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'It screams red flag.'

DJUNA PERKINS, *a former state prosecutor*

Focus on samples in death of woman

Doctor sees no sign of tests in Stoughton case

By Laura Crimaldi
GLOBE STAFF

After Sandra Birchmore, the woman who was allegedly groomed as a teenager by three former Stoughton police officers, was found dead in her Canton apartment in 2021, investigators took her clothing and biological material from her body for a sexual assault kit, and preserved fetal tissue because she was pregnant.

But more than three years later, a forensic pathologist hired by her family questioned whether the samples were ever tested, telling a lawyer for her family on June 18 that it appears they haven't been examined.

The claims by Dr. Michael Baden add to the controversies surrounding the death of Birchmore, 23, a former participant in a Stoughton police youth program who idolized law enforcement and told friends before she died that she was expecting a baby by a married detective on the force. The FBI and the attorney general's office have launched their own investigations into Birchmore's case.

The Norfolk District Attorney's office, Massachusetts State Police, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner were the first investigators assigned to the case and so far all declined to say whether the samples singled out by Baden have been tested.

Given the connections between Birchmore and the three former Stoughton po-

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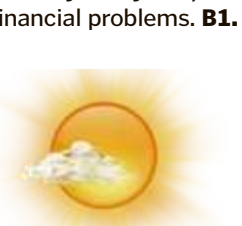
Identity theft has overwhelmed the IRS, resulting in a backlog of 500,000 unresolved cases. **A2.**

Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich went on trial in Russia over alleged espionage and could face 20 years in prison. **A4.**

Zemcar, a Cambridge startup, is suing Uber, alleging the ride-sharing giant stole its driver- and rider-monitoring technology. **D1.**

Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy is preparing to close after nearly 125 years, citing financial problems. **B1.**



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Court seems set to ease Idaho abortion ban

Posting indicates exception would be allowed when woman is in danger

By Abbie VanSickle
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seems poised to temporarily allow emergency abortions in Idaho when a woman's health is at risk, according to a copy of what appeared to be the opinion that showed up briefly on the court's website Wednesday.

The unsigned opinion dismissed the case on procedural grounds, stating that the court, for now, would not address the merits of the dispute, according to the 22-page document, which was published by Bloomberg News. Such a decision would reinstate a ruling by a lower federal court that had paused Idaho's near-total ban on abortion and said hospitals in the state could perform emergency abortions if necessary to protect the health of the mother.

The case centers on whether a federal law requiring emergency care for any patient overrides Idaho's strict abortion ban, which outlaws the procedure with few exceptions unless the pregnant person's life is in danger.

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It was unclear whether the document was final, and a spokesperson for the court said only that a decision in the joined cases, Moyle v. United States and Idaho v. United States, would eventually be released.

"The court's publications unit inadvertently and briefly uploaded a document to the court's website," said the spokesperson, Patricia McCabe. "The court's opinion in Moyle v. Unit-

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UNDER THE RADAR, A PATH TO PROSPERITY

A federal program that few know about gives low-income a boost



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Jenny Marcelin, shown dancing with her daughter Laila Buissereth outside their house in Hyde Park, was able to save about $8,600 toward the down payment, thanks to the Family Self Sufficiency program.

By Esmy Jimenez
GLOBE STAFF

Homeownership is a dream for many Americans, and Jenny Marcelin was no exception.

Marcelin wanted a place to call her own. A home where her 11- and 14-year-old could have friends over or make noise and not worry about the neighbors. Still the cold reality would plague her: "Where am I gonna get that much money?"

Marcelin lived in affordable housing in Boston. She worked a full-time job and saved. But as she tells it, "The down deposit was always an issue. . . . I would think, 'I'll never make it.' "

In the fall of 2020, she got a flier in the mail advertising something she thought was too good to be true — an obscure federal program that would allow her to leverage her rent to save toward a nest egg.

The 34-year-old program, called the Family Self Sufficiency program or FSS, allows participants who live in public housing to save some of the money they would typically pay toward rent to reach certain financial goals, such as buying a new car, paying off college debt, or starting a business. For Marcelin, that meant saving around $8,600 that helped with a down payment on her first home, in Hyde Park.

In the affordable housing world, some experts ironically refer to FSS as one of the best-kept secrets: It's a resource that could help more people buy a home or pay off debt, and yet so few people know it exists. Indeed, Massachusetts housing authorities served about 4,500 FSS participants last year, but 87,000 more people could benefit from the program.

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FAMILY SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Families are able to save what they would have paid as their rent increased in a separate escrow account.

Participants typically stay in the program for five years and can save between **$6,000-$8,000**.

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A blow to move to expand Hanscom

State rejects environmental impact review

By Sabrina Shankman
GLOBE STAFF

After months of uproar and thousands of public comments voicing concern over the climate impacts of a proposed expansion of Hanscom Airport, state environmental officials rejected, for now, the push by the Massachusetts Port Authority and its developers to move forward on the project.

Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper last week rejected the draft environmental impact report for the expansion, one of the most critical reviews the state uses to approve or reject large development projects. She has asked the developers to address several issues, including contradictory information about the climate impacts of the proposed expansion.

The proposal to add 17 new hangars and renovate another has drawn ire because critics say it would allow for a vast expansion of private jet flights in the state — among the most polluting forms of transportation — at a time when Massachusetts is trying to slash carbon emissions.

The trade-off, they say, appears to be greater convenience for the billionaires who benefit from the easy access to private jets in exchange for the health of the planet. Massport, meanwhile, has argued that the expansion is needed to meet increased demand for hangar space and to comply with federal requirements to provide transportation services to the public.

Neil Rasmussen, president of the Concord-based historic and environmental group Save Our Heritage,

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Teacher fired for helping student access abortion sues N.H. officials

Says 'misleading narrative' implied adult was a minor

By Steven Porter
GLOBE STAFF

A teacher who was fired by a private school in New Hampshire for secretly helping a pregnant student access abortion services has sued the Department of Education and the state's top education officials, alleging they spun a "misleading narrative" implying the student was a minor even though they knew she was at least 18 at the time.

In a lawsuit filed Monday in Merrimack County Superior Court, the teacher accused Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut of creating a false perception of her conduct, and she accused the Department of Education of exceeding its authority and violating her due process rights by revoking her teaching credential without a fair and impartial process.

The teacher did not respond to interview requests. The Globe is not naming her at this time to protect the student's privacy.

The lawsuit refers to commentary published on the New Hampshire Department of Education's website in April, in which Edelblut publicized an allegation that an unspecified educator had lied in order to miss a day of work and escort a student to undergo an abortion "without parental knowledge."

New Hampshire has a parental notification law that requires written notice at least 48 hours before an abortion can be performed on an unemancipated minor younger than 18.

The lawsuit said that Edelblut's commentary seemed to suggest the teacher had helped the student circumvent the

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STILL WAITING



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

Karen Read left the Dedham courthouse on Wednesday after jurors were dismissed following the first full day of deliberations. They will resume on Thursday. **More on the case, B1.**

The Nation



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INDIGENOUS PRIDE — T'ata Begay, of the Choctaw/Taos Pueblo Nations in Oklahoma, helped her son, Okhish Homma Begay, 2, get ready for a Pow Wow Dance performance at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival Wednesday in Washington. This year's festival theme is "Indigenous Voices of the Americas." The event will run through July 1.

High court favors Biden in social media case

Justices boost effort to remove misinformation

By Adam Liptak
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court handed the Biden administration a major practical victory Wednesday, rejecting a Republican challenge that sought to prevent the government from contacting social media platforms to combat what it said was misinformation.

The court ruled the states and users who had challenged those interactions had not suffered the sort of direct injury that gave them standing to sue.

The decision, by a 6-3 vote, left for another day fundamental questions about what limits the First Amendment imposes on the government's power to influence the technology companies that are the main gatekeepers of information in the internet era.

"The plaintiffs, without any concrete link between their injuries and the defendants' conduct, ask us to conduct a review of the yearslong communications between dozens of federal officials, across different agencies, with different social media platforms, about different topics," Justice Amy Coney Barrett wrote for the majority. "This court's standing doctrine prevents us from exercising such general legal oversight of the other branches of government."

Justice Samuel Alito, joined by Justices Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch, dissented.

"For months," Alito wrote, "high-ranking government officials placed unrelenting pressure on Facebook to suppress Americans' free speech. Because the court unjustifiably refuses to address this serious threat to the First Amendment, I respectfully dissent."

The White House welcomed the ruling. "The Supreme Court's decision is the right one, and it helps ensure the Biden administration can continue our important work with technology companies to protect the safety and security of the American people," Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House press secretary, said in a statement.

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey said he would continue to try "to build the wall of separation between tech and state."

"The record is clear: The deep state pressured and coerced social media companies to take down truthful speech simply because it was conservative," he said in a statement. "Today's ruling does not dispute that."

In sidestepping the First Amendment issues in the case, Alito wrote, the court had damaged free expression.

"If the lower courts' assessment of the voluminous record is correct," he wrote, "this is one of the most important free speech cases to reach this court in years."

The case, Murthy v. Missouri (23-411), arose from a barrage of communications from administration officials urging platforms to take down posts on topics such as the coronavirus vaccine and claims of election fraud. The attorneys general of Missouri and Louisiana, both Republicans, sued, along with three doctors, the owner of a news website, and a health care activist.

They said many of the government's contacts with the social media companies violated the First Amendment. Barrett did not address that argument. But in a notably sharp footnote, she criticized Judge Terry A. Doughty of the US District Court for the Western District of Louisiana, who had entered an injunction banning further contacts to address what he said could be "the most massive attack against free speech in United States' history."



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The Supreme Court case regarded a series of government demands.

Barrett wrote critically of Doughty's "factual findings, many of which unfortunately appear to be clearly erroneous." Among her examples was a supposed "censorship request" from the administration cited in the judge's opinion.

"The record it cites says nothing about 'censorship requests,'" Barrett wrote.

In dissent, Alito appeared prepared to accept Doughty's findings and their implications.

"Our country's response to the COVID-19 pandemic was and remains a matter of enormous medical, social, political, geopolitical, and economic importance, and our dedication to a free marketplace of ideas demands that dissenting views on such matters be allowed," he wrote. "I assume that a fair portion of what social media users had to say about COVID-19 and the pandemic was of little lasting value. Some was undoubtedly untrue or misleading, and some may have been downright dangerous. But we now know that valuable speech was also suppressed."

Barrett wrote that the plaintiffs had failed to overcome at least two daunting hurdles in their attempt to establish what was required to show standing: that the government had caused their injuries and that they faced a prospect of future injury.

The first problem, she said, was that the social media companies were independent actors with a demonstrated commitment to addressing misinformation before and apart from the government's encouragement.

Second, she said, whatever may have happened in the past, particularly in the midst of the pandemic, a plaintiff seeking an injunction must demonstrate a real threat of future injury.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Brett Kavanaugh, and Ketanji Brown Jackson joined the majority opinion.

Identity thefts overwhelm IRS, watchdog reports

Backlog leaves filers without refunds, credits

By Alan Rappeport
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Rampant identity theft has overwhelmed the IRS, resulting in a backlog of 500,000 unresolved fraud cases, leaving taxpayers without refunds and credits that they are due, the agency's watchdog wrote in a report to Congress on Wednesday.

The report by the National Taxpayer Advocate described the slow pace of addressing the identity theft cases as a "blemish" on the performance of the IRS, which is in the midst of a sweeping modernization campaign that aims to improve taxpayer services. While the IRS was criticized by the watchdog for identify theft delays last year, the backlog has gotten only worse.

The IRS is taking nearly two years to resolve identity theft victims' assistance cases and has an inventory of approximately 500,000 cases, up from 484,000 cases in September.

"IRS delays in resolving identity theft victim assistance cases are unconscionable," Erin Collins, the taxpayer advocate, wrote in the report.

Calling on the agency to prioritize assistance for victims, she added: "Delays of nearly two years make a mockery of the right to quality service in the Taxpayer Bill of Rights." The backlog of cases is likely to give congressional Republicans more fodder to criticize the IRS and to call for cleaving back more of the $80 billion in funding that the agency received through the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

Critics of the agency have been arguing that it is bloated and failing to put that money to good use.

The IRS said in a statement that it recognizes the backlog of identity theft cases remains one of its most significant ongoing service gaps and it is working to implement "a range of improvements" to provide faster service to victims. That includes training and directing more staff to work on the cases, a spokesperson for the agency said.

Identity theft has long been a problem for the IRS. Criminals often steal taxpayers' identifying information and file paperwork to fraudulently claim their refund. Taxpayers realize this only when they try to claim their refund, leading to a laborious process in which they have to submit an identity theft affidavit and a paper tax return before the agency will open a case to investigate the matter.



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At that point, the victims of identify theft are left waiting for months before they can receive the money they are owed.

The National Taxpayer Advocate said that most victims of identity theft were on the lower end of the income scale and often needed their refunds and refundable tax credits to pay their living expenses.

"The IRS is revictimizing taxpayers by making them wait nearly two years to resolve their case and receive their refund," the report said.

The report said the problem was in part attributable to the agency's redirecting resources aimed at improving its metrics that demonstrate how efficiently calls are being answered. However, the watchdog said the IRS was using an outdated methodology to track how quickly it answered calls and that most callers were disconnected or routed to automated operators.

Despite the criticism, the watchdog noted that the IRS was dedicating more staff to deal with identity fraud cases and that the 2024 tax filing season overall went "smoothly."

The IRS was originally given $80 billion to upgrade its technology and enforcement abilities, but Congress clawed back approximately $20 billion of those funds last year during a spending fight between Republicans and Democrats.

A report published last week by the Treasury inspector general for tax administration said the IRS has so far spent $5.7 billion, or 10 percent, of its Inflation Reduction Act funding. About $2 billion of that money, however, was spent on normal operating expenses that the IRS did not have sufficient resources to cover.

DAILY BRIEFING

Plan B use down in states with abortion bans

Use of prescription emergency contraception, also known as Plan B, fell by 60 percent in US states that implemented near-total abortion bans almost immediately after the Dobbs decision, due in part to clinic closures and misinformation.

The findings, published Wednesday in JAMA Network Open, add to concerns about abortion bans limiting a wide range of reproductive care. Levels held steady in states with moderate restrictions.

"It's concerning in terms of protecting emergency contraceptive access for women who need it to prevent pregnancy and prevent the need for abortion," said Dima Qato, the lead author and a director at the USC School of Pharmacy.

More than a dozen US states banned most abortions after the US Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade in June 2022. As a result, dozens of family planning clinics that offered a wide range of reproductive health services shuttered. The closures are "one of the most important" reasons prescription emergency contraceptive use has declined, said study coauthor Caleb Alexander.

BLOOMBERG NEWS

Mass shooting suspect backs out of plea deal

WAUKEGAN, Ill. — A man accused of killing seven people and injuring dozens more at a 2022 Independence Day parade in a Chicago suburb rejected a deal requiring him to plead guilty to seven murder charges Wednesday in a stunning courtroom scene days before the second anniversary of the attack.

Appearing in a Lake County courtroom, Robert E. Crimo III, 23, refused to accept the agreement that prosecutors said would mean a life sentence for him in the shooting.

Prosecutor Ben Dillon told Judge Victoria Rossetti that attorneys had discussed an agreement requiring Crimo to plead guilty to seven counts of first-degree murder and 48 counts of aggravated battery with a firearm. He would be imprisoned for life and ineligible for release on the murder counts.

As family members of people killed and others wounded in the mass shooting watched, Rossetti asked Crimo if the agreement described was what he discussed with his attorneys.

"No," he responded.

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5 charged in plot to bribe juror in Minn. fraud case

MINNEAPOLIS — Five people were charged on Wednesday with trying to bribe a juror in one of the country's largest COVID-19-related fraud cases with a bag of $120,000 in cash, the US Attorney's Office and the FBI announced Wednesday.

The bribe attempt, which US Attorney Andrew Luger called a "chilling attack on our justice system," brought renewed attention to the trial of seven Minnesota defendants accused of coordinating to steal more than $40 million from a federal program that was supposed to feed children during the coronavirus pandemic. More than $250 million in federal funds were taken overall, and only about $50 million has been recovered, authorities say.

Abdiaziz Shafii Farah, Abdimajid Mohamed Nur, Said Shafii Farah, Abdulkarim Shafii Farah, and Ladan Mohamed Ali are each charged with one count of conspiracy to bribe a juror, one count of bribery of a juror, and one count of corruptly influencing a juror, according to the indictment.

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Judge doubts claim Trump files search was mishandled

Rare example of a critical eye toward defense

By Alan Feuer and Eileen Sullivan
NEW YORK TIMES



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The federal judge has granted a serious audience to several arguments by former president Donald Trump's lawyers.

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — The federal judge overseeing former president Donald Trump's classified documents case showed little patience on Tuesday with an argument by his lawyers that the FBI's search two years ago of Mar-a-Lago, his private club and residence in Florida, was conducted improperly.

The judge, Aileen Cannon, has granted a serious audience to several arguments by Trump's lawyers. But the skepticism she displayed toward their position at a hearing in US District Court in Fort Pierce, Fla., was a rare example of her turning a critical eye on the defense.

At the hearing, Trump's legal team had asked Cannon to suppress any evidence collected during the Mar-a-Lago search — including most of the 32 classified documents he has been charged with removing from the White House — because, they said, the warrant was not specific enough about which parts of the property the FBI could search and what items it could seize.

"It seems like it is," Cannon said, disagreeing with Trump's lawyers about the question of specificity and all but ruling against them from the bench. "I have a hard time seeing what other language needed to be included."

Granting the defense's request would be a deadly blow to the classified documents case, keeping the jury from seeing the highly sensitive national security files that Trump has been accused of holding on to after he left office.

The search of Mar-a-Lago, which took place on Aug. 8, 2022, is the central investigative step in the extraordinary criminal inquiry into Trump's handling of classified materials and attempts to obstruct the government's efforts to retrieve them.

It has engendered yet another conflict between the special counsel's team and Trump's lawyers: The lawyers have accused prosecutors of failing to properly secure the individual items inside the 45 boxes the FBI hauled away from the estate.

Late Monday, prosecutors filed court papers pushing back vehemently against Trump's claims about the boxes. They said it was all but impossible for the FBI to have kept in order the jumble of items that Trump had stored in them, describing the contents of the boxes as being organized in a "haphazard manner" and pointing out that materials in them included "newspapers, thank-you notes, Christmas ornaments, magazines, clothing, and photographs of himself and others."

Tuesday's hearing about the legality of the search capped three days of proceedings in Fort Pierce that included an expansive debate about the funding and appointment of special counsel Jack Smith, who has filed two federal indictments against Trump, and about Smith's attempt to bar the former president from making public remarks that could endanger FBI agents working on the case.

Over the course of the hearings, Cannon has displayed overt frustration with lawyers from both sides and an intolerance for veering outside the bounds of the discussion at hand.

Despite her insistence that the hearings remain on topic, she has been lax in other ways, allowing a backlog of unresolved decisions to pile up on her docket and declining to set a start date for the trial.

In court Tuesday, Cannon's irritation was mostly focused on Emil Bove, a former federal prosecutor who now represents Trump. Addressing the judge, Bove said the FBI had failed to give the agents who searched Mar-a-Lago sufficiently detailed instructions about where to search and what to search for. He also said that the bureau left out of the warrant several critical pieces of information that might have changed the mind of Bruce E. Reinhart, the magistrate judge who approved it.

But Cannon was not buying Bove's arguments, pointing out that the warrant "clearly delineated" that agents were authorized to search Trump's Palm Beach estate for "physical documents with classification markings."

When Bove accused the FBI of going beyond the terms of the warrant and "rummaging" through the bedrooms of Trump's wife and teenage son, Cannon pushed back hard, getting him to admit that nothing had, in fact, been found in either place.

Bove then changed directions, suggesting that there had been dissension within the FBI about whether to obtain a warrant to search Mar-a-Lago or to get permission for a consensual search of the property. Cannon effectively said, "So what?" — noting that even if people within the bureau disagreed about how to proceed, it had no bearing on whether there was probable cause to conduct the search.

Speaking for the government, David Harbach, one of Smith's top deputies, told Cannon that the search had been conducted fairly and professionally. He pointed out that prosecutors included as part of the search warrant's application package a letter from Trump's lawyers setting out their position about the investigation.

Moreover, Harbach said Trump's lawyers had come nowhere near the high legal threshold needed to support a second request they made to Cannon: to hold a fact-finding hearing delving into whether the warrant had been fairly drafted, a step that would largely serve to eat up additional time.

But even though he was clearly winning the day, Harbach seemed incapable of simply taking the victory and complained to Cannon about the various ways in which Trump's lawyers have "hijacked" hearings by persistently going off topic.

"There's no hijacking going on," Cannon snapped back, telling Harbach the hearing was about to end.

And it did.

Border arrests fall after asylum processing halt

By Elliot Spagat and Rebecca Santana
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arrests for illegal border crossings have dropped more than 40 percent during the three weeks that asylum processing has been suspended, the Homeland Security Department said Wednesday.

The announcement comes just one day before President Biden is set to debate former president and presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump in what is expected to be a crucial moment in the election campaign.

Biden is considered especially vulnerable with voters when it comes to immigration. Trump has hammered him repeatedly on border security by painting a picture of the border as out of control and migrants as a threat to the nation's security and economy.

Biden has both sought to crack down on new arrivals at the border and to offer new immigration pathways.

The restrictions he announced at the beginning of June cut off asylum access when arrivals at the border reached a certain number, infuriating immigration advocates who say the policy differs little from what Trump attempted. Then a few weeks later Biden announced a new program aimed at undocumented spouses of American citizens who had been in the country for a decade or more that could ultimately provide them a pathway to citizenship.

The figures announced Wednesday by the Department of Homeland Security show that the Border Patrol's average daily arrests over a seven-day period have fallen below 2,400, down more than 40 percent from before Biden's proclamation took effect June 5. That's still above the 1,500 mark needed to resume asylum processing, but Homeland Security says it marks the lowest number since Jan. 17, 2021, just before Biden took office.

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Russia begins secret trial of US reporter

Gershkovich is accused of espionage

By Neil MacFarquhar and Milana Mazaeva
NEW YORK TIMES

In his nearly 15 months in Moscow's infamous Lefortovo prison, Evan Gershkovich has plowed through Russian literary classics like "War and Peace" and played slow-moving chess by mail with his father in the United States. He tries to keep himself in shape during the hourlong exercise period he is permitted each day.

Friends who correspond with him describe Gershkovich, a Wall Street Journal reporter, as positive, strong, and rarely discouraged, despite facing the official wrath of President Vladimir Putin's Russia.

"He may have ups and downs like everyone else, but he remains confident in himself, in his rightness," said Maria Borzunova, a Russian journalist and a friend of Gershkovich.

Gershkovich went on trial Wednesday, facing up to 20 years in prison on an espionage charge that he, his employer, and the US State Department vehemently deny.

He appeared in a court in the major industrial city of Yekaterinburg east of Moscow, where he was originally detained and where he was transferred recently after more than a year of imprisonment in Moscow.

Shortly before the proceedings started, journalists filmed Gershkovich, with his head recently shaved, standing in a glass cage in the courtroom. After several hours, the court scheduled the next session in the case for Aug. 13, according to the Russian state news agency Tass.



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Evan Gershkovich looked out from a glass defendants' cage prior to a court hearing in Yekaterinburg, Russia, Wednesday.

At the heart of Gershkovich's ordeal is a void — the absence of any evidence made public by Russian authorities to support their claim that he was a spy. Nor is any likely to emerge from his trial, which has been declared secret, with any observers barred from attending, and his lawyers prohibited from publicly revealing anything they learn.

"We think that it is a sham trial based on fake charges, therefore the proceedings will be farcical," Almar Latour, the publisher of The Wall Street Journal, said in an interview. It is impossible to predict how a trial will affect efforts to obtain Gershkovich's release, he added.

In a statement Wednesday, the US Embassy in Moscow said officials were at the courthouse and given brief access before the proceedings began. "We have been clear from the start that Evan has done nothing wrong and never should have been arrested in the first place," the statement said.

In Russian trials, conviction is largely a foregone conclusion, especially when — as in this case — the Kremlin has weighed in. The judge hearing the case has boasted to a local news outlet that in a career spanning decades, he has acquitted just four defendants.

For more than five years, Gershkovich, a US citizen who grew up in New Jersey, roamed Russia as a reporter, growing to love the country, friends say. The Foreign Ministry repeatedly reissued his reporting credentials.

Now he may be Kremlin fodder for a prisoner swap, as other imprisoned Americans have been recently. In hammering out such an exchange, Russia insists that first a trial must be completed, ostensibly putting both sides on equal legal footing.

"He's a Kremlin chip, and they want to trade him," said Pjotr Sauer, a reporter for The Guardian newspaper and a close friend of Gershkovich.

Gershkovich's family released a statement Wednesday, saying: "These past 15 months have been extraordinarily painful for Evan and for our family. We miss our son and just want him home."

"Evan is a journalist, and journalism is not a crime," the statement added.

In April 2022, Russia traded Trevor Reed, an American convicted of assaulting Russian police officers, for a Russian pilot imprisoned on cocaine trafficking charges in the United States. In the highest-profile recent case, in December 2022, the United States traded a notorious arms dealer, Viktor Bout, for Brittney Griner, an American basketball star imprisoned for cannabis possession.

Kenyan president nixes bill, a reversal

Legislation led to deadly protests

By Abdi Latif Dahir
NEW YORK TIMES

NAIROBI — In a sudden reversal, President William Ruto of Kenya announced Wednesday that he would not sign a finance bill that he had long said would stabilize the country's economy, a response to devastating protests a day earlier that left nearly two dozen people dead.

Though the precise toll was still being tallied, human rights groups said 23 people were killed and more than 300 others injured after police used tear gas and bullets to respond to demonstrators who had marched on parliament to protest the tax increases in the bill.

Some people broke into the parliament building and set it on fire hours after lawmakers voted to pass the legislation. The death toll makes Tuesday's violence one of the bloodiest days in the country's recent history.

"Listening keenly to the people of Kenya who have said loudly that they want nothing to do with this finance bill, I concede, and therefore, I will not sign the 2024 finance bill, and it shall subsequently be withdrawn," Ruto said in an address to the country Wednesday.

Among those sitting behind him were lawmakers who, just a day earlier, had passed the bill in parliament, some while being loudly condemned by their constituents for supporting the legislation.

The announcement was a change of course for Ruto, who in an address Tuesday night had called the demonstrators "dangerous criminals" and "treasonous," and deployed the military to join the police in quashing the protests.

Ruto's government introduced the finance bill last month to raise revenue by imposing additional taxes. The government said the bill was necessary to pay the country's enormous debt, avoid defaulting on loans, and cover the costs of roads, rural electrification, and farming subsidies.

But the legislation stoked widespread discontent among the public, with opponents arguing that it would onerously increase the cost of living. Critics of the bill also pointed to the lavish lifestyles of Ruto and members of his administration, and called on officials to limit their expenses. Ruto also said his office would cut spending on travel, cars, and office renovations and proposed that other government branches do so.

Young protesters, who observers say largely initiated and guided the demonstrations, were also incensed by the dismissive way in which some leaders had addressed their concerns. Ruto said his government would engage with the young people and a broad range of groups in the next two weeks to chart a new economic course.

On Tuesday, as lawmakers debated and voted on the finance bill, protesters in Nairobi marched to parliament to urge them to back down. But Ruto's coalition, which has a majority in parliament, quickly passed the legislation.

A tense mood lingered in major cities across Kenya on Wednesday after protesters on Tuesday stormed parliament and set parts of it ablaze in actions that Ruto said posed an "existential danger" to the East African nation.

Some protesters vowed to march again Thursday to protest the crackdown and mourn those killed.

Political analysts said Wednesday the president remained besieged on multiple fronts and faced crucial tests to his leadership.

Daily Briefing

Ex-Honduras president draws 45-year sentence

NEW YORK — A defiant former Honduran president Juan Orlando Hernández was sentenced in New York Wednesday to 45 years in prison for teaming up with some bribe-paying drug traffickers for more than a decade to ensure over 400 tons of cocaine made it to the United States.

Judge P. Kevin Castel sentenced Hernández to 45 years in a US prison and fined him $8 million, saying that the penalty should serve as a warning to "well educated, well dressed" individuals who gain power and think their status insulates them from justice when they do wrong.

A jury convicted him in March in Manhattan federal court after a two-week trial, which was closely followed in his home country.

"I am innocent," Hernández said through an interpreter at his sentencing. "I was wrongly and unjustly accused."

In a lengthy extemporaneous statement interrupted several times by the judge, who repeatedly reminded him that this was not a time to relitigate the trial, Hernández portrayed himself as a hero of the antidrug trafficking movement who teamed up with American authorities under three US presidential administrations to reduce drug imports.

But the judge said that trial evidence proved the opposite, and that Hernández employed "considerable acting skills" to make it seem that he was an antidrug trafficking crusader while he deployed his nation's police and military, when necessary, to protect the drug trade.

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AUTO ART — Revelers posed with the Carhenge art installation on the opening day of the annual Glastonbury festival in Somerset, England, Wednesday. The festival, founded in 1970, offers music and arts and seeks to embody a spirit of community, creativity, and environmental consciousness.

Denmark announces a windbreaking tax

COPENHAGEN — Denmark will tax livestock farmers for the greenhouse gases emitted by their cows, sheep, and pigs from 2030, the first country to do so as it targets a major source of methane emissions, one of the most potent gases contributing to global warming.

The aim is to reduce Danish greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent from 1990 levels by 2030, said Taxation Minister Jeppe Bruus.

As of 2030, Danish livestock farmers will be taxed $43 per ton of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2030. The tax will increase to $108 by 2035. However, because of an income tax deduction of 60 percent, the actual cost per ton will start at $17.3 and increase to $28kroner by 2035.

Although carbon dioxide typically gets more attention for its role in climate change, methane traps about 87 times more heat on a 20-year time scale, according to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Levels of methane have increased quickly since 2020. Livestock account for about 32 percent of human-caused methane emissions, the UN Environment Program says.

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Merchant vessel attacked off Yemen

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A suspected missile attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels early Wednesday targeted a ship in the Gulf of Aden, while a separate drone attack claimed by Iraqi militants allied with the rebels targeted the Israeli port city of Eilat.

The attacks follow the departure of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower after an eight-month deployment in which the aircraft carrier led the American response to the Houthi assaults. Those attacks have reduced shipping drastically through the route crucial to Asian, Middle East, and European markets in a campaign the Houthis say will continue as long as the Israel-Hamas war rages in the Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, the Iran-backed Houthis faced allegations that they seized commercial aircraft that brought back pilgrims from the hajj amid a widening economic dispute between the rebels and Yemen's exiled government.

The ship attack happened off the coast of Aden, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center said. The captain of a ship reported a missile hit the water in close proximity to the vessel," the military said.

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Assange returns to Australia, ending epic legal saga

CANBERRA, Australia — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange returned to his homeland Australia aboard a charter jet and raised a celebratory clenched fist as his supporters cheered on Wednesday, hours after he pleaded guilty to obtaining and publishing US military secrets in a deal with Justice Department prosecutors that concludes a drawn-out legal saga.

Assange told Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in a phone call from Canberra's airport tarmac that Australian government intervention in the US prosecution had saved his life, Assange lawyer Jennifer Robinson said.

Assange embraced his wife, Stella, and father, John Shipton, but avoided media at a news conference less than than two hours after he landed.

"Julian wanted me to sincerely thank everyone," Stella Assange told reporters. "He wanted to be here. But you have to understand what he's been through. He needs time. He needs to recuperate, and this is a process."

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Julian Assange celebrated after arriving at Canberra Airport on Wednesday.

NATO will offer Ukraine a 'bridge' to membership

Decision dashes Zelensky's hope of full integration

By Steven Erlanger
NEW YORK TIMES

BERLIN — NATO will offer Ukraine a new headquarters to manage its military assistance at its upcoming 75th anniversary summit in Washington, officials said, an assurance of the alliance's long-term commitment to the country's security that has been heralded as a "bridge" to Ukraine's eventual membership.

President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine — along with some Central European nations — had fervently hoped his country would be offered membership negotiations by NATO at the summit, which runs from July 9 to 11.

Instead, the alliance will announce that it has agreed to set up a mission in Germany to coordinate aid of all kinds to Ukraine over the longer term, US and NATO officials said. The move is intended to send a strong signal of allied commitment, both to Ukraine and to Russia, which hopes the West will grow tired of supporting the war.

Because the mission will be under NATO's auspices, it is designed to function even if Donald Trump, a sharp critic of the alliance and of aid to Ukraine, wins the US presidency in November.

The Biden administration and NATO officials came up with the idea as a way to give something solid to Ukraine at the summit even as they maintain the time is not right for the country to join.

It is not just that Ukraine is still at war, which could make NATO an active participant in the fighting. President Biden and Chancellor Olaf Scholz of Germany have said that Ukraine must make important reforms to reduce corruption and improve its democracy and rule of law.

The hope is that the mission and the commitment it represents will satisfy Zelensky and lead to a smoother summit than the last one, a year ago in Vilnius, Lithuania, where he made his unhappiness clear when Ukraine was not offered a firm timeline for membership negotiations.

The new mission will bring under one umbrella the activities of the current "capabilities coalition" of countries that provide various aspects of military aid to Ukraine, including air defenses, artillery, F-16 jets, arms, and training.

It will also coordinate training of Ukrainian military personnel in allied countries and the longer-term bilateral security agreements that different countries have signed with Ukraine, according to the US and NATO officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because details of the plan have not yet been announced.

NATO countries are all on board with establishing the mission, the officials said, and it will be announced at the summit meeting.

Previously, aid for Ukraine has been given mostly on a country-by-country basis, with less concern over its efficiency or even for its most pressing needs. Gathering the essential strands of aid and training under one command is aimed at streamlining the flow and making it more coherent, officials briefed on the plan said.

Called the NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine, the mission will work to reduce duplications and complications from the various kinds of weaponry sent to Ukraine.

One example, US and NATO officials said, is the recent French offer to donate an unspecified number of Mirage fighter jets when Ukraine is already struggling to train pilots and put F-16s in the air. The Mirage, a similarly sophisticated plane, requires different training, parts, and maintenance that may strain Ukrainian capabilities.

The mission will be based at the US military facility in Wiesbaden, Germany, and headed by a three-star general — likely an American — reporting directly to the top NATO and American general in Europe, General Christopher G. Cavoli.

Placing the mission under Cavoli's NATO hat will protect it from any political change in Washington, said Ivo Daalder, a former US ambassador to NATO who has been briefed on the plan.

The new mission will also incorporate an existing US group stationed in Wiesbaden to handle weapons shipments and personnel training.

And it will run parallel to the Ukraine Defense Contact Group, which is under US leadership and coordinates weapons deliveries by about 50 countries to Ukraine, well beyond NATO's own 32 member states.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, who set up the contact group, insisted that it remain for now under US chairmanship, the officials said.

A day after ruling, Netanyahu's coalition still holds

Court shot down ultra-Orthodox draft exemption

By Matthew Mpoke Bigg and Gabby Sobelman
NEW YORK TIMES

A day after Israel's Supreme Court ruled that the military must begin drafting ultra-Orthodox Jewish men, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's ruling coalition appeared to be holding, though at least one far-right party expressed deep reservations about the court decision.

The ruling had for months been viewed as potentially perilous for Netanyahu because his six-party coalition depends on ultra-Orthodox parties that are opposed to conscription for their constituents. But so far, there was little sign that the decision would jeopardize the coalition in the short term.

There was no immediate comment on the ruling from one of the most prominent far-right ministers, Bezalel Smotrich. Some politicians connected to the coalition criticized the ruling, but did not say whether it might lead them to pull out of the government.

Military service is compulsory for most Jewish Israelis, both men and women, and the exemption for the ultra-Orthodox has long been a source of resentment. That resentment has grown because of the strain placed on the Israel Defense Forces by the war in the Gaza Strip, which has entered its ninth month.

On Tuesday, judges said there was no legal basis for a military exemption given to ultra-Orthodox religious students. Without a law distinguishing between seminarians and other men of draft age, the court ruled, the country's mandatory draft laws must similarly apply to the ultra-Orthodox minority.

Netanyahu's Likud party has criticized the Supreme Court for issuing a ruling when it said the government was planning to pass its own legislation that would render the case obsolete.

The government's proposed law, the party said, would increase the number of ultra-Orthodox conscripts while recognizing the importance of religious study, but it was unclear whether it would ultimately hold up to judicial scrutiny. If passed by parliament, a new law could face years of court challenges, buying the government additional time.

In reaction to the ruling Wednesday, Rabbi Shlomo Benizri, who had served in previous governments and is an influential member of the Sephardic Shas party, a coalition member that appeals to Israelis from the Middle East and North Africa, said the military must ensure that provisions are made for yeshiva students who are drafted as a result of the ruling.

These arrangements must "create the appropriate atmosphere and spiritual greenhouse for them, and then they can be drafted," he said in an interview on Israel's Kan radio, without elaborating.

Meir Porush, the Jerusalem affairs and heritage minister, reserved his disappointment for the court, rather than the government, saying the decision left ultra-Orthodox Jews legally defenseless.

"We feel today we have no protection in the corridors of the courts," said Porush, a member of the United Torah Judaism party, in an opinion piece in the Hamevaser newspaper, which is widely read by the ultra-Orthodox. "There is no one who understands how fundamental it is to sit and meditate on the Torah."

Smotrich, a settler activist and ultranationalist who serves as finance minister in the government, had no immediate comment on the ruling, a spokesperson said.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews have been exempt from military service since the founding of Israel in 1948, when the country's leadership promised them autonomy in exchange for their support in creating a largely secular state. At the time, there were only a few hundred yeshiva students.

There are now more than 1 million ultra-Orthodox in Israel, roughly 13 percent of the population.

They wield considerable political clout and their elected leaders have become kingmakers, featuring in most Israeli coalition governments. But as the power of the ultra-Orthodox grew, so did anger over their lack of participation in the military and their relatively small contribution to the economy.

Differences of opinion in Israel over the court ruling, even among the right-wing, were made clear in two Hebrew-language newspapers Wednesday. Hamevaser featured a headline in red and white reading "A sword over the temple of studies," to signify the threat to Torah studies for yeshiva students.

But Israel Today, a free newspaper that is popular on the right, ran a banner headline over a Star of David emblem that read, "One Nation, one military, let the IDF win," signaling its support for the decision.

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Israeli police dispersed ultra-Orthodox Jewish men protesting possible changes in the country's laws on its military draft.

Coup attempt in Bolivia fails after president names new army leader

Troops entered palace before pulling out

By Paola Flores
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Armored vehicles rammed into the doors of Bolivia's government palace Wednesday in an apparent coup attempt, but President Luis Arce vowed to stand firm and named a new army commander who ordered troops to stand down.

The soldiers pulled back behind a line of military vehicles, as hundreds of Arce's supporters rushed the square outside the palace, waving Bolivian flags and cheering.

Arce, surrounded by ministers, waved at the crowd as they sang the national anthem. "Thank you to the Bolivian people," he said. "Let democracy live on."

Hours later, the Bolivian general who appeared to be behind the rebellion, Juan José Zúñiga, was arrested after the attorney general opened an investigation. It wasn't immediately clear what the charges were against him.

However, shortly before his arrest, Zúñiga claimed Arce asked him to storm the palace in a political move. "The president told me: 'The situation is very screwed up, very critical. It is necessary to prepare something to raise my popularity,'" Zúñiga told reporters.

Zúñiga sajd he asked Arce if he should "take out the armored vehicles?" and Arce replied, "Take them out."

Wednesday's rebellion followed months of tensions, with economic hardship and protests growing ever stronger as two political titans — Arce and his onetime ally, leftist former President Evo Morales — battled for control of the ruling party.

Still, the apparent attempt to depose the sitting president appeared to lack any meaningful support, and even Arce's rivals closed ranks to defend democracy and repudiate the uprising.

The spectacle outraged regional leaders and shocked Bolivians, no stranger to political unrest; in 2019, Morales was ousted as president following an earlier political crisis.

As the crisis unfolded Wednesday, military vehicles flooded into the plaza. Before entering the government building, Zúñiga, general commander of the army, told journalists: "Surely soon there will be a new Cabinet of ministers; our country, our state cannot go on like this." Zúñiga said that "for now," though, he recognized Arce as commander in chief.

Zúñiga did not explicitly say he was leading a coup, but in the palace, he said the army was trying to "restore democracy and free our political prisoners."

Shortly after, Arce confronted Zúñiga in the palace hallway, as shown on video on Bolivian television. "I am your captain, and I order you to withdraw your soldiers, and I will not allow this insubordination," Arce said.

Surrounded by ministers, he added: "Here we are, firm in Casa Grande, to confront any coup attempt. We need the Bolivian people to organize."

He added in a video message that he would not "allow, once again, coup attempts to take the lives of Bolivians."

Less than an hour later, Arce announced new heads of the army, navy and air force, and thanked the country's police and regional allies for standing by him. Arce said the troops who rose against him were "staining the uniform" of the military.

"I order all that are mobilized to return to their units," said the newly named army chief José Wilson Sánchez. "No one wants the images we're seeing in the streets."

Shortly after, the armored vehicles roared out of the plaza, tailed by hundreds of military fighters as police in riot gear set up blockades outside the government palace.

Bolivia, a country of 12 million people, has seen intensifying protests in recent months over the economy's precipitous decline from one of the continent's fastest-growing two decades ago to one of its most crisis-stricken.

