed to thrive in warmer temperatures and also resist diseases that grow in hot, wet weather. Walsh has partnered with growers across the country to see how the new apples fare in climates outside of Maryland, and said varieties like these are increasingly necessary nationwide as ideal apple conditions become more unreliable.

“When you consistently had 70 degree days and 30-something nights, you had perfect coloration and everything,” Walsh said. “I think probably those days are gone because of global warming.”

Last year, New England’s apple season was severely impacted by a late frost in May that damaged trees that had already started to bloom. Massachusetts farmers reported losing anywhere between 40 to 90 percent of their crop, while a New Hampshire survey reported a loss of 50 to 75 percent of revenue from apple sales, nearly \$8 million. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources gave farmers \$15 million last year through the Natural Disaster Recovery Program

to help rebuild growing operations.

“We never suffered from that before in New York and New England,” Walsh said. He noted that, in his own research, “we started out just trying to address warmer [weather], but it’s really gotten warmer, wetter, windier, and wackier.”

In Massachusetts, Clements said hail and spring frost are the “two biggest risks” to orchards, with extreme heat becoming another concern once temperatures get over 100 degrees. (The apples can get sunburned!)

For farmers looking to protect their orchards, solutions are limited: hail nets are an option, though the cost can be prohibitive for smaller orchards, and the nets are no help against sunburn or sharp winds.

Much of Clements’s research is focused on protecting apples from diseases like fire blight, caused by a bacteria that can destroy not only the fruit and flowers, but can kill the entire tree itself. By grafting apple trees onto more resilient rootstock, or root systems, Clements said it’s possible to salvage the tree should it be struck by blight.

Another preventative measure is to spray the trees with antibiotics during warm, wet springs — when the bacteria is most likely to grow and spread. As recent years have brought warmer weather, farmers must strike a balance, being careful not to spray too often to prevent the bacteria from developing resistance to the medicine.

“We are seeing more fire blight than we ever had,” Clements said. “It used to be primarily from New Jersey south, but we are seeing more disease with climate change, and with our climate becoming more like the mid-Atlantic than it used to be.”

Despite the hurdles, apple growers — and apple lovers — are in luck this year. But things can shift with just a few bad days.

“I tell farmers, if you’re waffling [on what to do] right now, get ‘em off the trees, because the weather can turn pretty bad after October,” he said. “It’s been great so far, but Labor Day to Indigenous People’s Day is really the window we have to get it done.”

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Partnering to find a cure



A laboratory in Tel Aviv has become the legacy of Marisol O'Brien's all too short life in Boston.

In that lab, a legion of mice have been genetically engineered to reproduce the rare genetic disease that claimed Maribel's life, at the age of 8. They are the hope for a cure for leukodystrophy, the illness that claimed her motor skills, then her speech, then her

Marisol was the young daughter of Tom and Trish O'Brien, one of their four (now five) adopted children. Though her passing was 16 years ago, the O'Briens have never stopped searching for a cure that might spare others the pain they endured.

"I still feel her presence," Tom O'Brien told me this week. "I whisper her name."

When Marisol was adopted from Guatemala, in 2000, O'Brien had just concluded a somewhat stormy tenure as head of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. (The storminess wasn't his fault; he and Mayor Thomas M. Menino just didn't always see eye to eye.) He and his wife, unable to conceive on their own, had adopted three children from Latin America.

They used his severance pay from the BRA to adopt Marisol, to complete their family. As head of the HYM Investment Group, O'Brien has gone on to become one of the city's major real estate developers, with projects in downtown Boston and at Suffolk Downs.

From her arrival when she was 7 months old, Marisol was a vivacious and affectionate presence in the family.

But when she was 3, she began to stumble, then fall. Other motor skills began to falter as well. Eventually, she couldn't swallow or talk.

Doctors took some time to diagnose her. Eventually, they discovered that she had leukodystrophy, a degenerative brain disorder affecting the tissue that controls how signals are sent to the brain. It was, and remains, incurable.

Her parents spent years searching for a cure. During that time, they were introduced to Dr. Orna Elroy-Stein, a genetic researcher at Tel Aviv University, in Israel.

Dr. Elroy-Stein took an immediate liking to the family — to their warmth and their passion in finding a way to alleviate suffering.

The O'Briens allowed her to take some hair and skin samples from Marisol. Elroy-Stein used DNA extracted from those samples to replicate the rare genetic mutation that caused Marisol's disorder, and began implanting it into mice, for the purpose of closely studying it.

She and other researchers, she explained in a video interview, have used those mice to better understand how the mutation operates, in hope of finding a cure. She and her team refer to them as "Marisol's mice."

She said that she and the O'Briens have become great friends over the years.

"I send them an update every year around Christmas time, because Marisol died around Christmas," she said. "I tell them what we've discovered this year. They are, for me, the role model of how people should be."

Marisol died on Dec. 20, 2008. She was surrounded by family at their home in Lexington. To the end, though she couldn't talk, she could communicate.

"Right up until the very end, she knew who we were," O'Brien said.

In the time after Marisol died, O'Brien wanted to find a way to help contribute to research into Marisol's disease. He ran a charity golf tournament for several years, then discontinued it. He has revived it this year. It's taking place this coming Monday at the Hadley Golf Club in Scituate, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Elroy-Stein's lab.

The location, O'Brien said, has significance.

"When Marisol was little, we had a connection to this place called Minot Beach in Scituate," he explained. "Before she got sick, she loved it — that was her spot. So that's where we're doing it."

When I asked Dr. Elroy-Stein if she believed a cure will ever be found for Marisol's illness, she was surprisingly upbeat. She said two promising treatments have been developed, one of them under her supervision.

"There is a lot of hope," she said. "I believe it will be cured."

That would be quite a legacy for Marisol.

More information on the golf tournament can be found at marisolfoundation.org

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Mother of murdered girl sues N.H.

By Amanda Gokee
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CONCORD, N.H. — Harmony Montgomery's mother, Crystal Sorey, filed a wrongful death lawsuit on her daughter's behalf against the state of New Hampshire on Friday.

The child's father, Adam Montgomery, was convicted of beating his 5-year-old daughter to death in February and sentenced to serve 56 years to life in prison in May. Montgomery, a violent felon, then disposed of her

Files wrongful death lawsuit on behalf of Harmony Montgomery against the state

body, which has yet to be found.

Sorey's civil litigation also seeks to hold the state's Division of Children, Youth, and Families accountable, alleging that it failed to protect the vulnerable young girl.

"We are going to hold the State of New Hampshire accountable for Harmony's senseless and preventable

death, shine a light on the systemic failures in her case to prevent future tragedies, give Harmony the voice that she never had, and get Harmony the justice that she so deeply deserves," said Cyrus F. Rilee, an attorney representing Sorey in the case.

Authorities in both New Hampshire and Massachusetts largely over-

looked Harmony's two-year disappearance, and the case has illuminated gaps in child protective services in both states.

"We will review the complaint and respond as appropriate," said Michael S. Garrity, a spokesperson for the attorney general's office.

"I'm Harmony's voice, and I'm her warrior. Everything I do is for her. I can't let people forget," Sorey told reporters in March, after a court ap-

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MIT students and faculty gathered Friday to protest the university's involvement in Israel.

Pro-Palestinian protesters call for divestment at MIT

Demand school 'cut ties with Israel,' seek peace in Gaza

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CAMBRIDGE — Reminiscent of last spring's season of pro-Palestinian campus protests, about 100 chanting and sign-waving student demonstrators took to the steps of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Friday evening to demand that the school "cut ties with Israel" and to call for a cease-fire in Gaza.

"MIT, MIT, we know what side you're on," the crowd of dozens repeated in unison. Some wrapped themselves in traditional checkered keffiyeh scarves, others raised hand-held black, white, green, and red Palestinian flags high above their heads.

One sign in particular captured their key objective, "MIT, cut ties with Israel. Your drone research contributes to genocide."

About 20 campus police officers surrounded the barricaded steps at 77 Massachusetts Ave. as students took turns at the podium to press MIT to divest from businesses supplying arms and other support to Israel. Afterward, they marched down Massachusetts Avenue to President Sally Kornbluth's office.

Richard Solomon, a 28-year-old doctoral student studying political science, said his desire and passion to protest was cultivated on "a personal level."



Solomon said his host brother died during an Israeli attack.

"I loved the Holy Land, I lived in Jerusalem," Solomon told those gathered at the steps. "It hurts my heart to see people lose basic human rights to vote, move from city to city, and get married."

Solomon celebrated the university's decision to cut ties with the MIT-Lockheed Martin Seed Fund, an effort partly funded by the defense contractor to facilitate research between MIT and universities in Israel.

"This is the first known American-Israeli weapons manufacturer partnership to end at an American university since the war on Gaza began," Solomon said.

Late Friday night, an MIT spokesperson disputed Solomon's assertion that the university cut ties with the fund.

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'I'm here to support my friends who are continuing to challenge MIT's complicity in doing research for the Israeli military, as they're committing a genocide.'

DAVID BERKINSKY, studied chemistry at MIT and recently graduated with a doctoral degree

Head of Brockton schools resigns

Follows fallout from district budget crisis

By Deanna Pan
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The superintendent of Brockton Public Schools resigned Friday in the bruising fallout from the district's fiscal year 2023 budget shortfall, after spending a year on paid leave as officials sought to get to the bottom of the crisis.

"It's just it's been a long year for me and my family," Mike Thomas said in an interview with the Globe Friday. "I know how much I put into the Brockton Public Schools for over 30 years, and it's just time for everyone to move forward."

A native son of Brockton, Thomas had once hoped to eventually return to his post. He'd gone on extended medical leave late last August just as news broke that the district had overspent its previous fiscal year budget of \$219 million by about \$14 million — a figure city officials later revised to more than \$18 million. The stunning revelation, made just days before the start of the 2023-24 school year, triggered immense public outrage and suspicion, and thrust one of Massachusetts' largest districts into turmoil.

In February, when Thomas said he was cleared by his doctors to return to work, the School Committee put him on paid administrative leave while a series of independent investigations into the budget snafu were underway. Those investigations have since revealed that administrators badly mismanaged the district's finances, overspending on transportation, staffing, and out-of-district tuition for students with disabilities. An explosive, 214-page investigative report commissioned by the city and made public this week blamed the crisis on Brockton city and schools leadership, including Mayor Robert Sullivan, chairman of the School Committee, and his School Committee colleagues for their lack of oversight.

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Mother, daughters report racial bias at Millbury school

By John R. Ellement
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The mother of two Black girls attending the Millbury Public Schools is alleging that her children have endured months of racist taunts and threats from fellow classmates and that administrators have sided with "the white students responsible for the harassment."

In a complaint filed Thursday with the US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, Trusha Vilvar and her daughters, Melody and Kamora Dabney, said that students directed racial epithets at the girls, ridiculed

Complaint says they faced taunts, slurs and administrators sided with harassers

the color of their skin, and urged them to return to their "motherland."

School administrators "not only minimized, but outright dismissed, the sisters' traumatic experiences when the N-word was hurled at them," according to the complaint, which was filed by Lawyers for Civil Rights, a Boston group that has brought discrimination claims against several Massachusetts school districts on behalf of students of col-

or.

"Each time the family reported racial harassment, the school administrators responded with improper and misguided actions, dismissing their experiences and ultimately siding with the white students responsible for the harassment."

The family is asking that Millbury Public Schools acknowledge that the family was victimized while attending school and update its policies to en-

sure students of color are not punished at a greater rate than white students, among other requests.

In an email, Millbury Public Schools Superintendent Gregory Myers said he could not discuss individual allegations to protect student privacy, but that administrators will work with OCR to resolve the allegations.

"Millbury Public Schools is dedicated to fostering learning environments where every student feels a sense of belonging, free from any form of racist behavior," he wrote.

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Plymouth man accused of using AI to cyberstalk professor

Allegedly spread explicit photos of victim online

By Travis Andersen
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A Plymouth man is facing a federal cyberstalking charge for allegedly using artificial intelligence and other means to stalk and harass a married university professor for years after meeting her through a mutual friend and attending social gatherings at her home, according to officials and legal filings.

The FBI arrested James Florence Jr., 36, on Wednesday. In an initial appearance in US District Court in Boston, Florence did not enter a plea and was ordered held pending a detention hearing on Monday, records show.

His federal public defender

did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In 2017, the woman learned that photographs of her and her underwear had been posted without her knowledge to Craigslist, in a section for people seeking casual sexual encounters, according to an FBI affidavit. She told authorities the photos appeared to have been taken in an apartment she shared with her husband between 2015 and 2016.

In 2020, multiple Twitter accounts sent her messages containing the same underwear photos, with the user claiming to be in possession of the garments. A separate Twitter account using the woman's first name and photo to also posted pictures of the apparel, the affidavit said.

The accounts also tagged the woman's actual Twitter account with "vulgar tweets," the affidavit said.

She deleted her authentic Twitter account but in February 2023 learned that digitally edited photos of her that made her appear nude or semi-nude had appeared on a website offering such material, according to the affidavit. The pictures included her phone number, home address, email address, and work information, the affidavit said.

Photos included captions encouraging website visitors to "Humiliate & Share" photos of the woman and to "Post & Share Her Everywhere. Make The [Expletive] Famous," the filing said.

As a result of the postings, "unknown individuals" sent the woman messages that included threats to share the photos with her coworkers and students unless she met their demands, which in at least one case included an ultimatum that "she produce sexual images."

In May 2023, her address and

other personal information, including the hair dye she used, was posted to a doxxing website, the affidavit said. In addition, her name, image, and personal information was used to create at least three AI chatbots on two different platforms between September 2023 and July. The chatbots, which purported to be the professor, were programmed to disclose her personal information to users who interacted with them, the affidavit said.

"If another user interacting with the chatbot asked the 'Victim' where she lived, the chatbot could provide the Victim's true home address followed by 'Why don't you come over?'" the affidavit said.

Authorities said the woman's name, image, and other personal information was posted to at least 13 different websites, with at least 27 unique accounts used to harass, impersonate, or other-

wise cause her severe emotional distress, the affidavit said.

To date, she has received "at least 60 distressing text messages, emails, or calls from unknown senders" discussing her photos and information, officials said.

Florence was allegedly identified as the architect of the harassment campaign through an analysis of records obtained from Google as well as a review of IP addresses used to log into various accounts targeting the woman, authorities said.

The woman knows Florence through a college friend who had attended high school with him, the affidavit said. Florence attended parties at her home between 2015 and 2017, according to the filing. The court papers don't indicate why Florence allegedly targeted the professor.

At one point on Craigslist, Florence alluded to his collec-

tion of intimate apparel from "several girls" in conversation with another person, the affidavit said. Florence had allegedly posted ads offering the items for sale or to share "in person" with him for sexual gratification, the affidavit said.

"The defendant's alleged actions represent a chilling window into the dangers of online harassment and cyberstalking in the digital age," Acting US Attorney Joshua S. Levy said in a statement. "Using advanced technology to manipulate, torment, and publicly humiliate someone for years is not just reprehensible, it is criminal. No one should have to endure the kind of relentless harassment and devastating psychological toll that we allege this victim has bravely endured."

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A SALUTE TO THE USS CONSTITUTION

Spectators lined the pier off Castle Island Friday as they watched the USS Constitution, the nation's oldest commissioned warship, approach. The ship was saluted with a 21-gun salute by the Army National Guard as it passed Fort Independence. The event commemorated Chief Petty Officer Heritage Weeks in which 220 new Navy chief petty officers will be trained in the same skills as 19th-century sailors. They will be aboard the ship for a week. Two-year-old Cassidy Caldwell (far right), from Brockton, was among the flag-bearing crowd.



This day in history

Today is Saturday, Sept. 14, the 258th day of 2024. There are 108 days left in the year.
► Birthdays: Actor Walter Koenig ("Star Trek") is 88. Architect Renzo Piano is 87. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown is 84. Actor Sam Neill is 77. Country singer John Berry is 65. Actor Melissa Leo is 64. Actor Faith Ford is 60. Film director Bong Joon-Ho is 55. Supreme Court justice Ketanji Brown Jackson is 54. Actor Kimberly Williams-Paisley is 53. Rapper Nas is 51. Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is 46. NBA All-Star Jimmy Butler is 35.

► In 1847, during the Mexican-American War, US forces under General Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.
► In 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War took place as the USS Colorado attacked and sank the Confederate private schooner Judah off the coast of Pensacola, Florida.
► In 1901, President William McKinley died in Buffalo, New York, of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin eight days prior; Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him, becoming the youngest-ever US president at age 42.

► In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a wheel of the sports car in which she was riding.
► In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly film star Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before.
► In 1991, the government of South Africa, the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party signed a national peace pact.
► In 1994, on the 34th day of a strike by players, Acting Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig an-

nounced the 1994 season was over.
► In 2001, Americans packed churches and public squares on a day of remembrance for the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. President Bush prayed with his Cabinet and attended services at Washington National Cathedral, then flew to New York, where he waded into the ruins of the World Trade Center and addressed rescue workers in a show of resolve.
► In 2012, fury over an anti-Muslim film ridiculing the Prophet Muhammad sparked violent clashes across the Muslim world.

N.H. law tightens rules for documentation to vote after next election

By Amanda Gokee
GLOBE STAFF

In 60 days, all New Hampshire voters will be required to show documentation in order to vote, according to a new voter ID law Governor Chris Sununu signed Thursday afternoon.

The law requires voters provide documentary proof of citizenship when registering to vote, and that they show a photo ID before voting. It eliminates the state's affidavit system, which allowed people to vote by signing a legally binding document attesting to their qualifications.

Critics said the new law is a drastic overhaul of the state's elections and could disenfranchise qualified voters. The law won't go into effect until after the general election on Nov. 5.

McKenzie Taylor, campaign director for the New Hampshire Campaign for Voting Rights, said the new law makes New Hampshire the only state to require documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote. Taylor said the bill is likely to face legal challenges, and pointed to Kansas, where a similar law was deemed unconstitutional.

"This extreme legislation signed by the Governor will roll back voting access for all eligible Granite Staters," Taylor said Thursday. "Once this law goes into effect later this year, any voter may be turned away from the polls if they did not have the correct documents, creating massive new changes to New Hampshire's registration system, burdening our election officials, and disenfranchising eligible voters."

Sununu said the effort will promote trust in elections, although he has consistently joined election officials insisting that New Hampshire elections are well-run, safe, and secure.

"We have a proud tradition and proven track record of conducting elections that are trusted and true," Sununu said. "Looking forward to the next decade or two, this legislation will instill even more integrity and trust in the voting process."

The law requires every person registering to vote to provide documentation proving their age, identity, citizenship, and domicile. A driver's license, passport, birth certificate, and naturalization papers are some of the documents that can be used. Registered voters must also show identification under the new law in order to vote.

Critics of the law have pointed out that citizenship documentation in particular can be time-consuming and expensive to obtain. They said the new law will make it more difficult for people to vote and that it could disenfranchise qualified voters.

House Bill 1569 was put forward by state Representative Bob Lynn, a Windham Republican, and it's part of Republican efforts to tighten restrictions around voting as concerns about voter fraud have persisted even without evidence of widespread fraud.

Voters will still be allowed to use affidavits in the upcoming 2024 election.

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Any 1 digit \$5
ANY ORDER
All 4 digits \$167
First 3 \$93
Last 3 \$93
FRIDAY NIGHT 8967
Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)
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All 4 digits \$4,838
First or last 3 \$677
Any 2 digits \$58
Any 1 digit \$6
ANY ORDER
All 4 digits \$202
First 3 \$113
Last 3 \$113

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Sept. 12 23-32-38-41-44
Lucky Ball 18
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MASS CASH
Sept. 13 3-5-12-24-28
Jackpot: \$100,000
MEGA MILLIONS
Sept. 13
Megaball, Megaplier
Jackpot: \$20,000,000
PREVIOUS DRAWINGS
Midday Night
Thursday 6534 3297
Wednesday 5905 3777
Tuesday 9508 8659
Monday 4756 1606
Sunday 8532 0266
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Boston Ballet dancer who was a war orphan dies at the age of 29

By Malcolm Gay
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Michaela Mabinty DePrince, a gifted dancer who rose from an orphanage in Sierra Leone to become a second soloist with Boston Ballet, has died, according to a family statement posted Friday on Facebook. DePrince was 29; the cause of death was not immediately clear.

DePrince, who lost her mother and father as a young child during the country's civil war, told the Globe in 2021 that her path to become a ballerina began when she found an old issue of Dance Magazine at the orphanage gate.

"I loved what I saw, but the cover, the ballerina just looked so beautiful and so elegant and so happy," she told the Globe, adding she preserved the magazine "tucked away in a safe place, just to remind me where I came from."

DePrince was eventually adopted by a couple from New Jersey, where she studied ballet. In 2011, she was featured in Bess Kargman's documentary "First Position," about six dancers preparing for the Youth America Grand Prix. She later joined Dance Theatre of Harlem, before moving on to the Dutch National Ballet, where she danced in "The Nutcracker" and Balanchine's "Tarantella," among other works.

"What I enjoyed about [Dance Theatre of Harlem] was that I saw dancers who looked like me," she told the Globe. "But my goal was to get people to realize that no matter what color you are, you can be in a classical company."

