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Senate rivals challenge voters to tune in

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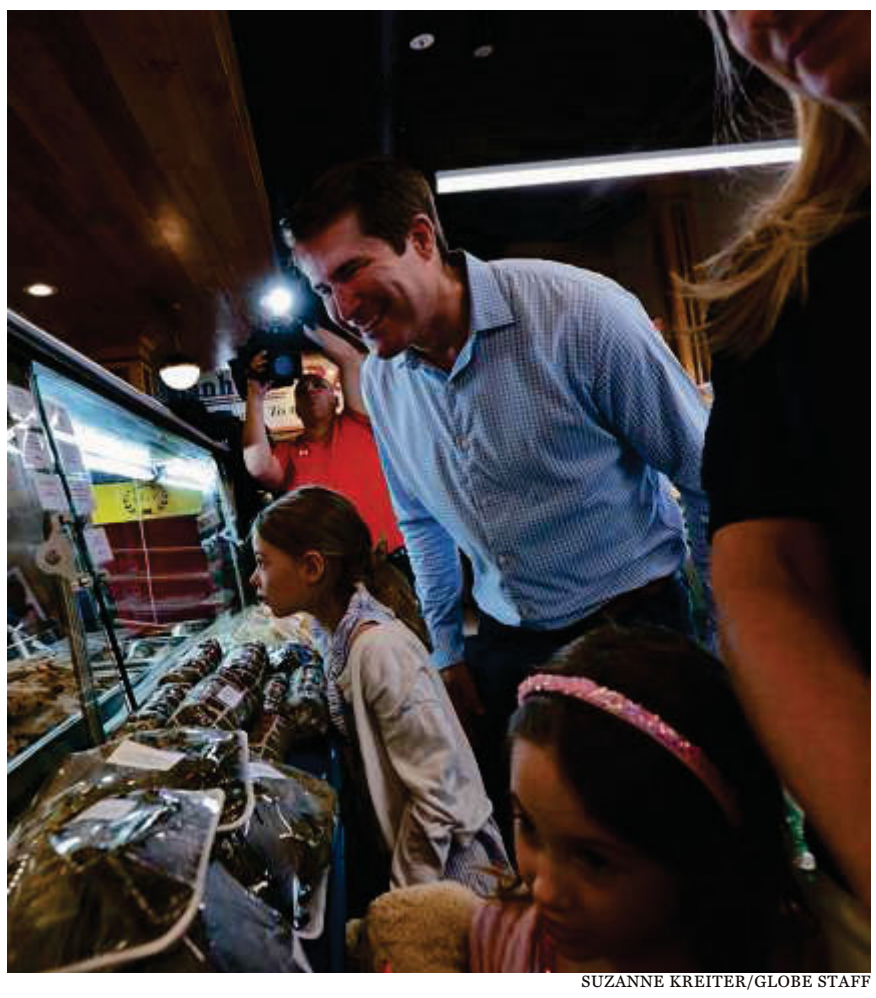

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Senator Ed Markey and his challenger, Representative Seth Moulton, have criss-crossed the state on campaign stops the last few days. On Monday, Markey (left) held an election eve rally in Titus Sparrow Park in the South End, and Moulton and his family ordered lunch at a Vietnamese bakery in Boston.

Markey and Moulton seek to inject a dose of enthusiasm into their showdown

By Sam Brodey and Kelly Garrity
GLOBE STAFF

The outcome of Massachusetts' Democratic Senate primary, which winds to a close on Tuesday, may hinge on whether it's hit with a late injection of something the race has so far lacked.

Urgency.

Since the beginning of the race, Democratic voters have largely been tuned out of the contest between incumbent Senator Ed Markey, of Malden, and challenger Seth Moulton, the congressman from Salem.

The choices haven't exactly galvanized primary voters. In a moment of generational upheaval for Democrats, many have been uneasy about sending the 80-year old Markey back to Washington for another six-year term. But they also seem unconvinced that Moulton will be the rock-solid progressive they want — even though there is not much daylight between the two contenders on policy.

The stakes haven't galvanized, either. With Democrats desperate to counter Trump in the Senate by defeating Republicans elsewhere in the midterms, the importance of a blue-state primary has seemed comparatively minor.

Both candidates have been making their cases around the state. As Markey bets it all on consolidating the most engaged of the core party base, Moulton is counting on a groundswell of support from outside the usual corners — which would require generating strong voter turnout.

That's where the sense of urgency comes in — a feeling Moulton and his team were working hard to generate at his final big pre-primary rally on Saturday afternoon. On a sun-drenched Lynn Common, Moulton mingled with voters and families alongside big banners with his closing slogan: "Our fight can't wait."

Asked by the Globe if voters see the same need for change he does, Moulton said, "it's what I hear all over the place."

"I was just walking around Wake-

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Disputed housing tower shelved

Mayor seeks new ideas for Davis Square

By Spencer Buell
GLOBE STAFF

A plan to build a 500-unit, 26-story apartment building in Davis Square had been controversial from the outset, as residents balked at the idea of a high rise emerging in the low-slung area and altering the makeup of an eclectic neighborhood forever.

Now, it's dead.

Andrew Flynn and his real estate firm Copper Mill said Monday they are no longer pursuing their grand plans for a residential tower, leaving the future of a Somerville crossroads that includes arts, dining, and nightlife stalwarts to be decided another day.

"We will not be proceeding with our housing development in Davis Square," Flynn said in a letter to a local business association Monday, in which he attributed the project's implosion to a chilly reception from the city.

Flynn, in a statement, described the project's failure to get off the ground as a loss for Somerville and blamed local government for not lending it the help it could have used as it pressed its case to Somervillians.

"Because of the City's failure

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Haitians look to Canada for jobs

TPS shift creates Mass. shortage

By Katie Johnston
GLOBE STAFF

Jude fled the humanitarian crisis in Haiti and arrived in Boston three years ago. At first, with gunshots no longer going off around him, he felt safe.

But in July, when the US Supreme Court allowed the Trump administration to revoke the temporary protected status of Haitian migrants, Jude feared he'd be deported, despite his pending asylum application. So he left to join his mother in Quebec, where French is the official language, as it is in Haiti (along with Haitian Creole), and there is a large Haitian community.

Jude, 46, is among a wave of Haitian migrants fleeing north to Canada following the termination of their legal status. It's unclear exactly how many have left, but Haitians have made more asylum claims at the Canadian land border this year than citizens of any other country, according to the Canada Border Services Agency.

In all, more than 10,000 Haitians in the Massachusetts

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Owner Richie Cardillo Jr. says he and his team are always brainstorming new products.

Keeping a summertime classic fresh

Richie's slush hits sweet milestone

By Jaden Perry
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

EVERETT — Richie Cardillo Jr. remembers the long line of customers that trailed out of his father's store.

As the owner of Richie's Classic Italian Slush and his late father's successor, Cardillo found his life shaped by selling the sweet slush found in corner stores and carnival-colored carts across New England.

"It's all I know. This is what I grew up in," Cardillo, 62, said. "I grew up in a family business where there was no choice but to work."

This year marks the 70th anniversary of Richie's Classic Italian Slush. At first glance, it's easy to assume the business, whose only brick-and-mortar shop sits on the traffic-

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Don't take GLP-1s? Be prepared to explain yourself.

Beth Teitell

We've reached peak hypocrisy. In simpler times — like maybe yesterday — here's how the judgment went: Use one of the new miracle weight-loss drugs and get shamed for taking the easy way out. For cheating your way into a thinness you don't deserve.

But now? A whole new group is being judged, too. If the world thinks your body is too large, and you're *not* using a GLP-1, well, be prepared to explain yourself.

"We have spent years trying to remove shame from obesity treatment," said Sarah Isenberg, a certified health and nutrition coach in Boston. "We should be careful not to replace it with this strange new form of pressure."

Uh, it looks like it's already too late.

Just ask Traci Finkel, 37, an executive assistant at Boston Children's Hospital, who's been dealing with pressure to lose weight since childhood, when her sister was taken bikini shopping while her outing was to Weight Watchers.

"It's almost like people are in a cult," she said of those using GLP-1s. "The drugs are [messing] with people's minds. It reminds me a lot of the diet pills in the '80s. Just do this easy thing, and you don't have to do anything else."

Or Ashley L., 37, a bartender and server from

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Ashley L. said co-workers have been badgering her to take a weight-loss drug.

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The Supreme Court allowed President Trump to continue to build a White House ballroom to replace the East Wing. **A2.**

The judge in the Lindsay Clancy murder trial encouraged jurors to keep working toward a verdict. **B1.**

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Rain, primarily

Tuesday: Plenty of showers. High 67-72, low 60-65.

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The Nation

Court OK's Trump ballroom construction

Justices' order reverses lower court rulings

By Ann E. Marimow
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — A divided Supreme Court on Monday allowed construction to continue on President Trump's luxury White House ballroom, which has been steadily rising to replace the East Wing the president tore down last fall.

The justices said the preservationists who challenged the construction of the planned 90,000-square-foot ballroom did not have legal grounds known as standing to bring their lawsuit because they were not directly harmed by the project, estimated to cost $400 million.

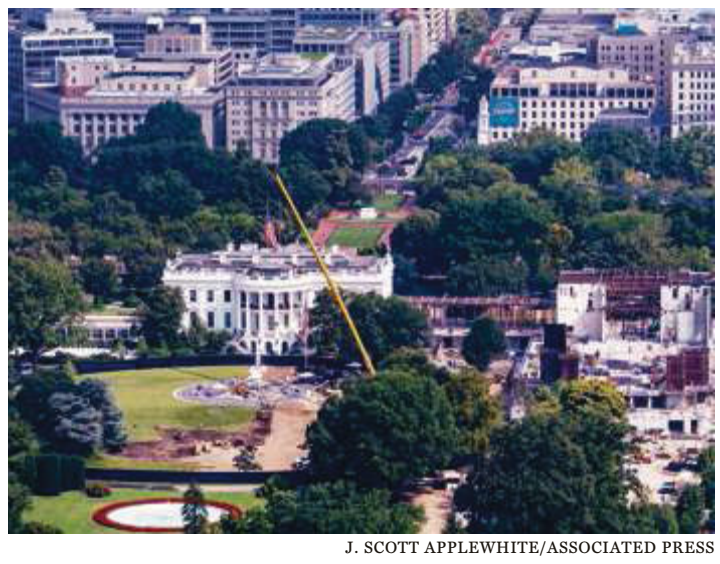
The majority emphasized that its order was not addressing the legality of the project and instead the question of who could sue to try to block it. But in practical terms, the order was a significant setback to the most serious legal challenge to the project, meaning the president seems likely to be able to complete construction.

In an unusual lineup, Chief Justice John Roberts and the court's three liberal justices disagreed with the majority, with the chief justice writing in a lengthy dissent that the White House is "an iconic American building whose symbolism and history are wrapped up in its architecture."

Monday's order reversed lower-court rulings that would have halted aboveground construction because the judges found that the administration had exceeded its authority by moving ahead with major changes to the White House campus without congressional approval.

The ballroom project, which includes a secure military bunker underneath, is just one way Trump has been aggressively remaking Washington during his second term. He has proposed building a 250-foot triumphal arch near Washington's border with Arlington, Virginia. His allies have been pressing to inscribe his name on the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts even after a judge ordered it removed from the building.

But the ballroom has been particularly personal for Trump, who has for years said that the White House needed a larger space to host special guests without having to erect a tent on the South Lawn.



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Construction continues on the new White House ballroom (right) as seen from the Washington Monument.

The order from the Supreme Court was the second time in less than two weeks that the court weighed in on the project. The first time, on Aug. 21, Roberts issued a one-sentence placeholder known as an administrative stay to buy his colleagues additional time to more fully consider the administration's request to block the lower-court rulings against the president.

The chief justice handles emergency requests from the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and initially acted on his own. He did not provide any reasoning for the initial order, which also allowed construction to continue.

The new order represents the views of the full nine-member court.

The project has grown in scale in recent months as the president and his lawyers have shifted to emphasize the national security imperative of what they now refer to as the military-ballroom complex. It includes a major upgrade to the bunker beneath, built during World War II and known as the Presidential Emergency Operations Center.

"The Military/Ballroom Complex being built on the hallowed grounds of the White House, which is so vital for National Security, will be THE GREATEST OF ITS KIND!" the president posted on social media on Aug. 21.

The challenge to the project was brought by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a nonprofit chartered by Congress to guard public buildings. The trust argued that a longtime member, Alison K. Hoagland, a District of Columbia resident and architectural historian, had been personally and professionally harmed by the destruction of one of the most prominent public buildings in the United States, which she has routinely walked past and reflected on in her work.

In a court filing, the preservationists said the president's actions violated the Constitution and federal laws, which gave Congress the power to decide which structures can be built on federal property in Washington. They told the justices that the administration was essentially trying to outrun the courts by accelerating construction of the ballroom.

Man guilty in Shakur killing

First conviction in decades-old case

By Jonathan Landrum Jr. and Jessica Hill
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — A jury found Duane "Keffe D" Davis guilty of orchestrating the 1996 killing of rap icon Tupac Shakur, marking the first conviction in a case that has gripped hip-hop fans for decades.

The 63-year-old Davis was convicted Monday of a single count of murder with a deadly weapon and could be sentenced to life in prison.

The jury deliberated for less than 3 hours after a weekslong trial in Las Vegas.

After the verdict was read, Shakur's sister, Sekyiwa "Set" Shakur, cried and hugged the prosecutors. Also in the courtroom was Davis' son, who covered his face with one hand.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Binu Palal told jurors in closing arguments that Davis acquired a gun and "went hunting" for Shakur and Death Row Records cofounder Marion "Suge" Knight after they beat up Davis' nephew earlier that night.

Palal acknowledged that Davis' accounts of the killing evolved over the years but argued those differences reflected Davis' changing motivations and efforts to protect himself.

One critical detail, he said, remained consistent: Davis repeatedly placed himself inside a white Cadillac from which the shots were fired.

The panel of 16 jurors, four of whom are alternates, heard testimony from 24 prosecution witnesses and three defense witnesses over nine days.

"The core facts remain. The material facts remain," Palal said.

The prosecution said Monday evening that the state would dismiss the gang enhancement part of the charge due to witness logistics.

The decades-old case has drawn the attention of hip-hop fans and crime experts alike.

The trial brought to a head a decades-old case that for years has drawn the attention of hip-hop fans and true crime experts alike.

Shakur, who was considered one of the most influential rappers of all time, was in Las Vegas on Sept. 7, 1996, and stopped at a red light when a white Cadillac pulled up beside him, and shots were fired.

He died six days later from his wounds. Knight was also wounded but survived.

For years, nobody had been charged in the rapper's death until Davis began making public statements, saying he was in the Cadillac and gave the gun to others in the backseat.

Davis described the shooting as an act of retaliation after Knight and Shakur's entourage beat up Davis' nephew hours before the shooting.

Under Nevada law, someone who helps another person commit murder can be convicted of the crime.

Davis is the only person still alive among the four men prosecutors say were in the Cadillac. The man who prosecutors say originally gave the gun to Davis is also dead.

Palal also argued the shooting was premeditated, pointing to testimony and Davis' accounts that the group searched for Shakur before spotting him on the road and making a U-turn. "It's a plan, not an impulse," Palal said.

Palal held up Davis' 2019 memoir, "Compton Street Legend," and played an interview in which Davis encouraged people to buy it to get the "real truth." Although the book contains a disclaimer saying some facts were changed, Palal argued that names, hotels, and other details changed while the central account did not.

DAILY BRIEFING

Teen charged over recording shooting stream

A 17-year-old North Carolina girl who recorded a livestream of a shooting that killed three people at a San Diego mosque and then disseminated the attackers' white-supremacist writings has been charged with murder by aiding and abetting, a district attorney said Monday.

Forsyth County District Attorney Jim O'Neill said at a news conference in Winston-Salem that the girl, identified in court records as Sarah L. Santiago, was arrested last week. A grand jury indicted her on three counts of murder and one count of conspiracy Monday.

"At this time I can confirm that my client is innocent of all these charges," Santiago's attorney, Alan Doorasamy Sr., wrote in an email to the Associated Press. He said he had not received evidence from law enforcement and did not elaborate on any connection between Santiago and the attackers.

Under North Carolina law, the aiding-and-abetting charges carry the same penalties as if the girl had committed the attack herself, O'Neill said. She is charged as an adult.

According to the indictment, Santiago agreed prior to the attack that she would record the livestream as the gunmen filmed it, distribute the recording, and release a document written by the attackers. She carried out those tasks, it said. She's also accused of purchasing a patch bearing a white-supremacist symbol and sending it to one of the gunmen to wear during the attack.

In all, three people watched the initial livestream, O'Neill said. It was not immediately clear if investigators had identified the others, and the indictment did not specify which platforms the livestream was recorded on or shared via.

Cain Clark, 17, and Caleb Vazquez, 18, stormed the Islamic Center on May 18 before being driven back outside by a security guard who exchanged gunfire with them as he initiated a lockdown, helping to protect 140 children who were just steps away.

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NYPD officers stood next to an ambulance at the scene of a stabbing in Times Square in Manhattan on Monday.

Woman stabs 2 people in Times Square, killing 1, then is killed by police

A woman randomly stabbed two people in New York City's Times Square on Monday, killing one woman, and then was fatally shot by police, according to officials.

The shooting happened just before 4:30 p.m. next to a New York Police Department substation, just outside One Times Square, the building that hosts the city's annual New Year's Eve ball drop celebration. It is one of the most heavily touristed and policed spots in all of New York.

The 49-year-old woman from Queens pulled out two knives from a shopping bag and stabbed a 68-year-old man who had just come out of the subway station and was waiting to cross the street with his wife, striking him in the abdomen, Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said at a news conference.

Seconds later, the woman stabbed a 32-year-old woman also in the abdomen, Tisch said. Both victims were taken to the hospital. The woman died and the man is in stable condition, according to police.

Police didn't say if the victims were tourists visiting the city or residents.

Videos posted on social media show a group of at least 10 officers gathered around the woman, who was holding two large kitchen knives.

The video shows a Taser not incapacitating her and the woman walking quickly toward the officers. Two officers then shot the woman, according to police. In the video posted by bystanders, the woman fell to the ground, where an officer handcuffed her.

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Involuntary feeding of suspect OK'd

WASHINGTON — A man refusing to eat food while jailed on charges that he shot two National Guard troops near the White House, killing one of them, can be fed against his will under a judge's emergency order.

US District Judge Amit Mehta agreed Saturday to order "nonconsensual" nutrition and medical treatment for Rahmanullah Lakanwal, who was rushed to a hospital in July after he stopped eating. Mehta said federal Bureau of Prisons medical staff can feed Lakanwal intravenously or through a medical tube to save his life.

Redacted court filings haven't specified a reason for Lakanwal's refusal to eat, but prosecutors noted that courts have held that prison officials can involuntarily feed "hunger-striking prisoners."

Justice Department attorneys asked Mehta to order the emergency measures.

"The defendant has medical capacity to make determinations regarding his health, and he is refusing nutrition that is necessary to sustain his life," they wrote.

Lakanwal's attorneys said he would oppose the government's request. They noted he has consumed some food but also has been "adamant at times" he didn't want to eat.

"At this juncture, the government does not indicate that Mr. Lakanwal's condition is so dire as to require this Court's intervention and the provided medical records do not support that position," they wrote in a redacted court filing.

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People sneaking into NYC sewers

NEW YORK — A few hours before dawn on a recent Wednesday, a figure in black chest waders clambered out of a maintenance hole in midtown Manhattan and slowly walked away.

Moments later, a second person in waders and a headlamp emerged from the same sidewalk sewer on Seventh Avenue across from Pennsylvania Station. Then a third person popped out, sat down, and straddled the open maintenance hole to pull its heavy cover back in place.

Footage of the Aug. 18 scene was shared on social media and spawned rumors of an underground society.

This was the fourth reported episode since May in which people have been recorded venturing in and out of maintenance holes in the city's vast sewer system, according to witnesses and city officials. (Around 1 a.m. Thursday, a fifth group was captured on video entering a maintenance hole in Wantagh on Long Island, according to the Nassau County Police Department.)

In July, officers arrested two men who they said were sewer diving in Brooklyn and charged them with criminal trespass. But the motives of those who have descended into the network of pipes have not yet been determined, police said. Theories range from scavenging for valuables to undertaking risky urban exploration.

City officials have warned against more copycats, calling the conduct dangerous and illegal.

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The World

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CARIBBEAN COLORS — Revelers celebrated the 60th Notting Hill Carnival in West London, Monday. The event, held over the August Bank Holiday weekend, is Europe's largest annual street festival and is designed to celebrate Caribbean culture, traditions, and arts.

Hundreds feared stuck in Nepal tunnels

Flood death toll surpasses 950; 4,400 missing

By Shristi Kafle and Huizhong Wu
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KATHMANDU — Rescuers raced Monday to free hundreds of workers believed to be trapped in tunnels at hydropower sites that were buried in mud by catastrophic flooding on the Nepal-China border, as the death toll climbed and increasingly desperate families searched for missing loved ones.

The combined deaths in Nepal and China surpassed 950, with more than 4,400 people missing. A private-sector association representing power companies said at least 900 workers were unaccounted for at 12 hydropower projects damaged by the flash floods in Nepal's Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts.

About 500 of those workers were believed to be trapped in tunnels. At least one expert said that some workers could have access to oxygen, but others warned that the chances of finding survivors were diminishing. As the rescue efforts intensified, four bodies were recovered from three mud-filled tunnels, Nepal's army said.

Some workers managed to call for help when the disaster struck last Wednesday, and others who managed to flee reported to authorities and relatives that many of their colleagues were still in the tunnels, said Mohan Kumar Dangi, president of the Independent Power Producers' Association, Nepal.

It was unclear whether rescuers have had any contact with the trapped workers since the initial calls for help.

Six days after the disaster, fears were growing that some might have suffocated, Dangi said.

Rescue efforts were focused on people trapped in the gigantic tunnels built for controlling the flow of water.

"These tunnels are big enough to drive trucks through," said Jakob Steiner, a geoscientist at the University of Graz in Austria based in Dhaka, Bangladesh. "And from what we understand, they have managed to get oxygen to some of those stuck inside and are trying to rescue them now. It's a race for time, though, as people need food and water."

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Numbered identification tags marked graves of flash flood victims at a mass burial site in Chitwan, Nepal, Monday.

In the Upper Trishuli-1 Hydropower Project, in the Rasuwa district, at least 576 people were missing, Dangi said, adding that around 300 of them were believed to be trapped inside the project's tunnel.

At the Trishuli-3 Hydropower Project, crews were working to descend about 50 feet into a tunnel in an effort to reach those believed trapped inside, according to Brigadier General Raja Ram Basnet, Nepal's army spokesman.

Workers shoveling mud from a flood-ravaged power station in Dhading, Nepal, told the Associated Press that the station is a key connection for providing power to over 20,000 people in the region.

On the Chinese side, rescue and recovery efforts included rebuilding the road leading to the Gyirong Port border crossing that regulated travel between China and Nepal.

Trucks carried giant rocks as workers tried to repave a portion of the road, state broadcaster CCTV showed Monday, next to rapidly rushing waters, which have been made more powerful by days of rain. The road is now under 6.6 to 9.8 feet of water. The repaving effort was just a little over a half mile from the border, CCTV said.

Although some rescue teams have managed to reach the border, that represented only a portion of the force.

Chinese state media coverage has focused largely on the official response, highlighting the deployment of firefighters, the People's Liberation Army and instructions from top leaders. Little is known about victims on the Chinese side.

Nepal's disaster agency said Monday that 939 deaths had been counted in that country, with 3,925 people missing, including 592 foreigners. As of Sunday, Chinese authorities reported 16 deaths and 546 missing. Chinese state media said 261 of the missing were foreigners, including over 100 Nepalis.

Eighty Americans are missing, and 13 have been rescued, the US State Department said.

Russia torments Kyiv with nonstop waves of drones

New tactic tires residents as they cling to routines

By Siobhán O'Grady and Yurii Shyvala
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV — Russia has turned to a terrifying new tactic in its assaults on Ukraine, launching nonstop waves of armed drones in recent days into busy areas of the capital, Kyiv. The relentless attacks have left residents exhausted and on edge as air raid sirens bellow nearly constantly.

With Moscow firing drone after drone into Kyiv, including many powered with jet engines that help them fly so fast they are difficult to intercept, many in the capital have begun to accept that they may be facing a new phase of the war.

This period threatens to be more dangerous and unpredictable for Kyiv than any since the first weeks of Russia's 2022 invasion. It comes as the city already faces increased danger from powerful Russian ballistic missiles as Moscow capitalizes on depleted Ukrainian air defenses.

While Russia has long conducted deadly drone attacks on Kyiv, the weapons have often come in overnight barrages and have not tormented the city throughout the day. Residents long ago grew used to the menacing hum of slower-moving drones but now face the danger of the jet-powered models, which crash into a target before anyone has a chance to run.

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On Monday, relatives mourned Taras Didych, head of the Dmytrivska community in Kyiv, who was killed while helping residents after a Russian drone attack.

The waves of drones have arrived in Kyiv just as residents are trying to enjoy the waning warm days of summer, craving some normalcy. On Saturday morning in the bustling Obolon neighborhood, dozens of customers were seated on the popular See You Cafe's shaded terrace for brunch even as air raid sirens blared.

Inside the cafe, the owner, Artem Rudychenko, 40, and the manager, Ihor Kuzmich, 35, chatted by the dessert stand. A barista made two lattes, and a server picked them up to carry outside.

Then a shock wave tore through the room.

A Russian drone had slammed into a tree in the park below, just 65 yards from the terrace. Terrified customers rushed inside for cover. One woman tried to jump toward the basement and broke her leg.

Rudychenko heard a man screaming for help and ran outside, where he saw the man running toward a nearby clinic, a tiny, bloody body cradled in his arms. Police later told him the girl had been killed by a piece of shrapnel that pierced her lung, he said.

Drones kept flying in and past Kyiv, and the air raid sirens turned on and off, over and over again, as Rudychenko and his stunned staff cleaned up and shut the cafe.

Meanwhile, the death toll from a Russian strike the night before on an arms depot near civilian homes just outside the city grew to 38.

The pop-pop of air defense systems countering new waves of drones and occasional explosions from strikes or interceptions continued into the night. Plumes of smoke rose over different parts of the city. Still, in a group call that evening, Rudychenko's staff members agreed they were ready to return to work the next day.

By Sunday, the cafe had reopened. One window was boarded up and another badly cracked. Customers trickled in and out. In the park below, flowers and stuffed animals were stacked in a makeshift memorial for the girl killed the day before. Sirens blared, more drones sped toward the capital, and in the park below the cafe, parents pushed strollers past bits of drone debris.

An unsteady new rhythm has emerged in the city, with many residents who had grown blasé about attacks now frantically checking air raid alerts and sleeping in shelters, even as they cling to what they can of their routines.

DAILY BRIEFING

Migrants remain in Spain's Ceuta

MADRID — Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez of Spain said Monday that 5,000 migrants remained in Ceuta, weeks after more than 70,000 people surged from Morocco into the Spanish territory in North Africa.

Although most of the migrants returned home quickly, the continued presence of several thousand newcomers in a territory of just 84,000 legal residents has heaped pressure on Sánchez's government, inflamed local tensions, and served as a flashpoint in the global debate about migration.

Sánchez, speaking on the radio network Cadena Ser, said that 1,200 minors were among the remaining migrants and that his government had reached an agreement with local authorities to build facilities to house them while officials assessed their asylum requests. The territory's administration has a higher estimate: It says that around 9,000 migrants remain in Ceuta.

NEW YORK TIMES

Jet flybys spark safety debate

JOHANNESBURG — A pregame stunt involving two passenger jets flying dramatically low over a sports stadium in South Africa drew huge cheers from the estimated crowd of around 56,000 people, but also sparked a major debate over safety risks.

The flyby by two Embraer jets operated by local airline Airlink happened on Saturday before a rugby game between South Africa and New Zealand in Cape Town.

Flight tracking service Flightradar24 estimated that the lead jet passed just 41 to 46 feet above the roof of Cape Town Stadium, with the crowd and the top-ranked rugby teams in the world below.

The second jet, which was right behind, flew through a cloud of pink dust that shot up from the stadium roof.

The jets weren't carrying any passengers.

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Russia helps quell Niger's mutiny

ABUJA, Nigeria — Niger's junta survived its most severe internal threat since seizing power in a 2023 coup when renegade soldiers staged a mutiny over the weekend, triggering a 24-hour standoff that ended with Russian intervention.

The soldiers took some of their colleagues hostage at a strategic military base in the capital, Niamey, and fired shots near the presidential palace 7 miles away before being subdued by presidential guard forces aided by Russia's Africa Corps paramilitary group, according to several analysts and diplomats.

Russia's ambassador to Niger told Russian media that Niger had requested support from the Russian force.

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Congo reports 6,000 Ebola cases

BUNIA, Congo — Congo's authorities said Monday that the fastest-growing Ebola outbreak in history has topped 6,000 cases with 2,911 deaths.

More than 1,360 people have recovered from the virus, in what authorities said was an "encouraging" development.

The outbreak in eastern Congo is spreading under extremely difficult conditions, fueled by insecurity, displacement, a health workers' strike and intense population movements. The situation is particularly concerning at displacement sites, where residents already live in extremely precarious conditions.

Last week, the virus spilled into two new health zones in the region.

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Missile harm stressed

Experts warn US against use near civilian areas

By Julia Frankel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It has been touted by the manufacturer as the ballistic missile of the future: lethal, long-range, and pinpoint. Lockheed Martin's Precision Strike Missile has the US military investing billions to update its arsenal.

But a close look at what is believed to be its first use in combat — on the first day of the Iran war — highlights the potential peril of deploying this weapon near population centers because it appears to spray pellets over a wide area, according to a review by the conflict monitor Airwars and interviews with weapons experts and former defense officials.

Three missiles that struck the southern city of Lamerd on Feb. 28 killed civilians as far as 164 feet from where they detonated, and caused damage more than three times farther away, Airwars found. The missiles detonated above a sports complex and two residential neighborhoods, Airwars found. The blasts killed at least 21 civilians, including seven children, according to Iranian officials.

Airwars is the first to map the damage radius of the strikes in Lamerd and estimate the lethal range of the weapon used.

The PrSM is designed to explode midair and propel tens of thousands of dense metal pellets at high speed in all directions. Photos, videos, and satellite images of the Lamerd strikes' aftermath analyzed by Airwars and verified by the Associated Press show buildings, streets, and vehicles were pockmarked in a blast pattern that experts say is consistent with the PrSM's capabilities.

The US military has confirmed firing PrSMs, but has denied attacking Lamerd.

It is unclear who or what was the intended target in Lamerd. An Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps compound is located nearby, but satellite images showed no damage there.

Six weapons experts, including two who are former military officials, told AP they believe PrSMs struck Lamerd — and they said it was unlikely that Israeli or Iranian weapons were used. All said militaries should avoid firing the PrSM at targets near civilian areas.

"You would be hard-pressed to find a reason to use the PrSM in a densely populated area," said Michael Meier, a former US Army adviser on the laws of war.

Airwars, a London-based nonprofit, was founded more than a decade ago to track reports of civilian deaths from US airstrikes in Syria and Iraq, and it has also monitored conflicts in Gaza, Ukraine, and elsewhere. It relies on publicly available material, such as photos, videos, satellite images, social media and news reports, and uses geolocation software and other tools to help it analyze this evidence.

Airwars used these methods to investigate the strikes on Lamerd. It mapped the approximate locations of the missiles' detonations, where civilians were reported killed and where damage was visible and consistent with blast patterns. It then measured the distances between the positions to estimate the blast radius.

AP verified Airwars's blast radius estimate by measuring the distance between where civilians were killed, based on Iranian media reports, and where the missiles detonated midair, based on security camera and other videos. AP also examined satellite images, photos, and videos of damage from the attack sites.

Lockheed Martin, which did not respond to a request for comment, has not said how wide the missile's impact is. It has released an animated video modeling a PrSM blast.

In a post to X on March 1, the day after Lamerd was struck, US Central Command included what munitions experts say was an image of the PrSM being fired during the Iran operation. Three days later, it touted that PrSMs — in a "historic first" — had been used in Iran, though not where.

Several weeks later, as reports about the strikes in Lamerd garnered media attention, a spokesperson for Central Command said in a statement that US forces did not launch PrSMs or any weapons into Lamerd Feb. 28, and that they do not target civilians. The spokesperson said footage of one of the strikes suggested it was an Iranian Hoveyzeh cruise missile.

Weapons experts said a missile seen in security camera video from Lamerd does not match that Iranian model, which has a rounded engine.

The Israeli military told AP it did not strike anywhere in Iran as far south as Lamerd on the first day of the war, and experts said Israel's military is not known to have missiles that detonate midair.

When asked about Airwars' and AP's findings, US Central Command reiterated its denial of responsibility.

The new missiles are meant to replace the Army Tactical Missile System used for decades, according to the US military.

While the ATACMS can travel approximately 186 miles, the PrSM can hit targets over 310 miles away, Lockheed Martin says.

The PrSM differs from its predecessor in another key way. Where ATACMS shatter into steel fragments or small bomblets over their target area, an exploding PrSM fires tens of thousands of pellets made of tungsten in all directions, Airwars and weapons experts say.

Because of tungsten's high density and melting point, the pellets retain their shape after detonation. That makes them extremely lethal, capable of piercing soft armor, according to defense journals.

Airwars found footage of a school in Lamerd that was damaged by the missile detonated over the Shahid Naimi Sports Hall about 557 feet away.

That blast killed seven civilians, mostly children, Iranian state media reported.

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Israeli soldiers during a military operation at a camp for Palestinian refugees on Monday.

Decrying 'Jewish terrorism'

Former generals warn that settlers a threat to Israel

By Azam Ahmed, Natan Odenheimer, and Ronen Bergman
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Major General Eyal Ben-Reuven spent his life fighting for Israel. He survived the Arab-Israeli War of 1973, when his platoon was nearly wiped out, then went on to command a division in the West Bank and lead Israel's ground forces in the 2006 war against Hezbollah.

But in recent months, he has returned to the Israeli-occupied West Bank, touring the territory with retired generals and former Israeli officials. He has walked through the remains of a Palestinian school looted by Israeli settlers, and listened to Palestinian shepherds and farmers describe being tortured by settlers who seize livestock and land.

Now Ben-Reuven says he has an entirely different understanding of the risks facing Israel.

"This, what the settlers are doing here, is the real threat to Israel," he said, his eyes welling with emotion. "This is more concerning to me than Iran, Gaza, or Lebanon."

Other former high-ranking Israeli officials shared the same indignation.

"This is ethnic cleansing, to put it simply," Ephraim Sneh, a retired brigadier general and former minister of health, said of Israeli settlers' attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank.

Asaf Agmon, a retired air force general, went even further, comparing it to what some Israelis' forebears endured in the Holocaust — not in the scale of the violence, he explained, but in the effort to erase the Palestinian presence from the West Bank.

"Once a society behaves this way," he said, "that society is doomed."

Since the Hamas-led terrorist attacks of Oct. 7, 2023, when as many as 1,200 Israelis were killed, war has consumed Israel: first with Hamas, leaving the Gaza Strip in ruins and tens of thousands dead. Two rounds of fighting with Hezbollah in Lebanon. Two campaigns against Iran.

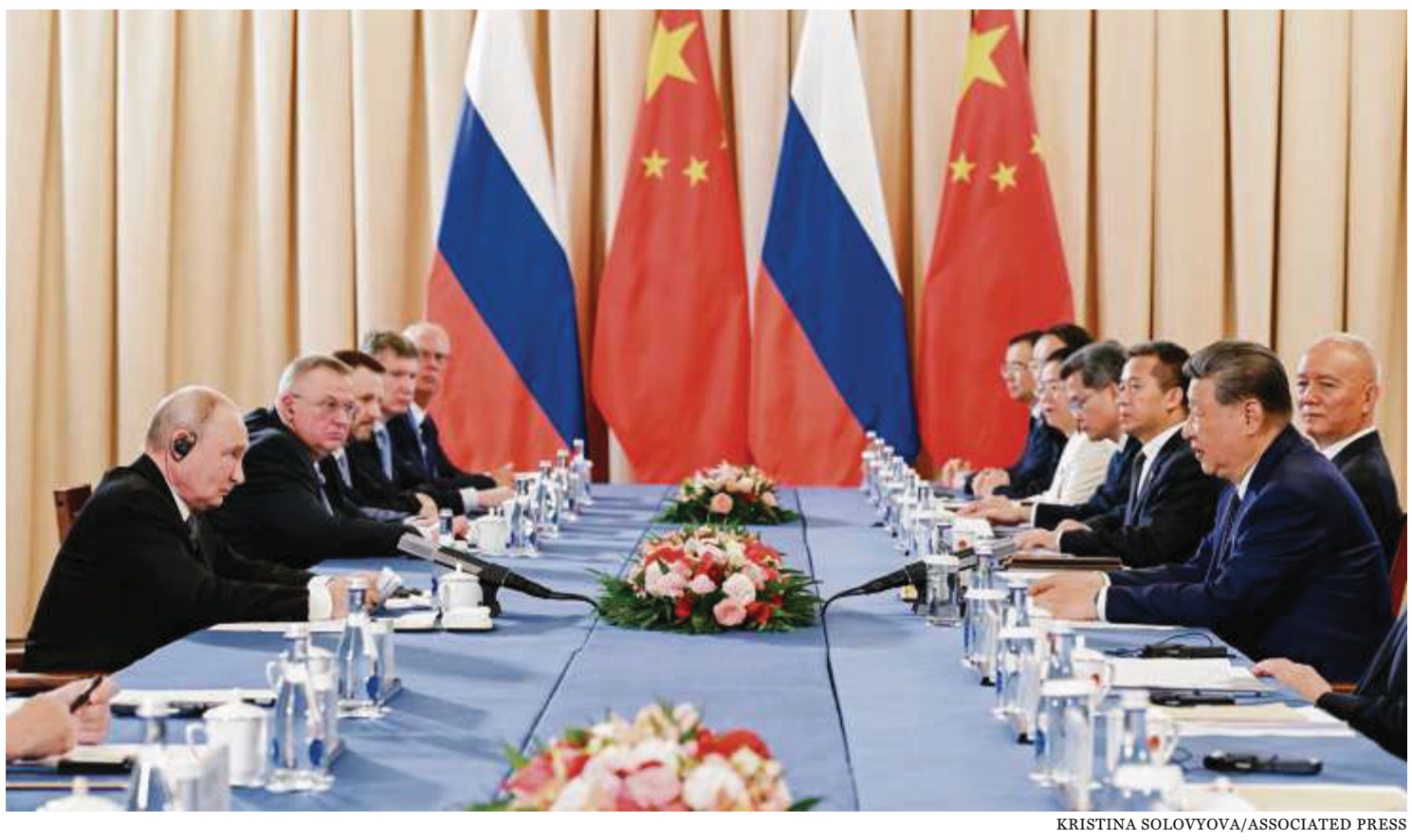
But in the shadows of those conflicts, a quieter front has emerged in the West Bank. Armed Israeli settlers, emboldened by the most right-wing government in the nation's history, raid and torch Palestinian homes, mosques, and villages with seeming impunity, openly trying to drive them out of the territory.

Israel's top military commander in the West Bank has warned that the violence risked setting the territory ablaze. Settlers have waged thousands of attacks in the West Bank since Oct. 7, 2023, injuring thousands of Palestinians, according to the United Nations.

The retired generals condemning this violence are part of a small but rapidly expanding array of influential Israelis, including many from the upper echelons of the military and intelligence apparatus, who are publicly declaring the lawlessness in the West Bank a threat to Israel's existence as a democracy.

More than 200 prominent Israelis signed a letter in June demanding that the government stop the attacks against Palestinian civilians in the West Bank. Signatories included former prime ministers, retired military generals, and former heads of intelligence services.

In their letter, they called for an end to "Jewish terrorism" and the "ethnic cleansing" underway in the West Bank.



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Vladimir Putin of Russia (left) and Xi Jinping of China attended discussions at the summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Monday.

Central Asia summit shows Xi's global leverage

China's support critical to Russia, Iran war efforts

By Paul Sonne and David Pierson
NEW YORK TIMES

BERLIN — As the leaders of China, Russia, India, Iran, and other nations converged on Central Asia for a two-day summit beginning Monday, one thing was clear from the outset. Even as President Trump tries to bend the world to revolve around Washington, President Xi Jinping of China has his own powerful orbit.

The Chinese leader's arrival in Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, for a meeting of the 10-nation political and security grouping known as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization underscored Xi's broad ability to sustain Washington's foes, both in peacetime and in war.

The talks come against the backdrop of two wars that have pushed the globe into a period of intense geopolitical instability, suppressing economic growth and driving up inflation. Those challenges were at the heart of discussions taking place simultaneously on the other side of the globe in Asheville, N.C., at a gathering of finance ministers from the Group of 20 countries.

The meeting in Bishkek, in contrast, was a showcase for the incredible leverage that the wars have given Xi.

No nation has been more critical to Russia and Iran in sustaining their economies and war efforts than China. Xi has undermined efforts by the United States and its allies to pressure Russia and Iran economically, employing Beijing's vast geopolitical and economic clout as the world's largest importer of crude oil and exporter of consumer goods.

In Bishkek, Xi's priority is to burnish his image as the leader of non-Western nations and to push back against what he calls US hegemony. Despite that, he will most likely be cautious about how much support he publicly offers Iran.

The Chinese leader cannot afford to provoke Trump less than a month before he is scheduled to travel to Washington to attempt to extend a fragile economic truce between the United States and China. Before heading to the United States, Xi will travel to Egypt and India for state visits.

The series of trips leading up to his summit with Trump is aimed at casting Xi as a powerful statesman at a time when Trump has frayed US relations globally, analysts said.

"Xi appears to see an opportunity to show that China has friends and options around the world at precisely the moment Washington is alienating many of its allies," said Julian Gewirtz, who served as the senior director for China and Taiwan Affairs at the National Security Council during the Biden administration.

This week's summit in Bishkek is a reminder of the limits of US-led economic warfare. President Vladimir Putin of Russia and President Masoud Pezeshkian of Iran, both critically reliant on China, arrived in the Kyrgyz capital Monday as they work to defy Western efforts to isolate them and persevere with their own wartime goals.

Beijing has largely obliged, extending economic lifelines to both Moscow and Iran and leveraging its economic clout to the frustration of Washington.

While Xi's power is on the rise, there are limits to it. Beijing has been unwilling to deploy its military to defend members such as Iran, which joined the organization in 2023, or Russia, instead formally calling for dialogue and an end to the conflicts.

But Beijing is willing to increase trade and provide technologies that can be used on the battlefield. The Chinese leader met with Putin for bilateral talks in Bishkek on Monday, praising what he called ever-brighter prospects for relations between China and Russia.

Whether Xi meets with the Iranian leader separately from the summit will indicate how much the Chinese leader is willing to push the line before the scheduled visit to the United States.