The country also has seen a high-profile rift at the highest levels of the governing party. Arce and his onetime ally, Morales, have been battling for the future of Bolivia's splintering Movement for Socialism, known by its Spanish acronym MAS, ahead of elections in 2025.

Following Wednesday's chaos, reports on local media showed Bolivians stocking up on food and other essentials in supermarkets, concerned about what will come next.

But before supporters outside the presidential palace the country's Vice President David Choquehuanca vowed: "Never again with the Bolivian people permit coup attempts."



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President Luis Arce of Bolivia raised a clenched fist surrounded by supporters and media outside the government palace in La Paz on Wednesday.

Court seems set to ease Idaho abortion ban

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ed States and Idaho v. United States will be issued in due course."

The split laid out in the unsigned opinion, labeled "per curiam," meaning "by the court," was essentially 6-3, with Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson writing a partial agreement and a partial dissent. She wrote that she would have found that the federal law overrides Idaho's strict ban, adding that she believed the Supreme Court should immediately consider the issue at hand, rather than sending it back to the lower court.

The liberal justices, along with Justices Amy Coney Barrett and Brett Kavanaugh and Chief Justice John Roberts, all wrote or joined in concurring opinions.

Three of the court's conservatives, Justices Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch, dissented.

The document posted online was dated Wednesday. But the court announced only two rulings that morning. Neither involved abortion.

If the document reflects a final decision, it would be the second time this term that the justices have deflected ruling on the merits of abortion. The opinion Wednesday, which declared that the case had been "improvidently granted," suggested that the justices would not rule on the substance, but simply say that people could retain access to emergency abortions as the case works its way through the courts.

In her concurrence, Justice Elena Kagan said the decision "will prevent Idaho from enforcing its abortion ban when the termination of a pregnancy is needed to prevent serious harms to a woman's health."

In her view, she added, the federal law at issue, known as the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, "unambiguously requires" that hospitals receiving federal funding provide whatever medical treatment is necessary to stabilize a patient.

Jackson agreed with that assessment. When it agreed to hear the case, the Supreme Court also allowed Idaho's abortion ban to temporarily go into effect, inciting what she described as a totally unnecessary "monthslong catastrophe." Doctors in the state "were forced to step back and watch as their patients suffered, or arrange for their patients to be airlifted out of Idaho," she added.

However, she veered from the majority, saying that a dismissal on procedural grounds should not become a way for the court to defer certain issues.

"We cannot simply wind back the clock to how things were before the court injected itself into this matter," Jackson wrote. "There is simply no good reason not to resolve this conflict now."

In his dissent, Alito agreed that the court should have ruled on the merits of the case, calling its dismissal a puzzling reversal.

"That question is as ripe for decision as it ever will be," Alito wrote. "Apparently, the court has simply lost the will to decide the easy but emotional and highly politicized question that the case presents. That is regrettable."

For him, he wrote, the federal law clearly "does not require hospitals to perform abortions in violation of Idaho law." To the contrary, he added, it requires hospitals receiving Medicare funding "to treat, not abort, an 'unborn child.' "

Barrett appeared to carve a middle ground. Even as she wrote that she agreed with dismissal, the breadth of Idaho's law had "significantly changed — twice" since the lawsuit began and the parties' positions had "rendered the scope of the dispute unclear, at best."

Her concurring opinion echoed her questions during oral argument, when she homed in on under what circumstances the state's law would allow emergency abortions and when such procedures would be prohibited.

The apparent accidental publication of the opinion in the case, coming in the frenzied final days of the term, echoed, in some sense, the leak of the draft opinion overturning a constitutional right to abortion.

Even as abortion rights advocates welcomed the apparent outcome of the Idaho case, they warned that it did not amount to a clear victory.

"If the leaked opinion is accurate, it is clear that pregnant people are not out of the woods — not by a long shot," said Alexa Kolbi-Molinas, the deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Freedom Project. "Make no mistake: The Supreme Court had the opportunity to hold once and for all that every pregnant person has the basic right to emergency abortion care, but it appears it failed to do so."

It mirrored the reaction this month after the court rejected a bid by a group of antiabortion medical organizations and doctors seeking to curtail the availability of a common pill used in a majority of abortions in the country. In finding that the plaintiffs had no standing to challenge the drug's approval, the court dodged deciding the case on its merits and preserved widespread access to the drug, mifepristone.

A broad decision in the Idaho case could have implications for the more than a dozen states that have enacted near-total bans since the court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022. The federal emergency care law was considered one of the few — and narrow — ways the Biden administration has sought to challenge state abortion bans and preserve access, although the legal battle affects only a limited number and type of patients.

Idaho had asked the Supreme Court to intervene after an 11-member panel of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit temporarily blocked the law. In agreeing to hear the case, the justices had reinstated the ban.



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Abortion opponents prayed in front of the Supreme Court on Wednesday. The justices' decision hasn't been officially released.

Justices again take narrow view of a federal corruption laws

By Justin Jouvenal
WASHINGTON POST

The Supreme Court vacated the bribery conviction of a former Indiana mayor Wednesday, a decision that continues a recent trend by the justices to narrow the scope of corruption laws targeting public officials.

In a sharply divided 6-3 ruling that broke along ideological lines, the conservative majority found the federal law prosecutors used to convict James Snyder applies only to situations where officials accept gifts before taking government action — not to getting a reward after, which is known as a gratuity.

The decision drew a strong rebuke from Justice Kentanji Brown Jackson, who, in a dissent joined by her liberal colleagues, said the majority's "absurd and atextual reading of the statute is one only today's court could love."

Snyder, while the Republican mayor of Portage, Ind., received $13,000 from a local trucking company after the city bought five trash trucks from the business for $1.1 million in 2013. Prosecutors later indicted Snyder, alleging the payment was for steering business to the company.

Snyder was charged under a federal bribery law that makes it a crime for state and local officials to "corruptly" solicit or accept "anything of value from any person, intending to be influenced or rewarded" for an official act. Federal officials argued the statute applies to gratuities.

The former mayor, who has maintained his innocence in the case, claimed the payment was for consulting work. A federal jury convicted Snyder of accepting an illegal gratuity and he was sentenced to nearly two years in prison.

Snyder appealed his conviction, arguing that the statute used to convict him only applies to bribes given before an act, not gratuities.

The US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed Snyder's conviction, but the Supreme Court sided with Snyder.

Writing for the majority, Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh found Congress narrowly tailored the particular statute to apply to bribes, saying legislators left it to state and local officials to regulate gratuities.

Kavanaugh said the government's interpretation of the law "would radically upend gratuities rules" and turn the federal statute into a "vague and unfair trap for 19 million state and local officials."

In reading his opinion from the bench, Kavanaugh explained that the government had not delineated how to distinguish innocuous gratuities such as a parent giving an end-of-the-year gift to a teacher from one that was unethical or even criminal.

States and local governments regulate gratuities in a variety of ways. Some states allow public officials to accept those that fall below a certain threshold, while others bar officials from accepting gifts for specific activities including speaking engagements. Many states make exemptions for gifts from friends and family, travel reimbursements, and ceremonial gifts like honorary degrees.

Federal law has a ban on gratuities for federal officials.

Most expect to watch or follow debate; many consider it key

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

Most adults plan to watch some element of Thursday's presidential debate, and many think the event will be important for the campaigns of both President Biden and former president Trump, according to a poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Both men remain broadly unpopular as they prepare to face off for the first time since 2020, although Trump, the presumptive Republican nominee, maintains a modest enthusiasm advantage with his base compared to Biden, the Democratic incumbent.

About 6 in 10 adults say they are "extremely" or "very" likely to watch the debate live or in clips, or read about or listen to commentary about the performance of the candidates in the news or social media.

The poll suggests tens of millions of Americans are likely to see or hear about at least part of Thursday's debate despite how unusually early it comes in the campaign season. Both Biden and Trump supporters view the debate as a major test for their candidate — or just a spectacle not to miss.

"I think it's super important," said Victoria Perdomo, a 44-year-old stay-at-home mom and a Trump supporter in Coral Springs, Fla. "It shows America what you're going to see for the next four years."

Nic Greene, a libertarian who is a registered independent, said he'll likely vote for Trump as the "least worst candidate." He doesn't think debates do much to help voters make decisions, but he's expecting to be entertained and plans to listen to post-debate analysis on podcasts.

"I think the majority of people have their minds made up with or without these debates," he said. "It's a circus."

Both sides see the debate as important.

About half, 47 percent, of Americans say the debate is "extremely" or "very" important for the success of Biden's campaign, and about 4 in 10 say it's highly important for Trump's campaign. About 3 in 10 Americans say it is at least "very" important for both campaigns.

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PARIS HILTON ADDRESSES CONGRESS — The media personality and child welfare advocate testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on behalf of a federal program that helps children in foster care.

Biden pardons veterans who lost benefits over gay sex

President Biden on Wednesday pardoned thousands of US veterans who were convicted of having gay sex while serving in the military.

The decision will allow those affected to recoup benefits lost because of their convictions, administration officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity ahead of the White House's announcement. The move comes just ahead of Biden taking on former president Trump in a debate Thursday.

"Despite courage and sacrifice, thousands of LGBTQI+ service members were forced out of the military because of their sexual orientation or gender identity," Biden said in a message posted on the social media site X. "I'm using my clemency authority to pardon certain former service members who were convicted simply for being themselves."

The pardon primarily applies to those who were convicted in military court of sodomy between 1951 and 2013, when consensual sodomy was repealed as a military offense. The crime fell under article 125 of the Pentagon's Uniform Code of Military Justice, which includes "unnatural carnal copulation," a catchall that gay rights advocates have long sought to strike from the military's laws governing service members' behavior.

Others convicted of attempting to commit a crime, conspiracy to do so, or other offenses related to a sodomy charge — such as conduct unbecoming an officer — will have their cases flagged for additional attention by the Justice Department, administration officials said. But those who committed crimes involving a military recruit, a minor, or a prostitute — or abused positions of power — are not eligible, officials said.

Administration officials said those eligible must apply for a certificate of pardon. Once approved, they can then petition the military services for a correction to their discharge records that restores benefits. CNN first reported the expected pardons.

On a call with reporters Tuesday afternoon, administration officials declined to directly answer why it took the president more than three years into his administration to take action on the issue.

"In terms of why now, the president ... is committed to righting historic wrongs when he has the opportunity to do so," an administration official said.

WASHINGTON POST

Boebert wins primary after switching Colo. districts

Representative Lauren Boebert, the MAGA lightning rod who switched districts in Colorado to avoid being ousted from the House, won a crowded Republican primary Tuesday in a conservative area of the state, all but ensuring that she will serve another two years in Congress.

Boebert, a two-term Republican, overcame multiple challengers in the eastern plains of Colorado, nearly guaranteeing that she will prevail over her Democratic rival in November in the solidly red Fourth Congressional District. The Associated Press called the race for her less than half an hour after polls closed as she led by a wide margin.

An outspoken right-wing lawmaker, Boebert first won her seat in 2020 after upsetting an incumbent Republican in a primary. She made a name for herself with strong pro-gun views, packing a Glock on her hip, and encouraging staff at her now-closed restaurant to openly carry handguns. In Congress, she has become known for her strident MAGA views and has become entangled in a series of personal scrapes, including being ejected from a Denver theater in a lascivious episode that was caught on closed-circuit camera.

Facing a strong Democratic threat in the sprawling western Colorado district where she was first elected, Boebert chose to relocate to eastern Colorado to give herself a better chance of remaining in the House — and it appears to have worked.

The seat was vacated this year by Ken Buck, a Republican who left Congress before the end of his term and will be replaced temporarily by Greg Lopez, a Republican former mayor of Parker who won a separate special election Tuesday. Boebert did not run in the special election, since that would have required her giving up her current seat, cutting into the thin Republican majority.

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Under the radar, a path to family prosperity

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"We think that this could be a really powerful tool among many, to help to narrow the racial and gender wealth divides," said Markita Morris-Louis, chief executive of Compass Working Capital, a nonprofit financial services organization that helps run one of the FSS programs alongside the Boston Housing Authority.

The program is unique because it leverages what's known as the benefits cliff, a phenomenon where even the smallest wage increase can push a low-income household above a maximum income limit for the public benefit they depend on. For a homeowner, that would be akin to a mortgage payment increasing every time they received a raise or promotion. So rather than celebrating the accomplishment, people living in affordable housing may dread the change as they risk losing out on the resource they need to stabilize.

That's where FSS kicks in, offering families the ability to save what they would have paid as their rent increased in a separate escrow account. Participants typically stay in the program for five years and can save between $6,000 to $8,000.

Damali Omolade also found success in the program. Originally raised in Cambridge and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Boston, she now owns a home in Hyde Park.

Omolade, who works as an administrator at Harvard Business School, points to the high cost of living in the region. While more education usually means a higher salary, she said that doesn't feel true in Boston.

"Any other part of the country, you would be considered middle-class right now. I should be considered middle-class," she said. "I'm still low-income."

Housing prices in the city have skyrocketed; the median sale price for a single-family home in the Boston area hit $950,000. Massachusetts is among the most expensive places in the country when it comes to the average cost per square foot, alongside states like New York and California.

Homeownership has historically served as a way for families to build generational wealth, and though rates among Black and Latino residents in Boston have improved in recent years, they still fall behind their white counterparts.



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Damali Omolade (left, with daughter Damara and grandson Zuri) bought a home in Hyde Park with the federal program's help.

Nearly three-quarters of the heads of household who participate in FSS are Black or Hispanic and Latino, according to a 2019 report.

"This type of program is the pathway out of poverty," Omolade said. "Without a program like this, oftentimes it's absolutely impossible to save because you're literally living paycheck to paycheck."

Part of what makes it successful is the collaboration between federal funds, local housing authorities, and organizations such as Compass that can leverage more resources, said Kelly Cronin, director of the rental assistance programs at the Boston Housing Authority.

The program also comes with financial coaches, who can provide expertise and accountability for recipients, supporting them with quarterly check-ins. They also provide budgeting and savings workshops along with credit and debt management education.

Marcelin, for example, originally wanted to use her money to upgrade her 2014 Honda Pilot, but her coach pushed her to dream bigger.

At first it was nerve-racking to open up her finances to a stranger, Marcelin said. It made her feel vulnerable and she was afraid of being judged, she said. But it was helpful to get support, almost like a therapist or trusted adviser.

"One thing that I learned with them is if I'm willing to hold their hand, they will not let go of my hand," Marcelin said.

The same happened with Omolade. She wanted to first focus on paying down her student loans and then get to homeownership down the road. But her coach connected her to a program called First Home that provides up to $75,000 in down payment assistance for eligible residents who want to buy a home purchased in Boston.

Laureen McCollin-Gopie, who oversees the FSS program with the BHA, said one of the greatest challenges is people thinking the program is too good to be true. There is also a general distrust of government programs among some communities that have been historically disenfranchised.

Word of mouth has so far been their most successful way of reaching new members, but it has not proven to be enough.

Nationally, around 3 percent of all eligible households utilize the program, though Boston leads the way as one of the top three housing authorities with the most enrolled participants in the country.

"I see more people looking for better jobs, [higher] paying jobs," McCollin-Gopie said. "With the resources and the financial coaching, more people are getting promoted, and they're doing more. . . . I definitely see the change."

Another barrier to scaling the program is that housing authorities have to choose to offer the program. Across the state, only 42 housing authorities — or roughly 17 percent — do so, according to the state Office of Housing and Livable Communities. Most providers in Massachusetts don't because staffing and resources are limited; they are not equipped to manage escrow accounts for residents or handle the additional paperwork that comes with participating in a federal program.

Still, the demand is there. In Boston, about 1,400 families are enrolled, and McCollin-Gopie said "we get calls every day for people who want to transfer their [housing] voucher to Boston Housing just to get into our program."

There has been a push to change the FSS program so that recipients of affordable housing are automatically enrolled and have to choose to opt out. That would make it easier for residents to start saving and reap the benefits of the program.

Senator Jack Reed, a Democrat from Rhode Island, introduced a bill this year that would create a pilot program that would do exactly that.

Reed called FSS a "proven tool" and said he wants to see the program reach more families. A hearing on the bill, which Reed said has some bipartisan support, was held in March, but the bill has seen limited traction so far.

For their part, Marcelin and Omolade have mentioned the program to everyone they can. They hope that others can reap the benefits they have, such as homeownership.

"It's freedom," Marcelin said. "It's the best feeling ever."

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Focus on samples in death of woman tied to Stoughton officers

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lice officers she met through the youth program, the lack of testing of the samples as alleged by Baden "does not seem to fit with any standard practices that I am familiar with," said Djuna Perkins, a former state prosecutor who now practices law in Dedham.

"It screams red flag," Perkins said Wednesday.

Baden questioned the forensic testing in Birchmore's case last week in a letter summarizing his review of her autopsy by the state medical examiner's office. Writing to a lawyer for Birchmore's estate, Baden said he determined her death was a homicide, contradicting earlier findings by state investigators who said she killed herself and that no foul play was involved in her death. Baden wrote Birchmore was 10 weeks pregnant.

No criminal charges have been filed in the case.

Birchmore's estate is suing the three former police officers for wrongful death in a complaint that accuses them of engaging in a "near decade-long scheme of grooming and repeated assaults," which culminated in her death.

They are Matthew G. Farwell, 38, a married former Stoughton police detective, patrolmen's union president, and father whom Birchmore met through the department's youth program, as well as his twin brother, William, and Robert C. Devine, 52, a former deputy chief in Stoughton who previously led the department's youth program.

All three resigned from the department in 2022 and deny the allegations in the civil suit. They didn't respond Wednesday to requests for comment.

The lawsuit also accuses Matthew Farwell of having sex with Birchmore when she was 15 and he was 27. If true, those actions would constitute statutory rape, as the age of consent in Massachusetts is 16. In court papers, Matthew Farwell has denied having sex with Birchmore when she was underage.

The attorney who represents Birchmore's estate, Steven J. Marullo, declined to comment.

Records show that State Police asked Farwell to provide a DNA sample in 2021, and he declined.

But Perkins said in Birchmore's case there was "reasonable suspicion" to pursue DNA testing, and investigators have several options for obtaining samples from people who decline to provide them voluntarily.

"He's a police officer with a lot of power," she said. "Of course you want to know who is the father of the child and so you would request that DNA be tested."

Judges may grant investigators an order to compel a person to provide a DNA sample, even if they have not been charged, as long as they show there is probable cause to believe a crime has taken place and that the testing would likely provide evidence relevant to whether a defendant is guilty.

Investigators could also obtain a discarded item like a cup or can and have it tested for DNA, she said. Another option would be to compare the fetal tissue to DNA information on publicly available genealogy websites to identify relatives, Perkins said.



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From top, Matthew Farwell, William Farwell, and Robert Devine.

"That has solved a few cold cases," she said.

Under state law, Birchmore's death was investigated by Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey with help from the state medical examiner and State Police.

On Wednesday, a spokesperson for the state medical examiner's office said in an email that testing by the agency is "focused on ascertaining cause and manner of death, or the identity of the decedent." The medical examiner collects evidence to preserve for "other uses by other agencies," but doesn't routinely perform tests that "go beyond their role of determining cause and manner." Decisions about whether to perform additional testing are made by district attorneys or police working for them, the spokesperson said.

David Traub, a spokesperson for Morrissey, said forensic and DNA testing was conducted "on items with the potential to produce evidence of the potential crimes being investigated," but didn't provide specifics. Other items have been preserved, he said.

Matthew Farwell's connection to Birchmore was relayed to investigators as early as Feb. 5, 2021, the day after she was found dead, State Police records show. During interviews at East Elementary School in Sharon, where Birchmore worked, the principal told troopers he had spoken to Birchmore's aunt and she had mentioned Farwell.

Three other school employees said Birchmore had shared that she was pregnant; two of those employees said Birchmore described her boyfriend as a police detective; and one of those employees said Birchmore shared that her boyfriend was a married father who worked for Stoughton police, State Police records show.

On Feb. 6, 2021, State Police interviewed Farwell and reviewed surveillance footage from Birchmore's apartment building in Canton that captured him entering and exiting the property five days earlier.

Farwell told State Police investigators that he and Birchmore engaged in a sexual relationship from early 2020, when she was 22, until October of that year, according to a report by Lieutenant John Fanning. Farwell said Birchmore was due to give birth in September 2021 and based on that timeline, he was not the father, Fanning wrote.

Of his visit to Birchmore's apartment, Farwell said she was upset, but didn't make any "suicidal statements," and was standing in her kitchen when he left, Fanning wrote. He was the last known person to see Birchmore alive, according to a Stoughton police internal affairs report.

Dr. Reade A. Quinton, vice president of National Association of Medical Examiners, said in an email Wednesday that DNA testing is determined on a case-by-case basis.

"Blood and tissue samples from all autopsies are routinely collected and stored for a certain period of time, and may be tested at a later date if more information becomes available," said Quinton, who is not involved in the case.

Samples collected for sexual assault kits also don't have to be automatically tested, he said.

"These samples may be collected at the beginning of the autopsy to preserve any potential evidence, but the final autopsy findings and the death investigation may not indicate a reason for sending the samples for testing," Quinton said. "Again, these can be stored in case there are questions that arise later."

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EDITORIAL

Supreme Court keeps us guessing on what firearm limits are permissible

Every month in America, 70 women are shot and killed by an intimate partner, according to data from the Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund. Nearly 1 million women alive today in the United States have reported being shot or shot at by an intimate partner, and more than 4 million women have been threatened with a gun by a partner.

So on its face, the Supreme Court's 8-1 decision last week upholding a federal law banning people under domestic violence restraining orders from possessing firearms seems like a common-sense conclusion: the Second Amendment must leave room to ensure that guns are kept out of the hands of people proven to pose a lethal threat.

But while the court landed on the correct outcome, a closer reading of the opinion — or more precisely the seven separate opinions that make up the ruling — shows that constitutional rules of the road for gun control measures remain about as clear as mud.

That's due to an archaic legal standard based on "historical tradition" imposed two years ago by the Supreme Court that has not only stymied efforts by states and the federal government to keep Americans safe from gun violence but also confused policy makers, law enforcement, and, now, even members of the court itself.

Strict adherence to this new standard would have spelled disaster for domestic violence victims. The fact that the court had to all but deviate from its own standard to achieve the result of protecting the abused shows how unworkable the standard is and that it's time for it to be revisited and revised.

If there were ever an easy case for upholding the application of a gun restriction, it was this one. It involved a federal ban on a specific class of people: those under a court-issued restraining order for domestic violence.

The actions of the defendant in the case, Zackey Rahimi, demonstrate why the ruling should have been a no brainer. His partner sought a restraining order against him when, after a history of abusive behavior, he assaulted her, opened fire in her direction as she fled, and later threatened her if she reported the incident.

Generally speaking, laws abridging enumerated rights such as the right to bear arms in the Second

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Amendment must pass what is called a strict scrutiny test of constitutionality: The government must prove that the law is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling interest. In this case it is clear that there is an abundantly compelling government interest in protecting people from a threat that led to a court order of protection.

But in 2022 the court traded that standard for one tethered to an 18th-century understanding of what the right to bear arms meant. In a nutshell, in order for a gun restriction to be held constitutional, there needs to be a historical analogy to that law to "demonstrate that the regulation is consistent with the Nation's historical tradition."

Those are the words of Justice Clarence Thomas in the 2022 ruling in New York State Rifle & Pistol Assn., Inc. v. Bruen. Since then, lawmakers, courts and members of the public have often been at a loss to understand how to apply standards from a time of single-shot muskets to the modern age of rapid-fire assault weapons and ever advancing firearm technology and availability.

This new standard could have spelled disaster for last week's ruling, given that at the time of the Second Amendment's ratification, spousal abuse was not widely criminalized nor even the subject of civil penalty, let alone the basis of disarmament.

But Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, managed to stretch the bounds of that test just enough to avoid a nonsensical outcome, given that women at that time were denied not only the right not to be abused but also to own property, vote, or in many states seek a divorce.

Roberts held that the historical analogy to a gun regulation need not "precisely match its historical precursors." Laws designed to keep guns from dangerous people who engaged in unlawfulness at the time, he reasoned, were enough.

It would not have been enough for Thomas, author of the Bruen decision, who dissented in Rahimi.

And Roberts's strained expansion of Thomas's rule isn't enough to end the confusion Bruen has caused.

"We must remember that legislatures, seeking to implement meaningful reform for their constituents while simultaneously respecting the Second Amendment, are hobbled without a clear, workable test for assessing the constitutionality of their proposals," Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote in a concurrence. "And courts, which are currently at sea when it comes to evaluating firearms legislation, need a solid anchor for grounding their constitutional pronouncements. The public, too, deserves clarity when this Court interprets our Constitution."

This decision offers none of that.

It is time for the court to revisit and correct its mistake. Our nation cannot advance if it is tethered to the past.

RENÉE LOTH

Paris goes for the gold in making the city more sustainable

The Olympic torch is wending its way through the villes of France, en route to the summer games that open in Paris next month. Beginning July 26, the French capital will host 15,000 athletes, about 10 million ticketed spectators, 26,000 accredited journalists, millions more hangers-on and celebrity seekers, plus 40,000 police officers to keep the paix. Call it the City of Klieg Light.

The weeks of elite athletic events surely will captivate audiences worldwide. But the most spectacular achievement of the Paris games — and largely how the city won its host designation from the International Olympic Committee in 2017 — will happen long after the last medal is won. Because Paris has pledged not just to produce the most sustainable — and affordable — games in modern times but to leverage the event to revitalize its notorious suburbs, or banlieues, for a livable future.

The few permanent structures Paris built for the Olympics — the Athletes Village and the Aquatics Center — were strategically located in the district called Seine-Saint-Denis, where a third of residents live in poverty and where tensions between police and largely immigrant youth have erupted into riots over the years. After the athletes depart, the village will be transformed into housing for 6,000 residents, with up to 40 percent of affordable units, plus schools, hotels, and a 5-acre park. The Aquatics Center will remain open as a multisport facility offering recreation to a community where half the children entering sixth grade don't know how to swim. And a large new metro station will be added as part of a broader plan to extend the city's regional rail network.

"The Games are an incredible opportunity," Mathieu Hanotin, the mayor of St.-Denis, recently told The New York Times. "They will allow us to change our image, and also to deliver housing to help improve the social balance of the city."



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View of the beach volleyball court at the Eiffel Tower stadium.

The enduring aftermath of the Paris Olympics is billed as a notable contrast to some past host cities, where abandoned pools and stadiums blight the landscape, even helping popularize a viral photographic genre known as "ruin porn." In Athens, Rio de Janeiro, Sarajevo, even Beijing, the legacy of the games has largely been overbuilding, overspending, and crumbling, vandalized white elephants.

This time will be different, Paris officials insist.

The lofty promises have plenty of skeptics, who point to gentrification and displacement as the area is spiffed up in advance of the games, and to other pressing needs that can be overlooked as resources are funneled into the games. The city's vaunted plan to forgo air conditioning in the Athletes Village — relying instead on a more sustainable geothermal cooling system — has become an object of ridicule, as many wealthier countries, including the United States, are shipping in portable air conditioning units to keep their athletes comfortable. Many Parisians are souring on the whole idea. These are the sorts of headaches that contributed to Boston withdrawing its 2015 bid to host the games.

Still, if any city can pull it off, it's Paris.

The city's mayor, Anne Hidalgo, is known as an urban visionary, winning global awards for transforming Paris into a model for green innovation. She removed traffic from highways on both banks of the Seine River (think of Storrow and Memorial Drive) and instead built urban beaches and promenades. She created 300 micro school districts that are closed to traffic so parents can walk their children to school. She has pledged that greenhouse gas emissions from the games will be half that of London (2012) and Rio (2016). Even this year's Olympic torch is eco-friendly: made from 100 percent recycled steel and burning biogas instead of propane.

Now Hidalgo is using the Olympics to accelerate her ambitious plans for a greener, more accessible Paris, adding still more bike lanes, promising an "urban forest," and securing funding from the French government to make the Seine River swimmable for the first time in a century. And perhaps the most daunting challenge of all: proving that public investment in troubled urban communities can shift the dynamic and improve the lives of residents without pricing them out of their own homes.

The Olympic promise is all about preserving the social and economic benefits the games generate. Can Paris make them last? Here's one good sign: The field hockey competitions will be staged this year at the the Yves-du-Manoir stadium, which was also used the last time Paris hosted the summer games — 100 years ago, in 1924.

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Today's Alito dissent can become tomorrow's law

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito doesn't like it when powerful people use the lever of government to impose their views on others. Unless, of course, that powerful person is Alito.

That's the only explanation for his dissent Wednesday assailing the court's reasonable ruling tossing out the longshot claim that the Biden administration trampled on the First Amendment when it communicated with social media companies about the dangers of COVID-19 disinformation.

Why is this important? After all, Alito couldn't even get the majority of his fellow GOP-appointed colleagues to join his fringe view that governments cannot play any role in helping to stop the online spread of dangerous lies.

> Alito is playing the role of a religious warrior, both on and off the court.

But it does highlight why the recent controversies over Alito's words and actions outside the courtroom are so important. Alito's repeated warnings about a war between Christian and secular America, the flying of a flag closely associated with the Christian right (including anti-vaccine movements) outside his home, and his close ties to deep-pocketed conservatives aren't just a problem in abstraction. Justices are allowed to have personal views. But they aren't allowed to let those views affect the outcome of their rulings. I'm not sure Alito knows the difference.

Wednesday's 6-3 opinion by Justice Amy Coney Barrett held that plaintiffs in the case — which included two Republican-controlled states and the head of a group that advocated against COVID-19 mask and vaccine mandates — lacked standing. That means they didn't have the legal right to sue because they couldn't demonstrate that any action by the Biden administration caused them injury. Because of that, the court didn't have to consider the case's main issue: whether White House officials unconstitutionally "coerced" social media platforms in a way that violated the free speech rights of users.

But in its reasoning, the court did note that there was no clear causal line between communications from White House officials, the platforms' content moderation policies, and specific actions the platform took to remove or flag individual posts. Long story short, these plaintiffs weren't going to win this case even if they had standing.

That didn't stop Alito's ire.

"For months, high-ranking Government officials placed unrelenting pressure on Facebook to suppress Americans' free speech," Alito fumed, scolding the majority for refusing "to address this serious threat to the First Amendment."

But this isn't the first time Alito has railed against restrictions imposed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The pandemic has resulted in previously unimaginable restrictions on individual liberty," Alito said in an address to the conservative legal group the Federalist Society in 2020 — remarks that were given remotely because, you know, COVID is dangerous.

He was referring to challenges by churches to pandemic mitigation measures, masking requirements, and other rules restricting some religious gatherings. But these challenges were a part of a broader religious rights movement that saw such government intervention as a threat to individual liberty — and among the symbols used in that movement was the "Appeal to Heaven" flag seen outside Alito's New Jersey home.

Even before Alito penned the blistering rejection of Roe v. Wade in the Dobbs ruling two years ago, his opinions on the court as well as his speeches outside of it made his views clear. He believes there is an attack on the constitutional rights of the religious faithful in this country.

Never mind the fact that it isn't true. No constitutional rights, save maybe the right to bear arms, have received more robust protection by this court than the rights to free speech and religious liberty.

That's why the court ruled that the Westboro Baptist Church could shout horrific anti-gay slurs while protesting outside military funerals. That's why the court blessed the ability of a public high school coach to lead prayer on the football field. That's why Maine couldn't ban taxpayer funds from going to religious school tuition. That's why Boston's open flag policy on City Hall Plaza had to allow Christian flags to fly too.

Alito should know this, because he voted with the majority in all of these rulings. Yet he still is playing the role of a religious warrior, both on and off the court.

As his battle cries get louder, it's important to remember that the only difference between now and a decade ago is there are fewer moderating voices on the court to counter his. Depending on the outcome of November's election, there could be fewer still. That means today's dissents could become tomorrow's law.

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JOAN VENNOCHI

Biden reaches for the new political center

For Democrats, the political winds of 2024 continue to shift away from the far left.

On Tuesday night, Representative Jamaal Bowman of New York became the first member of the House's ultraprogressive "Squad" to lose a primary reelection contest to a moderate Democrat. Based on recent polling, fellow Squad member Representative Cori Bush of Missouri could also be in primary trouble.

Against that backdrop comes news that Adam Kinzinger, the former Republican congressman who broke with his party and voted to impeach Donald Trump, is endorsing President Biden. The timely message: Biden is wisely reaching out to the new political center, represented by independents and anti-Trump Republicans. It's not an easy reach. Biden is not only fighting the efforts by Trump and the MAGA movement to keep him tightly tethered to the Squad's far left-leaning politics; he is also fighting efforts within his own party to keep him there.

Bowman and his supporters blamed money for his loss to George Latimer, a moderate Democrat, who benefitted from what The New York Times described as "record-shattering spending by political groups" that were angry about Bowman's harsh criticism of Israel after the Oct. 7, 2023, attack by Hamas. However, as the Times also pointed out, Bowman had other baggage, including a guilty plea to a misdemeanor for pulling a House fire alarm last year — hardly an advertisement for judgment or maturity in an elected representative.

Then again, a lack of judgment and maturity did not stop MAGA-loving Representative Lauren Boebert of Colorado from winning a Republican primary after she switched from a more moderate district to a more conservative one. Boebert, who was endorsed by Trump, prevailed in a crowded primary field even after she was caught vaping, singing, and causing a disturbance in a Denver theater last September. But that's a problem for Republicans.

To centrist Democrats, the combination of Bowman's loss and Bush's potential primary vulnerability illustrates a growing trend on issues like immigration, foreign policy, and public safety away from the fierce, left-leaning politics of the party's progressive faction. For any chance of beating Trump, Biden must adjust to it.

"There's momentum moving toward the center, and both the far left and far right demonstrated recently how important momentum is in politics" said Liam Kerr, cofounder of the Welcome Party, which pushes the idea of a Democratic tent big enough to welcome independents and disaffected Republicans.

When progressives like Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York won their House seats, their momentum led everyone to think the whole electorate was moving left. With Trump and the MAGA movement, there's momentum that suggests the electorate is moving right. But to Kerr, the center is where most of the people really are.

If Biden understands that, he can ride that momentum "back to the White House," he told me. Kinzinger's endorsement and the Biden campaign's hiring of Austin Weatherford, Kinzinger's longtime chief of staff, as a national Republican engagement director, may look like small and late steps in the right direction, said Kerr, "but they are meaningful and will hopefully accelerate."



YUKI IWAMURA/AP

Representative Jamaal Bowman of New York, a progressive member of the House "Squad," spoke during a primary election night watch party on June 25 in Yonkers, N.Y.

Still, the reaction from the far left to Bowman's loss shows the challenge Biden faces.

As Alexandra Rojas, the executive director of Justice Democrats, a progressive group that recruited Bowman, put it in a press release: "Jamaal Bowman is not a warning, but a model for what every progressive should aspire to be: uncompromisingly dedicated to the interests of their constituents and unwilling to compromise on our core values for political expediency."

The Sunrise Movement, a progressive group of climate activists, also put out a statement that said, "Democrats should see this race as a massive warning for November. If you stand by while far-right groups try to buy elections, you further alienate and disillusion the young voters and voters of color you need to re-elect Joe Biden this November."

On X, Pressley, another Squad member, posted a message saying Bowman "has always & will always work for the PEOPLE. He's got our back & we've still got his. The dark money dumped into this election is historic for all the wrong reasons. But our Work to build a safer, more just & equitable world continues. Determined as ever."

Can progressives like Pressley have Bowman's back and Biden's too? Given their sharp differences on issues like immigration and the Israel-Hamas war, can progressives accept a pragmatic embrace of more centrist politics in order to win in November?

Trump has the MAGA right-wing base completely under his control. He needs voters in the middle. So does Biden. At the same time, Biden may not have the progressive wing of the party completely in his corner, even as Trump tags Biden and all Democrats as tools of the "radical left."

Not that Trump ever lets facts get in the way of ridiculous theory — but not all Democrats think alike. Bowman's primary loss proves it.

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INBOX

Big night: Biden, Trump prepare to take the stage

The only thing that's seismic about this debate is our expectations

With apologies to what may be President Biden's most famous line, which he uttered when he was vice president, Thursday's debate is no "big [expletive] deal."

Everything is long baked into our understanding of presidents 45 and 46. They have been in our heads forever and a day, and whatever Biden and former president Donald Trump say or don't say in 90 minutes will be as dust in the wind on Nov. 5.

Sure, there will be talk in the days afterward of a gotcha moment where Biden stumbles, bumbles, and fumbles over a word or three or where Trump's relentlessness seems to wear his opponent down. And without doubt, Trump will have to absorb some major blows in trying to contend with the recklessness of his mouth and his life.

> The events unfolding on the ground in the ensuing months will largely dictate where this race leads.

Yes, the polls may even wobble a bit as this one or that one is declared the winner of the debate and the other's campaign is mortally wounded.

But don't be fooled.

Ahead lay the dog days of summer with autumn cooling its heels. The events unfolding on the ground in the ensuing months will largely dictate where this race leads.

So you can put your feet up, set a drink by your side, and root for your "home team" on Thursday night. But no matter the cheers or groans, this will just be entertainment and little more (and maybe less).

ROBERT S. NUSSBAUM
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Let's see hard truths about Big Lie

Somehow, sometime during the 90-minute debate, someone needs to call out former president Donald Trump once and for all on the Big Lie. He has been able to avoid considerable direct confrontation on the issue by insulating himself from hostile questions. Unfortunately, even his critics have apparently been worn down by the repetition of it ad nauseam to his credulous followers. He and his minions have no evidence yet repeat as incontrovertible truth that the 2020 election was rigged. Who will finally say to Trump's face that it is a bald-faced lie? If he has "evidence," he should provide it now. Otherwise we can all say that everyone now knows it's not only a lie, but a damned lie by a con man.

I fear that the moderators will shy away from the question, despite the objective evidence to refute Trump's claim, lest they be accused of favoritism toward President Biden. But I am hopeful that if that's the case, Biden will take the gloves off and let Trump have it.

K. ALBERT JONES
Franklin

Biden should hit Trump hard with the climate question

John Sasso, a former campaign manager, encourages President Biden to "take off the gloves and deliver the facts — with strength, conviction, and passion" in Thursday's presidential debate ("What Biden needs to say to win the debate with Trump," Opinion, June 22). He proposes that Biden forcefully confront rival Donald Trump with direct statements, challenging his fitness for office while highlighting the accomplishments of his own administration.

The climate crisis, which Sasso does not mention, is ultimately the greatest challenge that we face as a nation and one of the former president's greatest vulnerabilities. The debate gives Biden a powerful opportunity to publicly distinguish himself from Trump's reckless pro-carbon agenda, and it could be a game changer for the incumbent.

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In keeping with Sasso's appeal for directness, I hope to hear Biden say, "Mr. Trump, you've made it clear to the American people that you're planning to massively increase fossil fuel use while sharply reducing the expansion of renewable energy. It's obvious that these policies will rapidly accelerate the climate crisis. Here before the American people, tonight, confirm that you do not plan to slow climate change. You can't. In fact, you're advancing policies to speed its damaging effects upon our nation."

Trump will surely sidestep the question, but in doing so he will only confirm for the American people that his polices are indefensible.

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GOP energy policy is not a step back — it's a race to catastrophe

Thank you for Scot Lehigh's recent piece on climate and the presidential debate ("A withering heat wave frames climate as a key presidential campaign issue," Opinion, June 21).

As climate disaster has become our new normal, Lehigh does a good job of enumerating the severe impacts we are already experiencing but sells the moral urgency of the moment short.

While President Biden's administration has taken critical steps through the Inflation Reduction Act, we clearly need to accelerate our response. More needs to be done, and faster. The threat of a second Trump administration should terrify every American concerned about our planet's and our children's future. Trump's intention to dismantle clean energy incentives and glorify fossil fuels is not just a step back—it's an outright race toward catastrophe. Reversing progress on renewable energy is not just bad policy; it's a direct threat to our survival.

The 2024 election is a clear choice between embracing a sustainable future or condemning ourselves to ever-worsening environmental disasters.

Let's hope CNN's debate moderators push the issue Thursday night.

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Move to expand Hanscom takes a blow, for now

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which has helped lead the opposition to the proposed expansion, said he hopes the rejection of the draft environmental impact report will prompt Massport to abandon it.

"It is really outrageous and egregious for us to build up private jet aviation, which is the most ecologically damaging activity a person can engage in without getting arrested," Rasmussen said. "How can we claim to lead the world and help climate change issues when we're expanding private jet flight activity?"

The rejection doesn't mean the airport expansion is dead in the water, said RJ Lyman, Boston lawyer and former director of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act office, which oversees the environmental review process for proposals such as this. But it depends on how the developers respond, and whether they adequately address the issues raised by the state, he said.

"You cannot mess up twice."

Jennifer Mehigan, a spokesperson for Massport, said that she "would not expect the developer's plan to change," but that they will be gathering and providing additional information as part of the supplemental report requested by Tepper.

Rick Muse, director of operations for North Airfield Ventures LLC and Runway Realty Ventures LLC, which are developing the project, said they "respect the environmental review process and are reviewing the secretary's certificate."

But Senator Michael Barrett, whose district includes Hanscom Field and opposes the expansion, called Tepper's response "as close as an environmental secretary can come to dissing the project outright."

The state Senate earlier this week passed a climate bill that includes a proposal to require Massport to expand its mission to include environmental resilience and equity and reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in its decision-making.

In her response to the draft report, Tepper pointed to several aspects that seemed misleading, including an apparent undercount of the number of private jets that would be accommodated by the expansion and a claim the expansion would actually result in a net decrease in greenhouse gas emissions.