Her sister Mia called DePrince an inspiration.

"From the very beginning of our story back in Africa, sleeping on a shared mat in the orphanage, Michaela (Mabinty) and I used to make up our own musical theater plays," she said in a



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Michaela Mabinty DePrince joined the Boston Ballet as a second soloist in 2021.

statement. "When we got adopted, our parents quickly" supported our dreams, giving rise to "the beautiful, gracefully strong ballerina that so many of you knew her as today."

Dance Theatre of Harlem tweeted: "We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Michaela Mabinty DePrince. DePrince started her professional ballet career at Dance Theatre of Harlem, making history as the youngest dancer to be featured in principal roles."

DePrince, who suffered from vitiligo, a condition that causes skin cells to lose pigment, is also the author of "Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina," a memoir that Madonna is said to be adapting into a film.

She was also featured in Beyoncé's "Lemonade" as well as an updated movie version of the 19th-century ballet "Coppelia."

She joined Boston Ballet as a second soloist in 2021, remaining a company member until her departure in May of this year, according to a spokeswoman.

"We're sending our love and support to the family of Michaela Mabinty DePrince at this time of loss," Boston Ballet wrote on Instagram. "We were so fortunate to know Mabinty; she was a beautiful person, a wonderful dancer, and she will be greatly missed by us all."

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State Police recruit dies after being hurt during training

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A Massachusetts State Police recruit died Friday, the day after he suffered critical injuries during a training exercise at the agency's academy in New Braintree, authorities said.

State Police confirmed Enrique Delgado-Garcia's death with "profound sadness" and offered "deepest condolences" to his family, loved ones, and fellow trainees, in a statement issued late Friday night.

A member of the 90th Recruit Training Troop, Delgado-Garcia, "became unresponsive" during a defensive tactics training exercise at the Massachusetts State Police Academy in New Braintree, Tim McGuirk, a spokesperson for the State Police, said in the statement.

Delgado-Garcia died "following a medical crisis suffered during a training exercise," McGuirk said. An on-site medical team, including staff from UMass Medical, determined that the recruit needed urgent medical care. He was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, where he died the next day.

Delgado-Garcia began with the academy in April and was scheduled to graduate next month, McGuirk said.

Delgado-Garcia's family has "the full measure of our support and care, and they remain full members of our State Police family," Colonel John E. Mawn Jr. said in the statement.

Delgado-Garcia was "a fine young man" devoted to his training troop, who formerly served as a victim witness advocate in the Worcester district at-

torney's office, Mawn said.

"In his short time with the State Police, Enrique demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to learn and a desire to deliver excellent police services to the people of Massachusetts," Mawn's said. "He made an immediate impression on his classmates and the Academy Staff. By all accounts, Enrique possessed and displayed all the qualities that would have made him an outstanding Trooper: kindness and compassion, dedication, commitment, willingness to work hard to improve himself, and a strong desire help others."

According to published reports, the 25-year-old recruit was missing teeth, had suffered a broken neck and a brain injury, and his body was covered in bruises when he

was taken to Worcester Hospital where he was put onto life support.

CBS News reported that Delgado-Garcia was injured during a boxing exercise, and that the secretary of public safety on Friday swore Delgado-Garcia in as a trooper. He will receive full State Police honors and his body will be escorted to the medical examiner's office, the station reported.

State Police were unable to confirm that information Friday night.

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Dorchester man accused of raping a woman

Prior convictions were vacated by SJC a year ago

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A little more than a year after the state's Supreme Judicial Court vacated a Dorchester man's sex trafficking and assault convictions because of his court-appointed attorney's racial bias against Blacks and Muslims, Anthony Dew is back behind bars, accused of raping and beating a woman over the weekend, the Suffolk district attorney's office said.

Dew, 42, a Black Muslim, had a dangerousness hearing in Boston Municipal Court in Dorchester on Friday, for the alleged weekend assault of a woman in Dorchester, prosecutors said.

A judge ordered Dew committed until a final dangerousness hearing scheduled for Oct. 3, court records show.

His arrest last Sunday came just months after prosecutors

declined to retry Dew on multiple sex trafficking and assault charges related to his conviction in the case vacated by the state's highest court.

In that case, Dew had pleaded guilty to several human trafficking charges stemming from 2016 and was sentenced to eight to 10 years in prison. A month after he was released, the state's high court ruled in June 2023 that Dew's lawyer's public display of "vitriolic hatred of and bigotry against" Blacks and Muslims represented a clear conflict of interest and violated the man's constitutional rights.

In her opinion, Justice Dalila Arguez Wendlandt wrote that attorney Richard Doyle's bigotry deprived Dew "of his right to effective assistance of counsel — a right upon which our entire system of criminal justice depends to ensure a 'fair trial.'"

"Indeed, counsel's intolerance and prejudice seeped into his representation of the defendant," she wrote.

The decision was the first time that any state or federal

court had ruled that "an attorney's racial and religious animus constitutes an actual conflict of interest," Adam Murphy, an attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, who filed a brief supporting the decision to vacate the conviction, said at the time.

The state's Supreme Judicial Court justices ordered a new trial for Dew, but online court records show that prosecutors from the Suffolk district attorney's office dropped the 19 sex trafficking, assault, and drug charges against Dew on Jan. 24.

In his new case, Dew was arrested early Sunday near his residence on Evelyn Street, prosecutors said in a statement issued Tuesday.

Police were called to Evelyn Street at about 2:12 a.m. Upon arrival, police could hear somebody screaming. They discovered a woman in the walkway with her jeans pulled down to her ankles and her T-shirt soaked in what appeared to be blood. Her face was bloody and she was spitting up blood clots,

authorities said.

The woman screamed "he raped me," and pointed to Dew's apartment. She said Dew raped and beat her as she "went in and out" of consciousness, according to the statement.

The victim's body was bruised and covered in abrasions, and her mouth, jaw, and both eyes were swollen and blackened. She was taken to a local hospital for treatment, the district attorney's office said.

Dew showed up while first responders were still at the scene and became "verbally combative" with officers, prosecutors said. Dew's hand and face were covered in scratches, and he was arrested.

On Monday, Dew pleaded not guilty to one count of aggravated rape in Boston Municipal Court in Dorchester. He is being held without bail at the Suffolk County Jail pending the dangerousness hearing.

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Harmony Montgomery's mom files wrongful death lawsuit

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pearance that paved the way for civil litigation.

According to the lawsuit, Harmony Montgomery lived with her mother in Massachusetts from the time she was born in 2014 until February 2019, when the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families removed the child from Sorey over allegations of neglect. Sorey has said she was struggling with substance abuse at the time.

State officials in Massachusetts worked with New Hampshire's Division of Children, Youth, and Families, placing the child in her father's custody in Manchester, N.H., according to the complaint.

It details how about five months after the placement, multiple people, including Adam's uncle Kevin Montgomery, started making reports to DCYF, expressing their concern about Harmony's living conditions and her well-being, after she was seen with a black eye.

"Kevin reported that Adam

told him he had 'bounced her off every f—ing wall in this place,'" the lawsuit said. While speaking with a DCYF staffer, the lawsuit said, Kevin Montgomery grew frustrated when he was questioned on the accuracy of his dates, and said "this is why children die" and that "this child was punched clear in the eye socket with full force."

Another person who reported issues to DCYF also had concerns that Harmony's situation could end up being fatal for her.

The reports to DCYF included details about unsafe living conditions, how electricity and hot water in the home had been turned off, the presence of drug paraphernalia, and how Harmony's father punished her by forcing her to stand in the corner for hours or stay in her bedroom from when she woke up until the late afternoon, according to the lawsuit.

Reports were also made to DCYF about how Harmony wasn't receiving care from a doctor, and that in the fall, she hadn't been enrolled in school, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit argues that the state was negligent and didn't meet minimum standards of care for Harmony, even after receiving reports about physical and emotional abuse and neglect by her caretakers.

It also says that the state failed to launch a thorough and competent investigation into reports of suspected abuse, exposing Harmony to "foreseeable harm." According to the lawsuit, as a direct result of DCYF's negligence Harmony endured corporal punishment, verbal and mental abuse, and beatings that ultimately caused her death.

Sorey has said she didn't hear from the girl's father after 2019, and she grew frantic in 2021. At that point, she turned to the Manchester police and mayor's office, resulting in an investigation that culminated in Adam Montgomery's arrest.

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu slammed the Massachusetts courts for placing Harmony with a "monstrous drug dealer." But this lawsuit contends that child welfare workers in New Hampshire



DAVID LANE/UNION LEADER VIA AP, POOL, FILE

"I'm Harmony's voice, and I'm her warrior. . . I can't let people forget," said Crystal Sorey, Harmony Montgomery's mother, in March after a court appearance in Nashua, N.H.

were ultimately responsible because they didn't remove her from his custody after receiving reports of his abuse.

Sununu's office released a seven-page report in February 2022 acknowledging that a New Hampshire child welfare worker repeatedly made contact with Adam Montgomery after his daughter's disappearance. At

least twice, the worker asked specifically about Harmony's whereabouts, and Adam Montgomery claimed he had returned the girl to her mother. The worker left a voicemail for Sorey in January 2020, but the message went unreturned, and there is no evidence that any additional attempts were made to contact her, according to the re-

port.

The Massachusetts Office of the Child Advocate released a 100-page report in May 2022, acknowledging that the state's child welfare system overlooked Harmony's needs at every turn.

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MIT pro-Palestinian protest renews call for peace, divestment

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"Several seed funds supported by Lockheed Martin and established as part of the larger MIT Global Seed Fund program have either wound down or soon will," Kimberly Allen said in an email to the Globe. "These seed fund programs have supported faculty collaborations and international experiences for students in various countries, including Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Poland, and Switzerland."

"These programs have run for various one and two-year cycles beginning in 2019. Programs in Israel, the Netherlands, and Switzerland have completed their funding cycles and the funded work is now winding down. Those in Germany and Poland are in their final year," Allen said. "It was a Lockheed decision not to continue the seed funds for all of these country programs."

Friday's rally, dubbed "MIT, hands off the West Bank!" was organized by the Coalition Against Apartheid. It is the first protest at MIT since the beginning of the new school year. It came on the heels of a pro-Palestinian demonstration at Harvard University last week.

Organizers, in a press release, referenced MIT's past actions to distance itself from associations and companies with ties to other conflicts and political atrocities, including Russian-founded Skoltech and Saudi oil company ARAMCO after the invasion of Ukraine and the assassination of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

MIT's previous decision to break with other foreign companies in order to address ethical issues affected multiple research groups that lost grant funding, the statement said.

The nearly two-hour protest



ERIN CLARK/GLOBE STAFF

MIT students and faculty gathered Friday to protest the university's involvement in Israel and show support for Palestinians.

was the first at MIT since students returned for a new academic year.

In the spring, college students nationwide protested the Israel-Hamas war by pitching campus encampments. Locally, students camped out at Emerson College, Northeastern, and Harvard universities, and MIT's Kresge Lawn.

MIT's encampment lasted 20 days when it was broken up after university officials said it was disruptive and violated school guidelines. At least two dozen

students were suspended and couldn't graduate. Others lost their fellowships, and some had their research projects halted.

Some new graduates lent their support to the cause.

"I'm here to support my friends who are continuing to challenge MIT's complicity in doing research for the Israeli military, as they're committing a genocide," said David Berkinsky, who studied chemistry at MIT and graduated with a doctoral degree last year.

"They do direct research with

the Israeli military," said Berkinsky who lives in Jamaica Plain. "There's not another foreign military that they do research with. I think that's the point that really needs to be emphasized."

Sammy Mustafa, a 22-year-old who grew up with a family of immigrants from Iraq, is a graduate student at Harvard University studying biomedical informatics. A majority of his classes are held at MIT, so Mustafa said he has a lot invested in whether MIT "acts on caring for the Palestinian people."

"I am student, but at the end of the day I am human being, and I can't stand by an institution that supports families getting killed," Mustafa said.

Lillian Diaz, a 39-year-old who lives in Dorchester, said she supports the pro-Palestinian cause and has been attending protests since October.

"I'm here today because it matters," Diaz said. "We're all watching in 4k as much as we want to deny it ... They're more scared of people in tents than the powers that be that have the

actual weapons."

After about two hours, protesters made their way to the president's office. Outside Kornbluth's office, the protesters drummed on buckets, waved their flags, and chanted down MIT until daylight waned.

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Brockton superintendent resigns in fallout from budget crisis

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The report, prepared by attorneys at Nystrom, Beckman & Paris in Boston, faulted Thomas for having a "rudimentary understanding of budgeting" and making "critical decisions unilaterally and without any consideration of the budgetary impacts of those decisions."

Thomas was made superintendent in 2019, having spent 30 years working his way to the top of the district's hierarchy from the start of his career in 1992 as a junior high health and physical education teacher. A 1987 graduate of Brockton High, Thomas was a well-liked community leader, known for his affability and open-door policy with students and families. He led the district through the COVID-19 pandemic. Such was his popularity, just two months before learning of the deficit, the School Committee voted to allow Thomas to assume the role of in-

terim principal of Brockton High School — the state's largest high school with 3,700 students — in addition to his duties running the wider school system.

Thomas, the investigators said, was determined not to lay-off staff in fiscal year 2023 following years of painful cuts. Instead, thanks to a temporary infusion of state and federal funding in the wake of the pandemic, Thomas hired hundreds of new employees without future funds to retain them, they said.

In hindsight, Thomas told the Globe he should have pushed back against the district's plan to start its own transportation department in 2020, a process that the investigative report called "rife with poor decision making" and proved more costly than had been budgeted for. But Thomas maintained he spent funds in the best interest of students who returned to classes post-pandemic with



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Mike Thomas, the superintendent of Brockton Public Schools, resigned Friday.

more behavioral challenges.

"Every dime that was spent went towards kids," Thomas said. "I can live with that."

He said he realized he had to resign because he no longer had the trust of the School Commit-

tee, particularly its three new members. He extolled Brockton's interim superintendent, Priya Tahiliani, the former chief of Everett Public Schools, as "just what Brockton needs to lead the district forward."

"I'm not perfect. I made mistakes," Thomas went on. "but I've been up front since day one."

Brockton Public Schools is among the state's largest and most diverse, serving nearly 15,000 students, more than 80 percent of whom are Black or Latino. Its flagship high school made national headlines this year because of shocking reports of student violence that have left faculty injured and fearing for their safety, a staffing crisis that has stranded students without teachers for hours in the cafeteria, and calls from several members of the School Committee to bring in the National Guard to restore order.

In a statement, the Brockton School Committee's vice chairman, Tony Rodrigues, said Thomas's resignation marked "a significant next step in turning the page on an extremely difficult chapter for Brockton's schools and the Brockton community."

"Ultimately, what's best for students is a stable, well-run, and fiscally responsible school district that can provide a sustainable, high-quality education to Brockton's children," Rodrigues continued. "As we work to rebuild and strengthen the foundation of our partnership with the City of Brockton, I am hopeful that those in the city government who were similarly identified as active contributors to this crisis will soon take accountability for their roles in it as well."

Tahiliani said in a statement work is underway to reinvent the district's budget process and earn back the public's trust. "The findings in the reports will likewise provide an essential roadmap for me as I do the work of thoughtfully evaluating how we move forward from a personnel perspective," she said.

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11th human case of West Nile reported

By **Tonya Alanez**
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The state's 11th instance of a human case of West Nile virus, a man in his 60s, was announced Friday by state health officials, nearly doubling the total number of human cases reported in Massachusetts last year.

In 2023, there were six human cases of the mosquito-borne virus reported in the state. The number this year has been on the rise with the last three human cases reported on Tuesday, and now another on Friday.

The exact location of the most recent exposure is uncertain. The man had recently traveled out of state, but he also could have been exposed in the Greater Boston region which is

at "high" risk for exposure, according to a statement from the state Department of Public Health.

So far this year, there have been 314 samples of mosquitoes with West Nile virus detected from Barnstable, Berkshire, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester counties.

Health officials also said risk levels for another mosquito-borne virus, Eastern equine encephalitis, have been elevated to "high" in Concord in Middlesex County.

Findings two weeks in a row of mosquitoes that tested positive for EEE prompted that increase, according to the statement.

"It may be mid-September,

but warm and humid weather continues across Massachusetts, keeping the risk of both EEE and West Nile elevated," Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein said in the statement. "There will continue to be risk from mosquito-borne disease until the first hard frost, and I encourage everyone to continue to take measures to protect themselves."

More information, including all West Nile virus and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

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Mother and daughters report racial bias at Millbury school

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"We take such allegations very seriously and address them."

Myers said he welcomed "a comprehensive review of our practices and procedures to ensure that our schools are respectful and supportive of all students."

"Our goal is to cultivate a community where every student is valued and has the opportunity to thrive," he wrote.

Kamora Dabney, 16, and Melody Dabney, 13, attended Millbury Memorial Junior/Senior School during the most recent school year.

Melody was targeted by a white student who was a year older throughout the year, the complaint alleged.

The student "directed the N-word at Melody and called her 'monkey' multiple times, both screaming it down the hallway and directly to her face," the complaint stated.

In other instances, the stu-

dent described Melody as "ugly" and "too dark" to other students, the complaint alleged.

"This alarming harassment was public and pervasive," the complaint stated.

According to the complaint, Vilvar repeatedly asked administrators to intervene and properly investigate the allegations of racial bullying. But when Vilvar met with the parents of the student on her own initiative, they told her administrators had not contacted them.

At one point, that student and another schoolmate sent Melody messages on Snapchat saying she would be beaten up and her older sister would not be able to protect her, according to the complaint.

Kamora confronted the second student in the school and slapped them once in the face, according to the complaint. Instead of investigating why Kamora hit the student, administrators called the police and placed the school in lockdown,

according to the complaint.

During a subsequent suspension hearing for Kamora, administrators determined that Melody and a friend had fabricated the Snapchat messages, the complaint alleged.

"To support their outlandish theory, the school relied on a security camera video where Melody and her friend are sitting next to each other in class," the complaint stated. "Although not in the video, [an administrator] theorized that the friend had a phone up her sweater's sleeve and used that phone to create the message."

Kamora was suspended for six days, but no action was taken against the other two students, according to the complaint.

"Racism went unchecked while the Black students were punished," the complaint alleged.

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Netflix's 'Love Is Blind' is casting in N.E. and you can audition

By Matt Juul
GLOBE STAFF

Locals looking for love have a chance to shoot their shots on Netflix's hit reality series, "Love Is Blind."

For the uninitiated, the experimental dating show pairs potential mates in separate pods that allow for smooth talking, but prevent them from seeing each other. If sparks fly, couples must get engaged before they can meet face-to-face, with subsequent episodes following their journeys down the aisle.

While "Love Is Blind" season 7 — which sets up its love shack in Washington, D.C. — debuts on Netflix on Oct. 2, producers are already casting for the next across New England. According to Donna Driscoll, executive vice president of casting and talent at Kinetic Content, the audition process for the New England season is "in full swing," with her team "actively going through every single application" from the region.

"There's been such a great response and we've received so much support from communities all around New England," Driscoll told the Globe in a recent Zoom interview.

"Love Is Blind" is no stranger to New Eng-



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A scene from episode one of season six of "Love Is Blind."

land's charms. Season six, which tapped singles in North Carolina, featured Dorchester native and former Patriots cheerleader Amber Desiree "AD" Smith as a contestant. Driscoll, whose team features many New Hampshire natives, is excited to cast in New England, praising locals for their "uniqueness and authenticity," which she claims are key to being "successful in the experiment."

"I am always curious and wide open about what I'm looking for in each city that we go to because I feel like each city offers something very

very different," Driscoll explained. "But for New England, I think the main thing that I don't have to worry about is finding people who are authentic."

"I feel like there's going to be a lot of strong characters here," she added.

According to Driscoll, hopeful candidates should fill out an application on libcasting.com and, to be safe, should have everything submitted over the next three months or so. Driscoll noted that it's important to be thoughtful with your answers, as they "absolutely read every single application."

"In that same application, there's a 15-second video submission that I highly recommend you take the time to really talk about why you need 'Love Is Blind,' why you want to find love in such an unorthodox way," Driscoll said, adding that they are looking for "somebody who is serious, mature, authentic, has the ability to be vulnerable, and excites us."

If an applicant fits the bill, the next step is a phone interview, which can take up to an hour. Should all go well, the candidate will then move on to a one-on-one chat with a casting producer from the show.

"After that, we'll make the decision of whether

or not we're going to move that forward to present our partners at Netflix," Driscoll said.

Although no details are available yet as to when the "Love Is Blind" New England season will film and air, Driscoll shared that there are plans to have an open casting call "within the coming weeks" where candidates can audition over Zoom (Kinetic Content will share details on its Instagram page when available). Driscoll encourages applicants to also do the virtual casting call, which will give them the chance to let their personalities shine.

Driscoll believes the show's popularity is because it showcases "authentic people" who are "not afraid to be themselves" and come from diverse backgrounds.

All occupational backgrounds need apply — just as long as they aren't doing it for the 'gram.

"I think the major thing to distinguish is that we aren't looking for influencers," Driscoll said. "We're casting very real people who are functioning in their everyday life and have everything going for them. They just are missing that one puzzle piece, which is finding the love of their life."