Global powers loom over Pacific forum

Bids for influence undermine unity of small islands

By Charlotte Graham-McLay
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KOROR, Palau — Far from New York or Davos, leaders of some of the world's least populous states are meeting in a placid tropical archipelago with no traffic lights. The population of the summit host, Palau, was due to swell from 18,000 people to 20,000 as delegates from dozens of countries arrived at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting.

Ahead of the summit officially opening Monday, the country's president and other senior officials walked the main road around the island picking up trash. Barbers and tattoo artists prepared to become drivers for delegates and student volunteers to usher dignitaries.

But beneath the distinctively Pacific character of the event, where matters unfold in their own unhurried time and decisions are made by consensus rather than by a vote, simmered a fraught and escalating geopolitical debate about who gets to shape the future of the vast ocean region.

Powerful nations interested in the Pacific have raced to shore up alliances among its leaders, intensifying a contest for influence between China and the United States, Taiwan, and forum members Australia and New Zealand. The sometimes-conflicting bids to win sway have also drawn dividing lines among the forum's members, threatening to derail annual summits.

"The Pacific is our home, not a theater for geopolitical competition," Palau's President Surangel Whipps Jr. told reporters Sunday, as he urged the bigger countries closely observing the event not to interfere in talks that he hoped would center on problems imperiling small Pacific island nations, such as climate change and struggling economies.

The reality, however, was unlikely to be simple.

Some of the 18 member countries and territories that make up the forum have populations in the low thousands or tens of thousands and were once known mostly as holiday destinations. But many also have sprawling and lucrative exclusive economic zones, and their locations have become strategically important points as global tensions rise.

Members come from diverse cultures and political systems and their remote locations mean few opportunities for leaders to speak in person. The annual summit was once a relaxed affair, where officials from countries with little power in the global order sought to amplify their voices by reaching unified positions, particularly in urging bigger countries to curb greenhouse gas emissions as rising seas began to threaten low-lying atoll nations.

As major powers over the past decade have escalated their efforts to secure access to Pacific waters and ports by inking security deals and offering funding, immigration access to their countries, and other sweeteners, the leaders' ability to speak with one voice at their annual summit has come under pressure.

In a recent episode, the Forum's foreign ministers failed to reach consensus on a statement criticizing Beijing's launch of a ballistic missile into the South Pacific Ocean in July. While most member states strongly opposed China's actions, the refusal of two to endorse a statement saying so meant none was issued.

"At this point in time when Pacific Islands are facing a lot of acute security issues, decision-making is paramount for this one," said Oliver Nobetau, Pacific Islands program director at the Lowy Institute, an Australian think tank. "We'll be looking to see if President Whipps can sort of steer the forum to take tangible action."

Two dead in Grand Canyon flood

More than a dozen people remain missing

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On Monday, tourists checked out of the El Tovar Hotel in Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz., because lodging along the canyon rim was closed due to flooding.

A second person has been confirmed dead at Grand Canyon National Park after devastating flash floods over the weekend, park officials said on Monday. Water from heavy rains swept through a remote area popular with hikers and campers.

More than a dozen people remained unaccounted for as search and recovery efforts continued along Bright Angel Creek, which runs from near the north rim of the canyon down to the Colorado River, the National Park Service said.

"These were individuals either on a backcountry itinerary in the inner canyon or believed to be day hiking along the North Kaibab/Phantom Ranch area," Joelle Baird, a spokesperson for Grand Canyon National Park, said in an email on Sunday.

The agency warned that the search could be slowed by a new round of rain and thunderstorms that was forecast to hit the area Monday.

Officials announced late Sunday that rescuers had found the first body, a 46-year-old man, near Crystal Rapids along the Colorado River. The Park Service provided no additional information about the second victim.

The flooding buried trails beneath rockslides, washed away footbridges, and cut off access to a remote area on Saturday, forcing hikers to be evacuated by helicopter, according to the Park Service. At least 62 people had been evacuated by Saturday morning, park officials said Sunday.

Those evacuated were transported to the Maswik Lodge food court on the South Rim, where the American Red Cross was helping. No injuries have been reported, park officials said.

The flooding also caused extensive damage or destroyed 40 percent of a major water supply line for the park, Transcanyon Waterline, leaving the pipeline, which supplies water from the Colorado River for use in other parts of the park, out of operation. As a result, the park service said water restriction measures were being implemented on Monday, with spigots in campgrounds on the south rim of the Grand Canyon shut off except for bathroom faucets, and that campfires would not be permitted on the south rim or the inner canyon.

Flooding had wiped out nearly all the footbridges spanning Bright Angel Creek. The entire trail is closed until further notice, the Park Service said. The Park Service said it was seeking members of the public who knew of hikers or backpackers who were in Bright Angel Canyon and the Phantom Ranch area on Saturday "as well as anyone who had a campground reservation in the affected corridor," the service said in a statement.

Day visits and dry camping will still be allowed, but overnight accommodations were to close starting Monday, including at El Tovar, Bright Angel Lodge, Maswik Lodge, Phantom Ranch, Yavapai Lodge, and Trailer Village.

Among the reported missing is Brent Rosenkranz, a 42-year-old tae kwon do instructor from Granbury, Texas, near Fort Worth. Rosenkranz's father, David Rosenkranz, said his son was among a small group that had set out on a hiking trip on Friday.

David Rosenkranz said that John Guisti, a chiropractor, who had been chronicling the trip on his business's Facebook page, was in the group with his son. Guisti's younger sister, Valerie Gibbs, said in an interview Sunday that her brother, whom she described as fit and active, was among the missing. She said relatives had last been in touch with him at 2 p.m. Saturday, before the flooding began.

Park workers and the Arizona Department of Public Safety "are continuing evacuation and response efforts and working to account for individuals who may have been in the affected area," the Park Service said.

Two helicopters from the Park Service and the state's Department of Public Safety searched the North Kaibab Trail corridor as well as the Colorado River from the mouth of Bright Angel Creek to the Deer Creek Narrows on Sunday morning, Baird said.

"No missing individuals were located during these flights," she said.

At Bright Angel campground, Daniel Evans, 43, was stretched out with a book when he heard the first sounds of trouble about 11 a.m. Saturday. There was a rumble that sounded like a freight train, and then he noticed that Bright Angel Creek was suddenly a torrent of logs and debris.

Around 1 p.m., he said, black clouds swarmed above the canyon walls and "it just started dumping." As the downpour continued, the rangers ordered the campground to evacuate.

Evans said he had just enough time to pack up his tent and bag and flee to a mule corral, where about 30 hikers, park staff, and construction workers stood in piles of mule dung, watching the swollen river rise. Some hikers had lost their phones, backpacks, tents, and even shoes in the flood.

Trump attempts to put the brakes on 'DEI bike lanes'

Revokes federal grant money for planned paths

By Richard Fausset
NEW YORK TIMES

Four years ago, after Joe Biden fell from a bike, Donald Trump made a pledge to the American people.

"I will never, ever ride a bicycle," he declared.

The joke landed because Trump is known to be more of a limo-and-golf-cart sort of guy. But more recently, his administration has begun acting on its deep aversion to cycling, revoking federal grants for what it calls "DEI bike lanes."

In a high-profile move this year, the administration even tried to remove a bike lane near the White House.

Sean Duffy, Trump's transportation secretary, has argued that when bike lanes cut into space for cars and trucks, the result is more congestion, "longer travel times and wasted fuel."

But Duffy and his colleagues have also deployed rhetoric that suggests the bicycle is hopelessly lefty, belonging in the same category as green-haired baristas, Rosie O'Donnell, and yard signs professing that love is love.

Last month, the Transportation Department told National Public Radio that liberals believe "everyone should ride a bike to their shoebox-sized apartment to eat crickets to achieve a phony climate agenda."

The attacks are depressing to longtime cycling advocates like Bill Nesper, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. "There is something there that they're playing on, which is 'Look at that dork on a bike,' " Nesper said.

Whether this strategy pays off politically remains to be seen. A 2025 YouGov poll showed that 76 percent of Americans supported bike lanes in and around where they live, including 66 percent of Republicans. But it also showed that only one-third of Americans are pining for more.

As it is, many communities in the United States, regardless of politics, have embraced bike-friendly policies, on the grounds that bikes are good for the planet and the body, and address congestion by taking cars off the road.

There are now 4,400 directional miles of protected bike lanes today, up from 108 directional miles in 2000, according to PeopleForBikes, an industry trade association and advocacy group.

But the Trump administration is trying to put the brakes on the trend.

In Nashville, the future of a series of bike lanes, called the East Nashville Spokes project, is up in the air after the Trump administration froze a $9.3 million grant, prompting a court battle that remains unresolved.

In Washington this year, the administration announced it was tearing out the 15th Street bike lane as "part of the president's initiative to revitalize" the city. But in a ruling in April, Judge Amy Berman Jackson temporarily blocked the demolition plan citing an "absence of reasoned decision-making" in justifying the removal.

In Fairfield, Ala., a majority Black city of 9,500 people southwest of Birmingham, the administration canceled an $11.7 million grant for a bike and walking path, originally awarded under the Biden administration as part of a "sustainability and equity" program. Advocates had said that 17 percent of the families in the area do not have access to a car.

In an interview, the city's mayor, Herman Carnes Jr., said he did not know why the grant had been canceled. "It got ripped away from us," he said.

Rush into AI sows split in Pa.

Shapiro shifts stance but other areas welcoming

By David Gelles
NEW YORK TIMES

President Trump arrived in Pittsburgh last summer on a mission to bring the country's artificial intelligence boom to the Rust Belt.

Flanked by senators and Cabinet members, the president celebrated pledges from Google, Amazon, and Anthropic to invest more than $90 billion in data centers and other technology in the region.

"Today's commitments are ensuring that the future is going to be designed, built, and made right here in Pennsylvania and right here in Pittsburgh," Trump said. It was part of his administration's efforts to support a sector it sees as critical to the country's economic growth and national security.

At the time, Governor Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, was all in, fast-tracking approvals for the enormous Amazon data center and offering incentives to bring data centers to old industrial hubs like Pittsburgh, which never fully recovered from the collapse of the steel industry. More than 120 data centers have been planned in the state.

But now, things have shifted.

A national backlash against the rapid build-out of data centers has made them a top issue in this fall's midterm elections. The governor, a potential 2028 presidential candidate, two weeks ago labeled data center developers "predatory" and signed an executive order for what he described as "the nation's strictest guardrails" for the facilities. He said the state would no longer speed approvals and that data centers must meet new requirements and be approved first by local communities before advancing.

Shapiro's office did not reply to requests for comment. In announcing the executive order, he said he was responding to residents who are alarmed by the speed and scale of these projects.

"Data centers cause real challenges in terms of energy use, emissions, water usage, community issues, and nobody is managing it," said Costa Samaras, director of the Scott Institute for Energy Innovation at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

But in struggling western Pennsylvania, unions and business groups welcome the projects, many of which are already moving forward.

An hour's drive east of Pittsburgh, the giant Homer City coal-fired power plant is being converted into what would be one of the nation's largest gas plants to power a hyperscale data center complex.

Northwest of the city, a $10 billion data center project is planned that involves another coal-burning plant being retrofitted to burn gas. Just down the river from that, a former steel mill in Aliquippa is being targeted for another data center project with a new gas plant.

And Amazon has pledged to spend $20 billion on multiple data centers in the state.

One major consequence could be a spike in the pollution that is warming the planet. The Environmental Integrity Project, an advocacy group, found that just seven of the proposed plants in Pennsylvania could emit roughly 68 million tons of carbon dioxide or equivalent greenhouse gases each year. That is equivalent to the annual emissions from about 15 million gasoline-burning cars.

And yet, the idea of billions of dollars flooding into a region that has grappled with economic decline remains tantalizing to many. "The data center build-out could be one of the largest construction booms in the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," said Rob Bair, president of the Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades Council, an umbrella group for several labor unions.

A study from March sponsored by a coalition of Pennsylvania business groups estimated that data centers in the state could result in $12 billion in annual economic output and more than 19,000 additional jobs by 2036.

It's a reversal from the 1980s, when "the population shrunk, people fled, manufacturing went overseas, steel was no longer being produced at the same rate," said Brian Kennedy, senior vice president at Pittsburgh Technology Council, one of the groups behind the study.

The largest data center project in the state is taking shape an hour east of Pittsburgh, in Homer City. Once the site of Pennsylvania's largest coal-burning power plant, the 3,200-acre complex is being redeveloped into a $10 billion, 4.4-gigawatt natural gas-powered data center campus.

Environmental groups have appealed the state's approval of the project, saying the gas plant would release excessive pollution.

But in Homer City, some see the next chapter for the state's aging industrial base. "Everything we're doing in western Pennsylvania is a story of reuse," Kennedy said. "Instead of having Homer City be a monument to our coal economy, it is going to be a monument to the most advanced AI industry in the world."

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Candidates seek to inject urgency into contest

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field," Moulton said. "I couldn't take 10 steps without someone coming up to me and saying, 'hey, thanks for being here, and thanks for running.'"

But some of Moulton's biggest supporters worried about the relative apathy they've sensed among fellow Democrats.

Jenny Dworkin, a 56-year old supporter from Cambridge, told the Globe she wishes "I could light more of a fire" under fellow Democrats to get behind Moulton.

She believes he's best positioned to push for change in Massachusetts and beyond — noting his opposition to Senator Chuck Schumer of New York remaining as Democratic leader — but is "frustrated" others don't feel it as strongly as she does.

"I'm surprised other people aren't paying attention," she said at Moulton's rally in Lynn. "My neighbors are sending money to Texas."

With voters set to go to the polls on Tuesday, the overall primary ennui may give Markey the upper hand. Both candidates spent Monday squeezing in their final stops before Election Day.

Moulton visited businesses in Boston's Chinatown, West Roxbury, and Dorchester. At Bánh Mì Ba Le & Bakery in Dorchester, Moulton, along with his wife, Liz, and two daughters, enjoyed a Vietnamese lunch of banh mi and noodles. "We'll be all over the place," he told reporters outside. "We're working hard."

Markey swung by Gracie's Ice Cream in Somerville for a scoop of brownie mint chip in a waffle cone and a couple of fist bumps with local children. Markey, who wore a pair of blue Air Jordan 1s, told reporters outside that he was "trying to earn every single vote of every single person in the Commonwealth."

"I'm not stopping until 8 o'clock tomorrow night," he said.

The Senate race is the most high-profile contest out of several on Tuesday that will test voters' appetite for generational change.

In the Eighth Congressional District, longtime Representative Stephen Lynch, 71, is facing a challenge from 39-year old Patrick Roath. In the First District, in Western Massachusetts, 19-term Representative Richard E. Neal is opposed by another 39-year old newcomer, Jeromie Whalen. In Moulton's Sixth District, meanwhile, five candidates are competing to succeed him.

Four polls out this month show Markey dominating Moulton by double digits; the closest margin, in a Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll released Aug. 18, showed Markey with a 14-percentage point lead. And with more than 400,000 Democratic primary ballots already cast through early and mail-in voting as of Friday, according to data from Secretary of State William F. Galvin's office, both candidates have fewer voters left to win over.

Still, the incumbent didn't appear to be taking the outcome for granted — and he tried to spin up some urgency on his side, too. Markey called in the progressive cavalry Saturday, tapping Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders and Representative Ayanna Pressley to rally with him in Dorchester, a closing salvo meant to punctuate his campaign's main message: that he, not Moulton, is the progressive choice in the race.

On Sunday, to a crowd of about 70 supporters who gathered at the same Arlington park where he had appeared late in the campaign amid his primary against former representative Joe Kennedy III six years ago, Markey tried to infuse the contest with a greater sense of gravitas.

"There's a wave coming ... in North Carolina, in Ohio, in Iowa," Markey told the crowd, alluding to some of the battleground states where Democrats have hinged their hopes of taking control of the Senate. "And it begins here in Massachusetts Tuesday."

Those listening gamely cheered and clapped along as Markey delivered his final pitch. But even some of them acknowledged the somewhat sleepy dynamic clouding the contest.

"I think this race is just not as intense as some of the others," said Lisa Gurgone, 51, of Waltham.

Only one of three elected officials expected to appear alongside the senator ended up attending the Sunday event.

"In this era, this problematic era we're living through, I do think that the incredible maelstrom of corruption and misinformation and negativity ... may have dampened enthusiasm a little bit for politics overall," state Representative David Rogers, a Democrat who represents Arlington, Belmont, and part of Cambridge, said.

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It's been a marathon to the Democratic primary for both Senate candidates: Representative Seth Moulton, shown at The Irish Cultural Center in West Springfield on Sunday, and Senator Ed Markey, who campaigned in Arlington on the same day.

Each candidate's respective backers can agree on that point. Moulton's events, however, are distinctly animated with exasperation not only over Markey's decision to run again but a sense that many Democrats have seemed content to re-elect him because he is perceived as more progressive.

Will Reichelt, the mayor of West Springfield and a Moulton endorser, argued Markey is "the same candidate as six years ago," when he successfully made his race against Kennedy a referendum on who was more progressive. "Like, nothing's really changed," he told the Globe after introducing Moulton at an event on Sunday.

In this contentious primary cycle for Democrats, however, voters have judged candidates less on ideology and more on their zeal and capability in fighting Trump and Republicans.

That energy was apparent when Moulton spoke to a few dozen supporters at a canvassing launch in a Worcester union hall on Sunday afternoon. One attendee, retired Shrewsbury pediatrician Marianne Felice, asked Moulton a blunt question.

"For the first time in my life, I'm embarrassed to be a Democrat," she said. Referring to Moulton's Democratic colleagues, she asked him, "are they scared? I mean, are they afraid of Trump?"

"I try to be respectful of other Democrats, but I get this question a lot," Moulton responded.

The strength of that sentiment among Democrats has often boosted younger candidates elsewhere who challenged entrenched veterans — but the dynamic has not factored as much into this race as might have been expected.

Moulton has taken shots at Markey for certain votes to confirm Trump nominees to argue he's no longer an effective fighter, though he always ties the point to his broader pitch about generational change.

"That's why it's time for a change," Moulton said in Worcester. "And a new generation of leaders is saying, 'no, we're going to take the fight to these guys, and we are going to win.'"

But Markey in turn has painted himself as the person best positioned to take on the Republican president. In Arlington Sunday, he promised to fight the administration "insistently, persistently, [and] consistently," while railing against ICE, the war in Iran, and Attorney General Todd Blanche.

While his supporters concede that age may be a factor in a candidate's ability to serve effectively, Markey, they argue, isn't showing signs of slowing down — and his record is more in line with the Democratic diehards that tend to turn out in primaries in Massachusetts.

"This is a very clear race between two candidates who are nothing alike," Tyler Hack, a trans rights organizer and the founder of Christopher Street Project, said. "Had this been a race between Ed Markey and Ed Markey a little bit younger, I don't know how it would be going. But it's not."

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Army secretary is stepping down, White House confirms

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WASHINGTON — Army Secretary Dan Driscoll is stepping down after 18 months on the job, the White House said Monday, in the latest departure of a top military leader during the Trump administration.

No reason was given for the departure of Driscoll, who is a friend of Vice President JD Vance, but tensions with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth have been widely reported. It marks the latest in a series of shakeups of the military leadership, with the Army especially seeing major upheaval.

An Army official, who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said Driscoll spoke with President Trump on the current state of the Army and submitted his resignation. The official did not provide additional details. The Pentagon referred questions to the Army.

Hegseth suddenly ousted the service's top uniformed leader, General Randy George, in April, while the Army's commander in Europe and Africa, General Christopher Donahue, unexpectedly stepped down in June.

General Christopher LaNeve, who has made a meteoric rise under Hegseth, took George's place as the Army's acting chief of staff. Under LaNeve, the service is pulling the plug on a drone modernization program that Driscoll had heralded. An Army unit based in Europe was building its own drones before LaNeve directed it to end its efforts and return to being a traditional infantry battalion, officials said in August.

Driscoll was a George ally and lamented his departure, along with both Republican and Democratic lawmakers.

As Army secretary, Driscoll was tapped for the unusual role of key negotiator to try to end the war between Russia and Ukraine. He was also a major force behind trying to cut the red tape for military contractors to quickly develop more drones and counter-drone capabilities as warfare rapidly changes around the world.

His departure comes after Hegseth ousted several other generals and admirals, including the head of the Navy.

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Army Secretary Dan Driscoll's departure is the latest exit of a top military leader during the Trump administration.

More mail ballots are arriving late this year

The rate at which mail votes have been rejected for arriving late has ticked up in primaries this year and general elections last year in roughly a dozen states, prompting election officials to worry that the US Postal Service is ill-equipped to deliver ballots in the fall midterms.

The states studied by The New York Times include some of the most critical battleground House and Senate seats where control of Congress will be determined, as well as key races for governor and secretary of state. The Times obtained data from California, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Washington.

In Wisconsin, which hosts an open race for governor, a competitive House election plus contests for both chambers of the state Legislature, lateness accounted for about 5,000 rejected mail ballots in the spring primary this year, or 78 percent of all tossed ballots. During the last spring election, in 2023, the figure was roughly 2,300, or 47 percent of all tossed votes.

The increase is particularly striking when comparing primaries in 2024 and this year. In Michigan's primary in August, more than 10,000 mail ballots were rejected for arriving after the state's deadline of 8 p.m. on election day. That is nearly double the number of ballots rejected in 2024. In Washington, the number of late-arriving mail ballots increased from about 16,000 to more than 20,000 in the same period.

The rise in rejected ballots comes at a time of immense upheaval at the Postal Service, where a budget crisis has prompted widespread complaints about delivery delays. The increase also comes as President Trump and his allies are trying to transform the 251-year-old agency into a central player in their quest to restrict mail voting and otherwise overhaul the nation's elections.

Roughly two dozen states sued the government over the president's executive order governing mail voting, which would require states to hand over voter information and would empower the Postal Service to block mail ballots from being sent or delivered in states that do not comply. The moves have especially alarmed Democrats, who fear the president could use the Postal Service to tip the scales of a midterm election that polls show currently favors their party. Trump has stated publicly that curtailing mail voting is good for Republicans.

A federal judge issued a ruling Thursday blocking the Postal Service from proceeding after concluding that the agency's plan appeared to overstep its legal mandate and could spark chaos by changing rules fewer than 70 days before an election. The administration is appealing.

NEW YORK TIMES

General says no plans to send troops to election polls

WASHINGTON — The highest-ranking officer in the US military says there are no plans to send troops to polling places during November's midterm congressional elections, addressing concerns among Democrats that the Trump administration could use the military to interfere with the vote.

General Dan Caine, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made the statement in a letter to Michigan Democratic Senator Elissa Slotkin, who recently asked Caine and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to confirm they won't send troops to the polls.

"The Joint Force has no plans to send Federal military personnel or Federalized members of the National Guard to polling places during the 2026 elections," Caine said in the letter to Slotkin, which was obtained Monday by the Associated Press. "Likewise, the Joint Force has no plans to use such personnel to seize ballots, voting machines, or other election-related material."

Caine, who advises Hegseth and President Trump on military matters, also wrote: "I have neither received nor anticipate receiving any unlawful order concerning the role of the Joint Force in the upcoming November 2026 midterm elections."

Anxiety among Democrats that the Trump administration could try to meddle in the midterm elections has grown, particularly after the president deployed federal agents in Democratic-led states over the objections of local leaders.

Slotkin told the AP earlier in August that Trump has been laying the groundwork to claim the elections were stolen. She noted that Trump contemplated using the military to seize voting machines after his loss in 2020 and has deployed the National Guard to cities against the wishes of Democratic leaders. He also deployed active duty Marines to Los Angeles during his immigration crackdown in 2025.

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Trump is now talking more about post-presidency life

WASHINGTON — President Trump has frequently suggested he wants to seek a third term, posting about mounting another campaign, donning 2028 caps, and discussing ways to make it happen — even as he's acknowledged the Constitution prohibits it.

But lately, Trump has begun showing signs that even he doesn't really believe another run will happen.

During recent speeches, the Republican president has begun describing life after the White House when his term ends in January 2029, predicting he'll be at home and agonizing as his successor claims credit for his accomplishments.

"Your next president is going to say, 'What a great job I did,'" Trump told an event on Long Island, New York, this month. "He'll be sitting around, watching television. A real stiff. Unless you vote Republican, of course."

Being willing to say he's contemplating a White House without him marks a notable shift for Trump. Going back to his first term and from virtually the moment he won a second, he's left the door open to staying put for more than eight years.

The White House dismissed suggestions that Trump's thoughts are increasingly turning to the clock running out on his presidency — and legacy.

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JEFF THIELMAN, *chief executive of the International Institute of New England*

Losing TPS, Haitians take job skills to Canada

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workforce who contributed roughly $480 million a year to the local economy are being forced out, according to the immigration policy organization FWD.us. Many of them cared for residents who are elderly, disabled, or in need of long-term care. And those workers are taking tens of millions of dollars worth of skills and resources they gained in Massachusetts with them — provided largely by federal and state dollars, as well as philanthropic grants — at a time when the need for the work they provided is expanding.

Jude, who asked to be referred to by his first name to protect his safety, said his dream had always been to come to the United States. After he arrived in Massachusetts, he took sewing classes at his church and got help with English and cash assistance from a refugee organization. He soon found a job making protective gear for firefighters, earning enough money to buy a car and rent a room.

"The only thing that I can think of was the way the country has turned," he said, speaking in Haitian Creole, through an interpreter.

In Canada, he already has four jobs lined up — including one at a local branch of the factory he worked for in Massachusetts.

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A woman with a Haitian flag joined a July rally at Boston City Hall Plaza to push lawmakers to preserve temporary protected status for Haitians.

Sabyne Denaud, a Haitian immigrant who works for the International Institute of New England, which assisted Jude, knows of at least 65 Haitians in Massachusetts who have left for Canada. The institute has supported 13,000 legal Haitian migrants over the past three years, providing $60 million in federally funded cash assistance and investing nearly $13 million in state and federal dollars to help them secure housing, access health care, learn English, and build job skills.

"It's a very twisted policy for the United States of America, and the state of Massachusetts, and individual donors and volunteers, to invest in people and then have all we've invested in them be taken to another country," said Jeff Thielman, chief executive of the International Institute of New England. "It takes a lot of effort inside our organization and others to get people ready ... and that is now benefiting Canada. That is not what the taxpayers want."

Massachusetts has provided immigration-related legal assistance to more than 17,000 people in the past three years, along with skills training, English classes, and employer connections. The state didn't have cost estimates or breakdowns for Haitians, but a spokesperson noted that the termination of TPS is "devastating" for the economy.

"It undermines the work our administration has been doing from day one to make sure all Massachusetts residents — including immigrants — have the skills and training they need to succeed and contribute to our economy," Karissa Hand said in a statement.

Returning to Haiti voluntarily isn't an option for many migrants. Parts of the country have been overrun by gang violence, and more than half the country's population is expected to require humanitarian assistance this year. Deportation flights from the US began in early August, and the Trump administration is planning to ramp up flights to once a week, according to news reports. Flights will land in the city of Cap-Haitien because the capital, Port-au-Prince, is considered too dangerous. Just last week, at least 47 people were killed and more than 50 others kidnapped during an attack in a nearby community.

The White House has noted that it "generously made free flights available" for Haitians ordered to leave the US, referring to the offer of a plane ticket and $2,600 in cash for those who self-deport using an app, but did not address the deportation flights to Haiti.

Advocates supporting returning immigrants have said there are no government programs in Haiti able to assist the 350,000 participants in the TPS program.

Claiming asylum in Canada isn't easy, however. Haitians must have a family member living there or qualify for other limited exceptions; if they don't, they'll be handed over to US authorities. In the first seven months of the year, 827 asylum claimants were sent back.

Canada doesn't deport people to Haiti, but returning them to a country where they have lost legal status amounts to "deportation by proxy," said Frantz Andre, coordinator of the Action Committee for People Without Status.

Those who aren't sent back to the US can still face difficulties. Haitians who previously made asylum claims in the US are ineligible for asylum in Canada, putting them in a kind of "legal limbo," said Julia Sande, a lawyer at Amnesty International Canada. They can apply for work permits but don't have a clear path to permanent legal status, which would allow them to become citizens, vote, or sponsor other relatives. They can apply for permanent residency on humanitarian and compassionate grounds, but the process can take more than 10 years, possibly decades, due to the backlog.

Canada has become less accepting of immigrants in recent years, Andre said. Canadian border agents are increasingly acting like American agents, Andre said, seeking out undocumented people in order to deport them. Last year, 56 percent of Canadians said the country let in too many immigrants, a more than 20 percentage point increase from 2022, according to the Environics Institute for Survey Research.

"In many ways, we are the 51st state," said Andre, referring to the growing anti-immigrant sentiment in his country.

Some advocates are calling on the Canadian government to create a special program for Haitians leaving the United States, given that many are skilled workers.

Geraldyne, who was a social worker in Haiti, became a certified nursing assistant at Mass General Hospital after arriving in the Boston area legally three years ago. Her husband, Pierre, a former teacher, trained as a carpenter and worked as an inventory manager for Flik Hospitality Group. They took English classes, rented an apartment, and had another baby. "We were on the path of a stable life," said Geraldyne, who asked to be identified by her first name for her safety.

But fearful of the Trump administration's crackdown on immigrants, they left for Quebec last summer. Now they are crowded into a family member's home, living in legal limbo. Pierre and Geraldyne found jobs, and their 8-year-old son, who learned Spanish when they fled first to the Dominican Republic, then English in the United States, is grappling with French.

"There is nothing sure," said Geraldyne, 34.

Geraldyne and Pierre got job training and studied English through JVS Boston, which has invested roughly $23 million in more than 3,400 Haitian clients over the past three years.

Workforce growth in Massachusetts has come almost exclusively from immigration, said Kira Khazatsky, chief executive of JVS Boston, and now that the border is essentially closed, new strategies are essential.

"You're losing a pretty significant percentage of people that are willing to do this work well," she said. "Things are going to get desperate."

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Everyone's weighing in on your use (or not) of GLP-1 drugs

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Malden who knows she has weight to lose but who wants to do it naturally, and to say "[expletive] you" to the co-workers badgering her to take a weight-loss drug.

"The ladies I work with, they've all taken GLP-1s, and they're like, 'What are you waiting for — do you want to stay like that forever?'" she said, requesting that only her last initial be used for privacy reasons.

And Jun Ni, a railroad project manager from West Roxbury, who describes herself as "larger," and puts off medical care because she dreads her doctor's relentless pressure to start on a GLP-1.

"I've worked through shame and body-image issues, and I don't have any health issues," said Ni.

"It feels predatory."

It seems hard to believe, but the "Ozempic era" is only a few years old. In 2021, views for TikTok videos tagged with #Ozempic were a mere 2 million, according to a history of the drug's rise by the Medical University of South Carolina. In 2023, the views hit 1.2 billion, the school reported.

The society-wide makeover it enabled was so intense that at the 2023 Oscars, host Jimmy Kimmel joked about it from the stage. "Everybody looks so great," he said.

"When I look around this room, I can't help but wonder 'Is Ozempic right for me?'" And a cosmetic dermatologist coined a term to describe the look: "Ozempic face."

By now, it's so widespread that restaurants, marriages, and seamstresses are feeling the impact. "Smaller portions, more protein: How GLP-1s are quietly changing chain restaurant menus," read an NBC news headline.

"Fat jabs to unleash divorce boom," The Telegraph reported. "Size Doesn't Matter, Fit Does: Introducing David's Fit Guarantee™," read the David's Bridal press release.

But not everyone wants to use the medications (and some patients with certain pre-existing conditions have been advised not to for safety reasons).

For starters, even with insurance, the drugs can come with high costs, "and," said Finkel, "you're supposed to do it for your whole life."

Many people don't want to risk the known and unknown side effects — which can be as temporary as nausea or as long-lasting as eye damage. Others say they want to repair their emotional relationship with food at its source.

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The injectable drug Ozempic is a GLP-1 that is used for weight loss. Many people are judged for using the drugs while others face pressure to get on the bandwagon.

Virgie Tovar, host of the "GLP-1 Truth Serum" podcast and an expert on weight-based discrimination, says the new weight-loss drugs have unleashed "peak weight stigma or fat phobia."

Because conversation about weight has now been "medicalized," it's given friends, family, and even strangers the self-appointed right to meddle, she said, as she captured the thinking: "It's my job to step in if someone has a disease they're not treating because GLP-1 ads are using that language."

"But I don't think it's about health," she said.

As evidence, she pointed to the fact that people are being shamed whether or not they take a weight-loss drug.

Meghan Garcia-Webb, a medical doctor who runs a boutique weight-management practice in Newton, hears those very challenges from patients in her practice.

"You are policed if you are too thin," she said (cue the frenzy around Ariana Grande). "If you lose weight, people say inappropriate things to you. And if you accept yourself as you are, people ask why aren't you taking these meds?"

Given our pre-GLP-1 obsession with weight and dieting, it would have been hard to imagine things getting even more bonkers, but Lauren Beckham Falcone, the WROR radio host, captured the heightened madness.

'The ladies I work with, they've all taken GLP-1s, and they're like, "What are you waiting for — do you want to stay like that forever?"'

ASHLEY L. *about being pressured to use weight-loss drugs*

She lost weight a little while ago, she said, and wanted everyone to know she did it without the use of drugs.

But now that she's gained the weight back, she's insulted because she thinks others are thinking that she's not using a drug.

"It's the new embarrassing life status: She's not taking the shot."

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Here are the Globe's endorsements in Tuesday's primary

If you want a say in the future, make sure to vote Tuesday. Sure, it's "just" the primary. But make no mistake, this is the vote that counts — that will almost surely decide who goes to Washington or Beacon Hill to represent you and your interests.

The winners of Democratic primaries have an overwhelming advantage in the November general election, because of the state's overall Democratic lean and because the state Republican Party does not contest many seats.

This year, there's a competitive statewide Democratic primary for US Senate, between incumbent Ed Markey and challenger Seth Moulton. Markey has been a legislative stalwart, but after 50 years in Washington and a rising tide of dissatisfaction with the aging Democratic party, it's time for new faces. The Globe editorial board has endorsed Moulton, 47, currently the congressman for the North Shore.

Since Moulton is running for Senate, there's also a primary for the congressional seat he's vacating. In a crowded field, the Globe endorsed Tram Nguyen, a state representative from Andover who's proven an adept legislator on Beacon Hill and should be able to bring those skills to Washington.

Another competitive congressional race is playing out in the district that includes parts of Boston and southern suburbs. Twenty-five-year veteran representative Stephen F. Lynch of South Boston faces a serious challenge from newcomer Patrick Roath of Jamaica Plain. The Globe endorses Roath, who would be a more energetic champion for the district.

In a rarity, many parts of Massachusetts also feature competitive district attorney races this year. District attorneys are the chief criminal prosecutor in their county. Because most voters never come into contact with the court system except for jury duty, they may not appreciate the power of the office, but DAs make life-or-death decisions. They decide who to charge with crimes, whether to cut plea agreements, and whether to give defendants second chances.

In Suffolk County, which includes Boston, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop, the Globe endorsed incumbent DA Kevin Hayden for reelection. Hayden is not an especially charismatic character, but his record speaks for itself: Crime in Boston is near record lows.

Marian Ryan has served as DA of Middlesex County, the sprawling region that includes Cambridge, Newton, and many suburbs to the north and west of Boston, for more than a decade. She's been dogged by accusations of poor management and making publicity-driven decisions. One of her top assistants, David Solet, resigned in frustration last year and the Globe endorsed him in his campaign to replace her.

Norfolk County's race is wide open, thanks to the decision by incumbent DA Michael Morrissey not to seek reelection. The office has been at the center of several overlapping controversies about questionable prosecutorial calls, and what it needs now is a leader who will rebuild public trust in the office's legal competence. Although several candidates fit that bill, the Globe endorsed former federal prosecutor Adam Deitch as the best for the job.

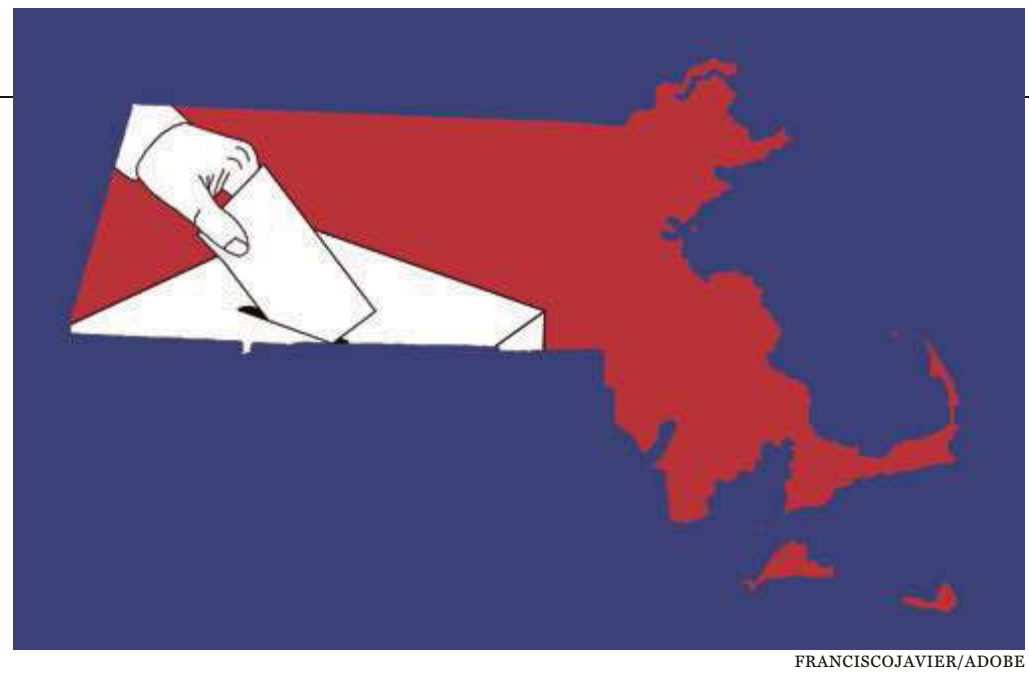
Several state legislative races also have competitive primaries. One in particular is noteworthy: state Senator William Brownsberger faces a challenge from Daniel Lander to represent Belmont, Watertown, and parts of Boston and Cambridge. While Lander is a strong candidate, it's a mystery why he chose to challenge one of the body's most respected members. Brownsberger is one-fortieth of the Senate but provides a much greater percentage of its brainpower, and the Globe enthusiastically endorsed him in the Democratic primary.

On the Republican side, contested primaries are few and far between. But there is a race at the top of the ticket, where Mike Minogue and Brian Shortsleeve are battling for the GOP gubernatorial nod. The winner will take on incumbent Democrat Maura Healey in the fall.

The Globe editorial board believes that a seriously contested race in the fall would be good for the state, but that Minogue's views on abortion put him so far outside the Massachusetts mainstream that his election campaign would be over before it starts. Shortsleeve supports abortion rights and is cut from the same cloth as other successful moderate Massachusetts Republicans like Charlie Baker. The state faces real economic challenges, and the Globe endorsed Shortsleeve in the hope that he can focus on them in the fall.

On Tuesday, registered Democrats and Republicans must vote in their respective primaries, but unenrolled voters — the bulk of the state — can vote in either primary (but not both).

For those unenrolled voters who choose a Republican ballot, we'd urge using it to steer the party back in the moderate direction that's made it successful in the past. For those who vote in the Democratic primary, the choice on Tuesday is likely to prevail in November — so vote accordingly. In all likelihood, this is the vote that matters.



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The four races I'm watching Tuesday night

Incumbents in the Massachusetts Legislature consistently run unopposed, while challengers typically struggle to attract attention. As a result, the workings of Beacon Hill remain largely insulated from electoral pressure.

This year, there are 42 contested legislative primaries. I'm watching four of them because they offer a revealing measure of what Democratic voters expect from the people they send to the State House.

These races test whether Democratic primaries can still serve as vehicles of genuine accountability in a Legislature where too many elections are settled without meaningful competition.

Can seniority become a liability?

West Roxbury's Michael Rush is seeking a ninth term in the state Senate, representing Dedham, Norwood, Walpole, Westwood, and parts of Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, West Roxbury, and Hyde Park. (I live in the district.)

A Navy veteran, Rush has served on Beacon Hill since 2003, when he was elected state representative. His first opponent in 16 years is Persis Yu, a Hyde Park attorney, social worker, and first-time candidate challenging him from the left on affordability and State House transparency.

Rush, the Senate Majority Whip, has the backing of the Democratic establishment, including Mayor Michelle Wu. The Dorchester Reporter noted that Rush supported Wu's tax proposal, while the mayor endorsed challengers to senators who opposed it.

Yu has been a strong fund-raiser. Meanwhile, Globe political reporter Kelly Garrity noted that Rush and other Massachusetts politicians received contributions from Anthropic employees after Rush offered an AI-safety amendment that the company supported and the Senate adopted.

Rush has no apparent campaign website and according to published reports did not debate Yu or show up at a candidate forum with her. He seems to be running on a low-engagement strategy. Voters must decide whether that reflects confidence born of experience or avoidance.

Who will win a progressive stronghold?

State Senator Patricia Jehlen's retirement opened a crowded contest over who can best continue her progressive legacy in a district that includes Somerville and Medford, and parts of Cambridge and Winchester.

Four candidates are running: state Representatives Christine Barber and Erika Uyterhoeven, Cambridge Vice Mayor Burhan Azeem, and Somerville City Councilor Matt McLaughlin. (A fifth, Tom Hopcroft, ended his campaign too late to have his name removed from the ballot.)

The contenders have similar progressive priorities. The disagreement centers on how to wield power on Beacon Hill. Barber, endorsed by Jehlen and Governor Maura Healey, argues that legislative experience and coalition-building produce results. Uyterhoeven emphasizes transparency and a willingness to challenge Beacon Hill leadership. Azeem highlights his municipal record, particularly on housing, while McLaughlin calls himself "the working-class" candidate.

Following the money, the Abundant Housing Massachusetts Independent Expenditure PAC reportedly spent $93,000 supporting Azeem, fueling the debate over outside spending. In the end, the race may reveal less about ideology than about which style of progressive leadership voters want.

What's the impact of a federal indictment?

Six days before the primary, federal prosecutors charged state Representative Francisco Paulino of Methuen with pandemic relief loan fraud and money laundering. They allege that Paulino fraudulently obtained more than $700,000 in pandemic unemployment benefits and business loans before entering the Legislature. Paulino pleaded not guilty.

Paulino, who's seeking a third term representing parts of Lawrence and Methuen, has refused to drop out, saying that he expects to clear his name. Healey called the allegations "very disturbing."

His challenger, Lawrence City Councilor Celina Reyes, was already campaigning on greater transparency and accountability on Beacon Hill. A child-care provider and union organizer, Reyes has struggled to fund-raise. The timing of the federal charges complicate the race — by the time Paulino was arraigned, many voters had already cast their ballots. Still, the remaining voters must determine how much unresolved criminal allegations should matter when choosing their representative.