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF/FILE 2023

The proposal to add 17 new hangars at Hanscom and renovate another has drawn ire from critics who say it would bring a vast expansion of private jet flights.

The developers have said aircraft owners would be more likely to relocate to Hanscom as their base after the expansion, instead of relying on more frequent "ferry flights" from Hanscom to other locations where they were based. That, they wrote, would result in a reduction of 524.9 metric tons of carbon dioxide — equivalent to taking 125 cars off the road for a year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies calculator.

However a study commissioned by Save Our Heritage and prepared by the Cambridge-based consultant Industrial Economics Inc., which was cited in Tepper's response to the developers, found that flight data and trends don't support the idea that aircraft owners would be inclined to relocate, meaning those reductions weren't likely to happen.

What's more, the Industrial Economics study estimated the new hangars could potentially accommodate far more aircraft than had been projected the developers in its filing — between 66 and 79, rather than the 40 to 55 in the filing — resulting in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions of up to 161,348 metric tons per year. Those emissions are equivalent to driving more than 38,000 cars for a year, or burning 177.8 million pounds of coal, according to the EPA calculator.

A 2023 report by the Institute for Policy Studies, a left-leaning think tank in Washington, D.C., found that more than 30,000 private flights departed from Hanscom between January 2022 and July 2023, heading for 761 unique destinations, at least half of which appeared to be for recreational or luxury travel. What's more, roughly 41 percent of those flights were less than an hour long. Because the most fuel is used during takeoff, short-hop flights such as those are the least energy efficient.

The institute's report was based on data from the Federal Aviation Authority's public tracking registry, but it noted that some jet owners — including Boston-area billionaires Robert Kraft, Jim Davis, John Henry, and Paul Fireman — had removed their jets from the registry.

As plans for Hanscom's proposed expansion have wended their way through the application process, public outrage has grown. Earlier this year, 20 activists, including some from Extinction Rebellion Boston, were arrested after disrupting private jet flights at Hanscom. The outcry — including from actress and activist Ashley Judd — contributed to a flood of public comments, prompting officials to extend the comment period.

In her response to the developers, Tepper wrote that nearly all of the roughly 1,500 comment letters from legislators, local officials, residents, and community groups, as well as a petition signed by 13,000 people, "expressed opposition to the project and identified concerns with its impacts, particularly with respect to climate change and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions."

Tepper has asked the developers to file a supplemental report that would include a response to the Industrial Economics study; an analysis of the so-called social cost of carbon, which accounts for the economic damages associated with the increased greenhouse gas emissions from the project; and consideration of project alternatives to avoid or minimize environmental impacts.

There's no deadline for when the developers have to submit the supplemental report. Once they have, the public will have 30 days to comment, though the state can opt to extend that period.

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Teacher fired for helping student access abortion sues N.H. officials

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parental notification law, but that his department had known for months the student was an adult, and that the law did not apply.

Edelblut penned the commentary to defend his approach to leadership and accountability in response to news coverage critical of how the department has handled investigations on his watch. The op-ed, which bemoaned liberal media bias and a purported "transgender social contagion," listed eight examples of situations that would warrant investigations by his department, including the abortion-related allegation.

The commentary was published even though the department had not yet issued a formal report about its investigation into the abortion incident, according to the lawsuit. At the time, neither Edelblut nor a Department of Education spokesperson would tell the Globe whether the allegation had been investigated and deemed credible.

Edelblut and a spokesperson for the Department of Education did not respond to requests for comment. A spokesperson for the New Hampshire Department of Justice said the state's attorneys will review the lawsuit "and respond as appropriate in due course."

The lawsuit, which refers to the teacher by the pseudonym "Jane Doe," argues the teacher sought only to empower an adult student to make her own health care decisions.

According to the lawsuit, the student disclosed her suspected pregnancy to the teacher last fall, and to other teachers as well. The teacher suggested the student contact a community health center in New Hampshire that provides free counseling and educational resources, and gave the student contact information for the center, but did not participate in the counseling with the student. She told the student she would support her "irrespective of her decision," the lawsuit states.

The student opted to schedule an abortion at the health care facility, but as the appointment approached, she told the teacher she was not sure she would be able to get a ride to the appointment and was not able to drive herself, according to the lawsuit. The teacher said she encouraged her to exhaust all other options, and ultimately agreed to take her to the appointment after the student was unable to find transportation.

The teacher met the student off of the school's premises to drive her to the appointment, according to the lawsuit, and then dropped her off at a friend's house after the appointment because the student did not want to go home. The student did not reside with her parents and did not want to tell her relatives about her pregnancy for fear they would try to influence her decision-making, according to the lawsuit.

The teacher admitted to her employer that she had lied about having food poisoning when she called in sick from work and drove the student to the medical facility for the appointment, according to records the Globe obtained through a public records request.

The lawsuit says the school found out, fired her, and referred the matter to the Department of Education within a week of the incident last October.



NATHAN KLIMA FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE/FILE 2023

New Hampshire Education Commissioner Frank Edelblut is accused of violating the teacher's due process rights by revoking her credential without a fair and impartial investigation.

Records show the department then opened an investigation into whether she failed to observe appropriate boundaries with the student entrusted to her care. Her lawsuit says she met voluntarily for an interview with representatives from the department in November.

"It is unclear whether the Department interviewed anyone else, obtained any documents, or conducted any other investigation into this matter beyond the 'Investigative Report' provided by the school," her lawsuit states.

In late 2023, the department proposed the teacher surrender her teaching credential voluntarily in lieu of further disciplinary action, but the teacher said in her lawsuit that she never received any indication from the department the investigation had concluded, and did not receive a report of the department's findings, despite asking for it repeatedly.

The teacher claims Edelblut and the department aimed to "intimidate" her into surrendering her credentials voluntarily and "leaving education altogether."

In late May, in response to a public records request from the Globe, the department released a heavily redacted one-page report about the incident. The name of the investigating party was withheld, as was the year of the investigation.

The department released two more records to the Globe on June 7, including one that confirmed the department had opened an investigation of its own in November. An attorney for the department declined to provide any records documenting the outcome or result of the department's investigation.

As of June 12, the teacher's name was still listed on the department's website among educators with active certifications in New Hampshire. But on June 17, she received a letter from Deputy Commissioner Christine M. Brennan notifying her the department revoked her state license because of the incident, according to the lawsuit.

The teacher disputed the revocation and asked for a hearing under the department's rules governing alleged violations of the educator code of conduct, but the department reaffirmed its revocation decision on June 21, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges Edelblut and Brennan exceeded their authority and violated the teacher's due process rights by revoking her credential without a fair and impartial investigation, without providing sufficient notice of the facts and the reasons for the decision, and without giving her an opportunity to make her case before the state Board of Education, which has purview over such disputes.

"The statutory and regulatory procedures make it apparent that neither the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, nor the Department have the authority to revoke a credential in a contested case prior to an adjudicatory proceeding," the lawsuit states. "Rather, that authority rests with the Board and is only exercised after a hearing, and the Board's review of the hearing officer's proposed findings and the parties' exceptions."

The teacher's attorneys, James J. Armillay Jr. and Olivia F. Bensinger of Shaheen & Gordon, asked a judge for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to reinstate her credential pending a final order from the Board of Education.

A pre-hearing conference is scheduled for July 16, but the teacher plans to begin a summer teaching job on July 8, so the loss of her credential could force her to resign immediately or be terminated, the lawsuit states.

"Every day this erroneous and unlawful order stands further exposes Doe to irreparable harm," the lawsuit adds.

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Another twist in ugly story



What happened to Sandra Birchmore — allegedly sexually exploited by three Stoughton police officers for years before she died at 23 from an apparent suicide — was ghastly enough.

Now an independent forensic pathologist is saying Birchmore did not take her own life at all, but was murdered. Contradicting the findings of state investigators, Dr Michael Baden — hired by Birchmore's estate to review her autopsy — said this week that someone strangled the young woman to death in February 2021.

I'll leave it to experts to determine what to make of the findings by Baden, a celebrity pathologist who has had a say in plenty of high-profile cases, including testifying for the defense in the murder trial of O.J. Simpson.

But Baden's involvement — and his explosive assertions — have turned this horrific local story into a national one, and that is a good thing. Because the more people who bear witness to this poor girl's life and death, the better.

My colleague Laura Crimaldi labored for more than a year to get to the bottom of what had happened to Birchmore, finally piecing together the sickening web of exploitation and impunity that broke the young woman. Crimaldi's efforts have served not just Birchmore's family, but other abuse victims, and potential ones.

More parents and their kids must learn to recognize the kind of grooming and exploitation that befell Birchmore for what it is. We need more eyes on the police sworn to serve and protect kids because of those who do just the opposite. More scrutiny of nauseating conduct like this should — *should* — mean higher standards when it comes to hiring police officers like Matthew Farwell and William Farwell, brothers who had exhibited troubling behavior as teens, and Robert Devine, demoted from deputy chief to patrol officer after he lied to investigators looking into his abuse of power against a woman with whom he had had an extramarital affair.

The three were not just powerful police officers, but instructors in a Police Explorers program for teens hoping to follow them into the force. According to investigators and a superior court judge, Matthew Farwell began having sex with Birchmore when she was just 15, though Farwell has denied having sex with her until she was an adult.

The other two officers allegedly had sex with Birchmore when she was older, including in their patrol vehicles. Birchmore was pregnant when she died, and told several friends that Matthew Farwell was the father. He was the last person known to see her alive.

None of the three are police officers any more. But even if Baden's assertions of homicide don't pan out – and if the various investigations underway yield no charges against the officers — that can't be an end to this story. What happened here is shocking, but it isn't unique.

Police departments in Kentucky, California, New York and elsewhere have been held to account for the abuse of kids in their Explorer programs. And there are plenty of other settings — churches, the Boy Scouts, Hollywood, schools — in which adults trusted to care for children have sexually abused them.

What the three Stoughton police officers are alleged to have done to Birchmore is what abusers have been doing forever: Singling out kids who are vulnerable in some way, and grooming them with special and escalating attentions. The impacts of grooming can be debilitating and lifelong, leading to anxiety and eating disorders, and suicidal thoughts like Birchmore had had.

"The shame and confusion of the abusive power dynamic keeps the victim in the chains of the abuser," said Kathryn Robb, who directs the Children's Justice Campaign at advocacy group Enough Abuse.

Matthew Farwell appears to have maintained his control over Birchmore until her death. A witness told investigators he used a phone to track her whereabouts. He and Birchmore exchanged 32,709 messages in the 14 months before her death.

Farwell told investigators he went to Birchmore's Canton apartment three days before her body was discovered to tell her he was cutting off all contact, and that he left her standing in her kitchen, upset but alive.

Birchmore may in fact have died at her own hand, without Farwell laying a finger on her. But an abuser's control is so absolute, he never had to.

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Outside trial, a fervor fueled by influencers

For many Read supporters, YouTube was an entryway into her case

By Maddie Khaw
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If you look around in the sea of pink filling the blocks outside the courthouse where the Karen Read trial is unfolding, you'll notice shirts and other merchandise with a range of messages printed across the fabric. Some shirts say "Free Karen Read." Others feature a Massachusetts license plate that spells out "FRAMED" in bold red letters. Others read, "I'm with Team Karen."

Much of the merch comes from the websites of bloggers and YouTubers who transmit across social media platforms every day. From phones and computers, Read supporters tune in as influencers stream happenings inside and outside Norfolk County Superior Courthouse, where a jury is deliberating three charges against Read in what has become a high-profile murder case. Read is accused of hitting her boyfriend John O'Keefe, a Boston police officer, with her car in 2022 and leaving him to die in the snow outside a Canton home.

> 'I'd like to use the word influencer, but I don't think I influence anybody.'
>
> TOM DEROSIER, *whose YouTube channel is focused on the Read trial and has more than 10,000 subscribers*

In the opening weeks of the trial, just over a dozen people demonstrated in support of Read outside the courthouse each day. This week, amid closing arguments and jury deliberation, hundreds of pink-clad fans converged on the area.

For many fervent Read supporters who insist upon her innocence, YouTube was an entryway into the case that has captivated their attention for weeks and months. They're concerned about corruption, disturbed by missteps by police who investigated the scene, and outraged by their realization of the faults in a justice system they had long believed trustworthy.

It was from these YouTubers, including the most popular blogger Aidan "Turtleboy" Kearney, that many Read fans first learned about the case. Read supporters were then introduced to a range of other YouTubers, bloggers, and streamers, some of whom include The Glarer, LTL Media, The Young Jurks, and Microdots.

"I'd like to use the word influencer, but I don't think I in-

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JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

PRIDE AT EVERY AGE — Mario Hammond wore a "Love Wins" shirt as more than 100 Boston seniors gathered to celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month at Rogerson Communities in Roslindale on Tuesday. The event included food, music, and performances.

Mashpee teen killed in crash remembered as 'charismatic'

By Helena Getahun-Hawkins
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The Cape Cod town of Mashpee is mourning the death of a popular high school football player and praying for the recovery of five other teenagers injured in a devastating car crash earlier this week.

Nolan Robert Barr, 17, who was killed in the crash, had a charismatic personality that always drew others in, said Matthew Triveri, the head football coach at Mashpee Middle-High School.

"He had a great smile," Triveri said by telephone Wednesday afternoon. "He made people at ease when he smiled."

Triveri, who also serves as athletic director for Mashpee Public Schools, said he had known Barr since he was very young. Barr's two older brothers, Jared and Ethan, attended the same school, and Triveri would often see the youngest Barr around.

"His family has been a staple of this community for years now and they're great people and it's just a huge loss for all of us," Triveri said.

Barr was a passenger in a Toyota RAV4 that was also carrying five other teens when it crashed into a tree on Carleton Drive around 2 a.m. Tuesday. The driver, who has not been identified, appeared to lose control of the vehicle before it struck the tree near the intersection with Swain Circle, police said.

The teens in the vehicle ranged in age from 15 to 17 years old and were from Mashpee and Falmouth, town

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Nolan Robert Barr, 17, died Tuesday when the car he was in crashed into a tree in Mashpee.

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> DAVID W. BOWSER, *chair of the college's board of trustees*

Citing financial challenges, Quincy's Eastern Nazarene College to close

By Jeremy C. Fox
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A private Christian liberal arts college in Quincy is preparing to close after nearly 125 years, citing the "significant financial headwinds" facing small colleges as higher education costs soar.

Eastern Nazarene College, founded in 1900, said Tuesday that its board of trustees had voted unanimously to begin the process of closing the college "and transitioning it into a new educational enterprise that will carry on ENC's legacy."

In fall 2022, the school had 541 undergraduate and graduate students, a decline of more than 100 from the previous year and more than 150 from fall 2020, according to its website. Information for the 2023-2024 academic year was not available.

School leaders have fought closure for years but "the underlying challenges have intensified," the college said in a statement.

"We know this news will come as a shock and disappointment to many, especially those whose lives have been transformed by their affiliation with Eastern Nazarene College through its rich history," said David W. Bowser, chair of the board

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As new fiscal year nears, no budget set up for state

By Matt Stout
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Massachusetts appears poised to begin the fiscal year on Monday without a $58 billion annual state budget, which would ensure an unmatched streak of delays continues and that an array of proposals — including one to make community colleges tuition-free — remain up in the air.

A tardy budget is now both familiar and comparatively rare: Massachusetts has not begun its fiscal year on July 1 with an annual spending plan in place since 2010, making this the 14th straight year — absent lawmakers and Governor Maura Healey hustling an agreement into law by the weekend.

Massachusetts is also just one of two states with a fiscal year starting Monday where lawmakers and state officials have yet to pass or announce that they have a budget agreement in hand, according to a nonpartisan group's research and a Globe review of public statements. Only Pennsylvania was the other as of Wednesday afternoon.

The budget delay here has become so common that Healey's decision last week to file a stopgap spending bill was not viewed as a sign of fiscal trouble, but rather a formality. The House budget chief said it is in step with the "traditional timeline," a nod to how frequent the temporary, multibillion-dollar bills have become to keep state government funded, this time through July.

The House passed the stopgap measure Wednesday, and the Senate

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TAKE A GANDER AT THIS GAGGLE — Young geese sheltered from the rain earlier this month near Memorial Drive next to the Charles River in Cambridge.

KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

North Atlantic right whale spotted entangled off Canada coast

By Ava Berger
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A young North Atlantic right whale was spotted in Canada's Gulf of St. Lawrence last week with a rope inside its mouth and trailing down its back, New England Aquarium officials said Wednesday.

"On her first surfacing there was just enough water running off her back to make me unsure of what I was seeing, but as she dove it became very clear that there was rope over her back," said Kate McPherson, a research technician with the aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center, in a statement. "My heart sank instantly as I alerted the rest of the boat that we had an entangled whale."

A research team, including McPherson, spotted the whale last Saturday traveling alone with a rope "through the [its] mouth, across the back, around the right flipper and trailing behind," New England Aquarium officials said in a statement.

The entanglement is considered "life-threatening" for the female whale, the statement said. About 2 years old, the whale is a member of the most endangered large whale species in the world, according to the statement.

The team followed the whale, identified as a calf of the 35-year-old whale, "War," for about an hour as they assessed the extent of the entanglement, the statement said. They then attached a buoy to the trailing rope, which stretched about "two to three whale lengths" beyond the whale's tail, to track the location of the whale, according to the statement.

"This is the last thing any of us wants to see when we are out surveying," McPherson said.

The young whale was last seen on Feb. 16 off the southeast United States with no rope, the statement said. It is unknown where the entanglement occurred.

"As soon as the team determined the whale was entangled, they initiated contact with Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans and other entities operating in the area," the statement said. "The tagged whale is being closely monitored and disentanglement efforts are underway and will continue as weather permits."

War, the whale's mother, has seven known calves, and the family of eight have experienced at least nine entanglements and one vessel strike injury in their lives, the statement said.

In April, a North Atlantic right whale was seen entangled about 50 miles off of Block Island with "rope coming out of both sides of its mouth," NOAA Fisheries said.

"This latest case, which continues to be a chronic problem facing this species, highlights the critical need to maintain forward momentum on the implementation of modified fishing gear throughout their range in Canada and the U.S. in order to prevent these complex and potentially lethal entanglements from occurring," said Amy Knowlton, a senior scientist in the aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center, in the statement.

North Atlantic right whales have an estimated population of fewer than 360 individual whales, the statement said. The aquarium created an identification database, the North Atlantic Right Whale Catalog, to document the species.

Since 1980, over 1,800 entanglement events of right whales have been documented, according to the statement.

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Massachusetts (again) has no annual state budget in place

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could do the same as early as Thursday.

"Obviously, the objective is to try to get it done on July 1," said state Representative Aaron Michlewitz, the House's budget chair and its lead negotiator on the annual spending plan.

Senate and House leaders have been in closed-door talks over the package for the last three weeks, but bound themselves to secrecy over where they remain at odds. Should they reach a deal on the budget before Monday, Healey still is allowed 10 days to review it, making it likely it wouldn't become law in time for the dawn of July.

"I'm not too concerned about the impacts [of it being late]. You know, this isn't Washington," Michlewitz, a North End Democrat, told reporters. "We don't have government shutdowns."

The delays, however, can be felt across the state. Beyond the billions in funding still tied up in negotiations, there are 230 policy riders that passed one chamber but not the other, according to the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, a business-backed budget watchdog. That means hundreds of proposals could either be adopted, changed, or dropped all together in the final version.

The House, for example, passed language to legalize moving the state lottery online and use the revenue to support child-care grants — something the Senate didn't embrace. The Senate, meanwhile, included language that would allow state residents to change their gender identity on birth certificates, driver's licenses, and other forms of state-issued identification. The House did not.

Among the most sweeping proposals to appear in one chamber, but not the other, was the Senate's $118 million plan under which every resident could attend a Massachusetts community college tuition-free. Should it survive, the change could dramatically impact enrollment and reshape how the state's 15 community colleges structure their course offerings.

The summer months are already when the majority of community college students opt to enroll, said David Podell, MassBay Community College's president.

"I can't imagine a more profound step forward for Massachusetts than free community college," Podell said.

Last year, community colleges had mere weeks after Healey signed the state budget in August to incorporate a separate provision that covered tuition for most students aged 25 or older and for students pursuing degrees in nursing starting that fall.

"The more runway [we have to prepare], the better for a clean opening for the semester," Podell said. "For many, many years, budgets have come in late. And that's even planning for an ordinary year. We manage with whatever happens."

Why an on-time budget has proved to be elusive so often here, but not in other states, likely owes to many factors. Late budgets haven't impacted the state's bond ratings, offering few, if any, financial consequences for lawmakers not reaching a timely agreement.

And even though Democrats control both chambers, House and Senate negotiators often dig in on their priorities until a consequential deadline — such as the end of formal sessions — forces their hand.

"No one wants to give up their position until they're faced with the inevitable result that they're not going to prevail," House Speaker Ron Mariano said Wednesday. "Having done tons of conference committees, you hate to surrender. And that's just the nature of the negotiations."

This year offers another wrinkle. With just weeks until they wrap formal sessions on July 31, lawmakers are still juggling a host of unfinished legislation, from a sweeping housing bond bill and a multibillion-dollar economic development package to a gun safety bill that's been negotiated in private for months.

"You see all these very big ticket important issues, they're stacking up [and] the window is shortening," said state Representative Todd Smola, a Warren Republican and the ranking minority member on the House Budget Committee.

To have so many major bills unsettled at this point is "a cause of great concern — at least from the minority caucus's perspective," he said.

"This is not the best way to be doing it," Smola said. "That's for sure."

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This day in history

Today is Thursday, June 27, the 179th day of 2024. There are 187 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Former interior secretary Bruce Babbitt is 86. Singer-musician Bruce Johnston of The Beach Boys is 82. Fashion designer Norma Kamali is 79. Fashion designer Vera Wang is 75. Actor Isabelle Adjani is 69. Producer-director J.J. Abrams is 58. Former Republican senator Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire is 56. Olympic gold medal figure skater Viktor Petrenko is 55. Actor Tobey Maguire is 49. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian is 40. Actor Drake Bell is 38. Actor Sam Claflin is 38. Actor Ed Westwick is 37. Pop singer Lauren Jauregui of Fifth Harmony is 28.Actor Chandler Riggs is 25.

►In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

►In 1880, author-lecturer Helen Keller, who lived most of her life without sight or hearing, was born in Tuscumbia, Ala.

►In 1942, the FBI announced the arrests of eight Nazi saboteurs put ashore in Florida and Long Island, N.Y. (All were tried and sentenced to death; six were executed while two were spared for turning themselves in and cooperating with US authorities.)

►In 1944, during World War II, American forces liberated the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans.

►In 1950, the UN Security Council passed a resolution calling on member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

►In 1957, Hurricane Audrey slammed into coastal Louisiana and Texas as a Category 4 storm; the initial official death toll from the storm was placed at 390, although a variety of state, federal, and local sources have estimated the number of fatalities at between 400 and 600.

►In 1974, President Richard Nixon opened an official visit to the Soviet Union.

►In 1991, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first Black jurist to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement.

►In 2006, a constitutional amendment to ban desecration of the American flag died in a Senate cliffhanger, falling one vote short of the 67 needed to send it to states for ratification.

►In 2011, former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich was convicted by a federal jury in Chicago on a wide range of corruption charges, including the allegation that he'd tried to sell or trade President Obama's US Senate seat. (Blagojevich was later sentenced to 14 years in prison; his sentence was commuted by President Trump in February 2020.)

►In 2016, the US Supreme Court issued its strongest defense of abortion rights in a quarter-century, striking down Texas' widely replicated rules that sharply reduced abortion clinics.

►In 2018, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose vote often decided cases on abortion, gay rights, and other contentious issues, announced his retirement.

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ANY ORDER

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ANY ORDER

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June 26 **05-12-36-39-40**
Lucky Ball 06
Jackpot: $1,000 a day for life; no winners

MASS CASH
June 26 **02-05-06-08-19**
Jackpot: $100,000; one winner

MEGABUCKS
June 26 **05-08-09-31-41-44**
Jackpot: $1,170,984; no winners

MEGA MILLIONS
June 25 **03-16-27-47-62**
Megaball 8, Megaplier 4
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Wed. Tri-State Megabucks
07-21-31-35-36 (03)
Rhode Island **7453**
Powerball **04-09-36-47-56**
Powerball **07** Powerplay **5x**
Estimated jackpot: *$95 million*

Lawyer acquitted in three previous trials convicted of rape

Found guilty by a Suffolk jury

By Jeremy C. Fox
GLOBE STAFF

A Boston lawyer who has been accused of rape by as many as a dozen women and acquitted in three previous trials was convicted of a rape charge on Wednesday by a Suffolk Superior Court jury.

Gary Zerola, 52, was found guilty after five hours of deliberation over two days, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office, where Zerola once worked. Zerola was acquitted of charges of aggravated rape and burglary, prosecutors said in a statement.

He is scheduled to be sentenced on July 15. Judge Mary Ames revoked his bail Wednesday and ordered him held until then. An attorney for Zerola, Joseph F. Krowski Jr., said Wednesday that he could not comment on the case until after the sentencing.

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden thanked the jury for "returning a just verdict."

"These cases are always difficult, and this victim deserves enormous credit for taking the stand and telling the jury what happened to her that night," Hayden said in the statement.

Zerola, who in 2001 was named a "most eligible bachelor" by People magazine, is a Suffolk University Law School graduate who worked for a year as a prosecutor in Essex County and for two months in Suffolk County more than two decades ago, before he went into private practice as a criminal defense attorney.

He has been accused of rape by about a dozen women in nearly indistinguishable assaults dating back to 1996, according to court records.

He has rarely faced criminal charges. Two separate juries found him not guilty of rape and attempted rape in 2008. He has had sexual assault charges dropped in Miami Beach and New Orleans, while the statute of limitations has expired on at least three allegations from the 1990s, court filings show.



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Gary Zerola, pictured during a 2023 trial, has been accused of rape by about a dozen women.

Last summer, Zerola was acquitted after a four-day trial on charges that he raped a 23-year-old woman on a couch in 2016 after a night of partying in the North End. The woman testified that Zerola silently raped her, despite her protests, and did not stop until she got up off the couch and went to wake her friend, who was casually dating Zerola at the time.

At trial, Zerola's attorney, Rosemary Scapicchio, called the woman "a liar" and said her account of the encounter was filled with inconsistencies.

In the most recent case, the victim said she met Zerola in 2020, when he was 49 and she was 21, through a female friend who was dating him. The trio went to a private party in the North End on Nov. 11, 2020, according to a court document.

"Zerola paid the entire $2,000 bar tab and tipped staff generously while saying he planned to have a 'threesome' with the two women, although they expressed no such interest," prosecutors wrote.

After the party, the woman felt sick from drunkenness, combined with vertigo, and vomited in Zerola's car. Zerola and her friend then helped her upstairs to her apartment, according to the document.

"Zerola tried to help undress the victim and tuck her into bed, but the friend prevented this and made sure Zerola left the apartment," according to prosecutors. Zerola then sent the victim's friend home in an Uber and returned to the sleeping woman's apartment alone, the document said.

At about 2 a.m., the woman awoke while Zerola raped her, prosecutors said.

"She pulled away, screamed at him to leave, and reported the rape immediately by FaceTime video call to her friend," according to the document. "The friend noted the victim's distraught reaction, and saw and heard Zerola in the background as he falsely claimed that the victim had invited him to take her keys and come back."

Zerola then left the apartment, and later that day the woman went to a hospital, where a sexual assault examination was performed, and reported the rape to police, according to prosecutors.

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Cambridge schools appoints an interim superintendent

By Christopher Huffaker
GLOBE STAFF

The Cambridge School Committee voted Tuesday night to appoint the district's Chief Operations Officer David Murphy as interim superintendent, effective Monday.

Murphy will serve between three months and a year while the School Committee conducts a search for a new district leader.

He comes to the role with the departure of outgoing Superintendent Victoria Greer, whose contract was ended early by the school board last month. Greer's official last day is Aug. 5, but she will be on paid leave beginning Monday.

Mayor and School Committee chair Denise Simmons said Tuesday that Murphy could also apply for the permanent role.

"We look forward to working collaboratively with Mr. Murphy in the weeks and months ahead," said Simmons and vice chair Caroline Hunter in a statement.

Murphy will give the committee "the necessary working space to conduct a thoughtful and deliberative search for a permanent, long-term Superintendent," they continued.

Murphy, who is an attorney, joined Cambridge in January 2023 after more than a decade in other public education roles. He previously served as assistant superintendent of finance and operations in Medford, as the chief of staff and deputy superintendent of Boston Public Schools, and as chair of the Attleboro School Committee, among other roles.

As chief operations officer, Murphy has been responsible for areas including facilities, food, transportation, and safety.

"It will be an honor to serve as interim superintendent of the Cambridge Public Schools. CPS has a longstanding reputation for excellence and I am deeply committed to continuing to advance the district's mission," Murphy said in a statement. "I look forward to working collaboratively with our School Committee, educators, families, and community partners to advance the interests of all CPS students."

Simmons and Hunter initially recommended Murphy be appointed interim superintendent for 30 to 90 days, giving the committee more time to pick a longer-term interim superintendent. But multiple committee members pushed back, preferring to reduce the number of leadership transitions in the next year.

Greer also recommended Murphy as interim superintendent. Cambridge currently lacks a deputy superintendent, as longtime deputy Carolyn Turk retired in October after 46 years with the district.

The committee voted to terminate Greer's contract in May, about a year before it was due to expire, following a wave of public criticism over her hiring of a school principal who had been accused of creating a toxic environment at a previous job. With no public debate, the committee approved Greer's departure after a closed-door executive session. None of the five spoke publicly at the meeting about why they voted to sever her contract.

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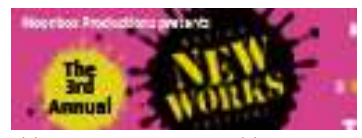

THIRD ANNUAL BOSTON NEW WORKS FESTIVAL

Moonbox Productions' Boston New Works Festival takes place June 20th - June 23rd at the Calderwood Pavilion and the Boston Center for the Arts and will be a weekend long festival celebrating new original plays by local playwrights. Eight original plays showcased on six different stages equals one wild weekend. Tickets are $25 per show. Pay what you wish tickets available at the box office.

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WATER DOME — People seeking relief from the recent oppressive heat found it at the Christian Science Plaza fountain, a longtime retreat for those in the city. The Thursday forecast calls for a couple of showers in the morning. The high temperature ranges from 81-86 with the low range running from 59-64. Full report, **D6**

Last week's heat brought big spike in ER visits here

By Helena Getahun-Hawkins
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

In a heat wave that spanned several states last week, New England experienced the highest rate of heat-related emergency department visits in the country, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data show.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the region experienced temperatures of 90 degrees and above, posing a threat to public health. Rates of heat-related ER visits in New England topped those of every other region in the US on Wednesday and Thursday.

"That's pretty excessive warmth for the Northeast and/or New England area. We don't get heat waves often, especially in June," said The Globe's lead meteorologist, Ken Mahan.

The spike is likely a harbinger of our future, thanks in part to climate change. If global emissions continue to rise, temperatures in Massachusetts could climb by as much as 5 degrees annually by the middle of the century.

Dr. Laurel O'Connor, an emergency physician at UMass Memorial Health in Worcester, has witnessed the increase in heat-related visits.

"Anecdotally, we've definitely seen a rise in both heat-related illnesses and conditions exacerbated by the heat," O'Connor said.

The spike in illnesses last week, she noted, is much sharper than what the emergency room experienced this time last year.

Patients' symptoms, like many conditions, vary across a spectrum, said O'Connor. On the more mild end, people have come to the emergency room fatigued and dehydrated. After medical professionals cool down and hydrate these patients, they are typically discharged.

On the more extreme end of the spectrum, patients come in with heat stroke that has triggered organ damage and neurological changes. These patients, who are often older and have underlying medical issues, are admitted to the hospital, where they receive more intense, prolonged care. The increase in these sorts of hospitalizations was more modest than visits for less severe heat-related illnesses, O'Connor noted.

While Dr. Katelyn Sullivan, an emergency medicine physician at Tufts Medical Center, also observed a spike in heat-related visits last week, she said the increase was not unexpected.

"It's a pattern that we see pretty much every summer with the first big heat wave," said Sullivan.

The first heat wave of the season, she explained, is especially challenging because most people have not had the time to prepare themselves and secure heat-mitigating appliances like air conditioners.

Both doctors said their respective emergency rooms prepared for these spikes as they would in any year. Part of this preparation, O'Connor said, is conducting community outreach and ensuring patients can access cooling resources.

As for the rest of the summer, there is a growing risk that above-average temperatures will persist, in part due to climate change and in part due to the meteorological transition from El Niño to La Niña — climate patterns that shift the jet stream, disrupting weather patterns — said Mahan.

"There are signals all over the place that are pointing towards a very warm summer," said Mahan.

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'His family has been a staple of this community for years now and they're great people and it's just a huge loss for all of us.'

MATTHEW TRIVERI, *Mashpee athletic director*

Mashpee mourns teen killed in crash

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officials said. The nature of their injuries and their conditions were not known Wednesday. The crash remains under investigation, officials said.

A Mashpee Public Schools official on Tuesday confirmed that several of the students in the crash attended Mashpee Middle-High School. Counselors were at the school on Tuesday to meet with students.

"I know you join us in keeping all those involved and our Mashpee community in your thoughts and prayers," Hope Hanscom, assistant school superintendent, said in a message to families.

A memorial at the crash scene was visited by students and Barr's teammates who brought flowers, Triveri said.

On Tuesday evening, the school's Touchdown Club held a gathering at The Lanes Bowl & Bistro in Mashpee to provide a space for people to comfort one another and to collect donations for the families affected by the crash, the group said on X.

Triveri said he got to know Barr when he joined the school's football team, where he played as a linebacker and wide receiver. Barr also was a member of the basketball team, according to Triveri.

He described him as being quick-witted, funny, and a hard worker. He remained focused on his academics and athletics. The day before he died, Triveri remembered seeing him working out at the gym, where he went nearly every day.

Like many teenagers his age, Barr looked forward to enjoying the summer before his senior year. He enjoyed going to the beach and playing pickup games with his friends, Triveri said.

Barr's funeral service will be held on Sunday, June 30. A GoFundMe page, which has raised over $26,000 as of Wednesday evening, has been set up to help his family.

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Outside the Read trial, a fervor fueled by influencers

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fluence anybody," said Tom Derosier, whose YouTube channel, Tom CPU, launched last October and is entirely focused on the Read trial. It has more than 10,000 subscribers.

Derosier might not consider himself an influencer, but outside the courthouse, as he sat on a curb down the street Wednesday afternoon, pink-clad supporters frequently stopped to say hi, shake his hand, or take a picture.

"Hi Tom," a blond woman in a bright pink tank top said as she walked by. He waved back and smiled.

"I've never met that lady in my life," said Derosier, shrugging. "And she knows me."

Every morning at 6:30, Derosier broadcasts live on StreamYard, which blasts his face and voice across YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and other online platforms. The daily show is called "Morning Coffee with Tom," and it runs for an hour — or two or three, he said, depending on viewer engagement and how much there is to talk about. Anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 people tune in each day, he said.

"We just recap what happened the day before" in the Read trial, Derosier said. "People make comments, and I bring their comments up on the screen, and we talk about it. ... It's a big commentary, it's a big chat room, and I let it be open."

Derosier said he and other influencers, who each livestream at different times throughout the day, have formed a personal network. Each YouTuber has thousands of followers, and each goes about coverage in different ways, he said, but they all share the conviction that Read is innocent and being framed by corrupt police. Among themselves, they share the information, footage, and content to push that narrative to followers.

"It's so much of a community, I have all their phone numbers and they have mine," Derosier said. "It's so special, I can't put words to that."



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

Karen Read supporters took her photo as she walked back to the courthouse from a church rectory next door to the Norfolk County Superior Court on Wednesday.

Although each influencer in his YouTube community believes that Read is innocent, and bases that conviction on the same pool of information they spread to followers, Derosier said it's not an echo chamber, assuring that all his followers "fact-check" him by stacking up his claims and information against those of other YouTubers. And, he said, he tries to fact-check himself to make sure he's accurate.

"I do a lot of reading," Derosier said. "I go to Wikipedia a lot." He also said he reads through past articles and files about the case.

Paul Lynch, 63, who waved a large American flag above his head as Read entered and exited the courthouse, said he gets all his information about the case from bloggers including Kearney and Sean McDonough, whose channel "Going Through the Motions" posts regular updates on X, the online platform formerly known as Twitter, and hosts "verdict watch parties" and trial recaps.

"He's got the inside scoop," Lynch said. "They got facts, receipts, everything. ... They just bring total awareness."

Like Lynch, several other Read supporters outside the courthouse Wednesday said they get all their information from various YouTubers and bloggers. The trial has not only brought a stronger distrust in police but also exacerbated distrust in the media, said Nanette Smith, 45.

Smith's sister, Lorena Jenkinson, suffered a stroke last year. Since then, Jenkinson said she spends almost all of her time watching YouTube videos and livestreams about the trial and police accountability.

"That's like my life now," Jenkinson said.

"We never YouTubed," Smith said, until they learned about the Read case through Kearney, whose blog Jenkinson has followed for years. Smith said YouTubers help explain court documents and proceedings in a more understandable way.

Plus, Smith and other fans acknowledged, the livestreams offer entertainment.

"I might've put in more hours on YouTube than my kids," Patrick Sullivan, 50, said.

The videos, after all, aren't short. Brian Bardsley, who runs LTL Media, said his streams each night can last up to three hours, and when he ends it, commenters beg him to keep going. Many viewers bounce between YouTubers throughout the day, switching to a different creator when one stream concludes.

Bardsley thinks one appeal of the livestreams is the ability to chat virtually with like-minded people. Unlike watching the trial on Court TV or reading a newspaper article, viewers tuning into LTL Media and other YouTube streams can be a part of what they're watching unfold.

"It allows people to have their voice," Bardsley said. "Everybody has the ability, now, to say something."

Derosier, with his camera, live panning the scenes outside the courthouse, captures all of Read's and her lawyers' answers to questions from reporters.

"My viewers see everything," he said. "They're able to put the entire thing into context without any spin [or] bias. ... It's about just giving the information to the people out there."

But it's about more than just information. Derosier's livestreams, he acknowledged, include his personal viewpoints and opinions, as do Bardsley's. They also drift off-topic, with viewers at times discussing vacation locations and other topics in the chat, which he said helps strengthen community bonds that lead Read supporters to show up in the hundreds outside the courthouse.

"This trial ... brings so many people together," he said. "You can feel the love from the people."

For Tommy Mattson, who runs the YouTube channel Mass Accountability, the fandom around the Read case and the explosion of followers garnered by bloggers tracking the trial is a good thing. Corruption among police has long plagued the local system, Mattson said, and if Read, Kearney, and other characters involved are what it takes to open people's eyes, he's all for it.

"It's like something clicked," said Mattson, who records police interactions on his phone and posts them online. "It's making them question even more about how things actually get done within law enforcement. ... Hopefully it doesn't end here."

According to Derosier, the community backing Read — and his own YouTube channel — isn't going away any time soon, even with the jury slated to deliver a verdict any day on the three charges brought against Read.

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Founded in 1900, Quincy's Eastern Nazarene College to close

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of trustees.

"We look forward to creating opportunities to celebrate this rich history and preserve ENC's legacy moving forward," Bowser said. "Taking this step now will ensure the continuation of ENC's mission to provide a transformational education through annual scholarships that empower students living in our region to attend other Nazarene schools."

Bowser said the college's top priority now is caring for students, faculty, and staff affected by the closure.

The school hopes to continue serving undergraduate and graduate students who are set to graduate by the end of this year and has made arrangements to facilitate streamlined transfers to three other schools: Gordon College in Wenham, Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Ohio, and Trevecca Nazarene University in Tennessee.

The closure is the latest in a series of setbacks affecting small tuition-dependent colleges in New England and nationwide. More than 20 private colleges have closed or merged in Massachusetts since 2014, according to the state Department of Higher Education, including Bay State College, the Boston Conservatory, Mount Ida College, Newbury College, Pine Manor College, Wheelock College, and Cambridge College.

Emily Wadhwani, lead analyst for colleges and universities for Fitch Ratings, one of the country's "big three" credit rating agencies, said many private colleges across the country with enrollments below 1,500 students are struggling.

"Those tend to be the schools that have the least amount of operating flexibility and financial flexibility, based on their size and their tuition dependence," Wadhwani said in an interview Wednesday. "Like Eastern Nazarene, most of the schools we've seen come under increasing pressure have been relatively small, have been relatively tuition dependent — meaning more than 70 percent, 80 percent, maybe even 90 percent of their revenues come from tuition and student fees."



SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF/FILE 2023

The school hopes to continue serving students who are set to graduate by the end of this year.

During the pandemic, many colleges' enrollments declined, Wadhwani said, "but schools were propped up in part by federal stimulus dollars," which kept struggling institutions afloat for a while. But when the federal assistance ended, the colleges were on their own again, and a growing number haven't been able to survive.

"What we're now seeing is all of that financial support that was out there to help those schools is gone now, and we're back to where we were prepandemic, except we don't have quite the same student enrollment demand ... that we had prepandemic," she said. "And we also, in the meantime, have seen inflationary cost increases that have far outpaced, for the most part, net tuition increases in that same time frame."

Wadhwani said college closures are likely to increase in the short term before eventually reaching a plateau.

"While we used to have perhaps a dozen or so closures in any given year, we're now seeing something much higher than that," Wadhwani said. "We're already at, I think, maybe 10 or 15 for the year to date."