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In 2016, Boston-based biotech company Ginkgo Bioworks went to Harvard University's Herbaria with the goal of replicating the smell of extinct flowers. The scientists gathered approximately a dozen samples of lost flora from its collection of over 5 million species of plant life.

A DNA sequencer analyzed and isolated each plant's genetic information, and a group of scientists and experts in the field of Paleogenomics — or the DNA of extinct and ancient species — helped to reconstruct gaps within the centuries-old data. Then, Ginkgo Bioworks added each sequence's scent-molecule enzymes to yeast cells, which, through a fermentation process, produced scent molecules that held a semblance of the long-lost floral aromas.

The data was used to synthesize scents used for art installations, otherworldly immersive olfactory experiences at the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum in New York and the Centre Pompidou in Paris. (A piece from "Resurrecting the Sublime" — by artists/scientists Alexandra Daisy Ginsberg, Sissel Tolaas, and Christina Agapakis — is currently on display at the MIT Museum in Cambridge as part of its "Gene Cultures" exhibit.)

For Boston entrepreneur and beauty industry veteran Jasmina Aganovic, the scent "resurrections" also held commercial potential.

"I thought it would be really interesting to take the data that they had generated and then fold in perfumers to create fragrances," she told the Globe in an interview.

Aganovic, who studied chemical and biomedical engineering at MIT, reached out to Ginkgo Bioworks' CEO Jason Kelly in 2014 before joining the company as an Entrepreneur-in-Residence in 2019. There, she began to craft the idea for what she called the "Jurassic Park" of fragrance collections. Arcaea, Aganovic's "biology-first" beauty company, launched on Ginkgo Bioworks' platform in 2021, with

Future Society, its first fragrance brand, arriving in 2023.

Future Society's inaugural collection is named "Scent Surrection," and features six scents, each inspired by an extinct flower from Ginkgo Bioworks' DNA sequencing data.

"I viewed fragrance as this remarkable emotional storytelling category and people don't view science as being associated with creativity, emo-



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Local beauty brand uses 'resurrected' extinct flowers to create perfume

tion, or storytelling," said Aganovic. "I think that that's very far from the truth."

Future Society enlisted three master perfumers — Jérôme Epinette of Robertet, and Daniela Andrier and Olivia Jan of Givaudan — to transform "smells" into fragrance.

According to Jan, the creation process for the six eau de parfums was unlike any other she had encountered in her decades in the industry. To develop "Grassland Opera," Jan was given a specific scent molecule synthesized from the *Orbexilum stipulatum*, a flowering plant that once populated the Great Plains, last seen in 1881.

Jan then partnered with a chemist to find essential oils that contained the molecule in the present day. They found commonalities in ginger and patchouli.

In an interview with the Globe, Jan explained, "Usually, you start with the olfactory direction, and then



you use whatever ingredient you need to achieve this direction. In this specific case, I had a starting point molecule, and I could go [in] any direction because there was no real guideline. It was total freedom for creativity."

Jan also used information about the extinct plant, such as its water-

adjacent habitat, to inform her creation process. "Something that grows near a waterfall has a green note, has a dewy effect, all these aspects that bring you to something lush, watery, and green," she said.

The resulting perfume is simultaneously crisp, light, and hearty. The top notes of the fragrance open with

Arcaea CEO and founder Jasmina Aganovic (left) used data extracted from extinct flowers at Harvard University's Herbaria to develop perfume for her brand, Future Society.

refreshing bergamot, clary sage, ginger, and fig leaves while a bold blend of wood lingers in the base. Floral middle notes — honeyed ylang-ylang, powdery mimosa — round out the perfume; it's naturalistic, earthy.

The brand says its bestseller is "Solar Canopy," a vibrant, sweet floral inspired by *Hibiscadelphus wilderianus*. The species was last recorded in the southern slope of Hawaii in 1912 and is extinct due to deforestation. The perfumers also incorporated succulent notes like red currant and lychee with base notes of pink sugar, ambroxan, and vetiver for a complementary warmth.

Each perfume's name is tethered to the inspiring plant's former life: Solar Canopy, a nod to the flowers' lushly shaded Mount Haleakal home; Grassland Opera represents the pitter-patter sound of hooves echoing on the ground, an homage to the buffalo migration patterns that rendered *Orbexilum stipulatum* extinct. In most cases, climate change, often propelled by human contributions, is to blame for the demise of the plants.

While there are still many leaves left unturned at the Herbaria and product categories to explore, Future Society's shifted focus to their consumers' biology. Earlier this year, the brand introduced a \$60 spray-on skin "primer" called "Optimal Habitat," using ingredients like marine collagen, arginine, and Ceramide NP. It claims to increase a perfume's wear-time by balancing the skin's pH levels and moisture barrier. (The product was certified by MyMicrobiome, an independent German company that tests consumer products for their impact on skin.)

Aganovic sees Future Society as an opportunity to invite consumers to have a new relationship with science, or, at least, reconsider what science can do.

"Was there anyone raising their hand saying, 'I would like the 'Jurassic Park' of fragrances'? There wasn't, right?" she said. "But it's something that I believe needs to exist because it shifts people's perception of what is possible, and that has unforeseen effects."

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A \$10 bag of secondhand art supplies may take the edge off back-to-school shopping

By Arushi Jacob
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

When Emily Tirella opened her secondhand crafts store, Make & Mend, in 2017, she was thinking as a student. She was inspired to start the business after taking a weaving class at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design and experiencing the high cost of art materials, especially reusable ones.

"All of the materials [in that class] were made of wood, handcrafted and completely reusable," said Tirella, who found herself with gently used — but never to be used again — shuttles at the end of the class. But, when students didn't have a like-course on their schedule in the near future, the pipeline to pass the used materials on or resell to peers wasn't always straightforward.

Hoping to extend the lifecycle of craft and arts materials, Tirella came up with the idea of a specialty second-

hand store to keep the inspiration going. The store operates as a donation drop-off for spare materials and a low-cost retailer for used supplies. Over seven years, Make & Mend has transitioned between three locations in Greater Boston, each a space upgrade to host more facilities.

Now, also operating as an online storefront, its current physical location opened in March 2022. The two-story shop in Union Square features retail space upstairs and a large basement with a warehouse and space to host events like the popular Fill-a-Bag shopping series.

Fill-a-Bag events, which happen approximately every six weeks, allow attendees to peruse bins and boxes of supplies and materials — from yarn to stamps to crayons — while stuffing a grocery bag to the brim for a flat rate of \$10 before tax.

"It's a great way for people who are just starting out creatively or are on a budget to stock up on materials for a low price," said Tirella. Across the summer and into the upcoming Sept. 14 edition, the "fill-a-bag" event will include school supplies.

While art and grade school students may have the best luck in the bins this month, Tirella encourages all curious, sustainably-minded crafters to take a peek.

"We get all sorts of people that come to our events, children, families, and older folks," Tirella stated. "There's something for everybody whether you're even creative or not."

Fill-a-Bag, Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Make & Mend, 21 Hawkins St., Somerville. makeandmendshop.com.

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Customers peruse the stock at a Fill-a-Bag event.

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ON BASEBALL

Bullpen implosion denies Fitts first win

NEW YORK — The Red Sox turned off the noise at Yankee Stadium by the sixth inning on Friday night, draining the life from the big ballpark in the Bronx after taking a four-run lead.

Richard Fitts, one of the prospects obtained when they dumped Alex Verdugo on the Yankees last December, was in line to get his first major league victory after pitching five shut-out innings.

It would not have been a victory that changed the season for the Sox — it's too late for that — but at least it would have been an uplifting night against their old rivals.

But the Red Sox bullpen has become that uninvited guest who shows up at the party, eats all the food, and falls asleep on your couch.

It happened again as Zack Kelly and Cam Booser combined to allow five runs in the seventh inning, four coming on a grand slam by Aaron Judge that felt like the most predictable home run in baseball history.

The Sox were left with a bitter 5-4 loss.



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ON BASEBALL, Page C5 Alex Cora had to take the ball from reliever Zack Kelly (right) before he could get an out in the seventh inning as the Red Sox bullpen surrendered a 4-0 lead.

After Red Sox bats woke up, Judge served up nightmare

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Yankees 5 NEW YORK — Of all the cellars the Red Sox have visited this season, this one was the grimmest.

Red Sox 4 The one in the Bronx. The 45,292 Yankee fans in attendance had life while the visitor, in blue with red trim, would ultimately endure the opposite late Friday evening at Yankee Stadium.

With Cam Booser on the hill in the seventh and the bases loaded, the Sox' worst nightmare was in front of them in Aaron Judge as the club tried to protect a 4-1 lead.

Judge hadn't homered since Aug. 25. His swing has looked slow, dragging through the zone. Typical for this portion of the season, even for a hulking figure.

Yet on this evening, Judge delivered exactly what the crowd hoped, just as the Sox' bad dream unfolded in real time.

On a 2-and-0 pitch with the bases loaded, Judge unloaded on Booser's four-seam fastball down the heart of the plate, drilling a grand slam that sank the Sox, 5-4, in the second game of this four-game set.

"I think the team did everything they needed to do," said Booser after the crushing defeat, which

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Aaron Judge had Yankee Stadium rocking with his seventh-inning grand slam, which snapped a 16-game homerless streak for the former MVP.

DAN SHAUGHNESSY

Yankees or Red Sox: Not a simple choice



Put aside your emotions and decades of deep-rooted hatred. Erase those Ruths, Dents, Boones, and ARods. Pretend all things are equal. You are neutral. You are Baseball Switzerland.

Which franchise would you rather follow and support at this hour: the Red Sox or the Yankees?

It's clear the first-place Yankees are the better team in 2024. They emerged from Friday night's 5-4 win over the Sox with a record of 86-62, 12 games ahead of third-place Boston. They are going to the playoffs and could get back to the World Series.

But this is about more than that. It's about sheer totality. And the future.

So which is the better franchise to follow?

Today's Sox fans like to mock the Yankees and say, "It's all about championships. We've won four in this century and you've only one one — none in the last 15 years."

Swell. But this argument loses steam in light of the recent direction of the Red Sox franchise. How long can Sox fans hang on to the glory of championships won in 2004, '07, '13, and '18?

Seriously. What is there about the 2024 Red Sox that bears any resemblance to the glory and greatness of the 2018 team? The Sox still play at Fenway Park. Fans still sing "Sweet Caroline" before the home team comes to bat in the eighth. And Rafael Devers still plays third base.

That's about it. Boston's Romy Gonzalez All Stars of '24 have as much connection to the

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It's no secret what's coming

Seahawks know Patriots will be running Sunday



SEAHAWKS AT PATRIOTS
Sunday 1 p.m. (Fox)

By Khrai Thompson
BOSTON.COM STAFF

The Patriots, fresh off their first season-opening win since 2020, have a chance to go 2-0 in front of their home crowd Sunday at Gillette Stadium.

To do that, they'll have to defeat the Seahawks, who have beaten the Patriots three times in a row in the regular season since 2012. It's been a decade since the Patriots beat the Seahawks — a triumph in Super Bowl XLIX on Feb. 1, 2015.

In last Sunday's win over Denver, Seattle stuffed the run and intercepted the quarterback Bo Nix twice. The Patriots

pounded the Bengals with the run game and did not turn the ball over during their victory at Cincinnati.

So which team will look more like the Week 1 version of themselves? Here are five things to watch:

1. Seattle's front seven

Patriots coach Jerod Mayo practically dared opposing defenses to key in on the Patriots' run game during his weekly radio appearance on WEEI.

"I tell the players, 'I don't care if you feel like I'm giving out game-plan secrets or any-

thing like that,' " Mayo said. "I really don't. I'm telling you: We're going to run the ball. You've got to stop us."

The Bengals couldn't stop Rhamondre Stevenson, who tied his career high with 25 carries and rumbled for 120 yards. That was 1 yard fewer than Jacoby Brissett produced throwing the ball.

So with Mayo's challenge out there in the open and New England's lack of passing production, how will Seattle respond?

Stacking the box seems like a logical move, as the Patriots have yet to show they can hurt defenses with explosive passing plays.

The Patriots got more than half of their yards on the ground last week, and Seattle

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INSIDE



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EYES FOR THE END ZONE — Stephen Rocamboli (9) followed a 17-yard scoring run with a 33-yard interception return for a score to lead No. 5 Needham to a 20-7 victory at Natick. **School coverage, C7-8.**

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BRUINS NOTEBOOK

Bentley was stop on path to NHL

By Kevin Paul Dupont
GLOBE STAFF

BUFFALO — The career path that delivered **Drew Bavoro** here at noon on Friday, to play in his first rookie game as a Bruin, began a decade earlier when he checked into Cardigan Mountain School in Canaan, N.H., his hockey destination unknown.

“Yeah, left home in Florida when I was 13½ or 14,” Bavoro mused, shortly after he and his fellow Boston hopefuls suffered a 6-3 loss to the Penguins in the Prospects Challenge opener. “And here we are . . . kind of exciting to find out the challenge of the next level.”

Bavoro, 24, is a 6-foot-2-inch right-shot defenseman, whose circuitous path to signing a contract with the Bruins did not include getting drafted at age 18 and initially did not include playing for a high-end college or junior program. In a sport that appreciates pedigree, which top prospects begin to acquire sometimes in their pre-teens, he was the kid who showed up at Cardigan, let’s say, unencumbered by great expectations.

“I’ve always been a step behind in getting recognized,” said Bavoro, noting the “tough path” he’s followed thus far to fulfilling his dream. “I was fine with that. I think I wore that on my shoulder [as motivation] in every way. For me, it’s kind of been having to prove it every level.”

Cardigan led ultimately to a four-year stay at Lawrence Academy in Groton, but no draft interest, and then a one-season tune-up at Wenatchee of the British Columbia Hockey League. When top-end Div. 1 NCAA programs didn’t come knocking down his door, he opted for Bentley, where he majored in finance, as well as banking an abundance of ice time for two years before transferring to Notre Dame.

“I’ll always be grateful for Bentley giving me that opportunity,” he said. “I’ve always felt the best way to get better is to play, and they let me play a lot there. It made it hard to leave, the team and the guys, but I was convinced it was the right decision.”

The next stop was South Bend, a two-year stay at Notre Dame, where Bavoro put up a 10-10-20 line with the Irish last season. Intrigued by his development curve, the Bruins in the spring signed him to a one-year deal that ostensibly started here with the rookie tournament. He is guaranteed a minimum of \$175,000, more than half of that in signing bonus, and will have the chance to see how his game measures up against the league’s best when the Bruins open their varsity camp Wednesday in Brighton.

Bavoro participated in the club’s July development camp on Guest

Street and remained in town to work out. He lived for a while at **Riley Duran’s** family home in Woburn (the two briefly were Lawrence Academy teammates) and then moved in with some college and high school buddies in a downtown apartment. More important, as summer played out, he worked out regularly alongside a number of Bruins veterans.

“It was a huge advantage to be there all summer,” said Bavoro. “I was around guys like [**Brad Marchand**, **Brandon Carlo**, and **Charlie McAvoy**]. And that helps give a little bit of a relaxing step when you go out on the ice everyday with those guys. So when it really begins to ramp up, you don’t feel as much discomfort as I did the few times in the summer. Obviously, though, it’s going to be a big step up — those guys are the best players in the world, so I’m excited to see where I’m at.”

Bruins fall apart in loss

The Bruins took a 3-1 lead over the freshmen Penguins in the first period, then fell prey to an abundance of defensive lapses, leading to five consecutive strikes by the Fenway Sports Group franchise.

John Farinacci, **Brett Harrison**, and **Markus Vidicek** scored for the Bruins, who were outshot, 31-17 for the day, after building the 3-1 lead on an 8-4 shot advantage.

Bavoro, not shy about shooting at the net, watched Vidicek convert one of his rebounds for the first goal of the round-robin tournament.

“[Bavoro’s] got a little bit of maturity in his game that has to grow,” said Providence coach **Ryan Mougenel**, who is serving as bench boss here. “But he’s a smart kid, and the more accustomed he gets to how we play, he’s going to be alright.”

“His skill set is really good. He’s got a great shot and a good offensive mind — he’ll have to work through some hiccups, but there’s some good things there for sure.”

Next up: Blue Jackets

The Bruins face the Blue Jackets hopefuls at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in their second of three games. They’ll practice here Sunday and then wrap up round-robin play with a 10 a.m. tilt Monday vs. Tom Fitzgerald’s Devils before busing back to the Hub of Hockey . . . Temperatures reached the mid-80s by midafternoon, prompting some old-timers to predict a winter full of incessant storms of deep lake-effect snow. In other words, Buffalo.

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Nelly Korda (left) and Rockland’s Megan Khang were all smiles after completing their 6-and-4 better-ball victory on Day 1.

SOLHEIM CUP

US takes command with Korda, Khang

By Ben Nicksols

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GAINESVILLE, Va. — Nelly Korda danced at the urging of teammate Megan Khang as they walked off the first tee together at the Solheim Cup after a pep talk from former President Barack Obama. Then she let Khang raise her arms to pump up the crowd as they walked to the 12th green following another sterling shot from the world’s No. 1 player.

Korda has never won a Solheim Cup in three tries, but she put the United States in a strong position to end that drought by winning the leadoff match of each session Friday while helping the Americans to a 6-2 lead over Europe at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club.

A Solheim Cup that began with an unforced error by organizers, who didn’t have enough shuttle buses to transport fans to the course in the early morning hours, continued with the largest lead by either team after one day.

“We played opponents that are playing fantastic golf, that’s No. 1. Sometimes we almost invite them to play even better,” European captain Suzann Pettersen said. “At the same time, we have to face reality, and we have a massive job to do.”

In her better-ball match teamed with Rockland’s Khang, Korda played 14 holes in 8 under and made two eagles on the back nine, the first

after her 5-iron approach on the 480-yard, par-5 12th settled 2 feet away. Europe’s Georgia Hall conceded that putt, and Korda holed a 10-footer for eagle on No. 14 to close out a 6-and-4 win over Hall and Leona Maguire.

Korda can’t win it on her own — the US squad needs 14½ points over three days — but she’s certainly a key figure for captain Stacy Lewis on a PGA Tour-tested course that favors power and appears to suit her eye. Korda won 16 holes in her matches, the most by one Solheim Cup player in a single day since 2015.

She knew she could play aggressively with the accurate Khang as her partner.

“When you have a teammate who’s so pure off the tee, you never have to worry. You just kind of send it,” Korda said of the Bay State star. “So that was kind of the motto, is I was going to go first and send it.”

Lewis also got strong contributions from her two rookies, sending Lauren Coughlin and Sarah Schmelzel out for both sessions and watching them win 3 points. Coughlin and Rose Zhang beat Celine Boutier and Albane Valenzuela, 3 and 2, in alternate shot, while Schmelzel and Lilia Vu topped Linn Grant and Carlota Ciganda by the same score. The rookies paired up for better ball and beat Emily Pedersen and Maja Stark, 3 and 2.

BEAT WRITER’S NOTEBOOK

Updates on sale, and other nuggets

By Adam Himmelsbach

GLOBE STAFF

Shaking my notebook up and down and seeing what falls out, with the start of Celtics training camp somehow less than two weeks away:

■ The bidding process for the sale of the Celtics hasn’t really revved up yet because the banks assisting with the transaction are still combing through the franchise’s assets and liabilities so they can paint a full picture for prospective buyers. This is standard procedure. Last month, the Celtics majority ownership group, led by the Grousebeck family, retained JPMorgan Chase and BDT & MSD to assist with the sale.

The Grousebeck family, which is putting the team up for sale for estate planning purposes, said it hopes to sell a 51 percent stake in late 2024 or early 2025 before selling the rest in 2028, retaining control until the transaction is completed.

Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor agreed to a similar “stepped path” to control when he agreed to sell his stake to a group led by Marc Lore and Alex Rodriguez in 2021. But Taylor called off the deal last spring when he said Lore and Rodriguez failed to make their final payment, and now the two sides are embroiled in a legal battle.

In April, NBA commissioner Adam Silver said the league might reassess its willingness to approve stepped transactions, but in a news conference following board of governors meetings Tuesday in New York, Silver said the league would look at these deals on a “unique basis.”

“I think every one of these situations presents itself differently,” Silver said. “I think it remains the case of what I said philosophically about step transactions, but sort of the devil is in

the details there.”

■ The Larry O’Brien Trophy has been making the rounds this summer, and this week Al Horford had one of the cooler trips when he brought the shiny hardware to his home country, the Dominican Republic.

Horford, the first Dominican-born player to win an NBA championship, was joined by his family, as well as Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla and assistant Tony Dobbins.

On Wednesday, Horford brought the trophy to a youth basketball academy run by his uncle, and on Thursday he met with President Luis Abinader.

On Friday, Horford was scheduled to visit his hometown, Puerto Plata, where he would be given a key to the city.

“It’s been absolutely emotional,” Horford’s mother, Arelis Reynoso, said by phone Thursday night from the Dominican Republic. “It’s been a dream come true in the best way, and it’s huge for Al before the season begins, to have this unique accomplishment and bring the trophy to his home country.”