The 41-vote rematch

In the 2024 Democratic primary, state Representative Marjorie Decker defeated Evan MacKay by just 41 votes. Two years later, MacKay is back.

Decker, who has represented the Cambridge district since 2013, argues her experience and relationships have delivered results for her constituents. Healey and US Senator Ed Markey have endorsed her. MacKay is a former Harvard labor organizer supported by the Democratic Socialists of America, campaigning again on legislative transparency and challenging Beacon Hill's concentration of power. They're both staunch progressives, but their debates have exposed differences over policy approaches.

MacKay entered the rematch with stronger fund-raising than two years ago, while outside groups have spent large sums supporting Decker. The results on Tuesday should settle the question: Did the 2024 razor-thin margin reflect momentary dissatisfaction with Decker or a more durable demand for change?

No Republican or independent candidate is officially running in any of these four contests. Barring a successful write-in campaign, Tuesday's Democratic primaries will determine who will represent these districts in the State House. That means a relatively small share of the electorate will decide four consequential questions about ideology, political power, and experience.

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Why Charlie Baker is backing a Democrat for DA

Former Republican governor Charlie Baker has not endorsed anyone in the Republican gubernatorial primary between Mike Minogue and Brian Shortsleeve.

But he is backing state Representative Christopher Markey, a Democrat running for Bristol County district attorney — and that says a lot about Baker's belief in loyalty and positive politics and a lot more about the self-destructive state of the Republican Party in Massachusetts.

Asked about the Markey endorsement, Baker said in an email exchange, "Chris Markey is just a good human being. … he treated the LG [lieutenant governor], me, and members of our administration with kindness and good will from the moment we took office. He didn't need to do any of that. He just did. And the people I knew and got to know from the Southcoast said he treated me the same way he treats everybody. We are so desperate — at least I am — for people who treat others in public life with courtesy and respect that endorsing him from my point of view was a no brainer."

> The moderate brand of Republican politics favored by Baker has been taken over by MAGA extremists, and an endorsement from him would be more of a curse than a blessing for any Republican candidate in a contested primary.

Baker, who is now president of the NCAA, declined comment on the Republican gubernatorial contest. He has good reason to stay out of it, even though Shortsleeve, who worked in the Baker administration, calls himself "a proud Charlie Baker Republican" and Minogue calls him "a friend."

The moderate brand of Republican politics favored by Baker has been taken over by MAGA extremists, and an endorsement from him would be more of a curse than a blessing for any Republican candidate in a contested primary. As Republican consultant Rob Gray wrote in an email: "Charlie's favorability was/is underwater with Republicans. Trump owns the party for now."

Polling backs up that grim assessment. When Baker left office four years ago, he had an overall favorability rating of nearly 70 percent with Massachusetts voters. But, according to a UMass poll done in October 2022, his approval rating with Republicans was the lowest of all voter categories.

That negative view of Baker held by more conservative voters in Massachusetts has not improved.

In October 2025, when Republican and independent respondents to another UMass poll were asked what qualities were most important in deciding who they would back in the 2026 Republican gubernatorial primary, a Baker endorsement was "close to the bottom of our list of factors," said Tatishe M. Nteta, director of the UMass poll.

While that may be true in Republican primary politics, a Baker endorsement has value in a general election. Why else would Seth Aitken, the Republican candidate for Bristol DA who will be going up against Markey, be griping about Baker's backing of his Democratic opponent? During a recent radio appearance, Aitken called the endorsement by Baker and former lieutenant governor Karyn Polito "politics as usual," and criticized Markey as "a typical 'Ham and Egger' legislator" — a phrase that means he's mediocre.

Markey, who crossed party lines to endorse Baker in 2018, said that he did so because as governor, Baker handled every crisis "in a professional, thoughtful way." To Markey, a former prosecutor, the Baker model is especially important when it comes to the DA's job. "We are seeing the danger of party politics at the federal level, where prosecutors are doing things in courtrooms that are politically biased," he told me in an interview. "I don't think this is a job where your politics should be part of the decision-making when it comes to keeping people safe."

It helps Markey that Bristol County, home to Fall River, New Bedford, and other South Coast communities, is trending conservative and, in the 2024 election, nearly became the first Massachusetts county to break for President Trump. Markey is also running unopposed, so he doesn't have to defend an endorsement from a Republican, even if it comes from a moderate like Baker.

The diminishing influence of the Democratic and Republican parties in Massachusetts may also help boost the value of a Baker endorsement, at least according to a Democratic consultant who asked to remain anonymous. As the Globe recently reported, Democrats now make up about 24 percent of the state's more than 5.1 million registered voters, Republicans have fallen below 8 percent, and unenrolled or independent voters now account for just over 67 percent of the state's total.

Besides his endorsement of Markey in the DA's contest, Baker has also endorsed Micah Jones, the Republican candidate for the Sixth Congressional District, which includes Swampscott, where Baker lives. Jones, who will face off against the winner of the Democratic primary race to replace Representative Seth Moulton, touts Baker's endorsement on his campaign website, with a statement from the former governor saying that he's backing someone who has "a proven record of valuing service over self and is the right candidate to lower the temperature in Washington, D.C. and deliver results for the people of the North Shore and Merrimack Valley."

Baker's values once dominated the Massachusetts GOP. But thanks to the Trumpian takeover of GOP politics, they have lost their appeal with the MAGA base — so much so, that what used to help a Massachusetts Republican, could now help a Democrat.

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Vic Mellor's Cuba work complicates his 'Rhode Island First' campaign

By Peter Laffin

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It isn't entirely clear what Vic Mellor means by "Rhode Island First."

The Republican running in Rhode Island's Second Congressional District is plainly playing on "America First" — a phrase used by protectionists in the 1880s, isolationists before both world wars, and most recently by President Trump. But it's unclear how the principle would apply to a single state. Has Rhode Island been too generous with Ohio?

Mellor's campaign puts it this way: Trillions in foreign investment are pouring into the country, and none of it is reaching Rhode Island because nobody in the state's delegation is on speaking terms with the Trump administration. He knows people there, so he'll bring some of it home. Call it patronage. Call it "Rhode Island First." It is a campaign suited to the times.

Unsurprisingly, there is a grubby detail: Mellor is a registered foreign agent of communist Cuba.

In late May he traveled to the island, ostensibly to deliver humanitarian supplies, and had two long dinners with Raúl Castro's grandson, Raúl "Raulito" Guillermo Rodríguez Castro, who runs the regime's General Directorate of Personal Security. On June 6 Mellor flew to Havana again. The trips, first reported by USA Today, raised the obvious question of whether he was there in some official capacity. A spokesperson for the State Department was blunt: He "is not authorized to speak on behalf of the United States government and is not involved in anything the administration is doing."

Mellor initially told USA Today he had gone at the urging of the Cuban-American National Chamber of Commerce — a curious claim, since its members are barred from dealing with anyone tied to the Castro regime. The Chamber's response was unequivocal: It "did not in any way endorse or urge Mr. Vic Mellor's trip to Cuba," said a spokesperson.

Both the administration and the Chamber disavowed him. So if the trips were not on their behalf, why the meetings with Castro's grandson?

Mellor later offered another explanation: He had gone simply as a private citizen — a salesman for Rhode Island — pursuing business opportunities for the day Cuba opens up.

"There's a massive opportunity for Rhode Island in Cuba," he said. "At some point they are going to open up for business, and I leveraged my connections down in South Florida to get on the island … and I've made some great connections there."

> Mellor's decision to file under FARA one week after the State Department's statement also reads differently: Was he converting an exposed relationship into a declared one?

His Foreign Agents Registration Act filings, submitted a week after the State Department's statement, undercut the pure salesman story.

FARA, passed in 1938 as German propaganda circulated in the United States, requires anyone working in the United States on behalf of a foreign government to register with the Justice Department and disclose what they're doing. It doesn't prohibit the work. It just makes it public, on the premise that Americans should know when someone shaping their politics is doing it for a foreign principal.

An attachment to one of Mellor's filings is a nine-page teaching document that instructs the operators of a social media account called "CubanConversation" on how to argue about Cuba with Americans. It lists "five disciplines" for every response. One is never to use the other side's vocabulary — "regime," "dictator," "failed state" — because that cedes the framing battle.

The document then applies the method to an X post by Republican Representative Carlos Giménez of Florida, the only Cuban-born member of Congress, who had pressed the administration to close an embargo loophole, tagging the accounts of Republican Representatives María Elvira Salazar and Mario Díaz-Balart, both of Florida. It analyzes why the post is effective and supplies three suggested replies.

I asked the Mellor campaign what purpose this material served. I received no reply.

After reading the document, the State Department's disavowal looks less like simple distancing and more like a line being drawn. Secretary of State Marco Rubio has spent his career advocating maximum pressure on the Castro regime — precisely the position the teaching document targets.

Mellor's decision to file under FARA one week after the State Department's statement also reads differently: Was he converting an exposed relationship into a declared one?

Mellor maintains the registration was a voluntary transparency measure, that he took no compensation, and that he was simply positioning Rhode Island for future trade. Those claims are on the record. They do not erase the filings or the teaching document.

Rhode Island voters deserve clearer answers before the Republican primary on Sept. 8.

For instance, federal law bars sitting members of Congress from acting as agents of a foreign principal. Would Mellor withdraw the registrations if he won — and does he see any conflict in the first place?

Also, why do his FARA filings list Florida as his state of residence and not Rhode Island, which he instead listed as his "business address"?

And perhaps most importantly, what does helping the Cuban government win arguments with elected American officials have to do with the people of Rhode Island?

After all, aren't they the ones Mellor is supposedly putting "first"?

INBOX

In Fed report on racial wealth gap, Mass. has a new measure of an age-old inequity

We have to confront our history of disparity to make lasting repair

Colette A.M. Phillips, writing about the recent report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston on family wealth in Massachusetts, is right that we cannot close the state's racial wealth gap without creating wealth ("Ten years later, Boston's racial wealth gap is as glaring as ever," Opinion, Aug. 21).

Phillips rightly points to homeownership, business ownership, access to capital, and the ability to pass assets from one generation to the next as essential to advancement. But as she notes, the country's enormous racial wealth gap did not arise because Black and Latino families somehow failed at seizing opportunities to accumulate assets. It arose from generations of exclusion from those very opportunities — including property ownership, lending, contracting, education, and access to capital.

In a recent conversation with New York Times columnist Ezra Klein, Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative, argues that we cannot create lasting repair without first confronting the history that produced the disparity. Stevenson says that there is a sequence to genuine repair: truth-telling, acknowledgment, and then restoration. As he puts it, we make a mistake when we try to skip the truth-telling part and move directly to repair, reconciliation, and restoration.

That insight matters for economic policy. We should absolutely create wealth in communities of color. But we should also be willing to ask what was taken, denied, or systematically withheld, from whom, and how those accumulated disadvantages can be repaired.

Creating wealth is essential. But if we want to close the racial wealth gap rather than merely narrow it temporarily, perhaps we need to begin by understanding — and reckoning with — how the gap was created.

GARY RUCINSKI
Newton

'Starter home' ballot initiative offers a path to creating wealth

Kudos to the Globe for its recent coverage of the impact of homeownership on the racial wealth inequities in Massachusetts. Any residents of Massachusetts looking for a concrete action to help solve this problem should vote yes on Question 7 in November.

Question 7, which is being referred to as the "starter home" ballot initiative, would override local zoning restrictions that prevent single-family homes from being built on smaller lots. The front-page article "Racial wealth gap persists in Mass." mentioned a few of the historic discriminatory restrictions on homeownership that explicitly targeted racial minorities, including mortgage "redlining" practices and race-based covenants that prevented homes from being purchased by nonwhite families.

Intentionally or not, for decades local zoning restrictions requiring large minimum lot sizes have also acted as a barrier to homeownership for people of color, especially in the suburbs of Boston. Using my town as an example, Hingham's zoning rules require a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet, or almost half an acre, and in some areas of town the minimum is even higher, at 30,000 or 40,000 square feet. According to 2020 Census data, Hingham is 93 percent white. This is not a coincidence.

Question 7 requires cities and towns statewide to permit single-family houses on residential parcels of at least 5,000 square feet, so long as they meet frontage and sewer and water access requirements. This would greatly expand the opportunities for new generations of homeowners — of all ethnicities — in the Boston suburbs and across Massachusetts.

MIKE SUTTON
Hingham

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Bank lauded for playing a role in reversing inequity

As an Eastern Bank customer for more than two decades, I was concerned when the bank went public in 2020. The bank had been known as a financial institution that was more invested in the community than many of its peers, and I suspected that having shareholders would undermine that social commitment. Therefore, I was pleased not only to see its board chair acknowledge the recent Boston Fed report confirming the continuing massive racial wealth gap separating households in Massachusetts but also to see that the bank helped provide the funding for the report (Bold Types, Business, Aug. 18).

In this time when many institutions have bowed to the Trump administration's overt racism and withdrawn from diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, Eastern Bank has committed to investing in minority communities to help address the profound American problem of inequity.

PERRY COTTRELLE
Malden

Tired of watching the rich get richer? Make your vote count.

Yowza! The wealth gap in Massachusetts has solidified ("High housing prices help solidify Mass. wealth gap," Page A1, Aug. 15).

Last month's report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston says the median price for a single-family home in Massachusetts has increased 88 percent in 10 years. While the rich get richer, the poor get closed out of homeownership, still the best wealth-builder for the country's working class.

The candidate who has the best plan to turn this economic Titanic around *should* be able to bring change to Congress and the White House. And still there are MAGA masses who trust the corrupt billionaire wannabe-king in the White House now. Unbelievable.

It's time to throw this administration's tea overboard. Where there's a will there's a way.

DENISE MAGUIRE
Hingham

Developer drops housing project for Davis Sq.

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to act, Copper Mill was forced to step away from its arrangement with the property owners," he said Monday. "It's simply not feasible to continue to pour capital into a project, even one that would build 500 new housing units, when the City continues to demonstrate it is not serious about building more housing."

Somerville Mayor Jake Wilson, meanwhile, dismissed the idea that the city was apathetic to housing projects as "laughable," saying Monday that the project failed to progress because it never had the backing of its neighbors.

The idea to build so big in the heart of Davis Square had been ambitious, to say the least, and elicited strong feelings far and wide about the impact it would have on its surroundings, were it to be built as Flynn envisioned it.

Critics said the scale of the plan was out of step for a section of the city where buildings are a few stories tall, at most, and is characterized by its eclectic, arty vibe. The site where it would have been built is home to the popular Irish pub and music venue The Burren and the restaurant Dragon Pizza, as well as other small businesses and some vacant spaces.

It also had support, including from advocates in the YIMBY, as in "yes in my backyard," community. Some saw the tower as a way to make the most of the site's proximity to an MBTA Red Line stop and described it as the kind of big thinking needed to address a shortage of housing in the region that has fueled sky-high rents and home prices. Where better to build up, they argued, than at a T stop in an in-demand city?

Wilson, inaugurated as mayor this year, had been publicly neutral on the proposal, saying he would back the project if it earned the backing of neighbors. It just never did.

"We were very clear all along with Copper Mill about what it would take to get our strong support, and that was community support," Wilson said. "We never saw the needle move."

Wilson also noted that Flynn and Copper Mill hadn't filed formal paperwork with the city for the tower. The firm had once been hoping to pursue the project by making use of Massachusetts' 40B program that can fast-track projects with affordable housing, although the firm's application with the state has been paused for some time.

He said the city had been willing to back other large, popular projects in the city, including a mixed-use housing development being built at the site of a former Star Market grocery store in Winter Hill.

"If you look at who has cranes in the sky at this point, we're the city where development is actually happening," he said.

The tower plan had been the latest of several proposals for the site. An early plan called for building student housing, and, later, lab space.

After a pivot to building apartments, Flynn and Copper Mill had made it clear there was not much room for negotiation on how big the project would need to be in order to be profitable, saying it could be no shorter than 24 floors.

The firm had tried to absorb neighborhood feedback on aspects of the plans where they felt they could budge and held multiple in-person meetings for neighbors to attend and offer their thoughts, which could draw sell-out crowds to big Somerville venues.

COPPER MILL

Developer Copper Mill sought approval for a 26-story apartment building in Davis Square. The Somerville site is presently occupied by an Irish pub, The Burren, and other businesses.

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There were many compromises and gestures of good will to appease critics, some of which were extraordinary. Amid fears that the Burren, a hub for Irish music and a Davis Square mainstay, might be lost forever, Copper Mill hatched a plan to dismantle the bar and rebuild it in the new building.

Still, the core issue for many remained the size of the project, and fears that green-lighting one building at that scale might invite other similar ones in its wake.

Separately, neighbors also viewed with some alarm the news that Flynn was facing a lawsuit filed this year over a business deal in Cape Cod, where the previous owners of a hotel he had bought accused him of missing millions of dollars in payments. Flynn has denied wrongdoing.

Over several years of back and forth, the Davis Square project never overcame skepticism from residents that a tower of this scale was appropriate for the location.

Wilson said that he, personally, had been intrigued by the prospect of having so many new homes built all at once, and was a bit more receptive than some to the grandeur of Copper Mill's designs.

"I personally am not bothered by density or height, but I'm not here to impose my aesthetic vision on a neighborhood or on the city," Wilson said. "We were clear all along that if the community supported this, we would support it."

City officials said the owner of the property, a Newton real estate firm, has extended the leases for its current tenants. The firm has also parted ways with Copper Mill.

For now, the city is continuing work on a broader plan for Davis Square, which seeks to represent what residents want to be built in the neighborhood. Wilson expects it to be released in the spring.

"One upshot of the whole development in Davis Square was that it got people talking about this, and it brought a sense of urgency to it," Wilson said. "This proposed development may not be happening, but we are pushing full-steam ahead with the Davis Square neighborhood plan."

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For Richie's Classic Italian Slush, it's about sweet reinvention

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stuffed thoroughfare of Revere Beach Parkway, has sustained itself through sheer luck, or residents' nostalgia for its classic flavors like lemon and cherry. In reality, its longevity was earned, year after year, through constant reinvention.

On a recent Wednesday, Cardillo marched through his warehouse property a block away from Richie's store. There, the slush is manufactured with Cardillo's Super Premium Italian Ice recipe, a formula Cardillo concocted in the 1990s that stays solid at warmer temperatures, allowing vendors to get more profit out of every tub without compromising the nostalgic taste.

"There's so many other companies out there that sell slush, make slush, manufacture Italian ice . . . and they found ways to make it faster, make it quicker, make it cheaper," said Tom Frati, Richie's chief financial officer and Cardillo's childhood friend. "We don't do that."

For the most part, Richie's slush hasn't changed over the business's history. In fact, it wasn't known for its slush until a few years down the line.

When Cardillo's father, Richie Sr., first bought the property in 1956, he opened as a grocer and eventually a sub shop. The business, which sold homemade meatballs and famous pork cutlets, was a success.

Then they started selling lemon slush bought from a local ice cream shop, and lines got even longer. Richie Sr. eventually bought his own machine, made his own flavors, and by the 1970s, when Cardillo was old enough to help his father behind the counter, Richie's had established itself as a "destination" for Everett's sweet tooth.

But in 1983, Richie Sr. had a heart attack, and Cardillo had to quickly pick up the business to keep it going. He cut most of the food, shifted to a seasonal operation, and focused on slush sales. Two years later, Cardillo left the shop to his sister and pivoted to wholesaling. The business took off.

"I [wanted] to grow this into a million-dollar business," Cardillo said. "And I did."

Today, Richie's makes about $7 million in sales, according to Frati, the chief financial officer. Selling to over 2,500 retailers is a big part of their profit, but the business also earns money from the tens of rented push carts that hustle the streets of Greater Boston. Even with such an expansion, Richie's is still owned and operated by family from top to bottom.

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>
> RICHIE CARDILLO JR.
> *owner Richie's Classic Italian Slush*

In their factory, workers fitted in white jumpsuits, some of whom are Cardillo's cousins, operated rows of slush-churning machines that pumped out tubs of robustly flavored Italian ice. The tubs are sent to the main shop down the street, to retailers in Greater Boston, and to states around the country.

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Customers at Richie's Classic Italian Slush shop in Everett. Below, Richie Cardillo Jr. showed off a rainbow slush.

Outside the factory, Cardillo bragged about the "Slush Bus" in the lot: a flashy truck emblazoned with colors and logos mimicking the brick-and-mortar shop.

"If the weather's good and it's not raining, that thing draws them in like a magnet," Cardillo said about the truck. "It's beautiful."

The truck is operated by Cardillo's daughter and her wife, Melony Oliveira. Oliveira also manages the window shop, where she leads a team of local teenagers looking for some extra cash.

"I think that's what customers really like is seeing a familiar face," Oliveira said. "And we just kind of keep it creative at the retail store as well."

As much as things stay the same at Richie's, a lot changes year to year. Everett's demographics have shifted drastically over the 70 years the business has been open, and so have the city's taste buds. To keep up while remaining true to Richie's product, Cardillo and his team are always brainstorming new products to appeal to Everett residents.

"Dad reinvented himself after so many years, based on population, based on ethnicity," Cardillo said.

Their most recent success is the mangonada slush — Richie's take on the sweet-and-spicy Mexican frozen drink known as chamoyada.

Visiting the store on the recent Wednesday, Lynette Perez, 30, told The Boston Globe she had been coming to Richie's since she was a kid. As a service member who's often out of town, she said, there's always "a lot of different, new things" to try when she comes back home.

"Before they only had like just the basic flavors . . . and now they have all these," Perez said, sipping on a mangonada with her mom and kids, who ate candy-filled rainbow slush. A flashy monitor carouselled through Richie's new Dubai chocolate and açai bowl products as the family sat on a bench.

"Just trying to figure out what's the next [thing] . . . like, what's changed over the years," Cardillo said, describing his mentality for keeping the business going. "Everything changes. Evolution doesn't stop."

As Cardillo nears retirement, he holds out hope that his children will carry the business further, just as he and his sister did after his father passed away.

"My kids, now they're gonna take it to 100 years I hope," Cardillo said. "Because I'm 62. If I get another good 20, that'll be awesome."

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Compelling races abound

Massachusetts voters, it's Election Day!

We are closing in on one of the quietest primary cycles in recent memory. Early voting has been well underway, though you'd barely know it.

Whether we want to attribute the malaise to the outsize amount of oxygen sucked up by national politics or the distractions of a surprisingly nice summer, even competitive races seem to be struggling for excitement.

But here's the good news: At least we have exciting races. And lots of them.

Take, for starters, the US Senate primary between incumbent Ed Markey and six-term Congressman Seth Moulton.

Moulton has cast this race as a moment calling for generational change in Washington. Markey, who turned 80 during the campaign, pushes back that he has the support of younger colleagues in Washington like Congresswomen Ayanna Pressley and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, as well as the allegiance of many young voters.

He stumbled, though, in a recent debate, when his answer to a question about using AI (OK, I asked it) went viral for all the wrong reasons. Markey seemed to display a pretty shaky grasp of the AI issues Congress will be challenged to regulate. Moulton pounced on Markey's response as a perfect example of why the Senate needs younger leadership, going so far as to call Markey's answer "potentially disqualifying."

This race has, in some ways, felt like a replay of Markey's race six years ago against another much younger congressman, Joseph P. Kennedy III. Markey beat Kennedy by selling himself as the more progressive candidate, trouncing him among the younger voters Kennedy was counting on winning. This race feels considerably closer, but Markey's late-career appeal to progressives and younger voters may carry the day once again.

Another generational clash looms in the Eighth Congressional District, where attorney Patrick Roath, a former aide to Governor Deval Patrick, is attempting to unseat veteran Stephen Lynch of South Boston.

Lynch hasn't faced serious competition in years — if ever. The reason why isn't a secret. This district, encompassing parts of Boston and a lot of the South Shore, was drawn to be tailor-made for Lynch, a former union ironworker turned moderate stalwart.

But districts change, even when their boundaries don't move dramatically. The Eighth is no longer defined by Southie and the suburbs that people from Southie moved to during their flight from school desegregation. There's a more receptive audience now to a candidate charging that Lynch's cautious moderation — he was one of the few House Democrats to vote against Obamacare — doesn't reflect how voters feel now.

Lynch's support runs deep, and his electoral track record is formidable. At the same time, voters are down on Congress and less impressed than ever by longevity. If there's a big surprise Tuesday night, this could be it.

Easily the most interesting Boston race is the Suffolk district attorney battle pitting Rachael Rollins against incumbent Kevin Hayden. A race involving a former district attorney and her successor is almost unheard of. But Rollins — who was forced to step down as US attorney following two investigations into her conduct in that office — is mounting a comeback effort.

Apparently, she is hoping voters will forget that the investigations concluded she had misused the office in myriad ways — including doing everything she could think of to boost Hayden's opponent, Ricardo Arroyo, when Hayden ran four years ago. (Full disclosure: I am mentioned in a few places in the report, as a journalist with whom Rollins frequently interacted.)

The biggest challenge for Rollins is simply that Hayden has been an effective DA. While not the most natural politician, he has maintained the office's practice of devoting resources to major crimes that genuinely impact communities, while diverting cases better handled outside the court system. And while crime rates remain stubbornly higher in certain neighborhoods, Boston remains among the safest major cities in the country. There doesn't seem to be much sentiment for casting Hayden aside.

Finally, there are the two state Senate races in which candidates backed by Mayor Michelle Wu are challenging longtime State House insiders. Both Daniel Lander, who's running against William Brownsberger in a district in Belmont, Watertown, and parts of Boston and Cambridge, and Latoya Gayle, who's taking on Nick Collins in a district in Boston, have run strong, energetic campaigns calling for a change.

Both races are tossups. But if there is an institution where change is desperately needed, it's the state Senate.

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No verdict in Clancy trial as judge instructs jury to 'stay the course'

By Shelley Murphy
GLOBE STAFF

PLYMOUTH — Jurors weighing the fate of Lindsay Clancy will begin their fourth day of deliberations Tuesday over whether she is criminally responsible for the slayings of her three children in 2023.

"Stay the course," Judge William F. Sullivan told jurors Monday as he excused them for the day and cautioned them not to read or listen to anything about the case. He told them to resume deliberations in the morning at Plymouth Superior Court.

The jury has deliberated for 17 hours over three days after listening to testimony from 84 witnesses during the six-week trial.

As he left the courthouse Monday, Clancy's attorney, Kevin Reddington, was swarmed by media from across the country as the case has attracted international attention and cast a spotlight on women's postpartum health.

"They're working hard," Reddington said of the jury, noting that

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Defense attorney Kevin Reddington said the jury is "working hard."

SPANNING THE AGES

The Charles River flowed beneath the Echo Bridge on the Newton-Needham line. Built in 1876 to carry the Sudbury Aqueduct to Boston, Echo Bridge in Hemlock Gorge is now a scenic diversion for visitors. A pedestrian walkway is atop the bridge (middle photo) while the viewing platform beneath the bridge provided a good photo opportunity.

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Tompkins defense grills witness

Pot entrepreneur questioned over business dealings

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

A defense attorney for Suffolk Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins Monday painted the prosecution's star witness in Tompkins's ongoing federal corruption trial as a savvy businessman who had much riding on his cooperation with the government in the case.

Martin G. Weinberg, a defense attorney representing Tompkins, cross-examined Frank Perullo, a cannabis entrepreneur and well-known political mover and shaker in Greater Boston, combing over friendly texts between him and Tompkins, and drilling down on some of Perullo's business dealings.

A key part of the government's allegation is that the business Perullo cofounded, Ascend Wellness Holdings, needed the Suffolk sheriff's office to show how the business would have a "positive impact," especially on communities harmed by the nation's war on drugs.

For Ascend, that requirement was allegedly met through its partnership with Tompkins on a program to train and hire people recently released from jail, prosecutors have said.

Weinberg asked Perullo point blank if Tompkins ever threatened to pull a reentry jobs partnership between the sheriff's department and Ascend that is central to the government's extortion case against the politician.

"No," came the reply from Perullo.

Prosecutors allege Tompkins used his position as sheriff to extort Ascend, twice — once for early access to purchase $50,000 worth of stock in the company and later to get his money back after the stock value tanked.

Tompkins had not signed any agreement that would have guaranteed a refund on his initial investment, according to the indictment, but Perullo paid him back anyway.

The partnership between Ascend and the sheriff's department allegedly gave Tompkins leverage; without it, according to prosecutors, company officials feared they would not have their license renewed to operate

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Tara Healey attends event for rival GOP candidate

Governor's sister draws scrutiny

By Samantha J. Gross
GLOBE STAFF

When Republican candidate for governor Michael Minogue posted a collage of photos from a campaign event Sunday night, his campaign recounted spending a night "with neighbors who care deeply about the future of Massachusetts."

That's especially so for a woman captured in one of the photos, beaming next to Minogue as she snapped her own picture. She cares so much, in fact, she's trying to get her sister reelected as governor.

Tara Healey, Governor Maura Healey's younger sister, confidante, and longtime political adviser, attended Minogue's campaign event on Plum Island on Sunday. Minogue's staff snapped a photo of the two and posted it Monday to his Twitter account, albeit without identifying Tara Healey or indicating that Minogue knew he had posed with one of his chief rival's top campaign staff members.

The odd circumstance left several politicos who saw the picture wondering if it could have been AI-generated.

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Lawrence shooting injures 3

Three young men were injured in a shooting near Lawrence High School on Monday afternoon, and the search was on for a suspect, police said. B2

Woman dies

Grandmother succumbed following a failed attempt to rescue her grandson in an Acton pond. B4

Andover man mourns son, granddaughter killed in crash

By Bryan Hecht
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

For Said Naili the pain of losing his only son and granddaughter in a fiery car crash in North Reading Aug. 22 has been unbearable.

But he said there is one solace.

"Allah decided to take them together," the 72-year-old Andover resident said during an emotional interview Thursday, one day after their burial on Aug. 26.

"God didn't want to separate them," Naili said of his 35-year-old son, Samir, and 8-year-old granddaughter, Kashmira. "Neither one would have been able to live without the other."

Kashmira Naili, who would have been a third-grader at South Elementary School in Andover, was a precocious, caring, and empathetic child who dreamed of becoming a doctor, her grandfather said.

His son, he said, was also a "ray of sun," who devoted himself to his daughter and brought joy to others by singing and playing multiple instruments.

"I have never seen a daughter that loved her father and a father who loved his daughter as much as they did," Naili said. "Never even in the movies."

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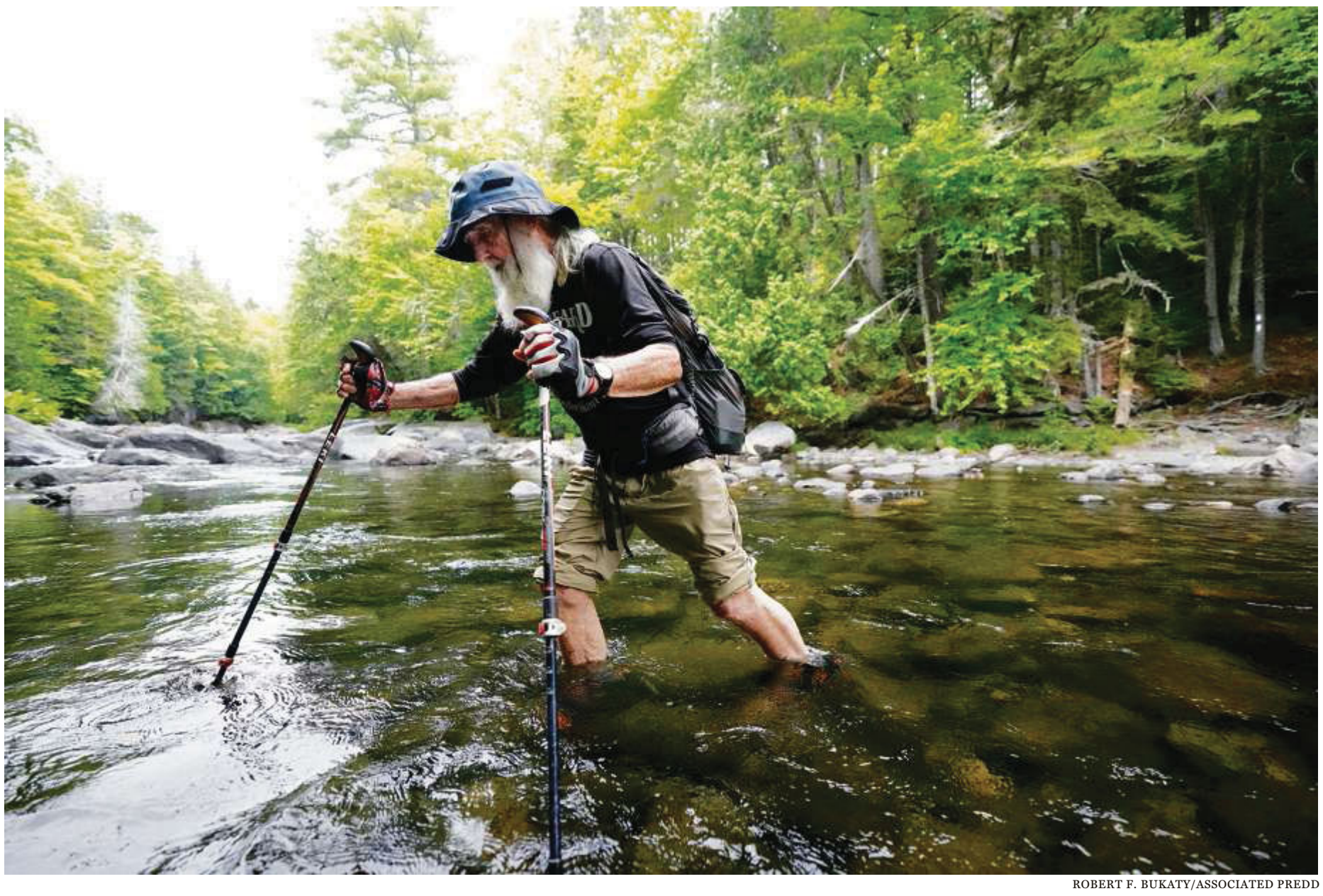

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Appalachian Trail hiker Dale Sanders waded across Big Wilson Stream on the 100-Mile Wilderness north of Monson, Maine, in late July.

At 91, hiker reclaims Appalachian Trail title

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MILLINOCKET, MAINE — A 91-year-old man who goes by the nickname Grey Beard has reclaimed his record as the oldest hiker to complete the Appalachian Trail.

Dale Sanders started last Sept. 6 in West Virginia, hiked the nearly 2,200-mile trail in out-of-order sections with breaks in between, and finished Monday atop Mount Katahdin in Maine. Sanders first set the record in 2017 at age 82. Four years later, 83-year-old M.J. Eberhart took the title, but within months, Sanders announced his plan for a comeback.

By his count, he fell 71 times along the way. Six were what he calls hard falls, including one that led to a brief hospitalization and another just 200 yards from the finish. But none were enough to permanently divert him from the 2,193-mile trail that runs between Springer Mountain in Georgia and Mount Katahdin.

While Sanders' first journey was easier than he expected, he says the latest trek was considerably harder.

Despite six months of training, he said he wasn't in the best condition when he returned to the trail. "And even today, I feel that I should probably be in better shape than I am," he said last month. "But I just have to always go back and say, 'But I am 91, so I'm blazing new ground hiking long distances like this.'"

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> DALE SANDERS, *who first set the record in 2017 at age 82*

Mills blasts Trump tariffs on Canadian goods in op-ed

By Travis Andersen
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Maine's governor denounced the Trump administration's tariffs on Canadian goods in an op-ed published over the weekend in the Toronto Star newspaper, arguing the levies have harmed her state's economy too.

"On both sides of the border, the president's trade war has driven up the cost of everything from groceries to cars and trucks and construction materials needed to build more homes," Governor Janet Mills wrote on Saturday.

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Monday.

Mills said President Trump's tariffs on Canadian lumber have hit Mainers in that industry particularly hard.

"Increasing costs for Canadian wood has impacted supply throughout the industry," Mills wrote. "As a result, Woodland Pulp in Baileyville was forced to temporarily lay off 144 millworkers last fall. That decision had a ripple effect across the border, impacting more than 50 timber producers throughout the Sussex Region of New Brunswick."

That's not the only area of her state feeling the effects of the tariffs, Mills continued.

"In the Maine section of the Saint John Valley, about 90 percent of municipal road salt comes from Canada," she wrote. "In response to the president's new tariffs, a major Canadian distributor has announced that it will halt deliveries for the foreseeable future."

Mills said the tariffs also adversely affected Jay, a rural Maine town that overwhelmingly voted for Trump in 2024.

Jay had been eyed for a "promising" project intended to turn a shuttered mill into "an oriented strand board production facility, creating 125 new jobs," Mills said.

That project's no longer viable, she said.

"The developer was forced to scrap his plans when tariffs made importing critical equipment from Europe too expensive," Mills wrote.

She said Canada has responded with retaliatory tariffs, adding levies to goods that last year made up $170 million of Maine's exports.

"These tariffs will make exporting these goods more expensive, worsening the damage to industries and communities that never asked to be caught in this fight," Mills wrote.

She also took aim at Vice President JD Vance, who she said visited Maine recently and said the Trump administration wants to ensure Mainers get a "fair deal."

"There is nothing fair about a trade war that is raising costs for Maine families, killing manufacturing opportunities, or putting small businesses, millworkers and rural communities in the crosshairs of a fight they did not start," Mills said.

Trump must "de-escalate his unnecessary trade war" before Canada's retaliatory tariffs kick in, she said, noting that Maine residents have deep respect for their neighbors to the north.

"As the Governor of Maine, I want Canadians to know that the people of my state respect your proud history as an independent nation," Mills wrote. "We will continue to raise awareness about how damaging these tariffs are and push Washington to end this dispute."

Mills, a Democrat, has clashed with Trump before, including during a February 2025 event when the two had a testy exchange at the White House over his threat to withhold federal funding from the state unless it banned transgender athletes from competing in women's and girls' sports.

"You better do it, because you're not going to get any federal funding," Trump said at the time.

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Shooting leaves 3 injured in Lawrence

Police searching for a suspect

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LAWRENCE - Three young men were injured in a shooting near Lawrence High School on Monday afternoon, and the search was on for a suspect, police said.

The shooting drew a heavy law enforcement response, but did not happen on school property, Police Chief Maurice Aguiler told reporters at a press briefing.

The victims include two teens, and a third male who ight be slightly older, officials said.

The department received a radio transmission from a school resource officer and multiple 911 calls reporting a shooting near Exeter and East Dalton streets at approximately 3 p.m., Aguiler said.

The school officer reported hearing the gunshots coming from a Lawrence Housing Authority property, according to Aguiler.

Police found three injured young men on the scene.

All three received medical treatment before being transported to a local hospital, he said.

The victims are in "various conditions," police said in a statement posted to social media.

Investigators do not believe the shooting was random, and police are actively searching for one suspect, Aguiler said.

The FBI, Massachusetts State Police, Massachusetts Environmental Police, and the Essex County Sheriff's Department are also collaborating on the investigation, according to Aguiler.

At 3:39 p.m. Lawrence police asked the public to avoid the area via social media due to a large police presence.

By early evening, the crime scene tape was down and the area was largely empty. Crawford Street, which is also near the shooting scene, was reopened.

Lawrence Public Schools opened for the new school year last week, according to the district's calendar.

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This day in history

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2026. There are 121 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 88. Comedian-actor Lily Tomlin is 87. Singer Barry Gibb is 80. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 76. Singer Gloria Estefan is 69. TV host-author Padma Lakshmi is 56. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 55. Fashion designer Rachel Zoe is 55. Actor Scott Speedman is 51. Composer-producer Ludwig Göransson is 42. Actor-singer Zendaya is 30.

►In 1715, following a reign of 72 years, King Louis XIV of France died four days before his 77th birthday; he was succeeded by his 5-year-old great-grandson, Louis XV.

►In 1774, British General Thomas Gage ordered soldiers to remove rebel gunpowder from storage in a powder house in Somerville. The soldiers secretly rowed up the Mystic River from Boston and emptied the powder house and removed two cannons from Cambridge. The action, along with unfounded rumors that blood had been shed, prompted militia men from around New England to descend on the area, forcing loyalists and government officials to flee. The reaction to the "Powder Alarm" is considered a dress rehearsal to the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

►In 1807, a federal jury in Virginia acquitted former vice president Aaron Burr of treason for plotting to seize lands belonging to Spain in Louisiana and Mexico.

►In 1821, Massachusetts General Hospital receives its first patient, a horse saddler with syphilis.

►In 1897, the first subway in the United States opened at 6 a.m. as about 100 people crowded onto a Tremont Street train under Park Station in Boston. By the end of the day, more than 100,000 passengers were made on that three-and-a-half minute ride under the city.

►In 1914, the passenger pigeon, once one of the most abundant bird species on earth, went extinct as the last known example, named Martha, died in captivity at the Cincinnati Zoo.

►In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

►In 1939, Nazi Germany invaded Poland, an event regarded as the start of World War II.

►In 1952, Life magazine published Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" in its entirely; also released as a book, it won a Pulitzer Prize in 1953.

►In 1964, pitcher Masanori Murakami of the San Francisco Giants became the first Japanese baseball player to play in a Major League Baseball game.

►In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

►In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of their 21st and final game.

►In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet fighter jet after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

►In 1985, a US-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland.

►In 2004, Islamic terrorists took more than 1,000 people hostage in a school in Beslan, North Ossetia, Russia; the siege would end three days later in gunfire and explosions, leaving 334 people dead — more than half of them children.

►In 2015, invoking "God's authority," Kim Davis, former clerk of Rowan County, Ky., denied marriage licenses to gay couples again in direct defiance of the federal courts and vowed not to resign, even under the pressure of steep fines or jail. (Davis would spend five days in jail as a result, and is currently appealing a ruling ordering her to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in related legal fees.)

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MONDAY MIDDAY **4970**

Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$4,653
First or last 3	$651
Any 2 digits	$56
Any 1 digit	$6

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$194
First 3	$108
Last 3	$108

MONDAY NIGHT **2645**

Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$4,705
First or last 3	$659
Any 2 digits	$56
Any 1 digit	$6

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$196
First 3	$110
Last 3	$110

MILLIONAIRE FOR LIFE

Aug. 30 **9-27-36-54-56**

Millionaire Ball 3

Jackpot: $1 million a year

MASS CASH

August 31 **08-17-22-30-35**

Jackpot: $100,000; no winners

MEGABUCKS

August 31 **01-07-13-14-18-38**

Jackpot: $28,984,866; winners

PREVIOUS DRAWINGS

	Midday	Night
Sunday	7657	5863
Saturday	8506	2352
Friday	9008	1099

MONDAY NUMBERS AROUND NEW ENGLAND

Maine, N.H., Vermont

Day: 3-digit **419** 4-digit **6146**

Eve: 3-digit **500** 4-digit **0584**

Rhode Island **9992**

Connecticut

3-digit **832** 4-digit **0681**

POWERBALL

August 31 **11-17-25-37-49**

Powerball **10** Powerplay **2x**

Estimated jackpot: $131 million

Fifth West Nile case confirmed in Mass.