Eastern Nazarene has informed students, faculty, and staff of the planned closure, and the school will be reaching out to provide individual support to those who need it, officials said. The college will provide updates online at https://enc.edu/closure/.

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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-73 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Blackstone for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Blackstone ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-73.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Monday, August 5, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84732308181, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 312 626 6799 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 847 3230 8181. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, August 2, 2024, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 5, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Lauren.Morris@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-73); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at http://www.mass.gov/dpu. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber (enter "24-73"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Project File No. 606496

A Virtual Public Informational Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bridge Superstructure Replacement and Widening Project, B-16-052, Bowker Overpass over Mass Pike, MBTA/CSX, and Ipswich Street in **Boston**.

WHEN: Thursday July 11th, 2024 @ 6:00pm
WHERE: www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events

PURPOSE: A Live Virtual Public Information Meeting will be hosted on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed bridge superstructure replacement and widening. This meeting will provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing and widening the bridge superstructure of the existing Bowker Overpass bridge that spans over I-90, MBTA's Worcester Commuter Rail Line, and Ipswich Street and reconfiguring the ramps to and from Commonwealth Avenue. The project includes bridge widening to the west and the elimination of the existing down ramp structure that spans the Muddy River to Commonwealth Avenue. The proposed project will provide bridge and roadway safety improvements, increase vertical clearance, improve seismic resiliency, and enhance the public realm with improved connections for all users to the adjacent Charlesgate and Back Bay Fens parklands. MassDOT will use staged construction to maintain traffic and to accommodate utilities during construction.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible and prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

This meeting will be hosted, or a cancellation announcement posted, on the internet at https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events.

JONATHAN GULLIVER, HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR
CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E., CHIEF ENGINEER

Legal Notice
Request for Letters of Interest
CSO #2449
NEPA/PE/PD for Route 2 Extension to I-91
over the CT River

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking to engage one (1) consulting firm, to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and corresponding Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE), to fulfill NEPA and CEPA requirements, and perform preliminary engineering/preliminary design for Project No. PP063-0041, the Route 2 extension to I-91 and the new Bridge over the Connecticut River in the City of Hartford, and Town of East Hartford. The full legal notice can be found at: https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/ConsultantSelection/Consultant-Selection-Information.

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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-74 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Dudley for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Dudley ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-74.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Monday, August 5, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84732308181, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 312 626 6799 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 847 3230 8181. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, August 2, 2024, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 5, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Lauren.Morris@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-74); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at http://www.mass.gov/dpu. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber (enter "24-74"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bilal Khan a/k/a Bilal Wahid, Zari Bilal to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, dated November 1, 2022 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 80919, Page 43, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Rocket Mortgage, LLC, f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, its successors and assigns to Rocket Mortgage, LLC, f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC, recorded on March 22, 2024, in Book No. 82590, at Page 131

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 AM on July 18, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 30 Hartford Street, Bedford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:
Land situated in the Town of Bedford in the County of Middlesex in the State of MA
A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON, SITUATED IN BEDFORD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
WESTERLY BY HARTFORD STREET, EIGHTY (80) FEET;
NORTHERLY BY LAND SUPPOSED TO BE NOW OR FORMERLY OF MCMAHON, ONE HUNDRED (100) FEET;
EASTERLY BY THE LOCATION OF THE BOSTON AND MAIN RAILROAD, TWELVE (12) FEET;
SOUTHERLY BY LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF SAID RAILROAD, SEVENTEEN AND 52/100 (17.52) FEET;
EASTERLY BY LAND OF SAID RAILROAD, SIXTY-FOUR (64) FEET; AND
SOUTHERLY BY LOT 2, AS SHOWN ON PLAN HEREINAFTER MENTIONED, SEVENTY-TWO AND 64/100 (72.64) FEET.
THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES AS SHOWN AS THE LOT 3 ON A PLAN OF LAND ENTITLED, 'LAND OF PAUL MALAGUITI AT BEDFORD, MASS.', BY F.P. CUTTER, C.E. DATED JUNE 1925, RECORDED AT MIDDLESEX SOUTH DISTRICT REGISTRY OF DEEDS IN BOOK 4859, PAGE END, TOGETHER WITH A STRIP OF LAND TWELVE (12) FEET WIDE, WHICH ADJOINS SAID LOT 3 ON THE NORTH; SAID LOT 3 AND TWELVE (12) FOOT STRIP TOGETHER CONTAINING, ACCORDING TO SAID PLAN, 6,171 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, BE ALL OF SAID MEASUREMENT AND CONTENTS MORE OR LESS.

Subject to a UCC Financing Statement recorded on November 8, 2021 in the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 79094, Page 238.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 42159, Page 396.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-71 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Ashfield for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Ashfield ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-71.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Monday, Aug 5, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88074281427, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 312 626 6799 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 880 7428 1427. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, August 2, 2024, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 5, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Lauren.Morris@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-71); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at http://www.mass.gov/dpu. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

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Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.

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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-88 June 21, 2024

Petition of the City of Springfield for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the City of Springfield ("City") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to optout, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-88.

The City has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The City seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the City's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82043352264, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (301) 715 8592 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 820 4335 2264. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

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Any person desiring further information regarding the City's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program funding for an action located in a floodplain. Funding would be provided through Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the MBTA for the Blue Line Airport Station Tunnel Portal flood doors project.

The proposed action is located in East Boston, MA. The project would install 13-foot-wide by 17-foot-high flood doors at the Blue Line tunnel portal on both directions of the tracks. Additionally, the project would include upgrades to pump rooms and pumps which would remove backed-up flood water once the doors are closed. Construction would be implemented through weekend closures substituted with shuttle bus services to minimize impacts to riders. Staging and construction access would occur in the existing right-of-way.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain). The project location has been impacted by flood damage to the Blue Line tunnel operations, causing delays and service shutdowns. The project would protect the tunnel and ensure continuity of operations during future flood events by minimizing damage to the Blue Line from flood waters. A map of the area is available upon request.

The project must in be in a floodplain because of the location of the Blue Line subway system. Alternatives considered and dismissed include a deployable flood curtain and extended concrete wall barrier closer to the Airport Station and no action. The grant would be conditioned for compliance with state and local floodplain protection standards, including coordination with local floodplain administrators.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

Victoria Hanley, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Cambridge, MA
victoria.hanley@fema.dhs.gov; (256) 283-7393

Legal Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131, § 40) and the Watertown Wetlands Ordinance, the Watertown Conservation Commission will hold a remote public hearing on July 10, 2024, at 7 p.m. on the Notice of Intent submitted for the redevelopment of three parcels (31.4 acres) located at 480 Arsenal Way, 500 Arsenal Street, and 550 Arsenal Street in Watertown, Massachusetts into a campus of office, residential, lab, and retail uses with two multi-story parking garages. Proposed work is within the locally regulated 150 ft buffer zone and state-regulated 100 ft buffer zone and associated resource areas including inland bank, bordering vegetated wetland, riverfront area, and isolated vegetated wetland that includes an increase in open space and landscaping improvements, and stormwater improvements.

Confirm meeting link on the agenda 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

Applicant: ARE-500 Arsenal Street, LLC, 26 North Euclid Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101
Owner: ARE-500 Arsenal Street, LLC, 26 North Euclid Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101

The Notice of Intent application is available by contacting the Conservation Commission Office, Administration Building, 3rd Floor, 149 Main Street, Watertown, by contacting Katherine Swan, Conservation Agent, or by contacting Taylor Donovan, VHB, 260 Arsenal Place #2, Watertown, MA 02472

This notice can also be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association website at http://www.masspublicnotices.org/

Meeting Notice
Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held on July 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of approving Restated Articles of Organization. The special meeting will be held at the Cemetery's principal address:

Mount Auburn Cemetery
(Story Chapel)
580 Mount Auburn Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Remote audio and video access to the special meeting will also be provided for qualified individuals.

Proprietors and Lot Representatives eligible to vote will have the opportunity to participate, pose questions, make comments and vote at the special meeting either in person, by proxy or through remote access. The proposed Restated Articles of Organization will affect membership rights of Proprietors and Lot Representatives and will be available to such persons both online and in hard copy.

For more information, to request a copy of the proposed Restated Articles of Organization, register for the special meeting, or designate a proxy, contact:
Client Relations
clientrelations@mountauburn.org
617-607-2424

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617Peak's sixth annual Open Mic Night centers Boston's youth on the main stage



By Adri Pray
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

This Friday, Boston-based 617Peak, an arts nonprofit dedicated to helping area youth "find their voice," will host its sixth annual Open Mic at Hibernian Hall. The event will feature original poetry, rap, and song performances by 25 students from high schools and colleges across Greater Boston.

Under the direction of founder Ikenna Ndugba, 617Peak's students are encouraged to participate in workshops, studio sessions, and retreats to hone their storytelling and writing skills throughout the year. Participation is free and requires no formal sign-up or school sponsorship; students are welcome to attend any event or reach out to Ndugba to get involved.

The program hosts a variety of community and arts events, including the annual open mic, to motivate performers to bond and build neighborhood networks, while strengthening their confidence. Ndugba, who currently plays professional basketball for the Santa Cruz Warriors in the NBA G League, said his goal was to replicate the camaraderie found in team sports for kids interested in art.

"There are a lot of sporting events that have that community and I knew it was missing in the art space," Ndugba said in a recent Zoom interview with the Globe. "That's been something that we've been focused on building since we started,"

Ndugba, who attended Boston Latin Academy from seventh through ninth grade before completing high school out of state, recalled how his first-ever performance at an open mic night was "therapeutic" while he was away from home. His experience informed the launch of 617Peak in 2018, aiming to give Boston's youth "a platform for creative expression."

The organization's first open mic took place at the Massachusetts State House in 2018. It featured Ndugba's assistant, Echezona Onwuama, who was 17 at the time and considers himself "the first Peak kid."

"When we started the State House it was an intimate group of individuals coming together to share a love for poetry, music, and expressing oneself," he said in an interview. Now 23 and an educator, Onwuama says he wanted to give back to the city that raised him and provide the next generation of students the same formative opportunity he had.

Ndugba and Onwuama work alongside local educators and board members who use their arts expertise to guide the students. Boston Music Award-winning artist and poet Amanda Shea was "one of the first people" who agreed to hop on a Zoom call with 617Peak students in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Ndugba, and has been with the program since.

"[Peak's] really an amazing organization between the open mics, the Peak sessions, the BAMS Fest, everything we have going on," said Shea.

Some students, including Janay Lesley and Maya Divine, who will take the stage at Friday's open mic, will read original poetry. Others, like singer-songwriter William Dyvine and rapper Ausar (who just released his first EP, "Why Waste Time," in early June), will perform cover songs and originals.

They agreed that their "Peak family" has allowed them to explore their artistic identities.

"Peak [gave me] the foundation of my artistry, especially as a performer," said Lesley, who performs under the name Nay $peaks. "It gave me a platform to learn more about myself and also [taught me] how to perform and engage with different crowds and audiences."

One group recently had the opportunity to engage with their peers at TechBoston Academy as part of outreach programming that gets 617Peak students into their communities.

"This program is very diverse," said Divine, who explained the TechBoston student group they worked with was in the process of learning English as a second language. "It was very difficult, but I think that's what makes us unique."

Dyvine emphasized that 617Peak is a group venture "that happens to operate with the youth."

"Peak is multifaceted," he said. "The artists alone are all phenomenal in their own right, but Peak is a collective."

The sixth annual 617Peak Open Mic, June 28, 6-9 p.m. Hibernian Hall, 184 Dudley St., Boston. A $10 admission fee will benefit youth programming. 617peak.org

Adri Pray can be reached at adri.pray@globe.com. Follow her @adriprayy.

'It's making the building a town hall'



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER

Artist renderings show the facade and a performance space for the ART's new Goel Center for Creativity & Performance.

Construction begins on the American Repertory Theater's new home in Allston that will be a performance space — and so much more

By Mark Shanahan
GLOBE STAFF

Five years after Harvard University announced plans to relocate and expand its celebrated American Repertory Theater, work is finally underway on the David E. and Stacey L. Goel Center for Creativity & Performance.

The new complex, made possible by a $100 million donation from the Goels, will include two performance venues, rehearsal studios and teaching space, and an outdoor performance area designed to host ticketed and free programming.

"What's so exciting about our new home is creating the entire ecosystem of what supports our work," said ART artistic director Diane Paulus. "We'll finally have space that allows us to do all of it under one roof — incredible rehearsal spaces and classrooms — which really makes the teaching-hospital metaphor that has driven my vision very palpable."

The Tony Award-winning theater company, whose productions have been staged at the Loeb Drama Center on Brattle Street since the ART's founding in 1980, expects to open the Goel Center to visitors in late 2026 and begin hosting shows by early 2027.

Designed by the British architecture firm Haworth Tompkins, the 70,000-square-foot building is going up at the corner of North Harvard Street and Western Avenue in Allston, a 10-minute walk from Harvard Square over the JFK St. Bridge. It will be adjacent to Harvard's Enterprise Research Campus, a new mixed-use development now under construction that will include labs, hundreds of apartments, and a hotel.

In recent years, several ART productions have made their way to Broadway, including "1776"; "The Glass Menagerie," which won a Tony Award; "All the Way," which won two Tonys; "The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess," which also won two Tonys; "Finding Neverland"; "Pippin," which won four Tonys; and "Jagged Little Pill" and "Waitress."

Kelvin Dinkins Jr., the ART's executive director, said the new space will enable the theater to mount a greater variety of shows.

"We can provide a more bespoke experience for artists who come in and design for our space," he said. "As we're getting more into the land of immersive experiences, and what live performing art is, we'll be able to reconfigure the space in a way that meets the needs of those designs that probably *can* be achieved in the Loeb now, but not without some difficulty."

Dinkins doesn't anticipate there will be a problem luring longtime ART patrons to Allston.

"I think our audience is already adventurous," he said. "I have to imagine the people will follow great art and great experiences, and that's what we're promising in this new center. I don't think a mile is going to make much of a difference for our audience."

Paulus said the Goel Center will be open to the public during the day, offering free Wi-Fi, food and beverage service, and gathering and performance spaces.

"If you're hanging out in Smith Playground, right around the block, and you want to come in and have lunch or coffee, or come with your kids and hang out in our outdoor yard, then our new home is for you," said Paulus. "It's making the building a town hall, a convening center. The destination could be the eight o'clock show, but I'm hoping the building is buzzing with activity morning, noon, and night."

Haworth Tompkins' past projects include renovations of several prominent British theaters, notably the Royal Court, Young Vic, Bush, the National Theatre, and the Bridge Theatre. In 2018, the firm's cofounder, Steve Tompkins, was named "the most influential person in British theater."

The ART said the design of the new building prioritizes sustainability, with utilities drawing from Harvard's lower-carbon District Energy Facility, rooftop solar panels, natural ventilation, and building materials such as compressed laminate timber and reclaimed brick.

"How do you design a building that feels the opposite of a culture palace or a highfalutin institutional building?" said Haworth Tompkins architect Tom Gibson. "We thought really hard about how the language, as it were, of the architecture — the mass timber, the reclaimed materials — not only is [it] sustainable and low carbon, but also feels non-precious and really welcoming."

The $100 million gift from the Goels is among the largest Harvard has ever received. (David Goel, a 1993 Harvard alumnus, is cofounder and managing general partner of Matrix Capital Management Company, based in Waltham.) When it was announced in 2019, Harvard's then-president Lawrence Bacow said the couple's gift would help transform the formerly working-class neighborhood known as Barry's Corner.

"Allston will be home to one of the nation's great incubators of creativity," Bacow said.

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In Newport, documentaries under the stars

By Henry Bova
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT





STEPHEN SONNERSTEIN/COURTESY OF MAGNOLIA PICTURES (LEFT); NEW BLACK FILMS LTD/TOPFOTO COLOUR ARTIST MARINA AMARAL

"Joan Baez: I Am a Noise" (left) screens July 25 as part of NewportFilm's outdoor documentary film series. "Copa 71" (right) screens Aug. 22.

In Newport, get ready for Documentary Summer.

Every Thursday through Sept. 5, with the exception of July 4, various outdoor locations around the Aquidneck Island city will once again play host to weekly documentary screenings. It's all a part of NewportFilm's outdoor initiative, which has entertained locals and attracted summer visitors to the region since 2010.

"It's really found its own place and is very unique to the Newport community and Aquidneck Island," said Cathleen Carr, executive director of NewportFilm.

This year, screenings include "Joan Baez: I Am a Noise," tracing the 60-year career of the iconic singer and activist; "Copa 71," about the women's 1971 Soccer World Cup, staged 20 years before the first FIFA Women's World Cup; and "Who Is Stan Smith?," which chronicles the life of the tennis legend and Adidas shoe namesake. That screening will also feature an in-person discussion with Smith.

When curating the program, Carr said her creative team looks for films that will appeal to large audiences but don't yet have large-scale distribution deals.

"If you see a Newport film screening, 99.9 percent of the time, it's going to be a brand-new documentary," she said.

Thousands of people come out to each screening, according to Carr, taking in live music from local musicians, free popcorn, filmmaker talks, and other festivities that accompany the screenings. Though movie nights can get crowded during peak summer season, Carr says there's always plenty of lawn space, and noted how documentary filmmakers don't often get to share their work with that many people at once.

"It's really a special moment when we bring the filmmaker to the venue," she said. "From an Academy Award-winning filmmaker to somebody who's having their first success, they always pull out their phone and start taking pictures."

Locations include The Elms, Newport Polo Grounds, and Fort Adams. From the night stars to an occasional thick fog rolling in from the Atlantic, there are plenty of outdoor attractions, which Carr says enhances the movie-watching experience.

"There's something really beautiful just watching a sea of people really settling into the silence of the film," she said. "And everyone honoring that — and just being outdoors — it's nice to see everyone coming together and finding comfort in having this collective experience together."

NewportFilm Outdoors. Thursdays June 27-Sept. 5. Free, $10 suggested donation. Newport, R.I. For more information, including specific locations and screening times, visit newportfilm.com/summer-schedule.

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Sox may add power, and All-Star reliever

PETER ABRAHAM
ON BASEBALL

How would you feel about the Red Sox adding a power-hitting first baseman and an All-Star reliever before the trade deadline?

The odds of that grew significantly on Wednesday when Triston Casas started a hitting program before the Blue Jays-Sox game was rained out after one inning.

Casas took practice swings with a bat, the first step in a process that will eventually include some minor league games before he is activated off the injured list.

An MRI showed the torn rib cartilage Casas suffered back in April had healed. But the Sox will build him up incrementally to lower the risk of a setback.

Casas will soon work up to making contact, then taking batting practice and eventually having pitchers.

Casas suggested last week he could return as soon as the team's series in Miami, which starts on Tuesday. He must have been spending too much time in the sun that day. Sometime around the All-Star break is more likely given that he has been out for more than two months.

"We'll be patient," manager Alex Cora said.

The other big development on Wednesday was Liam Hendriks throwing in the bullpen for the first time since undergoing Tommy John surgery last August.

Throwing off the mound signals that his rehabilitation is over and now it's a matter of building up arm strength to pitch in a game.

"It was a nice steppingstone," Hendriks said after making 15 pitches.

Hendricks had a 2.26 ERA and 114 saves from 2019-22 with the Athletics and White Sox while averaging 13.5 strikeouts per nine innings.

Hendriks was diagnosed with Stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma before the 2023 season. He was found to be cancer-free in April then tore an elbow ligament on June 9.

Wednesday was his first time back on the mound. Through it all, he has maintained his sense of humor. Consider this exchange after he got back to the clubhouse:

"How did your arm feel?" he was asked.

"Attached," Hendriks said.

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Enmanuel Valdez and the Red Sox weren't on the field for long before rain took over at Fenway Park. The game was called after a 1-hour-48-minute delay. C4

Casas set to swing away

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Triston Casas took dry swings for the first time Wednesday following an MRI that revealed his rib cage strain has healed.

"I took about 20 swings at 75 percent," Casas said prior to the Blue Jays-Sox game being rained out after an inning. "I'm already running, working out, taking ground balls, and throwing. So the last thing I need to do is to hit batting practice and hit off the [pitching machine]. That's the progression."

Hitting a baseball, because of its impact, will be the real test for Casas. If he isn't sore Thursday, that should be his next progression.

Casas originally said he had taken dry swings a couple of weeks ago. However, that was not true. Instead, Casas said he was taking swings "in his mind."

"I've taken thousands of at-bats," Casas said in a humorous tone. "I feel great. I feel ready."

Casas, though, isn't ready. In fact, it is unlikely Casas will be ready for the Sox' upcoming road series against the Marlins beginning next Tuesday — his own projected target date — since he has not even begun a rehab assignment or progressed to making live contact with the baseball.

"It was recommended, three to nine weeks," Casas said. "I'm at nine weeks right now. So with as long as it's taken, it feels like the time has flown by. I feel like I've been packing my days with

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THE US SENIOR OPEN AT NEWPORT COUNTRY CLUB



Weather watchers
Fortunes can change quickly at the oceanside course, depending on which way the wind blows. **C6**

Round 2
Spirits are high from all — players and fans— for a second chance to play a major at Newport CC. **C6**

Thursday's forecast
Scattered showers that will clear in the afternoon in Newport, R.I. High of 78 degrees.

CHRISTOPHER L. GASPER

Title was well-deserved breakthrough for Stevens



Brad Stevens is proof that nice guys *can* finish first in the cutthroat world of professional sports. There's more than one (Patriot) way to win it all.

There isn't anyone in the Celtics organization who stayed the course more diligently or deserved to be a part of Banner 18 more than the ageless and affable Indianian who joined the organization as head coach in 2013 and put this team over the top a decade later as president of basketball operations.

There's no one that followers of the Celtics and folks in the organization felt better about finally achieving the label of champion than elder statesman Al Horford. But Stevens has to be a close second.

He endured so many close calls during his basketball life before breaking through: back-to-back NCAA men's title-game losses at Butler in 2010 and 2011, three Eastern Conference finals defeats as Celtics coach, and coming agonizingly close to the parquet promised land as architect of the 2022 and 2023 teams, which lost in the NBA Finals and Game 7 of the conference finals, respectively.

We've achieved peak Celtics championship saturation. But Stevens's journey to this cherished championship is undersold. Brad, this breakthrough is for you. It represents a validation of the 47-year-old Stevens's

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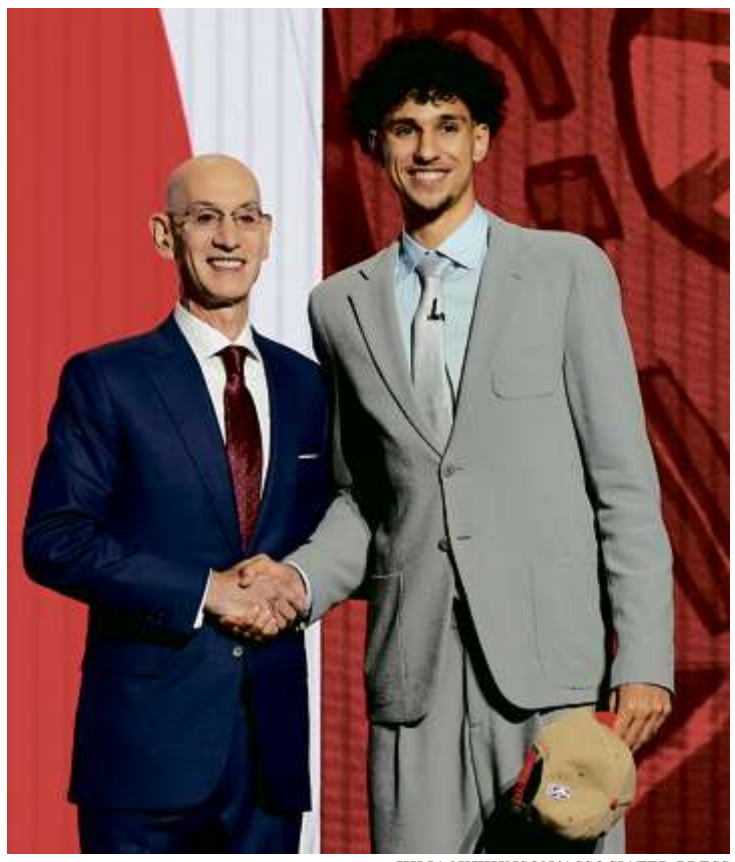

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NBA commissioner Adam Silver welcomes Zaccharie Risacher, who was drafted first overall by the Hawks.

Creighton swing selected by Celtics

Scheierman the pick at No. 30

By Gary Washburn
GLOBE STAFF

For the first time in the Brad Stevens as general manager era, the Celtics actually used their first-round pick, and their selection Wednesday is a player who might contribute immediately.

Baylor Scheierman is a 23-year-old swingman who played his final two NCAA seasons at Creighton and established himself as a versatile player, a plus shooter, premium rebounder, and solid all-around player.

Stevens said Tuesday the plan was to use the first-round pick, No. 30, and bring another young player into the mix. The Celtics had been seeking more wing help and more shooting off the bench, especially with the precarious position of sharpshooter Sam Hauser.

Hauser has a team option for $2.1 million next season, and if the Celtics pick that up, he's likely to leave after 2024-25 because Boston will be financially limited being in the second apron and with Jayson Tatum expected to sign his max extension this summer. If the Celtics decline Hauser's option, he would become a restricted free agent and the club would have the rights to match any offer.

The Celtics are trying to avoid adding significant salary because there were higher priorities, such as the future of swingman Derrick White, who

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NBA NOTEBOOK

Hawks take French teen Risacher No. 1 in draft

Sarr goes next to the Wizards

ASSOCIATED PRESS

First, **Victor Wembanyama**, now **Zaccharie Risacher**.

These days, American college players have to wait their turn in the NBA draft. It's someone else's time at the top.

Vive la France!

The Atlanta Hawks took Risacher with the No. 1 pick Wednesday night and France landed three players in the top six in a historic night for the country.

"That's amazing," Risacher said. "We try to represent our country and so, glad to be a part of it. You know there is more players coming in."

Risacher doesn't come with the enormous height or hype of Wembanyama, the towering center who went to the Spurs last year and went on to win the Rookie of the Year award.

But the Hawks saw him as the best choice in what has been viewed as a draft absent of elite talent.

The 19-year-old forward was the winner of the best young player award in the French League last season and beat out fellow Frenchman **Alex Sarr** to be the top pick.

When Risacher did, it made NBA draft history. This is the first time that the draft has gone consecutive years without the No. 1 pick being someone who played at an American college.

"Shows the amount of talent we have in France," Sarr said. "Really excited for Zach. I think our national team is going to be really good."

Sarr went second to the Wizards after playing last year with Perth in Australia's National Basketball League.

The Hawks had only a 3 percent chance of winning the lottery to earn the No. 1 pick, and there was no obvious choice waiting once they did. Most mock drafts were split between Risacher and Sarr, and the Hawks also worked out UConn center **Donovan Clingan**.

The Rockets made Kentucky freshman **Reed Sheppard** the No. 3 pick. A one-and-done college player had topped the draft for 13 straight years from 2010-22 before Wembanyama ended that streak.

Now the draft is under French rule.

Stephon Castle of the two-time reigning national champion Huskies made it two straight college freshmen when San Antonio took him at No. 4, the Spurs' first of two picks in the top 10. They also held the No. 8 selection — though they dealt the rights to that pick, Kentucky guard **Rob Dillingham**, to the Timberwolves.

But the Spurs are holding onto Castle, who had a phone call with Wembanyama and can now throw passes to him to ease his transition from **Dan Hurley** in his old home to **Gregg Popovich** in his new one.



JULIA NIKHINSON/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big man Alex Sarr didn't have to wait long to hear his name called at the NBA draft, being selected No. 2 by the Wizards.

"I was just playing for the best coach in college basketball and now flipping to the NBA and going to play for a legendary coach like Coach Pop, it's a blessing," Castle said.

The Pistons took **Ron Holland** of the G League Ignite with the fifth pick before the Hornets took **Tidjane Salaun**, who played last year for Cholet Basket in France.

"I think the basketball in France is improved that's why we are here in this draft," Salaun said.

Clingan, who won titles in both seasons in Storrs, finally went to the Trail Blazers at No. 7.

The draft moved to a two-night format this year, with the first round being held as usual at Barclays Center in Brooklyn and the second round to be held Thursday at ESPN's Seaport District studios.

The green room was filled with a number of unfamiliar faces who will head to the NBA from other leagues or other countries. A player who would have been one of the most recognizable was not in the arena: **Zach Edey**, the two-time AP Player of the Year from Purdue, was taken at No. 9 by Memphis.

Another All-American, Tennessee's **Dalton Knecht**, went lower than predicted, after dropping from an expected lottery pick to the Lakers at No. 17.

Bronny James was not drafted in the first round, though **LeBron James's** son had one of his USC teammates taken just before the night ended, with **Isaiah Collier** going to the Jazz with the No. 29 selection.

The first round then wrapped up with the champion Celtics taking **Baylor Scheierman** from Creighton.

Anunoby staying put

OG Anunoby will stay with the Knicks on a five-year contract worth more than $210 million, a person with knowledge of the details said.

Keeping the swingman was a priority for the Knicks after they flourished when Anunoby was in the lineup after arriving in December in a trade with the Raptors.

The deal was first reported by ESPN, which said Anunoby's deal would be worth $212.5 million.

The deal comes a day after the Knicks agreed to acquire **Mikal Bridges** in a trade from the Nets and means New York will have two top defensive players on the wings. Anunoby led the NBA in steals in the 2022-23 season.

The Knicks went 20-3 with Anunoby in the lineup in the regular season after sending **RJ Barrett** and **Immanuel Quickley** to the Raptors, and outscored their opponents while Anunoby was on the floor in every one of those games.

Adebayo extension

Bam Adebayo, one of the NBA's top defensive players and soon to become a two-time US Olympian, intends to sign a three-year, $166 million extension with the Heat when the league's offseason moratorium on such moves is lifted next month, a person with knowledge of the decision said.

Miami's captain and starting center has two years and about $72 million remaining on his current deal with the Heat, the only team that he's played for since being drafted in 2017.

Adebayo has made the NBA's All-Defensive team in each of the last five seasons, getting selected for the first team for the first time this past season.

A member of the US Olympic team that won gold at the Tokyo Games three years ago, Adebayo is part of the team that will play at the Paris Games starting next month.

He averaged 19.3 points, 10.4 rebounds, and 3.9 assists this past season for the Heat.

Creighton swingman selected by Celtics

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is entering the final year of his deal in 2024-25. That's what makes the addition of Scheierman so important: because he could develop into a rotation player for a manageable salary.

Scheierman is a five-year college player who began at South Dakota State, where he played three seasons. He transferred to Creighton for his final two years and was all-Big East first team, averaging 18.5 points, 9 rebounds, and 3.5 assists his final season. He scored a season-high 27 points twice — against Providence and Butler — and scored in double figures in 34 of 35 games. He made at least five 3-pointers seven times and pulled down 10 or more rebounds in 17 games.

Scheierman will turn 24 Sept. 26, giving the Celtics a seasoned player who has an opportunity to play immediately. Stevens admittedly didn't see the use for first-round picks in recent years and either used them for trades or traded out of the first round and opted for second-round picks who are more financially feasible.

He told reporters Tuesday that because the Celtics are officially in the second salary cap apron, they were unlikely to trade their first-round pick.

The Celtics also own the 54th pick in Thursday's second round and could add another player for a potential two-way contract. The major story line will be the fate of Bronny James, the son of superstar LeBron James, who is expected to get drafted by the Lakers at No. 55.

Of course, the Celtics could take James as a developmental project or attempt to facilitate a trade with the Lakers for more assets. According to a league source, the Celtics interviewed James at the NBA Draft combine and were very impressed with his attitude. James's agent, Rich Paul, has stated his client won't accept a two-way contract, meaning any club drafting him will have to use a standard NBA deal, which is uncommon for second-round picks.

Meanwhile, the Celtics will have to decide what to do with 2022 second-round pick JD Davison, who is likely to seek a standard NBA contract from another club if the Celtics decide to move on. Although players are generally limited to two years of two-way contracts with one team, the Celtics could negotiate a third year for Davison if he chooses.

There are several prospects who fell out of the first round, and the Celtics could potentially trade up in the second round to select one of their targets.

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Baylor Scheierman, 23, was all Big-East first team and averaged 18.5 points, 9 rebounds, and 3.5 assists last year.

Championship well-deserved breakthrough for Stevens

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core values.

"One of the things that this whole experience has done is validated for me years where we didn't [win], but we were building towards it," said Stevens Tuesday at the Auerbach Center.

"We went through things that were really high-level seasons, both individually and collectively, that we came up a little short. You wonder how it will feel when you win, and after those first couple of days, it doesn't feel much different.

"But the parade is the part that is pretty darn unique. That was one of the most amazing experiences of my life; I think my wife would say the same. You know, turning that duck boat onto Causeway and seeing all the people smiling, all wearing Celtics gear, all different ages, just really a cool moment."

But don't expect the Midwestern-modest Stevens to take a bow. Winning a title certainly alters external perceptions. It has instantly reframed the careers of Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown.

But Stevens brushes off external validation or adulation like powdered sugar speckling a polo shirt, just without grunting and death stares. Now, he's on to the offseason, on to the next challenge, on to building for Banner 19.

"The adulation means nothing, in all sincerity, and the scrutiny doesn't mean much either," said Stevens, who succeeded Danny Ainge following the 2020-21 season.

"We've got to realize we live in this world of instant reaction, and if we hang a banner, everybody is going to talk about how great you are. If you don't, they're going to talk about how much you stink. So at the end of the day, if you tie your spirit to that, if you tie the way you work to that, if you tie your approach to that, then you're just going to ride a roller coaster that is not worth the journey."

It has been quite a journey for Stevens from the time Ainge tapped him to replace Doc Rivers as coach. Stevens is like a human time capsule marking the Celtics' transformation from rebuilding post-Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to redecorating the rafters.

He was here for the Isaiah Thomas-era overachieving; for the famous failed Hamptons recruitment of Kevin Durant; for the drafting of Tatum and Brown, for the star-crossed tenure of his Butler basketball muse, Gordon Hayward; for the ill-fated Kyrie Irving-poisoned Bonfire of Vanity 2019 club; and for the shocking suspension and parting with the first coach he hired, Ime Udoka, for having an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate team employee.

Stevens is the constant through the high hopes, tough breaks, close calls, and changed plans.

"Danny and I, I remember us meeting early in my tenure as a coach because that first year was miserable," said Stevens. "We knew we weren't going to be very good, but it was miserable to go through.

"It was just like, 'How can we find a way to be sustainably competitive and be in the mix?' That sustainability to me started with Danny nailing Jaylen and Jayson."

The genuine regard his players have for Stevens was apparent in the glorious aftermath of the victory over the Mavericks last Monday. In an interview on NBC Sports Boston, Jrue Holiday, one of the master strokes along with Kristaps Porzingis that Stevens managed last offseason, was rendered temporarily speechless with gratitude. He hugged Stevens and thanked him.

That night, Stevens let loose — by his standards. Yes, he was happy about the championship. But he was happier to be sharing the accomplishment with his Celtics family and actual family.

"The reality is it's all pretty hollow if you don't have the people around you that you enjoy being with," said Stevens.

"I was asked on a podcast about coming close at Butler. You don't think any less of that group because we just didn't get over the hump. Those are the relationships you have. Those are the people that you're around, and you'll have that forever."

Stevens is notoriously averse to credit and the spotlight. He lacks the brash rodomontade or contempt for the competition of Red Auerbach.

But he has been changed by the championship. He now has an Instagram account, @_bradstevens, at the behest of his teenage daughter Kinsley. The first post was a Stevens family photo — Brad, his wife Tracy, son Brady, and Kinsley — with the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

But it's the words from his first playoff foray, getting swept in the first round by LeBron James and the Cavaliers in 2015, that ring true. Afterward, he detailed his disappointment and revealed his immutable ethos.

"You're always trying to grow and get better," he said. "That's going to be the same. If we're fortunate enough to cut down the nets someday, I wouldn't think that would change how you would approach the next day."

That's the essence of Stevens. He didn't allow chasing the hoops Holy Grail to change him. He stayed true to his beliefs.

Stevens is proof you don't have to be a bloodless boor to be a winner.

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Baseball

Sox-Jays rained out; to resume in August

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

The Red Sox-Blue Jays series finale at Fenway Park was suspended Wednesday because of inclement weather. The contest will resume Monday, Aug. 26 at 2:05 p.m. at the point where the game was suspended.

It will be part of a split doubleheader.

The game made it through 1⅓ innings scoreless innings before it was called with Sox starter Kutter Crawford on the hill for the second frame. Crawford struck out two, walked a pair, and didn't allow a hit.

The Blue Jays had Davis Schneider on first base after a walk and Danny Jansen about to bat when it was delayed.

Blue Jays starter Yariel Rodriguez walked Wilyer Abreu but the Sox also went hitless.

The delay lasted 1 hour and 48 minutes.

The teams split two previous games.

The Red Sox are off Thursday but the Blue Jays begin a four-game series against the Yankees in Toronto.

The Red Sox host the Padres for a three-game slate starting Friday at 7:10 p.m. Nick Pivetta is scheduled to start for the Sox, Randy Vásquez for the Padres.

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As he has done many times this season, Red Sox outfielder Jarren Duran turned on the jets, this time to beat the grounds crew rolling out the tarp.



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Red Sox starter Kutter Crawford had two strikeouts and two walks in 1⅓ scoreless innings.

Casas eager to get back into swing of things

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activities from start to finish.

"So time has flown by. But I feel like I'm right on schedule."

Casas is meticulous about his body and detail-oriented when it comes to his swing. So, even though the Sox are in a hunt for a playoff spot, the Sox slugger won't rush his healing process. Manager Alex Cora intimated as much during his pregame press conference.

"It's about feel," noted Cora. "I bet you there's going to be a lot of stuff that plays in his mind and that he needs to accomplish before he gets back here. Check swings, pitches up in the zone, down in the zone. You never know. But I know he mentioned when the [Phillies] were here. Bryce [Harper] and Kyle [Schwarber], they check swung, and [Casas] was like, 'That's the stuff that I have to feel before I go out there.' "

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The Red Sox pushed Brayan Bello's start back to Wednesday against the Marlins in Miami. Josh Winckowski will fill Bello's spot in the rotation Sunday for the team's series finale against the Padres at Fenway.

Bello's struggles continued in a 9-4 loss against Toronto Tuesday night. The Red Sox right-hander allowed seven runs (all earned) on five hits, including a George Springer two-run homer that served as a flashpoint of the Blue Jays' seven-run outburst in the third inning.



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Triston Casas said he took "about 20 swings at 75 percent" on Wednesday.

Bello lasted just 2⅓ innings, marking the shortest start of his young big-league career.

"A lot [can be done with the time off]," said Cora. "Whether it's mechanical or mental, just give him a breather. I think that's the most important thing. There's a few things that we have recognized that we have to be better at: throwing strikes and staying ahead.

"The stuff, ironically, is a lot better than last year. He's throwing harder, the slider is better, the changeup is OK. I was just talking to him like 'Are you trying to throw harder?' And he's like, 'No it just happened.' He actually said 'I'd rather throw 91 and throw strikes than throw 98 and be all over the place.' At least he recognizes what the problem is."

In his last nine starts, Bello has a 7.05 ERA, with 22 walks in 44⅔ innings pitched.

"We have to solve it," said Cora. "And we will. This guy's really important to this organization, now and in the future."

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Liam Hendriks tossed his first bullpen since undergoing Tommy John surgery, throwing 15 pitches, all fastballs.

"I've had only five meaningful games in two years," said Hendriks. "It's been a little tricky getting out there. But today was a good stepping stone. Not quite as crisp as I would have liked it. But now goes when you want to do everything [full throttle] the first time."

Hendriks has remained confident he can return to the mound by August, saying the timeframe is realistic. Ultimately, though, it will be up to the training staff.

"I don't know if the trainers love me or want to kill me," said Hendriks. "Every day is a struggle to let them let me do more."

. . . Vaughn Grissom (hamstring) ran the bases for the first time Wednesday.

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Adding power hitter, reliever is a big deal

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The Sox signed Hendriks in February. Their agreement allowed him to stay with the major league team while he rehabbed. Hendriks has made all the road trips and become part of the team's culture even without playing.

He's been a good addition. Hendriks has met with fellow cancer patients before games, home and away, offered advice to the pitchers, and generally been a positive presence.

When he headed out to the bullpen on Wednesday, Chris Martin, Nick Pivetta, Garrett Whitlock, and other pitchers were on hand to watch him throw and show their support.

Based on earned run average, WHIP, and strikeout-to-walk ratio, the Sox have had one of the best bullpens in the game. Adding Hendriks would be a boost given the Sox will have to protect their starters in the second half.

Tanner Houck is 3⅓ innings away from his previous career high in the majors. Kutter Crawford is a month or so away from clearing that same checkpoint.

Hendriks can help bridge the gaps the bullpen will have to cover when they have their innings controlled.

The trade deadline is July 30. Craig Breslow has said he intends to "pick a lane" when the time comes. Left unsaid but implied: He plans to avoid the irritating indecision Chaim Bloom showed the last few years.

Getting Casas and Hendriks back should improve the chances of the Sox trying to win this season. What a concept.

Cora feels that way, at least. He even took a little poke at the Yankees.

"We've been talking about the wild card and all that stuff. Let's get greedy," he said. "There's a team ahead of us that, they're not playing good baseball. There's more out there.