■ It seems like just yesterday the Celtics were picking confetti out of their hair after winning the NBA championship against the Mavericks. But the new season is just about here. The team will hold media day Sept. 24, with training camp opening the following day.

Yes, this is early. The Celtics and Nuggets are starting a week before the rest of the NBA because they are playing preseason games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on Oct. 4 and 6.

The Celtics are scheduled to arrive in Abu Dhabi on Oct. 1. They will receive a bit of a respite on the back end, with their third preseason game coming at home against the 76ers on

SportsLog

McCaffrey out again for 49ers, might go on IR

All-Pro running back **Christian McCaffrey** was ruled out of Sunday’s game against Minnesota for the San Francisco 49ers because of his lingering calf and Achilles’ injuries, and could now be headed to injured reserve. Coach **Kyle Shanahan** said the team will discuss whether to shut down McCaffrey for at least four more weeks after saying earlier that wasn’t being considered.

Dolphins search for QB

The Miami Dolphins will bring in another quarterback while starter **Tua Tagovailoa** deals with his third known concussion in the last 24 months. For now, **Skylar Thompson** will be considered the Dolphins’ starter while Tagovailoa is sidelined . . . Buffalo Bills starting linebacker **Terrel Bernard** is out indefinitely after hurting a pectoral, with coach **Sean McDermott** not ruling out placing the starter on the short-term injured reserve list . . . Chiefs wideout **Marquise Brown** will have surgery on his dislocated shoulder joint Monday and be placed on injured reserve.

SOCCER

Pochettino sets tone

In his introductory news conference in New York, new US men’s national soccer team coach **Mauricio Pochettino** views the American women’s team, the Olympic gold medalists, as the example for his squad. His first games will be friendlies against Panama on Oct. 12 at Austin, Texas, and at Mexico three days later . . . **Lionel Messi** was cleared to play after two months to rehab from an ankle injury, and Inter Miami said he will play Saturday vs. Philadelphia.

MISCELLANY

Young’s new deal, title

Chris Young has a contract extension and a new title with the Texas Rangers after nearly four years as general manager and overseeing his hometown team’s first World Series title last year. The Rangers announced a multiyear contract extension for Young and his promotion to President of Baseball Operations . . . **Patton Kizzire** shot a 7-under-par 65 for a one-stroke advantage over first-round leader **David Lipsky** in the Procore Championship in Napa, Calif. Kizzire, looking for his first PGA Tour win since 2018, sat at 13-under 131 heading into the weekend . . . **Matteo Manassero** made two eagles on his way to a 5-under-par 66 for a one-shot lead in the Irish Open in Newcastle, Northern Ireland. Home favorite **Rory McIlroy** had a 70 to sit two shots behind . . . **Brooks Koepka** birdied his last three holes for an 8-under 62 for a four-shot lead after the first round of LIV Golf Chicago in Bolingbrook, Ill.

Driver charged with killing Gaudreaus over legal limit

By Maryclaire Dale

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PHILADELPHIA — The driver charged with killing NHL hockey player Johnny Gaudreau and his brother Matthew as they bicycled on a rural road had a blood-alcohol level of .087, above the .08 legal limit in New Jersey, a prosecutor said Friday.

Gaudreau, 31, and brother Matthew, 29, were killed near their childhood home in South Jersey on Aug. 29, the evening before they were set to serve as groomsmen at their sister Katie’s wedding.

The driver, 43-year-old Sean M. Higgins of nearby Woodstown, N.J., is charged with two counts of death by auto, along with reckless driving, possession of an open container, and consuming alcohol in a motor vehicle. At a virtual court hearing Friday, a judge ordered that he be held for trial after prosecutors described a history of alleged road rage and aggressive driving.

“You were probably driving like a nut like I always tell you do. And you don’t listen to me, instead you just yell at me,” his wife told Higgins when he called her from jail after his arrest, according to first assistant prosecutor Jonathan Flynn of Salem County.

The defense described Higgins as a married father and law-abiding citizen before the 8:19 p.m. crash.

“He’s an empathetic individual, and he’s a loving father of two daughters,” said defense lawyer Matthew Portella. “He’s a good person, and he made a horrible decision that night.”

Higgins told police he had five or six beers that day and admitted to consuming alcohol while driving, according to the criminal complaint. He also failed a field sobriety test, the complaint said. A prosecutor Friday said he had been drinking at home after finishing a work call at about 3 p.m., and having an upsetting conversation with his mother

about a family matter.

He then had a two-hour phone call with a friend while he drove around in his Jeep with an open container, Flynn said. He had been driving aggressively behind a sedan going just above the 50 mile per hour speed limit, sometimes tailgating, the driver told police.

When she and the vehicle ahead of her slowed and moved left to go around the cyclists, Higgins sped up and veered right, striking the Gaudreaus, the two other drivers told police.

“He indicated he didn’t even see them,” said Superior Court Judge Michael J. Silvanio, who said Higgins’s admitted “impatience” caused two deaths.

Higgins faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted, a sentence that the judge said made him a flight risk.

Higgins has a master’s degree, works in finance for an addiction treatment company, and served in combat in Iraq, his lawyers said. However, his wife said he had been drinking regularly since working from home, Flynn said.

Johnny Gaudreau, known as “Johnny Hockey,” played 10 full seasons in the league and was set to enter his third with the Columbus Blue Jackets after signing a seven-year, \$68 million deal in 2022. He played his first eight seasons with the Calgary Flames, a tenure that included becoming one of the sport’s top players and a fan favorite across North America.

Widows Meredith and Madeline Gaudreau described their husbands as attached at the hip throughout their lives. Both women are expecting, and both gave moving eulogies at a heart-wrenching double funeral on Monday.

“I urge everyone to never drink and drive,” Madeline Gaudreau said. “Call a ride. Please do not put another family through this torture. The loss of Matty and John will leave a hole in the family, with his close friends, the community for eternity.”

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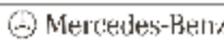
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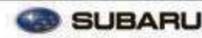
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Baseball



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Beau Brieske (right) was clueless when he exited in the second inning that he would nearly be part of a perfect game, as four Tigers dominated the Orioles for 8 1/2 innings before Gunnar Henderson broke it up.

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Four Tigers nearly no-hit the Orioles

By Dave Hogg ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tigers 1, Orioles 0 DETROIT — Gunnar Henderson tripped just past the glove of diving first baseman Spencer Torkelson with two outs in the ninth inning for Baltimore's first hit, but the Detroit Tigers held on for a 1-0 win over the Orioles on Friday night.

Beau Brieske and Brant Hurter (5-1) combined to retire Baltimore's first 21 batters before Adley Rutschman's eight-pitch walk leading off the eighth.

"That was an incredibly well-pitched game by all four of our guys tonight," Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said. "There's the letdown of the near-miss, but that's still a shutout of a really good offense."

Brenan Hanifee followed Hurter and retired the next three batters. Tyler Holton relieved to start the ninth. Emmanuel Rivera flied out and pinch-hitter Coby Mayo took a called third strike.

Henderson hit Holton's first pitch on the ground at 103.2 miles per hour and into the right-field corner.

"It's a one-run ballgame, so we knew that if someone got on base, we had a chance to run into one for a two-run homer," Henderson said. "That's all I was trying to do."

Henderson became just the second batter to end a no-hit bid with a two-out triple in the ninth, joining the Cardinals' Bernard Gilkey against the Cubs' Frank Castillo on Sept. 25, 1995.

Holton struck out Anthony Santander to remain perfect in eight save chances. "It was a one-run game, so it was really important for him to reset and get set for the next hitter," Hinch said. "It's still an agonizing feeling it see Santander coming up with a runner on third and a chance to put them ahead with a big swing."

Holton, though, didn't worry about losing the no-hit bid. "I didn't even realize it was happening, honestly," he said. "I just wanted to get us the win."

Kerry Carpenter, Detroit's second batter, homered on the third pitch of the game from Zach Eflin (10-9), who allowed five hits in 6 2/3 innings.

The Orioles (83-65) dropped three games behind the AL East-leading Yankees. Brieske, a 26-year-old righthander, was planned to start as an opener. He retired four batters while throwing 11 of 16 pitches for strikes.

Hunter, a 26-year-old rookie lefthander, struck out eight in 5 2/3 innings while throwing 53 of 71 pitches for strikes. He started 17 of 18 batters with strikes, including his first 14.

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Baseball

Houck (shoulder) can't go; Fitts draws start

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

NEW YORK — **Tanner Houck** was a late scratch for Friday's 5-4 road loss to the Yankees, with **Richard Fitts** stepping in as the spot starter. The Red Sox announced Houck was out with shoulder fatigue.

"He got here, he was on the table. [Head athletic trainer] **Brandon Henry** was working on him, and he felt like he was a little bit tight," said manager **Alex Cora** after the loss. "He did some testing, and the shoulder is weaker than yesterday. So for us, it doesn't make sense. It didn't make sense for him to go out there."

The plan for Houck is for him to start in Tampa in their upcoming series with the Rays, but that could change.

The Sox initially pushed Houck back from his scheduled start Monday against the Orioles, hoping the extra days of rest would help, but Houck never bounced back.

"He's very honest about where [he is]," Cora said during his pregame news conference. "He talked about it when he pitched against the Mets. He was very honest about it during the week. And like I told him, I said, 'Don't try to play superhero here. If you can go, but if you feel something, let us know.'"

Houck has been the Red Sox' best and most consistent starter this season, compiling a 3.24 ERA in 28 games. He was named an All-Star for the first time, producing a 2.71 ERA over his first 19 starts. But as the innings total rose, Houck's stuff began to wane. The righthander has posted a 4.78 ERA over his last nine starts.

Houck never made more than 21 starts or pitched more than 106 innings in his big league career. This year he has set career highs with his 28 starts and 169⅓ innings. Houck walked 19 batters in his first 17 starts, but issued 28 free passes over his last 11 games.

In all, Cora and the Sox are pleased with the Houck's age-28 season. "He was really good," said Cora. "There's a few things he has done the last two weeks that, usage-wise, has made him better."

"This was a guy that [struggled] against a lot of lefties [before this year]



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Richard Fitts's second MLB start came at Yankee Stadium against a New York team that drafted him in 2021.

and we wanted to solve that problem. I think we've done a good job this season. And he's been able to post going deep into the games."

The Red Sox acquired Fitts in the **Alex Verdugo** trade. The 24-year-old righthander made his major league debut Sunday, not allowing an earned run in 5⅓ innings, then pitched well again in his second start Friday, tossing five shutout innings with two hits allowed, three walks, and two strikeouts.

Hendriks keeps the faith

Cora said Thursday the team would likely shut down **Liam Hendriks** (Tom-

my John) for the remainder of the season.

However, Hendriks isn't not quite there yet.

"AC said, look, there's a chance of a shutdown," Hendriks said Friday. "But there's still [14] games left, and who knows what's going to happen. So the door's not closed. I've already done all my rehab games. There's no need to do anything like that."

Hendriks made six rehab appearances between August and September before feeling tightness on the outside part of his elbow area.

The Sox slowed his progress with

Hendriks recently undergoing an MRI that was sent to **Dr. Keith Meister** in Texas, the same doctor who performed his surgery. Hendriks said that the MRI revealed small fluid sacks near his triceps that will be drained via a cortisone shot Monday in Boston.

"It's normal to have a hiccup," said Hendriks. "It's normal having to have little things like that, but it's frustrating at how late it happened in the process."

Portland honors Rizzo

Double A Portland added Yankees first baseman **Anthony Rizzo** to its team Hall of Fame. Rizzo played for the

Yankees 5, Red Sox 4

		At Yankee Stadium, New York City						
BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.	
Duran cf	4	1	3	0	0	1	.288	
Devers 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.277	
O'Neill lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.256	
Yoshida dh	4	2	2	2	1	0	.288	
Wong c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.283	
Abreu rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.262	
Casas 1b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.241	
Story ss	4	1	2	2	0	0	.226	
Rafaela 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.249	
Totals	35	4	9	4	1	12		

		At Yankee Stadium, New York City						
NY YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.	
Torres 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.250	
Soto rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.287	
Judge cf	3	1	2	4	1	1	.321	
Wells c	3	0	0	1	1	2	.250	
Stanton dh	3	0	1	0	1	0	.232	
Chisholm Jr. 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.298	
Rizzo 1b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.222	
Volpe ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.248	
Verdugo lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.236	
Totals	30	5	7	5	6	7		

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LOB—Boston 5, NY Yankees 7, 2B—Duran (45), Rizzo (10).
HR—Yoshida (10), off Schmidt; Story (1), off Leiter Jr.; Judge (52), off Booser. **CS**—Duran (6), Chisholm Jr. (2). **Runners left in scoring position**—Boston 1 (Devers), NY Yankees 4 (Chisholm Jr., 2, Rizzo, Volpe). **RISP**—Boston 0 for 1, NY Yankees 2 for 6.
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Slaten 1 2 0 0 0 2 15 3.16
Kelly 0 1 3 3 2 0 14 3.97
Booser BS 2; L 2-3 ⅓ 1 2 2 1 1 10 3.38
Weissert ⅓ 1 0 0 0 0 8 3.60
Guerrero 1 0 0 0 0 2 10 0.00
NY Yankees
Schmidt 5⅓ 5 2 2 1 5 86 2.41
Leiter Jr. W 2-1 1⅓ 3 2 2 0 2 29 6.35
Weaver S 2 2 1 0 0 0 5 35 3.09
Kelly pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. **Inherited runners scored**—Booser 2-2. **WP**—Fitts. **Umpires**—Home, John Tumpane; First, Marvin Hudson; Second, Hunter Wendelstedt; Third, Charlie Ramos. T—2:52. A—45,292 (46,537).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

SIXTH INNING
RED SOX — Duran singled to right. Devers flied out to right fielder Soto. O'Neill flied out to left fielder Verdugo. Yoshida homered to right on a 2-0 count. Duran scored. Leiter Jr. pitching. Wong grounded out, pitcher Leiter Jr. to first baseman Rizzo.

SEVENTH INNING
RED SOX — Abreu struck out, catcher Wells to first baseman Rizzo. Casas singled to right. Story homered to right on a 1-0 count. Casas scored. Rafaela struck out. Duran doubled to center. Devers grounded out, second baseman Torres to first baseman Rizzo.

YANKEES — Kelly pitching. Volpe walked on a full count. Verdugo walked on a full count. Volpe to second. Torres singled to left. Volpe scored. Verdugo to second. Booser pitching. Soto walked on four pitches. Verdugo to third. Torres to second. Judge homered to left on a 2-0 count. Verdugo scored. Torres scored. Soto scored. Wells struck out. Weissert pitching. Stanton grounded out, third baseman Devers to first baseman Casas. Chisholm Jr. singled to right. Chisholm Jr. was caught stealing, catcher Wong to shortstop Story, Chisholm Jr. out.



LUKE HALES/GETTY IMAGES

Trevor Story's first extra-base hit of the season was an opposite-field two-run homer in the seventh that briefly put the Red Sox up, 4-0, before the Yankees responded in the bottom half.

Judge a nightmare for Sox' dreams

►RED SOX
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marked the Sox' seventh-straight loss on the road. "I think this is solely on me."

No, it's not solely on Booser. After Tanner Houck was a late scratch, Richard Fitts delivered five scoreless frames for the Sox in just his second big league start after a shaky start that included three walks that loaded the bases in the first inning.

Yes, the Red Sox bats finally came alive enough to score some runs, backed by a Masataka Yoshida two-run shot off Yankees starter Clarke Schmidt in the sixth inning, snapping a scoreless tie for both clubs.

Trevor Story followed Yoshida in the top half of the seventh, blasting his own two-run shot, his first of the season since returning from shoulder surgery late last month.

"I think you see some emotion as I was rounding the bases," said Story. "Definitely took some time to appreciate that and just have that little moment."

Yet Story didn't have much time to appreciate the moment, because in the home half of the seventh, Zack Kelly imploded.

"It's a 4-0 lead with the eighth and ninth hitter up, and

we did throw strikes," said manager Alex Cora.

Anthony Volpe and Alex Verdugo both walked. Then leadoff man Gleyber Torres sneaked a single through the left side, scoring Volpe from second. Cora summoned Booser from the bullpen, and he walked Juan Soto on four pitches.

Subsequently, Judge launched his grand slam.

"I put [Booser] in that situation," said Kelly. "Tough situation for anybody. You know, he's been a workhorse for us this year. So my mentality is that the situation never should have happened in the first place. I take ownership of that. I don't blame any of it on anybody but myself."

The Sox have allowed nine grand slams this year. In contrast, they are tied for the fewest, with none of their own.

This one, however, hit like a fatal blow for the Sox.

"We [ran] ourselves into a corner with the best hitter in the American League," said Cora. "He did what he's been doing the whole season. Just a tough one. If you throw strikes and they get hits, it's [OK]. But we didn't do that."

The Sox didn't really give themselves a chance to make the

Yankees beat them.

"It's a tough one," added Story. "No getting around it. [Yoshida] got to Schmidt there early. Then, my home run later. It's just tough, man, tough game. That kind of stuff can happen in the big leagues. But we always have our guys back, though, Booser, and Kelly."

The Sox (74-74) didn't lose ground in their wild-card chase, remaining 4½ games behind the Twins for the final wild-card spot. Nevertheless, days are running out with just 14 games remaining.

"It's up there with some of them," said Cora on where this loss ranks in terms of crushing defeats. "But then you look up and you're like, 'Man, how?' right? I mean, I hate to say it, but it's still there for us. We just got to win a few games and make it interesting next week. Are there other teams that are playing better than us? Yeah. Are there other teams that are playing just like us. Yeah, it's true."

What came true Friday night was the Sox' worst nightmare.

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Bullpen options for Cora are limited

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Many of the players had stunned looks as they sat at their lockers after the game. The clubhouse was so quiet that "New York, New York" could be heard playing in the Stadium through the door that leads to the field.

"It's a tough one," manager Alex Cora said.

After taking a 4-0 lead in the top of the seventh inning on Trevor Story's first home run of the season, Cora needed nine outs from the bullpen.

Justin Slaten, who pitched the sixth inning, wasn't part of the mix. He also wanted to stay away from using Chris Martin for a third consecutive game.

His first choice was Zack Kelley, who walked Anthony Volpe on six pitches then got ahead of Verdugo 0 and 2 before walking him.

"You have to throw strikes. You have to throw strikes," Cora said. "It's a 4-0 lead with the eighth and ninth hitter up. We've got to throw strikes."

Gleyber Torres singled to drive in a run. With Juan Soto up, Cora wanted a lefthander and went to Booser.

He didn't come close to the plate on any of his four pitches to Soto. Booser fell behind Judge 2 and 0 and the next pitch was finally a strike.

That Judge only hit 369 feet and not 569 feet was the only surprise.

Kelly and Booser took full accountability for their mistakes. That has become a running theme. The Sox bullpen has a 6.32 earned run average since the All-Star break along with 15 blown saves.

Blame Cora for his choices if you want. But it's not like he's ignoring many better ones.

That Fitts was denied his first major league victory was far down on the list of concerns. But he deserved better.

The 24-year-old righthander from Alabama was drafted by the Yankees in 2021. He didn't get into a minor league game until the following season but pitched well for two years.

The Red Sox noticed, and Fitts was one of the three pitch-



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Cam Booser reacts after giving up a game-turning grand slam to Aaron Judge during the seventh inning.

ing prospects they obtained from the Yankees for Verdugo. It was the most significant trade the old rivals had made in decades.

Verdugo has been a bust for the Yankees, but the Sox may be onto something with Fitts.

The rookie hadn't stepped foot in Yankee Stadium until Thursday and didn't expect to start Friday. He was a late replacement for Tanner Houck,

who was unable to go because of lingering shoulder issues.

Fitts found out during practice that he would start. He never imagined his first start at Yankee Stadium would be as a member of the Sox.

"I'm just super blessed and super thankful to have the opportunity to wear a Red Sox uniform now and hopefully for a long time to come," Fitts said.

For a few minutes, it looked as if Fitts might not get out of the first inning.

He retired the first two hitters then walked Judge, Austin Wells, and Giancarlo Stanton on 18 pitches. Fitts fell behind Jazz Chisholm 3 and 0 but came back to get a fly ball to center.

"That's something I don't want to do, walk three guys in the inning or walk three guys in general," Fitts said.

He put only two more hitters on base and ended his outing having retired 12 of 13.

Fitts has allowed two unearned runs over 10⅓ innings in his first two starts.

Maybe they should make the kid a reliever.

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Masataka Yoshida broke a scoreless tie in the sixth inning with a 408-foot two-run home run to right-center, his 10th blast of the season and first since Aug. 19.

Yankees vs. Red Sox is not simple choice

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2018 Red Sox as Aaron Judge has to Horace Clarke.

Two weeks from now the Yankees will finish over .500 for the 32nd consecutive season. Think about that. They haven't been under .500 since 1992.

The Red Sox, on the other hand, have finished in last place in six of the last 12 seasons. They are teetering at .500 (74-74) and still have a (remote) chance to finish last again this year.

Which team would you rather follow? Right now.