Residents urged to use caution when outdoors

By Madyline Swearing
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State public health officials said Monday that two more people have tested positive for West Nile virus, bringing the total to five human cases in Massachusetts this year.

A man in his 80s is the third person to test positive for the virus in Middlesex County, and a man in his 70s is the second reported human case in Suffolk County, the state Department of Public Health said in a statement.

Previously, the virus was confirmed in two others exposed in Middlesex County, a man in his 60s and a man in his 90s. In Suffolk County, a man in his 50s was exposed there, the state said.

"As we all try to enjoy the last days of summer, we have to recognize the ongoing risk from WNV," said Dr. Robbie Goldstein, the state's public health commissioner. "People who are older or have compromised immune systems are especially at risk from this disease."

According to the DPH, the risk of contracting the mosquito-borne virus is "high" in Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, Cambridge, Somerville, and Everett.

The first WNV-positive mosquitoes in the state this season were announced in June.

So far, there have been 232 WNV-positive mosquito samples detected in every county in Massachusetts except Nantucket.

"Massachusetts has been responding to the threat of WNV for over 25 years now," Dr. Catherine M. Brown, the state epidemiologist, said in the statement.

"Taking steps to prevent mosquito bites can help keep you healthy for the rest of the season."

People are advised to wear long sleeves and pants and avoid outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours, which are dusk to dawn, the statement said.

Residents should also drain from gutters, birdbaths, kiddie pools, and other places where mosquitoes may be drawn to water, officials said.

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SELF-REFERENTIAL

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A biker was reflected in a mirror propped on a fence along Washington Street in Roslindale on Friday.

Tompkins defense grills cannabis entrepreneur

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a shop downtown.

But at the federal courthouse in Boston's Seaport on Monday, Weinberg tried to poke holes in the government's case, pointing out that Ascend had other options to fulfill the "positive impact" requirements through other preexisting reentry programs, given that the company had challenges hiring inmates through the sheriff's department initiative.

Weinberg also highlighted that despite Perullo's previous testimony that he was concerned that Tompkins's stock requests could be ethically problematic, he maintained his friendship with him.

Texts were shown in court between Perullo, the alleged extortion victim in the case who once served as a campaign adviser to Tompkins, and the Suffolk sheriff. The messages offer a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes backslapping between a longtime political operative and well-known glad-handing Democratic pol who as sheriff has overseen the Nashua Street Jail and the South Bay House of Correction for years.

In one, they both wish each other a happy Father's Day. In another, they discuss setting up a lunch. A third contains banter about a Tompkins campaign t-shirt; "I need your face on my chest," wrote Perullo.

Perullo even messaged Tompkins that he loved him at one point.

"You were not being deceptive saying, 'I love you?'" asked Weinberg.

"Of course not," Perullo said.

Last week during opening arguments, Weinberg portrayed Perullo as having "negotiated a cynical exchange" with federal authorities to avoid prosecution. He returned to this theme on Monday, underscoring what was potentially at risk for Perullo: a six-figure salary and a multimillion dollar home in Lexington.

"Your wealth was in peril, correct?" asked Weinberg.

"Yes," Perullo replied.

Perullo also acknowledged being troubled about the case's impact on his business and his life, saying that his interaction with the FBI regarding the matter "wasn't pleasant," and adding that "I remain concerned today."

"It's just a stressful time," he said.

Monday marked Perullo's second day of testimony. Unlike the prosecutor's questioning of Perullo, where he was at times encouraged to elaborate on his responses, Weinberg tried to limit Perullo to yes or no answers during his lengthy cross-examination.

Weinberg, his hands clasped behind his back and his eyes locked on Perullo, needled the entrepreneur on the specifics of some of his cannabis business dealings and his communication regarding the Tompkins stock deal. Perullo confirmed that he did not discuss the Tompkins deal with other Ascend brass, including Andrea Cabral, a former executive with the company and a close friend of Tompkins. Cabral, who was once Tompkins's boss at the Suffolk sheriff's office, is expected to testify in the trial.

Perullo, as he did on the stand on Friday, said he thought a government official asking for a piece of a company that had an agreement with the official's agency "was not something I should do."

"Politics is not an easy field, is it?" asked Weinberg of Perullo, who for years worked as a political consultant in Massachusetts.

"No," came the reply.

The trial is scheduled to continue on Tuesday.

A LOOK AT MESSAGES

Texts were shown in court Monday between the prosecution's star witness Frank Perullo (left), who once served as a campaign adviser to Suffolk Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins.

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Healey's sister and top aide attends rival GOP candidate event

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But as strange as the pairing was, it was indeed Tara Healey, stretching out her right arm to snap a selfie on her iPhone with the candidate the state Democratic Party has tried to dub "MAGA Mike," given Minogue's past support for President Trump.

Kerry Lyons, a spokesperson for Maura Healey's campaign, confirmed Monday that Tara Healey attended the event. Lyons said Tara Healey saw Minogue was appearing on Plum Island and wanted to "ask a question that matters a lot to her and the Newburyport community."

Lyons pointed to recent headlines about federal immigration enforcement in the area, specifically after US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents entered a Newburyport nail salon and detained a worker earlier this month. Newburyport Mayor Sean Reardon told the Globe that people who saw the arrest said agents entered the business with guns drawn.

Lyons said in a statement that Tara Healey asked Minogue his view on ICE's actions in Newburyport. He also claimed that Tara Healey was "clear about who she was."

Elizabeth Hopkins, a Minogue campaign spokesperson, said Minogue knew who Tara Healey was.

"At these events, Mike takes time to visit with Democrats, Republicans, and independents alike who are ready for a new kind of governor," Hopkins said. "We are all neighbors, not political enemies. He hopes she'll come to another!"

How the state should approach the Trump administration's aggressive approach to immigration has repeatedly filtered into the governor's race. Minogue previously told the Globe he would not have signed legislation that Healey did, banning warrantless civil immigration arrests in courthouses, public schools, child care centers, and elsewhere.

"I'm going to uphold the law," he told the Globe. "That's not upholding the law."

Minogue is vying for the GOP nomination in the Republican primary on Tuesday against Brian Shortsleeve, a venture capitalist and one-time MBTA executive under former governor Charlie Baker.

Tara Healey has advised her sister's election campaigns for more than a decade, helping Maura Healey twice win election as the state's attorney general and then the governor's office four years ago through relationship-building with elected officials, plugged-in community leaders, and perhaps most notably, the state's well-connected labor unions.

TWITTER

Michael Minogue's gubernatorial campaign posted a social media photo of him posing at a campaign event on Sunday with Tara Healey, Governor Maura Healey's sister and adviser.

She's played a role since Healey's nascent 2014 campaign for attorney general, and has been a staple of Maura Healey's campaign payroll.

In a 2022 interview after Maura Healey's first campaign for governor, Tara Healey said she can have conversations with her sister that would be difficult coming from someone else, but her sister trusts that she's "only coming from a good place."

"I think folks feel like I am an extension of Maura," Tara Healey told the Globe at the time. "I appreciate that."

Healey sometimes documents time spent with her sister on the campaign trail. In 2024, she posted a photo with Tara and their other sister, Caitlin, eating breakfast in New Hampshire before supporting Kamala Harris's presidential campaign.

Minogue has largely focused on Healey even amid his contested primary, challenging her to debate — but not Shortsleeve, his primary opponent — and touting the backing of Democratic supporters in campaign materials and advertisements.

Minogue overwhelmingly won the state party's endorsement in April, and in the days afterward, mounted an unsuccessful pressure campaign to try to force Shortsleeve to drop out.

On Monday, the day before the primary election, Minogue sent out a press release announcing an event at a concrete plant, planned for Sept. 10 — nine days after Tuesday's primary.

The title: a "Blueprint for Massachusetts."

'We are all neighbors, not political enemies. He hopes she'll come to another!'

ELIZABETH HOPKINS, *a Mike Minogue campaign spokesperson, said of Healey's attendance.*

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Woman dies after trying to rescue grandson from Acton pond

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A 75-year-old woman died Saturday, a day after trying to rescue her 1-year-old grandson from a pond in Acton, officials said.

The child, who would have turned 2 this week, is believed to have fallen into the water at Nara Park while on a walk around 1:30 p.m. with his grandmother and two siblings, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan said Friday.

He was later flown to a hospital, where he died, officials said.

The grandmother was listed in critical condition after trying to rescue the child. She died the next day, officials said.

"Unfortunately, despite the heroic efforts of the responding crews, both victims ultimately died of their injuries," Acton Fire Chief Anita Arnum said in a statement on Monday.

The grandmother and the young children were not dressed in bathing suits, leading officials to believe the toddler fell into the water by accident near an area with slippery rocks, Ryan said.

The grandmother then went into the water to save the child, officials said. Foul play is not suspected.

That part of the pond is not meant for swimming, Ryan said, and the water goes down to approximately 12 feet deep, according to the town website.

Ryan said the woman and her grandchildren had been dropped off by the children's mother to spend some time at the park.

After the accident, the two older grandchildren, ages 4 and 6, quickly alerted lifeguards, camp counselors, and bystanders who pulled the grandmother and toddler from the water and began providing medical aid. A bystander called police shortly after.

"Incidents like this are difficult for everyone involved, particularly when the outcome is not what we hope for," Arnum said Monday.

"This is a moment to really hold close the thought of this family as well as the people you love," Ryan said.

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No verdict in Clancy trial as jury told to 'stay the course'

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they were shown about 300 exhibits, including Clancy's medical records. Those included some 7,000 pages of records just from one hospital, where she was treated after killing her three children and attempting suicide.

Reddington said he never tries to predict what a jury will do, and believes this jury has been attentive throughout the trial

"I just try to keep her spirits up, talk to her, distract her," Reddington said of Clancy. "It's tough."

Clancy, 36, has admitted to strangling 5-year-old Cora, 3-year-old Dawson, and 8-month-old Callan with exercise bands in the basement of their Duxbury home on Jan. 24, 2023. Afterward, she slashed her wrists and neck, then jumped out a second-story window, severing her spine. She was paralyzed from the waist down and appears in court each day in a wheelchair.

She has pleaded not guilty to three counts of first-degree murder.

The defense has asserted that Clancy desperately sought help for postpartum anxiety, depression, and insomnia in the months leading up to the slayings and was misdiagnosed and mistreated by medical providers who prescribed dozens of drugs that made her mental health worse.

During the trial, witnesses testified that Clancy suffered from a psychotic episode at the time of the slayings, and told them that she heard a man's voice in her head telling her to kill her children and herself.

The defense asserts that Clancy was suffering from mental illness, didn't have the capacity to appreciate the wrongfulness of her actions and couldn't obey the law at the time of the slayings. Prosecutors don't dispute that Clancy was struggling with mental illness, but allege the slayings were premeditated and she knew what she was doing was wrong. They allege that Clancy was depressed and overwhelmed after the birth of her third child and decided to kill herself and take the children with her because she didn't trust anyone else to care for them.

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Lindsay Clancy defense attorney Kevin Reddington (center), is swarmed by the media as he walked with Hannah Estrada (left), and her mother Lurel Witwen, who traveled from Houston.

'Maybe this gets some light on the issue. It is a social issue that has to be addressed, and this case maybe lit the spark.'

KEVIN REDDINGTON, *attorney for Lindsay Clancy, on the case becoming a flashpoint for people concerned with the lack of resources for women suffering from postpartum mental health issues.*

The central question before the jury is whether Clancy should be held criminally responsible for her actions. In Massachusetts, a defendant may be found to lack criminal responsibility if she was suffering from a "mental disease or defect" that made her unable to appreciate the wrongfulness of her actions to a moral certainty, or unable to conform them to the law.

The burden is on prosecutors to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that she should be held criminally responsible.

A verdict slip sent to jurors asks jurors to consider whether she is not guilty, not guilty because she lacks criminal responsibility, or guilty of first-degree murder, second-degree murder or manslaughter.

Clancy's case has become a flashpoint for people concerned with the lack of resources for women suffering from postpartum mental health issues, drawing hordes of Clancy supporters dressed in pink to the courthouse.

"Maybe this gets some light on the issue," Reddington said to a crowd of journalists, podcasters, and bloggers who peppered him with questions as soon as he stepped outside the courthouse Monday. "It is a social issue that has to be addressed, and this case maybe lit the spark."

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'I have never seen a daughter that loved her father and a father who loved his daughter as much as they did.'

SAID NAILI *said of his son and granddaughter who were killed in a car crash in North Reading*

Andover community mourns loss of father, daughter in crash

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The pair, who struggled to go even hours without seeing each other and leaped for joy at the sound of each other's voices, were laid to rest Wednesday at Spring Grove Cemetery in their hometown of Andover, he said.

Father and daughter died in a violent crash on Route 28 in North Reading Saturday, Aug. 22. The two had gone out to buy milk, and were stopped at a red light when they were struck from behind by an alleged drunk driver.

Their car burst into flames, and first responders could not rescue them. The driver, a 21-year-old man from Paxton, is facing multiple charges, including two counts of vehicular homicide.

In the week since the crash, Said Naili said he has been filled with a mix of anger and sadness, wondering how the tragedy could occur.

"Why was this person driven to do these things, and why did it happen to them?" he said. "I wake up at night and during the day, and I just cry, cry, cry, and I say this is God's will."

He said he's received overwhelming support from neighbors and friends across the state and country.

Parents at South Elementary School have suggested planting a memorial tree in Kashmira's honor. Her teachers were among hundreds who attended prayer services in her and Samir's honor at Andover Islamic Center Wednesday, according to Naili.

"All the community was mourning ...," said Umar Ahmad, the mosque's imam.

He knew Kashmira personally, and presiding over her funeral was hard. He remembered her playing with his 2-year-old son between prayers at services.

"She was so kind, so quiet, all the kids loved her," he said. "It was so tragic."

Liz Powell-Naili, Samir's mother, said she didn't know half of the people who packed the mosque, but was so grateful to see what an impact her son had had on others.

He took care of her during a battle with cancer and rehab after a car accident she was in, Powell-Naili said.

"He was always there when I needed him," she said. "I just feel sad. Now in the house I don't hear his music."

Kindness and her ability to light up others came as second nature to Kashmira too, as if she was "touched by an angel," Naili said.

"She was not made for this world," he said, recalling memories of her trying to learn the Quran for him, and phone calls from her school thanking her for helping with some of the kids. The little girl once ran to help a woman who dropped her groceries outside Walmart, he said.

She dreamed of working with sick children at St. Jude's Hospital, he said.

"The impact she had on kids and adults is just beyond imagination," Naili added.

All around town, it seemed, someone had something nice to tell him about Kashmira, he said.

At the town cemetery, where he went to choose a plot for his son and granddaughter, a worker there told him he knew Kashmira through his daughter, who also died.

"Now they're going to be together again," he remembered the worker saying.

Naili said that Kashmira's greatest impact was on her father.

NAILI FAMILY PHOTO

Samir and Kashmira Naili shared a unique love, grandfather Said Naili said.

"She changed his life," he said.

He recalled Samir telling him that when he woke up and saw Kashmira, it filled him with courage and strength to always do the right thing.

The two would go everywhere together, spending time in nature catching bugs or crabs at the beach, he recalled.

She came to live with him in recent years after his son separated from Kashmira's mother, Naili said.

The couple's separation didn't stop them from raising Kashmira, who constantly told Naili that she loved her family.

Kashmira's birth motivated Samir to finish two degrees in computer science from Bunker Hill Community College, Naili said. He also had aspirations to travel the world and become a writer, his mother said.

"It's so hard to see her gone," Naili said, "but at the same time I know she's in heaven, and I know Samir is in heaven, and that for me is the biggest consolation. It's a blessing."

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TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATT JUUL

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A Massachusetts State Police bomb squad officer removed a device from a support column of the Monsignor McGrath Highway in Somerville on Jan. 31, 2007. It was one of several displays, meant to advertise a movie, that triggered panic and a large police response around Boston.

'Robot Chicken Adult Swim Special' pokes fun at Boston over 2007 Mooninite scare

"Robot Chicken" took fans on a trip down cartoon memory lane on Sunday night with a new special celebrating 25 years of Adult Swim.

The long-running stop-motion comedy series united shows from across Adult Swim history for an anniversary celebration set on a cruise ship, with everyone from Gary Cole's superheroic lawyer from "Harvey Birdman, Attorney at Law" to the anthropomorphic fast-food friends of "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" bringing the hijinks. The special also features appearances from the Mooninites, two-dimensional aliens hailing from the Moon's core in "Aqua Teen," and makes a point of mentioning the 2007 bomb scare in Boston involving the infamous characters.

As locals may remember, the Hub went into a bit of a panic on Jan. 31, 2007, when a device with glowing lights was discovered under a highway overpass near Sullivan Square, with similar objects found around Boston. The signs — which displayed the Mooninite character and were intended to promote an "Aqua Teen" movie — were mistakenly perceived as possible explosive devices, drawing a major response from Boston officials and law enforcement, with bomb squad units dispatched and even parts of the highway and T closed. Backlash to the incident resulted in Turner apologizing and paying the city $2 million, with Cartoon Network's general manager at the time, Jim Samples, also resigning.

During the new special, the colorful and pixelated Mooninite aliens Ignignokt and Err (voiced by "Aqua Teen" creators Dave Willis and Matt Maiellaro) join Harvey Birdman in a flashback scene set in a court room, bringing viewers back to the 2007 incident and Adult Swim's showdown with Boston.

"That didn't look like no bomb, and it didn't sniff like no bomb either, so there was no other conclusion for us to come to, except that it was a bomb," says a stop-motion parody of a Boston police officer in the flashback scene, accompanied on the stand by a picture of one of the signs that caused a panic in the city.

"If being an idiot was a crime, the whole city would be behind bars," retorts Harvey Birdman, throwing some not-so-subtle shade at the Hub. The officer goes on to say "It's Boston! Everything's a bomb," and proceeds to tackle the superhero attorney when he takes out his briefcase, believing it to be a bomb, of course.

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

How do I get over a summer camp love?

Q. I've just had the most amazing summer. I traveled here to work at a summer camp in America. The job came with a lot of drama and a lot of people getting upset, but also a lot of good times.

I was with this guy and I really liked him, and I was *really upset* when it ended. Then I found out that one of my best friends actually kissed him and then lied to me about it. That really breaks my heart, but I don't want to ask her about it because I don't want to ruin our friendship.

At the same time, don't I deserve to know? Would a friend really do that to me when she knows how much I cared about him? That's my first question.

This guy was very amazing, and the experience taught me a lot about what I want out of a relationship. But I'm never going to see him again, most likely. He's from a different country. But it just really upsets me, the fact that this will never work, and it felt so right.

So the other question is: How do I get over that? I think about it every day. Even if I go back to the camp, it's never going to be the same again. It'll be different people. I just don't know how to get over all of these experiences and move on, and take that into other parts of my life.

SUMMER LOVE

A. It's barely September, so I'm going to assume you miss everything about camp because it *just happened*.

Camp was an intense, mostly happy, 24-hour experience, right? It put you on an island (maybe literally), where you and other staffers only saw each other.

Years ago I read a book about reality shows, in which former contestants talked about how they were removed from the world and immersed in each other's lives. As characters, they were falling for and fighting with each other all day because they had forgotten *everything else*. The remote location heightened everything.

Camp is a bit like that, as is camp love. It's intense. It moves fast because of the way people spend time together, and the looming deadline.

You're experiencing a post-camp low after all that intensity, but the memories may seem more pleasant when you start whatever you're doing this fall. You'll jump into new activities and get excited about them.

August is just a difficult connector month. As Taylor Swift sings, "August slipped away into a moment in time." She might have added, "The two weeks between camp and college/reality are ... sweet grief."

As for your friend, why don't you see how much you keep in touch over the next few months? The kiss might not bother you as much — or feel as relevant — in October.

By the way, if you want to feel romantic about camp — and the possibility of reconnecting with camp love later in life — listen to our summer camp podcast episode. It's bittersweet.

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

Your entire life will be you integrating experiences into your life and moving forward. That's what it is to be human.

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You need to remember that this was just a summer thing for all of you. You, the guy, and your friend. Are you ever going to see any of them again? Was she your friend before this or did you meet her at the camp, too? And if he was so perfect, why did he kiss her? You had a great summer camp experience, but don't put so much importance on it.

THE-BLOG-CONSIGLIERIE

As for your friend kissing the guy, these things happen. She didn't steal your husband. Not surprising you'd like the same guy. Discuss it with her or don't; the guy's gone either way. Water under the bridge.

BLUEAWNING

Your experiences become part of you. Your paths may cross again, but even if they don't, you have your memories. Your life will return to your regular routine very soon. Remember this time fondly.

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4	WBZ CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Survivor "A Side Dish of Chaos"				NCIS "Reboot"		News (N)	(:35) Comics
5	WCVB ABC	News (N)	Chronicle	Jeopardy! Masters (N)		9/11: United We Stand -- 25 Years Later (N)				NewsCe-nter 5 (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel
6	WLNE ABC	Videos		Whose	Whose	Whose	Whose	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live	
7	WHDH	Inside (N)	Extra (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	7 News at 9PM (N)		7 News at 10PM (N)		7 News at 11PM (N)	(:35) Inside
9	WMUR ABC	Chronicle	News (N)	Debates: US Senate		9/11-25 Years (N)				News (N)	J.Kimmel
10	NBC Boston	Boston News (N)	Holly-wood (N)	America's Got Talent "Quarterfinals 3" (N) (Live)				Password (N)	Password (N)	Boston News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon
10	WJAR NBC	News (N) (Live)	Extra (N)	America's Got Talent "Quarterfinals 3" (N) (Live)				Password (N)	Password (N)	News (N) (Live)	(:35) J. Fallon
11	WENH PBS	Week-ends	In the America	Roots Spike Lee, Kristin Chenoweth		Billy the Kid		Al Capone: Icon		Amanpour and Company (N)	
12	WPRI CBS	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Survivor "A Side Dish of Chaos"				NCIS "Reboot"		12 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Comics
25	WFXT FOX	ET (N)	TMZ (N)	Kitchen Nightmares "Golden Girls" (N)		Beat Shazam (N)		Boston 25 News at 10PM (N) (Live)		News (N) (Live)	(:35) News (N)
27	WUNI	Rosa "Huérfanos digitales" (N)		Tan cerca de ti, nace el amor (N)		Guardián de mi vida (N)		Corazón "Propuesta de matrimonio" (N)		Noticias Univisión	(:35) Noticiero
36	WSBE PBS	Last/-Wine	Served?	As Time Goes By	Waiting for God	Upstart Crow	Keep-Appear	Doc Martin		PBS News Hour	
38	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang "Pilot"	WBZ News 8p (N)		48 Hours "Deputy Spivey on Trial" (N)		Perfect	Perfect	Flip Side	Flip Side
44	WGBX PBS	Test Kitchen	Antiques	Margaret-Rebel "Pleasure vs. Duty"		Margaret-Rebel "Castaway"		Downton Abbey on Masterpiece		PBS News Hour (N)	
50	WWJE	48 Hours		Heartland Homicide		Killer Cases		Crime Stories		Unusual Suspects	
56	WLVI CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	WWE NXT (N) (Live)				7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
64	WNAC FOX	Family Feud	Family Feud	Kitchen Nightmares "Golden Girls" (N)		Beat Shazam (N)		12 News on Fox Pr (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
68	WBPX ION	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire	
	PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax		(:05) ★★★ Magnolia ('99) Julianne Moore, Tom Cruise, Jason Robards. (P)						(:15) ★★ Meg 2: The Trench ('23) Jing Wu, Jason Statham. (P)			
Flix		(6:20) ★★ Tommy Boy ('95)		★★ The Brothers Grimm ('05) Heath Ledger, Peter Stormare, Matt Damon.				★★ Tales From the Darkside: The Movie ('90) (P)			(:40) Rumpels...
HBO		(:20) ★★ Taken 2 ('12) Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen, Liam Neeson.				Train Seahawks (N) (SF)		Lanterns		(:55) Hard Knocks: Seattle Seahawks	
HBO 2		(5:45) Long Walk	(:35) Monsters of God		(:25) Knock Knock ('15) Ana de Armas, Keanu Reeves.			(:05) ★★ Mother Mary ('26) Michaela Coel, Hunter Schafer, Anne Hathaway.			
Paramount-Sho		★★★ The Hangover ('09) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.			(:45) ★★ The Hangover Part II ('11) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.				★★ The Hangover Part III ('13) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.		
Showtime 2		(6:15) ★★ Along Came a Spider ('01)		★★★ Gone Baby Gone ('07) Michelle Monaghan, Casey Affleck.				Every Breath You Take ('21) Casey Affleck.			(:50) The Machinist
Starz!		(5:50) Turbule...	The Night Clerk ('20) Ana de Armas, Tye Sheridan.			(:05) ★★★ Scream ('96) David Arquette, Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell.				★★★ Scream 2 ('97)	
TMC		(6:30) Wes Craven Presents: Dracula III...		★★★ 10 Cloverfield Lane ('16) John Goodman.			(:45) ★★ The Core ('03) Hilary Swank, Delroy Lindo, Aaron Eckhart.				
	SPORTS										
CBSSN		APP Tour Chicago Open: Part 4		APP Tour Chicago Open, Part 5		Inside College Football (N)				APP Tour Chicago Open: Part 6	
ESPN		2026 US Open Tennis Men's & Women's First Round From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)								SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2		2026 US Open Tennis Men's & Women's First Round From the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live)								NFL Live Marcus Spears	
Fox Sports 1		(6:00) Women's College Volleyball		Wm. Volleyball Big Ten / Sec Volleyball Challenge: Texas A&M vs. Purdue (N)				Kevin H Hour Daytona Recap (N)		EWC Paris:	Volley-ball
Golf		Ask Rory	Big Break x Good Good Howdy			Big Break x		Big Break x		Big Break x Howdy	
NBA		NBA G League Basketball				NBA Special		NBA Special		NBA Special	
NBC Sports		(6:30) Early (N)	Early Edition		Tom Curran's	Tom Curran's	Tom Curran's	Boston Sports (N) (Live)		Boston Sports	
NESN		(6:30) Baseball Seattle Mariners at Boston Red Sox					Extra (N)	Red Sox	Red Sox	To Be Announced	
	FAMILY										
Cartoon		Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	RickMorty	RickMorty
Disney		Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	Vampi-rina	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	Kiff	Ladybug	Ladybug
Encore Family		Pegasus: Pony With a Broken W...			Fred 2: Night of the Living Fred			(:55) Lena and Snowball ('21)			Movie
Nickelodeon		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
Nick Jr.		PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..

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BASIC CABLE										
A&E	Customer Wars	Customer Wars	Customer Wars	Customer Wars	Customer Wars	Customer Wars	Customer Wars	Customer Wars	(:05) Customer	(:35) Customer
AMC	★★ Shooter ('07) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.						★★ Jack Reacher ('12) Tom Cruise.			
Animal Planet	Louisiana Law "Backroads Outlaw"		Louisiana "Black Market Butchers"		Louisiana Law "Spotlight Killers"		Louisiana Law "Stalking Bears"		Louisiana Law	
BBC America	★★ Crocodile Dundee II ('88) Paul Hogan.					★★★ Romancing the Stone ('84) Michael Douglas.				
BET	Celebrity Shawn Booth, Ben Higgins		Celebrity Fam. Shaquille O'Neal		Ms. Pat (N)	Comic-View (N)	Comedian CP: Sunday After Six ('25) (P)			Martin
Bravo	(6:45) The Real Housewives		The Rea "Reunion: Part 1" (N)		The Rea "Reunion: Part 2" (N)		(:15) The Real Housewives		(:15) The Rea "Reunion: Part 1"	
CMT	Mama's	Mama's	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
CNN	OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N)		The Source With (N)		CNN NewsNight (N)		Laura (N) (Live)	
Comedy Central	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
CSPAN	(6:00) U.S. House		C-SPAN Primetime				C-SPAN Primetime			
CSPAN2	(6:00) Public Affairs		Public Affairs Events				Public Affairs Events			
Dest. America	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin
Discovery	(6:00) Homestead		Homestead "A Homestead Divided"				Homestead Rescue: Intervention			
Discovery Life	Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried		Hoard-Buried	
E!	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Cocktail	Cocktail	How I Met	How I Met
Encore	(:15) ★ Norbit ('07) Eddie Murphy.				★★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop ('09)			(:35) ★ Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2		
Food	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Bobby's "Titans vs Bao Bao" (N)		Kitchen Undercover "Ay Mami" (N)		Bobby's "Titans vs. Nini Nguyen"		Bobby's "Titans vs Adrianne Calvo"	
Fox News	Ingraham (N) (Live)		Jesse (N) (Live)		Hannity (N) (Live)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News (N) (Live)	
Freeform	(5:30) Game Plan		★★★ Mrs. Doubtfire ('93) Sally Field, Robin Williams.						The 700 Club	
FUSE	Eagles: The Long Road			Stevie Nicks: Wild at Heart			Cheaters	Cheaters	Cheaters	Cheaters
FX	Movie	★★★ Thor: Ragnarok ('17) Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth.					★★ Knight and Day ('10)			
FXM	(5:50) ★★★ Nightmare Alley ('21)				(:55) ★★ Antlers ('21)			(:50) ★★ Antlers ('21)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Royally Ever A...		The Vows We Keep ('21)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark Myst.	(6:00) Murder, She ...		★ Murder, She Wrote: The Celtic Riddle				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote	
HGTV	Love It or List It "Let Me Entertain You!"		Love It or List It "Basement Blues"		Extreme "Bikes and Blended Lives"		House (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
History	The Proof Is Out There		The Proof Is Out There		The Proof Is Out There (N)		(:05) The Proof Is Out There (N)		(:05) The Proof Is Out There	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
HSN	MarlaWynne		PRAI (N) (Live)		Tuesday Night		Tuesday Night		PRAI (N) (Live)	
ID	Evil Lives Here: The Killer Speaks		Evil Lives Here "Badge of Evil"		Psycho-path (N)	Psycho-path (N)	48 Hours (N)		Lethally Blonde "Fatal Escort"	
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
Lifetime	Castle		Castle "Lucky Stiff"		Castle		(:05) Castle "Setup"		(:05) Castle	
LMN	(6:00) Secrets Expos...		Dirty Little Secret ('22)				My Professor's Deadly Secret ('24)			
MAGN	Beachfront Reno		Lakefront Barg		Lakefront Barg (N)		Lakefront Barg		Lakefront Barg	
MSNBC	The Weeknight (N)		All in (N) (Live)		Briefing (N) (Live)		Last Word (N) (Live)		The 11th (N) (Live)	
MTV	Caught in Act		Caught in Act (N)		Caught in Act		Caught in Act		Caught in Act	
National Geographic	Lost "Secrets of the Colosseum"		Lost "Nero's Lost Palace"		Pompeii: Out of "Tremors"		Pompeii: Out of "Eruption"		Pompeii: Out of "Survival"	
NatGeoWild	Zoo: Tampa		Zoo: Tampa		Zoo: Tampa		Zoo: Tampa		Zoo: Tampa	
NECN	News	NBCYOU	Dateline		Dateline		Rescue	OpenHou..	1st Look	Rescue
NewsNation	Vargas Report (N)		Cuomo (N)		On Balance (N)		Katie Pavlich (N)		Jesse Web (N)	
Ovation	Murder Myster.			Leverage		Leverage		Leverage		Leverage
OWN	Deadline: Crime		Deadline: Crime		Deadline: Crime		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets "The Promise"				Dateline: Secrets "Infatuation"				Dateline: Secrets	
Paramount	(6:00) The Wedding Singer			★★★ The School of Rock ('03) Jack Black.					The Wedding Singer	
QVC	KAPLAN MD (N)		Beauty (N) (Live)		Calista (N) (Live)		Inspired Style (N) (Live)			
Science	Strange Evidence		Strange Evidence		Strange Evidence		Strange Evidence		Strange Evidence	
Sundance	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		★★★ The Fifth Element ('97)	
SyFy	Movie	★★★ Signs ('02) Joaquin Phoenix, Mel Gibson.					★★★ The Sixth Sense ('99) Bruce Willis.			
TBS	Leadoff	MLB Baseball (N) (Live)						MLB Close	Office	Office
TCM	(6:00) Philadelphia ...		★★★★ The Adventures of Robin Hood				★★★ Captain Blood ('35) Errol Flynn.			
TLC	1000-lb Roomies		1000-lb (N) (SP)		1000-lb Sisters (N)		1000-lb Roomies (N)		Last Resort	
TNT	(5:15) Black Adam		★★★ Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17)					★★ Black Adam ('22)		
Travel	Portals to Hell		Portals to Hell		Portals to Hell		Portals to Hell		Portals to Hell	
TruTV	Leadoff	MLB Baseball (N)						MLB Close	Super Bowl XX	
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single	Lv Single
USA	Law & Order: SVU "Svengali"		Law & Order: SVU "Blinded"		Law & Order: SVU "Fight"		Law & Order: SVU "Snitch"		Law & Order: SVU "Streetwise"	
VH-1	Chris	Chris	★★ Hancock ('08) Will Smith.				★★ 30 Minutes or Less ('11)			
WE	Criminal Minds		Criminal "Route 66"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	

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From cowboys to disco balls, Kacey Musgraves dazzles

By James Sullivan
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Everybody wants to be a cowboy these days, as Kacey Musgraves observes on one of the standout tracks on her latest album.

The amply awarded pop star is from the "Middle of Nowhere," as the album title notes, a tiny, unincorporated community in northeast Texas called Golden. At TD Garden on Friday, Musgraves celebrated her sixth album with an eclectic, fun-loving set that embraced her rural roots.

Musgraves's music aims for a sweet spot between twang and dream-pop. Country music — and particularly the Tex-Mex two-step of her home state — takes center stage on this tour, with banjo, accordion, and pedal steel guitar providing much of the atmospheric color.

Sure, "Everybody Wants to Be a Cowboy," as the opening song said, until "it's 5 in the morning and it's cold as hell/And the work ain't gonna do itself." After her multicultural band strode onto the circular stage in the middle of the arena, Musgraves appeared in a makeshift elevated structure off to the side, leaning over a barn fence. It looked like the announcer's box at a rodeo or a high school football game.

When Musgraves sang about boots that have never seen dirt, it wasn't exactly an admonishment. You've got to clean the stalls before you can head out on the town.

CJ HARVEY

Kacey Musgraves performs at TD Garden Friday night.

She herself was done up in spangles, wearing a cinch-up flare jumpsuit adorned with silver conchos and fringe. Her microphone transmitter, she explained, was hidden in her voluminous raven hair.

Highlights — and there were many — included "Dry Spell," a wry song, full of double entendres, about a sustained stretch without intimacy. "Merry Go 'Round," from her debut album, "Same Trailer, Different Park" (2012), questioned the marriage trap of small-town life. "Horses and Divorces," co-written with onetime nemesis Miranda Lambert, pointed out that the two actually have more in common than they once thought.

"You set my world on fire," Musgraves sang on "Golden Hour," the title track to her Grammy-winning Album of the Year (2018). (A Boston connection: Since that album, the producer Daniel Tashian — son of Barry and Holly Tashian — has helped Musgraves shape much of her unique sound.)

MUSIC REVIEW

KACEY MUSGRAVES
With Midland. At TD Garden, Friday

After a fountain of special-effects sparks showered from the rigging above the stage, a small fire persisted high overhead. Looking up, Musgraves joked that she had on "way too much hairspray" to feel comfortable about the mishap.

"Anybody got a bedazzled fire extinguisher?" she asked. Eventually, the problem fixed itself.

Another kind of eyebrow-raising prop descended during "Rhinestoned" — two large, pendulous disco balls. Fans may have seen this particular spectacle in viral videos since the tour began.

After the risque video montage of "Mexico Honey" and the gorgeous gentle psychedelia of "Slow Burn," Musgraves mentioned the "wise person" who inspired her song "Rainbow." ("If you want the rainbow," she said, "you gotta put up with the rain.")

That wise person, of course, was Dolly Parton, who died this week at age 80. Dolly F. Parton, as Musgraves declared, giving her a gerund for a middle name.

"Rainbow" was a new addition to this tour's setlist, and the band followed that with a loving rendition of one of Parton's crossover hits, "Here You Come Again." For all Dolly's great music, Musgraves said, how fitting that the tributes that have poured forth have focused on her humanitarian instincts.

If it's true that everybody wants to be a cowgirl these days, she said earlier, it's because "People are craving real stories in this crazy world." Looking out at her audience, she added, "I see a lot of real people with beautiful hearts."

She closed the show with her empowerment anthem, "Follow Your Arrow," and one last poke at her own relationship troubles — a cover of George Strait's "All My Ex's Live in Texas."

The Texas band Midland opened with a nice, gentlemanly set of 10-gallon-hat songs and yachty midtempo numbers.

"Once you try us," frontman Mark Wystrach told the cowgirls in the crowd, "you might get hooked."

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Noah Kahan look-alike contest takes over Boston doughnut shop

By Sterling Davies and Daisy Levine
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A Noah Kahan look-alike contest brought fans and doppelgängers of the Vermont singer to the South End on Sunday.

The event, organized by Blackbird Doughnuts, featured a dozen contestants donning braids, beards, and long hair while vying to see who most embodied the "Stick Season" star. But it wasn't just about capturing the pop-folk singer's appearance, as competitors had to lip-sync to one of Kahan's hits and attempt to bring his onstage mannerisms to life for a shot at the $100 prize.

"It's New England, and it's been a Noah Kahan summer ... so I thought it would just be perfect, and it's really taken off," said Delaney Beaudoin, head of marketing and creative at Blackbird Doughnuts, about choosing Kahan as the theme for the contest.

This isn't Blackbird's first look-alike event, with the doughnut shop previously holding a Bad Bunny-themed contest in April as a tribute to the performer's recent Super Bowl Halftime Show act.

Look-alike participants performed while the crowd clapped and sang along to Kahan's hits like "Northern Attitude." Attendees voted for their two favorite contestants, who then went head-to-head in a lip-sync battle of the song "Staying Still."

Blackbird Doughnuts offered a special Kahan-themed menu for the day, including a maple braid doughnut after Kahan's signature braids, bacon and green onion mac and cheese, plus a maple cream top cold brew and matcha.

The winner at Sunday's Kahan contest was Nema Kheradmand, a water bottle business owner originally from Texas, who ended up winning Sunday's event while in braids and a Vermont hat. Kheradmand also wore a shirt from Kahan's mental health nonprofit, the Busyhead Project, and donated the $100 prize to the organization.

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Contestants (above) lined up at the Noah Kahan look-alike contest at Blackbird Doughnuts. D'Angelo Rivas (near left), of Ipswich, performed. Nema Kheradmand (far left and below), of Somerville, was declared the winner.

"It was all for the fans," Kheradmand said. "I just wanted everybody to have a good time and to really enjoy the event."

As for contestant Hayden Price, who just moved to town a month ago, he used the festivities as a way "to show off how New England-y" he's become. Meanwhile fellow participant Ryan Browne, who's admittedly not a huge Kahan fan, was more motivated by the prizes and giveaways to compete.

"I thought it could be a fun opportunity to get some free food, and a potential to win 100 bucks," he said. "Not a bad gig."

More than 60 people were in the crowd on Sunday, including many Kahan fans hoping to relive his sold-out, four-night run at Fenway Park earlier this summer.

"Not everybody could afford one of the four nights [at Fenway]," said Dave Marino, an attendee at Sunday's event. "This is a way to really meet other people who are like-minded."

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Dolly Parton estate announces 2-day festival to celebrate her legacy

By Maria Sherman
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NEW YORK — Dolly Parton is not done yet. The estate behind the icon, who died of cancer last week at age 80, has announced Dollyfest, a two-day festival to be held in Nashville and London across two consecutive weekends in 2027.

According to a press release Monday morning, the festival was originally scheduled to take place in January 2026 — around her 80th birthday — and was going to feature Parton as a performer and host. Now, it will serve as a celebration of her legacy.

"We had the venue booked and we had the announcement ready to go. And then, in August 2025, Dolly had to take a step back after her initial health challenges. A lot of people always say, WWDD (What Would Dolly Do?), and, well, at this moment, Dollyfest is WDWD (What Dolly Would Do!)," organizer Danny Nozell, founder and CEO of CTK Enterprises, said in a statement.

"We are not discouraging people from celebrating Dolly in the ways they choose. However, as far as a traditional memorial goes, that is not something Dolly wanted," he continued. "So, instead, it feels more appropriate for us to take a beat, let all the tributes that immediately make sense occur naturally, and then, see through this festival-style concept that was truly dreamed up by Dolly."

There was a private service for Parton on Friday attended only by immediate family, The Associated Press has confirmed. There will not be a public ceremony, per Parton's wishes.

Parton's great-niece, Lainey Parton, posted a tribute on Instagram on Saturday, writing in the caption: "This is a really hard post for me to make. I wanted to wait until after my granny was laid to rest yesterday before I tried to put any of this into words. From the time I was little, my granny always had a way of making me feel like I was enough. She never made my dreams feel too big or made me feel like I couldn't do something. She believed in me before I even knew how to believe in myself."

Ticket information and dates for Dollyfest are forthcoming. Fans can sign up to receive additional details at www.dollyparton.com.

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A makeshift memorial was established at the Dolly Parton statue near the Sevier County Courthouse in Sevierville, Tenn., on Wednesday.

BEN VOLIN

ON FOOTBALL

Frustration is clear in first roster

Mike Vrabel and Eliot Wolf didn't seem too thrilled with the state of the Patriots' roster in recent appearances with the media.

The release of the first 53-man roster Sunday night pretty much confirmed it.

To be fair, the top may be better than last year's Super Bowl team. Drake Maye and Christian Gonzalez are budding superstars entering their prime, A.J. Brown and Romeo Doubs should be upgrades at receiver, and the offensive line should be improved. The Patriots also survived training camp with most of their starters healthy for Week 1, which is arguably the most important outcome.

► **Britt, Brown out in Patriots waiver shuffling. C4**
► **Cooper pleads not guilty to domestic charges. C4**

Yet the back of their roster seems like a mess. At least, that's the impression the Patriots themselves are giving.

You don't have to be much of an interpreter. After the second preseason game, Vrabel said, "I do not think we have a very deep team" and called out his "dog [expletive] defense."

Vrabel had so little faith in the team's depth that he sat the starters for all three preseason games for injury protection, even though he had originally wanted to play them in Thursday's finale against the Browns. Last year, Maye and the starters played in four series over two games.

"I just think that it's best for us right now to try to start next week with the guys that we have," Vrabel said.

The initial roster release bore out Vrabel's frustrations. The Patriots had 91 players in training camp, yet four players on the initial 53 were outsiders, as Wolf has been busy working the phones and waiver wire trying to make up for the lack of depth. Most notably, Wolf turned an excess receiver (Kayshon Boutte) into backups at safety (Jaylen Reed) and running back (Corey Kiner).

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DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Roman Anthony slides home with the tying run with two outs in the ninth, scoring on a sacrifice fly to left field by Ceddanne Rafaela.