"I think this brand of baseball, we can maintain the way we play. Let's not settle for the third wild card. Let's go higher and see where the season takes us."

Casas and Hendricks should play a role in increasing that ceiling.

That made Wednesday a good day for the Sox.

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Red Sox statistics

Through Wednesday

BATTING

Name	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	Avg.	OBP	Slg.
Rob Refsnyder	47	143	17	46	12	1	3	20	17	41	1	.322	.406	.483
Romy González	25	51	4	15	2	1	0	9	5	10	4	.294	.351	.373
Jarren Duran	80	333	55	96	23	10	7	37	30	82	20	.288	.351	.480
Rafael Devers	68	256	47	73	16	3	16	42	34	69	1	.285	.368	.559
David Hamilton	54	156	28	44	9	1	5	15	11	41	21	.282	.333	.449
Tyler O'Neill	56	202	42	53	10	0	16	28	29	74	1	.262	.359	.550
Wilyer Abreu	57	181	27	47	15	2	6	22	19	53	7	.260	.328	.464
Masataka Yoshida	35	121	14	29	5	0	2	13	8	17	0	.240	.308	.331
Ceddanne Rafaela	78	273	39	65	12	2	8	41	10	78	10	.238	.267	.385
Dominic Smith	45	135	14	29	6	0	3	22	17	30	1	.215	.316	.326
Enmanuel Valdez	50	146	18	31	10	0	6	25	12	40	1	.212	.267	.404
Reese McGuire	43	114	10	24	2	0	3	16	12	32	3	.211	.290	.307
Tyler Heineman	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	.333	.000
Team totals	80	2741	374	694	145	21	90	358	254	760	78	.253	.322	.420

PITCHING

Name	W	L	ERA	G	GS	Sv.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	OBA
Brennan Bernardino	3	1	1.23	28	2	0	29⅓	20	5	4	0	13	28	.198
Zack Kelly	2	1	1.59	20	2	0	28⅓	12	6	5	2	13	30	.124
Tanner Houck	7	5	2.18	16	16	0	103⅓	82	33	25	2	18	101	.211
Kenley Jansen	3	1	2.30	27	0	15	27⅓	18	7	7	0	11	32	.189
Greg Weissert	2	1	2.65	34	0	0	34	33	14	10	5	8	37	.258
Justin Slaten	4	2	3.03	27	0	1	38⅔	33	15	13	2	6	41	.228
Josh Winckowski	1	1	3.26	13	3	0	3⅓	33	18	11	2	12	27	.273
Kutter Crawford	3	7	3.59	16	16	0	92⅔	78	45	37	13	28	95	.224
Chris Martin	2	1	3.70	24	0	0	24⅓	23	12	10	4	2	27	.256
Nick Pivetta	4	4	4.06	11	11	0	57⅔	52	26	26	12	15	64	.237
Chase Anderson	0	1	4.66	20	1	2	38⅔	31	20	20	7	14	22	.214
Brayan Bello	7	5	5.55	14	14	0	71⅓	76	47	44	11	29	64	.270
Isaiah Campbell	0	1	16.20	8	0	0	6⅔	14	13	12	3	2	6	.400
Team totals	43	37	3.54	80	80	20	715⅓	634	330	281	77	207	700	.234

Baseball

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
New York	52	30	.634	—	10-12	2-8	L 3
Baltimore	50	30	.625	1	19-7	4-6	W 1
Boston	43	37	.538	8	11-10	8-2	L 1
Tampa Bay	40	41	.494	11½	10-17	7-3	L 1
Toronto	36	43	.456	14½	10-14	3-7	W 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Cleveland	51	27	.654	—	11-6	7-3	L 1
*Minnesota	43	36	.544	8½	15-11	6-4	L 1
Kansas City	44	38	.537	9	13-9	3-7	W 1
Detroit	37	43	.463	15	12-10	3-7	L 1
Chicago	21	61	.256	32	6-21	2-8	L 4
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Seattle	46	37	.554	—	17-5	4-6	W 1
Houston	40	40	.500	4½	15-12	8-2	W 7
Texas	37	43	.463	7½	9-14	4-6	L 3
Los Angeles	33	46	.418	11	8-7	6-4	W 3
Oakland	29	54	.349	17	6-17	3-7	L 5

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Philadelphia	53	27	.663	—	12-6	6-4	W 1
Atlanta	44	34	.564	8	12-11	6-4	L 1
New York	39	39	.500	13	11-10	8-2	W 3
Washington	38	42	.475	15	14-10	4-6	L 3
Miami	28	52	.350	25	5-17	5-5	L 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Milwaukee	48	33	.593	—	18-9	6-4	W 4
St. Louis	41	38	.519	6	9-9	7-3	W 1
Pittsburgh	39	41	.488	8½	12-11	6-4	W 2
Cincinnati	37	43	.463	10½	10-12	3-7	L 2
*Chicago	37	43	.463	10½	9-17	4-6	L 3
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Los Angeles	51	31	.622	—	16-11	8-2	W 4
San Diego	44	41	.518	8½	14-15	7-3	W 3
*Arizona	39	40	.494	10½	15-12	6-4	W 1
*San Francisco	38	42	.475	12	13-13	4-6	W 2
Colorado	27	53	.338	23	10-17	2-8	L 3

* — Not including late game

RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

Toronto 0 (susp.)	at Boston 0	At Milwaukee 6 (10 inn.)	Texas 5
1st: Atlanta 6	at St. Louis 2	At LA Angels 5	Oakland 2
2nd: At St. Louis 4	Atlanta 1	At San Diego 8	Washington 5
Seattle 5	at Tampa Bay 2	At Baltimore 4	Cleveland 2
Philadelphia 6	at Detroit 2	At NY Mets 12	NY Yankees 2
Pittsburgh 6	at Cincinnati 1	LA Dodgers 4	at Chi. White Sox 0
At Houston 7	Colorado 1	Minnesota	at Arizona
At Kansas City 5	Miami 1	Chi. Cubs	at San Francisco

TUESDAY

Toronto 9	at Boston 4	LA Dodgers 4	at Chi. White Sox 3
Cleveland 10	at Baltimore 8	Miami 2	at Kansas City 1
At Detroit 4	Philadelphia 1	At Milwaukee 3	Texas 1
At Tampa Bay 11	Seattle 3	At LA Angels 7	Oakland 5
At NY Mets 9	NY Yankees 7	At Arizona 5	Minnesota 4
Pittsburgh 9	at Cincinnati 5	At San Diego 9	Washington 7
Atlanta (ppd.)	at St. Louis	At San Francisco 5	Chi. Cubs 1
At Houston 5	Colorado 2		

THURSDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2024 W-L	2024 ERA	Team rec.	2024 vs. opp W-L	2024 vs. opp IP	2024 vs. opp ERA	Last 3 starts W-L	Last 3 starts IP	Last 3 starts ERA
MINNESOTA AT ARIZONA, 3:40 p.m.										
Festa (R)	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Montgomery (L)	Off	6-4	5.71	8-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	16.2	2.70
CHICAGO CUBS AT SAN FRANCISCO, 3:45 p.m.										
Imanaga (L)	-115	7-2	2.96	11-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	16.2	7.02
Hicks (R)	-105	4-4	3.24	8-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	13.2	5.27
ATLANTA AT CHICAGO WHITE SOX, 4:10 p.m.										
Sale (L)	Off	10-2	2.91	10-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	19.0	2.37
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
MIAMI AT PHILADELPHIA, 6:20 p.m.										
Rogers (L)	+230	1-8	4.90	2-13	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	18.1	2.45
Wheeler (R)	-280	9-4	2.73	9-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	18.1	4.91
TEXAS AT BALTIMORE, 6:35 p.m.										
Gray (R)	Off	3-3	3.03	7-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	12.0	7.50
Burnes (R)	Off	8-3	2.35	11-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	20.0	2.70
NY YANKEES AT TORONTO, 7:07 p.m.										
Rodón (L)	Off	9-4	3.86	11-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.2	7.47
Berríos (R)	Off	6-6	3.43	10-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	16.2	6.48
CINCINNATI AT ST. LOUIS, 7:45 p.m.										
Abbott (L)	+115	6-6	3.40	8-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	15.2	3.45
Mikolas (R)	-135	6-6	4.68	8-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	19.1	2.33
CLEVELAND AT KANSAS CITY, 8:10 p.m.										
Lively (R)	-115	7-3	3.03	8-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	14.2	3.68
Wacha (R)	-105	4-6	4.07	5-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.1	2.76
DETROIT AT LA ANGELS, 9:38 p.m.										
Flaherty (R)	Off	5-4	2.92	8-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	15.2	0.57
Daniel (R)	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season.

LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Through Tuesday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Witt, KC	325	60	101	.311
Soto, NYY	282	64	86	.305
Judge, NYY	283	60	86	.304
Altuve, Hou	322	48	97	.301
Smith, Tex	233	37	70	.300
Rutschman, Bal	310	42	93	.300
Correa, Min	228	37	68	.298
Duran, Bos	333	55	96	.288
Alvarez, Hou	292	44	84	.288
Guerrero, Tor	306	36	88	.288
Devers, Bos	256	47	73	.285
Westburg, Bal	279	40	79	.283
Henderson, Bal	305	69	86	.282
Mountcastle, Bal	288	43	81	.281
Kiner-Falefa, Tor	242	25	68	.281

HOME RUNS

Judge, NYY	29
Henderson, Bal	25
Ramírez, Cle	21
Santander, Bal	21
Naylor, Cle	20
Soto, NYY	19
Tucker, Hou	19
Stanton, NYY	18

RUNS BATTED IN

Judge, NYY	75
Ramírez, Cle	72
Naylor, Cle	58
Soto, NYY	57
Henderson, Bal	55
Rutschman, Bal	53
Witt, KC	53
Santander, Bal	53

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Soto, NYY	.433
Judge, NYY	.428
Smith, Tex	.396
Tucker, Hou	.395
Henderson, Bal	.383
Devers, Bos	.368
Guerrero, Tor	.368
Correa, Min	.362
Paredes, TB	.361
Witt, KC	.360

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Judge, NYY	.700
Henderson, Bal	.607
Tucker, Hou	.584
Soto, NYY	.571
Devers, Bos	.559
Ramírez, Cle	.547
Witt, KC	.532
Westburg, Bal	.516
Alvarez, Hou	.514
Santander, Bal	.505
Naylor, Cle	.504
Rooker, Oak	.502

OPS

Judge, NYY	1.128
Soto, NYY	1.004
Henderson, Bal	.989
Tucker, Hou	.979
Devers, Bos	.927
Witt, KC	.892
Ramírez, Cle	.881
Alvarez, Hou	.872
Smith, Tex	.868

TOTAL BASES

Judge, NYY	198
Henderson, Bal	185
Witt Jr., KC	173
Ramírez, Cle	163
Soto, NYY	161
Duran, Bos	160
Alvarez, Hou	150
Altuve, Hou	149
Rutschman, Bal	147

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Through Tuesday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Ohtani, LAD	309	63	99	.320
Profar, SD	281	45	89	.317
Ozuna, Atl	283	46	89	.314
Arraez, SD	339	45	105	.310
Bohm, Phi	298	37	92	.309
Harper, Phi	278	52	85	.306
Betts, LAD	283	50	86	.304
Freeman, LAD	297	51	89	.300
Winn, StL	245	31	73	.298
Contreras, Mil	314	56	93	.296
Turang, Mil	269	39	78	.290
Burleson, StL	242	32	70	.289
Tovar, Col	323	42	92	.285
Merrill, SD	271	35	77	.284
Abrams, Wsh	290	48	82	.283

HOME RUNS

Ohtani, LAD	24
Ozuna, Atl	21
Harper, Phi	20
Hernández, LAD	18
Schwarber, Phi	17
Walker, Ari	17
Marte, Ari	16
Alonso, NYM	16
Gorman, StL	16
Morel, ChC	15

RUNS BATTED IN

Ozuna, Atl	64
Bohm, Phi	64
Ohtani, LAD	60
Harper, Phi	57
Hernández, LAD	54
Profar, SD	54
Adames, Mil	54
Walker, Ari	50
Cronenworth, SD	50
Schwarber, Phi	49
Contreras, Mil	49
Steer, Cin	49

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

Profar, SD	.410
Betts, LAD	.405
Harper, Phi	.402
Freeman, LAD	.402
Ohtani, LAD	.398
Ozuna, Atl	.391
Ortiz, Mil	.383
Winker, Wsh	.382
Schwarber, Phi	.374
India, Cin	.374
Bohm, Phi	.362
Tauchman, ChC	.359
Nimmo, NYM	.359
McMahon, Col	.358
Contreras, Mil	.357

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

Ohtani, LAD	.634
Ozuna, Atl	.594
Harper, Phi	.590
Abrams, Wsh	.507
Marte, Ari	.507
Freeman, LAD	.505
Bohm, Phi	.500
Hernández, LAD	.492

OPS

Ohtani, LAD	1.033
Harper, Phi	.992
Ozuna, Atl	.985
Freeman, LAD	.907
Profar, SD	.898
Betts, LAD	.892

TOTAL BASES

Ohtani, LAD	196
Ozuna, Atl	168
Harper, Phi	164
Tovar, Col	155
Marte, Ari	152



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Andruw Monasterio hit a walkoff single in the 10th after entering as an injury replacement in the Brewers' 6-5 victory.

Behind Arrighetti, Astros win 7th straight

By Kristie Rieken
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Astros 7
Rockies 1

HOUSTON — Rookie Spencer Arrighetti struck out a season-high 10 in seven scoreless innings and Yainer Diaz had three hits to lead the Astros to a 7-1 win over the Rockies Wednesday that extend their winning streak to a season-high seven games.

The Astros, who opened 7-19, improved to 40-40 and reached .500 for the first time this season.

"It obviously means a lot," second baseman Jose Altuve said. "We've been fighting and working hard every day to get back to this point and we've been playing really good baseball the last few weeks. So hopefully we continue to do that one game at a time and see what happens."

Arrighetti (4-6) tied a season low by allowing three hits and didn't walk a batter for the first time this year in his longest start of the season.

"The sweeper was nasty," manager Joe Espada said. "He competed and he showcased why he's here and why we believe in him."

Colorado fell to 0-4 against Houston this year and has lost 11 in a row at Minute Maid Park, dating to Aug. 15, 2018. The Rockies' only run Wednesday came on a sacrifice fly by Brenton Doyle in the eighth inning as they dropped a third straight game.

Houston was up by 2 before tacking on four runs in the seventh inning to push the lead to 6-0.

"Over the course of the last like month and a half, I think we've started to play a lot better and I'm proud of the guys in here," third baseman Alex Bregman said. "Obviously, there's been a lot of bumps along the way this year but everybody kept fighting and kept going."

Ryan Feltner (1-7) permitted four runs and seven hits in six-plus innings for his sixth straight loss.

Altuve started Houston's fourth with a single and stole second base with one out before Feltner hit Yordan Alvarez with a pitch. Altuve swiped third base before Houston took a 1-0 lead when he scored on Diaz's single to right field.

Arrighetti retired his first 10 batters before Ezequiel Tovar singled with one out in the fourth. Colorado's next hit came on a double by Nolan Jones with two outs in the fifth, but Arrighetti struck out Jake Cave to leave him stranded.

A two-out RBI single by Altuve made it 2-0 in the fifth.

Tovar doubled with two outs in the sixth, but Arrighetti fanned Ryan McMahon to end the inning.

"First time we've seen him," manager Bud Black said of Arrighetti. "Like I've always said, the advantage goes to the pitcher when its the first look. But if we see him again, we'll have a little better results."

The Astros started the scoring in the seventh on César Salazar's sacrifice fly with the bases loaded that extended the lead to 3-0. Altuve hit a soft grounder to Tovar at shortstop and his throw home was high, allowing another run to score.

Bregman then grounded into a force out, but a throwing error by second baseman Brendan Rodgers sent another run home to extend the lead to 5-0. Alvarez hit a ground-rule double before the Astros made it 6-0 on an RBI single by Diaz.

Jeremy Peña made it 7-1 with an RBI single with no outs in the eighth.

MARINERS 5, RAYS 2

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Crawford ss	3	0	2	2	1	0	.217
Rojas 3b	4	1	0	0	0	3	.251
JRodríguez cf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.252
Raleigh dh	2	1	1	3	2	0	.204
France 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Garver c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.178
Canzone rf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.227
Robles ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Moore lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.209
Bliss 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.245
Totals	**31**	**5**	**5**	**5**	**4**	**13**	

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
YDíaz 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.275
JLowe rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.234
Arozarena lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.189
Paredes 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.272
Palacios dh	4	0	0	1	0	1	.244
Rosario 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.296
Siri cf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.212
Caballero ss	3	1	3	0	0	0	.243
Jackson c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.077
Totals	**30**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**8**	

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LOB—Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 4. **2B**—Crawford (11), Caballero (11). **HR**—Raleigh (14), off Armstrong. **SB**—Crawford (3). **CS**—Caballero (9). **S**—Moore. **DP**—Seattle 2.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kirby W 7-5	6	4	1	1	0	7	3.35
Voth	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.62
Stanek	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.45
Muñoz	0	0	1	1	2	0	1.69
Thornton S 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.22

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pepiot	5⅓	1	1	1	2	8	4.40
Armstrong L 2-2	⅔	1	2	2	1	0	3.96
Kelly	1	3	2	2	0	2	3.41
Adam	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.12
Poche	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.20

Inherited runners-scored—Thornton 3-1, Armstrong 1-1. **HBP**—by Muñoz (Paredes). **NP**—Kirby 87, Voth 13, Stanek 16, Muñoz 18, Thornton 12, Pepiot 88, Armstrong 22, Kelly 27, Adam 25, Poche 10. **Umpires**—Home, Brian Knight; First, Gabe Morales; Second, Sean Barber; Third, Charlie Ramos. **T**—2:50. **A**—18,286 (25,025).

PIRATES 6, REDS 1

PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
McCutchen dh	5	1	1	2	0	0	.238
Reynolds lf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.279
OCruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Tellez 1b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.234
NiGonzales 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.281
Hayes 3b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.222
Joe rf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.245
Suwinski cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.174
Delay c	3	1	2	2	1	0	.200
Totals	**36**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**2**	**7**	

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
India 2b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.268
De La Cruz ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.249
Steer 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.239
Stephenson c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.240
Martini rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.206
Espinal 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.203
Fairchild cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.218
Soto dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Jordan lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.143
Totals	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**10**	

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LOB—Pitt. 5, Cin. 3. **2B**—Joe (15), Delay 2 (3), India (13). **HR**—McCutchen (11), off Ashcraft, Tellez (3), off Ashcraft. **DP**—Pitt. 1; Cin. 1.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ortiz W 4-2	6	4	1	1	0	7	3.23
Nicolas	2	0	0	0	1	1	4.70
Chapman	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.86

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ashcraft L 4-4	5⅓	9	6	6	1	3	5.45
Wilson	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	5.40
Sims	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.71
Díaz	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.91

Inherited runners-scored—Wilson 2-2. **Balk**—Ortiz. **NP**—Ortiz 85, Nicolas 28, Chapman 10, Ashcraft 89, Wilson 18, Sims 11, Díaz 17. **Umpires**—Home, Tripp Gibson; First, Jeremie Rehak; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, Tom Hanahan. **T**—2:18. **A**—22,450 (45,814).

PHILLIES 6, TIGERS 2

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Schwarber dh	4	1	1	0	1	3	.250
Turner ss	5	0	2	0	0	3	.329
Harper 1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.305
Bohm 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.304
Castellanos rf	4	1	1	1	1	0	.223
Stott 2b	3	3	1	0	1	0	.242
Marsh cf	4	1	4	4	0	0	.269
Dahl lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.250
Stubbs c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.202
Totals	**36**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**4**	**10**	

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Vierling 3b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.254
Keith 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Ibáñez ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	.291
Greene cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.259
Canha 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Pérez rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.263
Malloy dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.148
Baddoo lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.122
Kelly c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.242
Kreidler ss	1	0	0	0	1	0	.167
McKinstry ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.195
Totals	**29**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**7**	

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LOB—Phil. 8, Detroit 3. **2B**—Stott (11), Vierling (10). **HR**—Marsh (7), off Montero, Vierling (10), off Turnbull. **SB**—Stott (20). **CS**—Marsh (3), Kreidler (1). **SF**—Dahl. **DP**—Phil. 1; Detroit 1.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Turnbull	3	1	1	1	2	2	2.65
Soto	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.91
Ruiz W 2-1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3.32
Strahm	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.86
Kerkering	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.57
Hoffman	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.08
Alvarado	1	2	1	1	0	1	3.27

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Holton	1⅔	4	1	1	1	1	4.10
Vest	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	3.27
Montero L 0-2	4⅓	5	5	5	3	6	9.35
Wentz	1⅔	3	0	0	0	1	5.35

Inherited runners-scored—Vest 2-0, Wentz 2-1. **HBP**—by Soto (Greene). **WP**—Alvarado. **NP**—Turnbull 36, Soto 12, Ruiz 16, Strahm 18, Kerkering 13, Hoffman 11, Alvarado 16, Holton 29, Vest 18, Montero 94, Wentz 28. **Umpires**—Home, John Libka; First, James Hoye; Second, Rob Drake; Third, D.J. Reyburn. **T**—2:30. **A**—22,530 (41,083).

ROYALS 5, MARLINS 1

MIAMI	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Chisholm cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.264
De La Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.242
Bell 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.243
JeSánchz rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.233
Burger 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.211
Lopez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Gordon lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.227
Bruján ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	.236
Fortes c	3	0	1	1	0	1	.160
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**6**	

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Garcia 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.232
Witt ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	.311
Pasquantino dh	4	0	2	1	0	0	.236
Blanco pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.236
Perez 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.279
Loftin 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.228
Melendez lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.179
Renfroe rf	3	0	2	0	1	0	.202
Fermin c	4	0	2	2	0	1	.294
Hampson cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Massey ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.288
Totals	**34**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**1**	**8**	

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LOB—Miami 4, KC 7. **2B**—Gordon (8), Bruján (8), Pasquantino (21), Perez (16), Fermin (8). **3B**—Witt (8). **SB**—Blanco (16). **CS**—Chisholm (6).

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bellozo	5	2	0	0	0	2	0.00
Bender	1	1	0	0	0	3	4.85
Nardi	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.85
Brazoban L 0-1	⅔	5	5	5	0	1	5.63
Chargois	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	1.42

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Singer	7⅓	5	1	1	1	5	3.12
Zerpa W 1-0	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	3.41
McArthur	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.55

Inherited runners-scored—Chargois 2-2. **HBP**—by Bellozo (Witt). **NP**—Bellozo 72, Bender 17, Nardi 21, Brazoban 28, Chargois 10, Singer 92, Zerpa 13, McArthur 15. **Umpires**—Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Nestor Ceja; Third, Cory Blaser. **T**—2:20. **A**—14,132 (37,903).

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1917: Catcher Hank Gowdy of the Braves became the first major league player to enter military service in World War I.
1939: The Brooklyn Dodgers and the Boston Braves played a 23-inning, 2-2 tie. Whit Wyatt pitched the first 16 innings for the Dodgers. Both clubs played a 26-inning tie in 1920 at the same Braves Field.
1958: Billy Pierce of the White Sox retired 26 straight Washington batters before pinch-hitter Ed Fitzgerald hit a double just inside the right-field line for the only hit. Pierce then struck out Albie Pearson on three pitches and beat the Senators, 3-0.
1973: David Clyde, a $125,000, 18-year-old bonus baby with the Rangers, pitched five innings, struck out eight and allowed one hit in his first major league start. Texas beat the Twins, 4-3, before 35,698 fans — the Rangers' first home sellout at Arlington Stadium.
1980: The Los Dodgers' Jerry Reuss pitched a no-hitter against the Giants in an 8-0 victory at Candlestick Park. The only player to reach base was Jack Clark in the first inning on a throwing error by shortstop Bill Russell.
1986: San Francisco rookie Robby Thompson set a major league record when he was caught stealing four times in the Giants' 7-6, 12-inning victory over the Reds. Catcher Bo Diaz threw out Thompson in the fourth, sixth, ninth, and 11th innings.
1999: Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 27th homer and robbed Juan Gonzalez of a three-run shot with a spectacular over-the-fence catch as the Mariners beat the Rangers, 5-2.
2003: Boston set a major league record by scoring 10 runs before the first out. The 50-minute, 91-pitch first inning came during a 25-8 victory over Florida. The Red Sox also tied an AL record with 14 runs in the first inning. Johnny Damon matched a major league mark with three hits in an inning.

PADRES 8, NATIONALS 5

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Abrams ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Nuñez ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	.091
Thomas rf	2	1	1	2	2	1	.243
Winker lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.261
Vargas ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Meneses 1b	3	1	0	0	0	1	.240
García 2b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.257
Ramírez dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.250
Senzel 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Millas c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.185
Young cf	2

THE US SENIOR OPEN AT NEWPORT COUNTRY CLUB

Spirits are high for second chance

By Sarah Barber
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NEWPORT, R.I. — There are less than 24 hours to go before the first tee shot at the 2024 US Senior Open at Newport Country Club, and the anticipation in the air is palpable. At any given hole on the course, you can see golfers reuniting with old friends, fans watching play intently, and children clamoring for their flags and oversized inflatable golf balls to be covered in signatures.

The thrill of the golfers is almost as clear as the excitement of the children. For many of these seniors, their hopes of playing Newport in a US Golf Association event were dashed when the 2020 Senior Open was canceled because of the pandemic; they weren't sure they'd see the famous course during the remainder of their careers.

Rhode Island native Billy Andrade is arguably the most excited for this weekend. He flew in with Ernie Els and Brett Quigley before hosting a dinner for some of the players at his home in Brighton Tuesday night.

"I have hats from the 41st US Senior Open at my house that I just found, so I gave a few guys some hats last night, which was funny because obviously we couldn't play this during the pandemic," Andrade said.

"I'm just so thrilled with the USGA and Newport Country Club that they got it back here as quickly as they did. I thought my window was gone when we lost the tournament in 2020, and to have it back this quickly is really cool for me and really cool for all of us."

Bob Royak is another 2020 qualifier who finally will get a chance to play Newport.

"I was in that year, so I knew I was looking forward to it, and it was pretty exciting that I qualified for this year," said Royak, who played a practice round on the back nine Wednesday morning before going to the airport to pick up his mother, who flew in from Florida to support him.

The sun shone brightly for Wednesday's practice rounds as winds up to 15 m.p.h. swept across the grounds. As a coastal course, Newport is more affected by the wind than inland courses, a fact that makes no two days on the greens truly the same. It presents a challenge for competitors and extra drama for fans, and every golfer approaches Newport differently.

For golfers such as Andrade and Royak, part of the excitement is the course itself. Newport is one of the five founding USGA clubs, and its natural landscape and beauty set it apart from more modern courses. Todd White falls into this camp as well. During Tuesday's practice, he told Padraig Harrington that he's not here to play the US Senior Open, he's here to play Newport.

Harrington said an important component on courses with a lot of wind is to keep the ball as low as you can.

"It's a different style of golf course this week," Harrington said. "You're going to have to go out there and expect to be thrown off-guard a little bit, expect a few holes to really bite you and come up and be surprised.

"That's the sign of a good golf course, when you go out there and it doesn't go exactly as you would sort of plan it out."

Defending Senior Open champion Bernhard Langer isn't focusing as much on the course as some of his competitors. Langer, who became the oldest champion of a USGA event last year at nearly 66, tore an Achilles' tendon in February playing pickleball. The recovery timeline for that injury is usually 12 months, but Langer returned after three.

"I told my surgeon, when it comes to golf, you've got to trust me," said Langer. "That two- or three-week layout you gave me to get to the driver, we're already there. I did it yesterday. So trust me, I can do it."

Langer's biggest concern was the possibility of having to change his swing, and if he had to do that, he said, he'd walk away from golf. That didn't end up being the case, and he has lost only about 2 m.p.h. of club speed, or about 5 yards of distance.

He's looking forward to playing Newport, and said what he'd heard about the course's beauty did not do it justice.

"I'm 66, and a lot of people say, 'Why don't you retire?' " said Langer. "I guess I could, but I love the game of golf and I love to compete, and I'm still good enough to compete and be up there where I think I can win tournaments,.

"To [win] at that age was very encouraging to me, and hopefully gives many of the other senior players some hope that you can still get better even though you turned 50 or 60."

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Thursday's tee times

FIRST HOLE

7 a.m.: Jeff Martin, a-David Schnider, Will Yanagisawa; **7:10 a.m.:** David Christenson, Chris Hockaday, a-David Smith; **7:21 a.m.:** Bradley Lanning, Katsumasa Miyamoto, Ted Tryba; **7:31 a.m.:** Kent Jones, Michael Muehr, Phillip Price; **7:42 a.m.:** Kris Blanks, Hiroyuki Fujita, a-Mark Strickland; **7:52 a.m.:** Olin Browne, Jeff Maggert, Kenny Perry; **8:03 a.m.:** Bob Estes, Jay Haas, Paul Stankowski; **8:13 a.m.:** Richard Bland, Marco Dawson, Thongchai Jaidee; **8:24 a.m.:** Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly, Lee Westwood; **8:34 a.m.:** Joe Durant, Ricardo Gonzalez, Richard Green; **8:45 a.m.:** Phillip Archer, a-Tim Hogarth, Bob May; **8:55 a.m.:** Jon Olson, Jim Carter, Richard Lee; **9:06 a.m.:** Mark R. Brown, a-Scott Cornette, Jason Schmuhl; **12:30 p.m.:** David von Hoffmann, Jeff Williams, a-Steve White; **12:40 p.m.:** Tracy Phillips, Bob Royak, a-Dan Keogh; **12:51 p.m.:** a-Michael Brown, Mikael Lundberg, Mark Walker; **1:01 p.m.:** David Berganio, Gary Koch, a-Jody Fanagan; **1:12 p.m.:** Craig Barlow, David Branshaw, Nobuhiro Masuda; **1:22 p.m.:** Rod Pampling, Kevin Sutherland, Charlie Wi; **1:33 p.m.:** K.J. Choi, Scott Dunlap, Brian Gay; **1:43 p.m.:** Darren Clarke, Retief Goosen, Mike Weir; **1:54 p.m.:** Billy Andrade, Thomas Bjorn, Rocco Mediate; **2:04 p.m.:** Doug Barron, Paul Broadhurst, Steve Stricker; **2:15 p.m.:** Peter Baker, Fred Funk, Jeff Sluman; **2:25 p.m.:** Birk Nelson, David Heinen, Jay Potter; **2:36 p.m.:** Stuart Smith, Gene Walter, Gordon Vietmeier.

10TH HOLE

7 a.m.: Carl Pelletier, Dan Gage, Jason Widener; **7:10 a.m.:** Judd Gibb, David Morland, a-Christian Raynor; **7:21 a.m.:** Notah Begay, a-Trip Kuehne, Chris Riley; **7:31 a.m.:** Jason Caron, Michael Long, Patrik Sjoland; **7:42 a.m.:** Adilson Da Silva, Tom Pernice, Duffy Waldorf; **7:52 a.m.:** Woody Austin, Mark Hensby, Mario Tiziani; **8:03 a.m.:** Stuart Appleby, Scott Parel, Dicky Pride; **8:13 a.m.:** Padraig Harrington, David Toms, Y.E. Yang; **8:24 a.m.:** Colin Montgomerie, Brett Quigley, Gene Sauers; **8:34 a.m.:** Alex Cejka, Bernhard Langer, a-Todd White; **8:45 a.m.:** Guy Boros, Greig Hutcheon, Kevin Kraft; **8:55 a.m.:** Matt Schalk, Ben Walter, a-Peter Vrdolyak; **9:06 a.m.:** Mike Mitchell, Rod Perry, Javier Quevedo; **12:30 p.m.:** Frank Bensel, a-Scott Fawcett, Keith Horne; **12:40 p.m.:** Stephen Dundas, Brian Gaffney, a-Craig Watkins; **12:51 p.m.:** Eric Axley, Greg Chalmers, Michael Wright; **1:01 p.m.:** Mark Calcavecchia, Stephen Dodd, Tom Lehman; **1:12 p.m.:** Glen Day, Fran Quinn, Heath Slocum; **1:22 p.m.:** Jim Furyk, Lee Janzen, Justin Leonard; **1:33 p.m.:** Robert Karlsson, Vijay Singh, Ken Tanigawa; **1:43 p.m.:** Steve Flesch, Cameron Percy, Kirk Triplett; **1:54 p.m.:** Ken Duke, Joakim Haeggman, Rob Labritz; **2:04 p.m.:** Steven Alker, Stephen Ames, Ernie Els; **2:15 p.m.:** Mathew Goggin, Michael Jonzon, Omar Uresti; **2:25 p.m.:** a-Mike Combs, Steven A. Dorigo, Tom Werkmeister; **2:36 p.m.:** Tommy Masters, a-Brad Steven, David Paeglow.

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A team of meteorologists will be guiding tournament officials as they try to keep the course in optimal shape.

Weather watchers

Oceanside venue can leave players at the mercy of the elements

By Ken Mahan
GLOBE STAFF

Tiger Woods faced it in 1995. Excessive drought conditions that year at Newport Country Club made for exceptionally firm fairways and greens. Woods nonetheless went on to capture his second US Amateur title.

Annika Sorenstam took it on 11 years later. Heavy rains drenched the golf course, and an all-day fog forced the cancellation of the first round of the US Women's Open. Yet she managed to come out victorious.

This historic venue overlooking the Atlantic Ocean is at the mercy of Mother Nature, and this week will be no different as the 44th US Senior Open gets underway at a course where weather is as much a factor as sand traps and fast greens.

The unpredictable weather coming off the ocean, the fluctuations of seaside wind patterns, and the threat of rain can make or break the competition.

The course's lack of irrigation (except on tee boxes and greens) poses another challenge, although soaking May rains have made the rough thick with plenty of healthy grass.

"There will likely be a few sponge soft spots, but nothing that should be a major deterrent as far as quality golf goes," said Ben Kimball, the USGA's senior director of championships. "Nothing is going to be perfect, but that is what makes the game great, with shots coming from various lies and angles.

"Parts of the course are below sea level, so any significant rainfall would lead to standing water with nowhere to drain to, especially with high tides."

This year, there is the chance for a couple of rounds of scattered showers Wednesday night into Thursday and again Sunday afternoon, but likely not enough to impact play. Newport averages 3.59 inches of rain in June, and currently the area has received 3.02. June has been right about average for rainfall in Newport and may finish slightly below.

Should a heavy thunderstorm cell move over the course, Kimball said, grounds crews will be at the ready to push water to the sides of the fairways.

Otherwise, skies should be mostly to partly sunny over the next several days.

The wind factor

The club's location on coastal Rhode Island invites a near-constant flow of wind gusts off Block Island Sound. That can be good, but how strong the wind becomes can affect play.

"Wind is a concern with a strong sea breeze," Kimball said. "But honestly, for most tournaments, we want wind, so players can get the challenges it presents so the right winner hoists the trophy."

Right now, the forecast is calling for a steady sea breeze of 10-15 miles per hour with wind gusts around 20 m.p.h. On average, the course sees gusts slightly over 18 miles per hour across the four tournament days, with slightly higher averages in recent years. Combine that with the finer elements of wind speed and direction, and players need to pay close attention.

"We know wind will come off the water and help me identify which holes will play into or downwind to determine appropriate hole and tee placements," Kimball said.

Wind also has a drying effect and can speed up evaporation of any rain or moisture on the grass, which can affect how the golf ball moves along the surface, especially on the green.

Thor Guard Weather meteorologist Bryan Conrad, who's in charge of forecasting for the tournament, said evaporation rates definitely will be a factor in determining the height at which the grass should be cut.

"The USGA agronomists look at evapotranspiration rates to determine firmness of the ground in different parts of the course and make decisions," he said.

Evapotranspiration rates detail how much water can leave the surface of the ground through evaporation and how a golf ball may roll — one of the dozen weather parameters Conrad and his team deliver to the USGA a minimum of three times per day.

The temperature factor

Late June is one of the better times of the year to have a golf tournament in southern Rhode Island. The average daily high for the end of the month in Newport is a comfortable 78 degrees, and temperatures should be near that from the first tee shot till the last putt.

What goes into the forecast?

Kimball is responsible for how the course will perform and makes seemingly a thousand decisions based on potential weather impacts, such as how high or short to leave the grass for fairways, rough, and greens, pin placements, and tee box locations.

The complexities of the course are matched with detailed weather forecasts prepared around the clock from a slew of on-site meteorologists. The course is tweaked to their forecasts to maximize playability and competitiveness — with the added responsibility of making sure everyone stays safe.

Conrad and his team have multiple weather stations on-site to capture temperature, wind, and precipitation readings, and lightning potential — always top of mind when it comes to players' and spectators' safety.

"One of the most intense parts of the job," Conrad said, "is when storms are in the area that lead to a stoppage and people are in the weather room asking you hundreds-of-thousands to million-dollar questions to when play can continue, because of TV and whatnot.

"Those can be hard conversations, and you feel the pressure with the urge to return to play, but the main responsibility is to keep people safe."

His team meets with USGA officials daily and offers their forecast and guidance while Kimball will implement changes based on the information he receives to set up the course.

Players also receive the forecasts to help them strategize.

"Looking at wind speeds and rain chances give me an idea of which clubs I should put more attention on during the practice rounds, because bad weather changes almost everything," player Ricardo Gonzalez said.

US MEN'S GYMNASTICS OLYMPIC TRIALS

For Stoughton's Richard, it's time to punch ticket to Paris

By Kat Cornetta
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Earlier this year, Frederick Richard took a measured approach to his gymnastics. After winning the 2023 world bronze all-around medal in October, he had to balance continuing to show a world-class level of skills through the winter with wanting to save them for the biggest stages.

It meant that when an injury nagged him, Richard withdrew from the Winter Cup, a meet against the nation's best gymnasts in February. It meant that he held back while competing in his sophomore season at the University of Michigan. It meant that he had to be OK with second in the all-around at the NCAA championships and withdrawing from apparatus finals at the event to prevent further injury.

But the time to hold back is over.

The 20-year-old from Stoughton will compete at the US Olympic trials at the Target Center in Minneapolis Thursday and Saturday. Following Saturday's competition, Richard will find out whether he is one of the five men's gymnasts heading to Paris for this summer's Olympic Games.

The path to Olympic team selection began at this spring's US Gymnastics Championships. Though Richard and NCAA champion Khoi Young entered the event with world medals in tow, they saw the spotlight stolen by a stellar comeback story.

Brody Malone, the 2022 world champion on high bar, spent much of the last 15 months sidelined after a devastating injury on a dismount at an international competition. After suffering a right tibial plateau fracture, a torn meniscus, and torn posterior cruciate and lateral collateral ligaments, Malone's odds of returning to gymnastics were slim. He needed three surgeries just to be able to walk again.

But in his first all-around meet since the March 2023 injury, Malone won the all-around at the US Championships. Richard finished second, with Young third.

"Brody's a dog, No. 1," said Richard to NBC afterward. "So much respect for him. So much respect to just come back and dominate. He's definitely going to push me in the gym, because I don't like second."

Since the national championships, Richard has perfected the most difficult versions of his routines. His coaches at Michigan helped construct them back in January, with the aim of working up to them through the collegiate season and leading up to the nationals in May.

"It's very different from what I used to do as a kid, where you just throw all your difficulty in and then try to clean it up for months and months," Richard told the Globe in February. "That doesn't really work because you start pounding on your body too much for too long."

Richard cannot hold back at this weekend's trials because of how USA Gymnastics has structured its Olympic selection procedures. Unlike the simpler procedure the women's team has decided upon (which undoubtedly will include record-setting two-time Olympian Simone Biles), the men's team selection looks like an MBTA map during subway construction: multiple pathways that are overly complicated.

If Malone, Richard, or Young wins the all-around and finishes top three on three different apparatus, they automatically earn a spot.

Regardless of whether an automatic spot is captured, the selection committee will then do some mathematical gymnastics, looking at several combinations of scores to create the highest-scoring team scenarios. If no combination emerges as having more than a 2-point advantage, then the committee will choose by discretionary procedures who they think is best regardless of what they see during the trials.

Provided Richard competes well, every pathway to an Olympic berth favors him. He could win the spot automatically because of his strengths on multiple events. In the second selection scenario, he is a great choice, as he can earn above a 14 internationally on five of six apparatus.

If those data-driven procedures aren't used, Richard has an edge because he was on last year's World Championships team and won an all-around medal, facts the committee should see as positives.

Also in the running for an Olympic spot is Worcester's Stephen Nedoroscik, the 2021 world champion on pommel horse. He is a specialist on that apparatus, which Olympic selection procedures favored in 2021.

This time around, with the US winning a world team medal without specialists in 2023, it seems like the deck is stacked against Nedoroscik.

However, given the score he has achieved on the apparatus — a 15.4 — he could show up on a highest-ranking team combination. He will need to hit both days of competition to have a chance.

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Jaden Roman gets a lift from South teammate Adrian Jones after his TD run in the Agganis All-Star game.

62ND AGGANIS ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME

Classical duo leads Team South

By Cam Kerry
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

South 27
North 16

LYNN — Lynn Classical wide receiver John Nasky stood near the 15-yard line Wednesday night at Manning Field and told reporters gathered around him that his final football game alongside his teammate, quarterback Brian Vaughan Jr., always would be memorable.

Nasky, with a plaque for winning Team South MVP honors nestled under his right arm, then turned to Vaughan Jr. and embraced him, telling him he would forever be his brother.