If you love to taunt the Yankees with "it's all about championships" and feel good about the Sox' 4-1 margin since 2000, remember the Yankees can dial the clock back to 1996 and remind you that they're ahead, 5-4, over the last 28 seasons. If you want to go back to creation, it's 27-9, Yankees. So don't play that game, Boston.

The 2024 Yankees have MLB's second-highest payroll at \$308 million. The Sox are at \$189 million and falling fast. The Yankees last winter traded for Juan Soto (\$31 million) who has hit 39 homers and knocked in 101 runs. The Sox signed free agent Lucas Giolito, who had Tommy John surgery in spring training.

The Yankees at the '24 trading deadline came away with Miami's Jazz Chisolm Jr., who has 22 homers and reminds us of Mickey Rivers. He looks like an everyday player for the next decade. The Sox came away from the deadline with three pitchers who were on the injured list within four weeks. And backup catcher Danny Jansen (.211).

New York's best player is Aaron Judge (.321, 52, 130), a team leader and an MVP in every way, who put the Yankees in front for good Friday with a seventh-inning grand slam. The Sox' best player is Devers. Or maybe Jarren Duran.

The Sox have a raft of young, talented position players (Ceddanne Rafaela, Willyer Abreu, Romany Anthony, Marcelo Mayer — to name just a few) learning their craft in the bigs and at Triple A. The Yankees have a second-year everyday shortstop (Anthony Volpe), perhaps the Rookie of the Year in catcher Austin Wells, and (they believe) a future star in outfielder Jasson Dominguez.

Pitching and defense are the Red Sox' big problems and it's hard to see things getting better unless the Sox trade for mound help, or buy pitching during the offseason. The Yankees have developed enough pitchers to the point where they just moved Marcus Stroman (10-8, 4.07) to the bullpen.

So how could a Sox fan feel better about his or her team than a Yankee fan?

Perhaps it's the everlasting power of 2004 that fuels this satisfaction. The Sox comeback against the Yankees — the greatest sports story ever told — came at the expense of the Yankees. And it never gets old.

We are coming up on the 20th anniversary of this Biblical event. Get ready for Kevin Millar coming to a studio near you. Netflix just announced an Oct. 23 release for a three-part documentary, "The Comeback: 2004 Boston Red Sox," produced by Meadowlark Media and brothers Colin and Nick Barnicle.

The documentary is bound to be the feel-good event of the year in Red Sox Nation and fans are already salivating at the prospect of re-living Jason Varitek stuffing his mitt into ARod's face.

"I'm a sports fan," Yankee manager Aaron Boone said Thursday. "Hearing the stories over the years of people, whatever side of the ledger they were on, that have an intimate, memorable story about it. That's been neat."

Enjoy the doc, New England fans. It might be your only comfort if the Yankees play in the World Series, then lock up Soto for life, while the Boston brass pledges "full throttle," then checks to see if members of the '24 White Sox are willing to work for low wages in 2025.

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Is BC ready for the SEC spotlight?

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With each milestone, Boston College football is inching closer toward what the Eagles hope will become an era defined by consistent national relevance.

The hiring of coach Bill O'Brien provided a jolt. The win over No. 10 Florida State made a statement. The beatdown of Duquesne and ensuing No. 24 ranking in the Associated Press poll offered validation.

"It's the most I've seen people engaged," BC wide receiver Lewis Bond said. "I go to class, walk on campus, everybody's engaged, wearing the gold shirts. It's pretty cool to see."

At the same time, the Eagles understand they've played only two games. While they appreciate their first Top 25 ranking since 2018, they're far more concerned with where they end up in the poll.

"Twenty-four? That's fantastic," said O'Brien. "I think it's great for BC, but that's really not our focus at all."

Their most significant test yet comes Saturday when they face No. 6 Missouri on the road. The Eagles are vying for their first victory in a Top 25 matchup since 2007, when Matt Ryan fueled them past Clemson.

They're also looking to beat two Top-0 teams in the same season for the first time in program history.

"This is the best team we've played, no question about it," O'Brien said. "Probably the best team we've played, BC-wise, in a couple of years, to be honest with you. It's going to be a big challenge."

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Here are four factors that could determine the outcome:

1. Can Thomas Castellanos continue his upward trajectory?

BC leads the nation in passing efficiency, thanks to the improved decision-making of its quarterback.

Castellanos is 19 of 26 (73.1 percent) for 340 yards, with 6 touchdowns and no interceptions. While he's always a threat on the ground, his consistency in the air is a major reason for the early success. Castellanos is Pro Football Focus's third-highest-rated quarterback in the nation.

"It's really been unreal," right tackle Ozzy Trapilo said. "I'm sure people on the outside are able to notice, too, but being on the inside, it's amazing. He's really put in the time, so props to him."

Castellanos is operating under a mind-set in which doing less can often yield more. Then, when the game-changing throws are there — such as a 72-yard bomb to Reed Harris or a 49-yard back-shoulder throw to Bond — he's delivering precise passes.

Against a powerful Missouri defense that ranks first in passing yards allowed per game (41), has forced three turnovers, and hasn't allowed a point this season, decision-making will be even more critical. Sustaining methodical drives, and keeping the Tigers off the field, will be imperative.

2. Can BC contain wide receiver

Luther Burden III?

O'Brien said Missouri has three or four possible NFL-bound receivers. It's no secret that Burden is a go-to target for dual-threat quarterback Brady Cook.

Burden, a 5-foot-11-inch, 208-pound junior, has 138 catches for 1,651 yards and 16 touchdowns in two-plus seasons. O'Brien likened Burden to Bengals star Ja'Marr Chase.

"He's probably the best receiver in the country," O'Brien said.

BC strong safety KP Price acknowledged Burden's skill set, but he made it clear the Eagles aren't intimidated.

"It's a good matchup to go against," Price said. "But at the end of the day, it's a faceless opponent."

3. Can BC continue to dominate the trenches?

BC overwhelmed Florida State's highly touted defensive line and outmatched its offensive line in Week 1. The Eagles then took care of business against Duquesne, overpowering the Dukes up front.

The Eagles are fourth in the nation in third-down defense. They're also seventh in rushing defense (40.5 yards per game) after finishing 118th (187.9) a season ago.

"We have to continue to stop the run," defensive tackle George Rooks said. "Play well on first and second down, then on third down get after it."

BC also is ninth in the nation in rushing offense (282.5). It's a small sample size, but it does illuminate a larger trend. BC is at its best when it's dominating possession and wearing the opposition down.

"Playing a defensive line of this caliber is going to make us all better," Trapilo said. "We're going to see moves that are high-quality, NFL-level moves. It's good for the whole O-line."

4. Can BC handle the atmosphere and expectations?

This is the only matchup between ranked teams Saturday. While more pressure is on Missouri, BC has something to prove.

The Eagles have a chance to show their ranking isn't a fluke, that they belong among the elite. Keep in mind: BC did beat Missouri, 41-34, in overtime in 2021, and many players on this team were on the roster then.

"The only other time I've played an SEC school, we beat them," Bond said. "I don't see them as anything but a football team. They're another football team on the schedule we have to play."

The Eagles' last nonconference win in a ranked matchup came in 1993. They last visited an SEC opponent for a regular-season game in 1988. They haven't earned a regular-season road win over an SEC team since 1984.

The place is going to be loud. It will feel like a playoff game. The Eagles, who dazzled in a similar environment at Florida State, expect to leave with another signature triumph.

"We always believe in ourselves," Bond said. "There's no game we're going into thinking that we're going to lose."

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Brissett starts, but Maye still getting his reps

By Nicole Yang
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FOXBOROUGH — A usual practice split for quarterbacks is 95 percent of first-team reps to the starter and 5 percent to the backup, according to Patriots coach Jerod Mayo.

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In New England, however, the split looks a little different.

Mayo said Friday that veteran Jacoby Brissett takes 70 percent of the first-team reps, which leaves 30 percent for rookie Drake Maye. The atypical division is part of the ongoing effort to facilitate Maye's development, even as Brissett serves as the starter.

"We have a quarterback in the wings that needs to continue to develop," Mayo said. "I guess the struggle is, how do you get your starting quarterback prepared for the game and also continue to develop the guy in the background, which is Drake. So it is like a 70-30 split."

When Mayo announced Brissett as the starter for this season, he stressed the importance of still prioritizing Maye's growth and building off training camp. In addition to taking practice reps with the first team, Maye works with the scout team and with virtual reality technology.

Offensive coordinator Alex Van Pelt noted Thursday there are still plenty of opportunities for Maye to keep learning, whether in the meeting room, on the practice field, at home, or on the sideline. The Patriots continue to sound pleased with Maye's progress.

"He's doing a good job," Mayo said. "You can see his confidence continuing to grow."

Mayo and Van Pelt also credited Brissett for how he has handled the situation, including ceding a portion of his reps. Since the Patriots signed Brissett to a one-year deal in March, his professionalism and mentorship have received consistent praise.

"He understands that we drafted Drake as the No. 3 pick in the draft, and, looking out the front windshield, at some point in time — I don't know when that time will come — he'll have to go out there and play," Mayo said.

"Just seeing the relationship in the quarterback room has been special for me. It is very hard. When we talk about checking your ego at the door, I would say that Jacoby is one of those



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Patriots coach Jerod Mayo said Drake Maye (right) gets about 30 percent of the first-team reps in practice even though Jacoby Brissett (left) is the starting quarterback.

guy that is egoless. He wants to do what's best for the team."

Baker's turn will come

Rookie Javon Baker was a healthy scratch in the season opener, but wide receivers coach Tyler Hughes expressed optimism that he will have a role.

"I think he's on schedule in terms of his development, in terms of where he's at," Hughes said. "I think we'll see him more and more as the season goes on."

"Obviously, he's got to continue to earn those opportunities. When he gets them, he'll have to make something happen within those."

Baker, whom the Patriots drafted in the fourth round, flashed his big-play ability at the start of training camp, but struggled with dropping passes — an issue for him during college as well — by the end of the summer.

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will look to disrupt that.

2. DeMario Douglas's touches

The Patriots struggled to get Douglas involved last week. He had two catches for 12 yards. It was the least productive game, in terms of yardage, in his young career.

"I think it's just kind of how it developed as the game went on," Patriots wide receivers coach Tyler Hughes said. "We had a few things where he was a part of the call, the primary, secondary part of the read that maybe it got to the primary guy before it got to him."

"But I think he's a guy that obviously we want to continue to utilize as the season goes on. He has a unique skill set."

Douglas's speed could be a factor in this game. He has the shiftiness to make defenders miss in the open field and the explosiveness to make big plays.

However, none of that happens without the ball in his hands.

3. Will Christian Gonzalez shadow DK Metcalf?

Gonzalez told reporters last week that going against top receivers is what he dreams about.

Gonzalez followed Ja'Marr Chase around the field last week and fared well against the Cincinnati star, who finished with six catches for 63 yards.

Will the 6-foot-1-inch, 205-pound Gonzalez have a similar assignment against the 6-4, 235-pound Metcalf?

Metcalf had just three catches for 29 yards on four targets against Patrick Surtain II and the Broncos last week. Surtain lined up against Metcalf on 24 of his 25 routes, according to Next Gen Stats.

4. Jacoby Brissett's mobility

Nix led the Broncos in rushing against the Seahawks with five carries for 35 yards, which was not far

off the 32 yards Brissett had on seven carries against the Bengals.

Brissett's mobility surprised many, including Mayo, who joked about it.

"He went out there and he displayed a lot of things," Mayo said. "He's a tough guy that it really doesn't matter. I talk about pulling the nose up on the plane and he did that a few times and actually made a few plays with his legs, which was surprising because he's probably like the slowest Black quarterback in the league."

Brissett showed that he can gain a few yards in a pinch. He doesn't rely on his legs, but they could become important in a key moment.

5. Similarities to Baltimore's defense

First-year Seahawks coach Mike Macdonald spent nearly a decade on the Ravens' coaching staff and was defensive coordinator in 2022-23 before taking the Seattle job this

offseason.

Last year, Baltimore became the first team to lead the league in points allowed, sacks, and takeaways in the same season.

The personnel is different, but Mayo pointed out a few similarities between the defensive schemes of those Ravens and these Seahawks.

"Everyone is a threat," Mayo said. "When we talk about known rushers, it's really the unknown rushers that make that Baltimore defense special. You don't know who's coming. They drop out defensive ends."

"They do things that are very similar to some of the things that we do as well, the zone blitzing and protecting the deep part of the field. Historically they've always had a good defense, and they have a bunch of good players."

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Schools

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Plymouth South D engineers escape

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Facing a big, athletic Bridge-water-Raynham squad, Plymouth South had to empty the playbook to escape with a 28-27 nonleague win Friday night.

Darren Fruzzetti and the Panthers staff called the “Philly Special” in the second half to pick up a 2-point conversion, executed a misdirection play to spring Ben Frechette for a 10-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter, and recovered a squib kick to set up another fourth-quarter touchdown and 2-point conversion with just under two minutes remaining.

That almost wasn’t enough, as the Trojans (0-2) came right back with Jack Lambert hitting Will Porter Jr. for a 5-yard touchdown pass as time expired. When B-R went for 2 and the win, Fruzzetti said he was surprised to see a run play, and thrilled to see his defensive line hold up with Finnegan Burr and Sean Pomroy leading the charge.

“They were having their way in the passing game and I really thought they were going to throw,” said Fruzzetti. “This is a really good win for the kids.”

Max Arnold led the Panthers in rushing and the tailback took a handoff from Jack Horvath before flipping it to Tim Durocher for a 2-point conversion in the second quarter, tying the game at 14. Durocher excelled in the second game of his second season as a starter, including a deft head fake to spring Frechette wide open on a leak out for the 10-yard touchdown in the fourth.

After the Panthers recovered a squib kickoff, Durocher hit Robbie Anzalone down the sideline for a 40-yard gain to set up Arnold’s 5-yard rushing touchdown.

Masconomet 21, Billerica 19 — The Chieftains (2-0) were clinging to a 21-19 lead in the final minutes when the visiting Indians (0-1) started to march across midfield. Billerica completed a pass across the sticks on fourth and 11, but Chieftains junior linebacker Jack Fabiano came flying in to punch the ball away and seal the upset win.

“We kept preaching all week, that it wasn’t about the scoreboard at the end of the game,” said Masconomet coach Pat Sheehan.

Arbri Halilaj broke a 65-yard touchdown on a jet sweep to get the Chieftains on the board and Cal Wideman caught a pair of 25-yard receiving touchdowns from Drew Gustafson.

Walpole 21, Foxborough 18 — The No. 20 Wolves (1-1) bounced back from their blow-out loss to defending Division 2 champion King Philip with a narrow win over the defending Division 5 state champion Warriors (0-2) despite a few miscues on special teams.

Both of the Warriors second-half touchdowns came after mistakes from the Wolves punt team, but the defense came up clutch with Aiden Abate and Joe Malone combining for five sacks.

Wolves senior quarterback Noah Mackenzie completed 14 of 26 passes for 226 yards and totaled three touchdowns plus a 2-point conversion.

Abington 42, Apponequet 12 — Michael Reilly put on a show, tossing five touchdowns in a nonleague win for the Green Wave (1-1). Kingston Maxwell reeled in scores of 66, 5, and 30 yards.

Andover 27, Shrewsbury 17 — Senior captain Dominic Papa passed for 210 yards with touchdowns of 23 and 30 yards to Nick Ilsley, who also came up with an interception for the Golden Warriors (1-0) in their opener. Senior captain Will Dever led the defense with 10 tackles and a forced fumble.

Arlington 35, Brookline 7 — Oli Forest scored on runs of 50 and 7 yards and Ryan Scull scored TD runs of 30 and 3 yards for the host Spy Ponders (2-0).

Barnstable 10, Brockton 7 — Kyle Coffin scampered in from 10 yards out for the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter, propelling the No. 15 Redhaws (2-0) to a stunning nonleague triumph. Josh Ferguson

set up the winner with his 70-yard interception return with 40 seconds left.

BC High 32, Fairhaven 14 — Carter Carroll threaded a 50-yard TD pass to Gavin Barth in the fourth quarter and Brenden Ryan scored on rushes of 20 and 24 yards as the No. 6 Eagles (2-0) pulled away for the nonleague win. Justin Marques scored twice for Fairhaven.

Bishop Feehan 19, Chelmsford 13 — Owen Mordas threw for touchdown passes of 7, 24, and 79 yards in a nonleague triumph for the Shamrocks (1-1). Ryan Hart punched in a pair of 1-yard scores for the Lions (1-1).

Cathedral 55, Arlington Catholic 25 — Xavier Roman tossed five TD passes in a Catholic Central League win for the Panthers (1-0). Ta’Qaire Bell caught three touchdowns and Asa Monteiro received the other two from Roman.

Hanover 35, Hingham 18 — Tyler Vincent tossed four touchdown passes, including three to Ben Johnson, and finished with 242 passing yards for the Hawks (2-0) in the Patriot League victory.

Holliston 14, Middleborough 6 — Junior Austin Rodenhiser reeled in a 40-yard touchdown catch and amassed 50 yards on the ground, in addition to 10 tackles and an interception in a nonleague win for the Panthers (1-1). First-year coach Mike Yurof secured his inaugural victory.

Milton 35, Central High (R.I.) 0 — Junior quarterback Pat Collins tossed TD passes of 10, 11, and 69 yards, and ran for scores of 6 and 13 yards for the host Wildcats (1-1) in the nonleague win. Harrison Hinckle caught the first Collins touchdown pass, and junior Ronan Sammon hauled in the final two.

O’Bryant 36, Roxbury Prep 6 — Senior quarterback Keyshon Wright threw TDs of 5 and 35 yards and scored on a 1-yard keeper for the Tigers (1-0) in their nonleague win.

Peabody 27, Winchester 20 — Luke Maglione completed 18 of 20 passes for 202 yards and totaled four touchdowns (2 passing, 2 rushing) to lift the Tanners (2-0) in a narrow nonleague win.

Scituate 41, Whitman-Hanson 7 — Jonny Donovan completed 14 of 15 passes for 203 yards and three touchdowns and added a rushing touchdown for the No. 13 Sailors (2-0) in the Patriot League triumph. Lawson Foley caught eight passes for 108 yards and a pair of touchdowns for Scituate.

Shawsheen 48, Belmont 0 — Senior whiz Sid Tildsley rattled off back-to-back punt returns of 90 and 60 yards and also tossed an 18-yard TD pass to Dyllon Pratt to propel the visiting Rams (2-0) to the nonleague win.

St. John’s Prep 42, Londonderry (N.H.) 14 — Freshman quarterback Chris Vargas threw for 164 yards and two touchdowns in a nonleague win for the second-ranked Eagles (2-0).

St. Mary’s 27, KIPP Academy 6 — Sophomore Rowan Merryman scored a pair of touchdowns to lead the Spartans (2-0) to the nonleague win.

Triton 30, Amesbury 22 — Jayden Torres ran through the entire defense, powering past the pylon for a 36-yard touchdown, his third rushing score of the game, with 48 seconds remaining to lift the Vikings (2-0) to a Cape Ann League triumph.

Westford 14, Lowell 0 — Quinn Reynolds reeled in a 16-yard touchdown from Alex Wilson and Wilson later called his own number from 5 yards out as the Ghosts (1-0) picked up a win.

Weston 27, Latin Academy 14 — A 40-yard Dom Rivard rushing touchdown in the first quarter was the catalyst for the Wildcats (2-0) in the nonleague win.

Weymouth 47, Westwood 12 — Cam Aieta rushed for touchdowns of 3, 4, and 44 yards, Amahri Gomes rushed for two touchdowns (4 and 24 yards), and Tyler Munchbach added a 10-yard touchdown run as the Wildcats (2-0) rolled.

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Stephen Rocamboli (right) celebrates his 33-yard pick-6 with Needham teammate Louis Antonine in a 20-7 win at Natick.

Rocamboli, Needham roll against Natick

By AJ Traub
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Needham 20 Natick 7 — In a span of three plays in the second quarter, Stephen Rocamboli put up all the points the Needham football team would need Friday night to secure its 20-7 victory over Natick at Memorial Field.

The senior broke through on a 17-yard touchdown run, then nabbed another on a 33-yard interception return.

Rocamboli’s second and third career touchdowns opened the scoring with emphasis, bringing all the momentum the No. 5 Rockets would need in their second Bay State Conference victory in as many games to open the season.

“The kid is special,” Needham coach Doug Kopcsco said of Rocamboli, a 5-foot-8-inch, 180-pounder who also made several key tackles. “This year, he’s coming out into his own. He’s been a phenomenal player for us . . . He plays like he’s 6-feet [tall], but he’s a smaller guy . . . We couldn’t be more fortunate to have him on the team.”

The Rockets made small gains on the ground for most of the first half, until senior Brandt Bickford racked up a 19-yard carry following a Natick fumble. On the next play, Rocamboli had a clear path to the end zone on his 17-yard TD run.

Natick quarterback Jesse Gagliardi kept the ball for a short gain to start the next possession for the No. 19 Redhaws, but Rocamboli made a perfect read on Gagliardi on second down, picking off the short pass to the right for a pick-6 that gave Needham a 14-0 lead with less than

six minutes left in the first half.