Storybook ending

Red Sox cap August with wild victory

By Julian Benbow
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 9
Mariners 8

When Roman Anthony went down with a partially torn tendon in his right ring finger in May, the Red Sox were 14-21. When Trevor Story went down with a sports hernia a little more than a week later, they were 18-25.

The next three months, two of the players the Sox built their season around watched as the team bottomed out at 14 games under .500, then climbed completely out of the hole and into comfortable possession of the American League's second wild-card spot.

While they recovered, Anthony and Story knew the Sox needed them. They also knew they didn't need them to be heroes when they returned.

"It's not about us coming back to do anything other than try to win games," Story said. "It's about the team and it's about where this team's going and just happy to be a part of it."

That didn't stop either of

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DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Trevor Story, in his second game back, delivered two big hits, including a walkoff single in the 10th.

PETER ABRAHAM

ON BASEBALL

Rewarded for their patient ways

The Red Sox lost three of four games against the Yankees in the Bronx over the weekend and still arrived at Fenway Park on Monday with a 97.5 percent chance of making the playoffs.

►**Contreras placed on IL. C2**

The American League pennant race is more of a pennant jog this season. Five teams with losing records are within 5½ games of a wild-card berth, and the AL West winner might be lucky to finish .500.

It helps explain why the Red Sox are playing the long game with four weeks left in the season.

As the Globe's Tim Healey first reported, Sonny Gray will skip his start Tuesday and not pitch again until Saturday in Baltimore. The Sox feel a 10-day break will benefit the 36-year-old righthander.

Gray generally prefers to

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Excited to be back

Carlos Alcaraz (above), out since April with a wrist injury, wins at US Open in his return match. **C6**

Repeat defenders

Natick boys' soccer team returns 12 players from, high standards of last year's D1 champs. **Notebook, C5**

Legacy are defenseless once again

Angel City dominates in Boston return to Gillette

By Frank Dell'Apa
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Angel City 5
Legacy 2

FOXBOROUGH — The Boston Legacy has been facing defensive difficulties since the second game of its inaugural season, when Brazilian center back Kaka sustained a leg injury. The situation worsened when US national team left back Lilly Reale broke her left hand two weeks ago.

No surprise the Legacy have been struggling through some painful results, the latest a 5-2 loss to Angel City FC at Gillette Stadium on Monday night. The Legacy (5-12-5, 20 points) now have a five-game winless streak, and have surrendered 15 goals in losing four straight.

The situation could improve, though, as Kaka is set to return for the Legacy's visit to the Utah Royals on Friday. The condition of Reale, who was injured in a 4-1 loss to Louisville, has not been determined. Reale played

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SQUAD GOALS

JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

Megan Khang's play for Boston Common Golf will be limited to a simulator in Florida, but the Rockland native took swings at Fenway Park, announced as a member of the team in the new WTGL. **Story, C5**

FM CHAMPIONSHIP

Global field, bigger crowds on display

By Katie McInerney
GLOBE STAFF

NORTON — There is no denying the LPGA Tour has an international flavor.

Yes, there are more players on the tour this year from the United States (54) than any other country. But no region is better represented than Asia: Of the 197 athletes on tour, 71 are from Korea, Japan, China, Thailand, or Taiwan.

At this past weekend's FM Championship at TPC Boston, 52 of the 144 golfers entered were from one of those five countries. Korea led the way with 21, followed by 14 of the 15 Japanese athletes on tour. (America was represented by 34.)

Ruoning Yin is the second consecutive FM winner from China. In its three-year history, the tournament hasn't had an American winner, with Allisen Corpuz's 11 under to finish third the closest.

This season, golfers from eight countries have won across the 22 tournaments. In 2025, it was 10.

The multicultural atmosphere makes for a media environment unique among the major sports. At the end of press conferences, athletes are asked to answer questions in their native language. LPGA media staff make the request for answers in Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, and Thai, but also Swedish, Spanish, German, and Tagalog. The video is distributed back to their home nations; the LPGA is available to watch in more than 130 countries.

International growth is a big focus under commissioner Craig Kessler, who took over the job last summer. The LPGA is searching for a worldwide media rights deal and last year signed with a major Japanese

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Baseball

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

With Contreras on IL, Gasper gets recalled

By Julian Benbow
GLOBE STAFF

When **Mickey Gasper** learned Sunday that the Red Sox were optioning him to Triple-A Worcester following the returns of **Trevor Story** and **Roman Anthony**, he understood.

"GM is a tough job. Guys are coming back, and decisions had to be made," Gasper said before Monday's 9-8 win in 10 innings over Seattle. "So I understood why I was the man out."

His only question for chief baseball officer **Craig Breslow** and interim manager **Chad Tracy** was what he needed to do to make sure, the next time he got called up, he wouldn't head back down again.

Gasper was eating dinner Sunday night in New Jersey and watching the Red Sox' loss to the Yankees when he realized he had missed three calls from Breslow.

"I figured something was up," he said.

As it turned out, the left hamstring injury that had nagged **Willson Contreras** flared up again over the weekend, and forced him to leave Sunday's game in the Bronx. The Red Sox needed Gasper back, and he quickly booked a flight out of Newark.

"I'm just going to go out there and do my job," said Gasper. "Willson's not really a guy you can go out there and replace. Between everything that he does for the team on the field, off the field, in the clubhouse — just his presence in general on the field.

"But I'm going to go out there and play confident and give it everything I got."

Gasper kept hitting Monday, blasting his sixth homer of the season (and in the month of August) to right-center to tie the game, 1-1, in the bottom of the first.

The Red Sox placed Contreras on the 10-day injured list Monday in hopes that the time off would allow him to recover as they enter the final month of the regular season.

Tracy had been trying to construct lineups around the injury, giving Contreras a respite every few games, but the juggling eventually became too much.

"The thought of just continuing down this road of trying two days or trying three days, and you're playing shorthanded, it just became apparent that, let's give it the time it needs to heal," Tracy said. "We didn't have a huge setback or anything as far as where it's been. So I'm hopeful that it's that amount of time, and we get him back, and he's able to play the game full bore, like he likes to do."

No Gray area

When **Sonny Gray** made his most recent start, a 4-0 loss at Miami last Wednesday, he did so on four days' rest. Before that, he had five days' rest. He made each of his previous two starts on four days' rest.

In fact, aside from the All-Star break, the last time Gray pitched on more than five days' rest was June 12 against the Rangers.

He has made more starts (25) and thrown more innings (143⅔) than any other Red Sox pitcher. He is 36.

"To be honest, I needed a couple days," he said. "And I'm not scared to admit that."

Gray (16-4, 2.82 ERA) was set to pitch Tuesday, but Tracy said the plan is to have him return to the rotation Saturday against Baltimore.

Asked whether he would describe the issue as "general body fatigue," Gray clarified.

"I think it's probably what you call a 36-year-old that has been pitching on five or six days' rest all year," he said. "Just taking three days to fully recover, and then line up the rest of September and the rest of the year, and get back into our routine on the schedule. That's probably what I'd call it."

Expansion imminent

With rosters growing Tuesday from 26 to 28 players, Tracy was not prepared to say which pitcher the Red Sox will add. He said the additional position player would likely be **Isiah Kiner-Falefa**.

"Not for nothing, with Willson down and Mickey back," Tracy explained, "having another infield glove, where we can have the ability to shift some things around defensively late if we get leads and things like that, would be important."

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At Fenway Park

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Arozarena lf	5	3	4	4	0	0	.274
Canzone dh	5	0	2	2	0	1	.255
a-Rodden pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.150
Rodríguez cf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.244
Raleigh c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.171
Naylor 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.267
Ward rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.229
Robles rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.262
Young 2b	4	2	0	0	0	1	.244
Wilson 3b	4	1	1	0	1	3	.198
JCrawford ss	2	1	1	0	1	1	.209
Totals	**38**	**8**	**11**	**8**	**3**	**11**	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Anthony dh	4	2	2	0	1	0	.248
Gasper 1b	4	1	1	1	1	1	.277
Rafaela cf	4	0	2	3	0	1	.284
Abreu rf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.254
b-White pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.226
Sogard 2b	4	2	2	0	0	0	.271
Durbin 3b	2	1	1	0	2	0	.253
Duran lf	4	1	1	2	1	0	.207
Story ss	5	0	2	3	0	1	.220
Wong c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.246
Totals	**36**	**9**	**12**	**9**	**5**	**6**	

Seattle ..... **101 014 100 0 — 8 11 0**
Boston ..... **120 020 021 1 — 9 12 0**

a-ran for Canzone in 9th, b-ran for Abreu in 10th. **LOB**—Seattle 7, Boston 8. **2B**—Arozarena (27), Canzone (22), Rodríguez (19), Anthony (7), Sogard (11), Story (9). **3B**—Canzone (2), Anthony (2). **HR**—Arozarena (21), off Tolle, Raleigh (20), off Miller, Gasper (6), off Kirby, Duran (19), off Kirby. **CS**—Rafaela (9). **S**—Robles, Sogard, Durbin. **SF**—Rafaela. **RISP**—Seattle 5 for 17, Boston 4 for 9. **DP**—Boston 2 (Durbin, Story, Gasper), (Story, Sogard, Gasper).

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kirby	5	7	5	5	2	2	86	4.19
Domínguez	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	4.44
Speier	1⅓	0	0	0	1	1	15	2.58
Bazardo	⅓	3	2	2	0	0	13	3.25
Muñoz BS 9	1⅓	1	1	1	0	3	15	4.35
Criswell L 2-2	⅓	1	1	0	2	0	7	3.48

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Tolle	5⅔	6	4	4	2	6	96	3.23
Guerrero BS 1	⅓	3	3	3	1	0	13	3.26
Miller	1	1	1	1	0	2	16	0.79
Gamboa	2	1	0	0	0	1	23	1.13
Chapmn W 3-4	1	0	0	0	0	2	15	1.77

Inherited runners-scored—Muñoz 1-0, Guerrero 1-1. **IBB**—off Criswell (Duran, Durbin). **HBP**—by Tolle (Young), by Gamboa (JCrawford). **Umpires**—Home, Lance Barksdale; First, Will Little; Second, Derek Thomas; Third, Ryan Wills. **T**—3:03. **A**—37,487 (37,755).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING

MARINERS — Arozarena doubled to center. Canzone grounded to second, Arozarena to third. Rodríguez doubled to left, Arozarena scored. Raleigh struck out. Naylor grounded to first, pitcher covering.

RED SOX — Anthony grounded to second. Gasper homered to right. Rafaela singled to center. Abreu struck out. Rafaela was caught stealing, catcher to shortstop.

SECOND INNING

RED SOX — Sogard hit ground-rule double to right. Durbin sacrificed, third to second, Sogard to third. Duran homered to right, Sogard scored. Story flied to left. Wong grounded to shortstop.

THIRD INNING

MARINERS — Crawford struck out. Arozarena homered to left. Canzone grounded to pitcher Tolle unassisted. Rodríguez struck out.

FIFTH INNING

MARINERS — Young was hit by a pitch. Wilson walked, Young to second. Crawford singled to shortstop, Young to third, Wilson to second. Arozarena singled to left, Young scored, Wilson to third, Crawford to second. Canzone struck out. Rodríguez struck out. Raleigh flied to left.

RED SOX — Wong singled to shortstop. Anthony doubled to right, Wong to third. Gasper flied to left. Rafaela singled to center, Wong and Anthony scored. Abreu flied to left. Sogard flied to right.

SIXTH INNING

MARINERS — Naylor walked. Ward lined to center. Young reached on fielder's choice, second to shortstop, Naylor out. Guerrero pitching. Wilson singled to left, Young to third. Crawford walked, Wilson to second. Arozarena singled to right, Young and Wilson scored, Crawford to third. Canzone doubled to left, Crawford and Arozarena scored. Rodríguez flied to right.

SEVENTH INNING

MARINERS — Raleigh homered to left. Naylor struck out. Ward struck out. Young grounded to first, unassisted.

EIGHTH INNING

RED SOX — Abreu grounded to shortstop. Bazardo pitching. Sogard singled to right. Durbin singled to center, Sogard to second. Duran popped to shortstop. Story doubled to left, Sogard and Durbin scored. Muñoz pitching. Wong struck out.

NINTH INNING

RED SOX — Anthony tripled to center. Gasper struck out. Rafaela hit sacrifice fly to left, Anthony scored. Abreu struck out.

10TH INNING

RED SOX — On initial placement, Abreu to second. White running for Abreu. Sogard sacrificed, catcher to first, White to third. Durbin and Duran were intentionally walked, Durbin to second. Story singled to center, White scored, Durbin to third, Duran to second.

DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Trevor Story gets mobbed and doused by his teammates after his walkoff single in the 10th inning handed the Red Sox a 9-8 victory Monday night.

Team has been rewarded for its patient ways

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pitch every five days, something the Sox have gone along with for much of the season. But interim manager Chad Tracy said Monday that the plan all along was to build in a break. That also was the thinking behind placing Willson Contreras on the 10-day injured list before the game with a strained left hamstring.

Contreras has been picking his spots when to run hard over the last few weeks. One such occasion came Saturday against the Yankees, when he had an RBI triple in the eighth inning. That left the first baseman moving cautiously Sunday, and he left the game after the sixth inning.

If the Sox were clinging to a playoff spot, Contreras probably would have been in the lineup Monday against the Mariners. Instead, they were cautious with the player who has been their best hitter this season.

But being smart doesn't mean conceding.

The two freshest players on the roster, Roman Anthony and Trevor Story, delivered the latest Fenway Park thriller, a 10-inning, 9-8 victory against the Mariners.

Story delivered the game-winner with a 105.2-mile-per-hour rocket to center field that scored Eli White from third base with two outs.

The Sox tied the game in the ninth when Anthony tripled and scored on a shallow fly ball to left field by Ceddanne Rafaela. It was his third RBI of the game.

Anthony and Story were activated Sunday after long stints on the injured list. Their presence was a source of consternation for some fans who believed the team should have stuck with the role players who performed so well in their absence.

That Story hit .171 in 10 Triple-A games during a rehab assignment was a particular sticking point, never mind that he was one of the team's best players last season.

Anthony is since 4 for 8 with two doubles, a walk, and two runs scored. Story also is 4 for 8, with two doubles and three RBIs.

"They look really good, really good," Tracy said.

Story, who tends to keep his emotions in check, couldn't help but smile afterward.

"It was special for sure," he said. "It's a lot of work behind the scenes and a lot of work from a lot of different people. For me and my family, pretty special for sure. Just happy. Happy we got the win."

The game-winning at-bat against Cooper Criswell was a one-act drama. With a runner on third, Seattle manager Dan Wilson intentionally walked Caleb Durbin and Jarren Duran to load the bases.

Criswell's first three pitches were well off the plate and the sellout crowd was screaming in anticipation of a walkoff walk.

Story took a strike, then swung through a sinker. Criswell left the next sinker over the plate, and Story's line drive one-hopped the wall in center.

He flipped his bat, flung his helmet, and the celebration was on.

Story had proven the doubters wrong.

"Only I know when I'm ready and when it's time to go," he said. "It's hard to explain. But I think the atmosphere, the energy, the game-planning — all that goes into it."

Anthony was particularly thrilled for Story, having gone through the rehab process with him.

"I was so happy for him. Every at-bat, he just continues to look better and better," he said. "He continues to trust himself through all the noise."

The Sox did two things right Monday. They played it safe with their roster decisions with the future in mind, then they won the game a few hours later. That can be tough to do, but Story made it happen.

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DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE

Jarren Duran didn't have to worry, as his second-inning homer stayed fair.

Story's big swings save opener with the Mariners

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them from playing the role in a come-from-behind, 9-8 win in 10 innings Monday over the Mariners at Fenway Park.

Story went 2 for 5 with a double and three RBIs, including a single with the bases loaded in the 10th for his seventh career walkoff RBI.

Anthony went 2 for 4 with a triple, a walk, and two runs scored, helping tie the game with a leadoff triple in the ninth.

In their second game back after returning Sunday, Anthony and Story helped the Sox shake off an ugly loss and series at the Yankees, where they lost three of four, and continue one of the most unexpected regular-season turnarounds in baseball.

"I think that was the biggest thing about the rehab," Anthony said. "Making sure that with this group and what they've done over the past few months . . . that when we come back, there's no hiccups."

Boston led, 5-3, after five innings before the Mariners scored four runs in the sixth and another in the seventh to take an 8-5 lead. Story helped pull the Sox within a run with a two-run double in the eighth.

Then Anthony led off the ninth with a sinking line drive to center field. Even when Mariners center fielder Julio Rodríguez slid to block the ball as it nosedived into no-man's land, Sox interim manager Chad Tracy wasn't sure how much would come of it.

"Even if he slides, if he's able to knock it down, it's just a single," Tracy said.

Instead, the ball bounced in front of Rodríguez, hopped over him, and rolled to the garage door in center. Anthony, still getting his bearings after a three-month layoff, raced around the bases for a triple.

"I couldn't really feel my legs," Anthony said. "It had been a while since I played baseball in that atmosphere and done something like that. It was amazing . . . It was electric."

Two batters later, Ceddanne Rafaela hit a game-tying sacrifice fly.

AL wild card

	W	L	Pct.	GB
*New York	78	59	.569	—
Boston	**75**	**63**	**.543**	**—**
Cleveland	69	68	.504	—
*Baltimore	68	69	.496	1
Texas	68	70	.493	1½
Toronto	68	70	.493	1½
Minnesota	66	72	.478	3½
Seattle	64	74	.464	5½
Detroit	63	74	.460	6
Kansas City	62	76	.449	7½
Athletics	53	85	.384	16½
*Los Angeles	52	85	.380	17

* — Not including late game

Aroldis Chapman worked a scoreless 10th with two strikeouts, setting the Sox up for a walkoff opportunity in the bottom of the inning.

Nick Sogard sacrificed automatic runner Eli White to third, and the Mariners intentionally walked Caleb Durbin and Jarren Duran to load the bases for Story.

Initially, Story downplayed his feelings about the decision.

"Part of the game," he said.

Asked if it added any juice to the at-bat, he smirked: "Yeah."

On a full count, Mariners reliever Cooper Criswell left a sinker over the plate and Story drilled it to left-center. White scored the winning run as the Sox streamed out of the dugout to swarm Story.

"It means a lot," he said. "We've been watching from afar for a while, just supporting the boys and just thinking about the times that we can get back on the field and contribute."

In one night, Anthony and Story offered early evidence of how they could reincorporate themselves into a team that found its way into playoff position without them.

"At this point, there's one goal," Anthony said. "There always is, but I think even more so now entering September. Your eyes are kind of on one thing, which is playoff baseball."

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Baseball

WEEI's Flemming apologizes after comments

By Chad Finn
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Red Sox radio broadcaster Will Flemming apologized Monday afternoon, a day after opining his way into a controversy during the Yankees' 16-1 victory in New York in a crucial matchup between the rivals.

Flemming, the play-by-play voice on WEEI's broadcasts, suggested as the game got out of hand in the eighth inning that a Red Sox pitcher should "drill" a Yankees batter.

He also referred to Jazz Chisholm Jr. as a "bush-league" player after the Yankees' second baseman stole a pair of bases in the eighth with his team leading by six runs — somewhat of a no-no per baseball's so-called unwritten rules.

The first steal occurred when the Red Sox decided not to hold him on at first base. Chisholm leads the American League and is second in the majors with 40 stolen bases, so there might be some incentive for him to pad his stats.

Flemming, who has been part of the Red Sox radio booth since 2019, and the lead voice since Joe Castiglione's retirement following the 2024 season, declined to comment when reached by text Monday morning. But just past noon, he took to the social media site X — where he hadn't posted since December 2025 — to apologize.

2020 FILE/JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF

WEEI's Red Sox play-by-play man Will Flemming (right) found some hot water after comments he made during Sunday's loss to the host Yankees.

"Since I have been receiving nonstop calls and threats," he wrote, "I felt like it was important to hop back on here and say: My comments during yesterday's broadcast crossed a line. I'm emotional and a fan at heart and that bled into the broadcast."

In a second post, he added, "I meant no disrespect to the Yankees players or organization. I could and should have used different words. These rivalry games get me fired up; I apologize for letting the emotion of the moment get the best of me."

While Chisholm was on third base in the eighth inning, Flemming suggested to broadcast partner Will Middlebrooks — who seemed to be trying to keep the focus on the action — that Red Sox pitcher Jovani Morán ought to send a message to the batter, Austin Wells.

"Wouldn't you sort of like to see Morán drill Wells right here?" said Flemming, whose comments drew headlines across various New York media outlets Monday morning.

When Wells homered, Flemming continued with his theme.

"And Morán should fight Chisholm," Flemming said. "[Morán] is walking toward the third base line, staring at him there."

"I'm gonna say it. He plays the game the wrong way," added Flemming.

The game was perhaps the most important of the season for the Red Sox. They fell four games behind the Yankees in the race for the first wild-card spot, and Sunday's loss clinched the season series in the Yankees' favor — giving them the tiebreaker if the clubs finish with the same record.

The frustration as it played out bled into the radio broadcast.

Flemming complained for multiple innings about a pivotal play in the fifth, when what looked like a spectacular catch by Red Sox center fielder Ceddanne Rafaela was ruled no catch by the umpiring crew.

The call stood after a replay challenge, prompting Flemming to ask if those in the replay center "had [their heads] on straight."

A message to Red Sox vice president of marketing and broadcasting Colin Burch has gone unanswered. Flemming is a Red Sox employee.

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EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Tampa Bay	82	55	.599	—	—	6-4	L 1
*New York	78	59	.569	4	—	6-4	W 2
Boston	**75**	**63**	**.543**	**7½**	**—**	**6-4**	**W 1**
*Baltimore	68	69	.496	14	1	7-3	W 3
Toronto	68	70	.493	14½	1½	6-4	W 3
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
*Chicago	72	64	.529	—	—	6-4	L 1
Cleveland	69	68	.504	3½	—	8-2	W 1
Minnesota	66	72	.478	7	3½	3-7	W 2
Detroit	63	74	.460	9½	6	2-8	L 2
Kansas City	62	76	.449	11	7½	8-2	L 1
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
*Houston	69	68	.504	—	—	5-5	W 1
Texas	68	70	.493	1½	1½	5-5	W 2
Seattle	64	74	.464	5½	5½	4-6	L 5
Athletics	53	85	.384	16½	16½	4-6	L 4
*Los Angeles	52	85	.380	17	17	2-8	L 7

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	WCGB	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	82	56	.594	—	—	7-3	L 1
*Philadelphia	77	60	.562	4½	—	8-2	W 4
Miami	69	69	.500	13	4	5-5	L 1
Washington	66	74	.471	17	8	5-5	W 1
New York	62	76	.449	20	11	4-6	W 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Milwaukee	85	53	.616	—	—	6-4	L 2
Chicago	78	60	.565	7	—	4-6	W 1
St. Louis	68	70	.493	17	5	3-7	L 2
Pittsburgh	67	71	.486	18	6	5-5	W 2
Cincinnati	65	73	.471	20	8	4-6	L 1
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**WCGB**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Los Angeles	82	55	.599	—	—	6-4	W 1
*Arizona	73	65	.529	9½	—	6-4	L 1
San Diego	73	65	.529	9½	—	5-5	W 1
San Francisco	57	81	.413	25½	16	5-5	W 2
*Colorado	52	85	.380	30	20½	2-8	L 4

* — Not including late game

RESULTS

MONDAY

At Boston 9 (10 inn.)	**Seattle 8**	At Chi. Cubs 17	Milwaukee 3
San Francisco 7	at Atlanta 3	At Texas 8	Athletics 1
NY Mets 3	at Tampa Bay 2	Baltimore	at Colorado
San Diego 5	at Cincinnati 0	Chi. White Sox	at Houston
At Washington 6	Miami 3	NY Yankees	at LA Angels
At Minnesota 11	Detroit 1	Philadelphia	at Arizona

SUNDAY

At NY Yankees 16	**Boston 1**	At Minnesota 5	Chi. White Sox 1
Miami 6	at Washington 2	Texas 7	at Milwaukee 4
At Atlanta 3 (10 inn.)	Colorado 2	Pittsburgh 5	at St. Louis 4
At Toronto 7	Seattle 0	Houston 6	at NY Mets 3
At Cleveland 11	Kansas City 1	Baltimore 8	at Athletics 5
LA Dodgers 6	at Detroit 1	Philadelphia 5	at LA Angels 2
At Tampa Bay 5 (11 inn.)	San Diego 4	Cincinnati 7	at Chi. Cubs 5

TUESDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2026 W-L	2026 ERA	Team rec.	2026 vs. opp. W-L	2026 vs. opp. IP	2026 vs. opp. ERA	Last 3 starts W-L	Last 3 starts IP	Last 3 starts ERA
SEATTLE AT BOSTON, 6:45 p.m.										
Woo (R)	-105	9-9	4.36	12-13	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.0	4.80
TBA	-115	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
NY METS AT TAMPA BAY, 6:40 p.m.										
Manaea (L)	+110	4-6	4.55	6-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	18.0	7.00
Peralta (R)	-130	6-11	5.11	13-14	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	17.2	3.57
SAN DIEGO AT CINCINNATI, 6:40 p.m.										
Vásquez (R)	-135	10-6	4.02	14-7	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	17.0	2.12
Lodolo (L)	+115	3-3	5.24	5-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	12.1	7.30
SAN FRANCISCO AT PITTSBURGH, 6:40 p.m.										
Webb (R)	+135	8-8	3.72	9-15	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	14.2	4.91
Skenes (R)	-160	9-11	3.79	11-16	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	15.1	2.35
TORONTO AT CLEVELAND, 6:40 p.m.										
Arrighetti (R)	+150	7-7	4.81	10-8	1-1	11.0	6.55	0-1	10.0	6.30
Williams (R)	-180	12-7	3.98	16-11	1-0	6.0	9.00	1-1	11.1	9.53
ATLANTA AT WASHINGTON, 6:45 p.m.										
Smith-Shawver (R)	-170	0-0	5.93	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	13.2	5.93
Irvin (R)	+145	2-8	5.62	8-9	1-2	15.0	4.80	0-2	16.1	4.96
DETROIT AT MINNESOTA, 7:40 p.m.										
Melton (R)	-120	7-3	1.86	11-5	1-0	5.0	7.20	0-2	17.0	3.71
Prielipp (L)	+100	3-7	5.55	6-13	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.1	9.37
MIAMI AT KANSAS CITY, 7:40 p.m.										
Phillips (R)	-105	3-6	3.59	6-9	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	14.0	3.86
Dobnak (R)	-115	2-2	1.92	4-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	15.2	1.72
MILWAUKEE AT CHI. CUBS, 7:40 p.m.										
Gasser (L)	+105	4-5	4.59	9-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	14.2	6.14
Boyd (L)	-125	8-3	3.99	11-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	17.1	6.23
ATHLETICS AT TEXAS, 8:05 p.m.										
Ginn (R)	+155	9-8	3.71	14-10	0-1	14.2	3.68	1-2	17.0	5.82
Gore (L)	-185	7-10	4.40	15-13	1-1	15.1	4.70	1-1	15.1	4.11
CHI. WHITE SOX AT HOUSTON, 8:10 p.m.										
Burke (R)	+110	7-6	3.32	12-11	0-1	6.0	3.00	0-0	13.1	6.75
TBA	-130	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
BALTIMORE AT COLORADO, 8:40 p.m.										
Rogers (L)	-140	9-9	4.38	13-12	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	18.0	5.50
Hughes (R)	+120	0-6	6.61	1-8	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	14.0	9.00
NY YANKEES AT LA ANGELS, 9:38 p.m.										
Cole (R)	-180	7-7	3.19	8-9	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	18.0	2.50
Rodriguez (R)	+150	4-5	6.03	4-11	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	16.2	2.16
PHILADELPHIA AT ARIZONA, 9:40 p.m.										
Luzardo (L)	-140	12-5	3.09	19-8	0-1	4.2	9.64	2-0	19.1	1.40
Rodriguez (L)	+120	14-4	2.50	21-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	18.2	0.96
ST. LOUIS AT LA DODGERS, 10:10 p.m.										
McGreevy (R)	+150	5-9	3.86	13-13	1-0	6.0	0.00	1-0	16.1	5.51
Lauer (L)	-180	8-6	4.78	12-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	15.1	6.46

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season

NOTEBOOK

Devers hits 30th HR in Giants' win

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Rafael Devers hit his 30th home run of the season and rookie **Turner Hill** had a two-run double as the Giants snapped the host Braves' seven-game winning streak with a 7-3 win Monday night.

Anthony Molina (2-0), who was traded from the Braves to the Giants at the deadline, picked up the win in his first start of the season. He surrendered three runs in five innings and struck out a career-high six.

Jason Foley, **Reiver Sanmartin**, and **Dylan Smith** combined for four shutout innings out of the bullpen in a game that was a makeup of a June 18 rainout.

Devers's first-inning home run to right field marked the fifth time in his career he has reached the 30-home run mark, and was his fourth home run in his last eight games. He was 1 for 3 with two runs scored and two walks.

Cubs have blast (9 HRs)

Alex Bregman hit three of the Cubs' franchise-record nine home runs in a 17-3 blowout of the visiting Brewers. **Clay Holmes** pitched six scoreless innings for the Cubs, who launched five homers off Milwaukee starter **Kyle Harrison** in the first four innings and three more against position player **Andrew Vaughn** late in the game.

Bregman's second three-homer game in three weeks gave him 23 on the year.

Chicago finished August with 62 home runs, second most in a calendar month behind the 74 hit by the Yankees in August 2019.

Wait over for Stock

Robert Stock pitched shutout ball into the sixth inning for his first major league win in seven years, and **Mark Vientos** homered in his return from the injured list as the visiting Mets beat the Rays, 3-2.

Stock, a 36-year-old righthander who has had two tours with the Red Sox, allowed five hits in 5⅓ innings, the longest of his nine big league starts — six this season.

It was Stock's third career win and first as a starter. His previous major league victory came in relief with San Diego on April 5, 2019.

Machado drives Padres

Manny Machado had four hits and **Michael King** struck out six in six innings as the visiting Padres defeated the Reds, 5-0. San Diego bounced back from a three-game sweep at Tampa Bay and moved into a tie with Arizona for the third NL wild-card spot . . . **Ketel Marte** was back in the starting lineup for the Diamondbacks and greeted with boos by the home crowd, two weeks after the three-time All-Star's unexpected no-show before a game in Boston left the team scrambling . . . The White Sox acquired outfielders **Tommy Pham** from the Phillies and **Jake Cave** from the Rays in trades for cash considerations. Both players were allowed to be traded following the Aug. 3 deadline because neither of them was on the 40-man roster. They will be eligible for the postseason because they joined the club before rosters expand Tuesday.

NL WILD CARD

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	78	60	.565	—
*Philadelphia	77	60	.562	—
*Arizona	73	65	.529	—
San Diego	73	65	.529	—
Miami	69	69	.500	4
St. Louis	68	70	.493	5
Pittsburgh	67	71	.486	6
Washington	66	74	.471	8
Cincinnati	65	73	.471	8
New York	62	76	.449	11
San Francisco	57	81	.413	16
*Colorado	52	85	.380	20½

* — Not including late game

GIANTS 7, BRAVES 3

SAN FRAN.	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Gilbert lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Hill ph-lf	2	1	1	2	0	0	.273
Devers dh	3	2	1	1	2	1	.252
Eldridge 1b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.263
Cox cf	5	1	2	2	0	1	.286
JunLee rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.288
Basabe 3b-2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.207
Knizner c	4	1	2	0	0	0	.222
Furman 2b	3	1	2	0	0	1	.158
Whitcomb ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.074
Koss ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.195
Totals	**37**	**7**	**11**	**7**	**3**	**7**	

ATLANTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Baldwin dh	4	1	2	1	0	2	.279
Acuña Jr. rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.241
Olson 1b	4	0	0	1	0	1	.256
Dubón ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.268
Harris II cf	4	1	2	1	0	2	.297
Albies 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.254
SeanMurphy c	3	1	1	0	1	2	.224
Riley 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.222
Yastrzemski lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Totals	**35**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**1**	**10**	

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Atlanta ..... 110 010 000 — 3 9 0

E—Foley (1). **LOB**—San Francisco 7, Atlanta 6. **2B**—Hill (5), Knizner (2), Baldwin (14). **HR**—Devers (30), off Elder, Cox (4), off Kerr, Basabe (4), off Elder, Harris II (23), off Molina. **SB**—JunLee (12). **S**—Koss. **DP**—San Francisco 1.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Molina W 2-0	5	6	3	3	0	6	3.77
Foley	1⅓	2	0	0	0	1	4.11
Sanmartín	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	4.41
DylanSmith	1	1	0	0	1	1	3.23

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Elder L 8-8	5⅓	8	5	5	3	3	4.11
DylLee	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	2.66
Kerr	3⅓	1	1	1	0	4	2.70

Inherited runners-scored—Sanmartín 1-0, DylLee 2-2, Kerr 1-0. **NP**—Molina 75, Foley 22, Sanmartín 16, DylanSmith 15, Elder 84, DylLee 14, Kerr 34. **Umpires**—Home, Adrian Johnson; First, Dexter Kelley; Second, Quinn Wolcott; Third, Paul Clemons. **T**—2:24. **A**—29,349 (40,819).

METS 3, RAYS 2

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Bichette 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.263
Benge rf	4	0	1	0	0	3	.277
Vientos dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.212
Young 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.269
Morel lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.171
Pache pr-lf	1	1	1	0	0	0	.125
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.218
Ewing cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.239
Alvarez c	3	0	1	1	0	2	.234
Soto ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.282
Torrens c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Totals	**36**	**3**	**10**	**2**	**0**	**12**	

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Díaz dh	5	0	0	0	0	3	.300
Aranda 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.277
Caminero 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.282
Hicks c	4	0	2	1	0	0	.328
Mateo pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Piper c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Simpson lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.311
Mullins cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.206
DeLuca rf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.267
Palacios 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.226
Walls ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.219
Totals	**35**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**2**	**6**	

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Tampa Bay ..... 000 000 020 — 2 9 0

LOB—NY Mets 6, Tampa Bay 8. **2B**—Bichette (23), Young (16). **HR**—Vientos (12), off Seymour. **SB**—Simpson (38). **DP**—Tampa Bay 1.

NY Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stock W 1-3	5⅓	5	0	0	0	4	5.88
Lavender	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Núñez	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.23
Duarte	⅔	3	2	2	1	0	2.19
Devenski	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	4.91
Senga S 5	1	0	0	0	1	1	7.36

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Seymour L 9-6	6⅓	6	3	3	0	10	4.21
Legumina	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	3.73
Cleavinger	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.17
Matz	1	2	0	0	0	1	5.90

Inherited runners-scored—Devenski 2-0, Legumina 1-1. **NP**—Stock 72, Lavender 9, Núñez 11, Duarte 24, Devenski 5, Senga 17, Seymour 88, Legumina 15, Cleavinger 10, Matz 22. **Umpires**—Home, Austin Jones; First, Ben May; Second, John Tumpane; Third, Brennan Miller. **T**—2:38. **A**—13,618 (25,025).

RANGERS 8, ATHLETICS 1

ATHLETICS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Bolte cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.269
McNeil 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.263
Gelof 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.252
Butler rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.230
White 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.255
Muncy dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.218
Cortes lf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.258
Heim c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.209
Hernaiz ss	2	0	0	1	0	2	.237
Totals	**28**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**11**	

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Duran cf-2b-ss	4	1	1	0	1	0	.273
Seager ss	2	2	0	0	2	0	.221
NLopez ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.266
Langford lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	.252
Nimmo rf	3	1	2	2	0	0	.264
Burger 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.238
Foscue 2b	2	1	1	1	0	0	.261
Carter ph-cf	2	0	0	1	0	1	.192
Díaz dh	2	0	0	1	0	0	.227
Pederson ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
O'Hoppe ph-dh	1	1	1	0	0	0	.211
Freeman 3b	4	0	2	2	0	0	.300
Jansen c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.164
Totals	**32**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**5**	**3**	

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Texas ..... 021 130 01x — 8 9 0

LOB—Athletics 1, Texas 6. **2B**—Heim (12), Burger (21), O'Hoppe (9). **HR**—Foscue (10), off Jump. **SB**—Freeman (1). **SF**—Hernaiz, Nimmo. **DP**—Texas 1.

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jump L 6-9	4⅓	6	7	7	3	2	5.15
Roycroft	2⅔	1	0	0	1	0	5.48
Suarez	1	2	1	1	1	1	5.08

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
deGrom W 10-9	7	1	0	0	0	8	4.00
Ahlstrom	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.85
Peoples	1	2	1	1	0	1	2.93

Inherited runners-scored—Roycroft 2-2. **WP**—Jump 2. **NP**—Jump 91, Roycroft 37, Suarez 23, deGrom 85, Ahlstrom 14, Peoples 18. **Umpires**—Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Hunter Wendelstedt; Second, Nic Lentz; Third, Tyler Jones. **T**—2:23. **A**—22,572 (40,518).

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Bo Bichette takes advantage of a double play to cross the plate in front of the Rays' Liam Hicks for the Mets' first run during the fourth inning of a 3-2 victory.

ASTROS 6, WHITE SOX 3

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Antonacci lf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.269
Murakami 1b	2	0	0	1	3	1	.217
Vargas 3b	4	0	1	0	1	1	.249
Benintendi dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.247
Grichuk ph-dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.272
BMontgomery rf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.224
CMontgomery ss	3	2	2	1	2	1	.214
Meidroth 2b	3	1	1	1	2	0	.271
Peters cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Doyle ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Rogers c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.168
Totals	**33**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**10**	**11**	

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Peña ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.284
Alvarez dh	3	1	1	1	1	0	.317
Paredes 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.256
Walker 1b	3	0	0	1	1	0	.229
Varsho cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.228
CaSmith rf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.214
Velázquez lf	3	1	1	2	0	2	.071
Trammell lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Allen 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.275
Vázquez c	3	1	1	0	1	1	.213
Totals	**33**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**3**	**8**	

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Houston ..... 001 230 00x — 6 8 2

E—Vargas (11), Vázquez (2), Velázquez (1). **LOB**—Chi. White Sox 14, Houston 6. **2B**—CMontgomery (21), CaSmith (16). **3B**—CaSmith (5). **HR**—CMontgomery (29), off Sousa, Velázquez (1), off Kay.

Chi. White Sox	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kay L 9-7	4⅔	6	6	5	2	5	4.28
Richards	2⅓	2	0	0	1	2	3.63
Davis	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.95

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lambert	4⅔	3	2	2	5	6	3.66
DeLosSants W 3-3	1	0	0	0	3	0	4.45
Sousa	1⅓	1	1	1	1	1	6.53
Okert	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.13
Abreu S 8	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.93

Inherited runners-scored—Richards 3-2, De Los Santos 1-0, Sousa 3-0. **IBB**—off Richards (Alvarez). **HBP**—by Lambert (Peters). **WP**—Richards. **NP**—Kay 89, Richards 34, Davis 16, Lambert 104, De Los Santos 27, Sousa 23, Okert 18, Abreu 16. **Umpires**—Home, Mark Ripperger; First, Shane Livensparger; Second, Dan Merzel; Third, Dan Bellino. **T**—3:02. **A**—21,236 (41,592).

PADRES 5, REDS 0

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tatis Jr. rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.281
Cronenworth 2b	5	0	0	0	0	2	.218
Machado 3b	5	1	4	0	0	0	.220
TyFrance 1b	5	1	3	1	0	0	.292
Merrill cf	4	1	2	1	0	2	.241
Bogaerts dh	5	1	1	2	0	3	.217
Harris lf	5	0	2	1	0	1	.471
Campusano c	4	0	2	0	0	1	.287
Song ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.192
Totals	**42**	**5**	**15**	**5**	**0**	**10**	

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Rodríguez rf	5	0	1	0	0	2	.227
De La Cruz dh	2	0	0	0	2	1	.270
Stewart 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.266
Bleday lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.216
Stephenson c	3	0	1	0	1	2	.251
Suárez 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.206
McLain ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	.191
Friedl cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.165
Myers ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.256
Arroyo 2b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.229
Totals	**31**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**4**	**11**	

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Cincinnati ..... 000 000 000 — 0 5 1

E—Suárez (4). **LOB**—San Diego 11, Cincinnati 10. **2B**—Tatis Jr. (29), Machado (21), Bogaerts (14), Stewart (25). **HR**—. **DP**—San Diego 1; Cincinnati 1.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
King W 9-9	6	4	0	0	3	6	3.11
Hart	2	0	0	0	1	4	3.77
Peralta	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.41

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Singer L 5-13	4⅓	10	4	4	0	5	4.83
Garcia	1⅔	0	0	0	0	3	3.32
PieJohnson	1	3	1	1	0	0	4.54
Santillan	1	1	0	0	0	0

Pro football

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Broncos linebacker Jonathon Cooper was placed on the commissioner's exempt list.

NFL NOTEBOOK

Cooper enters not guilty plea to charges

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Broncos linebacker **Jonathon Cooper** pleaded not guilty Monday in Englewood, Colo., to charges stemming from altercations with his now-ex-girlfriend in June. A jury trial has been scheduled to begin on Nov. 10.

Cooper was placed on the commissioner's exempt list Sunday, meaning he'll continue to get paid for the time being and will be allowed inside the team's training facility, but cannot practice or play in any games.

"It's part of the process," general manager **George Paton** said in a conference call Sunday night after the team's 53-man roster was set. "We continue to take this very seriously. We're going to continue to monitor all the legal developments and continue to support Jonathon. Jonathon's worked very hard to better himself and it'll be good to have him in the building, be in meetings, and just be a part of the team."

Cooper was allowed to participate in training camp and Friday was one of the team captains in their preseason finale, a 34-6 win over the Vikings.

The league is investigating Cooper's situation and the sixth-year pro could face a lengthy suspension under the NFL's domestic violence policy. Any games he misses while on the exempt list would count toward his suspension, but he would have to repay money he earned while on the exempt list.

Cooper, who has started 52 consecutive games for the Broncos, was arrested on June 4 following an argument and physical confrontation with his then-girlfriend that eventually resulted in a felony assault charge of strangulation. He was arrested again a week later after allegedly violating a protection order by trying to contact the woman, according to the arrest affidavit.

Deadline looms for Porter

Steelers general manager **Omar Khan** said cornerback **Joey Porter Jr**. knows how the club feels about him.

The team, however, doesn't feel strongly enough to adjust its long-held standard of not negotiating during the season in hopes of getting something done.

While Khan declined to get into specifics about talks with Porter — who is about to enter the final season of the four-year rookie deal he signed after being the first pick in the second round of the 2023 draft — he reiterated that the team wants Porter to finish his career in Pittsburgh.

Porter is coming off the best season of his career. He allowed a career-low 333 yards while being targeted in coverage, didn't give up a touchdown, and knocked down 14 passes.

Porter, who had a back issue, was activated off the physically unable to perform list Sunday.

Cowboys cut Milton

The Cowboys waived backup quarterback **Joe Milton** while saying newly acquired **Broderick Jones** will compete with **Terence Steele** to start at right tackle.