The poignant moment encapsulated not only their friendship's bond, but the culmination of their fantastic high school careers with a strong showing in the 62nd Agganis All-Star Football Game.

Nasky finished with eight receptions for 168 yards and a touchdown as Team South pulled away from Team North, 27-16.

Nasky, who will play at Pace, put a bow on the contest in the fourth quarter, catching a screen pass and turning on the jets to pull away on the catch-and-run for a 79-yard touchdown.

"Me and him, it's a different type of connection," Vaughan Jr. said of his bond with Nasky. "With all of the receivers I've thrown to in my life, the best chemistry, timing-wise, [was with him]. Off the field, me and him are best friends."

Vaughan Jr., a Western Connecticut State commit, had a strong day commanding the offense, finishing 12-of-16 passing for 203 yards and a touchdown.

In the 2021 Thanksgiving day game against Lynn English, Vaughan Jr. tore the anterior cruciate, lateral collateral, and posterior cruciate ligaments in his left knee on the second drive of the game and did not return until Thanksgiving day a year later. Still not 100 percent healthy, Vaughn Jr. would not quit on his football goals.

"He's the strongest person that I know," said Nasky. "He came back, tore everything in his leg, and decided to play one more season with all of his brothers. I will forever thank him for that."

For Vaughan Jr. and his father, Lynn Classical coach Brian Vaughan Sr., who led Team South, it meant the world to spend one more game together as player and coach.

"I think I have to separate it from the dad and the coach," said Vaughan Sr. "The coach is easy, executing great and doing well scheme-wise and read-wise and controlling the offense. But as the dad, I'm proud, I'm happy, and I'm also sad.

"It's our last time together and we've been doing a lot of stuff as father and son, coach and player for a long time. I'm happy as hell for him, but I'm a little bit sad for myself, as a selfish dad, that we can't do this anymore."

Since 1955, the Agganis Foundation has awarded 1,062 scholarships totaling $2,504,000. This year, 11 students received scholarships.

The Agganis Foundation honors the memory of Harry Agganis, who starred at Lynn Classical and Boston University before playing first base for the Red Sox. Agganis died June 27, 1955, at age 26 of a pulmonary embolism.

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SportsLog



OZAN KOSE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Cristiano Ronaldo (7) and Portugal advanced despite being upset, 2-0, by Georgia in group play at Euro 2024.

Georgia stuns Portugal to advance at Euro 2024

Georgia pulled off one of the biggest upsets in European Championship history Wednesday, beating Portugal, 2-0, at Gelsenkirchen, Germany, and advancing to the last 16. The Georgians needed a win to reach the knockout stage at Euro 2024 and got their opening goal after only 93 seconds. Georgia advanced in its debut at a major tournament as one of the best third-place teams. Portugal had already qualified from Group F after winning its first two games. Portugal great **Cristiano Ronaldo**, who felt he deserved a penalty in the first half, kicked away a water bottle when he was substituted in the 66th minute.

Morgan, 34, off US women's roster

Veteran forward **Alex Morgan**, 34, won't be going to the Paris Olympics after surprisingly being left off the roster by US national team coach **Emma Hayes**. Morgan, a three-time Olympian and two-time Women's World Cup winner, was the most notable absence on the 18-player list announced by Hayes. The roster, the youngest for the United States since 2008, signals a shift in the team as it looks toward the 2027 Women's World Cup under Hayes.

NHL

Coach: Oilers stars were banged up

Oilers coach **Kris Knoblauch** said some of the team's top stars were playing through injuries during their Stanley Cup playoff run. Knoblauch said **Leon Draisaitl** had hand and rib injuries that left staff questioning whether he could play, while forward **Evander Kane** had a sports hernia and team captain **Connor McDavid** was also playing hurt. Knoblauch declined to disclose what ailment McDavid was dealing with, saying that was best left to the team's medical staff. The Oilers lost Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final to the Panthers on Monday.

BOXING

Joshua to fight for IBF title

Anthony Joshua will fight **Daniel Dubois** in an all-British bout for the IBF heavyweight belt Sept. 21 at Wembley Stadium in London, following **Oleksandr Usyk's** announcement that he will vacate the world title. Dubois was the IBF's mandatory challenger and was upgraded to champion after Usyk vacated the belt, meaning the Ukrainian is no longer the undisputed world heavyweight champion. The 37-year-old Usyk beat **Tyson Fury** last month in Saudi Arabia to become the first undisputed world heavyweight champion in 24 years.

GOLF

Waugh leaving PGA of America

Seth Waugh is leaving the PGA of America after six years as CEO, a period marked by a sharp boost in golf participation and PGA membership and moving headquarters from Florida to a massive complex in Texas.

Scoreboard

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	THU 6/27	FRI 6/28	SAT 6/29	SUN 6/30	MON 7/1	TUE 7/2	WED 7/3
Red Sox		SD 7:10 AppleTV+	SD 4:10 NESN	SD 1:35 NESN		MIA 6:40 NESN	MIA 6:40 NESN
Revolution			COLUM 7:30 AppleTV				ATL 7:45 FS1, AppleTV

Home games shaded
For updated scores: bostonglobe.com/sports
Radio: Red Sox, WEEI-FM 93.7; Revolution, WBZ-FM 98.5

ON THE AIR

BASEBALL		
3:40 p.m.	Minnesota at Arizona	MLB
7 p.m.	Cape Cod: Yarmouth-Dennis at Orleans	NESN
7 p.m.	Double A: New Hampshire at Hartford	NESN+
8:10 p.m.	Cleveland at Kansas City	FS1
11 p.m.	Detroit at LA Angels (in progress)	MLB
PRO BASKETBALL		
4 p.m.	NBA draft (Round 2)	ESPN
7 p.m.	WNBA: Connecticut at Washington	NBCSB
GOLF		
7 a.m.	DP World: Italian Open	Golf
10 a.m.	LPGA: Dow Championship	Golf
noon	Champions: US Senior Open	Golf
3 p.m.	PGA: Rocket Mortgage Classic	Golf
GYMNASTICS		
6:30 p.m.	US Olympic trials	USA
PRO HOCKEY		
7 p.m.	NHL Awards	ESPN
HORSE RACING		
1:30 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS2
4:30 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS1
MEN'S SOCCER		
6 p.m.	Copa America: US vs. Panama	Fox
9 p.m.	Copa America: Uruguay vs. Bolivia	Fox
TRACK AND FIELD		
8 p.m.	US Olympic trials	NBC
9 p.m.	US Olympic trials	USA

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UEFA Euro

GROUP A

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Germany	2	1	0	+6	7
Switzerland	1	2	0	+2	5
Hungary	1	0	2	-3	3
Scotland	0	1	2	-5	1

GROUP B

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Spain	3	0	0	+5	9
Italy	1	1	1	0	4
Croatia	0	2	1	-3	2
Albania	0	1	2	-2	1

GROUP C

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
England	1	2	0	+1	5
Denmark	0	3	0	0	3
Slovenia	0	3	0	0	3
Serbia	0	2	1	-1	2

GROUP D

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Austria	2	0	1	+2	6
France	1	2	0	+1	5
Netherlands	1	1	1	0	4
Poland	0	1	2	-3	1

GROUP E

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Romania	1	1	1	+1	4
Belgium	1	1	1	+1	4
Slovakia	1	1	1	0	4
Ukraine	1	1	1	-2	4

GROUP F

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Portugal	2	0	1	+2	6
Turkiye	2	0	1	0	6
Georgia	1	1	1	0	4
Czechia	0	1	2	-2	1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Georgia 2, Portugal 0
Slovakia 1, Romania 1
Turkiye 2, Czechia 1
Ukraine 0, Belgium 0

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
France 1, Poland 1
Austria 3, Netherlands 2
Denmark 0, Serbia 0
England 0, Slovenia 0

CONMEBOL Copa América

GROUP A

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Argentina	2	0	0	+3	6
Canada	1	0	1	-1	3
Chile	0	1	1	-1	1
Peru	0	1	1	-1	1

GROUP B

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Venezuela	2	0	0	+2	6
Ecuador	1	0	1	+1	3
Mexico	1	0	1	0	3
Jamaica	0	0	2	-3	0

GROUP C

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Uruguay	1	0	0	+2	3
United States	1	0	0	+2	3
Panama	0	0	1	-2	0
Bolivia	0	0	1	-2	0

GROUP D

	W	D	L	GD	Pts.
Colombia	1	0	0	+1	3
Brazil	0	1	0	0	1
Costa Rica	0	1	0	0	1
Paraguay	0	0	1	-1	0

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Ecuador 3, Jamaica 1
Venezuela 1, Mexico 0

THURSDAY'S GAMES
United States vs. Panama, 6
Uruguay vs. Bolivia, 9

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Canada 1, Peru 0
Argentina 1, Chile 0

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Miami	20	12	5	3	41
Cincinnati	19	12	3	4	39
NY Red Bulls	20	9	7	4	34
Charlotte	20	9	5	6	32
Columbus	17	8	6	3	30
NYCFC	19	9	2	8	29
Nashville	19	6	8	5	26
Toronto	20	7	3	10	24
Atlanta	19	5	6	8	21
Orlando	19	5	6	8	21
Philadelphia	19	4	8	7	20
New England	17	6	1	10	19
D.C. United	20	4	7	9	19
Montreal	19	4	7	8	19
Chicago	19	4	6	9	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
LAFC	19	11	4	4	37
Real Salt Lake	20	10	7	3	37
LA Galaxy	20	10	7	3	37
Colorado	20	9	4	7	31
Minnesota	19	8	5	6	29
Portland	20	7	6	7	27
Houston	19	7	6	6	27
Austin	20	7	6	7	27
Vancouver	18	7	4	7	25
Seattle	20	6	7	7	25
Dallas	19	5	5	9	20
St. Louis	19	3	10	6	19
Sporting KC	20	3	5	12	14
San Jose	19	3	2	14	11

LEADERS

GOALS

Cristian Arango, RSL	16
Christian Benteke, DC	14
Denis Bouanga, LAF	13
Lionel Messi, Mia	12
Luis Suárez, Mia	12
Dejan Joveljic, LA	11
Rafael Navarro, Col	11
Daniel Gazdag, Phi	10
Andres Gomez, RSL	10
Luciano Acosta, Cin	9
Federico Bernardeschi, Por	9
Mateusz Bogusz, LAF	9
Ryan Gauld, Van	9

NWSL

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Kansas City	14	9	5	0	32
Orlando	14	9	5	0	32
Washington	14	10	1	3	31
NJ/NY Gotham	14	8	3	3	27
Portland	14	7	2	5	23
North Carolina	14	6	1	7	19
Chicago	14	5	2	7	17
Louisville	14	3	7	4	16
San Diego	14	3	6	5	15
Angel City	14	4	3	7	15
Bay FC	14	5	0	9	15
Houston	14	3	5	6	14
Seattle	14	2	3	9	9
Utah	14	2	1	11	7

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	15	3	.833	—
Connecticut	13	3	.813	1
Atlanta	6	9	.400	7½
Chicago	6	9	.400	7½
Indiana	7	11	.389	8
Washington	4	13	.235	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	13	3	.813	1
Seattle	10	6	.625	4
Las Vegas	8	6	.571	5
Phoenix	8	8	.500	6
Los Angeles	4	13	.235	10½
Dallas	3	13	.188	11

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Minnesota at Dallas, 7
Connecticut at Washington, 7
Las Vegas at Chicago, 7
Indiana at Seattle, 7

TUESDAY'S RESULT
Minnesota 94, at New York 89

LEADERS

SCORING

	FG	FT	Pts.	PPG
Wilson, LVA	143	96	389	27.8
Ogunbowle, DAL	119	76	359	23.9
Copper, PHO	126	69	362	22.6
Collier, MIN	124	70	334	20.9
Stewart, NYL	127	82	355	19.7
Ionescu, NYL	121	53	347	19.3
Loyd, SEA	95	85	294	18.4
Young, LVA	81	47	236	18.2
Plum, LVA	85	42	254	18.1
Hamby, LAS	115	59	303	17.8
Ogwumike, SEA	98	25	230	17.7

Tennis

MALLORCA CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Mallorca Country Club
Mallorca, Spain
Men's singles
Second Round

Alejandro Tabilo (4), def. Alexander Shevchenko, 6-3, 6-2; Jakub Mensik, def. Fabio Fognini, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; Paul Jubb, def. Adam Walton, 6-0, 6-3; Ben Shelton (1), def. Rinky Hijikata, 6-4, 6-0.

ROTHESAY INTERNATIONAL

At Devonshire Park
Eastbourne, England
Men's singles
Second Round

Billy Harris, def. Charles Broom, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; Yoshihito Nishioka, def. Marcos Giron, 6-7 (8), 6-4, 6-2; Miomir Kecmanovic, def. Sebastian Baez (4), 6-3, 6-2; Shang Juncheng, def. Emil Ruusuvuori, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Max Purcell, def. Lorenzo Sonego, 6-4, 6-4; Aleksandar Vukic, def. Alexander Bublik (3), 6-4, 6-4; Flavio Cobolli, def. Giles Hussey, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Taylor Fritz (1), def. Thiago Seyboth Wild, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Women's singles
Second Round

Madison Keys (4), def. Anhelina Kalinina, 7-6 (5), 6-1; Karolina Muchova, def. Magda Linette, 6-4, 6-1; Katie Boulter, def. Jelena Ostapenko (5), 6-4, 7-5; Leylah Fernandez, def. Ashlyn Krueger, 6-2, 6-1; Harriet Dart, def. Sofia Kenin, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-0; Emma Raducanu, def. Jessica Pegula (2), 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5; Daria Kasatkina (6), def. Yue Yuan, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0; Jasmine Paolini (3), def. Elise Mertens, 5-2.

BAD HOMBURG OPEN

At Bad Homburg Tennis Club
Bad Homburg, Germany
Women's singles
Second Round

Diana Shnaider, def. Dayana Yastremska, 6-2, 6-2; Katerina Siniakova, def. Liudmila Samsonova (2), 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3; Emma Navarro (3), def. Peyton Stearns, 6-4, 6-1; Caroline Wozniacki, def. Veronika Kudermetova, 6-2, 6-4.

NASCAR Cup

DRIVER'S STANDINGS

Standings are for 18 races through USA TODAY 301.

	Pts.	W	T10
Kyle Larson	620	3	9
Chase Elliott	620	1	9
Denny Hamlin	580	3	8
Martin Truex Jr.	572	0	8
Tyler Reddick	560	1	11
Christopher Bell	555	3	11
William Byron	548	3	10
Ryan Blaney	526	1	7
Ross Chastain	510	0	7
Brad Keselowski	507	1	9
Ty Gibbs	499	0	8
Alex Bowman	476	0	10
Chris Buescher	467	0	8
Joey Logano	430	0	5
Bubba Wallace	417	0	5
Chase Briscoe	405	0	6
Kyle Busch	385	0	5

Formula One

DRIVER'S STANDINGS

Standings are for 10 races through Spanish Grand Prix.

	Pts.	W
Max Verstappen, Red Bull	219	7
Lando Norris, McLaren	150	1
Charles Leclerc, Ferrari	148	1
Carlos Sainz Jr., Ferrari	116	1
Sergio Pérez, Red Bull	111	0
Oscar Piastri, McLaren	87	0
George Russell, Mercedes	81	0
Lewis Hamilton, Mercedes	70	0
Fernando Alonso, Aston M	41	0
Yuki Tsunoda, RB	19	0
Lance Stroll, Aston Martin	17	0
Daniel Ricciardo, RB	9	0
Oliver Bearman, Ferrari	6	0
Nico Hülkenberg, Haas	6	0
Pierre Gasly, Alpine	5	0
Esteban Ocon, Alpine	3	0
Alexander Albon, Williams	2	0
Kevin Magnussen, Haas	1	0

Transactions

BASEBALL

Atlanta: P Bryce Elder called up from minors.
Cincinnati: P Yosver Zulueta sent to minors. P Graham Ashcraft called up from minors.
Cleveland: RF Johnathan Rodríguez sent to minors. 1B Jhonkensy Noel called up from minors.
Colorado: P Jake Bird placed on 15-day IL.
Detroit: P Easton Lucas sent to minors. P Keider Montero called up from minors.
Houston: C Omar Narváez signed to a minor league contract.
Miami: P Kent Emanuel designated for assignment. P Valente Bellozo purchased from minors.
Milwaukee: P Joel Kuhnel designated for assignment. P Joe Ross transferred to 60-day IL. C Eric Haase, P Dallas Keuchel purchased from minors. C Gary Sánchez placed on 10-day IL.
NY Mets: C Joe Hudson outrighted to minors.
NY Yankees: P Victor González outrighted to minors.
Pittsburgh: C Henry Davis sent to minors for rehabilitation.
San Francisco: P Mason Black sent to minors. P Raymond Burgos designated for assignment. P Hayden Birdsong purchased from minors.
St. Louis: P Chris Roycroft called up from minors.
Texas: 3B Ezequiel Duran, 2B Justin Foscue sent to minors. P Yerry Rodríguez designated for assignment. P Cole Winn transferred to 60-day IL. 2B Justin Foscue removed from 60-day IL. CF Derek Hill purchased from minors. 2B Justin Foscue recalled from minors rehab.

Cape Cod League

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Cotuit 9, at Yarmouth-Dennis 2
At Falmouth 7, Orleans 1
At Wareham 7, Harwich 3
At Chatham 5, Hyannis 2

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Brewster at Cotuit, 7
Harwich at Hyannis, 7
Bourne at Falmouth, 7
Yarmouth-Dennis at Orleans, 7
Wareham at Chatham, 7

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
At Cotuit 4, Falmouth 2
Wareham 2, at Orleans 1
Brewster 6, at Bourne 3

International League

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	1	0	1.000	—
Jacksonville	1	0	1.000	—
Lehigh Valley	1	0	1.000	—
Rochester	1	0	1.000	—
Syracuse	1	0	1.000	—
Worcester	1	0	1.000	—
Buffalo	0	1	.000	1
Durham	0	1	.000	1
Norfolk	0	1	.000	1
Scranton/W.-Barre	0	1	.000	1

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Gwinnett	1	0	1.000	—
Omaha	1	0	1.000	—
St. Paul	1	0	1.000	—
Toledo	1	0	1.000	—
Columbus	0	1	.000	1
Indianapolis	0	1	.000	1
Iowa	0	1	.000	1
Louisville	0	1	.000	1
Memphis	0	1	.000	1
Nashville	0	1	.000	1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Worcester (ppd.), at Scranton/W-B
Louisville (ppd.), at Toledo
Nashville 12, at Jacksonville 11
Syracuse 7, at Buffalo 4
St. Paul 9, at Iowa 7
Charlotte 6, at Norfolk 4
At Durham 7, Lehigh Valley 2
Indianapolis (ppd.), at Rochester
Omaha (ppd.), at Columbus
Memphis 6, at Gwinnett 4

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Worcester at Scranton/W-B, 6:35
Omaha at Columbus, 12:05
Charlotte at Norfolk, 12:05
Indianapolis at Rochester, 1:05
Syracuse at Buffalo, 6:35
Lehigh Valley at Durham, 6:35
Louisville at Toledo, 7:05
Memphis at Gwinnett, 7:05
Nashville at Jacksonville, 7:05
St. Paul at Iowa, 7:38

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Worcester 6, at Scranton/W-B 5
Lehigh Valley 9, at Durham 2
Charlotte 4, at Norfolk 2
Syracuse 10, at Buffalo 2
At Rochester 3, Indianapolis 1
At Jacksonville 2, Nashville 0
At Gwinnett 5, Memphis 1
Omaha 6, at Columbus 1
At Toledo 14, Louisville 4
St. Paul 6, at Iowa 5

Eastern League

NORTHEAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
New Hampshire	1	0	1.000	—
Portland	1	0	1.000	—
Reading	1	0	1.000	—
Somerset	1	0	1.000	—
Binghamton	0	1	.000	1
Hartford	0	1	.000	1

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Akron	1	0	1.000	—
Harrisburg	1	0	1.000	—
Altoona	0	1	.000	1
Bowie	0	1	.000	1
Erie	0	1	.000	1
Richmond	0	1	.000	1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Portland (ppd.), at Binghamton
At Erie 5, Harrisburg 0
Akron 11, at Altoona 6
Somerset 4, at Richmond 3
Bowie 3, at Reading 2
At Hartford 12, New Hampshire 6

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Portland at Binghamton, 6:35
Akron at Altoona, 6
Harrisburg at Erie, 6:05
Somerset at Richmond, 6:35
Bowie at Reading, 7
New Hampshire at Hartford, 7:10

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Portland 5, at Binghamton 2
Akron 4, at Altoona 3
Harrisburg 6, at Erie 4
Somerset 12, at Richmond 4
At Reading 8, Bowie 4
New Hampshire 8, at Hartford 2

South Atlantic League

NORTH	W	L	Pct.	GB
Aberdeen	3	1	.750	—
Greensboro	3	1	.750	—
Hudson Valley	2	2	.500	1
Jersey Shore	2	2	.500	1
Brooklyn	1	3	.250	2
Wilmington	1	3	.250	2

SOUTH	W	L	Pct.	GB
Asheville	3	1	.750	—
Rome	3	1	.750	—
Bowling Green	2	2	.500	1
Greenville	2	2	.500	1
Hickory	1	3	.250	2
Winston-Salem	1	3	.250	2

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Hickory 13, at Greenville 5
At Hudson Valley 5, Wilmington 0
Rome 4, at Winston-Salem 2
At Jersey Shore 6, Greensboro 1
At Aberdeen 3, Brooklyn 1
Asheville (ppd.), at Bowling Green

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Hickory at Greenville, 7:05
Wilmington at Hudson Valley, 6:35
Rome at Winston-Salem, 7
Greensboro at Jersey Shore, 7:05
Brooklyn at Aberdeen, 7:05
Asheville at Bowling Green, 7:35

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
At Greenville 8, Hickory 2
At Hudson Valley 3, Wilmington 2
Rome 10, at Winston-Salem 4
Greensboro 11, at Jersey Shore 4
At Aberdeen 9, Brooklyn 2
Asheville 1, at Bowling Green 0

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PAUL F. GRINER, M.D.



PAUL GRINER was born on January 1, 1933, along with his identical twin, John. He died on June 24th. Paul graduated from Harvard College in 1954 and received his medical degree, with honor, from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1959. He completed three years of training in Internal Medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital, then returned to the Rochester School of Medicine as Chief Resident and a Hematology Fellow.

From 1961 to 1963, Griner served at Andrews Air Force Hospital in Washington D.C., receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal upon discharge. Paul remained at the University of Rochester for most of his career. He was promoted to Professor of Medicine and awarded the Samuel E. Durand Chair of medicine. Griner was involved in a number of treatment breakthroughs in medicine. In 1963, he introduced closed chest massage to the medical staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital and, in 1974, was the first to cure aplastic anemia in an adult with immunotherapy alone. This cure strengthened the theory that the cause of aplastic anemia is, in many cases, an autoimmune disorder. In 1984, Dr. Griner was appointed General Director and CEO of Strong Memorial Hospital, the principal teaching hospital of the University of Rochester. He held that position for 11 years, during which time he was appointed to various city, state and federal commissions and committees by the Mayor of New York City, the Governor of New York, the Director of the National Library of Medicine, and President and Mrs. William Clinton.

Paul believed passionately that good patient care started with observation and information-gathering at patients' bedsides. He was fond of Sir William Osler's dictum that the good physician treats the disease; the great physician treats the patient who has the disease. Driven by that passionate belief, he was among the first physicians to study and report on the unnecessary use of costly medical facilities, tests and technology, the forerunner of today's evidence-based medicine. He was a pioneer in the application of decision theory to improve the quality of care and reduce its cost.

Dr. Griner was active in medical education and health policy at both local and national levels. In 1981, he was the first recipient of the Mentor award at the University of Rochester. He was President and Chair of the board of the merican College of Physicians, and president of both the Society of General Internal Medicine and the American Clinical and Climatological Association. He was an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. During his career, Griner was a consultant, lecturer or Visiting Professor at over 60 academic medical centers, including Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He is the author of 140 publications and two books and was a Life-trustee of the University of Rochester.

In 1956, Paul and Miriam Elizabeth Millard were married. They had two children, Laura and Paul, and were married for 49 years, until Mimi's death in 2005. In 2008, Dr. Griner married his brother John's widow, Margaret Griner, and they remained together until Margaret's death, a week before his own. He is survived by his children, Laura Hill (Paul) and Paul Griner (Anne); his stepchildren, John A. Griner, IV (Jocelyn), Kathryn Griner (Scott Rogers), and Gregg Griner (Maria); his grandchildren, Clara Hill (Chelsea Weaver), Kerry Griner (Sammy Luptowski), Trevor Griner, and Tristan Griner; his step-grandchildren, Jennifer Griner (John Butts), John A. Griner, V (fiancée Kristin Freiberg), Claire Moxley (Brandon), Grace Neider, Stephanie Gibson (Tyler), Emma Mehlman, Mark Griner, Kaitlin Griner, and Grace Griner; his great-grandchildren, Paul and Lucy; and his step-great-grandchildren, Taylor, Dannilynn, Joelle, Wesley, Dominic, and Lincoln.

Paul Francis Griner's life was dedicated to medicine and family. His profound care for others meant he touched thousands of individuals over the course of his career: patients he served and treated; medical students and residents he taught; young physicians he mentored; and members of the medical organizations he joined and led. More recently, he spent as much of his time with family as possible, traveling, fishing, cooking and eating, telling stories, asking questions, and gifting many with his sometimes-ribald limericks. He will long be remembered and is already deeply missed.

CUMMINGS, John H. Jr.



Known as Jack, age 86, passed away surrounded by his family, on Saturday, June 22. Jack was born in Boston, MA to Mary (Gioncardi) and John Cummings. He and his younger sister, Carol, were raised in Quincy.

Jack met Ann Karlsen, his wife of 62 years, when he was 19 and she was 17. They worked together at Jason's Record Store in Quincy. Their boss thought it would be a good idea for the two of them to go on a date and gave them tickets to an Elvis movie premiere. Ann was hesitant at first, as she thought Jack was a flirt, but she decided to go with him and the rest is history. They moved to Easton, MA in 1967, and had two sons, David and Scott. Jack loved taking his family to Saturday night dinners and to Boston Bruins games. He also loved spending time with his sister, Carol Connelly, her husband, Joe and their children, Michael, Mark, Dawn and L'Oren. Together, they had boisterous gatherings at the holidays.

Jack was an incredibly loving grandfather to Dave's children, Owen and Claire, and to Scott and his wife's, Cara's twins, Claudia and Brandon. Since Jack was a kid at heart himself, he could easily relate to his grandchildren. He loved offering them chocolate the minute they walked through the front door and taking them out for ice cream during their annual vacations to Cape Cod.

Jack's pets were a big source of happiness for him. Over the years, he and Ann's home was filled with cats and dogs. He would take his beloved beagle mix, Maggie, out for walks around their neighborhood and enjoyed chatting with the neighbors. His most recent cat, Aggie, couldn't wait for him to sit down in his favorite recliner so she could jump in his lap and curl up for the evening.

Professionally, he started his career in sales at Jordan Marsh in Boston. However, he wanted to be his own boss, so he opened his first camera store in 1971 in Holbrook. Soon after, in 1973, he opened Bridgewater Camera, which he owned for 25 years. He also introduced his sister, Carol, to the business and together they opened C & J Camera in Hanson.

Jack loved socializing. He enjoyed being part of a weekly bowling league with Ann for many years. In his role as a portrait photographer, he had a wonderful sense of humor which would put his customers at ease.

Upon retiring, Jack joined the Easton Lions Club, where was voted Lion of the Year in 2016 and 2023. While a Lion, he volunteered a tremendous amount of time working at their thrift store. He loved a good bargain and after working in sales, was adept at selling items for a good price knowing the profits were going to the Massachusetts Eye Research Fund.

If you would like to join in celebrating Jack's life, a Wake is being held on Friday, June 28, at 10:00am, at the Covenant Congregational Church, 204 Center Street, North Easton, MA 02356. A Service will follow at 11:30am. Burial to follow at Blue Hills Cemetery in Braintree. In lieu of flowers, kindly make donations to the Easton Lions Club Massachusetts Eye Research Fund or the Animal Protection Center of South Easton, MA.

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GLENN, Linda Louise



Linda Louise Glenn, a nationally renowned advocate for individuals living with intellectual disabilities, and a leader of the nation's fight against the warehousing of people with disabilities, died at her home in North Fort Meyers, Florida, on June 17. She was 76.

Glenn's efforts, and those of a short list of other national advocates, were instrumental in many of the most important legal, social, and programmatic reforms for people with disabilities, including the passage of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1976, Glenn was recruited by Governor Michael Dukakis' Administration to be the assistant commissioner for what was then called 'Mental Retardation Services' in Massachusetts and became the Department of Mental Health's associate commissioner. During her tenure, Glenn spearheaded the de-institutionalization movement in Massachusetts.

Perhaps one of Glenn's most notable contributions was in the shuttering of the Staten Island Development Center in Willowbrook, New York, an institution where conditions and questionable medical practices and experiments prompted then U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy to describe it as a "snake pit."

Glenn was born on October 12, 1947 in Munich, Germany, to Robert and Ann Field Glenn, both from Mississippi. Her father was in the United State Air Force, and the family moved frequently while he was on assignment. Linda graduated from Ole Miss: University of Mississippi in 1969.

She is survived by her wife, Christina Crowe; her step-daughter, Karen Zoltak of Sarasota, Florida; by her sister, Roberta Pabst of California; her brothers, Greg of St. Louis and Jeffrey of Arizona; and by her nephews, Andrew Pabst of San Jose, CA, and Gary Pabst of Medford, MA.

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BASSETT, Allison



Age 37, of Watertown, died Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, MA.

Allison was the daughter of Edward C. Bassett, Jr. ("Ted") and the late Nancy Arone Bassett of Southborough, MA. She is survived by her brothers: elder, Andrew, his wife Elizabeth, and their four children, Jack, Abigail, Luke, and Brooks, from Clarendon Hills, IL; and younger, Christopher, from Boston.

Born in Southborough, MA, Allison was an avid equestrian, photographer, and soccer player. She attended St. Marks School, then Boston College, where she travelled abroad to London and graduated with a degree in economics.

Allison settled in Watertown post-graduation and formed a supportive community of friends and neighbors whom she loved to entertain.

She began her career at Commonwealth Financial, then spent years as a project manager for Advisor 360 in Weston, where she again cultivated a strong network of friends and colleagues.

"Alli," as she was known to friends and family, adored her niece and nephews and a close second was her beloved dog, Lola.

Alli loved spending time with her family and friends and had a special place in her heart for Scraggy Neck Island on Cape Cod, where she spent her summers.

Alli always had a smile and kind words for everyone in her life. She will be missed immensely.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Alli's alma mater, Boston College, on Friday, June 28, 2024, at 10:00AM, at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, 28 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

For Alli's obituary, please visit www.morrisjohnstonfh.com

CLARK, Richard H.



Of Reading, beloved husband of Mary Ann (Gleason) Clark, passed away on Friday, June 21, 2024 with his family at his side. Born in Cambridge, he was the loving son of the late Herman Clark and Eleanor (D'Amore) Clark McMahon. Army veteran and longtime auditor for Internal Revenue Service.

He was a lover of sports, especially the Celtics and the New England Patriots, where he was an original season ticket holder. He loved to ski, take trips to the casino and vacations at York Beach in Maine. Richard's greatest joy came from being with his family. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He will be deeply missed by his family and many dear friends.

In addition to being the beloved husband of Mary Ann; he was the devoted father of Christina Clark of Greenfield, Brian Clark and his partner Heidi Laier of Shapleigh, Maine, Katharine Clark of Reading and the late Lauren Clark. Cherished grandfather of Trevor Sebeika, Skyla Mills and Luna, River and Oak Clark. Loving brother of Carol Quinn on Hollis, NH, Albert Clark and his wife Cathy of Westwood, James Clark of Quincy, Paula McCarthy and her husband Paul of Cambridge and Stephen McMahon and his wife Kathy. He was the loving uncle of many nieces and nephews; and Richard leaves dear friends, Carolyn and Joe Delrossi.

Family and friends are cordially invited to Visiting Hours at the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., NORTH READING (Corner of Park St. and Rt. 28 at the Reading Line), on Monday, July 1, 2024, from 4 to 7pm.

A Graveside Service will be celebrated for Richard on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 in Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm St., Everett, at 1:30pm. All are invited to attend.

For information, directions and to leave an online condolence, please visit http://www.cotafuneralhones.com

CROSBY, Dorothy R. (Washburn)

Age 94, of Reading, passed on June 26, 2024. Wife of the late Robert Crosby; mother of Robert Crosby, Jr. & wife Donna of Tewksbury and Richard Crosby of Manchester Ctr., VT. Grandma of Kelly & Mark Giordano, Kristin & Matt Kincaid, the late Christopher Crosby, Bandy Griffith; and great-grandma of Joey, Anthony, Ben & Jake. Daughter of the late Joseph and Gladys (Dykens) Washburn; sister of Shirley McKenna, the late Helen Bartz, Robert and George Washburn.

Visiting Hours: Family & friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., WILMINGTON, on Monday, July 1st, from 9:30-11:00 a.m., followed by a Service at 11:00 a.m. Interment Wood End Cemetery, Reading.

Donations in Dorothy's memory may be made to Shriner's Hospital, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

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DelGIZZI, Kenneth P.

Of Auburndale, formerly of Nonantum, passed on June 25, age 83. He was the husband of the late Barbara (MacLean) DelGizzi and is survived by his companion, Judy Dore; and his children: Louise, Michael and James; and a granddaughter, Nicole Banks Tabak and her husband Almog. Kenny also leaves two brothers, Joseph and Richard DelGizzi; and several nieces and nephews. He was the son of the late Gaetano "Charles" and Louise (Russo) DelGizzi, and was the youngest of 11 children. Visiting Hours in the Magni FH, 365 Watertown St., NEWTON, on Friday, June 28, from 4-7pm, and again Sat. morning at 9:45am before proceeding to St. Bernard Church, 1523 Washington St. W. Newton, for an 11AM Funeral Mass. Burial is private. No flowers please. Instead, Kenny's family encourages donations to either: the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club, 675 Watertown St., Newton 02460 or to the Nonantum Children's Christmas Party Assoc., PO Box 12 Newton, MA 02495.

GRINER, Paul F. M.D.

See Enhanced Listing

INTRAVAIA, Madeline C. (Buonomo)

Of Woburn, formerly of Somerville, June 25, 2024. Beloved wife of the late John B. Intravaia. Devoted mother of Joanne Intravaia and her husband Thomas Farrell, Donna Intravaia-Higgins and her husband Thomas Higgins. Sister of John Buonomo, the late Mary Accordino and Joseph Buonomo. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Further survived by cherished family pets, Lucy and Molly. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, June 29th, at St. Barbara Church, 138 Cambridge Rd., Woburn, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend (please meet directly at church). Services will conclude with entombment at Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum, Everett. It has been requested that, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Madeline's memory to the M.S.P.C.A., 350 South Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02130. Arrangements by the McLaughlin – Dello Russo Family Funeral Service of WOBURN. For complete obituary and to leave an online message of condolence, please visit www.dellorusso.net

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PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION 537

We regret to announce the death of Brother Mark C. Wood, who passed away June 9, 2024.

Services will be June 30, from 4-7 pm, at Magoun Biggins Funeral Home, in ROCKLAND, MA.

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McARDLE, Patricia J.

Age 87, of Nahant and formerly of West Roxbury, died of complications of Covid on June 20, 2024. A graduate of Boston's Girls Latin School and of Barnard College, Pat began her career as a high school social studies teacher first in Boston, then in Avon and Canton, MA. After receiving a MA in History from Boston College and working in summer teacher education programs at Brown University, she studied at Harvard University School of Education, earning an Ed.D. As a curriculum development /assessment specialist, Pat joined the faculty first at Harvard's School of Public Health and then at the Medical School. She later held positions at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NY and Tufts U Medical School. In addition, she was an educational consultant at the U of Manchester (UK) Medical School, at Quillen Medical College/Eastern Tennessee State U. and for the Graduate Education Program, Bay State Medical Center, Springfield, MA.

More than 50 years ago, Pat moved to Nahant, where she had summered all her life. She participated in many different town activities, including serving as a Library Trustee for more than ten years. After retirement, Pat immersed herself in her numerous and eclectic personal interests and increased her town involvement. Throughout her years, Pat believed that the best life was one in which you quietly give back to the community and invest in the generations to come.

Daughter of the late Francis and Catherine (Roche) McArdle; Pat was predeceased by her sister of Catherine (Kelleher); and her brother Francis X. She is survived by her sister Regina; her nephew Michael Kellehe; and nieces, Diane Kelleher, Megan and Nora McArdle.

Visiting Hours: A Celebration of Pat's Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to the Nahant Public Library (Friends of NPL, 15 Pleasant St., Nahant, MA 01908) or to the Lynn Vocational Technical Institute Student Scholarship Fund (LVTI Alumni Assoc., PO Box 2142, Lynn, MA 01901). Arrangements entrusted to Solimine Funeral Homes, LYNN. Online guestbook at www.solimine.com

McMILLEN, Laura Elizabeth (Ferrier)



Of Wellesley, June 20, 2024. Beloved wife of Raymond E. McMillen, Jr. Devoted mother of Robert G. McMillen, Steven C. McMillen, Kevin A. McMillen and Lauray G. McMillen. She also leaves her five grandchildren, Nicholas, Emily, Andrew, Aron and Freddy; and several nieces and nephews. Dear sister of James R. Ferrier and the late Esther Ann Dahlstrom and Mary Ellen Ferrier. Cherished Daughter of Esther and Julius Ferrier. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Visiting Hour on Saturday, June 29, at Our Lady Help of Christians, 573 Washington St., Newton, from 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. Followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30 A.M. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Waltham.

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PALMACCI, Patricia L.



Loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and long-time Somerville, MA resident, died peacefully at home of natural causes, on June 21, 2024. The devoted wife of the late Ernesto E. Palmacci for nearly 67 years. Beloved mother of Ernesto Palmacci, Jr. and his wife, Brenda of Groton, MA, Steven Palmacci and his wife, Eugenia of Melrose, MA, Lisa Palmacci of Woburn, MA and John Palmacci of Ogunquit, ME. Cherished grandmother of Nicholas, Lauren, Lia, Don, Francesca, Steven, Jr. and Jack as well as her great-grandchildren, Anthony, Jake, Ava, Robert Williams, Jr. Dear sister of late Barbara Hilgert (Bears); half-siblings, Dennis Whall, Dorothea Chabak, Susan Clark, Warren Bears, Jr., Jack Bears, Ada Bears and both the late Russell Bears, and Linda Bears. She will also be missed by her lifelong friend, Virginia Pizzelli of Franklin and was grateful to have had the love and friendship of all, especially that of Dorothea, Dennis and his wife, Ronnie and Bill and June Moynihan. Calling Hours will be held on Sunday, June 30, in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), SOMERVILLE, MA, from 2:00PM to 5:00PM. A Funeral Mass will take place at 10:30AM, on Monday, July 1, at St. Clement Church,71 Warner Street, Medford, MA. Relatives and friends are respectively invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital in Pat's name.

George L. Doherty Funeral Home
Somerville, MA

VITAGLIANO, Frances A.



Of Winthrop, June 22, 2024. Beloved daughter of the late Mary F. (Sarno) and Joseph N. Vitagliano. Dear sister of Joseph M. Vitagliano and his wife, Janet Marie of Wayland and the late Marian S. Vitagliano. Loving aunt of Antonia Marian Vitagliano of Brooklyn, New York and Brett McGinty of Framingham. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Visitation from the Ernest P. Caggiano and Son Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., WINTHROP, on Friday, June 28, 2024, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM, followed by a Funeral Service in the funeral home, at 11:00 AM. Services will conclude with the interment in the Cross Street section of Winthrop Cemetery. For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com

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WANDERS, John F. "Jack" III



Of Medford, June 19, 2024. Beloved husband of Nancy (Blauvelt) Wanders. Devoted father to Brian James and his longtime partner, Kelly Nicole Nolan of Maine, and his favorite daughter Nicole Ann of Massachusetts, who herself has spawned her own daughters, Tessa Marie Borowski of Massachusetts, and Savana Marie (Roberts), who in turn has three amazing children, Charlotte, Will, and James, with her husband Henry Roberts, all of New Hampshire. In addition, John leaves behind his sisters, Margaret "Meg," Karen, Gail, and Susan; as well as many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and a multitude of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, and even a few great-great-nieces and nephews. If you would like to celebrate this amazing man's life and triumphs, please join us at George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), SOMERVILLE, MA on Friday, June 28th, from 3:00PM to 7:00PM, with Words of Remembrance beginning at 6:30PM. Relatives and friends invited to attend. A Graveside Service will be held at Oak Grove Cemetery, 230 Playstead Rd., Medford, on Saturday, June 29th, at 10:00AM (Please meet inside the main gate). In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory can be made to Care Dimensions Hospice House in Lincoln, MA, who took great and loving care of him during his last days. Retired member Local 589. For complete obituary, www.dohertyfuneralservice.com

Obituaries

Leah Levin, 98, international human rights advocate

By Brian Murphy
WASHINGTON POST

Leah Levin, a British activist who wrote a seminal UN book on human rights and who led a watchdog group that helped free the "Birmingham Six," whose convictions for deadly bombings were overturned 16 years later after probes on police abuses, died May 25 in London. She was 98.

The cause was a heart attack while she was recovering from hip surgery at a rehabilitation facility, said her son Jeremy Levin.