“The week before [in a season-opening 24-0 win against Milton], I had the exact same play, but it went right through my hands and I dropped it,” Rocamboli said. “This week, I knew I had to come back out and get it again. They ran the same play on the other side, I was like, ‘That’s coming right here.’ Got it, caught it this time, and ran to the house.”

The Redhaws (1-1) responded with 2:08 left in the fourth quarter on Gagliardi’s 18-yard completion to senior James Perrier, who made a one-handed snare in the end zone.

With just over a minute left, and facing a third-and-10 attempt, Needham running back Aidan Williams, a 6-2, 215-pound senior, rushed for 106 yards and put the game on ice when he ran for a 48-yard touchdown.

“It had been a grind all day to get yards,” said Williams, a Lehigh commit. “That’s a tough Natick defense right there. I was just thinking, ‘Don’t fumble, don’t fumble, don’t fumble,’ and then I saw a cutback open and I was just like, ‘Keep that going, hold onto the ball.’”

Road wins at Natick have not been common for Needham, and Kopcsco hopes earning a close win will help the Rockets remain on an upward trajectory.

“I like gritty games,” Kopcsco said. “I’m not used to all these great athletes, all these great people . . . I’m [of] the underdog mentality.”

“To watch how they have not only played off of their athleticism, but played off their grit, it’s going to propel them to new heights each week.”

Marshfield has Brilliant second half

By Tyler Amaral
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Marshfield 31 Methuen 23 — M A R S H - F I E L D — Jake Brilliant and ninth-ranked Marshfield never panicked despite falling into an early 20-0 hole against No. 10 Methuen.

Brilliant scored three second-half touchdowns to propel the Rams to a thrilling 31-23 comeback win in a nonleague match-up Friday night at James G. Anderson Field.

“Our coaches just bury it in our heads: ‘Never give up,’” said Brilliant. “Keep going, keep sticking to the plan and keep playing your role.”

Brilliant scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 36-yard strike from senior quarterback Tor Maas with just under eight minutes left in the game.

“We’re never panicking” said Maas. “We’re conditioned. We’re ready to go. The other team’s gassed. We come out hot in the second and [Brilliant] is ready to roll every time.”

The game-winning drive was set up by a Jameson Bongiolatti interception to halt a promising Methuen drive.



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Davin True provided the only TD for Marshfield in the second quarter with a 9-yard rush but he got the ball rolling.

Bongiolatti’s interception was sandwiched between a pair of Maas-to-Brilliant TD connections.

With less than three minutes left in the third quarter, Maas (15 of 23, 193 yards, 2 touchdowns) connected with Brilliant (5 catches, 120 yards) on a 42-

yard touchdown pass that tied the game at 23.

Brilliant scored his first touchdown on a jet sweep from 1-yard out to swing the momentum in Marshfield’s favor early in the third quarter.

A long Bongiolatti kickoff return put Marshfield (1-1) in

striking distance.

The game took a 180-degree turn in Marshfield’s favor shortly after the first quarter ended.

The first 12-plus minutes were dominated by visiting Methuen (1-1) and Shane Eason, who totaled 224 yards from scrimmage and scored three touchdowns in the first 12:13 of action.

“We’d read it right and had [Eason] in the hole, but he’d a pull a spin move and get out of it” said Marshfield head coach Chris Arouca. “He’s one of the best high school running backs I’ve seen in a long time.”

From that point forward, Marshfield defense stiffened and held Methuen to a 30-yard field goal by Hicham Aboutoui for the remainder of the game.

“[Methuen] has beaten us three years in a row” said Marshfield senior captain Will Devine. “We wanted the win and all of us fought really hard.”

Marshfield’s first score came on a 9-yard touchdown run by senior captain Davin True.

“While we’re doing it, the conditioning is never fun, but it pays off in these games” said Maas.

No. 7 Duxbury dominates with precision

By Trevor Hass
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Duxbury 21 Mansfield 0 — D U X B U R Y — Entering Friday’s showdown, Duxbury players and coaches were well aware that Mansfield had hung 45 points on perennial power Everett a week ago.

The Dragons believed that if they worked the clock and systematically kept the Hornets’ offense off the field, they could maximize their odds and dictate the trajectory of the game.

The plan worked to perfection, as seventh-ranked Duxbury dominated possession en route to a convincing, 21-0, triumph.

“We’re Duxbury football,” senior quarterback Trevor Hass said. “We want to smash them in their mouth.”

Jones fueled the Dragons (2-0) with two rushing touchdowns and masterfully orchestrated demoralizing drives alongside fellow quarterback Brady Rhinesmith.

Duxbury began the night with a 16-play, 80-yard drive that spanned nearly 10 minutes, capped by a 7-yard Jones touchdown scamper.

Cole Barberia and Charlie Martin combined for a sack to force a punt, as the No. 11 Hornets (1-1) had trouble generating any rhythm offensively.

Duxbury preserved its 7-0 lead through one quarter, then Jones intercepted a pass in the end zone to set up a 15-play, 80-yard drive. Rhinesmith found senior Jack Sovik for a 1-yard TD with three seconds left in the half on a gutsy call.

“Our passing game’s been building exponentially the past few weeks,” Sovik said. “They were able to trust us, and I came through with a big play because of my teammates.”

The Dragons took a 14-0 edge into halftime, then continued to dominate possession in the third. Riley Sigman and Mason Bordieri chipped in for the Hornets, but Mans-

field couldn’t capitalize in the rare instance it was in the red zone.

Jack Rees and Ian McNeil contributed offensively for Duxbury, and sophomore Cole Michelson added a timely interception midway through the fourth to pave the way for a 1-yard Jones plunge with 3:02 left to seal it.

“We were able to move the sticks consistently, but it wasn’t easy for us,” Duxbury coach Matt Landolfi said. “They put up a good fight. We were able to grind clock, and that was really beneficial.”

As for how his team could go from 45 points to zero in a week, Mansfield coach Mike Redding was as perplexed as spectators. He credited Duxbury for its scheme and execution, but he was also left wondering what could have been.

“We just never really got in synch,” Redding said.

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HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Seniors' outreach led to Norwell's growth

By Matty Wasserman

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

At the start of the offseason, Norwell girls' cross-country captains Hallie Robitaille and Meredith Cassidy were unsure who — if anyone — would be their teammates this fall.

The Clippers own a staggering 103-2 regular-season record in the 13-year tenure of Kelly Adams as head coach. But the program has faced an uphill battle with participation recently.

Two years ago, the team had just five active runners, and last season, not even a full lineup of runners showed up on the first day of practice — though there were nine by season's end.

With their respective senior seasons threatened by the dwindling numbers, Robitaille and Cassidy went to work recruiting others.

After a successful spring and summer of generating enthusiasm, the Clippers now field a roster of 12 runners.

The new lineup behind the two senior stalwarts is both youthful and talented, providing them with optimism for both this season and the future.

"I remember going into last year, I was so worried," said Robitaille. "I reached out to so many people over the [prior] summer, and we were so scared that we wouldn't have [enough runners]. Then to have this year, we show up at practice and there's 12 of us — it's crazy. It means so much to us to see that."

Led in part by Robitaille and Cassidy, the Clippers had a 7-0 run through the South Shore in 2023, and placed eighth at Division 3 All-States. Norwell is 2-0 thus far.

Norwell added sophomore Audrey Birtwell, who competed in winter track last season, and freshman Katherine Murray, both of whom are near the top of the lineup. The Clippers also return Liv Sowinski, who competed for part of last season as an eighth-grader, and senior Isa Carey, who was injured for most of last year.

"We've gone to All-States for the past two years, but we haven't been close to the championship," Cassidy said. "But I think this team, with some more training, is strong enough to win it."

The recruiting efforts is part of the broader strategy implemented by Adams and Chuck Martin, the longtime boys' coach, to generate interest.

Both coaches have worked to integrate their varsity programs with the middle school team, pitch the programs at open houses, and lobby track athletes to also participate in cross-country.

"It's so important that [both the coaches] and our captains spent a lot of time reaching out to incoming eighth-graders and freshmen, just through networking friends and family members to bring them in," Adams said.

"And we do a lot of team bonding and just really try to strengthen the connection between the girls' and the boys' teams, and as coaches, create a more of a sense of family."

Likewise, Robitaille and Cassidy have found success in emphasizing the team aspect of cross-country as a way to encourage participation from fellow athletes.

"I think it's sometimes a hard sell for people who aren't naturally inclined toward it," Cassidy said. "We both are trying to be as enthusiastic as possible. And if more



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Norwell senior captains Hallie Robitaille (No. 1046) and Meredith Cassidy (No. 1041) are largely responsible for filling the team's roster.

people join and put out the word that it's a really fun place, then their friends will be encouraged."

And while Robitaille and Cassidy are both encouraged by the possibilities for this year's squad, what is most important is passing down the team culture to young runners.

"When me and Meredith leave, I want them to carry that message with them, that running is not impossible," Robitaille said.

"This process has been hard, for me and Meredith, and also the coaches, with all those low numbers. But the feeling of how great it is to be on a really big team like this — I want that to keep going."

Setting the pace

After qualifying for All-States last year, St. John's Prep returns 11 of its top 12 runners and has made big strides in its quest to win the Catholic Conference and compete at the Division 1 All-State meet.

On Tuesday, the team passed its first test with a resounding 19-44 victory over Xaverian, propelled by senior Daniel Padley (first, 17:46) and junior Liam Mahoney (third, 17:54).

"I really couldn't [say] who our two through 10 runners are — not because we don't have good competition, but because we do have so many quality athletes who are running well right now," said second-year coach Rob O'Chander.

Another good sign? Sophomore Hunter Opal, new to the sport last fall, ran the best race of his life Tuesday (17:58).

"He's a very competitive athlete and desperately wants to do well," said O'Chander. "All that summer work has clearly paid off."

Sophomore Mateo DeOrto, who ran a 17:04 last season, will soon return from illness.

St. John's Prep's next test will be Oct. 1, facing Catholic Conference rival BC High.

On Tuesday, Woburn senior Jonathan Pereira won his first race by setting a personal record in the 5K (16:19) against Wilmington, once eclipsing his best 3-mile time (16:24) from last year.

Pereira, who finished in the top 50 in last year's Division 1C Championship (17:59), looks to keep his momentum going strong as the Tanners face Reading in a Middlesex League matchup next week.

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Girls' Top 20

Table with 4 columns: No., Rec., Last, Name. Lists top 20 girls' cross-country runners from various schools like Wellesley, Weymouth, Needham, etc.

Boys' Top 20

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Table of school rankings for Field Hockey, Cape & Islands, Dual County, DUAL VALLEY, EL, HOCKOMOCK, INTER-HIGH, MERRIMACK VALLEY, MID-WACH, MIDDLESEX, NORTHEASTERN, PATRIOT, VALLEY, NONLEAGUE, GIRLS MERRIMACK VALLEY, VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS CAPE & ISLANDS, CAPE ANN, CATHOLIC CONFERENCE, CENTRAL, INTER-HIGH, MAYFLOWER, MERRIMACK VALLEY, MID-WACH, MIDDLESEX, NORTHEASTERN, SOUTH SHORE, SOUTHERN, TRI-VALLEY, NONLEAGUE, MASCAC, NEWMAC, MIDWEST, and TRIPLE-A INTERNATIONAL.

Schools

Table of school rankings for KURTY-FIELDING, NORTHEASTERN, PIONEER SOUTH COAST, SOUTH SHORE, NONLEAGUE, INTER-HIGH, MERRIMACK VALLEY, VOLLEYBALL, GIRLS CAPE & ISLANDS, CAPE ANN, CATHOLIC CONFERENCE, CENTRAL, INTER-HIGH, MAYFLOWER, MERRIMACK VALLEY, MID-WACH, MIDDLESEX, NORTHEASTERN, SOUTH SHORE, SOUTHERN, TRI-VALLEY, NONLEAGUE, MASCAC, NEWMAC, MIDWEST, and TRIPLE-A INTERNATIONAL.

Scoreboard

Scoreboard table showing sports events for SAT (9/14), SUN (9/15), MON (9/16), TUE (9/17), WED (9/18), THU (9/19), and FRI (9/20). Includes logos for NY, SEA, and ORL.

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Table of radio and TV broadcasts for AUTO RACING, BASEBALL, COLLEGE FOOTBALL, FISHING, and COLLEGE FOOTBALL. Lists times, channels, and participating teams.

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GOLF

Golf broadcasts: 7 a.m. Solheim Cup (Golf); 1 p.m. LIV: Bolingbrook, Ill. (CW); 3 p.m. Solheim Cup (NBC); 6:30 p.m. PGA: Procore Championship (Golf); 10 p.m. Champions: Sanford Int'l (tape) (Golf)

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Men's soccer broadcasts: 7:30 a.m. Premier: Man. U at Southampton (USA); 9 a.m. Serie A: Bologna at Como (CBSN); 10 a.m. Premier: Leicester at Crystal Palace (USA); 12:30 p.m. Premier: Everton at Aston Villa (NBC); 7:30 p.m. MLS: New England at Orlando (AppleTV)

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Women's soccer broadcasts: 7:30 p.m. NWSL: Angel City at Louisville (lon); 10 p.m. NWSL: San Diego at Utah (lon)

TENNIS

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PGA Procore Championship leaderboard table with columns for Name, W, L, Pct., GB.

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MLS Eastern Conference and Western Conference leaderboards with columns for Name, GP, W, D, L, Pts.

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NWSL Eastern and Western Conference leaderboards with columns for Name, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA.

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Of Revere, on Sept. 12th, after a brief illness, at 88 years. Beloved husband of the late Anita A. (Belmonte) Cassidy of 36 years. Loving son of the late Michael & Annie (O'Brien) Cassidy. Cherished brother of the late Frank Cassidy and his surviving wife Mary of Burlington and the late Marie A. MacDonald & her husband Daniel J. Also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, & grandnephews. Family & friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Sunday, Sept. 15th, from 3 to 6 pm, in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., REVERE. A Funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Monday, Sept. 16th, beginning at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church, 133 Beach St., REVERE at 11:00 a.m.. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Toby was a school teacher for the City of Revere for over 50 years. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to The Immaculate Conception School, 127 Winthrop Ave., Revere, MA 02151. For online condolences, please visit us at www.vertuciosmithvazza.com

GIBSON, Vernon L.



Age 74, of Hanover, passed away on September 9, 2024. He leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Margaret "Peggy" (Kelly) Gibson; his daughter and business partner, Kelly Lawrence and her husband, David of Norwell; his son, Matthew Gibson and his wife, Kelly (Harper) of Hanover; and his beloved dog, Rondo, who he took every weekend for a pup cup at Starbucks. The family will receive friends at Sullivan Funeral Homes, 551 Washington St. Rte. 53, HANOVER, MA, on Sunday, September 15, from 1 to 5pm. A Funeral Service will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 17 Church Street, Hanover, on Monday, at 10am. Burial to follow at Hanover Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Vern's honor to "Tunnels to Towers Foundation" at <https://t2t.org/> For directions, an online guestbook and complete obituary, visit www.SullivanFuneralHomes.com

McCANN, Elaine



Of North Weymouth, formerly of Washington State, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2024, at the age of 99. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to greet the family during the Visiting Hours on Monday, September 16, 2024, from 11 AM to 12 PM, in the McDonald Keohane Funeral Home, SOUTH WEYMOUTH, at 809 Main Street (Rte. 18, opp. So. Shore Hospital). A Funeral Service will follow the Visiting Hours at 12 PM, followed by a Burial at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, at 2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675. See www.Keohane.com for full obituary, directions and online condolences.

Announcements

IRONWORKERS UNION LOCAL 7

We regret to announce the death of our Brother Edward F. Donovan, Jr., on Sunday, September 8, 2024.

Visiting Hours on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 4pm to 7pm, Hallett Funeral Home, 273 Station Avenue, South Yarmouth, MA 02664.

Funeral Service on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 10:30 AM, Hallett Funeral Home 273 Station Avenue, SOUTH YARMOUTH, MA 02664.

Burial to follow at Massachusetts National Cemetery. at 12:30 PM

Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends.

Frank Murray
President

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MELEEDY, Nancy Theresa (Matterazzo)



Of Whitman, Massachusetts, passed away on September 12, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was the wife of Edward J. Meleedy, Jr. for 63 years.

Nancy was predeceased by her great-grandson, Isaac; and her brother, Bernard. Nancy is survived by her husband of 63 years, Edward J. Meleedy, Jr.; her three daughters, Catherine Poulos, Mary Meleedy and Jacqueline Weber; seven grandchildren, Kourtney, Cynthia, David, Nicole, Elliott, Jennifer Rose and Gus; and eight great-grandchildren, Len, Thomas, Calvin, Sydney, Odette, Eloise, Desmond and Carl; and her brother, Joseph; and her sister, Donna.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Funeral Service on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, at the Blanchard Funeral Chapel, on Plymouth St. Route 58, at the Rotary in WHITMAN, MA. Mass to follow at Holy Ghost Church in Whitman, MA, at 10:30 AM. A Burial will be held at 1:30 PM, at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.

Arrangements by the Blanchard Funeral Chapel. For full obituary, online condolences and directions, please visit www.blanchardfc.com

POWERS, James "Jim" Francis



Jim, 79, of Basehor, Kansas, passed away peacefully at home, on August 8, 2024. Jim was born in Everett, Massachusetts on December 19, 1944, to Mary (Peddle) and William J. Powers. He had a long and successful career as a CPA in Massachusetts, before retiring and moving to Kansas to be closer to family. A loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Jim was married to Jeanne (Bedard) for 57 years. He was fiercely protective of his wife, Jeanne; and loved his children, Jeanne and Jim; their spouses Carl and Marcia; and grandchild, Sarah deeply. Preceded in death by his siblings, Doris and Billy; he will also be missed by his sister, Susanne Carbone; sister-in-law, Yvonne Martell; Michelle and Rob Carbone; and his many other nieces and nephews; his longtime business partner, Peter Mandragouras; and close family friends, Pat Cronin, Mike and Diana Thurlow and Darryl and Mary Bertsch. The family will hold a private Memorial at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the KU Endowment on behalf of the University of Kansas Medical Center.

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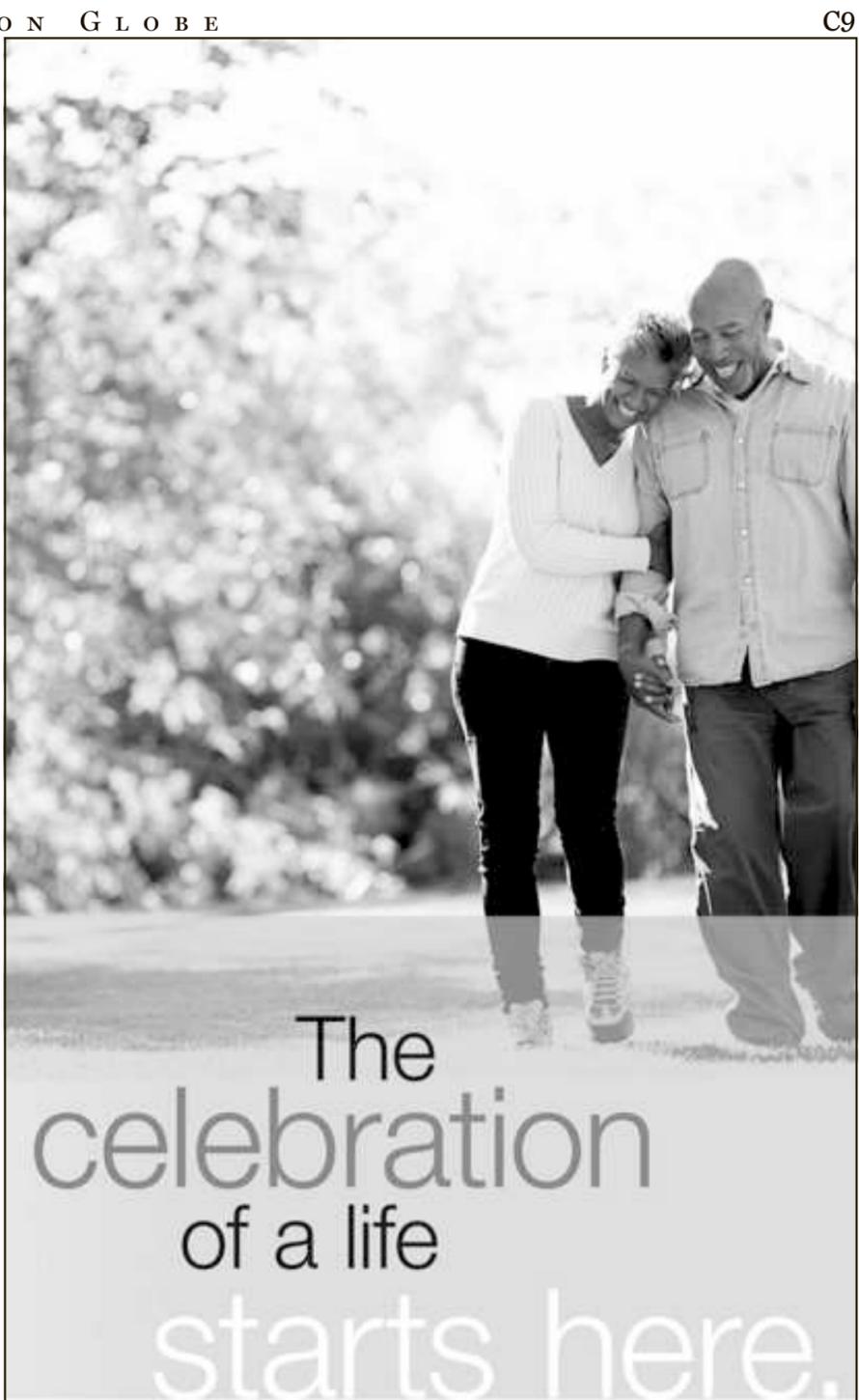
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Obituaries

Frankie Beverly, singer-songwriter for Maze, at 77

By Harrison Smith
ASHINGTON POST

Frankie Beverly, a singer-songwriter whose smooth baritone and exuberant soul-funk anthems — about love and harmony, joy and pain — helped make his band Maze one of the most enduring acts in R&B, died Tuesday. He was 77.