The move with Milton, a sixth-round pick by the Patriots in 2024, presumably means **Sam Howell** has won the No. 2 job behind **Dak Prescott**, a spot that Milton held last season.

Waiving Milton, who could return on the practice squad, cleared a spot for running back **Emari Demercado**, claimed on waivers from the Chiefs.

Klubnik named Jets backup QB

Rookie **Cade Klubnik** will head into the regular season as the Jets' backup quarterback behind **Geno Smith**. The fourth-rounder out of Clemson received the bulk of the snaps during the three preseason games and had a solid training camp performance, giving the Jets confidence he can step in Smith's place if needed. Coach **Aaron Glenn** added they are still likely to add another quarterback to their practice squad. They released **Bailey Zappe** on Sunday and waived **Brady Cook**, who was claimed Monday by Miami. Cook started the final four games as a rookie last season. Klubnik was 21 of 34 for 190 yards with no touchdowns and one interception in the preseason.

Moody joins Ravens

The Ravens signed kicker **Jake Moody** to the practice squad, giving the team another option if second-year man **Tyler Loop** continues to struggle. Loop went just 1 for 4 from 50 yards and beyond last season. He missed only one field goal inside 50, but it was a 44-yarder on the final play of the final game. When that kick went wide right at Pittsburgh, it cost Baltimore a playoff spot. Loop went 4 for 7 in the preseason, missing from 49, 51, and 58 yards . . . Linebacker **Shaq Thompson**, who played for the Bills last season after 10 years with the Panthers, was one of 17 players signed to Buffalo's practice squad. The 32-year-old provides depth inside for a defense switching to a 3-4 system under new coordinator **Jim Leonhard**.

Patriots get TE Latu, LB Muasau

Waiver claims result in team releasing LB Britt, OL Brown in roster reshuffling

By Nicole Yang
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A day after trimming their roster to the requisite 53 players, the Patriots continued to make personnel moves.

On Monday, the team was awarded two veteran players off waivers: tight end Cameron Latu (cut by the Eagles) and linebacker Darius Muasau (from Giants).

To make room, the Patriots released linebacker K.J. Britt and offensive lineman Ben Brown.

The Patriots also placed punter Bryce Baringer and undrafted rookie linebacker Khalil Jacobs on injured reserve. Both players suffered injuries during the preseason and will be required to miss the first four games.

Parting ways with Brown is surprising, given he signed a contract extension last year and practiced as the team's top interior backup before suffering an injury in the second preseason game. Because Brown is a vested veteran, he is not subject to waivers and can easily return to the Patriots, who have two open roster spots.

Latu (6 feet 5 inches, 244 pounds) is a slightly more experienced option at tight end. Previously, the Patriots had planned to rely on two rookies, Eli Raridon and Tanner Arkin, behind Hunter Henry. The 26-year-old Latu appeared in 15 games for the Eagles last season, playing 11.2 percent of the offensive snaps and 65.4 percent of the special teams snaps.

Latu started his career with the 49ers, who drafted him out of Alabama in the third round (No. 101) in 2023. He missed his rookie season because of a torn meniscus suffered during a preseason game. The 49ers then released him as part of their final cuts the following year. The Browns signed Latu to their practice squad for the 2024 season.

Although Latu projects as a core special teamer, he also could earn offensive snaps as a blocker to help fill the void left by Julian Hill. During his junior and senior seasons at Alabama, Latu also contributed in the passing game with 56 receptions for 787 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The 25-year-old Muasau (6 feet, 234 pounds) also is a core special teamer, but can provide much-needed depth at linebacker. After the Giants drafted him out of UCLA in the sixth round (No. 183) in 2024, Muasau appeared in 27 games over the past two seasons.

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The Patriots got a good look at Cameron Latu during their preseason game Aug. 22.

Muasau's defensive role ebbed and flowed during his Giants tenure, but he should have more of an opportunity behind Robert Spillane and Christian Elliss. He should start the season as the third linebacker, though it would not be surprising to see Spillane and Elliss (if healthy) play 100 percent of the defensive snaps.

The other linebacker on the roster is Namdi Obiazor.

The Patriots were one of seven teams to be awarded multiple players off waivers.

The Patriots also signed 13 players to their practice squad: safety Mike Brown; wide receivers Kyle Dixon and Cameron Dorner; defensive tackles Eric Gregory and Jeremiah Pharms; running backs Hassan Haskins and Lan Larison; interior offensive lineman Jake Kubas and Jacob Rizy; offensive tackle Lorenz Metz, cornerback Kindle Vildor; linebacker Riley Wilson; and punter Mitch Wishnowsky.

Kubas and Wishnowsky are new faces, while the rest spent training camp with the Patriots. With Baringer on injured reserve, Wishnowsky can be temporarily elevated to the game-day roster for a maximum of three games.

The Patriots still have room for four players on the practice squad. Metz, as an international pathway player, does not count against the 16-player limit.

Only one of the players they waived over the weekend was claimed by another team. Cornerback (and 2024 sixth-round pick) Marcellas Dial is headed to the Dolphins.

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Vrabel talks roster, preseason, and Gonzalez

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Patriots coach Mike Vrabel stopped by WEEI's "The Greg Hill Show" on Monday morning following the roster cut decisions over the weekend.

New England observed the league-mandated deadline to get rosters down to 53 players by Sunday evening as the NFL prepares for the start of the regular season (which the Patriots will kick off in Seattle on Sept. 9).

Depth remains a concern at several positions, as well as other ongoing issues, which Vrabel was asked about. Here's an overview of the discussion:

■ New England made a plethora of cuts to move from a more than 90-player squad during training camp. Vrabel acknowledged that it's a challenging moment to have to hand out bad news to a score of NFL hopefuls.

"It's always difficult. You spend a lot of time with them, you try to coach them, and build a relationship with them," he said. "Some of these guys will get an opportunity on our team, they'll get an opportunity on somebody else's team, and then for some of them that will be the last bit of professional football that they play.

"We try to be as respectful as we possibly can and be upfront with the player and what it was that they maybe can improve on, or how we can help them move forward."

■ One of the storylines of New England's preseason games was the absence of Drake Maye and other starters, several of whom logged zero snaps.

Asked if it was the plan "all along" to not have Maye play, or if it had been the result of circumstances in training camp, Vrabel was noncommittal.

"It was just a decision that we felt like was best for the football team," he replied.

Is there any concern of rust when the regular season begins?

"There could be rust, there could be rain or shine, I'm not really sure," Vrabel responded, half jokingly. "But we'll just have to prepare really well and go out there and continue to work.

He then added a dismissive line about preseason preparation.

"Let's be real: Nothing that we do in the preseason's going to prepare us for the first game in Seattle," said Vrabel. "Whether it's the crowd noise in Cleveland or you know . . . we'll have to be really ready to go out there in that environment."

■ In the lead-in to a question about the contract status of cornerback Christian Gonzalez, Vrabel humorously disputed the idea that he had been a "great player" after WEEI producer Chris Curtis included that phrasing in his question.

"I was a good player on a great team," he corrected with a laugh. "I've said this numerous times."

Vrabel, who was a 2007 first-team All Pro and is a member of the Patriots Hall of Fame, eventually got to Curtis's question about Gonzalez and the ongoing contract dispute.

Gonzalez, 24, is looking to land a high-level contract, but the sides reportedly remain far apart.

"I don't have anything new to add with Christian," Vrabel said. "Whatever the events over the weekend or whatever happened over the weekend or didn't happen over the weekend or what's going to happen today moving forward, I don't think I have anything new to update you on."

On the question of Gonzalez's status for Week 1, Vrabel again took a more general line.

"I expect him to be there today and I'm going to focus on today," Vrabel said.

"I expect every healthy player to play and practice for our football team. That's my expectation as a head coach."

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When it came to the three preseason games, coach Mike Vrabel didn't look Drake Maye's way once.

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Depth was a concern, and the initial roster confirms it

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More outsiders surely are coming this week.

Wolf said last week, "We've had some injuries here over the course of the last couple of weeks that obviously thinned things out," referring to three backup offensive linemen plus other maladies.

"We're deeper at some positions than we were last year. We're shallower at others," Wolf said. "This time of year is a great opportunity for the scouts and for us to work the phones, talking about different trades."

The trenches are where the Patriots need the most work. The starting offensive line, the weakness in last year's postseason, is set with (left to right) Will Campbell, Alijah Vera-Tucker, Jared Wilson, Mike Onwenu, and Morgan Moses, plus first-round pick Caleb Lomu as the top backup tackle. But injuries and inconsistent play spurred them to sign 36-year-old guard Greg Van Roten off the street, and trade for guard/tackle Walter Rouse. Keeping 10 offensive linemen on the opening 53, when most teams keep eight or nine, is a sign that the back half is in flux.

The defensive front is even more unsettled. It's stout up the middle with Milton Williams and Christian Barmore, but the edges and depth are concerning, especially after gashings by the Eagles and Browns the last two weeks.

Pass rush-wise, the Patriots had only two players last year with at least seven sacks, and neither will be with the team in Week 1. K'Lavon Chaisson (7½) was not resigned, and Harold Landry (8½) will miss at least the first four games on the physically unable to perform list. Second-round pick Gabe Jacas was supposed to be a plug-and-play pass rusher, but he's had an awful camp after signing late and is nowhere near ready to play anything other than special teams. Dre'Mont Jones, the big free agent signing, didn't have an inspiring camp — and isn't a big sack guy, anyway.

Elsewhere, the Patriots are slim at tight end after losing free agent signing Julian Hill to a torn ACL this spring. Hill was signed to be a blocking force in the run game, and the Patriots are now counting on two rookies to take his place, Eli Raridon and undrafted Tanner Arkin.

They clearly didn't like their running backs in camp, as only two of the six made the initial 53 — Rhamondre Stevenson and TreVeyon Henderson. They traded for Kiner, and probably aren't done adding bodies.

Oh, and they have a little contract squabble with Gonzalez, which he acknowledged is "frustrating" and threatens to disrupt his and the team's season.

The Patriots have plenty of star power, but Vrabel knows that depth is just as important. Last year, every team played between 65 and 81 players in the regular season. The Patriots were at 70.

"Depth has to be built," Vrabel said. "Those are critical. Those are almost starters. We know how many people are going to have to play for you throughout the season, and there cannot be a drop-off."

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' SOCCER NOTEBOOK

Natick locked in for Division 1 title defense

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As the reigning Division 1 champion, Natick boys' soccer is enjoying the excitement around the program.

A five-day tryout wrapped Friday with a whopping 110 candidates.

High numbers are good. It means the community's support for the team didn't just stop after the tournament.

"It just brought the community together," senior captain **Luca Tavilla** said. "The whole town believed in us."

At the end of the long process, the focus shifts to defending the title, the program's first.

Ranked No. 1 in the Globe's preseason Top 20, the Redhawks are ready for more after a 17-5-0 season culminated with a 3-2 win over St. John's Prep in the state final.

"I thought I was hungry for a repeat, or at least a deep playoff run, but they're even hungrier," Natick coach **Daniel Joseph** said. "They're locked in."

Natick will have a target on its back, said senior captain **Cole Boggis**. "We're definitely prepared for that, and we're ready for that."

Boggis, a reigning Globe All-Scholastic, is one of 12 returning varsity players. A speedy and clinical forward, he is committed to UMass.

"Cole is the best forward in the state, public or private," Joseph said. "He's outstanding, and he's only gotten better."

Boggis (16 goals, 13 assists last season) let his play do the talking in the state tournament, with two assists and the winning goal in the title game.

Joseph hailed Boggis's playmaking in addition to the scoring. The "unselfish" star is more than willing to set up a teammate when attention shifts to him.

A key to the Redhawks' turnaround a season ago was their switch to a three-back formation, allowing them to move more players into the midfield. After the change in midseason, Natick lost once the rest of the way.

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Senior midfielder Luca Tavilla, one of 12 players returning from last year's Division 1 title team, is a force on both sides of the ball for Natick.

It doesn't just affect their play, but their opponents', too. How other teams build up or pressure the Redhawks out of possession is different than pressing against a back four as it moves personnel around.

It's now a style other teams and coaches know and expect of the Redhawks.

There's more responsibility on their defenders, something the group led by senior captain **Sam Fishman**, who plays at the center of the back three, enjoys.

"It's quite a unique situation," Fishman said. "I'd say we're one of the very few teams in the MIAA that play a three-back. Being the loudest man on the field is really important to me."

The midfield is led by Tavilla, a two-year captain. His dynamic ability to play in both an attacking and defensive midfield role drives the Redhawks.

"One of my favorite players I have ever coached," Joseph said. "He does not look for any accolades or recognition, even though he should be showered in it."

Senior **Shaun Smith** joins Boggis up top, and seniors **Nate Kingscote** and **Nathan Wasielewski** flank Tavilla. Natick will get a boost from senior defender **Emmett Scoppetto**, who returned from MLS Next to play with his classmates.

It's a third season in charge for Joseph, who needed a lot of trust from his team to get a committed formation and style switch.

"He's very encouraging, kind, [and] inclusive," Fishman said. "He's open to giving feedback to anyone, regardless of position or grade. He's a wonderful coach, a mentor outside the field. He's had a very positive impact on my life."

Corner kicks

■ After a Round of 16 loss in the Division 1 tournament to Cambridge, Weymouth has hired former Norwell coach **Michael O'Dea**.

The Weymouth native helped transform the Clippers into a Division 3 powerhouse, winning state titles in 2023 and 2025, plus reaching the final in 2024.

"I just feel very connected to this town, and to this community," said O'Dea. "There's still a bit of surrealness that I'm back here in this capacity."

O'Dea is at the helm of a roster that graduated 14 seniors. He is no stranger to a rebuild.

Norwell graduated 17 from its runner-up squad in 2024, but rattled off an unbeaten run last fall for a repeat.

"I'm excited to coach those guys up, and just drill the belief into them that they're here because they should be here, and they're here for a reason," said O'Dea.

■ Former BC High coach **Billy Ryan** has come out of retirement to take over at Malden Catholic.

Ryan won more than 300 games and 11 Catholic Conference crowns with the Eagles. The Eastern Mass. Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Famer takes charge of a Lancers program aiming to take a step up in the Catholic Conference.

■ A few key dates to know for the season: games begin Sunday, with many teams waiting until after Labor Day to start in full. The regular season is scheduled to end Nov. 3, and MIAA tournament brackets will be released Nov. 5.

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Globe Top 20

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1.	Natick
2.	Needham
3.	Duxbury
4.	Oliver Ames
5.	St. John's Prep
6.	Concord-Carlisle
7.	Newton South
8.	BC High
9.	Framingham
10.	Weymouth
11.	Medfield
12.	St. John's (S)
13.	Cambridge
14.	Brookline
15.	Dover-Sherborn
16.	Dartmouth
17.	Arlington
18.	Winchester
19.	New Bedford
20.	Norwell

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Lottie Woad, part of Boston Common Golf's team in the WTGL, got into the swing of things at a kickoff event at Fenway Park.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Khang will play for Boston's WTGL team

By Katie McInerney
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Golf has followed a recent trajectory similar to other women's sports: In the last five years, it has attracted more eyeballs, more sponsors, and more interest.

Beginning in November, women's golf will take its most innovative swing in years with the introduction of the WTGL, the new women's division of the tech-driven indoor golf league that launched in 2025.

Boston Common Golf, which has one of the six original men's teams, introduced on Monday the lineup for its women's squad. Rockland native Megan Khang and English 22-year-old Lottie Woad, No. 7 in the world rankings, are the headliners.

The three players joining them: France's Céline Boutier, a seven-time LPGA Tour winner; and Japan's Chizzy Iwai, 24, and Korea's Ina Yoon, 23, who both joined the tour in 2025.

For the unfamiliar, TGL pits the world's best golfers in a team format, hitting into a massive screen at the SoFi Center in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., where every match is contested. There's an actual green that is adjusted throughout the two-hour matches.

Boston Common is one of five teams in the inaugural WTGL season. Detroit joins the TGL and WTGL as an expansion team this year. (The men's season will begin at the start of 2027.) The other women's teams are Atlanta, Los Angeles, and New York, all of which have a men's counterpart. (The TGL teams without women's counterparts are the Bay Area and Jupiter Links, Fla.)

The hope for the women's players, team owners, and investors is that the TGL's unique format, plus its ability to bring viewers closer to the action by having athletes wear microphones and airing the dialogue on the ESPN and ESPN2 broadcasts, will introduce more character into the women's game and turn casual viewers into bigger fans.

"This is truly going to be the platform where you get to see like 25 personalities that you probably would never get to know," Khang said, "and that to me is really cool because it's something where people who probably wouldn't normally tune into women's golf are going to see like, wow, these girls are hilarious. These girls are more relatable than the guys sometimes when it comes to hitting some shots."

Khang was the star of the show at Monday's kickoff event at Fenway Park. She joked that she couldn't wait to "get a little banter out" toward her fellow competitors when the league tees off later this year.

Among the other players named to the five rosters: World No. 2 Jeeno Thitikul, No. 8 Charley Hull, No. 11 Brooke Henderson, No. 12 Lydia Ko, No. 13 Minjee Lee, Rose Zhang, and Lexi Thompson. Also competing: Former star Michelle Wie West, who retired from competitive golf in 2023, but played in this year's US Women's Open.

Boston Common's teams are owned by Fenway Sports Group and are part of a deeper push for the management firm. Principal owner John Henry (who also owns the Globe) created a consortium of North American sports owners called the Strategic Sports Group that, in 2024, began its efforts to reshape professional golf with a $3 billion investment into the PGA.

The WTGL is FSG's first women's team based in the United States, Boston Common Golf president and CEO Mark Lev noted on Monday. (FSG owns Liverpool's women's team, which will begin its Women's Super League season this weekend.)

The men's team features Rory McIlroy, Keegan Bradley, Adam Scott, and Hideki Matsuyama. It finished at the top of the standings in the six-team men's league earlier this year, but lost in the first round of the playoffs.

For Khang, the opportunity to play for a hometown team is something she didn't expect to ever get as an athlete in an individual sport. And she's already promising success. On Monday, she poked fun at the men's team, which went winless in its first season.

"I can almost say, I think we're going to do a lot better than the men in their first TGL season," she said to laughs. "I think we'll win at least one match."

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LPGA's growth evident at FM Championship

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streamer, U-NEXT, to air every tournament. It's the largest international streaming partnership for the organization in its history.

The LPGA's presence abroad also was a major draw for FM, the title sponsor that is locked in to bring this tournament back to TPC Boston through 2028. The commercial property insurance company was drawn to women's golf because it offered something most sports sponsorships do not.

"We needed something that was global," said David Johnson, FM's chief client experience officer. "There's not a whole lot of global leagues out there."

Middle of the road

Nelly Korda, the world No. 1, is the biggest name in women's golf — and it was apparent at TPC Boston. By the time she reached the 18th green around midday Sunday (she started on the back nine), Korda had drawn a crowd only slightly smaller than the one watching the final group at last year's tournament.

The 28-year-old got off to a scorching start this season, finishing first or second in her first six tournaments, including a win in the year's first major, the Chevron Championship in April. She won $2.5 million by finishing first in June's US Women's Open at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles. Later that month, she tied for eighth in the Women's PGA Championship.

And then came the stumble in July: Korda missed the cut at the Evian Championship, though she rebounded to tie for fourth in the fifth and final major of the season, the Women's British Open.

Expectations are high for Korda, who didn't win at all in 2025, so her tie for 50th is somewhat a disappointment. She was in danger of missing the cut after the second round, and shot par three days in a row before finishing 1 over on Sunday.

She's in high demand among sponsors — FM executives were spotted walking the course inside the ropes with her throughout the tournament — and always stops for autographs, even as she's making the turn in the middle of a round.

So it is understandable, if

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World No. 1 Nelly Korda drew a crowd, but tied for 50th at Norton's TPC Boston.

still a bummer, that she declined to speak to the Globe after signing her scorecard. She said she had to catch a flight.

Next up for Korda: her fifth Solheim Cup, which tees off on Sept. 11 in the Netherlands.

Bigger crowds

Tournament organizers had to open an overflow parking lot on Saturday to accommodate fans attending the third round. It was a welcome problem for tournament director Patrick Healy, who said ticket scans were up compared with 2024 and 2025.

One thing that helped attendance this year was that the tournament avoided Labor Day weekend. The weather was nearly perfect, and the star-studded field wasn't too bad, either.

Healy said that this year the players who had previously competed helped recruit others.

It shows "how different our athletes are from maybe some other professional sports," Healy said. "They actually talk, which is amazing. So there have definitely been folks that were here in Year 1 who were our shepherds on the ground," spreading the word about what the tournament has to offer.

If things work out, you can expect the FM Championship to stay at TPC Boston for a while longer. Both parties are working on an extension.

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US OPEN

Winning return for Alcaraz

Straight-set victory for defending champ

By Brian Mahoney
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NEW YORK — Carlos Alcaraz was nervous. He was excited. Best of all, he was pain-free.

Alcaraz beat Roman Safiullin, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, on Monday, showing no problems with the right wrist injury that had sidelined the 23-year-old Spaniard since April.

"I don't know how it looked from outside, but from inside, my feeling was that I was hitting normal," Alcaraz said. "I was playing pretty normal, playing my style, and yeah, the arm, the wrist, everything felt great."

In that case, don't rule out a run at a repeat.

Following fellow two-time US Open champion Aryna Sabalenka onto Arthur Ashe Stadium, the No. 2-seeded Alcaraz appeared more comfortable as the match went on and delivered the all-around game that has made him a fan favorite in New York. He held his hand to his ear to encourage louder cheers and pumped his fist after a pretty volley winner in the final game of the match.

Forced to miss the French Open and Wimbledon, Alcaraz decided he was good enough to come back at the US Open, stepping right back into Grand Slam tennis without a warmup event.

"I had more nerves than usual, but just happy, because, for me, my goal here is to compete, to enjoy, and let's see how my body's going to react after the matches, after the competition again," Alcaraz said.

No man has won consecutive US Open titles since Roger Federer took five in a row from 2004-08. If Alcaraz stays healthy, the seven-time Grand Slam champion may quickly become a huge favorite with top-ranked Jannik Sinner sidelined by a knee injury and No. 4 Novak Djokovic losing in the first round for the first time Sunday.

With the tournament thrown into shock by that result, Sabalenka brought back some normalcy. She beat Camila Osorio, 6-4, 6-4, to begin her bid to be the first player to win three straight US Open championships since Serena Williams (2012-14).

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Carlos Alcaraz (above) started his US Open by beating Roman Safiullin, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, in his first match since injuring his right wrist in April.

She has been to the last three US Open finals, rebounding from a loss to Coco Gauff in 2023 by winning in 2024, then topping Amanda Anisimova last year to repeat.

"I feel like this is one of my favorite stadiums," Sabalenka told the crowd afterward. "I really experienced the best emotions here in this stadium."

She must have certainly been happier with the level of tennis she delivered Monday, after a series of poor events coming into the US Open has left Sabalenka needing help to retain the No. 1 ranking even if she wins again in New York. No. 2 Elena Rybakina will pass her if she reaches the semifinals, and won't even need to win any matches if Sabalenka fails to win the title.

Past US Open champions who advanced included No. 8 Iga Swiatek and 2017 winner Sloane Stephens, with two-time champ Naomi Osaka in action at night. (Osaka made her usual fashionable entrance and channeled Allen Iverson, her hair done in cornrows.) Stan Wawrinka lost to Matteo Berrettini in the final Grand Slam match before the three-time major champion from Switzerland, who won the title in 2016, retires at 41.

Another top-10 seed followed Djokovic out when No. 10 Arthur Fils, coming off the title in Cincinnati, was ousted by Stefanos Tsitsipas, 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1, 6-4. No. 8 Ben Shelton recovered from a miserable start in which he was broken three times in a 28-minute first set and beat Tallon Griekspoor, 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

Other winners included No. 6 Linda Noskova, the Wimbledon champion; No. 7 seed Karolina Muchova, who lost to her fellow Czech in the final at the All-England Club, and No. 10 Anisimova. Sara Bejlek, another Czech and the No. 28 seed who stunned Sabalenka in Cincinnati, fell in three sets to Cristina Bucsa.

SportsLog

Messi retires from international soccer

Argentinian superstar **Lionel Messi** announced his retirement from international soccer on Monday, ending 21 years of national-team duty that were capped by winning the World Cup in 2022 to secure his place in the pantheon of the game's greatest players. "It was a decision that hurt — and still hurts deeply — but I understand that the time has come," the 39-year-old Messi said on his Instagram account. Messi, who will continue to play at club level with Inter Miami in Major League Soccer, played in a record-tying six World Cups. He won it four years ago in a tournament he dominated in Qatar, and also led Argentina to the title match in 2014 and again this year, when the Albiceleste lost to Spain in extra time in New Jersey. Messi stands shoulder to shoulder with **Diego Maradona**, a compatriot with whom he was so often compared, and Brazil icon **Pelé** as the greatest players of all-time. Messi played 207 games for Argentina and finishes as its all-time leading scorer with 125 goals, 21 of them in World Cups. Only one player has more goals in men's internationals — his long-time rival **Cristiano Ronaldo**, who has 146 and has yet to announce his retirement from Portugal duty. Messi became the all-time leading World Cup scorer for a month in the recent tournament in the US, Mexico, and Canada, but finished one goal behind France's **Kylian Mbappé**.

BASKETBALL

Wilson, Plum to miss World Cup

A'ja Wilson and **Kelsey Plum** will miss the FIBA Women's World Cup for health reasons and will be replaced by Washington teammates **Kiki Iriafen** and **Sonia Citron**, USA Basketball announced. Wilson, the four-time WNBA MVP, has shouldered quite a workload in the first part of the season for the Las Vegas Aces and needed a break to rest and get ready for the playoffs. Plum has been dealing with a calf injury for most of the WNBA season and it still hasn't healed. She was a catalyst in the Paris Games gold-medal victory against France.

MISCELLANY

UCLA fires ex-BC boss Jarmond

UCLA fired athletic director **Martin Jarmond**, who departed Boston College in 2020 for the post, and replaced him with **Tim Harris**, the former president of business operations for the Lakers. Jarmond, who took charge at BC in 2017, leaves immediately. The Bruins won three NCAA championships last season, including the first by the women's basketball team, but chancellor **Julio Frenk** declared in his announcement that "UCLA Athletics currently carries a significant financial deficit, and its current path is not sustainable." . . . **Jerry Stovall**, a former LSU football coach and an All-America player nicknamed "Mr. Everything," died Monday, the school said. He was 85. LSU announced that Stovall died in Baton Rouge without disclosing a cause. Stovall went 22-21-2 in four seasons with the Tigers, leading the team to an 8-3-1 record and an Orange Bowl appearance in 1982. Stovall was a two-way standout for LSU from 1960-62 . . . Five-time Tour de France champion **Tadej Pogacar** underwent successful surgery on his left collarbone on Monday following a crash over the weekend, his UAE Team Emirates team said. Pogacar broke two bones on Saturday after losing control when a stone rolled across the road during the eighth stage of the Vuelta a España. Before the crash, Pogcar held a commanding lead in the Vuelta and was heavily favored to become the ninth male rider to win all three Grand Tours.

Defenseless Legacy routed at Gillette

▶LEGACY
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in a 2-1 loss at the North Carolina Courage, then underwent surgery.

And Angel City (8-8-5, 29 points) capitalized on Legacy vulnerabilities, Prisca Chilufya scoring twice as it snapped a six-game winless streak. Angel City attacked on the right wing, converting off its first two corner kicks in taking a 3-1 halftime lead.

The contest began as a South Shore duel, with Angel City's Ally Sentnor opening the scoring with a left-footer from the top of the penalty area in the fifth minute, matched by a left-footer from fellow Hanson native Sammy Smith in the eighth minute. Sentnor's shot followed a throw-in that led to an Evelyn Shores corner kick.

In the 14th minute, Chilufya broke the deadlock with a deflected drive from just outside the penalty area. The shot followed a failed clearance off a Shores cross, after a corner. Sveindís Jónsdóttir upped the advantage with a run past Emerson Elgin off a Savy King through ball in the 18th, finishing near post past Laurel Ivory, who was making her first start in goal.

Coach Filipa Patao said Ivory "need to get some minutes," and that Legacy goalkeeper Casey Murphy will return to the lineup.

The Legacy adjusted, dropping Smith back. The move took away from the Legacy attack, and barely slowed Angel City, which earned three more first-half corners on the right wing. (It nearly converted as Emily Sams's header was tipped off the bar by Ivory in added time.)

The Legacy attempted to go directly at central defenders Sarah Gorden and Sams early in the second half, earning a corner off a failed Gorden back pass intended for goalkeeper Angelina Anderson. But the Legacy failed to shore up the back line, and Angel City continued to threaten with crosses before Chilufya scored off an Elgin turnover.

Chilufya finished her own rebound for a 4-1 edge in the 58th. Substitute Maiara Niehues then had a shot saved and a one-timer go high before finishing from 20 yards while surrounded by three defenders in the 66th.

The Legacy made a triple substitution in the 62nd minute, then two more subs in the 71st — too late to make a difference.

This was the Legacy's worst defensive performance, and only Aïssata Traoré's 88th-minute header off a corner kick prevented Boston's most decisive defeat.

Scoreboard

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	TUE 9/1	WED 9/2	THU 9/3	FRI 9/4	SAT 9/5	SUN 9/6	MON 9/7
	SEA 6:45 NESN	SEA 4:10 NESN	BAL 7:15 Fox	BAL 7:05 NESN	BAL 7:05 NESN	BAL 1:35 NESN	LAA 1:35 NESN
					LA 9:30 Apple TV		
				UTA 9:30 NBCSB			

Home games shaded

On the radio: Red Sox, WEEI-FM 93.7; Patriots and Revolution, WBZ-FM 98.5.

ON THE AIR

BASEBALL		
6:45 p.m.	Seattle at Boston	NESN
7:40 p.m.	Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs	TBS
9:38 p.m.	NY Yankees at LA Angels	MLB
CYCLING		
8:30 a.m.	Tour of Spain	NBCSN
TENNIS		
11:30 a.m.	US Open	ESPN
7 p.m.	US Open	ESPN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL		
4:30 p.m.	LSU vs. Michigan State	Big Ten
6 p.m.	Georgia vs. Indiana	FS1
6:30 p.m.	South Carolina at Michigan	Big Ten
8 p.m.	Texas A&M at Purdue	FS1
9 p.m.	Florida vs. Minnesota	Big Ten

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Transactions

MLB

Baltimore: P Anthony Nunez sent to minors. P Cade Povich called up from minors. SS Luis Vázquez designated for assignment. CF Luis Robert Jr. acquired off waivers.
Boston: C Mickey Gasper called up from minors. 1B Willson Contreras placed on 10-day IL.
Chi. White Sox: P Tyler Gilbert sent to minors. LF Jake Cave, LF Tommy Pham traded. P Tyler Schweitzer reinstated from paternity leave list.
Detroit: LF Corey Julks sent to minors. P Yilber Díaz called up from minors. P Tanner Rainey designated for assignment. SS John Peck purchased from minors.
Miami: P Wikelman González sent to minors. P Cade Gibson, SS Jared Serna called up from minors. 2B Xavier Edwards placed on 10-day IL.
Milwaukee: P Bryse Wilson placed on 15-day IL. P Abner Uribe removed from 15-day IL, recalled from minors rehab.
NY Mets: 3B Mark Vientos recalled from minors rehab, removed from 10-day IL.
NY Yankees: P Justin Topa refused minor league assignment - free agent. P John Schreiber acquired off waivers.
Seattle: P Nick Davila placed on 15-day IL. SS Colt Emerson transferred to 60-day IL. P Cooper Criswell removed from 60-day IL, recalled from minors rehab.

NFL

Arizona: S Josh Minkins on IR.
Atlanta: DE Keshawn Banks on IR. LB Yasir Abdullah, LB Jared Ivey, T Cameron Williams acquired from waiver. CB Natrone Brooks, DE Zach Harrison, S Jammie Robinson cut.
Carolina: CB Tyrek Funderburk, T Ryan Hayes on IR. G Corey Bullock acquired from waiver. G Chandler Zavala cut.
Chicago: CB Beanie Bishop Jr., LB Ruben Hyppolite II on IR.
Cincinnati: T Myles Hinton acquired from waiver.
Cleveland: DT Travis Bell, DT Elijah Chatman, LB Edefuan Ulofoshio on IR. CB Toriano Pride Jr. acquired from waiver.
Dallas: TE DJ Rogers on IR. RB Emari Demercado acquired from waiver. QB Joe Milton III cut.
Denver: LB Drew Sanders on IR.
Detroit: T Michael Niese on IR.
Green Bay: S Trey Dean III, TE Thomas Yassmin on IR. TE McCallan Castles off IR, cut.
Houston: DE Solomon Byrd, DT Kyonte Hamilton on IR. LB Marte Mapu off IR, cut.
Indianapolis: CB Kapena Gushiken acquired from waiver.
Jacksonville: QB Carter Bradley, DT Keivie Rose on IR.
Kansas City: G C.J. Hanson, QB Chris Oladokun, RB EJ Smith on IR. DT Bryson Eason, LB Jack Pyburn acquired from waiver. DT Marcus Harris, CB Kevin Knowles cut.
Las Vegas: WR Chase Roberts on IR. CB Darrell Luter Jr. acquired from waiver. CB Decamerion Richardson cut.
LA Chargers: WR Sincere Brown, WR Dalevon Campbell, LB Kyle Kennard on IR.
LA Rams: CB Alex Johnson on IR.
Miami: QB Brady Cook, CB Marcellas Dial Jr., T Chukwuebuka Godrick, TE Justin Joly, T Jarrett Kingston, CB Reese Taylor, S Julius Wood acquired from waiver. CB Ethan Bonner, T Marques Cox, WR AJ Henning, LB Max Llewellyn, G Josh Priebe, TE Ben Sims cut. DE Malik Herring signed.
Minnesota: G Trevor Keegan, C Nick Samac acquired from waiver. WR Dillon Bell, QB Max Brosmer cut. T Jack Nelson, WR Michael Briscoe, S Kahlef Hailassie, CB Bryce Phillips, WR Trayvon Rudolph, S Tavierre Thomas, CB Da'Veawn Armstead, LB Cam'Ron Stewart, C Gavin Gerhardt pract. squad add.
New England: TE Cameron Latu, LB Darius Muasau acquired from waiver.
New Orleans: T Mason Murphy, DT Colby Wooden acquired from waiver. WR Kevin Austin Jr., TE Treyton Welch cut.
NY Jets: K Blake Grupe, LB Trevin Wallace acquired from waiver. T Kohl Levao cut.
Seattle: LB Chris Paul Jr. off IR, cut.
Tennessee: LB Owen Pappoe, CB Melvin Smith Jr., DT Nazir Stackhouse acquired from waiver. LB Mohamoud Diabate, S Erick Hallett II, S Jerrick Reed II, WR Xavier Restrepo cut. S Terrell Burgess, T James Hudson III signed.

NHL

Toronto: RW Calle Jarnkrok signed with european team.

Schools

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NWSL

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Gotham FC	22	13	6	3	45
Washington	22	12	4	6	40
Utah	22	12	3	7	39
San Diego	22	12	3	7	39
Portland	22	11	5	6	38
North Carolina	22	11	3	8	36
Kansas City	22	10	4	8	34
Seattle	21	9	4	8	31
Angel City	21	8	5	8	29
Denver	21	7	6	8	27
Houston	22	7	5	10	26
Orlando	22	8	2	12	26
Louisville	22	7	2	13	23
Bay FC	21	6	4	11	22
Boston	22	5	5	12	20
Chicago	22	5	1	16	16

MONDAY'S RESULT
Angel City 5.....at Boston 2
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
At Washington 1.....Bay FC 0
At Seattle 1.....Houston 0

Angel City, 5-2

Angel City (8-5-8)	3	2	—	5
Boston (5-5-12)	1	1	—	2

Scoring: ANG, Ally Sentnor 4 5th minute; BOS, Sammy Smith 5 8th minute; ANG, Prisca Chilufya 3 14th minute; ANG, Sveindis Jonsdottir 7 18th minute; ANG, Prisca Chilufya 4 58th minute; ANG, Maiara Niehues 7 66th minute; BOS, Aissata Traore 7 88th minute
Saves: AC, Angelina Anderson 2; Bos, Laurel Ivory 4
Shots: Angel City 20, Boston 10
Shots on goal: Angel City 9, Boston 4
Fouls: Angel City 6, Boston 11
Offsides: Angel City 1, Boston 0
Referee: Muhammad Hassan
Attendance: 9681

International League

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Rochester	35	22	.614	—
Scranton/W-B	31	23	.574	2½
Durham	32	24	.571	2½
Syracuse	30	26	.536	4½
Worcester	30	26	.536	4½
Buffalo	29	27	.518	5½
Charlotte	29	28	.509	6
Lehigh Valley	27	28	.491	7
Jacksonville	24	32	.429	10½
Norfolk	21	33	.389	12½
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Indianapolis	34	23	.596	—
St. Paul	32	25	.561	2
Gwinnett	29	28	.509	5
Columbus	28	27	.509	5
Nashville	28	28	.500	5½
Toledo	28	29	.491	6
Omaha	26	29	.473	7
Iowa	26	31	.456	8
Memphis	24	33	.421	10
Louisville	19	38	.333	15

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Worcester at Buffalo.....6:05
Indianapolis at Toledo.....6:35
Iowa at Columbus.....6:35
Rochester at Syracuse.....6:35
Jacksonville at Norfolk.....6:35
Charlotte at Gwinnett.....6:35
Lehigh Valley at Scranton/W-B.....7:05
St. Paul at Omaha.....7:35
Louisville at Nashville.....7:35
Durham at Memphis.....7:45

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Nashville	22	16	4	2	52
Miami	22	12	6	4	42
Chicago	21	11	4	6	37
New England	22	11	4	7	37
Charlotte	22	10	5	7	35
Cincinnati	22	8	7	7	31
NYCFC	22	7	7	8	28
NY Red Bulls	22	7	5	10	26
Orlando	22	7	4	11	25
Toronto	22	5	10	7	25
D.C. United	22	5	10	7	25
Philadelphia	22	6	6	10	24
Atlanta	22	6	3	13	21
Montreal	22	5	6	11	21
Columbus	22	5	5	12	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Vancouver	21	13	4	4	43
Houston	22	12	3	7	39
LAFC	23	10	6	7	36
San Jose	22	10	4	8	34
Dallas	22	9	7	6	34
St. Louis	22	9	7	6	34
Colorado	22	10	1	11	31
San Diego FC	22	8	6	8	30
Minnesota	22	7	8	7	29
Real Salt Lake	21	8	4	9	28
Portland	22	8	4	10	28
Seattle	21	7	5	9	26
LA Galaxy	23	6	8	9	26
Austin	22	6	6	10	24
Sporting KC	22	4	3	15	15

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New England 3.....at Columbus 1
Dallas 3.....at St. Louis 3

Eastern League

NORTHEAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Reading	33	23	.589	—
Somerset	30	27	.526	3½
Binghamton	29	28	.509	4½
Portland	29	28	.509	4½
Hartford	22	35	.386	11½
New Hampshire	22	35	.386	11½
SOUTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Erie	38	19	.667	—
Chesapeake	31	25	.554	6½
Richmond	29	27	.518	8½
Harrisburg	27	28	.491	10
Akron	26	29	.473	11
Altoona	22	34	.393	15½

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Portland at Chesapeake.....6:35
Somerset at Erie.....6:05
New Hampshire at Binghamton.....6:07
Reading at Hartford.....6:30
Altoona at Harrisburg.....6:30
Richmond at Akron.....6:35

Premier League

MONDAY'S RESULT
Arsenal 1.....Aston Villa 0
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
At Chelsea 4.....Brighton 3
Brentford 1.....at Leeds United 1
At Sunderland 1.....Fulham 0
At Man. United 5.....Ipswich Town 2

South Atlantic League

NORTH	W	L	Pct.	GB
Frederick	36	22	.621	—
Greensboro	36	24	.600	1
Hudson Valley	34	26	.567	3
Wilmington	33	27	.550	4
Brooklyn	31	28	.525	5½
Jersey Shore	19	40	.322	17½
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Bowling Green	32	27	.542	—
Winston-Salem	31	28	.525	1
Greenville	31	29	.517	1½
Rome	26	33	.441	6
Asheville	25	34	.424	7
Hub City	22	38	.367	10½

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Greenville at Bowling Green.....7:35
Jersey Shore at Hub City.....6:35
Hudson Valley at Wilmington.....6:35
Greensboro at Asheville.....6:35
Frederick at Brooklyn.....6:40
Winston-Salem at Rome.....6:45

College football

STATS/TSN poll

The poll as of Aug. 31, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through 1 point for 25th, and last week's ranking:

	Rec.	Pts.	LW
1. Montana St. (57)	1-0	1,425	1
2. South Dakota St.	1-0	1,333	3
3. Montana	1-0	1,303	2
4. Illinois St.	1-0	1,228	4
5. Tarleton St.	1-0	1,163	5
6. URI	1-0	1,070	7
7. UC Davis	1-0	1,006	6
8. North Dakota	1-0	1,004	10
9. Youngstown St.	1-0	981	9
10. Lehigh	1-0	927	11
11. South Dakota	1-0	860	12
12. Tennessee Tech	1-0	810	14
13. Stephen F. Austin	1-0	806	13
14. Lamar	1-0	626	20
15. Austin Peay	1-0	574	17
16. Yale	0-0	415	18
17. William & Mary	1-0	408	40
18. Villanova	0-1	406	8
19. Mercer	1-0	381	21
20. Abilene Christian	0-1	282	15
21. South Carolina St.	1-0	247	24
22. No. Arizona	1-0	217	25
23. Idaho St.	1-0	184	26
24. W. Carolina	1-0	165	27
25. West Florida	1-0	110	—

Also receiving votes: So. Illinois 99, Alabama St. 64, Harvard 64, Cent. Arkansas 60, Southern Utah 46, UT Rio Grande Valley 32, Houston Christian 28, Cal Poly 27, Delaware St. 24, Jackson St. 21, SE Louisiana 19, Elon 19, SE Missouri St. 19, Richmond 18, Monmouth 16, Chattanooga 8, Albany 6, Prairie View A&M 4, UT Martin 2

Carolina League

NORTH	W	L	Pct.	GB
Fayetteville	39	20	.661	—
Wilson	28	30	.483	10½
Fredericksburg	28	31	.475	11
Salem	27	33	.450	12½
Hill City	23	36	.390	16
Delmarva	21	39	.350	18½
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Hickory	43	17	.717	—
Augusta	33	26	.559	9½
Kannapolis	33	27	.550	10
Charleston	32	28	.533	11
Columbia	29	30	.492	13½
Myrtle Beach	20	39	.339	22½

FIBA Women's World Cup

GROUP PHASE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
Japan vs. Mali.....5:30a
Australia vs. Puerto Rico.....5:30a
USA vs. China.....8:15a
Korea vs. Nigeria.....8:15a
Belgium vs. Turkiye.....11:30a
Spain vs. Germany.....11:45a
Czechia vs. Italy.....2:15
Hungary vs. France.....3
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Mali vs. Spain.....5:30a
Nigeria vs. Hungary.....8:15a
Germany vs. Japan.....12
France vs. Korea.....2:45

Tennis

US OPEN

At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York
First round men's singles

Valentin Vacherot (22), def. Aleksandar Kovacevic, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5; Stefanos Tsitsipas, def. Arthur Fils (10), 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-4; Andrey Rublev (23), def. Otto Virtanen, 6-7 (5), 6-7 (0), 6-0, 6-2, 7-6 (5); Adrian Mannarino, def. Thiago Agustin Tirante, 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; James Duckworth, def. Matteo Arnaldi (30), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (8); Sebastian Gorzny, def. Raphael Collignon, 3-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (9); Jurij Rodionov, def. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, 7-6 (2), 6-0, 7-6 (4); Carlos Alcaraz (2), def. Roman Safiullin, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Jacob Fearnley, def. Martin Landaluce, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; Alex Michelsen, def. Federico Cina, 6-4, 6-1, 6-0; Hubert Hurkacz, def. Damir Dzumhur, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; Dalibor Svrcina, def. Valentin Royer, 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 5-7, 6-2; Rei Sakamoto, def. Aleksandar Vukic, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Brandon Nakashima (16), def. Sebastian Baez, 6-2, 6-1, 6-0; Luciano Darderi (21), def. Harry Wendelken, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5; Matteo Berrettini, def. Stan Wawrinka, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-0; Alejandro Tabilo (25), def. Yannick Hanfmann, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (7), 6-3; Alexander Blockx (28), def. Tomas Barrios Vera, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; Marco Trungelliti, def. Shang Juncheng, 0-6, 7-6 (5), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; Karen Khachanov, def. Roman Andres Burruchaga, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1; Quentin Halys, def. Facundo Diaz Acosta, 6-4, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-1; Learner Tien (14), def. Nuno Borges, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; Ben Shelton (8), def. Tallon Griekspoor, 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3), 6-2; Jakub Mensik (17), def. Shintaro Mochizuki, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

First round women's singles

Sofia Kenin, def. Venus Williams, 6-2, 7-6 (6); Cristina Bucsa, def. Sara Bejlek (28), 7-5, 4-6, 6-1; Himeno Sakatsume, def. Anhelina Kalinina, 6-3, 6-3; Mananchaya Sawangkaew, def. Panna Udvardy, 6-4, 6-3; Karolina Muchova (7), def. Sinja Kraus, 6-3, 6-0; Qinwen Zheng, def. Kristina Liutova, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; Marie Bouzkova (25), def. Elsa Jacquemot, 6-2, 6-2; Harriet Dart, def. Peyton Stearns, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; Lilli Tagger, def. Tamara Korpatsch, 6-0, 7-6 (4); Aryna Sabalenka (1), def. Camila Osorio, 6-2, 6-4; Emma Navarro (26), def. Lois Boisson, 7-6 (6), 6-7 (1), 6-3; Oksana Selekhmeteva, def. Aoi Ito, 6-2, 6-4; Maria Timofeeva, def. Tamara Zidansek, 6-3, 7-5; Kimberly Birrell, def. Petra Marcinko, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3; Anna Kalinskaya (21), def. Anna Blinkova, 6-4, 6-3; Taylor Townsend, def. Maja Chwalinska (20), 6-2, 6-3; Amanda Anisimova (10), def. Ashlyn Krueger, 6-1, 6-3; Nadia Podoroska, def. Simona Waltert, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3; Diane Parry, def. Viktorija Golubic, 7-5, 6-4; Diana Shnaider (15), def. Daria Snigur, 6-0, 6-4; Catherine McNally, def. Anouk Koevermans, 7-5, 6-1; Linda Noskova (6), def. Katie Volynets, 7-5, 6-1; Sorana Cirstea (16), def. Julia Grabher, 6-3, 6-0; Sloane Stephens, def. Clara Tauson, 6-4, 6-1; Maya Joint, def. Liudmila Samsonova, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; Ann Li (29), def. Antonia Ruzic, 7-5, 6-1; Katerina Siniakova, def. Elisabetta Cocciaretto, 6-3, 6-2; Iga Swiatek (8), def. Wang Xiyu, 6-2, 6-3.