In many ways, Ms. Levin's lifelong dedication to rights advocacy was built upon her personal journey, beginning with her family fleeing native Lithuania for South Africa in the late 1920s amid rising antisemitism. Then, in the 1960s, Ms. Levin and her children left Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) when her husband, Archie Levin, feared arrest by white-rule authorities seeking to silence his political activism.

"That was the beginning of what I call the me of now," Ms. Levin once said of the family's move to Britain.

In London, Ms. Levin volunteered as a secretary at the United Nations Association, a group with chapters around the world to promote collaboration with UN agencies.

She found herself working alongside rising leaders in Britain's human rights community such as Martin Ennals, who led Amnesty International from 1968 to 1980 in a tenure that included the group receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977.

After the death of her husband that same year, Ms. Levin immersed herself even deeper in human rights causes. Among her jobs was writing what became one of the most widely distributed UN books, "Human Rights: Questions and Answers," first published in 1981 by the UN's cultural agency, UNESCO.

The book, now translated into 36 languages, is a history lesson and users' manual for rights groups and activists. She led readers through the development of modern international rights standards from the Magna Carta to the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. She also gave a road map on what courts and jurisdictions handle various claims of rights abuses.

She wrote that millions of children, in particular girls, lacked access to health care and education, and that food insecurity affected nearly one-third of the world's population. At the same time, she could be hopeful: "A sense of collective responsibility for massive human rights violations occurring anywhere in the world is emerging," she wrote in an updated 2012 edition.

In 1982, Ms. Levin became director the legal reform group Justice, whose work includes supporting those alleging they were wronged by British courts and law enforcement. At the time, six men from Northern Ireland were serving life sentences in Britain after convictions in 1975 for bombings at two Birmingham pubs on Nov. 21, 1974.

The Birmingham blasts claimed 21 lives and injured more than 180 people, then the bloodiest incidents in England linked to the Irish Republican Army and its fight to end British rule of Northern Ireland.

For years, however, journalists and rights groups such as Justice were digging into claims by the convicted men that their confessions were coerced and that they endured what they described as torture.

A series of documentary TV shows in 1985 produced by journalist Chris Mullin (who later held a seat in Parliament from 1987 to 2010) on the alleged police misconduct and other questions helped spur hearings by an appeals court. New witnesses raised doubts about the evidence presented in the Birmingham Six trials.

Yet there were many in Britain outraged by any support for the Birmingham Six, even if police misconduct was proved. The conflict in Northern Ireland, known as the Troubles, had sharply escalated since the 1970s and attacks on English soil had grown more brazen, including a 1984 bombing at the Grand Hotel in Brighton during a political conference attended by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Five people were killed, and Thatcher narrowly escaped.



JEREMY LEVIN

Ms. Levin wrote an influential book for the United Nations on human rights.

During the Birmingham Six appeal, Ms. Levin was portrayed as a master mediator among the defense teams, legal aid groups, and others involved in the investigations and court filings. British media described her abilities to calm clashing egos and work across ideological and political lines. "Quietly charismatic," said a story in the London newspaper the Times.

"The very conservative sector of the legal profession probably regard us as very radical, and the radical sector no doubt regard us as establishment," she said. "We are neither, and so we are able to prick people's consciences."

In March 1991, the Birmingham Six walked out of London's Old Bailey courthouse after the convictions were thrown out. They raised their hands in triumph. (The case remains unsolved.)

"It has been a watershed year for the whole of the criminal justice system. We have campaigned for many years, but 1991 has been very dramatic," Ms. Levin told the Reuters news agency.

She left Justice the following year to cofound Redress, a London-based group lending legal support to survivors of torture to seek reparations. Ms. Levin remained on the Redress board until 2007, often referring to the plaintiffs in the group's cases as her other "children."

In addition to her son Jeremy, she leaves another son, David, and a daughter, Michal; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Over the decades, Ms. Levin often described the struggle for human rights as a series of small victories that required patience and, above all, perseverance.

"I'm not particularly put out if things don't happen overnight," she once said. "I'm much more inclined toward constructive, brick-by-brick building."

Haviland Smith, who helped CIA officers avoid detection, 94

By Harrison Smith
WASHINGTON POST

Soon after he arrived in Prague in 1958, Haviland Smith discovered he was under constant surveillance, followed by secret police through the city's narrow streets, alleys, and arcades. Even when he thought he was free, a pair of eyes always seemed to be on him: After one uneventful trip around the capital, he learned from intercepted radio chatter he had been watched by more than two dozen vehicles.

There was a reason for all the attention. Mr. Smith, a multisport athlete with a knack for languages, was working as the CIA station chief, managing agents across communist Czechoslovakia. He was only in his late 20s, a relative newcomer to the Cold War struggle. But on his walks through the city, meandering down the road with police on his trail, he began to develop ideas about how to operate in the hostile, heavily surveilled locations known in spy-speak as denied areas.

Experimenting in Prague and in Berlin, Mr. Smith helped broaden the tradecraft of espionage, pioneering simple but effective techniques CIA officers could use to evade detection in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. His work drew the admiration of colleagues including Tony Mendez, a master of disguise celebrated in the film "Argo," and his wife, Jonna Mendez, who later ran the CIA disguise unit.

"Essentially what Smith had done was to prove that there were no such things as denied areas; it was simply a question of methods," the Mendezes wrote in "The Moscow Rules," a book about the tactics that CIA operatives adopted for the Cold War. "If the right techniques were used, anything was possible."

Mr. Smith, who retired in 1980 after a 24-year CIA career, was 94 when he died June 20. His death, at home in Monroe Township, N.J., was confirmed by his wife, Dolores Smith, who said he had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and was recently treated for COVID.

Looking back on his career, Mr. Smith was quick to dispel the idea that it was nonstop adventure, a James Bond movie come to life. The world of espionage, he once wrote, was "demanding, confusing, often boring, and occasionally wildly exciting."

Working undercover as a diplomat, he spent five years in the Middle East, where he was stationed in Beirut (he called the capital "a terrific place to hunt Soviets") and in Tehran before the Iranian revolution. He later led the CIA's counterterrorism staff, keeping tabs on militant groups such as Europe's Red Army Faction and Red Brigades, and served as an executive assistant to CIA Deputy Director Frank Carlucci, who became secretary of defense under President Reagan.

To colleagues at the agency's Langley, Va., headquarters, he remained best known for his contributions to tradecraft, along with "his knowledge about recruitment and development operations" targeting the Soviets, said John MacGaffin, a former No. 2 official in the CIA.

Mr. Smith had served for three years in the Army Security Agency, intercepting Russian-language messages, before joining the CIA in 1956. That experience proved to be crucial in Prague, where he was able to locate the radio frequency used by Czech security forces and crack their code, according to "The Billion Dollar Spy," Washington Post journalist David E. Hoffman's 2015 book about a Soviet electronics engineer who shared documents with the West.

Before mailing a letter or making a dead drop, in which he left a message or package at a secret location, Mr. Smith would turn on the radio and record the security broadcasts. After he returned, he would listen to the tape to see if he had been followed — and cancel the rest of the operation if he had.

Early on, when he noticed he was being followed, he tried to outpace the secret police. That method backfired: Whenever he got away from one surveillance team, speeding down the street to get away from the watchers, he'd find himself surrounded by reinforcements.

Mr. Smith's chief innovation involved no fancy spy gear or 007-style stunts. To get around the police, he simply lulled them into passivity. "He became boring," the Mendezes wrote, "what we call a 'little gray man.'"

For months, he maintained a clockwork schedule, taking the same routes to drive the babysitter home each evening and get his hair cut every other week. Gradually, his minders stopped paying close attention during the trips, creating a window in which he could deliver a message or make a dead drop, so long as he didn't stray too far from his routine.

To give himself additional freedom while "working in the gap," as he put it, he began rounding corners. By making two right turns in quick succession, he could create at least 15 seconds of separation from surveillance teams trying to catch up. He later refined a technique known as the brush pass, in which he surreptitiously delivered a package to an agent who would leave down an escape route, walking one direction while Mr. Smith went another.

Some officials remained skeptical of his tactics. Richard Helms, who led clandestine operations for the agency, refused to approve the use of the brush pass in Prague in the mid-1960s, arguing that it was too risky for officers to come in direct contact with agents there rather than keeping a distance and communicating through dead drops.

After more than a year of advocating for the brush pass, Mr. Smith organized a demonstration one day in 1965, arranging for Helms's deputy, Thomas Karamessines, to meet him in the lobby of Washington's historic Mayflower Hotel.

Sitting on a bench with Bronson Tweedy, the head of the CIA's Eastern European division, Karamessines watched as a case officer came through the door, approached Mr. Smith, and shook out a rain coat.

Mr. Smith walked away as his boss grew impatient.

"When are they going to do it, anyway?" Karamessines asked, according to "A Secret Life," journalist Benjamin Weiser's 2004 book about another Cold War-era operative.

"Tom," Tweedy replied, "they've already done it."

The rain coat had served as a form of misdirection: As the case officer shook it with one hand, he delivered a package to Mr. Smith with the other. It was sleight-of-hand that Mr. Smith said he learned from a magician.

Soon, the brush pass was approved for much of Eastern Europe operations.

Haviland Smith Jr. was born in Manhattan on Aug. 25, 1929, and grew up in Ridgewood. His father was a photographer and art gallery owner, and his mother wrote more than two dozen cookbooks, including "The Four Seasons Cookbook" with James Beard under the name Charlotte Adams. They separated when Mr. Smith was about 3.

Mr. Smith, who went by Hav, graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and received a bachelor's degree in English and Russian from Dartmouth College, where he played lacrosse and was a goalie for the hockey team. He enrolled at the University of London, where he did graduate work in Russian and was recruited by the CIA.

He was joined on his overseas tours by his first wife, the former Martha Allen, and their three sons, Gordon, Holbrook and Haviland III. The marriage ended in divorce.

After he retired, he married Dolores Tuohey, a fellow CIA veteran. They had a daughter, Elizabeth, and settled on a farm in Brookfield, Vt., where Mr. Smith raised fallow deer, foraged for mushrooms, coached girls' lacrosse, turned wooden bowls on a lathe, and tied his own flies, fishing in nearby lakes and ponds. He moved back to New Jersey about six years ago.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT



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Michelle Dockery as Lady Mary in "Downton Abbey: A New Era," which came out in 2022.

Another 'Downton Abbey' movie in production

Been missing Lady Mary and the gang? No worries. The "Downton Abbey" franchise is alive and well for now, and yet another movie is coming to theaters next year, specifically on Sept. 12.

The last time we saw Julian Fellowes's troop of maids, butlers, cooks, lords, and ladies was in 2022, with the movie "Downton Abbey: A New Era," which was a sequel to the 2019 movie "Downton Abbey," which was a sequel to the six-season TV series that ran from 2011 to 2016 in the United States.

The new movie, currently in production, is written by Fellowes and directed by Simon Curtis, who also directed "A New Era." Most of the regulars will return, including Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Michelle Dockery, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter, Phyllis Logan, Robert James-Collier, Joanne Froggatt, Allen Leech, Penelope Wilton, and Brendan Coyle. Maggie Smith, whose Lady Violet died at the end of "A New Era," probably won't be back — unless she's in flashbacks or haunting someone as a ghost.

Dominic West, who was in "A New Era," and Paul Giamatti, who was in the TV series as Cora's brother, are both in the new movie. So are newcomers Joely Richardson, Alessandro Nivola, and Simon Russell Beale.

ASK AMY

Reader gives update on advice regarding a dilemma

Dear Readers: To mark my final week writing this column, I'm rerunning some of my most memorable questions and answers. Today I'm sharing a thoughtful update from a reader whose question was first published in 2019. Her update follows the original Q&A.

Q. About five years ago, I completed a PhD under the guidance of an amazing woman, "Daisy." She had a truly transformational impact on my life and I owe her a huge debt.

We formed a close bond and she introduced me to her husband and daughter on several occasions. After graduation, we've seen each other on a roughly annual basis. Normally when I have a free day or am passing by her campus, I'll ask her for a coffee or lunch. I think about her often.

Here is my quandary: I have recently found out that six months ago her daughter was in a freak accident and is now paralyzed from the waist down. The story made the national press, but I only found out it was Daisy's daughter through an unconnected, professional contact.

I desperately want to reach out to Daisy and her daughter but am unsure how to do so. Do I mention the accident, or do I simply reach out to ask her for a coffee and see if she brings it up?

I don't want to be insensitive but also want to be there for my friend in this time of need.

LOST IN LONDON

A. You should definitely reach out, and you should express your sympathy and concern.

Here's a start: "Dear Daisy, I was so saddened to learn of your daughter's accident. I am so grateful for your mentorship and friendship to me over the years. Please know that I am thinking about all of you now. I'll be in the area soon and would love to see both of you again, if possible."

Please understand that it is compassionate and appropriate to connect, even if you aren't sure what to say, and even if you can't offer a solution to a particular problem. So often, people choose to back away during challenging times. Don't ghost your friend now.

Following is an inspiring "Update" from Lost in London:

Dear Amy: You encouraged me to reach out and reminded me that in times of stress and grief, people tend to withdraw from others for fear of overreaching or embarrassment, or saying the wrong thing, when actually we need to step forward and be there for our friends and colleagues.

In that case I did reach out and met up with my mentor, "Daisy," and we had a wonderful catch-up and continue our relationship.

But perhaps more importantly, your specific advice on that day, and in every other column you have published, echoes the same themes: steady, compassionate friendship; the importance self-care, self-love, and boundary setting; and a recognition that sometimes things are outside of your power, and you need to learn to make peace with them.

Your words in your response to me, and those you've provided to so many others have guided my approach to the world, mainly that "you just show up." That might be physically in helping a friend pack and move boxes while clearing out a parent's home, or emotionally in giving a call to a friend you've been thinking about, extending an olive branch to an estranged family member, or showing up for yourself by removing toxic influences from your life.

Showing up, when compassion, empathy, love, and support are the motivating factors, is seldom the wrong response. And even when it is, at least you know you tried.

Dear Lost in London: You have beautifully summed up my overall point of view. Thank you!

Q. I am an average-attractive single woman who lives in a big city. I am frequently approached by men of other races who flirt with me and try to get my phone number.

How do I tell them I am not interested, without offending them? I stick to my own kind.

NO THANKS

A. It is fairly easy to say, "No thank you." But if you truly want to repel these interested men, you could tell them the truth: "No offense, but I'm a racist." They should leave you alone after that. (April 2020)

Dear Readers: R. Eric Thomas is starting a new advice column called "Asking Eric." You can help Eric to get started by flinging your most thorny questions his way. Contact him at eric@askingeric.com.

Amy Dickinson can be reached at askamy@amydickinson.com.

Thursday June 27, 2024

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	Encore Family	(6:25) Tarzan ('13)		★★ Planet 51 ('09)			Red Dog: True Blue ('16)			The Blue Elephant	
	Nickelodeon	★★ Trolls World Tour ('20)				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	Nick Jr.	Rubble	(:45) Blaze	(:15) Blaze	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	Rubble	Rubble

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	A&E	First 48 "Jacked; Fallen Idol"		The First 48 "Bad Business" (N)		60 Days In (N)		Inmate to Roommate (N)		(:05) The First 48 "The Invader"	
	AMC	(5:30) Back to the F...		★★ The Day After Tomorrow ('04) Dennis Quaid.					★★★ Unstoppable ('10)		
	Animal Planet	River Monsters "Jungle Killer"		Monsters "Cold Blooded Horror"		River Monsters "Pack of Teeth"		Monsters "Phantom Assassin"		Monsters "Invisible Executioner"	
	BBC America	(5:30) Colombiana		★★★ Signs ('02) Joaquin Phoenix, Mel Gibson. (P)					★★★ The Sixth Sense ('99)		
	BET	Celebrity Family Feud Snoop Dogg		Celebrity Family Feud Kelly Clarkson		★★ Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection ('12) Eugene Levy, Romeo Miller, Tyler Perry.					
	Bravo	Below Deck "Sneak, Sip, and Sink"		Below Deck Mediterranean		Below Deck "Greeking Havoc"		Watch What (N)	★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days ('03) Kate Hudson.		
	CMT	Mom	Mom	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's
	CNN	Debate Night (N) (Live)				Presidential Debate (N) (Live)			(:40) Debate Night (N) (Live)		
	Comedy Central	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	
	CSPAN	(3:30) U.S. House (N) (Live)				Public Affairs Events					
	CSPAN2	(1:20) Public Affairs		Preview of (N)		Simulcast (N) (Live)			(:40) Debate (N)		Public
	Dest. America	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront
	Discovery	Expedition X		Alien Encounters		Alien Encounters		Expedition X		Expedition X	
	Discovery Life	Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Sex "Handy Man"		Sex Sent Me	
	E!	★★ Step Brothers ('08) Will Ferrell.				★★ Jumanji ('95) Robin Williams.				E! News	Sex-City
	Encore	(:10) ★★ The Lawnmower Man ('92)				★★★ The Karate Kid ('84)				(:10) ★★ U-571	
	Food	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Outchef'd (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
	Fox News	Jesse (N) (Live)		Democracy (N)		Presidential Debate (N) (Live)				Hannity (N) (Live)	
	Freeform	(6:00) Night at the Museum			★★ Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian					The 700 Club	
	FUSE	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Sex Sells	Sex Sells	Sex Sells	
	FX	(5:00) Iron Man		★★ Iron Man 2 ('10) Robert Downey Jr..					★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13)		
	FXM	Movie	(:50) ★★ The Aftermath ('19) Keira Knightley.					(:05) ★★ The Aftermath ('19)			
	Hallmark	Sweet Autumn ('20) Nikki Deloach.				Romance in Style ('22) Jaicy Elliot.				Gold Girls	Gold Girls
	Hallmark Myst.	Mystery on Mistletoe Lane ('23)				The Christmas Promise ('21)				Murder, She Wrote	
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	History	Alone "Opportunity Cost"		Alone "Fortune" (N)			(:35) Alone Australia (N)		(:35) Alone "Fortune"		
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	Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle "Tone Death"		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle	
	LMN	(6:00) Engaged to B...		Hunting Housewives ('24) (P)				Fatal Fiancé ('21) Brittany Underwood.			
	MAGN	Off the Grid		Off the Grid		Off the Grid		Off the Grid		Off the Grid	
	MSNBC	Presidential Debate (N) (Live)				Presidential Debate (N) (Live)				Analysis (N) (Live)	
	MTV	Teen Mom: The		Teen Mom: The (N)		Teen Mom: The		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
	National Geographic	Lost "Secrets of the Megatombs"		Lost "Ramses: Master of War" (N)		Lost Treasures of Egypt (N)		Lost Beasts: Unearthed (N)		Lost "Ramses: Master of War"	
	NatGeoWild	The Incredible		The Incredible		Cesar Millan (N)		Cesar Millan		Cesar Millan	
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	NewsNation	On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Presidential Debate (N) (Live)			(:35) Debate Night (N) (Live)		
	Ovation	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries	
	OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN	
	Oxygen	Unforgettable		Unforgettable "Sex, Lies & Murder" (N)				Dateline: Unforgettable "Internal Affairs"			
	Paramount	Two Men	Two Men	★★★ Wedding Crashers ('05) Vince Vaughn, Owen Wilson.						★★ Couples Retreat	
	QVC	Gourmet Holiday - Christmas in July				Home for the Holidays With Jane (N) (Live)					
	Science	Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of	
	Sundance	Law & Order "Take-Out"		Law & Order "Anchors Away"		Law & Order "Promote This!"		Law & Order "All New"		Law & Order "Exchange"	
	SyFy	(6:30) Escape Room: Tourname...			★★★ Ready Player One ('18) Olivia Cooke, Tye Sheridan.						Movie
	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Paul Blart: Mall Cop	
	TCM	(6:00) Life (N)		AFI: Kidman (N)			★★★ The Hours ('02) Meryl Streep.				AFI Life
	TLC	Doubling Down		My Strange		My Strange		My Strange		My Strange	
	TNT	(6:00) Bad Teacher		★★★ Crazy Rich Asians ('18) Constance Wu.					★★ Bad Teacher ('11)		
	Travel	Kindred Spirits		Beyond the Unknown				Blind Frog Ranch		Paranormal Cam.	
	TruTV	(6:00) Angels in the ...		★★ Angels in the Outfield ('94)				House of	Jokers	Jokes	Jokes
	TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King
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	USA	(6:30) U.S. Olympic Trials Gymnastics: Men's, Day 1 (N) (Live)				U.S. Olympic Trials Track and Field From Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. (N) (Live)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
	VH-1	(6:00) ★★ Juice		★★ Shaft ('19) Samuel L. Jackson. (P)					★★★ Fresh ('94) (P)		
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Cambridge startup says Uber stole its tech

Zemcar, run by a former Obama official, is suing the ride-hailing giant

By Aaron Pressman
GLOBE STAFF

Zemcar, a Cambridge startup cofounded by former Obama administration Homeland Security official Juliette Kayyem, is suing Uber, alleging that the ride-hailing giant stole its driver and rider monitoring technology.

In the lawsuit filed in Suffolk Superior Court earlier this month, Zemcar said it worked on pilot programs with Uber in Brazil, where Zemcar's technology successfully monitored 3.4 million hours of rides in 2020 and 2021. But then, in December 2021, Uber cut ties with Zemcar and less than a year later unveiled "copycat" features in its own app, according to the lawsuit.

Zemcar, which does business as Grip Mobility, is seeking to block Uber's use of the allegedly copied features and unspecified damages. The Grip software, which runs on a driver's smartphone, records audio and video of the driver and the passenger in effort to deter criminal acts by either.

> 'Instead of paying fair compensation, Uber decided to take Grip's solution.'
>
> ZEMCAR, *in a statement*

"Grip created a software-based video recording solution to increase rideshare safety, particularly for women and children," the company said in a statement to the Globe. "Lacking a solution of its own, Uber partnered with Grip and demonstrated the effectiveness of Grip's technology. But instead of paying fair compensation, Uber decided to take Grip's solution for free — a practice that, if left unchecked, threatens innovation and progress in America."

Uber, which rolled out its own similar monitoring features in October 2022, denied any wrongdo-

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A homeowners policy is a legal contract spelling out a homeowner's obligation, like paying the premium, and the insurer's, such as paying for covered losses such as fires and other damage.

Breaking up is hard to do

Rising homeowners insurance premiums mean you should shop around— even if it means leaving long-time agents

SEAN MURPHY
THE FINE PRINT

You may be shocked by how much it costs to renew your homeowners insurance policy. I was. But in the last two cycles I've done something about it and saved hundreds of dollars.

I've reduced what would have been about a 15 percent hike to about 5 percent, which is about half the increase most Massachusetts homeowners are facing.

How? By shopping around.

For many years, I simply renewed my policy. That was the easiest thing to do. But

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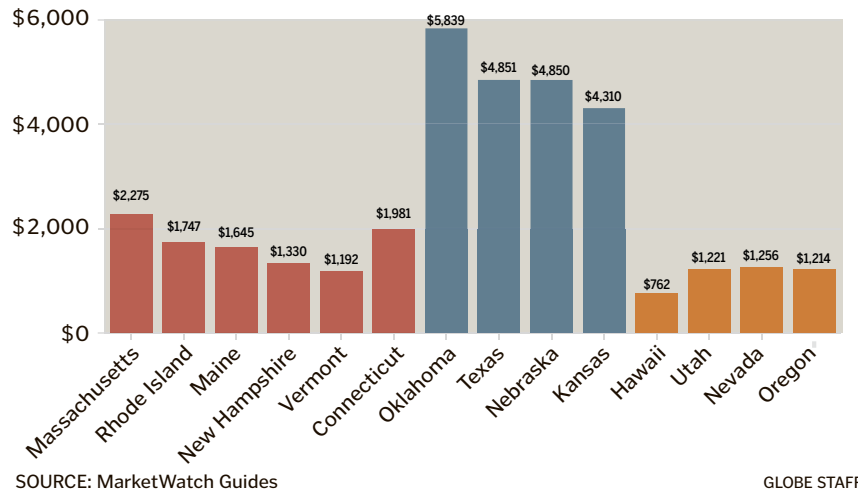
Average annual cost of homeowners insurance



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Action urged to bolster local news operations

Journalists push for state support at hearing, while some remain wary

By Aidan Ryan
GLOBE STAFF

The crisis facing local news is ravaging civic life everywhere — even in Massachusetts — a parade of journalists told legislators on Wednesday, as they called on state government to take steps, including considering tax breaks, to support struggling local newsrooms.

"I humbly sit here seeking pity, not like a reporter groveling for grant money, because we are past that, but more like a diabetic who needs insulin," Chris Faraone, a cofounder of the Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism and editor in chief of the cannabis-focused Talking Joints Memo, testified Wednesday.

The comments came during a hearing hosted by the Legislature's Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses to discuss reviving a journalism commission first established in 2021. Representative Paul McMurtry, who chairs the committee, said its goal is to appoint new commission members by the fall, who will then craft recommendations for the Legislature by the end of the year.

"A lot of the undertone of the comments in the testimony today is that, not only is this industry in a crisis, but our democracy is," said McMurtry, a Democrat who represents Dedham, Walpole, and Westwood.

Journalism and government have traditionally been separated like church and state, as journalists fiercely guard their independence to be able to hold officials accountable. But the news industry's financial crisis brought on by the internet has prompted some journalists to grow more open to government support that still preserves their editorial independence.

Part of the journalists' argument for state support was that robust local news is vital to a healthy democracy.

"Numerous studies suggest that a lack of reliable news and information leads to a variety of social ills, such as lower voter turnout, fewer people running for political office, and a higher degree of partisan polarization," testified Dan Kennedy, a Northeastern professor of journalism.

To that end, some states have taken action. Governors in New York and Illinois both signed legislation this year that will provide $30 million and $25 million, respectively, in tax credits to news organizations that hire and retain local journalists.

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Building housing is costly. But what about on an assembly line?

Region won a $3m federal grant to study a modular housing plant in the area

By Andrew Brinker
GLOBE STAFF

Over the last few decades, housing has become prohibitively expensive to build. Construction materials are pricey. Permitting can drag on, adding time and expense. Labor costs have shot up.

Add it all together and it feels like a complicated problem that cannot be solved without dramatic changes to the way the construction industry works.

Enter a not-so-new idea that promises to do exactly that. What if we built apartments on assembly lines, instead of on a construction site?

Now that idea is going to get a closer look here in Boston. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development on Wednesday awarded the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and a consortium of local cities a $3 million grant to study the idea of bringing a modular housing plant — a factory, for housing — to Greater Boston.

Modular housing is hardly a new concept. It dates back to mass housing production in the 1950s and 1960s. But it has grown in popularity in recent years as the cost of building has soared, as a way of cutting out extra expenses and speeding construction. Pumping out identical units on an assembly line provides consistency and protects against the vagaries of weather, the thinking goes, and stacking them on-site like Legos is faster than building from the ground up.

But it has not taken off in Greater Boston. Occasional projects here have gone modular — often with units built and trucked here from Quebec — but a local factory could spark far more.

"Modular is a promising technique," said MAPC executive director Marc Draisen. "And we are missing out because we don't have a plant here. We're not using modular nearly to the scale and effectiveness we could be, and we're losing out on jobs by not having a factory here. From a housing and jobs perspective, it's a good idea to see if we can do this locally."

MAPC's proposal would explore a factory that largely produces infill housing — smaller housing archetypes like duplexes and triple-deckers.

The actual cost of building a modular housing unit is not significantly lower than on-site construction, but the process is much faster, which saves money in financing and other carrying costs. In California, where modular housing has exploded in popularity, factories can produce units in

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Lab 9 Modular is building a 12-story apartment block in a Littleton factory. Above, workers guided the ceiling of a module into position.

TALKING POINTS

LEGISLATION

MASS. HOUSE PASSES BILL TO BAN 'HOME EQUITY THEFT'



The House of Representatives on Wednesday unanimously passed a bill that would prohibit municipalities from taking all of the equity homeowners have in their property in tax-taking cases. The vote came one month after the Senate passed a similar bill. Critics of a practice they call "home equity theft" hailed the House vote as another major step forward in a years-long effort to protect the equity homeowners have in property taken from them due to delinquent property taxes. "This is a matter of simple fairness," said Representative Tommy Vitolo (right) of Brookline, one of the bill's sponsors. "Massachusetts residents ought to pay municipalities what they owe; no less, no more." Differences in the Senate and House bills, including whether it will apply retroactively for one year (House) or three years (Senate), must be ironed out in conference committee before it can be sent to Governor Maura Healey. Last year, a unanimous US Supreme Court said municipal and county governments may only recover the taxes owed, and not seize the remaining equity in a foreclosed property. — SEAN P. MURPHY

HOUSING

SEARCH STARTS FOR DEVELOPER TO BUILD ON ATTLEBORO SITE

The city of Attleboro and the MBTA have started the search for a developer that could build as many as 600 residential units on more than six acres owned by the city and the T. The parcels are on the southern edge of downtown Attleboro along Riverfront Drive and adjacent to a commuter rail station. The Attleboro Redevelopment Authority launched the bidding this week with a "request for qualifications" from potential developers, with responses due by Aug. 14. Developers that make it past the first round can submit bids for the project by early November, with city and T officials expected to pick a winner in December. Priority will be given to proposals that prioritize affordable housing, public-realm improvements, and community benefits. (There is no affordable housing requirement, although including an affordable housing component will increase a bid's chances of winning.) The redevelopment authority also envisions 700-plus parking spaces and 11,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and amenity space, along with more than a half-acre of open space. The city has seen a number of apartment projects go up in recent years including a 130-plus unit complex known as One Wall Street that was finished in 2021 and is adjacent to the parcels that are being redeveloped now. — JON CHESTO

AUTOMOTIVE

IF YOU CAN AFFORD A FERRARI ...



Ferrari plans to offer an extended warranty service for its next generation of hybrid and electric supercars to soothe customer concerns over aging battery packs. The Italian manufacturer is set to offer an annual subscription costing around $7,500 for batteries, people familiar with the matter said. The service will entitle drivers to a battery replacement in hybrid models, such as the $447,000 plug-in hybrid SF90 Stradale, after eight years and covers related defects, they said. Some high-end automakers like Bugatti and Aston Martin Lagonda charge their deep-pocketed buyers significant fees to help service the vehicles, generating additional revenue. Aston Martin's $3 million Valkyrie attracts a fee of nearly $450,000 over three years, while a four-year extended warranty for the similarly priced Bugatti Chiron sets drivers back around $170,000. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

CREDIT CARDS

JUDGE PUTS $30 BILLION VISA, MASTERCARD SETTLEMENT ON HOLD

A federal judge said she's not likely to approve the $30 billion settlement between the payment processing giants Visa and Mastercard and the merchants who say they've overpaid on swipe fees. Visa and Mastercard reached a settlement with a group of small businesses and merchants in March. The deal would lower and cap the fees charged by Visa and Mastercard and allow small businesses to collectively bargain for rates with the payment processors in a similar way that the large merchants do on their own now. But the settlement was not universally accepted. The National Retail Federation, the largest US retail trade group, said it was likely to oppose the settlement, saying the relief was only temporary and that payment processing fees remain too high. The settlement would have capped swipe fees for five years, which merchants opposed to the settlement said was insufficient. In a brief order, Judge Margo Brodie of the Eastern District of New York said she was unlikely to grant final approval to the settlement. The decision means that, absence a settlement, the case could go to trial. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILANTHROPY

BILLIONAIRE GIVES $10 MILLION TO CHICAGO MEDICAL INSTITUTION



Ken Griffin (right) is making his biggest donation to a Chicago institution since handing out $130 million just as he left the city for Miami two years ago. The billionaire hedge fund founder announced a $10 million gift to Northwestern Medicine to fund research into esophageal diseases, which include esophageal cancer and gastroesophageal reflux. The donation will enable studies into leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning to expand one of the top programs in the field globally. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT

UNIVERSAL MAY BUILD NEW THEME PARK OUTSIDE OF LONDON

Comcast's Universal division said a new theme park it's considering building in the UK could create about 20,000 construction jobs and 8,000 new positions. The park, which would be comparable in size to the company's properties in Orlando, Fla., could contribute $44.5 billion to the UK economy during construction and the first 20 years of operation, according to a summary of an economic report being circulated to local officials and the media. It could potentially put attractions like a Harry Potter-themed land a 35-minute train ride north of London. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

REAL ESTATE

NEW HOME SALES DOWN IN MAY



New home sales in the United States slumped in May as elevated prices and still high mortgage rates kept would-be buyers at bay. New single-family home sales decreased 11.3 percent to a 619,000 annual pace last month, the slowest since November, government data released Wednesday show. Economists surveyed by Bloomberg had a median estimate of 633,000. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ECONOMY

EVEN THOSE WITH DECENT SALARIES WORRY ABOUT MAKING ENDS MEET

Making ends meet in the coming year is a rising concern for US consumers, including among those who make $100,000 or more a year, according to a survey from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. More than a third of consumers in the survey said they were concerned about making ends meet in the next six months, compared with 28.7 percent from a year ago. The share of those reporting concern over the next seven to 12 months also climbed. Among those able to pay their bills in full in April, more than a quarter said they worry about the next six months, up from a fifth the year before. Higher earners were the most likely of the income groups to be in that category: about 30 percent of those making at least $150,000 reported being concerned about their finances in the next six months. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

MAJOR APPLIANCES

BOSCH MAY BUY WHIRLPOOL

Whirlpool shares surged more than 17 percent Wednesday after Reuters reported that Bosch is considering an offer for the appliance maker. The privately held German industrial firm has been consulting with potential advisers about a possible bid for the Michigan-based company, Reuters said, citing three people familiar with the matter. There's no certainty an offer will be made, according to the report. Whirlpool, the owner of the Maytag and KitchenAid brands, has seen sales disappoint this year as US shoppers pulled back from big-ticket purchases. The stock had fallen 29 percent from the start of the year through Tuesday's close. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts

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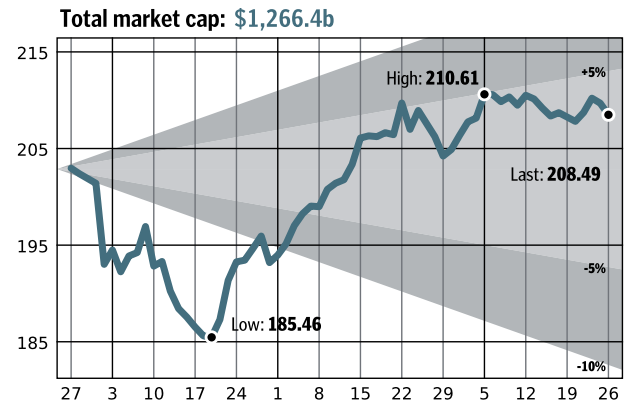


Yesterday 208.49 ▼ 1.21 ▼ 0.6% ▲ YTD 10.6%

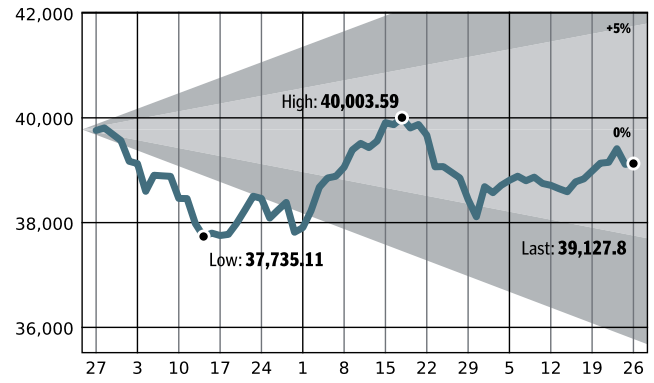
	Price	Chg	% chg	Market cap (bil.)
Thermo Fisher Sci (TMO)	558.17	+1.65	+0.3	213.1
TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	110.54	-0.13	-0.1	124.9
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	474.00	+0.18	+0.0	122.3
Boston Scientific (BSX)	77.10	-0.41	-0.5	113.4
Analog Devices (ADI)	227.84	-2.50	-1.1	113.1
American Tower Corp (AMT)	192.67	-0.01	-0.0	90.0
GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	180.00	-1.45	-0.8	49.3
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	122.45	-15.15	-11.0	46.9
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	34.36	-0.05	-0.1	46.6
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	224.46	+1.27	+0.6	32.7
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	245.17	+5.02	+2.1	31.0
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	568.52	-16.69	-2.9	29.0
Iron Mountain (IRM)	88.45	-0.09	-0.1	25.9
Veralto Corp (VLTO)	98.38	-0.57	-0.6	24.3
Teradyne Inc (TER)	146.87	-0.70	-0.5	22.9
State Street Corp (STT)	72.86	+0.28	+0.4	21.9
PTC (PTC)	177.60	+0.57	+0.3	21.3
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	133.23	-1.31	-1.0	20.1
Eversource (ES)	56.97	-0.12	-0.2	20.0
Symbotic Inc (SYM)	32.56	+0.79	+2.5	19.0
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	37.67	-0.33	-0.9	18.2
Waters Corp (WAT)	290.30	+3.33	+1.2	17.2
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	72.27	+0.62	+0.9	16.9
Akamai (AKAM)	88.43	+0.18	+0.2	13.5
Dynatrace Inc (DT)	43.75	+0.31	+0.7	13.0

Markets

A quiet day on Wall Street

A mostly subdued day of trading Wednesday left stock indexes near recent highs. Amazon.com rose 3.9 percent, surpassing $2 trillion in market value for the first time. Cheerios maker General Mills fell 4.6 percent after reporting that revenue for its most recent quarter fell more sharply than analysts expected. FedEx gained 15.5 percent after it reported results for its latest quarter that easily beat forecasts. Rivian soared 23.2 percent after Volkswagen said it would invest up to $5 billion in the EV maker. In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 4.32 percent from 4.25 percent late Tuesday.

DOW JONES industrial average



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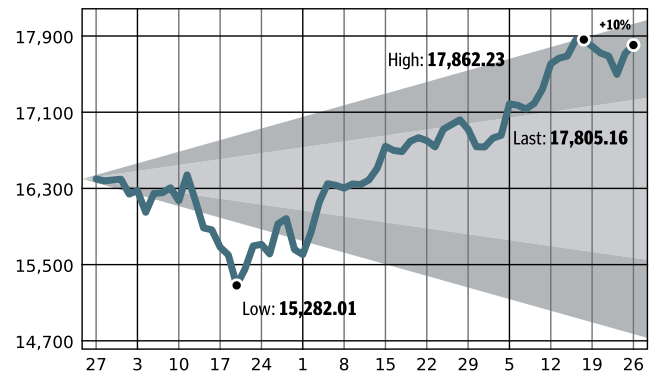

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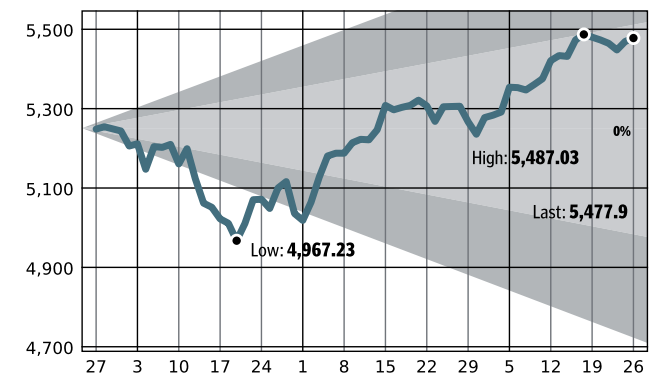

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Boston software startup reaches unicorn status

Creatio is a leader of the 'no code' movement

By Aaron Pressman
GLOBE STAFF



Creatio is led by chief executive and founder Katherine Kostereva.

Boston software firm Creatio was valued at more than $1 billion in a new fund-raising announced on Wednesday, reaching the venture capital world's "unicorn" status.

The 10-year-old company, which helps people without knowledge of computer programming create apps, raised $200 million to fuel its growth as it expands its use of artificial intelligence.

Venture capital firm Sapphire Ventures in Texas was the lead of an investor group which also included Boston-based Volition Capital and Horizon Capital in Ukraine.

Creatio has long included traditional AI features that combine data and algorithms to predict what users might want to add to an app. Now it's looking at newer techniques with the generative AI technology underlying popular apps like ChatGPT to help customers create programs and content more easily.

"We've been using AI since the inception of the company," chief executive and founder Katherine Kostereva said. "This year, it's been all around [generative] AI."

Newer generative AI features allow users to build apps just by describing desired functions. Another set of AI tools helps customers create content such as automated emails and customer responses.

One of many firms in the "no code" software movement, Creatio focuses on building apps for marketing, sales, and customer service tasks. That puts it in competition with industry giants such as Microsoft, Salesforce, and Oracle. Though headquartered in Boston, Creatio's workforce is scattered around the world with 700 people in 26 countries, Kostereva said.

A computer science major who grew up in Ukraine, the CEO started her career at IBM and later worked for a company helping install large computer systems. Part of Creatio's pitch from the start was to help companies adapt programs written for older hardware from IBM and other antiquated systems to run on modern computers and in cloud data centers.

"I saw all this pain of software implementation that was taking years, honestly," she said. "That all boiled down to the idea to build something new and something that will change the world and that's how we created Creatio."

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Switching insurers may save hundreds

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last year, facing a very steep hike in my premium, I found a new agent and got a policy for several hundred dollars less.

To get that savings I had to end a long business relationship with a now-former agent. I was generally satisfied with the agent, but felt it was time to make a move.