His family announced the death on social media but did not say where or how he died.

Mr. Beverly, who also produced and played guitar, was the founder and driving force behind Maze, a seven- and then eight-piece group that Ebony magazine once dubbed “Black America’s favorite band.”

Beginning in the late 1970s, they developed a reputation as an energetic live act and rose to the top of the R&B chart with songs that were later sampled by hip-hop artists including 50 Cent, Wale, and the New York duo Rob Base & DJ E-Z Rock. Mr. Beverly concluded a farewell tour with Maze earlier this year and made a guest appearance with the group at the San Jose Jazz Summer Fest in August.

While Maze never achieved the crossover success of Mr. Beverly’s musical lodestars Al Green and Marvin Gaye, synthesizer-laden songs such as “Love Is the Key,” “Southern Girl,” “Feel That You’re Feelin’,” and “Joy and Pain” became staples of R&B radio stations and decades of house parties. The band’s most enduring hit, the jubilant 1981 single “Before I Let Go,” peaked at No. 13 on the R&B chart and was later covered by Beyoncé.

“There isn’t a cookout, not a wedding or family reunion in Black America where you won’t hear” the song, Essence magazine declared in 2017.

The band’s sound combined Philly soul with a sense of laid-back California cool, reflecting Mr. Beverly’s 1971 move from his hometown of Philadelphia to the San Francisco Bay Area. It also seemed to draw from Mr. Beverly’s childhood, in which he sang hymns and gospel songs at a Baptist church where his father was a deacon.

Wearing a ball cap and all-white outfit at concerts, Mr. Beverly seemed to adopt the persona of a secular preacher, urging listeners not to “judge a book by its cover” (“Color Blind”), asking why “we try and make each other sad” when “we could all be having so much fun” (“We Are



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Frankie Beverly (right) shown performing with Maze in New Orleans in July 2009.

One”), and wishing “happy feelings” on his audience in a song of that same name.

“Maze means magic and love,” he told Ebony in 1984. “Everybody is in this maze of life together — people of all types, colors and ages.”

The son of a truck driver and homemaker, he was born Howard Stanley Beverly in Philadelphia on Dec. 6, 1946. He changed his name to Frankie around 12, when he heard Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers, the doo-wop act behind “Why Do Fools Fall in Love.”

By his own account, Mr. Beverly began performing professionally around that same time, touring on the East Coast as a singer with the Silhouettes. “They lost their lead singer and a couple of the guys in the group were from my neighborhood,” he recalled in an online biography. “They’d heard that I could sing like Frankie Lymon and the next thing I knew, they were at my house asking my parents if I could go on the road with them.”

Mr. Beverly started a few doo-wop groups of his own, including an outfit called the Butlers that recorded for one of producer Kenneth Gamble’s early labels. But after hearing the soul and funk-inflected rock of Sly and the Family Stone, he started playing guitar and keyboards, renamed his band Raw Soul, and took the group west.

They joined the burgeoning San Francisco music scene with little success. As Mr. Beverly later remembered, he “learned to cook potatoes 15 different ways” and struggled to pay rent until Gaye’s sister-in-law caught one of Raw Soul’s performances and brought the band to the Motown singer’s attention.

Gaye invited them to open for him on tour in 1976, helped the group land a record deal with Capitol, and called Mr. Beverly into the studio for help on the 1977 chart-topper “Got to Give It Up.”

Gaye also persuaded the band to change its name. They landed on Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly. “I was looking for a one-syllable name, and Maze really attracted me because it is a puzzle,” Mr. Beverly told Jet. “I never saw us as just an R&B group or just a pop group either. It’s not easy to tag us.”

The name served as the title of their 1977 debut, which sold more than half a million copies and featured a memorable album cover that became the group’s logo — an illustration of a seven-finger hand, with each digit representing a member of the band. Mr. Beverly said he was the thumb.

The group went on to release seven more studio albums, including the R&B chart-toppers “Can’t Stop the Love” (1985) and

“Silky Soul” (1989), and continued to fill theaters and arenas decades after the release of their last studio record, “Back to Basics” (1993). At the Essence Music Festival in New Orleans, they performed as the closing act for 15 straight years.

“The band’s shows are rehearsed rituals,” New York Times music critic Ben Ratliff wrote in 2009, “working up to a rare and special audience feeling: deep, sentient serenity, not the usual kind of lose-yourself pop catharsis. ... The songs slow the heart rate, establish hypnosis and spread altruism. They don’t take you to the other side of consciousness, or make you forget where you parked. But that’s all right.”

Mr. Beverly, who seldom discussed his private life, had a longtime relationship with San Francisco news anchor Pam Moore. He was sometimes joined onstage by his son Anthony, a drummer. Information on survivors was not immediately available.

In the band’s early years, Mr. Beverly said, he was often frustrated that Maze never found crossover success. Over time, however, he seemed to believe that the band’s niche status and loyal fan base gave it a certain kind of protection, enabling it to continue performing its brand of old-school R&B even as hip-hop came to dominate the charts.

Rebecca Horn, enigmatic artist with theatrical flair

By Will Heinrich
NEW YORK TIMES

Rebecca Horn, an artist who channeled theatrical flair, a distinctive if paradoxically self-serious sense of humor, and an undertone of dread into sculpture, performance, drawing, poetry, and film, died Sept. 6 at her home in Bad König, Germany. She was 80.

Her gallerist in New York, Sean Kelly, confirmed her death, saying her health had been in decline since she had a stroke in 2015.

One of Ms. Horn’s best-known pieces was “Einhorn,” or “Unicorn” (1970), which she conceived while she was at art school in Hamburg. At once a sculpture, a costume, a performance and, perhaps not least, a joke but suggestive play on the artist’s own name, it comprised a straight white wooden horn with a flared base connected to a white fabric harness. Ms. Horn once persuaded a tall female classmate to spend the day walking through the countryside wearing the horn and harness and nothing else.

In an interview that appeared in the catalog for her 1993 survey at the Guggenheim Museum in New York, Ms. Horn recalled that two hunters passing by the performance on bicycles “literally fell off in disbelief.”

After “Unicorn,” Ms. Horn made other surreal, unnerving body-modification sculptures, like a pair of extended balsa-wood “Finger Gloves”; masks made of feathers; and a BDSM-style mask covered in pencils. She made kinetic sculptures, like an apparently exploding upside-down piano (“Concert for Anarchy”); directed feature films, including a comedy, starring Donald Sutherland, about a woman obsessed with Buster Keaton (“Buster’s Bedroom,” 1991); produced stylish constructions of mirrors and twigs; and made wistful, abstract mixed-media drawings.

In 1987, when she was commissioned to make an artwork in Münster, in northwest Germany, Ms. Horn took over a brick tower that had been used by the Gestapo as a torture chamber during World War II and installed 40 mechanized silver hammers that, in her words, banged on the walls

“like a communication from the past.”

Just a brief list of her titles suggests her sensibility: “Pendulum With Emu Egg,” “Overflowing Blood Machine,” “Kiss of the Rhinoceros.”

Reviewing Ms. Horn’s 1990 show, “Diving Through Buster’s Bedroom,” at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles — her first substantial introduction to an American public — Michael Brenson of The New York Times counted her among the postwar German artists “whose work throbs with the memory of Nazi cruelty and torture,” but added that she was probably the only one “whose shows sometimes seem like stand-up comedy acts.”

Rebecca Horn was born on March 24, 1944, in Michelstadt, Germany. She had several older siblings but apparently has no survivors.

Her parents owned a small complex of textile factories in nearby Bad König, which Ms. Horn later converted into studio and exhibition spaces.

Ms. Horn wasn’t typically forthcoming about her personal life. “When I am asked for my biography and data,” she explained in the Guggenheim catalog, “I always say, ‘R. Horn is traveling.’”

Asked how she got started, she mentioned “an uncle who was a painter and seemed to live a very exotic and colorful life” and a Romanian governess who taught her to draw.

Ms. Horn briefly studied economics before enrolling, much to her father’s disapproval, at the University of Fine Arts in Hamburg.

In about 1967, while making large sculptures out of polyester and fiberglass — which is dangerous when inhaled — without wearing a mask, Ms. Horn injured her lungs so severely that she had to spend a year in a sanitarium. She had pulmonary problems for the rest of her life.

It was while recuperating that she became interested in the artistic possibilities of the human body and began sewing costumes.

Among other prizes, Ms. Horn was presented in 2010 with a Praemium Imperiale, an annual international art award bestowed by the Japan Art Association in Tokyo.

Scott Simon, 75, longtime Sha Na Na keyboardist

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Screamin’ Scott Simon, who as the dynamic keyboardist for the rock ‘n’ roll revival act Sha Na Na regularly paid homage to Jerry Lee Lewis with electrifying versions of “Great Balls of Fire” and “Whole Lotta Shakin’ Goin’ On” — and who also played a vital behind-the-scenes role as the band’s managing partner — died Sept. 5 in Ojai, Calif. He was 75.

His daughter Nina Simon said he died of sinus cancer while in hospice care.

Scott Simon joined Sha Na Na in 1970, a year after the group was formed, and stayed until the group’s final performance, shortly before the coronavirus lockdown in 2020.

As both a pianist and a singer, he brought his own theatricality to a group dedicated to turning doo-wop and early rock ‘n’ roll songs into dramatic versions of the originals.

Wearing brightly colored shirts festooned with images of piano keys and musical notes, he played the piano on “Great Balls of Fire” partly from his knees, sometimes from his bench and occasionally with his feet. He sang the Bobby Darin hit “Splish Splash” in a bathtub, wearing a sleeveless T-shirt, boxer shorts and a towel while plinking a toy piano.

Mr. Simon wrote some songs that appeared on Sha Na Na’s albums, but his best-known composition was “Sandy,” from the 1978 movie version of the Broadway musical “Grease,” for which he wrote the lyrics and Louis St. Louis wrote the music. It was sung by a lovesick Danny Zuko (played by John Travolta) about his girlfriend (Olivia Newton-John).

Jon Bauman, known as Bowzer — the band’s greaser lead

character and bass singer — recalled that he and Mr. Simon were devoted to “different sides of the spectrum” of reviving the rock music of the 1950s and early ‘60s.

In addition to piano, Mr. Simon played electronic keyboard, guitar, banjo, and harmonica. In his role as managing partner, he also booked dates, wrote the set lists, and dealt with the logistics of sending a 10-man group on the road.

Scott Jared Simon was born Dec. 9, 1948, in Kansas City, Mo. His father, Kenneth, was a lawyer. His mother, Miriam (Blumenfeld) Simon, was a high school English teacher.

When he was in the sixth grade, he began studying jazz piano at the Kansas City Conservatory of Music (now the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory).

At Columbia University, where he studied music and modern English literature, he led an R&B band, the Royal Pythons. A classmate gave him the nickname Screamin’ Scott when he heard Mr. Simon, then a freshman, singing in his dorm room.

In 1970, shortly before graduating with a bachelor’s degree, he answered an advertisement in a campus newspaper from Sha Na Na, which was seeking a new keyboardist.

In addition to his daughter Nina, Mr. Simon is survived by another daughter, Morgan Simon; both daughters are from his marriage in 1971 to Sarina Bege, whom he divorced after 17 years. He is also survived his wife, Deborah (Richetta) Simon, whom he married in 2000; a stepson, Nick Richetta; two granddaughters; and his sisters, Kay Grossman, Laura Neikrug and Diana Simon.

Actor Chad McQueen, son of Steve McQueen, at 63

By Alexandra E. Petri
NEW YORK TIMES

Chad McQueen, an actor who was best known for the role of Dutch in the “Karate Kid” movie franchise and who was the son of actor Steve McQueen, died Wednesday at his home in Palm Desert, Calif. He was 63.

His family announced his death in a post on social media paired with a photo of him as a boy with his famous father. His lawyer and friend, Arthur Barenis, said the cause was organ failure.

Chad McQueen was involved in more than 25 movies and television shows as an actor, a producer and in other capacities. But he is most widely recognized for his role as Dutch in the 1984 teenage classic “The Karate Kid.”

Dutch was a troubling bully of the Cobra Kai dojo who ran with Johnny Lawrence (William Zabka) and his gang, showing no mercy and jumping up and down in excitement as they delivered a brutal beating to Daniel LaRusso (Ralph Macchio in the title role) on Halloween night.

He reprised the role of Dutch in the sequel, “The Karate Kid Part II,” released in 1986.

McQueen went on to appear in other films, including “New York Cop,” a 1993 action film about a Japanese detective living illegally in the United States; and “Red Line,” a 1995 thriller about a car thief who is blackmailed.

But he did not stay in Hollywood for long after that: He again followed in his father’s footsteps by switching to auto racing.

“I was surrounded by the two things: film and motor sports, and motor sports always seemed to attract me more,” McQueen



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Chad McQueen at the Cannes Film Festival. He was best known for his role in “The Karate Kid.”

said in a 2017 interview with the film website FlickFeast. He described his father’s well-known love of cars as so infectious that “it screwed me up for life.”

McQueen competed in the 24 Hours of Le Mans and the 12 Hours of Sebring, among other events. In 2010, he founded McQueen Racing, a company that develops high-performance cars and motorcycles.

He was seriously injured in February 2006 while practicing for the Daytona International Speedway’s Rolex 24 event. He broke his neck, a leg, an arm and ribs, suffered a collapsed lung and was in a coma for nearly a month, he told The Sunday Times of London in 2017.

“Would I change anything?” he said. “No, I wouldn’t. Motor sport is the strongest drug in the world.”

Chadwick Steven McQueen was born Dec. 28, 1960, in Los

Angeles. His father was the highest-paid movie star of the 1960s and ‘70s; his mother, Neile Adams, was a Filipino American actress, singer, and dancer. Chad grew up in Southern California.

His first film credit was in the 1978 film “Skateboard,” considered the first feature film about the 1970s skateboarding craze. He also appeared in “Hadley’s Rebellion,” a 1983 drama about a small-town boy’s passion for wrestling; “Fever Pitch,” a 1985 drama about a famous sports writer who becomes a compulsive gambler; and “Surface to Air” (1998), an action film about two brothers, one in the Navy and the other a Marine, who travel to the Persian Gulf to stop a coup.

On television, he appeared in the series “V” (1984) and “Jesse Hawkes” (1989) and in a number of TV movies, including

“Search and Rescue” (1994). He was also seen in the 2005 documentary “Steve McQueen: The Essence of Cool.”

His marriage to actress Stacey Toten ended in divorce. He later married Jeanie Galbraith, who survives him, along with a son from his first marriage, Steven R. McQueen, an actor known for his roles on the television series “The Vampire Diaries” and “Chicago Fire”; and two children from his second marriage, a son, Chase, and a daughter, Madison. McQueen had one sister, Terry, who died of respiratory failure at age 38 in 1998.

McQueen’s attorney and friend Arthur H. Barenis confirmed he died Wednesday. The cause of death was not disclosed.

The family requested privacy while they “remember and celebrate his extraordinary life.”

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CVS pharmacists now prescribing birth control in Mass.

By Stella Tannenbaum
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All of the nearly 400 CVS Pharmacy locations in Massachusetts are now providing birth control consultation and prescription services, according to a CVS news release.

The new offerings, which started Thursday, aim to make receiving hormonal birth control methods faster, simpler, and more accessible for those who need it in a state where appointments with primary care doctors can be hard to come by.

“We’re pleased to introduce this new service in Massachusetts to help increase access to birth control and further support women’s unique health care needs,” Jinali Desai, vice president

of pharmacy health services for CVS Health, said in the release.

Access to appointments with primary care doctors — the typical way of being prescribed birth control — has declined significantly in Massachusetts, causing longer wait times and difficulty securing an appointment. In 2023, about 41 percent of Massachusetts residents reported difficulty obtaining necessary health care in the past year, up from 33 percent in 2021, according to data from the state Center for Health Information and Analysis and Massachusetts Health Quality Partners.

Primary care access was also unequal, the same survey found. About 68.4 percent of Latino residents had seen a primary care doctor for a pre-

41%
Percentage of Massachusetts residents who reported difficulty obtaining necessary health care in 2023.

ventative care visit in the past year, compared with 84.7 percent of white residents and 81.3 percent of residents overall.

Though access to pharmacies is highly disparate, too, CVS Health’s offering could provide a faster, more accessible option for people seeking birth control.

Patients over 18 who are interested in receiving a birth control prescription can request a \$39 consultation with a

CVS pharmacist, during which the patient will complete a health screening form and have their blood pressure checked, according to the release. The pharmacist will then determine the patient’s eligibility for receiving birth control at the pharmacy and discuss which option, like the pill or the transdermal patch, would be best for the patient based on their health screening and lifestyle.

“Pharmacists are trusted and accessible health care providers who do much more than fill prescriptions,” Desai said in the release. “They have years of education and experience, and have the clinical ability to provide chronic, acute, and preventive services for their patients.”

Health Savings Account or Flexible Savings Account funds may be used to cover the consultation fee, and the cost of any prescribed contraceptive will depend on the patient’s insurance coverage, according to the release. The pharmacist will encourage the patient to see their physician for future care visits and can direct patients to local providers if they do not already have one.

The prescription service is also available in California, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin, according to the release.

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CEO of Point32Health is leaving the company

State’s second-largest health insurer has suffered serious setbacks recently



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Cain Hayes was appointed CEO in July 2021, six months after Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts merged.

By Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

Cain Hayes, chief executive of Point32Health, is leaving “to pursue other opportunities” after three years running Massachusetts’ second-largest health insurer, the company announced Friday.

Point32Health provided no details about Hayes’s departure but said in a news release that the board of directors “thanks Cain for his service and wishes him well with his future endeavors.”

The board appointed its chair, Eileen Auen, as interim executive chair effective immediately. She will serve until a permanent replacement is appointed.

Philip Tracey, a spokesperson for Point32Health, did not respond to a request to make Hayes available and wouldn’t say whether the CEO was forced out.

“As you are aware, the industry is facing challenges, and while we are confident about our organization’s future, we need to evolve the busi-

ness in order to compete and continue to deliver better services and coverage for our members, customers and communities,” he wrote in an email.

Point32Health, which was formed in 2021 by the merger of Tufts Health Plan and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, has suffered serious setbacks recently.

In April of last year, it was targeted in a ransomware attack that sidelined payments to providers and forced the insurer to use manual workarounds to meet some patient needs. The crippling cyberattack not only interrupted operations for months but also battered the company’s financials.

Point32Health has continued to struggle financially this year. For the first six months of 2024, the insurer reported an operating loss of \$155 million on \$4.7 billion in revenue, according to an Aug. 15 news release.

Scott Walker, Point32Health’s chief financial officer, attributed the

loss to an increase in pharmaceutical costs, including for pricey weight loss drugs, as well as to inpatient and residential treatment of members for substance abuse disorder.

Walker said in that news release that Point32Health was focused on “driving operating efficiencies” and “streamlining administrative activities.”

Point32Health serves 1.9 million members in Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, the insurer said in March.

Hayes was appointed CEO in July 2021, six months after Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts merged. Named for the 32 points on a compass and the company’s stated aim of helping people navigate health care, Point32Health became the second-biggest insurer in the state, after Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which has 3 million members.

It was a challenging time to become the head of a new health in-

surer, given that the pandemic was raging and nearly all of Hayes’s employees were working from home. Point32Health didn’t exist when employees were last in the office.

“I like to think about us as a \$9 billion startup,” Hayes said at the insurer’s corporate office in Canton, according to a December 2021 story in the Globe.

At the time, Hayes succeeded Tom Crosswell as CEO of the recently formed Point32Health. Crosswell had spearheaded the merger of Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts after serving as CEO of Tufts for five years.

A seasoned executive and newcomer to Massachusetts, Hayes had worked in financial services before shifting to health care in 2010. He said the transition to health care was inspired partly by the Affordable Care Act and the opportunity it represented for expanding health coverage to more Americans.

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Charles River Labs to cut over 600 jobs

Biotech research firm seeing drug industry pull back on spending

By Camilo Fonseca
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Charles River Laboratories International is cutting over 600 jobs, citing softening demand from pharmaceutical clients.