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CURRY, Mary

Mary passed on August 28, 2026, after a period of declining health, at the age of 89. Mary was born in the summer of 1937, as the first daughter of Irish immigrants, William and Elizabeth (O'Donnell) Sullivan. Mary was predeceased by her six siblings, William (Sully), Edward (Teddy), Phillip (Barney), Robert (Bobby), Gail O'Neill and Beverly Gibbons.

Mary, raised in Charlestown, was immensely proud of her "townie" heritage. Her experience of growing-up in a mid-century, immigrant family was not easy nor idyllic. However, Mary learned what better looked like. Together with her husband, Steve, they worked hard to ensure their two sons, Stephen and Mark, experienced better. They were successful.

Mary was devoted to and loved her family dearly. She loved God and was a devout Catholic. Mary was quite the fashionista, with perfectly curated hair, nails and make-up, plus a coordinated outfit for every occasion, and lots and lots of shoes.

Mary graduated from Charlestown High, then worked for New England Telephone Company before raising her family. Mary married Stephen A. Curry in 1960, moving to Melrose in 1968. Mary worked part-time in the Melrose Public Schools for several years. When her children were grown, Mary joined the emerging venture capital industry, for then start-up, Summit Partners. Mary enjoyed her work at Summit Partners and was proud of Summit Partner's success, retiring in 2006.

Mary loved to travel. She traveled to many continents and countries and enjoyed learning the culture of these countries, often with her best friend and neighbor of 50 years, Eleanor. These trips provided a wealth of stories that Mary shared (and shared again and again) for many years at family dinners. In the 1990s, Mary traced her heritage to Donegal, Ireland, eventually meeting and reuniting with her mother's family. This reunion resulted in countless visits to Ireland. During retirement, Mary enjoyed many vacations with her family, including trips to Disney World, cruises and our annual summer vacation in Chatham, Massachusetts.

Mary was the loving mother of her son, Steve, his wife, Karen and son, Mark, all of Melrose. Mary was grandmother to her cherished granddaughter, Catherine Mary, Ashley and Andrew.

Catholic services at the Incarnation Church and interment at Wyoming Cemetery, in Melrose, where she lies in rest next to her dear friend, Dee, were private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's name may be made to the Melrose High School Permanent Scholarship Fund, at https://www.mhsfund.org/ways-to-give/donate/#

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GORSTEIN, Mark

Mark Gorstein, of Chestnut Hill, MA, age 88, passed away on August 29, 2026, with his beloved wife, Susana Lannik Gorstein, and son, Sam Gorstein, at his side.

Born in 1938 in Tel Aviv, Mark immigrated to the United States at the age of three with his parents Nadejda and Vladimir Gorstein and sister Sylvia. He grew up on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and attended the Bronx High School of Science. Mark's father passed away suddenly when Mark was 16, making him the primary breadwinner of the family. Nevertheless, he still managed to graduate early from high school and matriculated at The City College of New York. He attended MIT, earning a Master of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics. During his early career, Mark spent time working for NASA on guidance systems for the Apollo program.

Mark took a position at the Department of Transportation, working in Cambridge. While working there, Mark's entrepreneurial spirit led him to start a variety of businesses. Ultimately, Mark, along with his business partners, founded Cambridge Healthcare, which at its peak owned and operated multiple long-term care and sub acute care facilities in Massachusetts and New York. Mark's valued friendships with his business partners led to a partnership lasting over 40 years. He prided himself on the level of care provided by the facilities to their residents; one facility was one of the first in Massachusetts to have a specialized Alzheimer's unit. Mark had a lifelong passion for photography (mostly people and street photography) and passed along that interest to his son Sam. Mark enjoyed opera and classical music and was a supporter of artists, funding the Melissa Hayden Scholarship at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. He was also a supporter of the Boston Ballet.

Mark had a deep interest in world history and the Jewish State. He supported Hillel and other Jewish organizations over the years.

Mark was blessed with a 56-year marriage to his wife, Susana. The two shared a love of the arts, cats, and travel. Before his ability to travel was limited by his declining health, Mark and Susana explored a variety of exotic locations. Just before starting dialysis in 2018, Mark and Susana traveled to Cuba, knowing that this would be the last international trip they would take. Given his interest in street photography and old cars, Cuba was a bucket-list trip for Mark. After starting dialysis, Mark lived vicariously through his wife's and son's travels abroad. Mark loved spending the summers on Cape Cod with his wife and had a passion for boating and visiting various destinations on the boat.

Mark was a deeply loving father. His son, Sam, has many fond memories of all the events that Mark attended during his childhood. He always supported his son's education, endeavors, and interests and the two of them enjoyed sharing their passion for photography, camera equipment, and generally being nerds.

He had a quick wit and was always kind, even if it was difficult to tell through the gruff sarcasm. He had a deep intellect, and even in the final few days of his life, when his ability to speak was limited, he still managed to discuss deeply intellectual topics and delve into the details of finance.

Mark is survived by his wife, Susana, and his son, Sam. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Congregation Or Atid, 97 Concord Road, Wayland, MA with interment to follow at Beit Olam East Cemetery, 42 Concord Road, Wayland, MA.

The family will observe Shiva from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026, at the family home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mark's memory may be made to Hillel at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), https://hillel.mit.edu/donate/ or to the North Carolina School of the Arts specifically for the Melissa Hayden Scholarship Fund.

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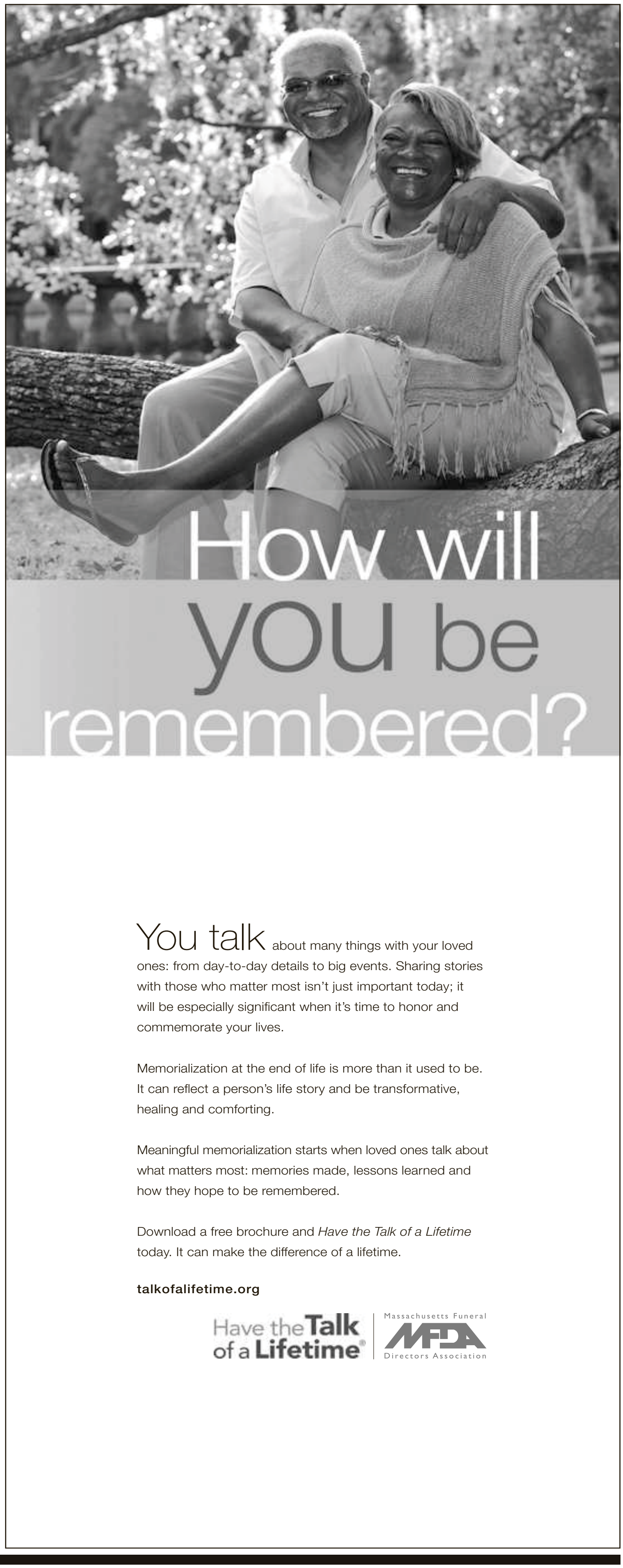

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Peter Nadas, Hungarian author who wrote 'A Book of Memories,' Nobel contender

By Alex Marshall
NEW YORK TIMES

Peter Nadas, a Hungarian author who was best known for "A Book of Memories" (1986), a labyrinthine chronicle of life under Communism, and who was often discussed as a potential recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature, died Wednesday at his home in Gombosszeg, Hungary. He was 83.

The death was confirmed by his agent Marc Koralnik, who declined to provide a cause.

The interweaving stories in "A Book of Memories" involve a young writer's struggles in Hungary — including during the quashed 1956 uprising against the Communists — a love triangle in 1970s Berlin, and much more. When it was first published in English in 1997, the book garnered acclaim for what Eva Hoffman described, in a New York Times review, as its "probing, digressive, opulently ruminative style," which she compared to Proust's.

Susan Sontag called it "the greatest novel written in our time."

Journalist Jane Perlez, in a 1997 profile of Mr. Nadas for the Times, connected "A Book of Memories" to "the poetic traditions of Thomas Mann, the sexual explicitness of Jean Genet and the stream-of-consciousness of James Joyce."

Mr. Nadas wrote the novel over a 12-year period, from 1973 to 1985. His other works included "Love" (1979), about a man who gets high and starts questioning reality; "Parallel Stories" (2005), another maze-like book — this one of more than 1,100 pages, written over nearly two decades — that features dozens of tales crisscrossing Hungarian history; and "Fire and Knowledge" (2007), a collection of short stories and essays.

In a 2007 profile of Mr. Nadas for the Times, Michael Kimmelman said that "no writer in Europe today has dealt more eloquently with the obligations and moral conundrums of memory, private and collective."

Peter Nadas was born in Budapest on Oct. 14, 1942, in the midst of World War II, the elder of two sons of Laszlo Nadas (originally Nussbaum) and Klara Tauber, who were both Jewish.

As a toddler, Peter endured the German siege of the city, which began in late 1944. His mother died when he was 12. His father, who became a high-ranking official in the Communist Party after the war, died by suicide in 1958.

Mr. Nadas said in 1997 that he knew by the time he became a teenager that he wanted to be a writer. After dropping out of high school, he took a photography course and worked for a magazine. But he soon gave up that work to move to a small village and try his hand at fiction.

"I resigned, walked out and turned my back on the system to save my soul," he later wrote.

Mr. Nadas regularly tussled with Hungarian censors. After he submitted his first novel,

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Mr. Nadas regularly tussled with Hungarian censors and was approached by the secret police to become an informant.

"The End of a Family Story," to them in 1972, it languished for five years before being published. (It came out in English in 1998.)

During the 1970s, the secret police met with Mr. Nadas and implied that his troubles would come to an end if he became an informant for them. He declined the deal.

Now, he is more celebrated in Hungary. On Wednesday, Prime Minister Peter Magyar was among those posting tributes to Mr. Nadas on social media.

Mr. Nadas leaves his wife, Magda Salamon, and his brother, Pal.

Some critics called Mr. Nadas's writing verbose and inscrutable, and pointed out some over-the-top sex scenes. Tibor Fischer, reviewing "Parallel Stories" for The Guardian, said that reading the novel was "like having your face jammed in someone's crotch."

But Mr. Nadas said in 1997 that the explicitness in his work was part of the reason for its success — at least in Germany, where he frequently spent time and where he was acclaimed. "German literature is very clever literature," he said, "but in it, humans don't exist from the chest down."

He was often spoken of as a contender for the Nobel Prize, which went to his compatriots Imre Kertesz (in 2002) and Laszlo Krasznahorkai (in 2025). In September 2011, the British gambling company Ladbrokes set Mr. Nadas's odds of winning at 10 to 1, in third place behind Adonis, the Syrian-Lebanese poet, and Tomas Transtromer, the Swedish poet — and eventual laureate.

George W. Cave, CIA agent who came out of retirement for Iran-Contra role, at 97

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

George W. Cave, a CIA agent who after more than 20 years of covert operations in the Middle East and Pakistan was called out of retirement to help free American hostages held in Lebanon, in a crucial piece of the scandal known as the Iran-Contra affair, died Aug. 14 in Olney, Md. He was 97.

His family placed a death notice with a funeral home but did not provide any further details.

Mr. Cave "rubbed elbows with fascinating and even legendary figures, some of whom he recruited as intelligence assets, others who rose to international prominence," the CIA said in a statement, adding: "He safely exfiltrated agency assets and officers from harm's way many times, and his career experience helped train generations of US analysts."

A rare Persian speaker in the CIA, Mr. Cave was stationed in Tehran twice during the rule of the Western-backed shah of Iran. He understood Iranian politics, knew the hard-liners and reformers, and maintained contacts in the country even after retiring from the spy agency in 1980. By then, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had been in power for a year following the Islamic Revolution.

In 1986, while under contract to the CIA, Mr. Cave agreed to a request from William Casey, the agency's director, that he join a small group meeting with Iranians in Tehran and other cities over several months to negotiate the release of seven American hostages held in Beirut by Iranian-backed militants.

The illegal deal that came to pass — selling US arms to Iran to secure the release of the hostages and covertly diverting the proceeds from the sale of those arms to support the US-backed right-wing Contra rebels in Nicaragua — bypassed a congressional arms embargo.

As an Iran specialist and translator, Mr. Cave was a reluctant participant in the clandestine operation. One of his misgivings was the role of go-between played by Manucher Ghorbanifar, an Iranian arms merchant who had failed a CIA polygraph test and whom Mr. Cave later called "the most totally amoral person I ever met."

"I believe him when he said he wasn't happy to be dragged into this affair," said Malcolm Byrne, the deputy director of the National Security Archive, a nongovernmental research organization in Washington and publisher of declassified records about US policy. But Mr. Cave, he added, "really cared about the US position in the world."

Mr. Cave brought a key-shaped chocolate cake to the first meeting with the Iranians in May 1986, an offering that symbolized the Americans' "desire to unlock the door barring a resumption of American-Iranian relations," historian Kai Bird wrote in Guernica, an arts and politics magazine, in 2014.

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Mr. Cave was a rare Persian speaker in the CIA.

The American delegation — which included Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's former national security adviser, and Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, a staff member of the National Security Council — was met with hostility, as the Iranians enumerated "past sins of the United States," Mr. Cave wrote in a memo.

In subsequent talks over the next few days, it became clear that the Iranians did not have enough time to secure the hostages' freedom.

"One of the members of the Iranian negotiating team told me they had not believed we would actually come to Tehran," Mr. Cave wrote in the magazine Washington Report on Middle East Affairs in 1994. "As a result, they had only sent someone to Lebanon on the evening of May 25, after our arrival in Tehran, to negotiate with the actual hostage holders."

On the evening of May 27, McFarlane told the Iranians that if the hostages were not released the next morning, the Iranians would not get the spare parts for Hawk surface-to-air missiles that they needed for their war against Iraq. In the morning, the Iranians asked for more time — and requested that Mr. Cave and North stay behind — but McFarlane rejected the proposal, and the Americans left.

There was at least one success that resulted from the meetings Mr. Cave attended. On Oct. 28, 500 TOW antitank missiles that had been sent to Israel in May were delivered to Iran; over the next two days, Mr. Cave and North were among those at a meeting in West Germany, with Ali Hashemi Bahramani, a nephew of Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Iranian parliament and future president, that led to the release of David Jacobsen, one of the hostages.

By late November 1986 — when the arms-for-hostages trade and the diversion of money to the Contras had been revealed publicly and had become a major scandal for the Reagan administration — three American hostages had been freed.

George William Cave was born Aug. 6, 1929, in Camden, N.J. His father, Walter, who worked for a milk company, died when George was 8. Soon after, his mother, Florence (Clarke) Cave, sent him to the Milton Hershey Industrial School (now the Milton Hershey School) in Hershey, Pa., originally a home and school for orphaned boys.

After he graduated in 1947, he enlisted in the Army, studied Persian at its language school in Monterey, Calif., and was discharged in 1952. He received a bachelor's degree in Middle Eastern studies from Princeton University in 1956 and contemplated a career in the oil industry, but instead accepted an offer to work for the CIA.

Following a stint in Tehran, Mr. Cave was sent to Beirut in 1963. The Lebanese capital was "kind of an intelligence paradise," he said on an episode of the "Spycast" podcast in 2012. For five years, he used deception and propaganda to help break up the local Communist Party and recruit sources within Palestinian organizations.

In 1968, he began a two-year stint at the CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., where he was in charge of so-called denied-area operations, missions into hostile countries like Iraq and Syria. In 1970, he returned to the field as deputy station chief in Islamabad; in 1973, he returned to Tehran, where he held the same position for three years.

He moved on to Saudi Arabia as the agency's station chief in 1976. But in 1979, the Carter administration recalled him; the Saudi leadership had declared him persona non grata after he "aroused concern among the ruling family by his efforts to ascertain the extent of internal dissension" within the monarchy, Cord Meyer Jr., a former CIA operative, wrote in his syndicated column.

Meyer did not name Mr. Cave, but in the podcast, Mr. Cave admitted that he was the station chief in Jeddah that Meyer had mentioned.

In retirement, Mr. Cave wrote novels, including "October 1980" (2013), set during the 1980 presidential election and the hostage crisis in Iran.

Mr. Cave married Joan McCarthy in 1955. She died earlier this year. He leaves three daughters, Sharon, Constance, and Eileen; two sons, George Jr. and William; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His son James died in 2020.

He was never accused of wrongdoing in the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1992, Mr. Cave testified in federal court — although The New York Times described him as "clearly reluctant" — in the trial of Clair E. George, the CIA's former chief of covert operations and so-called spymaster, who had been charged with lying to Congress and investigators about the agency's knowledge of the once-secret operation. Mr. Cave's undercover status was protected by US District Judge Royce C. Lamberth, who would not allow sketch artists to depict him on the witness stand.

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Mr. Blackman at work in 2017 on an American Airlines plane in a hanger at JFK. He was 16 when he was hired as an apprentice in the sheet-metal shop at American Export Airlines

Azriel Blackman, airline mechanic 80 years

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Azriel Blackman's love of aviation did not lead him into daring adventures in the air but into ensuring that aircraft were sound to fly.

For 80 years, he was a plane mechanic working mostly at American Airlines — a record-breaking career in which he wielded wrenches, screwdrivers, and other tools like bucking bars on everything from Sikorsky flying boats built in the 1930s to modern jets like the Boeing 747.

"He could do anything with his hands, and he was infatuated with the workings of an aircraft," his son, Mitchell, said in an interview. "It captivated him."

In 2012, on Mr. Blackman's 70th anniversary at American, the airline commissioned a mural of him at the maintenance hangar where he worked at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

It depicts him at the center, wearing his yellow vest, surrounded by four airplanes from his past and present.

In 2017, his 75th anniversary was commemorated by Guinness World Records, which cited him for having the longest career as an airline mechanic. That same year, American dedicated a Boeing 777-200 in his name.

"Every day, the job is different," Mr. Blackman, a maintenance crew chief since 1960, told The New York Times in 2017. "You're not doing the same thing repetitively, and that's good. If, in my journey around the hangar I see something I can help on, I do that."

Mr. Blackman, who was known as Al or Blackie, died July 24 at a nursing home in Queens. He was 100.

Four years ago, his son said, Mr. Blackman fell at work, broke two vertebrae in his neck and suffered a traumatic brain injury. Spinal cord damage led to a loss of mobility.

Azriel Blackman was born in Manhattan on Aug. 30, 1925, and grew up in Brooklyn.

His father, Aaron, a tailor, was from Russia, and his mother, Mary (Goldberg) Blackman, who managed the home, was from Poland.

In 1942, Mr. Blackman graduated from Aviation High School, which was then in Manhattan and is now in Long Island City.

He was 16 when he was hired as an apprentice in the sheet-metal shop at American Export Airlines (which was later acquired by American Airlines) at New York Municipal Airport — LaGuardia Field (now LaGuardia Airport).

His skills in the shop enabled him, for the rest of his career, to mold parts needed to fix aircraft.

The first aircraft he worked on was the amphibious Sikorsky flying boat.

He serviced more than a dozen kinds of planes over the next eight decades, including the Douglas DC-3, the Convair CV-240, the Lockheed Constellation, the Boeing 377 and the McDonnell Douglas MD-80.

After enlisting in the Army, he served in the Korean War, repairing helicopters for Mobile Army Surgical Hospitals.

Following his discharge in 1952, he returned to American at LaGuardia, then moved as a crew chief to New York International Airport, better known as Idlewild Airport, in 1960, three years before it was renamed for President John F. Kennedy.

"Behind-the-scenes aircraft mechanics, when they succeed, you don't hear about them, because they're not glamour jobs," said Gary Santos, a mechanic who started working at American in 1988. "To have a career as long as his is just mind-boggling."

Mr. Blackman's love of airplanes continued in volunteer work on his days off, like helping to restore aircraft for an ongoing project at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn and a Sikorsky flying boat at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Conn., near Hartford.

By 2017, Mr. Blackman's age led to restrictions on his ability to perform some physical tasks that might injure him, and he was supervised by a crew co-chief.

At first, he objected to the limitations but eventually accepted them.

Even though Mr. Blackman's job had become more paperwork than mechanical, his experience remained important to American.

"He represents a valuable institutional memory that says, 'This is how we do it at American,'" Robert L. Crandall, the president of American from 1980 to 1998, said at Mr. Blackman's 75th anniversary ceremony.

"He's the guy who sits with the new kids at lunch and passes it on," Crandall added.

Wayne Hanna, an aircraft maintenance technician whose father was Mr. Blackman's crew chief in the 1950s, said that, for the past few years, a group of mechanics visited Mr. Blackman at his home to celebrate his birthday, including his 100th last year.

"He was older than American Airlines," he said in an interview. The company has been celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, noting the first flight of Robertson Aircraft, one of the dozens of small airlines that combined in 1930 to form American Airways; it became American Airlines in 1934.

In addition to his son, Mr. Blackman is survived by a granddaughter.

His daughter, Adrienne Larrain, died in March. His wife, Dolores (Cooperstein) Blackman, whom he married in 1954, died in 2011.

In 2012, American honored Mr. Blackman's tenure by flying him around New York City in a restored, propeller-driven DC-3, part of the airline's fleet that carried passengers between the mid-1930s and the late 1940s. He sat in the cockpit as it flew along the Hudson River, over Central Park and past the former site of Aviation High.

"He was taken aback by all of that," his son said. "He didn't really know how to accept praise of that magnitude. In his mind, he didn't feel he had done anything extraordinary. He loved going to work. He considered the people he worked with family, and it was enjoyment to him. That was his real reward."

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Mass. to help finance another big Maine power line, this one for Aroostook County

Newly approved wind project stretching 100-plus miles near the Canadian border could power more than one million homes

By Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

With the Trump administration thwarting construction of any new offshore wind farms, New England has turned instead to the northern Maine wilderness for new energy.

Maine's Public Utilities Commission last week approved a procurement that would help finance a new 100-plus-mile power line with a capacity of 1,200 megawatts, enough power for more than one million homes, stretching from remote Aroostook County to a town near Bangor. It would be built by Avangrid, while ratepayers in five New England states, including Massachusetts, would pick up the tab.

The goal is to tap into onshore wind power that could be available in Aroostook, a vast area along the Canadian border that's not connected to New England's grid. Toward that end, the Maine commission also last week gave the green light to support the construction of an 800-megawatt wind farm there, proposed by Clearway Energy, by agreeing to buy most of its energy, although that project won't go up without the Avangrid line.

This power-line decision comes roughly eight months after Avangrid finished the 145-mile New England Clean Energy Connect, a $1.6 billion transmission project designed to draw hydroelectricity from Canada to Massachusetts. By coincidence, the NECEC line was not transmitting power for

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Wind turbines in Carthage, Maine. The goal of the power line is to tap into onshore wind power.

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Federal immigration agents are considering contracting with Boston Dynamics for it robot dogs, seen in Washington, D.C., in July. The robots, called Spot, would "support public safety and law enforcement operations."

ICE marks the Spot

Immigration authorities may spend $2 million on Boston Dynamics' robot dogs

By Yogev Toby
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Robot dogs from Waltham manufacturer Boston Dynamics may soon assist federal immigration agents as part of a proposed deal worth at least $1 million.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement intends to contract with Boston Dynamics for the company's dog-like robot called Spot to "support public safety and law enforcement operations," according to a Thursday procurement forecast announcement by the Department of Homeland Security.

The announcement, first reported by 404 Media, estimates the purchase would cost between $1 million to $2 million, although it does not disclose how many robots ICE intends to procure. The robots, per the announcement, will provide "a remotely operated robotic capability for inspection, situational awareness, and hazard assessment in environments that may pose risks to personnel."

"This capability helps improve officer safety, supports informed operational decision-making, and enhances DHS's ability to respond to incidents involving dangerous, confined, unstable, or difficult-to-access areas," the announcement said.

This forecasted procurement comes as ICE continues to ramp up its deportation efforts across the country. In July, ICE arrests spiked to nearly 50,000, the highest monthly total of President Trump's second term, the Associated Press reported.

ICE is now the highest-funded US law enforcement agency, with about $113 billion at its disposal through 2029. While its base annual budget is about $10 billion, the Trump administration awarded it nearly $75 billion in July of 2025 and $38 billion in June's reconciliation bill.

With accelerating operations, ICE is spending millions on contracts. On Thursday, the AP reported that ICE has awarded a $16.7 million contract for 6,000 pairs of gloves capable of delivering electric shocks.

A Boston Dynamics spokesperson said in a statement the company "sells to many government agencies and public safety organizations and the robots are used to keep people out of harm's way and aid first responders in assessing dangerous situations."

An ICE spokesperson said in a statement the robot dogs will be "an additional tool to safely assess potentially dangerous situations before placing personnel or the public at risk. . . . This technology does not replace law enforcement officers or their judgment — it simply provides another option to help protect officers and the communities they serve."

Boston Dynamics is famous for its viral YouTube videos showing its fleet of robots maneuvering across obstacles, climbing stairs, opening doors, and, sometimes, dancing. Spot, the robot dog, which starts at around $75,000 per unit, can be furnished with a 360-degree live-feed camera, a robotic arm, and other industry-specific add-ons.

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Venezuela's choices few in oil deal

Don't expect lower gas prices anytime soon

By Larry Edelman
GLOBE COLUMNIST

Hours after US troops captured Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro and his wife in Caracas, an unabashed President Trump left no doubt there was more behind the stunning operation than bringing the couple to the United States to face federal drug trafficking charges.

"We're going to take back the oil that, frankly, we should have taken back a long time ago," Trump said at a Jan. 3 news conference, calling Venezuela's nationalization of foreign-owned oil assets in the 1970s "one of the largest thefts of American property in the history of our country."

Fast-forward: Nearly eight months later — with most major US oil companies hesitant to step forward and Americans unhappy with high gas prices caused by the Iran war — Trump has moved to secure control of one-fifth of Venezuela's oil reserves.

On Friday evening, he announced an unprecedented agreement under which the US government, in partnership with Venezuela's second-largest private oil company, would gain the rights to some 65 billion barrels of crude, more than doubling America's total reserves.

With Trump calling the shots in Venezuela, the country's interim president, Delcy Rodríguez, had little choice but to sign the deal. She told Venezuelans it would "facilitate a significant flow of investment aimed at the recovery and reconstruction of strategic infrastructure for the development of our hydrocarbons industry."

But she and Trump left many questions unanswered.

Who will provide the tens of billions of dollars needed to repair Venezuela's oil fields? What happens when Trump or Rodríguez are no longer in power? When, if ever, will Americans see lower energy prices as a result?

Here's what we do know.

The deal: Trump's partner in the new venture is Alejandro Betancourt López, whose family's company, North American Blue Energy Partners, has quickly become a major oil operator in Venezuela.

Betancourt is a controversial figure in Venezuela for the favorable treat-

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BOLD TYPES

New CEO of Campus Without Walls connects students and teachers for virtual classes

Statewide nonprofit set to begin pilot program with seven high schools

By Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

When she was chief executive of **METCO**, **Milly Arbaje-Thomas** saw firsthand the benefits of mixing students from urban neighborhoods with those in the suburbs.

But METCO is limited by geography, transporting kids between Boston and suburban schools that are a bus ride away. Arbaje-Thomas often wondered: Wouldn't it be great to have something like this that's statewide?

Now, she's making it happen. Arbaje-Thomas recently took over as chief executive of **Campus Without Walls**, a nonprofit that sets up virtual classrooms so kids from all over can join in. Its statewide pilot effort begins Sept. 8, with seven high schools in Boston and other communities. Unlike METCO, it's a two-way exchange, with participating teachers and students at all schools.

Arbaje-Thomas was recruited last year to be the chief operating officer, after leading METCO for seven years. **Ron Walker**, the former state labor secretary, was leading Campus Without Walls on an interim basis and working with her to prepare for the handoff this summer.

"One of the things that I loved, and why I took the job at METCO, was the opportunity for people to learn together from different backgrounds," she said. "To basically do something even bigger than METCO, I did not even think it was possible."

The nonprofit's $1.2 million budget — for its six-person staff, technology, and other expenses — is largely funded through philanthropy, though it did receive a $125,000 ear-

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Milly Arbaje-Thomas had led METCO for seven years before she took over at Campus Without Walls.

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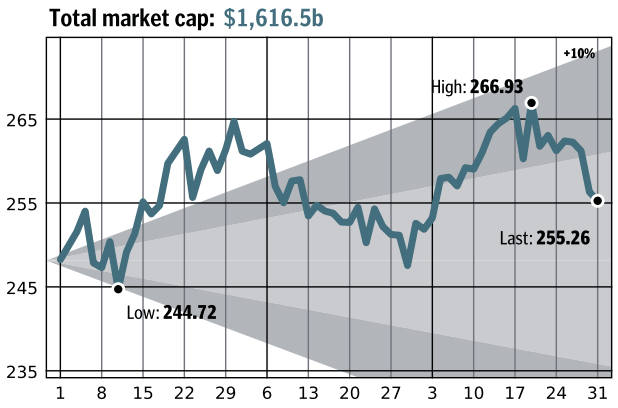

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THERMO FISHER (TMO)	617.10	-5.08	-0.8	228.2
ANALOG DEVICES (ADI)	362.14	+0.36	+0.1	175.5
TJX COS INC (TJX)	133.91	-1.21	-0.9	147.3
VERTEX PHARM (VRTX)	544.52	+2.83	+0.5	138.0
AMERICAN TOWER C (AMT)	175.70	-0.53	-0.3	81.9
BOSTON SCIENTIFC (BSX)	48.30	+1.46	+3.1	70.0
MODERNA INC (MRNA)	140.34	+2.35	+1.7	56.0
TERADYNE INC (TER)	349.83	-5.14	-1.4	54.7
STATE ST CORP (STT)	191.38	-1.95	-1.0	52.6
KEURIG DR PEPPER (KDP)	31.86	-0.32	-1.0	43.4
WATERS CORP (WAT)	414.63	-0.06	-0.0	40.7
IRON MOUNTAIN (IRM)	115.35	-2.05	-1.7	34.3
ALNYLAM PHARMACE (ALNY)	240.69	+3.59	+1.5	32.2
BIOGEN INC (BIIB)	216.65	-1.85	-0.8	32.0
EVERSOURCE ENERG (ES)	70.14	-0.70	-1.0	26.4
VERALTO CORP (VLTO)	98.57	+0.01	+0.0	24.0
SYMBOTIC INC (SYM)	39.67	-0.21	-0.5	24.0
ENTEGRIS INC (ENTG)	135.29	+0.37	+0.3	20.7
MACOM TECHNOLOGY (MTSI)	263.83	-1.44	-0.5	20.1
MKS INC (MKSI)	256.24	+0.48	+0.2	17.3
PTC INC (PTC)	155.74	-1.41	-0.9	16.9
CLEAN HARBORS (CLH)	315.25	+4.54	+1.5	16.6
AKAMAI TECHNOLOG (AKAM)	108.62	+1.15	+1.1	15.6
VICOR CORP (VICR)	187.68	-0.07	-0.0	8.7

Markets

Oil rises on renewed Iran strikes

Wall Street closed out August on a downbeat note Monday as stocks fell and the price of oil rose after the United States launched its first military action in a month against Iran. On the losing side, Edison International slumped 23.1 percent and PG&E fell 20.1 percent for the two steepest declines. That followed reports about potential California wildfire legislation that would allow insurers to sue utilities over related claims. Amazon fell 2.5 percent after The Wall Street Journal reported that the Federal Trade Commission and more than 20 states are preparing to sue the online retail giant over claims the company manipulated prices on its platform. The US war with Iran remained a key focus for Wall Street. US forces struck Iranian rocket launchers on the Strait of Hormuz on Sunday. Meanwhile, the UAE said it intercepted an Iranian drone over its waters on Monday. The aggressive actions follow a lull in activity in the US war with Iran, which has lasted more than six months. The war has curtailed traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, which accounts for about 20 percent of the world's oil shipments. Oil prices remain high after an initial surge earlier in the war. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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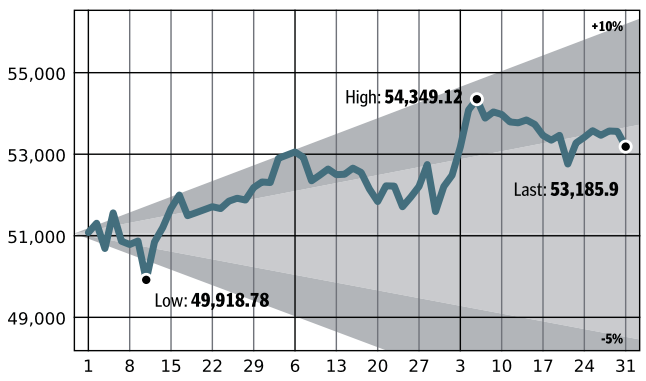

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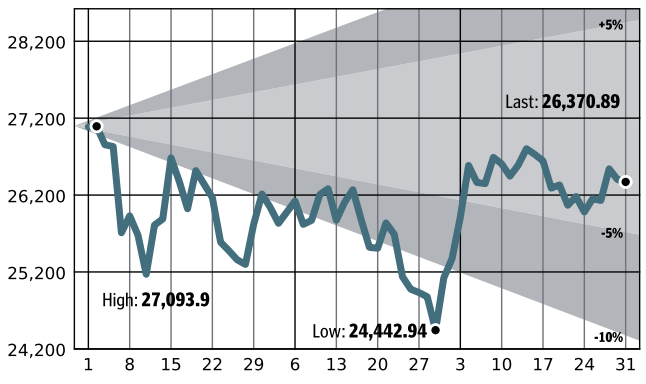

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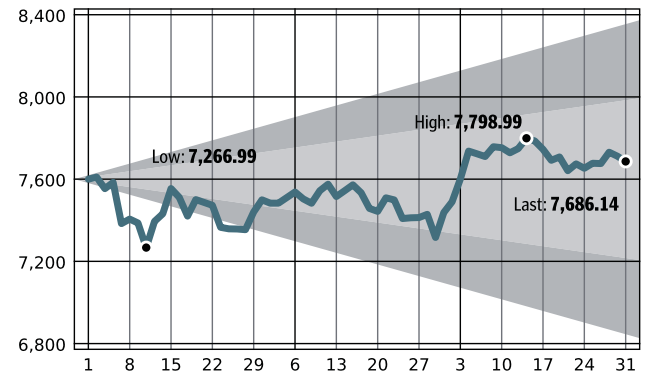

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SOURCE: Bloomberg News

New England backs Maine power line

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most of the past week; Montreal-based utility Hydro-Quebec says this was because of a transmission issue on the Quebec side of the line that has since been resolved, not because of ramped-up tensions over trade with the Trump administration.

It's not clear how much money Massachusetts will contribute to the total cost of the future Avangrid line, which will link Haynesville in Aroostook County to Pittsfield, mostly via existing rights-of-way. The price tag has not been disclosed, and the precise allocations still need to be negotiated by the participating states, though Maine has said it will pick up 11 percent of the cost, close to the state's portion of overall power usage in New England. Massachusetts, meanwhile, represents about half of New England's electricity consumption.

Rebecca Tepper, energy secretary in Governor Maura Healey's administration, hailed the transmission project as a way to obtain clean, affordable energy for New England, from within the region.

"As global energy prices continue to rise due to President Trump's reckless wars abroad, we need to tap more homegrown resources," Tepper said in a statement. "Massachusetts is proud to be a part of this effort to increase energy supply and lower bills, and we look forward to the continued collaboration with our partners across the region. When New England states work together, we can build a stronger, more reliable grid and a more affordable energy future."

A spokesperson for Avangrid said the Aroostook line still needs to undergo extensive engineering, permitting, and community engagement, though the use of existing corridors and rights-of-way should minimize any uncertainty and disruption. It's not yet clear when the project will start.

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A wind farm in Canton, Maine. The Aroostook power line project still needs to undergo extensive engineering, permitting, and community engagement.

The decision in Maine's capital comes as New England energy officials mull another $2.2 billion transmission project that could reduce congestion on the grid in New Hampshire and Maine, which would in part enable power from Aroostook to flow more freely through the region. Grid overseer ISO New England recently picked that Avangrid-Eversource project out of several bidders, though state officials have another two weeks to decide whether they'll reject it.

Maine officials have been trying for years to figure out ways to harness wind energy in Aroostook County, and in fact had settled on a different solution three years ago: a wind farm proposed by Longroad Energy and a transmission line to be built by LS Power. Massachusetts would have contributed to those projects as well, but they died amid surging inflation and local opposition to the LS line.

In the case of the new Avangrid line, trade group president Francis Pullaro said it will be funded by the five states — all the New England states except New Hampshire — through a tariff administered by ISO New England on wholesale electric rates.

"This is probably the least [expensive] new generation, even with the transmission, to build in New England," said Pullaro, who leads RENEW Northeast. "They realized they needed to do it if they wanted to make a dent in affordability and bring new clean energy on board."

Senator Mike Barrett, co-chairman of the Massachusetts Legislature's telecom and energy committee, hailed the news from Augusta as a relief in the face of Trump administration opposition to all the major offshore wind farms that were once planned to support the region's grid. Now, only two remain: the Revolution Wind and Vineyard Wind 1 projects.

"Electricity that pours into that grid from Maine ultimately helps with the Massachusetts capacity, especially on overtaxed and hot days, and especially cold ones," Barrett said. "It is further indication that we're going to survive Donald Trump too. We're adding to both grid capacity and clean energy supply in the face of noncooperation, to say the least, from D.C."