This year, I did it again: I got yet another new agent and a new underwriter for the year beginning July 1. Was I dissatisfied with the agent I had for only one year? No, not at all. I actually felt bad about taking my business elsewhere. But it wasn't personal. It was business. This time, I saved a few hundred bucks.

To be clear, my homeowners premium didn't go down, or even stay flat. But I lessened the pain.

Now I'm thinking I should at least test the market every spring by obtaining multiple quotes on my insurance business (homeowners and auto). Mind you, there's a cost to switching agents at every opportunity: You lose the familiarity of dealing with a longtime agent. If you have a good relationship with your agent, you may want to stay, but do have a conversation with them about competitive quotes from underwriters.

Here are some things to know about homeowners insurance:

What's the difference between my insurance agent and my insurance underwriter?

Most agents (sometimes called brokers or producers) represent a handful of insurance underwriters. The agents handle all the details on your policy, but it's the underwriters — well-known companies like Safety, Arbella, and Liberty Mutual — that actually insure you and set the prices. Ask your agent to obtain "quotes" from all the underwriters they represent. A quote is an underwriter's offer to insure your property at a certain price. You can contact multiple agents for multiple quotes. Last year, I got two quotes; this year, six. I picked the lowest ones.

Agents don't have anything to do with setting prices?

Not really. But you should prod your agent to make sure you're getting all possible discounts. For example, most insurers (underwriters) offer a sizable discount when you "bundle" your home and auto insurance together. I also got discounts for not making any recent claims and for making payments online. There are multiple discount possibilities.

What are the overall trends in the homeowners insurance industry?

Not good, especially in places like Florida and California, which have been ravaged by hurricanes and wildfires (think climate change). More damage to more homes means more and bigger claims which means higher aggregate premiums. A few insurers, wary of the unpredictability of major weather events in some areas, have pulled out completely from a couple of states.

What's the condition of homeowners insurers in Massachusetts?

In Massachusetts, there are about 80 licensed underwriters competing for your business. That's a good thing for consumers because competition drives down costs. But in order to harness the power of competition, you must get multiple quotes. Nevertheless, homeowners insurance has increased nationally by about 20 percent over the past two years, according to Insurify, a Massachusetts-based insurance-comparison platform.

Doesn't the state commissioner of insurance set rates?

No. The mission of the commissioner is to ensure a competitive marketplace and the financial solvency of insurers. The state Division of Insurance scrutinizes insurers' projected claims, revenues, and administrative costs to make sure they're able to pay whatever claims they may face. (It can also challenge rates that are too high.) The goal is a robust marketplace.

Are insurers in Massachusetts in good shape?

Yes. Homeowners insurance is a bet by insurers that they will reap more in premiums than pay in claims. It's all a "best guess" at what will happen in the future. (Insurers invest heavily in data-crushing to help them make better guesses.) In the last 10 years, insurers in Massachusetts have guessed well enough to be profitable in all but one of those years. The exception was in 2015, after a record 9 feet of snow. Nationally, insurers lost money in 18 states last year, up from eight in 2013.

What steps should I take to keep my homeowners insurance cost down?

The first thing you need is time. My renewal package came in the mail in late May, giving me a little more than a month to get quotes and make decisions. Trying to switch insurers at the last minute can be difficult and stressful.

What should I focus on in my homeowner policy?

A typical homeowners policy goes on for 50 pages or more. Not exactly scintillating reading, but really important, because it's a legal contract spelling out your obligation (i.e., pay the premium) and your insurer's (to pay for covered losses). When evaluating quotes, focus on two things: what's covered (and what's not) and how much the deductibles are. Make sure you're comparing apples to apples in coverage and deductibles.



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

People made their way into a home in September to retrieve items that had been severely damaged by flooding in Leominster. Homeowners insurance policies do not cover flood damage; they must be purchased separately.

What do I need to know about coverage?

An insurance policy lists an insurer's "limit of liability" — the maximum it will pay on a claim, no matter how much it actually costs to repair or replace your house. The most important coverage is "dwelling" — your house. Your insurer computes a number that approximates what it would cost to replace your house at today's prices. Insurers rely heavily on companies that closely track building materials and other costs when setting replacement values. Of course, the higher that value, the higher the premiums but also the higher the coverage if disaster strikes. You really have no control over what your insurer says is the replacement value. Insurers write policies for 100 percent of replacement; they don't write policies for 50 percent or 80 percent of value, even if that's what you want to save a few bucks. For most houses in Massachusetts, the replacement cost is $500,000 or more.

What are the other coverages?

Insurers will set maximum coverage on other structures on your property, like a garage, barn, or shed, and on replacement of your possessions (furniture, appliances, clothing, etc.). They will also set a maximum for how much they will pay for a rental while your house is repaired or replaced. Consider variations in "limits of liability" when comparing quotes from different insurers. You should also become familiar with exclusions and limitations which may, for example, restrict your recovery for loss of certain items like jewelry, furs, and cash.

What about deductibles?

A deductible is the amount you pay out of pocket before your insurer begins paying. Most policies have a $1,000 deductible for "all perils," which include fire, theft, lightning strikes, and other causes. But some policies, particularly those for coastal properties, have a separate and much higher deductible for wind and hail damage. Those are based on a percentage of your coverage amount. Let's say your dwelling coverage is $500,000 and your wind and hail deductible is 2 percent (which is the typical percentage used). In that case, your deductible is $10,000. You can request higher deductibles in exchange for lower premiums.

How do I get insurance quotes?

I found my new agent by searching online for agents near me. I picked one more or less randomly and sent an email asking for a quote. The agent asked for my current policy and came back one day later with a quote. I also asked my current agent for quotes from all of their underwriters.

What about going straight to the underwriter without involving an agent?

I applied online with a couple of insurers — it's quick and easy to do — but their quotes were too high. Besides, I prefer having an agent I know by name to calling the customer service phone bank of an online insurer.

Any surprises?

Yes, several insurers declined to provide a quote on my house because it's a block and a half from an ocean bay and many insurers won't risk insuring coastal properties. Others provided high quotes that reflected the insurer's concern for the risk of living near the water. But the underwriter with the lowest quote said it didn't consider the bay I live near as ocean exposure. That showed me how much discretion insurers have in competing for business.

Anything else?

Many homeowners are under the erroneous impression that they are covered under a standard homeowners policy for damage caused by torrential rain and flash flooding. But your homeowners policy does not cover flood damage. You need to buy it separately, either from a private insurer or through a program run by the federal government.

Got a problem? Send your consumer issue to sean.murphy@globe.com. Follow him @spmurphyboston.

Region wins $3m federal grant to study modular housing plant in area

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roughly two weeks, and install them in about the same amount of time once they're on site.

Modular factories can be used to build projects as small as accessory dwelling units, or they can produce hundreds of units to be stacked on a site to form an apartment building. In Somerville, for example, the 12-story Clarendon Hill public housing redevelopment is being built with modular units constructed in Littleton.

There are modular factories across the United States and Canada, but very few in New England, so when developers want to use modular units here, they have to ship by truck.

The grant to MAPC is part of a HUD initiative, the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing program, that awards funding to communities that are actively working to address local barriers to housing development. MAPC — which applied to the program with Boston, Cambridge, Everett, and Newton — plans to use the funding to develop research briefs, and eventually solicit development proposals for a modular plant.

"With these grants, the federal government is partnering with states and cities to develop new and innovative ways to lower housing costs," Senator Elizabeth Warren said in a statement. "Building new housing is how we'll dig ourselves out of the housing crisis, and I'm grateful to see the Biden administration make these investments in Massachusetts."

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Cambridge startup says Uber stole its tech

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"The safety of all Uber users is and has long been a top priority, and we are always exploring and creating new, innovative ways to help improve safety," the company said in a statement to the Globe. "Uber declined to renew our pilot agreement with Grip and built a more seamless video recording solution for drivers based on our own existing technology."

Uber has yet to file its legal response in the case, assigned to Judge Debra Squires-Lee. The case could take years to wind through the court system.

Bilal Khan, former chief product officer for Internet of Things at Verizon Wireless, founded Zemcar in 2015 to develop software to make ride-hailing trips safer. Kayyem, who was assistant secretary for intergovernmental affairs at the Department of Homeland Security in the Obama administration, joined as a cofounder in 2017, a few years after she had unsuccessfully run for governor of Massachusetts.

The company first approached Uber in the summer of 2019 to demonstrate its software, which could record audio and video of both a driver and a passenger via an app on the driver's smartphone, the lawsuit said. At the time, Uber was dealing with a spate of violent incidents, including women passengers who alleged they were sexually assaulted by drivers.

The two companies began negotiating a partnership, and Zemcar shared "confidential and proprietary technical information" with Uber, according to the lawsuit. In October 2019, the companies signed a formal partnership agreement to run a test of Zemcar's software, dubbed Sentinel, with Uber drivers in Brazil. The first trial of the technology started in January 2020.

'Uber declined to renew our pilot agreement with Grip.'

UBER, *in a statement*

Before commencing a second trial in March 2021, Zemcar and Uber's Brazilian unit signed a services agreement and statement of work, the lawsuit said. The deal included a provision barring Uber from developing similar features that violated Zemcar's intellectual property.

Zemcar "provided Uber with confidential information and know-how crucial to the successful implementation of audio/video capture technology," the company said in the lawsuit.

In August 2021, Uber began talks to either permanently license Zemcar's technology or acquire the startup outright, the lawsuit said. As part of the vetting process for the potential deal, Zemcar shared "additional confidential technical information," the lawsuit said.

But in December 2021, Uber ended the talks and the pilot. Uber executives told Zemcar that the smartphone-based technology was inadequate, and Uber planned to pursue monitoring via separate dashcams, according to the lawsuit.

Less than a year later, Uber announced a video-recording feature for the safety of drivers and passengers that relied on the driver's smartphone, just like Zemcar's Grip app, the lawsuit said.

"This announcement came as a shock to [Zemcar] because the feature did not include the use of dashcams, despite the representations Uber made," the lawsuit said. "The design that Uber rolled out for its 'Record My Ride' program bears striking resemblance to Grip's Sentinel app's design."

The lawsuit noted that Uber's features to protect teens, rolled out in May 2023, also use "Grip's proprietary capabilities, techniques, and process flows that Grip shared with Uber."

Uber, in its statement, said it developed all of the monitoring features on its own and that the teen accounts features don't include the audio or video streaming capability alleged by Zemcar.

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Lawmakers urged to give local newsrooms a financial boost

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Local news advocates said they hope the commission will consider that recommendation for Massachusetts.

"We really don't need a commission that solely studies the problem further — this evidence is already clear," said Lara Salahi, a journalism professor at Endicott College. She recommended the commission be made up primarily of working journalists, especially those serving marginalized communities, and that the commission also look at funding initiatives like having college students work as journalists in their local communities.

In Massachusetts, both the state and some local governments have weighed proposals focused on local news, but haven't yet gone so far as to pass any legislation. A bill introduced last year by Representative Jeffrey Rosario Turco, a Democrat who represents Winthrop and part of Revere, would reimburse state residents who subscribe to local newspapers with up to $250 in tax credits, and is still being considered. And the Cambridge City Council has floated the proposal of paying $100,000 a year to support local news.

Advocates say any help to sustain local journalism is welcome, though some critics question whether outlets who take funding could be truly independent.

The effort to revamp the state journalism commission comes at an acutely difficult moment for the long-teetering industry. Just this year, hundreds of journalists have been laid off across the country as news outlets continue to struggle to find viable business models in the digital age.

Local news has been hardest hit in recent years, with one-third of US newspapers that existed in 2005 expected to have shuttered by the end of the year. Many local newspapers that still exist — especially those owned by investment firm Alden Global Capital and the newspaper chain Gannett — are shells of their previous selves, employing far fewer reporters than before.

In Massachusetts, newspapers such as the Alden-owned Boston Herald and Gannett-owned The Patriot Ledger no longer have physical newsrooms and their staffs are a small fraction of what they were in their heydays. Public media organizations including WBUR and GBH have both laid off staff this year in the face of budget deficits. And smaller local outlets like the Somerville Wire have shut down.

There have been some success stories, advocates told the commission. The Boston Globe has said it is profitable, and has found success through digital subscriptions — though some speakers called it an exception to the industry due to its prominence and ownership by billionaire John Henry. And The Bay State Banner, an African-American-focused weekly newspaper, recently celebrated one year under its new owners. Massachusetts is also home to a surge of nonprofit outlets launched in recent years that aim to fill gaps in local coverage, including the Brookline News, The Newton Beacon, the Plymouth Independent, and the Marblehead Current.

But many of the new outlets are concentrated in more affluent suburbs of Boston, advocates said, leaving underserved areas of the state without robust local coverage. And amid the growth in nonprofit news, smaller outlets often struggle to obtain the funding they need from donors. That reality only underscores the need for more support, advocates testified.

Jason Pramas, who helped spearhead the creation of the journalism commission in 2021 and founded the Alliance of Nonprofit News Outlets last year, argued that the state has an obligation to preserve independent journalism.

"The journalism commission should focus on figuring out the best way for state government to start getting direct aid to local independent news outlets on the ground within the next few years," he said.

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A parade of journalists called on legislators Wednesday to take steps to support struggling local newsrooms.

Milk Street Cafe declares bankruptcy

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Milk Street Cafe, the downtown Boston lunchtime staple, is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, according to court documents.

The cafe, which also operates an extensive catering service, listed $1.1 million in assets and $3.2 million in liabilities in documents filed in Massachusetts Bankruptcy Court last week. The 40-year-old spot has, like many small businesses in the downtown area, struggled to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Milk Street's management couldn't be immediately reached for comment, but chief executive Mitchell Baratz told the Boston Business Journal Wednesday that he hopes the bankruptcy will allow the business to recover and continue serving customers.

"We certainly see a path forward, which is why we're taking this action to continue," he told the Business Journal.

The bankruptcy stems in large part from an outstanding pandemic-era loan.

Milk Street Cafe was founded in 1981, standing out as a kosher, health-conscious restaurant in a downtown that was still relatively seedy at the time. As the area was transformed — a nearby parking garage in Post Office Square was replaced by green space in the early 1990s — Milk Street grew until the COVID-19 pandemic forced it to temporarily close its doors in March 2020.

It mounted a brief comeback in August 2020, but shuttered again a few months later, after its Paycheck Protection Program, or PPP, loan funds dried up, laying off 75 employees.

Milk Street later took out another federal loan, this time from the Main Street Lending Program. Court filings show that the company owes $1.6 million in Main Street loans, representing over half of the company's unsecured claims.

Though the business is now on more stable ground than it was during the pandemic, the sluggish recovery of downtown foot traffic means its owners are concerned they they won't be able to make the $1 million payment due in October 2025 — unlike PPP loans, Main Street loans are not forgivable.

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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-84 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Westhampton for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Westhampton ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-84.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Monday, Aug 5, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88074281427, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at 312 626 6799 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 880 7428 1427. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, August 2, 2024, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, August 5, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All written comments or other documents should be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and Lauren.Morris@mass.gov. In addition, all written comments should be emailed to counsel for the Town, James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 24-84); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website as soon as practicable at http://www.mass.gov/dpu. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Importantly, all large files must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20MB.

The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber (enter "24-84"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Lauren Morris, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at Lauren.Morris@mass.gov.

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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-77 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Medway for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Medway ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-77.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Friday, July 26, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82684536600, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (305) 224-1968 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 826 8453 6600. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, to timothy.m.federico@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

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The Town's filing and all related documents submitted to or issued by the Department will be available at the Department's website as soon as is practicable at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber (enter "24-77"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Jenyka.Spitz-Gassnola2@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Town's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact James M. Avery, Esq., at javery@pierceatwood.com or (617) 488-8100. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Timothy Federico, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at timothy.m.federico@mass.gov.

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D.P.U. 24-90 June 21, 2024

Petition of the City of Lawrence for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the City of Lawrence ("City") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to optout, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-90.

The City has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The City seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the City's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82043352264, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (301) 715 8592 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 820 4335 2264. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, to Lauren.Morris@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

Alternatively, any person who desires to comment on this matter may submit written comments to the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

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NOTICE OF FILING, REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 24-72 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Ayer for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Ayer("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-72.

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D.P.U. 24-83 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of West Newbury for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of West Newbury ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, National Grid. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-83.

The Town has retained Colonial Power Group, Inc. to serve as its consultant in this proceeding and to assist in the implementation of the Program. The Town seeks a waiver on its own behalf and on behalf of the competitive electric supplier(s) chosen for the Program, of certain information disclosure requirements contained in G.L. c. 164, § 1F(6) and 220 CMR 11.06(4)(c).

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D.P.U. 24-86 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Duxbury for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Duxbury ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-86.

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The Department will conduct a virtual public hearing to receive comments on the Town's filing. The Department will conduct the hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on Friday, July 26, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Attendees can join by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82684536600, from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only access to the hearings, attendees can dial in at (305) 224-1968 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 826 8453 6600. If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public hearing, to the extent possible, please send an email by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, to timothy.m.federico@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address.

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D.P.U. 24-79 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Norfolk for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Norfolk ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-79.

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D.P.U. 24-87 June 21, 2024

Petition of the Town of Southwick for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134.

On May 21, 2024, the Town of Southwick ("Town") filed a request with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for approval of a municipal aggregation plan pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 134. General Laws c. 164, § 134 authorizes a municipality to procure electric supply on behalf of consumers within its municipal borders through a municipal aggregation program ("Program"). Eligible electricity consumers not already enrolled with a competitive electric supplier would be automatically enrolled in the Program unless they chose to opt out, in which case they would continue to receive basic service provided by their electric distribution company, Eversource Energy. The Department docketed this petition as D.P.U. 24-87.

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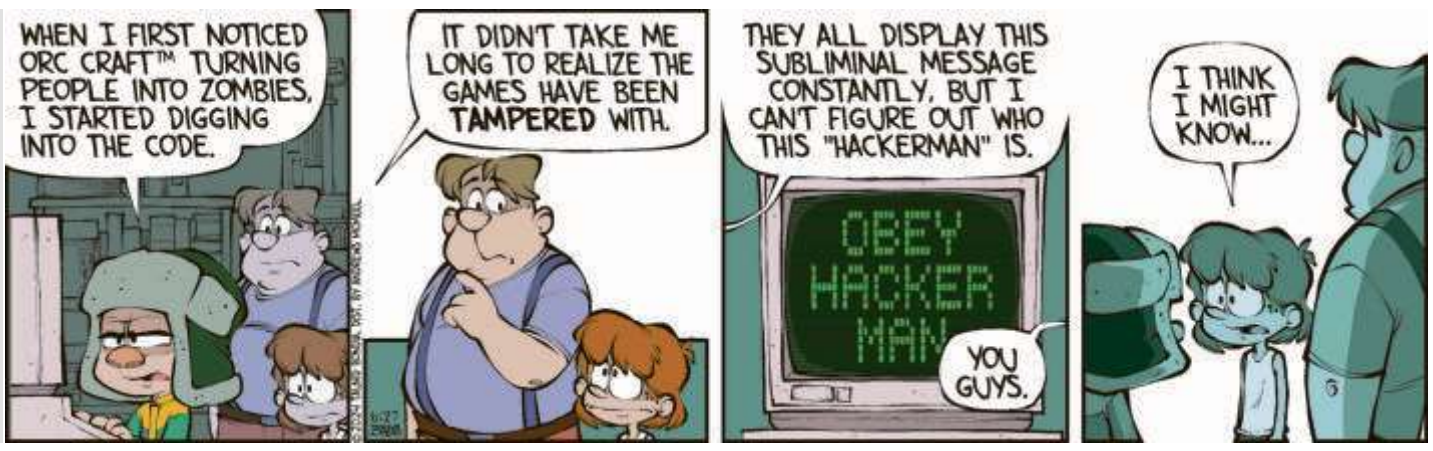

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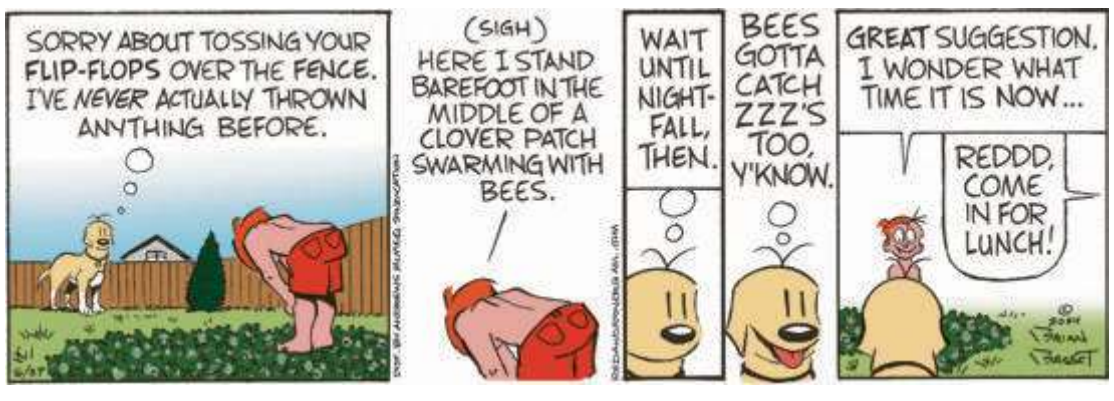

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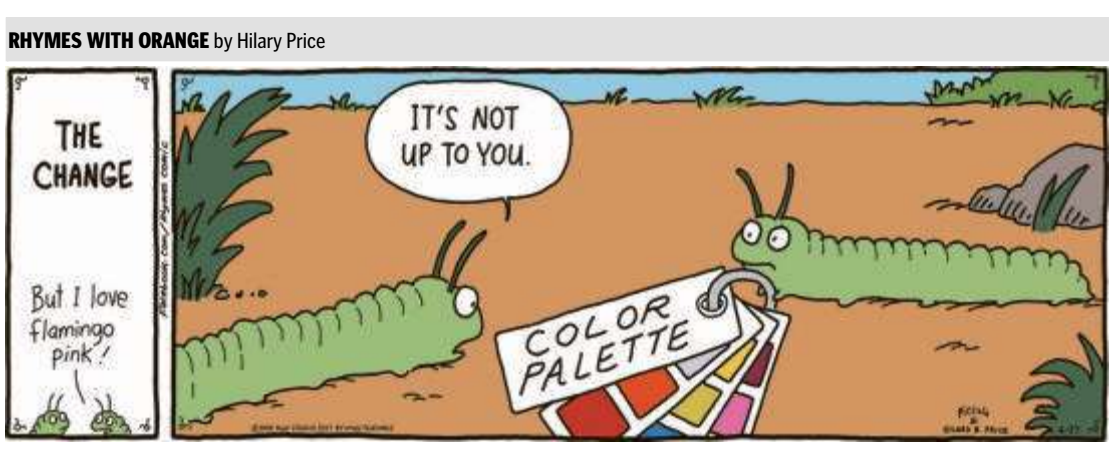

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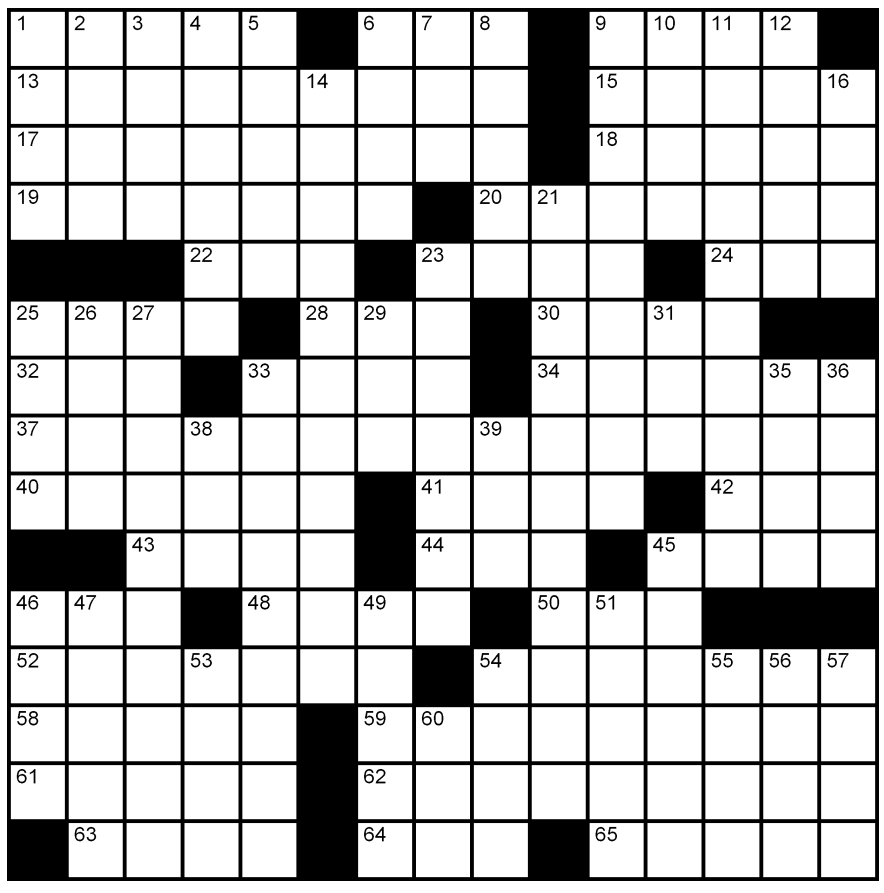
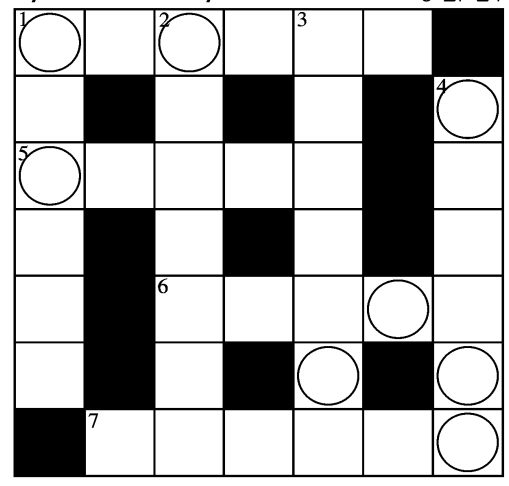
ACROSS

1 Ease, as fears
6 Irk
9 Donated
13 "I've heard enough"
15 Uncorks, maybe
17 Imaginary instrument you might pick to play
18 Bring about
19 Sweet, nutty confection
20 How you might eat a bug
22 Conclude
23 Beasts of burden
24 "Stat!"
25 Calves grow into them
28 "Love on the Brain" singer, to fans
30 Bend out of shape
32 Q&A on Reddit
33 Minute parts, briefly
34 Slimy creatures
37 Education activist and Nobel laureate who said, "We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back"
40 Stamper's need
41 "Darn!"
42 Zag's partner
43 Control, as frizzy hair
44 "V for Vendetta" actor Stephen
45 Hiking trail
46 German for "Darn!"
48 Speak up?
50 Airport safety org.
52 Bruce Springsteen, to fans
54 Minjiang, vis-a-vis Sichuanese
58 Mother, in Mexico
59 Cafe beverage made with a light purple root vegetable
61 Oatmeal ___ (dark beer variety)
62 "Up to you"
63 Some NCOs
64 Best ___ Solo Performance (Grammy category)
65 Shouts

DOWN

1 "Stat!"
2 Villain's den
3 Harp-shaped constellation
4 Acute or obtuse measurements
5 "Wanna join?"
6 Election Day action
7 Time span
8 Copy ... or a copier company
9 Totally flip out
10 Copied
11 Pie with plant-based pepperoni, perhaps
12 January, in Spanish
14 They might know what you're thinking
16 Nihari or ragout
21 Current events broadcaster
23 "Oops, my bad!"
25 Top with spaghetti straps, informally
26 Neighbor of Yemen
27 Yo-yo trick in which the string is a "leash"
29 Like sleet
31 U.K. military flyers
33 Some spoken word performers
35 Cafe au ___ (coffee and milk)
36 (Face Exhaling emoji)
38 Org. concerned with mental health
39 Burj Khalifa's land: Abbr.
45 Royal residence
46 $$$ dispensers
47 Casual talks
49 Filled with activity
51 Like someone who's annoyed and feeling bitter
53 Very dry, as Champagne
54 Beat ___ (climactic moment in an electronic dance song)
55 And others: Abbr.
56 Lower-left PC key
57 Golf ball supports
60 Civil rights law of 1990, for short





ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Associate with	BNOHBO
5. Funny and clever	ITYTW
6. Cast out	ELEPX
7. Baby	FAINTN

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. "Splash" director	RAWHDO
2. Amidst	ETBENEW
3. Washington capital	LOPAYMI
4. ____ box	BLOTAL

CLUE: The ____ quail is one of the most common species of quail.

BONUS

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Hobnob 5A-Witty 6A-Expel 7A-Infant 1D-Howard 2D-Between 3D-Olympia 4D-Ballot 8-Bobwhite

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **81-86** LOW **59-64**
A couple of showers this morning. Winds WSW 7-14 mph. Mainly clear tonight. Winds WNW 8-16 mph.

FRIDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **73-78** LOW **58-63**
Mostly sunny, pleasant and less humid. Winds ENE 7-14 mph. Clouds breaking at night. Winds SSW 7-14 mph.

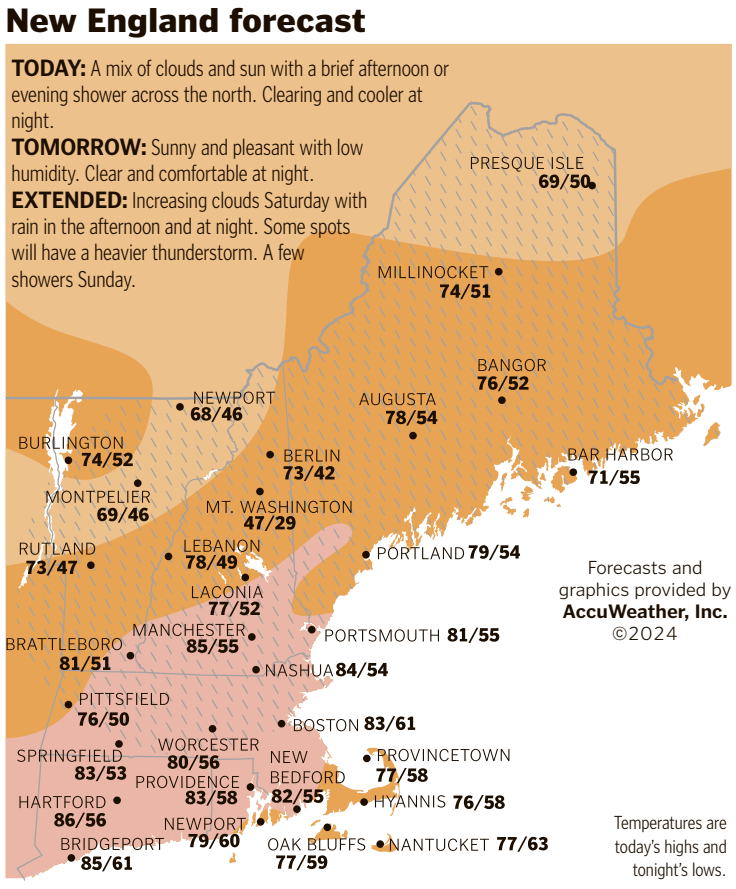
SATURDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **73-78** LOW **66-71**
Considerable cloudiness, becoming breezy in the afternoon with a passing shower. Winds E 10-20 mph. Cloudy, breezy and humid at night with a t-storm. Winds W 12-25 mph.

SUNDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **83-88** LOW **66-71**
Cloudy, humid and warmer with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm. Winds W 10-20 mph. Cloudy most of the time at night; humid. Winds W 7-14 mph.

MONDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **73-78** LOW **62-67**
Not as warm with lower humidity with times of clouds and sun. Winds ENE 10-20 mph. A couple of showers Monday evening; otherwise, partly cloudy. Winds WSW 7-14 mph.

New England forecast

TODAY: A mix of clouds and sun with a brief afternoon or evening shower across the north. Clearing and cooler at night.
TOMORROW: Sunny and pleasant with low humidity. Clear and comfortable at night.
EXTENDED: Increasing clouds Saturday with rain in the afternoon and at night. Some spots will have a heavier thunderstorm. A few showers Sunday.



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Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	90°/72°
Sunrise	5:09 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.
Moonrise	none

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Mostly sunny
Visibility	80 miles
Wind	west at 43 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	54/47
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	0.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
Low	Low	Moderate	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality

GOOD | MOD. 78 | UNHEALTHY | HAZARDOUS
50 100 150 200 300

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24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	0.00"	Month to date	1.97"	Year to date	26.98"
Precip days in June	12	Norm. month to date	3.45"	Norm. year to date	21.23"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	3:45	4:26
Height	10.6	10.0
Boston low	10:09	10:32
Height	-0.2	0.6
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	3:31	4:16
Hampton Beach NH	3:45	4:30
Plum Island	4:03	4:42
Ipswich	3:34	4:16

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	3:43	4:23
Marblehead	3:45	4:26
Lynn	3:47	4:28
Scituate	3:47	4:26
Plymouth	3:58	4:34
Cape Cod Canal East	3:37	4:16
Cape Cod Canal West	2:36	
Falmouth	3:29	4:10

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	4:45	5:34
Chatham	4:31	5:17
Wellfleet	3:59	4:40
Provincetown	3:56	4:34
Nantucket Harbor	4:50	5:39
Oak Bluffs	4:22	4:57
New Bedford	12:37	1:10
Newport RI	12:23	12:58

New England marine forecast

Small craft advisory ● Gale warning ● Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	SW 8-16 kts.	1-2 ft.	84/60
East Cape Cod Canal	SW 8-16 kts.	1-2 ft.	78/57
Buzzards Bay	SW 8-16 kts.	1-2 ft.	79/57

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Martha's Vineyard	SW 8-16 kts.	2-3 ft.	77/59
Nantucket	SW 8-16 kts.	2-3 ft.	76/63
Provincetown	SW 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	77/59

For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org.

Cities

Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

● Travel delays possible, **C** Clouds, **F** Fog, **H** Haze, **I** Ice, **Pc** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **Sh** Showers, **S** Sun, **Sn** Snow, **Fl** Flurries, **T** Thunderstorms, **W** Windy

	Today		Tomorrow	
● Atlanta	86/74	T	91/77	T
Atlantic City	91/64	Pc	80/67	S
● Charlotte	89/73	T	91/76	T
Chicago	73/61	S	82/71	T
Dallas	100/81	S	99/81	S
● Denver	92/64	T	90/57	T
Detroit	75/56	S	78/69	Pc
Fort Myers	90/77	T	92/76	T

	Today		Tomorrow	
Los Angeles	84/64	S	84/63	S
● Miami	91/79	T	92/77	T
● New Orleans	88/77	T	93/80	T
New York City	85/64	Pc	78/66	S
Philadelphia	88/66	Pc	83/68	S
● Phoenix	112/90	S	111/90	S
● Salt Lake City	89/65	T	86/66	S
● San Francisco	67/53	Pc	69/54	S

	Today		Tomorrow	
Seattle	65/52	C	73/55	Pc
Washington	90/72	Pc	86/72	S
● Beijing	96/73	Pc	100/74	Pc
● Cancun	91/81	T	88/80	T
● Mexico City	75/57	Sh	73/57	C
● Montreal	69/47	Pc	72/59	S
● Toronto	70/51	Pc	73/61	Pc
Vancouver	64/54	Sh	67/57	Pc

	Today		Tomorrow	
● Jerusalem	93/70	S	93/68	S
● London	75/54	Pc	71/52	S
● Moscow	79/58	R	84/67	S
● Paris	87/57	T	77/57	Pc
● Rome	83/64	S	86/66	S
● San Juan	91/80	T	90/79	T
Stockholm	83/61	S	78/55	T
Tokyo	82/70	C	75/71	Pc

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 27, 2024:
You're watchful, diligent, energetic and strong-willed. You have strong moral convictions, and you know how to defend yourself. This year will bring change and increased personal freedom. Let go of whatever might impede your progress and growth. Be ready to act fast on new opportunities. Travel is likely.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
This is an excellent day for behind-the-scenes research. You will also have success quietly networking with others, perhaps online. Very possibly, your research will help a family member, a family situation or a family business, or it might have something to do with home repairs. Tonight: Restless.
TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
This is an excellent day to get advice from others, especially people who are older or more experienced. Very likely, a discussion with someone will illuminate matters for you to the extent that you might change your immediate goals. Expect practical information. Tonight: Friends.
GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Look sharp and be on your best behavior today, because a conversation with a boss or someone in authority might indirectly boost your income or have a favorable repercussion on your wealth and assets. This could be an introduction, a piece of advice or maybe a job offer. Tonight: Independence.
CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
If you study anything today, you will likely learn something practical and useful. This could be information related to higher education, travel or something related to the government and the legality of doing something. Listen to anyone who has something to offer. Tonight: Changes.
LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
Your interactions with others will benefit you in practical or financial ways. Perhaps someone has advice about how to deal with debt or taxes. A discussion could relate to an inheritance or a beneficial government program. Listen to what others have to say. Who knows? Tonight: Check your finances.
VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
This is a great day for a heart-to-heart discussion with a friend or a member of a group. Basically, your ability to work with others is excellent today, which means you can brainstorm ideas and share approaches about how to do things. Accept help wherever you find it. Tonight: Surprises.
LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
This is a good day to talk to bosses, parents and people in authority to find lasting solutions to problems. Or perhaps you want to map out some goals or a strategy for the future. Others will listen to you, and you will be happy to listen to others. This will be a mutually beneficial conversation. Tonight: Check on your pets.
SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
It will be easy to study and learn today. You might even choose to learn legal approaches to something or explore the intricacy of rules and regulations regarding travel or dealing with foreign countries. Get involved in discussions about healing, the law and medicine. You will learn something. Tonight: Plans change.
SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
This is a good day to learn information about insurance issues, especially that apply to your home. You also might want to get more information about shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt. Stay on top of this practical info; it could be helpful for you. Tonight: Domestic surprise.
CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
You want to have a meaningful discussion with someone today -- something real, not superficial. You want the luxury of saying what you think and feel to someone who will really listen to you. Ideally, this person is a partner or close friend. Tonight: Caution.
AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
This is a productive day at work for any task that you choose. Very likely, whatever you do will boost your earnings or favor you. You might get advice about how to repair or take care of something. This advice also might relate to your health. Keep your ears open. Tonight: Check your belongings.
PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
A conversation with someone might lead to creative results today. This interaction could relate to the arts, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry. You also might discuss sports events or something to do with the care and education of children. You have ideas to share! Tonight: Impulsive!

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SUDOKU

		7	6		1			
	1		2				6	
	8	6				9		
					5	7		
9			4		6			8
		4	3					
		3				6	1	
	6				7		8	
			1		2	4		

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. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ Q 6
♡ Q 7 6 5
♢ A J 10 7 3
♣ 7 6

West
♠ 8 7 5 2
♡ 10 4
♢ 6 5
♣ K J 9 5 2

East
♠ J 10 9
♡ K 8 3 2
♢ K Q 9
♣ Q 10 3

South
♠ A K 4 3
♡ A J 9
♢ 8 4 2
♣ A 8 4

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 NT	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 5

A message on the changeable sign beside a church in my town: "Prophecy Class canceled due to unforeseen events."

Today's East could have used some foresight. At 3NT, South won the third club and led a diamond: five, jack, queen. East then shifted to the jack of spades.

Declarer took the queen and ace and led a second diamond to dummy's jack. East took his king and led another spade, but South won and cashed three diamonds. At Trick Twelve he led a heart to his jack and took the ace to make 3NT.

East can place West with the K-J of clubs, so South needs every missing point for his 1NT bid. Moreover, East knows that if South is compelled to try a heart finesse, it will win. When East takes the queen of diamonds, he should shift to the eight of hearts.

South will be reluctant to finesse when the diamonds may produce four tricks (for nine in all). If South takes the ace and finesses in diamonds again, East can win and cash his king of hearts for down one.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ Q 6 ♡ Q 7 6 5 ♢ A J 10 7 3 ♣ 7 6. Your partner opens one club, the next player overcalls one spade and you double (negative). Your partner bids two hearts. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: In the auction one club by your partner, one spade by you, two hearts by him, his second bid would be a strength-showing "reverse." Here, your negative double promised hearts, and partner raised. His hand is minimum. Pass.

ZIPPY "Sacreligion" by Bill Griffith



ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution

S	L	L	E	Y	■	P	A	R	■	S	T	G	S	■
E	R	A	C	T	O	N	■	I	D	O	U	T	■	S
E	T	T	A	L	O	R	■	T	A	R	E	D	A	M
T	C	E	L	A	T	S	S	■	D	I	A	L	H	T
■	■	■	A	S	T	■	Y	A	R	O	S	B	E	A
H	T	A	P	■	P	E	R	■	E	M	A	T	■	■
G	I	Z	■	S	T	A	R	■	D	A	P	K	N	I
I	A	Z	F	A	S	U	O	Y	A	L	A	L	A	M
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S	N	E	P	O	■	E	R	O	M	O	N	Y	A	S
■	E	V	A	G	■	X	E	V	■	Y	A	L	L	A

Today's Sudoku Solution

3	7	4	2	6	1	5	9	8
9	8	2	7	3	5	1	6	4
5	1	6	9	4	8	3	2	7
6	9	5	8	2	3	4	7	1
8	3	1	6	7	4	2	5	9
4	2	7	5	1	9	6	3	6
1	6	9	3	5	2	8	4	7
7	4	3	1	9	6	7	8	2
2	5	8	4	8	7	9	1	3