The Wilmington-based life science contract research firm is planning to cut approximately 3 percent of its workforce, a spokesperson confirmed to the Globe on Friday. That means that roughly 654 of Charles River’s workforce — which employs roughly 21,800 people, according to its most recent annual report — are at risk of being laid off. The cuts were first reported by the Boston Business Journal.

Charles River, which provides contract research services to biotech and pharmaceutical companies, first announced the “restructuring initiatives” during its second quarter earnings last month.

The spokesperson said that the cuts are being made with an eye towards “streamlining our cost structure to optimize our footprint, be more effective in supporting clients, and drive greater operating efficiencies.”

“We firmly believe that our clients will continue to seek life-saving treatments for rare diseases and other unmet medical needs, which drives us to position Charles River for the future,” the spokesperson said. “These steps will enable us to emerge as a stronger, leaner partner to help our clients achieve their goals by utilizing our scientific expertise and flexible solutions.”

Charles River employs approximately 2,400 people in Massachusetts, which is roughly 13 percent of its North American workforce, according to its spokesperson. Aside from its Wilmington headquarters, the company operates two full-fledged drug development labs in Shrewsbury and Worcester, as well as for-rent vivarium facilities in Cambridge, Watertown and, most recently, Somerville.

The company’s website also lists two facilities in Connecticut, located in Norwich and Voluntown. It also operates in the United Kingdom, Germany, Singapore, and various other locations in Europe and Asia.

Founded in Boston in 1947, Charles River Labs experienced rapid growth over the past decade; nine years ago, the company employed just 8,000 people. That was before the company embarked on a series of high-profile acquisitions — most recently Novoprim, a Mauritius-based firm that provides primates for drug research, in November 2023.

However, in its most recent earnings report, the company reported revenue declining more than 3 percent, to \$1.03 billion. It attributed the decline to a decrease in demand from pharmaceutical companies, which comprise a major part of Charles River’s client base.

“The good news is we have a disproportionate share of big pharma in our portfolio,” said CEO James C. Foster said during a conference in New York on Tuesday. “The difficult news is that pharma is pulling back at the moment, so that hits us harder than others.”

The cuts come amid a glut in life sciences activity in Massachusetts, as the boom from the COVID-19 pandemic recedes and newly-built lab spaces sit empty. This year, the biopharmaceutical industry added fewer than 3,000 jobs in the state, a seven-year low.

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Boeing workers strike after rejecting contract proposal

By Niraj Chokshi and Danielle Kaye
NEW YORK TIMES

Thousands of Boeing workers went on strike Friday after overwhelmingly rejecting a contract their union negotiated, a potentially costly disruption to the aerospace giant as it tries to recover from a series of safety crises.

The strike, the first at Boeing in 16 years, is expected to bring operations to a halt in the Seattle area, home to most of Boeing’s commercial plane manufacturing. It could also disrupt the company’s supply chain.

Boeing plays a substantial role in the US economy. It employs almost 150,000 people across the country — nearly half of them in Washington state — and is one of the nation’s largest exporters. The company, which also makes military jets, rockets, spacecraft, and Air Force One, is a global symbol of America’s manufacturing strength.

The White House said Friday that it was in touch with Boeing and the union, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. “We encourage them to negotiate in good faith — toward an agreement that gives employees the benefits they deserve and makes the company stronger,” Robyn Patterson, a White



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Boeing workers were on the picket line Friday in Renton, Wash.

House spokesperson, said in a statement.

Boeing’s stock was down 3.69 percent Friday and has fallen nearly 40 percent this year. The company’s debt rating is also in jeopardy.

Brian West, Boeing’s chief financial officer, said at a conference Friday that the strike would affect production, deliveries, and operations, and would “jeopardize our recovery.”

“We want to get back to the table,” West added.

Union leaders and company management had reached a tentative contract agreement on Sunday after

months of talks. Union leaders said it was “the best contract we’ve negotiated in our history.” But it fell short of what the union initially sought, including bigger raises, and it was rejected on Thursday by 95 percent of the membership.

A vast majority of the 33,000 workers governed by the contract are represented by District 751 of the machinists’ union, Boeing’s largest, and mostly work on commercial airplanes in the Seattle area. The dispute also involves workers in the Portland, Ore., area who are represented by the union’s smaller District W24.

The union represents about one-fifth of the company’s more than 170,000 employees worldwide.

“This is about respect. This is about addressing the past, and this is about fighting for our future,” said Jon Holden, the president of District 751.

Holden had said in a statement several days before the strike that union leaders had recommended approving the deal because “we can’t guarantee we can achieve more in a strike.”

Kelly Ortberg, the company’s new CEO, had urged employees to approve the deal. “A strike would put our shared recovery in jeopardy, further eroding trust with our customers,” he said in an email to workers on Wednesday.

The proposed deal would have delivered raises of 25 percent over the life of the four-year contract; the unions started the talks by asking for raises of 40 percent.

The rejected deal also would have provided each union member with a \$3,000 ratification bonus. Boeing had also agreed to increase annual payments to the union 401(k) plan, cover more of the cost of health care, provide 12 weeks of paid parental leave, and make improvements to work-life balance, including reductions in mandatory overtime.

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BROCKTON – FAP No. HSI-003S(742) Intersection Improvements and Related Work at Centre Street (Route 123), Cary Street and Lyman Street (609410)	\$2,332,000.00
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MEDFORD – FAP No. HIP(BR)-033S(788)X Bridge Preservation of 10 Bridges carrying I-93 (613211)	\$4,058,000.00
PITTSFIELD – FAP No. STP-0031(019) Reconstruction of East Street (Route 9) (604003)	\$11,437,000.00
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DENNIS-YARMOUTH – FAP No. HIP(BR)/HSI-003S(789)X Bridge Replacement, D-07-004-Y-01-003, Route 28 over Bass River including Intersection Improvements at Main Street (Route 28)/North Main Street/Old Main Street	\$44,232,000.00

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Edward G. Boyle, Justice of Probate and Family Court
Legal Notice
The City Council of Watertown hereby gives notice of a public hearing and vote to be held ONLINE and IN-PERSON (HYBRID) Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Richard Mastrangelo Chamber Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA or online at the following link: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/2291331344>, which may be found on the City of Watertown's website, on a proposed Loan Order as follows:
ORDERED: That the sum of \$900,000 is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing the following items of departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works, including all costs incidental and related thereto.
Description Amount
Snow & Ice Division Salter 6-Wheel Snow Fighter \$300,000
Highway Division Crew Truck \$180,000
Highway Division Rack Truck \$150,000
Public Division Heavy Duty 4x4 Forklift \$100,000
Parks & Forestry Division Tree Chipper \$75,000
Parks & Forestry Division Utility Truck \$65,000
Cemetery Division Off-Road 4x4 Utility Vehicle \$30,000
and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the City Manager, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.
Interested parties are encouraged to participate in this HYBRID Public Hearing. A copy of the proposed Loan Order is available for inspection at the Administration Building, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472 in the City Clerk's Office Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday evening up to 7:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. through 12:30 p.m., and on the City's website page: www.watertown-ma.gov.
City of Boston Public Improvement Commission
September 12, 2024
Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: Northeastern University.
On a petition by the petitioner for the making of Specific Repairs within the following public ways in Roxbury:
●Columbus Avenue – at its intersection with Benton Street, generally at address no. 716;
●Benton Street – generally between Columbus Avenue and Tremont Street.
This Commission appoints September 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.
JASCHA FRANKLIN-HODGE
EAMON SHELTON
NICHOLAS GOVE
TANIA DEL RIO
HENRY VITALE
KRISTEN MCCOSH
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.
Attest:
Karen M. Powell
Executive Secretary
City of Boston Public Improvement Commission
September 12, 2024
Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioners: Youth Enrichment Services and Watermark Development Inc.
On a joint petition by the petitioners for the acceptance of a Pedestrian Easement adjacent to Amory Street (public way), West Roxbury, located on its northwesterly side at address nos. 265-267, generally northeast of Minton Street.
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Two local biotechs go public, raise \$540m total

By Stella Tannenbaum
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Two Boston-area biotechnology companies held initial public offerings on Friday, bringing in \$540 million total to fuel their growth and doubling the number of Massachusetts biotech companies to go public in 2024.

Boston-based Bicara Therapeutics Inc., a clinical-stage tumor treatment biopharmaceuticals company, brought in \$315 million, selling 17.5 million shares at \$18 per share, according to Bloomberg data. Investors valued the company at about \$1.2 billion as of closing Friday.

Waltham-based Zenas BioPharma, which develops immunology-based therapies for autoimmune diseases, sold 13.24 million shares at \$17 per share, bringing in more than \$225 million, according to Bloomberg data. Zenas's market capitalization at closing on Friday was \$722.2 million.

Shares for both companies climbed in their first trading sessions: As of markets closing, Bicara shares rose 30 percent to \$23.41 each, and Zenas shares rose 6.76 percent to \$18.15 each.

Bicara and Zenas are the third and fourth Massachusetts-based biotech companies to hold IPOs this year, following Fractyl Health, based in Lexington, and Rapport Therapeutics, based in Boston.

According to BioPharma Dive's IPO tracker, the number of biotech IPOs peaked in 2021, with more than 100 biotechs raising a total of \$15 billion. The pace of IPO activity deflated and stock prices fell in 2022, and only 19 biotechs held initial public offerings in 2023.

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App lets you stop texts from Trump, Harris campaigns

By Aaron Pressman
GLOBE STAFF

Boston-area entrepreneur and startup investor Paul English was getting pretty annoyed by all the spam text messages on his phone from politicians this election season. But unlike millions of others dealing with the flood of unwanted campaign missives, English decided to do something about it.

The result is a simple and free app for iPhone users to filter out unwanted spam texts. Dubbed SpamStrike, the app launched this week can delete unwanted texts based on keywords like a politician's name, a request to "donate," or even words like "impeachment."

The app comes as the problem of unwanted text messages is exploding due to the many competitive election races this fall. And spam texts have also become a top method for criminal hackers trying to crack phone users' accounts.

SpamStrike is aimed at the political variety of spam texts. "When you give money to a politician, unfortunately, they will sell your number," English said. The flood of texts on his phone was getting out of hand a few months ago, he said, prompting the idea to develop SpamStrike.

English, who cofounded the travel search site Kayak, knows quite a bit about mobile app development. Two years ago, he launched Boston Venture Studio to help local developers build mobile apps.

His new app takes advantage of a feature of Apple's iPhone software that lets app developers build their own spam filters. SpamStrike ignores any message that comes from a sender in the phone owner's contacts. But for texts from unknown senders, it applies simple rules that delete any message containing pre-selected keywords.

The app comes with 15 keywords for blocking messages set up at the start, such as "Trump," "Biden," and "Harris," but English said users can add or delete any keywords they want.

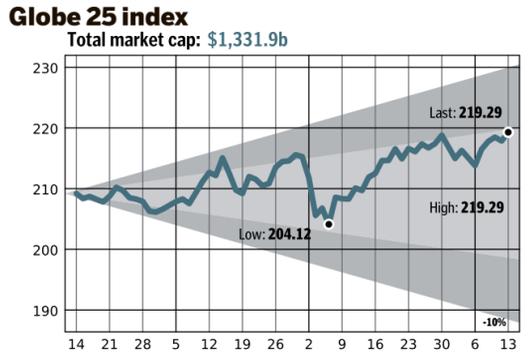
The iPhone-only app will be free to use through the election. After that, there will likely be a modest monthly or annual fee, English said.

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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts



Yesterday 219.29 ▲ 1.44 ▲ 0.7% ▲ YTD 16.3%

Company	Price	Chg	% chg	Market cap (bil.)
Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc (TMO)	611.17	-2.99	-0.5	233.5
TJX Cos Inc/The (TJX)	119.81	+1.59	+1.3	135.1
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc (VRTX)	485.37	+6.72	+1.4	125.3
Boston Scientific Corp (BSX)	83.31	-0.52	-0.6	122.7
Analog Devices Inc (ADI)	225.42	+3.89	+1.8	111.9
American Tower Corp (AMT)	238.50	+1.36	+0.6	111.4
GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	225.59	+10.32	+4.8	62.0
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	37.61	+0.56	+1.5	51.0
Iron Mountain Inc (IRM)	117.06	+0.70	+0.6	34.3
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc (ALNY)	265.27	+3.54	+1.4	34.1
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	195.63	-2.26	-1.1	28.5
Verato Corp (VLTO)	110.02	+0.72	+0.7	27.2
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	68.28	-1.40	-2.0	26.2
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	491.17	-1.43	-0.3	25.2
State Street Corp (STT)	83.28	+0.70	+0.8	24.9
Eversource Energy (ES)	67.97	+0.47	+0.7	24.3
Teradyne Inc (TER)	131.23	+3.04	+2.4	21.4
PTC Inc (PTC)	172.23	+1.29	+0.8	20.7
Waters Corp (WAT)	325.86	+3.78	+1.2	19.3
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	81.15	+0.73	+0.9	18.8
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	37.80	-0.79	-2.0	18.4
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	110.67	+2.44	+2.3	16.7
Toast Inc (TOST)	26.19	+0.10	+0.4	14.7
Symbiotic Inc (SYM)	21.14	+0.65	+3.2	12.4
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc (SRPT)	124.65	-0.69	-0.6	11.9

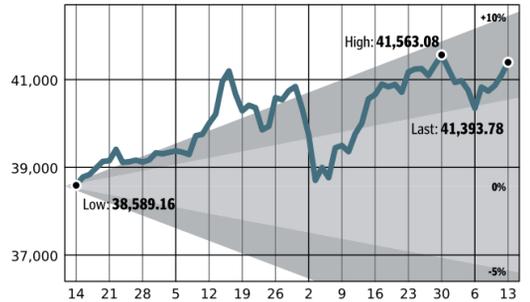
Markets

Stocks end week with more gains

NEW YORK — US stocks closed out their best week of the year with more gains on Friday and climbed to the cusp of their records. The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 297 points, or 0.7%, and at one point got within 30 points of its record set last month. Stocks got support from the bond market, where Treasury yields eased ahead of next week's meeting of the Federal Reserve. The unanimous expectation on Wall Street is for the Fed to deliver the first cut to interest rates in more than four years on Wednesday, and traders are rekindling hopes it may offer bigger-than-usual relief. The Federal Reserve has been keeping its main interest rate at a two-decade high in hopes of slowing the economy enough to stifle high inflation. With inflation having eased substantially from its peak two summers ago, the Fed has said it can turn more focus to bolstering the slowing job market and economy. "Right now, the equity market is keying off the toss-up" in the size of the Fed's cut next week "and would probably be fine with either," said Sameer Samana, senior global market strategist at Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

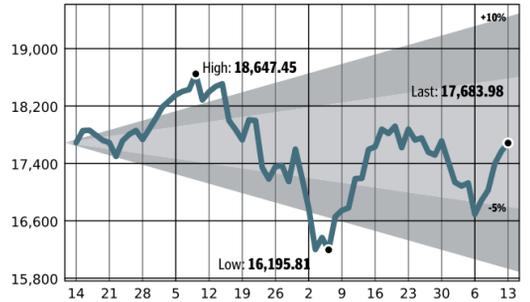
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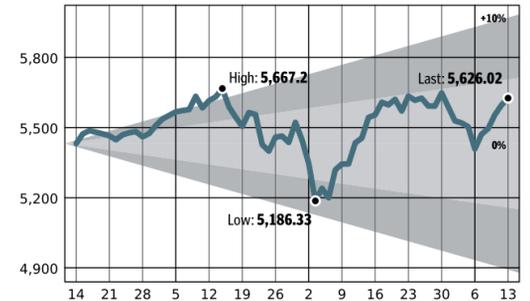
Yesterday 41,393.78 ▲ 297.01 ▲ 0.7% ▲ YTD 9.8%

NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 17,683.98 ▲ 114.30 ▲ 0.7% ▲ YTD 17.8%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 5,626.02 ▲ 30.26 ▲ 0.5% ▲ YTD 18.0%
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SUDOKU

A 9x9 Sudoku puzzle 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.

New England forecast

New England forecast map showing weather conditions and temperatures for various cities like Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.

Almanac

Almanac table listing weather statistics such as Yesterday's high/low, Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise, and Moonset.

24 Hr. Precipitation

24 Hr. Precipitation table showing Yesterday, Month to date, and Year to date precipitation amounts.

Tides

Tides table listing High and Low tides for various locations like Boston, Gloucester, and Lynn.

New England marine forecast

New England marine forecast table listing Wind, Seas, and Temp for various coastal areas.

Cities

Cities forecast table listing high and low temperatures and conditions for major cities like Atlanta, Chicago, and New York.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024: You have creative, intelligent problem-solving skills, which is why people turn to you for advice.

arts, and enjoyable activities with children will be top choices for you today. The bottom line is simply this: You want to have fun!

boost your income. Or you might make an important purchase. You also might see ways to invest money that will pay off in sports, the hospitality industry, or the entertainment world.

benefit you today! Tonight: Conversations. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you make a great impression on bosses, parents, and people in authority.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

Daily Bridge Club section including BY FRANK STEWART, North dealer, and card game details for North, South, West, and East.



Crossword puzzle grid and Sudoku solution grid.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY DON AUCOIN



BEN MARK HOLZBERG/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Matt Bomer (left) and Jonathan Bailey in "Fellow Travelers."

Humanitas Prizes go to 'Hacks,' 'Fellow Travelers,' and 'Black Cake'

Do you ever feel that TV and movie scriptwriters don't get enough recognition? Does it bug you that the actors making speeches onstage at awards ceremonies often give short shrift to the people who, after all, gave them the characters to play and the lines to speak?

Yeah, me, too. The Humanitas Prize gives the wordsmiths their due. Awarded by the nonprofit organization Humanitas, now celebrating its 50th year, the prizes recognize television and movie writers "whose work explores the human condition in a nuanced, meaningful way."

On Thursday night, in a ceremony at the Los Angeles nightclub Avalon Hollywood, writers for "Hacks," "Fellow Travelers," and "Black Cake" were among those awarded the prize.

"The writers are center stage for this award," Humanitas executive director Michelle Franke said in a telephone interview Friday. "We give them a platform to talk about why these stories matter to them. We want to encourage people to tell those 'heart' stories: a passion project, an idea that has sparked in them."

The ceremony was hosted by actor-writers June Diane Raphael (an insouciant treat as Brianna in Netflix's "Grace and Frankie"), and Paul Scheer, a cast member on Showtime's "Black Monday."

According to Variety, Raphael joked that "Tonight, we honor the most talented writers who did not have their passion projects shelved by David Zaslav for tax purposes," a reference to the powerful CEO of Warner Brothers Discovery.

Samantha Riley, Lucia Aniello, Jen Statsky, and Paul W. Downs won a prize for a season 3 episode of "Hacks," titled "Yes, And." Marissa Jo Cerar won for an episode of "Black Cake" titled "Nine Night."

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

Dating someone with a chronic medical condition

Q. Long-time reader, first-time writer. I'm a straight woman, 30, and I met a guy about six months ago. He's funny, charming, bright, and the sex is fantastic.

He told me from the start that he had a chronic medical condition. It's something he's had since he was a child, and he has dealt with it to the best of his ability.

Without going into too much detail, it's a manageable disease, but there are possibly long-term risks. There's also a risk of something happening more immediately, which could pose a danger to both him and me, depending on circumstances.

The problem: I have mentioned this aspect of my boyfriend to friends and family. While my friends are supportive, my parents have told me in no uncertain terms that I should dump him and find someone who isn't medically challenged.

How do I figure this out? Thanks in advance for any help you can offer.

LOVING IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH

A. I'm with your friends and siblings. If you want to be with this man, be with this man.

It can be so difficult to find good company. You've met a great person, and it sounds like you very much want to explore what the two of you can do together.

I wish there were guarantees in life — that you could find some healthy significant other, remain healthy yourself, and be promised 101 years of perfect happiness.

If you'd written this letter in a way that suggested you can't handle any perceived risks, I might have different advice. But you sound psyched about him.

My advice is to make a decision about how you want to proceed — and then set very clear boundaries with them. You can say, "I hear you, but I have made a choice to pursue this, and I'd appreciate your support and love."

As for your own concerns, you mention a safety risk for yourself. Maybe this is about him having a health complication while he's driving? Or maybe this is about what happens to him if he has an acute issue?

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

Without knowing the specific illness he has, it's hard to give advice, but the reality is that no one has any idea what health issues they may deal with in the future.

THE-BLOG-CONSIGLIERIE

There's such a continuum in "chronic medical condition" that it's hard to weigh in. On the other hand, it doesn't really matter what the disease is. Any one of us could get diagnosed with a chronic medical condition tomorrow and we'd have to learn to manage it.

SURFERROSA

The decision is yours to make. I can't imagine telling my kids that. None of us know how long we have. Sounds like he is managing it and being responsible about it.

JAYLEE42

I'd rather be with the right man for a few years than with the wrong man for a lifetime.

SEENITTOO

Thank your parents for their advice and concern, tell them you've made your decision, and carry on. If they keep bringing it up, ask them to stop. You've obviously given this a lot of thought. It's your life, and your decision, not theirs.

MIDGE-

Send your own relationship and dating questions to loveletters@globe.com. Catch new episodes of Meredith Goldstein's "Love Letters" podcast at loveletters.show or wherever you listen to podcasts.

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