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ICE may have a Spot in its ranks for robot

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In recent years, Spot has been deployed by law enforcement agencies in intense scenarios, including armed standoffs, hostage rescues, and bomb investigations. In 2024, for example, Spot assisted Massachusetts State Police during a seven-hour standoff in Hyannis, in which the suspect shot and damaged the robot. Police later credited the robot with reducing risk to the officers.

The use of robot dogs by law enforcement agencies has also raised ethical concerns about oversight and the risks of deploying military-grade tools in civilian settings. New York City in 2021 suspended its use of Spot following public outcry; it brought them back in 2023.

Matthew Guariglia, senior policy analyst at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group, said that using robots could reduce fear among ICE agents and potentially embolden them to escalate to violence in operations.

"They might be willing to be more reckless with raids on individuals' homes if the first person through to kick the door is a robot, not a human," he said.

Boston Dynamics is one of a handful of robotics companies that has pledged not to add weapons to their automated and remotely controlled devices, a promise the company made in 2022. And in May, the Massachusetts House overwhelmingly approved legislation that would prohibit weaponizing robots. The bill has remained before the Senate Ways and Means Committee since May and has not reached the Senate floor.

"We will not authorize nor partner with those who wish to use our robots as weapons or autonomous targeting systems," Boston Dynamics said on its website. "If our products are being used for harm, we will take appropriate measures to mitigate that misuse."

The ICE forecast does not detail what add-ons it intends to attach to the robots, but the Boston Dynamics spokesperson emphasized that "any attempted weaponization of Boston Dynamics' robots is strictly prohibited."

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Boston Dynamics' robot dog, Spot, made an appearance at a defense and security conference in Warsaw, Poland, in May.

But weaponization, Guariglia said, goes beyond add-ons, and is rooted in how the technology is used.

"These robots . . . can be redeployed for tasks which are harmful or dangerous, either to civil liberties or bodily safety of people," he said.

Boston Dynamics, which is owned by the South Korean auto manufacturer Hyundai, announced in June plans to build a $100 million manufacturing facility in Waltham that would consolidate manufacturing of its robot dogs, humanoid robots, and warehouse robots.

The state is helping finance the expansion through $25 million in tax credits. The company's chief executive, Robert Playter, who helped commercialize its innovation efforts, stepped down from his role earlier this year. Amanda McMaster took over as interim chief executive.

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Venezuela had little choice in Trump oil deal

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ment he has received from the government. Prosecutors in Zurich have been investigating his finances for more than a decade, though no charges have been filed.

The Pentagon's Office of Strategic Capital would get a stake in either Betancourt's company or a related entity for comparatively little upfront money, according to differing media reports. The new partnership would control output from 17 oil fields and buy the oil at cost.

The Defense Department office was formed in 2022 to fund technologies critical to national security, primarily using loans and loan guarantees. If partnering with a foreign oil company sounds unusual, it is.

Rodríguez said the agreement would generate more than $100 billion in investment, $209 billion in taxes, and thousands of jobs. She said the oil field leases would run for 25 years, contradicting a US official who told Bloomberg they would last 100 years.

Why it matters: Trump said increased Venezuelan oil production would boost US crude supply "at no cost to the American Taxpayer," without explaining how that would work, and lower gas prices "long into the future."

But experts cautioned it could take many years for Venezuela to return to the 3 million barrels of crude it pumped daily in the mid-2000s. Output now is about 1.25 million barrels a day.

For now, US prices at the pump are being driven by fighting in the Persian Gulf.

It will also take massive investment. Betancourt's Barbados-based company, which pumps about 200,000 barrels a day, plans to borrow up to $5 billion to lift output to 1 million barrels in the next five years, a person close to the company told The New York Times.

That's a far cry from the capital Rodríguez is expecting to bring in, even as Venezuelan officials are reportedly prepared to sign agreements this week granting new oil exploration and production rights to a number of companies.

But with the exception of Chevron, most big oil suppliers are reluctant to get involved in the country due to political instability and logistical obstacles to expanding production.

Moreover, it's unclear whether a US government lease would be legal under Venezuelan laws.

Final thought: Trump wants to insulate the United States from oil price shocks like the one caused by his war against Iran. He's also eager to expand his influence over the Western Hemisphere.

Rodríguez, knowing what happened to Maduro, is willing to appease Trump.

But she faces pushback in Venezuela from both anti-American hardliners and the opposition led by María Corina Machado, who is pressing for an election to name Maduro's full-time successor.

In 2024, Rodríguez attacked Machado, claiming Maduro's US-supported presidential challenger was taking orders from her US "masters" and would "hand over the oil, the gas, the gold" if elected.

Now, it's Rodríguez who is being accused of selling out to the Americans. Once again, Trump has turned the world upside down.

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FTC, 22 STATES SUE AMAZON CLAIMING ONLINE RETAILER INFLATED ITS AD PRICES SECRETLY

The Federal Trade Commission and 22 states sued Amazon on Monday, claiming the e-commerce giant secretly made advertising more expensive on its website for more than a million companies. In a lawsuit filed in a federal court in Seattle, Amazon's hometown, the FTC and the states said Amazon inflated the costs that brands and marketplace sellers had to pay to promote their products to consumers, including the prominent "Sponsored Product" ads that appear in search results on Amazon's widely used website. "Amazon has millions of advertising customers who were misled into paying significantly higher prices," Andrew Ferguson, chair of the FTC, said in a statement. "These higher costs were largely passed on to American consumers." Amazon disputed the charges in a blog post. The company said the FTC's claim "fundamentally misunderstands how advertisers operate." Amazon said its mechanisms led to more relevant ads, which created better value for brands and sellers, and that the lawsuit "complaint cites no evidence of consumer price increases." The case is one of several lawsuits the FTC has filed against Amazon. In 2023, the agency and 17 states brought a wide-ranging antitrust case against the company, arguing it abused its monopoly in online shopping. That case, whose claims Amazon denies, is set for trial next year. Last year, Amazon settled a more narrow suit for $2.5 billion over claims it tricked customers into buying Prime memberships and making it hard to cancel when they wanted to leave the program. Amazon did not admit or deny wrongdoing in the settlement. — NEW YORK TIMES

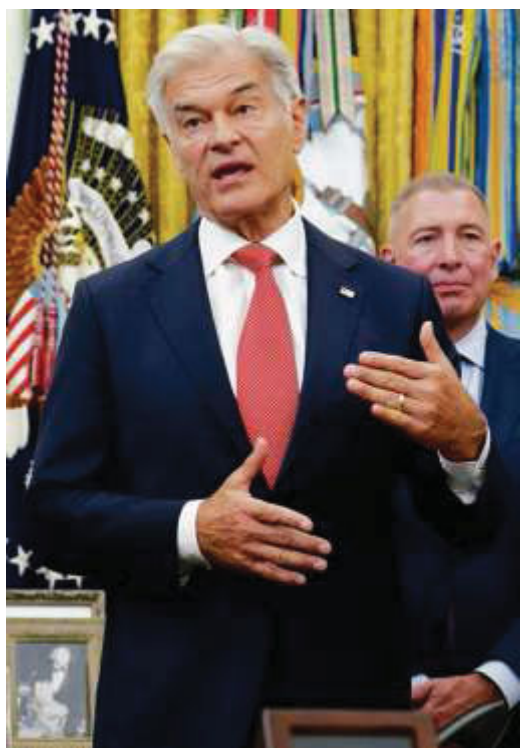
FOOD

NORTH END SUB SHOP WILL GIVE A FREE SANDWICH TO ANYONE WHO 'STORROWS' MOVING TRUCK ON SEPT. 1

Get your moving truck stuck under a Storrow Drive bridge? At least lunch is on the house. Pauli's in the North End is offering a free Storrow Spuckie to anyone whose moving truck gets stuck under one of the notoriously low-clearance bridges on Storrow Drive on Tuesday. "Consider it Pauli's way of easing the shame and officially welcoming them to the neighborhood," the restaurant said. The promotion is a cheeky nod to an infamous Boston tradition that arrives with the annual Sept. 1 move-in date: when some trucks inevitably attempt to pass beneath Storrow Drive's low bridges, only to discover that the clearance isn't quite high enough. The result is often a truck with its roof ripped off — and a driver who has officially been "Storrowed." But this year, at least there's a consolation prize. Pauli's Storrow Spuckie is a 24-inch Italian sandwich piled high with mortadella, ham, salami, provolone, vegetables, oil, and balsamic on a large Italian roll. The sandwich normally sells for $24.99 and will be available through Sept. 30. On Tuesday, the restaurant will be open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. for "Storrowed" drivers to claim their 24-inch prize. Pauli's is located at 65 Salem St. — BOSTON.COM

HEALTH CARE

WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCES DRUG PRICE DEALS WITH CSL, ASTELLAS, AMONG OTHERS



President Trump announced a new round of drug-pricing agreements with international pharmaceutical companies and some smaller biotechs on Monday, part of a push to make health care more affordable for Americans. Deals were signed with companies including Astellas, BeOne Medicines, CSL, BridgeBio, Sun Pharmaceutical, and UCB SA, Trump said in an Oval Office event with executives of the companies. Israel's Teva, which also attended the event, said it was still in discussions with the administration on a potential agreement. These companies have offered drugs to state Medicaid programs at most-favored-nation prices, Trump said, describing this as "a tremendous discount, which should bring down the cost of your medical care by tremendous amounts." It is not clear how many drugs the deals cover or at what discounts, leaving the savings for the government or patients unknown. The White House did not release details of the agreements and companies described some terms as private. The administration and some of the companies said there would also be future savings on innovative drugs, and agreements to manufacture more products in the US. US consumers currently pay by far the most for prescription medicines, often nearly three times more than in other developed nations, and Trump has been pressuring drugmakers to lower their prices to what patients pay elsewhere. The deals follow those the administration struck with 17 of the world's largest drugmakers, including Pfizer, Eli Lilly, and Novo Nordisk starting last year. Those companies agreed to cut some prices for federal health programs and sell some medicines directly to patients through a Trump-branded website, in return for tariff relief. It was not clear if there were any TrumpRx arrangements with the smaller companies. The biggest savings from the earlier deals have come from weight-loss drugs. Novo and Lilly agreed to price cuts in return for their medicines being made more available through the Medicare program. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services administrator Mehmet Oz (left) on Monday said 600,000 seniors had sought prescriptions through a new temporary pilot, which began July 1. Beyond weight-loss drugs, critics like consumer watchdog Public Citizen have been skeptical about how much price relief Americans are really receiving from the White House agreements. Medicaid already gets steep discounts from drugmakers under existing law, and most people covered by the program pay little out of pocket for prescriptions. The administration has said its broader drug pricing push, including the earlier deals with large pharmaceutical companies, could save $64.3 billion in federal and state spending over the next decade, but that number is speculative. — REUTERS

PREDICTION MARKETS

KALSHI BANS GEORGE SANTOS FROM PLATFORM

Prediction market Kalshi said Monday that it had permanently barred George Santos (below left), the former representative from New York, and fined him $71,356 after finding evidence he engaged in insider trading. It is the first such ban by the platform. Santos faced allegations of insider trading after he placed bets on Kalshi about whether he would attend President Trump's State of the Union address in February. Before the speech, he posted on social media that he planned to attend but then didn't. "The Kalshi compliance department has established reasonable cause to believe that George Santos engaged in trading activity in certain markets related to his attendance at the State of the Union address," the company said in a statement. In an emailed statement, Kalshi announced fines for several other people over insider trading that included three-year bans from the site but said that Santos was the only individual not to cooperate with the company's investigation. Santos declined to comment. "Hey @Kalshi thanks for the lifetime ban from your gambling platform," Santos posted on social media. "Let's see how much longer you guys are around for." He also accused the company of violating the 30-day notice he said it gave him Aug. 7. — NEW YORK TIMES

TECH

TRUMP HAS ASKED APPLE TO CHANGE LAKE ONTARIO NAME TO 'LAKE AMERICA' ON ITS MAPS, INTERIOR CHIEF SAYS

President Trump has asked Apple to change the name of Lake Ontario to "Lake America" on its maps app, his administration's interior chief said Monday, days after signing an executive order over the body of water now in the spotlight amid his escalating trade war with Canada. Interior Secretary Doug Burgum told Fox's "Mornings with Maria" program that Trump "reached out to Apple directly." He said he was confident the "Lake America" name could be seen on its platform soon. Apple did not comment in response Monday. The body of water long known as Lake Ontario sits between the US state of New York and Canada's Ontario province. Just over the weekend, competitor Google Maps rolled out the new label for its US users — citing the recent order by Trump, and the company's already-established practice of using names assigned by the US Geographic Names Information System, also known as GNIS. "People using Maps in the U.S. will see 'Lake America,' those in Canada will continue to see 'Lake Ontario,' and those outside of the US and Canada will see both names," Google said in a brief statement on Saturday, reiterating that such updates "follow our long-standing policy for bodies of water with names that vary from country to country." Trump declared the new "Lake America" name last week — marking one of the latest provocations during his trade war with Canada that is now hiking tariffs on both sides of the border. His executive order on Friday directed the Interior Department to update the lake's name in the US geographic naming service. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nonprofit aims to connect students

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mark in the state budget with help from state Representative **Rob Consalvo**. The students at the teachers' home schools will participate virtually, along with the remote students, to ensure a similar experience. Arbaje-Thomas hopes friendships can develop among them, much like the relationships between METCO students and their suburban counterparts.

About 200 students are lined up. This fall, the nonprofit will offer 15 classes, to study everything from politics to statistics, with most providing college credits through **American International College** in Springfield. The model is designed to eventually include industry-specific work, to provide job skills training. "We have great teachers, we have great courses," Arbaje-Thomas said. "We just can't get students to all of them. But technology has given us a way for that to happen."

Making office towers more welcoming

Two of downtown's most prominent office buildings just got roughly $100 million makeovers to their lobbies and other areas, and one construction firm was behind both of them.

North Reading-based **Columbia** recently completed a 113,000-square-foot renovation project for **DivcoWest**'s One Lincoln tower, and will wrap up work on a similarly sized project at **The Chiofaro Co.**'s International Place two-tower complex later in September.

For Columbia president **Shaun Lover**, these projects have been about improving the public areas and adding new amenities to attract employers, and employees, as they weigh postpandemic work options. (For example, at International Place, Columbia built "The Aries Club" meant to be a private members' club for tenants.)

But they've also been about opening these fortresses to the broader community, making them more welcoming. International Place went up nearly four decades ago, hard against what was the elevated Central Artery, while One Lincoln was previously known primarily as **State Street**'s headquarters. Now, the owners of both properties want to better integrate them into neighborhood.

With so few new buildings going up in Boston currently, these projects represent an important injection of private-sector capital into the economy.

"There's one tower crane in Boston right now," Lover said. "[But] there's this $200 million in investments that put people to work but is also meant to attract tenants and also attract the neighborhood."

Finding a home on Pine Street's board

Megan Gates has been helping **Pine Street Inn** through volunteering and donations since 2007, and serving on its board since 2012. Now, her contributions to the homeless services nonprofit will ramp up again, as she starts her term as board chair. She took over for **Lorn Davis** in July, though her first board meeting as chair is scheduled for Sept. 23.

Gates's day job is as a life sciences lawyer at **Covington & Burling**. But she can always make more time for Pine Street Inn. Gates said she's been encouraged by the growing emphasis on developing apartments where previously unhoused people can live, with support services to keep them off the streets and help them rebuild their lives. Among the biggest ones: the 202-unit Lyndia (named after Pine Street Inn president **Lyndia Downie**) in Jamaica Plain, 111 units in the former **YWCA** in the Back Bay, and a 99-unit hotel conversion in Dorchester that celebrates its grand opening this fall.

The Lyndia, which offers 140 units to chronically homeless people, was trumpeted as the largest "permanent supportive housing development" in New England when it opened last year. Several of the city's biggest corporate players — such as **Liberty Mutual**, **Suffolk Construction**, and **Mass General Brigham** — contributed millions of dollars to make it happen.

Chamber takes on security union

The union push to impose new city standards for unarmed security guards is running up against a powerful opponent: the **Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce**.

The proposal, backed by **SEIU Local 32BJ** and put forward last month by city councilors **Henry Santana** and **Ruthzee Louijeune**, would require employer-funded training for unarmed building guards. (State law already requires something similar for armed guards.)

In an Aug. 11 letter signed by chief executive **Jim Rooney**, the chamber notes the ordinance "would impact a variety of industries in unpredictable ways" such as office buildings, hospitals, universities, labs, hotels, retailers, bars, and "countless other organizations."

The chamber basically describes the proposal as a solution in search of a problem. The new rules could also increase hiring costs and impose barriers to recruiting new employees.

32BJ executive vice president **Kevin Brown** says the union is simply responding to the needs of members. About 800 in Boston, he said, would be affected by the rule. "Our members said they're encountering issues like overdoses, people having heart attacks, people who are violent," Brown says. Brown said he hopes the council will pass it as soon as sometime in September. Ten of the 13 councilors have signed on, he said, and Mayor **Michelle Wu**'s administration is on board.

'Full circle moment' for recycling firm

You might say **Nth Cycle** is finally reaching critical mass, now that it has landed a grant award from the Department of Energy worth up to $100 million.

The Burlington battery recycling startup will use the money to help defray the costs of building a refining facility in South Carolina. The roughly 50-person firm has previously said it also plans to open one in the Netherlands, in addition to an existing plant in Ohio.

The new Southeast facility will annually recycle "black mass" — materials in shredded lithium-ion batteries that can be reused. Nth Cycle's technology uses electricity to break down these materials, as opposed to using traditional chemicals in a less efficient, more expensive process that produces significantly more pollutants.

The Department of Energy grant represents a rare bit of good news for a local climate-tech startup seeking assistance from the Trump administration. In a press release, chief executive **Megan O'Connor** praised the administration for recognizing that "keeping recoverable critical minerals in the United States is a matter of national security." O'Connor founded the startup with **Desiree Plata**, an engineering professor at **MIT**, and **Chad Vecitis**, Nth Cycle's chief scientist. It got its start at the **Oak Ridge National Laboratory** in Tennessee, with financial help from the Department of Energy, before relocating to Massachusetts in 2020. In 2021, Nth Cycle received an investment from **Clean Energy Ventures** of Boston, still one of Nth Cycle's biggest private investors. The company is now preparing to go public, via a merger with a SPAC firm affiliated with **Kensington Capital**.

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Young adults shrug off risks in sports betting, study says

By Katie Castellani
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Young adults are largely ambivalent toward sports betting, with many viewing it as an acceptable activity that also carries possible risks, according to a new study.

The qualitative study, funded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, was conducted from 2023 to 2026 by NORC at the University of Chicago in partnership with Gemini Research in an effort to grasp the largely unknown relationship young adults aged 18 to 25 have with sports betting.

"Many young adults perceive sports betting positively as a low-risk, casual form of entertainment, equating it with making discretionary purchases like 'buying a coffee' or 'going out to lunch,'" researchers wrote in the study. "However, young adults commonly paired these positive descriptions of sports betting with qualifiers such as 'when done in moderation' and 'within limits.'"

Researchers found that 71 percent of the 62 young adults in Massachusetts who participated in the study had previously bet on sports. And 66 percent of the young adults who participated in the study were between the ages of 21 and 25 while the remaining 34 percent were 18 to 20 years old — or younger than Massachusetts' legal sports betting age of 21.

Among active bettors who participated in the study, a majority of their wagers were less than $10, according to the study. Many young adults placed bets "casually and infrequently" and wagered more often during sporting events.

Researchers found participants largely preferred football and basketball and that participants reported betting on a wider variety of sports during major events like the Olympics.

Overall, young adults also preferred what they saw as simpler forms of betting including moneyline bets, which are limited to whether a player or team wins a game or event. That preference strays from national trends that show prop bets and parlays are increasingly popular, according to the study.

Participants overwhelmingly placed bets online and on mobile applications. The study also found many participants were very aware of other platforms like fantasy sports and prediction markets, but many didn't actively use them.

Researchers said participants often described sports betting as a social activity and that placing bets increased their interest in games and sports. Participants also said that sports betting can carry other benefits such as generating state revenue as well as the legal market offering consumer protections that are unavailable in unregulated markets.

Participants said sports betting can come with risks including financial losses and the possibility of developing gambling addiction. But not everyone thought those risks applied to them.

"There was a really important contradiction that repeatedly emerged throughout this study, and that was that participants recognized these risks in theory, but many of them viewed themselves and their immediate friends as relatively immune to these risks," Katie Gallant from NORC said while presenting the study's findings during a Gaming Commission meeting last week.

Sports betting has become socially acceptable among young adults, the study found. Technology has normalized sports betting with participants describing mobile betting as "frictionless and always available in the palms of their hand," Gallant said.

Participants often described sports betting advertising as "everywhere" and "hard to escape," researchers said, adding that this shows the "pervasive nature of advertisements that contributes to the normalization of sports betting." Young adults reported seeing advertisements on social media, podcasts, mobile apps, television, and public transportation.

Those under 21 years old reported using fake identifications, offshore betting websites, VPNs, and account sharing.

The study found sports betting is most common among men. But many participants said they've noticed participation among women rise since the activity became legal in Massachusetts in 2023.

Petry Ubri with NORC said most young adults' awareness for prevention and support resources were limited to gambling helplines or disclaimers and many study participants questioned their effectiveness. Young adult support professionals, whom researchers spoke with, said they had limited training, insufficient resources, or not enough services focused on sports betting.

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An advertisment for DraftKings Sportsbook was displayed near Fenway Park in March.

Lilly buys Merida for $2.88b to help treat autoimmune diseases

By Madison Muller
BLOOMBERG

Eli Lilly & Co. plans to buy Cambridge's Merida Biosciences Inc. for as much as $2.88 billion in cash to expand in autoimmune and allergic diseases, part of an effort to build beyond the weight loss and diabetes markets that made it the largest pharmaceutical company in the world.

Merida is a closely held company developing products that target autoantibodies tied to diseases, without harming the immune system's normal functioning. Its most advanced product, MER511, is in early testing for Graves' disease and thyroid eye disease, where approved treatments don't address their underlying causes. It's also working on a compound to treat food allergies, asthma, and related conditions.

Lilly has been on a record spending spree, having announced more than $20 billion in deals so far in 2026. The drugmaker has been using the windfall from its Zepbound and Mounjaro shots to diversify its pipeline, mainly targeting medicines in earlier stages as it seeks to position itself to develop the next blockbuster medicine.

"We view the deal as a strategic use of capital, aligning with Lilly's earlier business development efforts and diversifying their immunology and inflammation pipeline," Evan Seigerman, an analyst at BMO Capital Markets, wrote in a note to investors. "MER511 remains early, with no evidence yet that antibody reductions translate into durable clinical benefit, but successful validation could provide Lilly with multiple shots on goal across antibody-driven diseases."

The deal is part of Lilly's ongoing strategy to invest in technologies that can transform the treatment of diseases beyond obesity, Lilly chief executive Dave Ricks said Monday to CNBC. The company has already has done more deals this year than in all of 2025, he said, pointing out that early-stage acquisitions is Lilly's "sweet spot."

This year, the drugmaker agreed to spend up to $7.8 billion for sleep drugmaker Centessa Pharmaceuticals Plc and up to $7 billion for cancer drug developer Kelonia Therapeutics — two of its most expensive deals ever. In May, it reached deals to buy three vaccine developers for as much as $3.8 billion. Company executives have signaled there's much more to come.

Lilly's shares fell about 1.5 percent in Monday trading. They had risen 9.3 percent since the start of the year through Friday's close.

The deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter. Lilly will pay an upfront fee in cash, plus additional milestone payments if Merida's products meet expectations during development, the company said in a statement. Further details weren't provided.

Separately, a combination of Lilly's Taltz and Zepbound helped control moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis or active psoriatic arthritis for as long as a year in overweight or obese patients in a study, the company said in a statement.

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Request for Proposal (RFP) Announcement
The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to support programs and bureaus on an as-needed basis. The RFP will be released on September 1, 2026, on the BPHC website (BPHC RFPs and Bids | Boston.gov).

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lawrence E. Kurtz to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC., its successors and assigns, dated October 12, 2020 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 23480, Page 26 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC., its successors and assigns to Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC dated December 5, 2025 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 26144, Page 167, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 451 Beech Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 8, 2026, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Land situated in the City of Holyoke in the County of Hampden in the State of MA

BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BEECH STREET, SAID POINT BEING TWO HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (232) FEET EASTERLY FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF BEECH STREET WITH THE EASTERLY SIDE OF LINDEN STREET (AND SAID POINT BEING THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LAND NOW OR FORMERLY OF PERRY F. TWISLER); THENCE RUNNING EASTERLY ON SAID BEECH STREET, FIFTY TWO (52) FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE TO SAID BEECH STREET, ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) FEET; THENCE WESTERLY AND PARALLEL WITH SAID BEECH STREET, FIFTY TWO (52) FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) FEET, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

NOTE: The Company is prohibited from insuring the area or quantity of the land. The Company does not represent that any acreage or footage calculations are correct. References to quantity are for identification purposes only.

Commonly known as: 451 Beech St, Holyoke, MA 01040-2203

THE PROPERTY ADDRESS AND TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER LISTED ARE PROVIDED SOLELY FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 9606, Page 316.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of $5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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(978) 256-1500
Kurtz, Lawrence E., 25-050669

NOTICE OF SALE, NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE, Premises: 71 Mill Pond Lane, Norwood, MA 02062, By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Wayne Anthony Lazarovich and Alyson E. Lazarovich to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, dated October 30, 2006, and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 24241, Page 384, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment of mortgage from Argent Mortgage Company, LLC to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, dated April 1, 2009, and recorded with said Registry in Book 26533, Page 351, and by assignment of mortgage from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to PennyMac Corp., dated April 2, 2014, and recorded with said Registry in Book 32222, Page 261, and by assignment of mortgage from PennyMac Corp. to Citibank, N.A. as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust, dated May 23, 2018, and recorded with said Registry in Book 36162, Page 138, and by assignment of mortgage from Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, dated July 3, 2018, and recorded with said Registry in Book 36162, Page 140, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold by Public Auction at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the 8th day of September, 2026, at the mortgaged premises located at 71 Mill Pond Lane, Norwood, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, To wit: THE LAND AT 71 MILL POND LANE, NORWOOD, NORFOLK COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS BEING SHOWN AS LOT 622 ON A PLAN ENTITLED "GREENFIELD ESTATES, PLAN OF LAND IN NORWOOD, MASS.," DATED JUNE 15, 1964 BY NORWOOD ENGINEERING CO., INC., RECORDED WITH NORFOLK COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS, PLAN BOOK 218, PLAN NO. 315 OF 1955. SAID PREMISES ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING ENCUMBRANCES: 1. TAKING BY THE TOWN OF NORWOOD FOR THE LAYOUT OF COACH LANE RECORDED WITH SAID DEEDS AT BOOK 5758, PAGE 260. 2. TAKING BY THE TOWN OF NORWOOD FOR THE LAYOUT OF MILL POND LANE RECORDED WITH SAID DEEDS AT BOOK 5758, PAGE 272. FOR TITLE REFERENCE SEE DEED RECORDED HEREWITH. PROPERTY ADDRESS IS: 71 MILL POND LANE NORWOOD, MA. Premises to 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 Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. High bidder to sign written memorandum of sale upon acceptance of the high bid. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by certified or bank check at Friedman Vartolo LLP, 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160, Garden City, New York 11530, within thirty (30) days from the date of the sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, Present holder of said mortgage by its Attorneys, **Friedman Vartolo LLP** 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160, Garden City, New York 11530

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mortgage, to wit:premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said 01109 will be sold at a Public Auction at 1:00 PM on September 15, 2026, at the mortgaged of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 197 Denver Street, Springfield, MA Deeds in Book 19717, Page 550, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose 2005-R2 to Bank of America, N.A. dated February 28, 2013 and recorded at said Registry of The Bank of New York Mellon, F/K/A The Bank of New York, NA as Trustee for CWMBS 25, 2010 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 18359, Page 472, and Assignment from FKA The Bank of New York Trust Company NA as Trustee for CWMBS 2005-R2 dated June Merger to Crossland Mortgage Corp. to The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, NA Wells Fargo Bank, NA Successor by Merger to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Successor by 2000 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 11412, Page 82, and Assignment from Assignment from Mortgage Security, Inc. to Crossland Mortgage Corp. dated November 15, in Book 21718, Page 236 of which mortgage Bank of America, N.A. is the present holder by Loan Modification Agreement dated November 9, 2016, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11409, Page 572 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a by Pearline Pegram to Mortgage Security, Inc., dated November 15, 2000 and recorded in By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given

The land in Springfield, Hampden County, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon, described as follows:

FIRST PARCEL: A certain lot of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in said Springfield, being #172 on a Plan Larchmont made by Merrill & Sears, C.E., dated April 1920, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans L, 74, being bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY by Lot #173 on said Plan, one hundred (100) feet; EASTERLY by Lot #206 on said Plan, fifty (50) feet; SOUTHERLY by Lot #171 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet; and WESTERLY by Denver Street, so-called, on said Plan, fifty (50) feet.

SECOND PARCEL: A certain lot of land situated in said Springfield, known and designated as Lot #173 as shown on said Plan of Lots called "Larchmont", made by Merrill & Sears, C.E., dated April 1920, recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans L, page 74, being bounded and described as follows: NORTHERLY by Lot #174 as shown on said Plan, one hundred (100) feet; EASTERLY by Lot #205 as shown on said Plan, fifty (50) feet; SOUTHERLY by Lot #172 as shown on said Plan, one hundred (100) feet; and WESTERLY by Denver Street, so-called, on said Plan, fifty (50) feet.

SUBJECT to restrictions of record, if any remain in force.

This conveyance creates no new boundaries

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 11409, Page 571.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

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Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a Community Meeting for a Proposed Cannabis Establishment is scheduled for:

Application Name: DEO Enterprises DBA Blossom Flower Boston
Application Address: 415-419 Blue Hill Ave
License Type: Marijuana Delivery Operator License and Marijuana Transporter License- Not a Retail Location

Join virtually on Zoom via link below - this is NOT an in person meeting:

Date: Tuesday September 15, 2026
Time: 6:00PM
Event Link: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1657262593
Event ID: 165 726 2593
Call in Number: +1 646 828 7666
Hosted online per the Cannabis Control Commission administrative order

If you have comments and cannot attend please contact:

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Please note, the City does not represent the owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s)/applicant(s),. The purpose of this notice is to notify area abutters to this project proposal. This flyer has been dropped off by the proponents per the city's request.

Watertown Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing: September 23, 2026, with the meeting starting at **7:00 p.m.** in Community Meeting Room 2E, Parker Building, 124 Watertown St, Watertown, MA, in-person with remote access link on the Agenda 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please note that the Planning Board is scheduled to hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026,** at **7:00 p.m.** to make an advisory recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

64 Grove Street—David Williams on behalf of SDG Development LLC, Petitioner (64 Grove St, LLC, Owner) requests a Special Permit under Article IX and in accordance with Article V, Section 5.01(B) to convert the existing vacant office/R&D/lab building into a secure and managed self-service storage facility with primary access from the rear. The project will also reuse an existing fire/drive lane for a publicly accessible pathway connecting Grove Street along the north side of the site to the Watertown-Cambridge Greenway. Located in the I-2 (Industrial-2) Zoning District. **PZ-26-17.**

Defense contractor files Chapter 11, cites government shutdown

By Steven Church
BLOOMBERG

Defense contractor Noble Supply & Logistics filed for bankruptcy Sunday, blaming federal cutbacks including last year's federal government shutdown as the company struggled with debt it took on to expand.

The Boston firm will pursue a range of options that include a sale of the company, it said in a Monday statement. Noble could not withstand "the significant headwinds it has faced over the last several months," said chief executive Tom Noble.

The company stated in a court filing that Noble will prepare for liquidation if a rescue doesn't occur. To pay for the Chapter 11 case, the firm will use cash set aside as lender collateral under an agreement that gives the company about 75 days to sell itself.

US Bankruptcy Judge Craig Goldblatt must approve any proposed sale or liquidation after giving creditors a chance to object.

Noble, which had 294 active employees as of July 24, owes lenders $255.6 million in addition to about $250 million to vendors and $36.7 million to unsecured bondholders, according to the filing.

The firm provides nonlethal equipment and services to the US military and law enforcement agencies like the Federal Bureau of Investigation and state police.

It took on debt in 2021 to buy two businesses, and the next year won a contract worth $1.2 billion with the Defense Logistics Agency to supply aerospace equipment to the US military for a decade. Noble began to have financial troubles by early 2024 because the deal required heavy initial spending by the company and there was a delay in receiving payment, chief transformation officer Robert Albergotti said in the filing.

Efforts to refinance or raise new capital "ultimately failed to close due to concerns over anticipated levels of future defense spending by the federal government, among other challenges," he added.

Federal officials told the company at the end of 2024 that the contract wouldn't be renewed in June 2026, resulting in the contract being shortened to four year and leaving Noble stuck with $70 million of inventory and other liabilities, the filing said. Meanwhile, during late 2025's shutdown "Noble's customers stopped placing orders with, and making payments to, the company."

Noble will try to resolve a number of disputes with the federal government over the contract, including a claim that the firm is owed about $86 million.

FDA approves Protagonist Therapeutics and Takeda's drug for rare blood cancer

By Adam Feuerstein
STAT

The Food and Drug Administration on Friday approved a new treatment for a rare and slow-growing cancer that causes an overproduction of red blood cells.

The drug, called rusfertide, was developed by the biotech company Protagonist Therapeutics. It will be sold by Takeda, the Japanese pharma company, under the brand name Mimrylo.

Administered via a weekly injection, Mimrylo was cleared to treat polycythemia vera, a chronic blood cancer in which overproduction of red blood cells thickens a patient's blood, resulting in higher risk for life-threatening heart attacks, strokes, and blood clots.

Mimrylo works by mimicking hepcidin, a hormone that naturally regulates iron in the body. By limiting the iron available to make new red blood cells, Mimrylo keeps the volume of red blood cells, a term called hematocrit, under control.

"Mimrylo is a first-in-class treatment that has demonstrated maintained hematocrit control, the primary treatment goal in polycythemia vera. We are proud to bring this new option to patients as we continue advancing care for people living with cancer and other serious diseases," said Takeda chief executive Julie Kim, in a statement. Takeda, which has a hub in Massachusetts, has not disclosed Mimrylo's price.

Polycythemia vera affects approximately 90,000 people in the United States. The FDA approved Mimrylo with a relatively broad prescription label that doesn't require physicians to try other treatments, like a common red blood cell-removal procedure, before prescribing the new medicine.

For that reason, Mimrylo peak sales may reach $2 billion per year, said Jefferies analyst Stephen Barker, who covers Takeda with a buy rating. The current analyst consensus forecasts peak annual sales of $1.3 billion, according to Visible Alpha.

Mimrylo is the second drug developed by Protagonist to secure an FDA approval this year. Icotyde, a pill for psoriasis, was cleared in March. For both drugs, Protagonist elected to turn over marketing duties to large pharma companies in exchange for milestone payments and royalties on sales. Icotyde, a drug with multibillion-dollar sales potential in psoriasis and other autoimmune conditions, is being sold by Johnson & Johnson.

Protagonist's develop-and-license strategy has worked well. The company's stock price has nearly tripled over the last year and currently trades just under its all-time high. The cash generated from the licensing deals has allowed Protagonist to fund additional research into new drugs.

Mimrylo is the second of three drug launches that Takeda anticipates will kickstart new revenue growth following months of cost cutting and layoffs. In the beginning of August, the FDA approved a Takeda drug, the first of its kind, that treats a type of narcolepsy. A drug for psoriasis could be approved next year.

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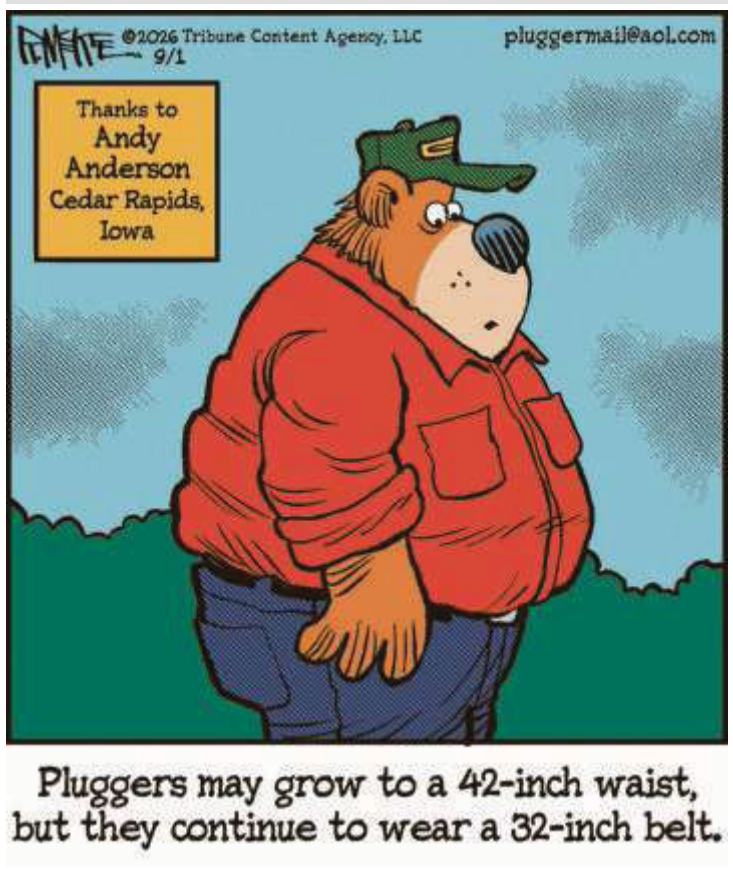

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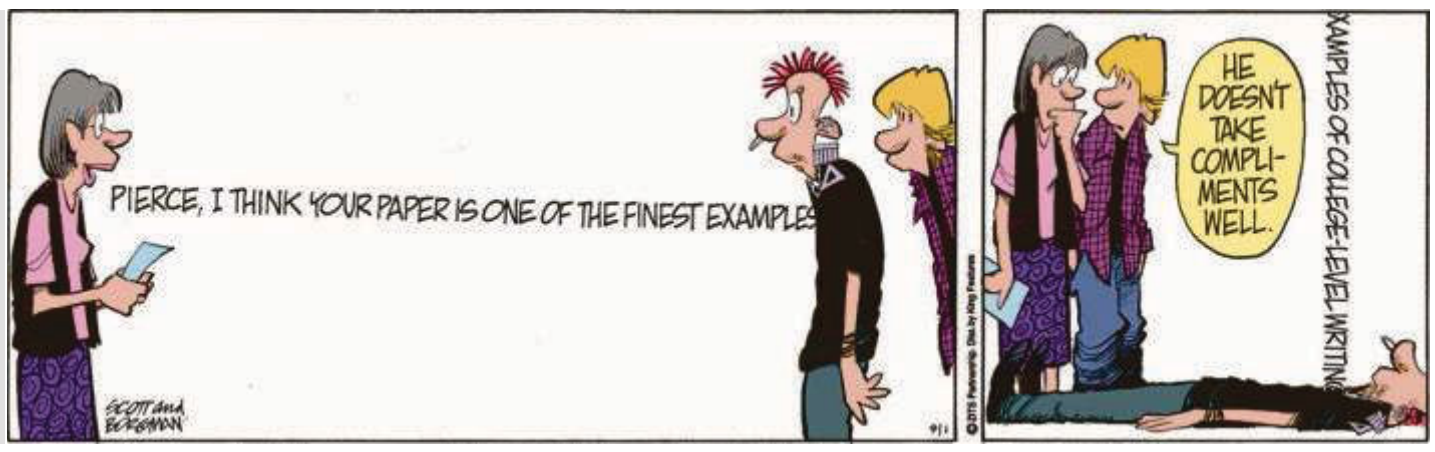

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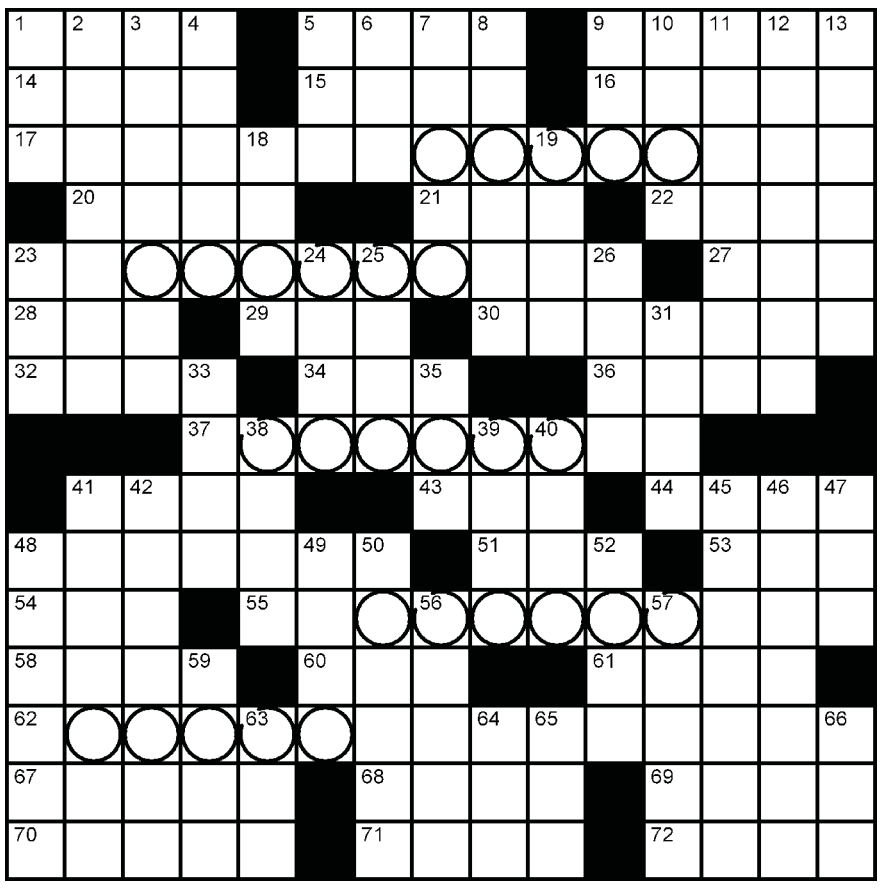

ACROSS

1 Hanauma Bay's Hawaiian island
5 Bit of jewelry
9 Drives a getaway car for, say
14 Yemeni port
15 Wrinkly citrus
16 Vietnamese capital
17 Life time? (In this answer, unscramble letters 8-12)
20 Clever tactic
21 Winter hrs. in Santa Fe
22 "In ___ of gifts ..."
23 Like some mustard (... letters 3-8)
27 Midday refresher
28 Non-Rx
29 Phillipa who played Eliza Schuyler Hamilton
30 Protective shipping containers
32 Activist and singer Ono
34 Canadian Thanksgiving mo.
36 Expense
37 Loan or security (... letters 2-7)
41 Ruler of Valhalla
43 Genre for Lauryn Hill
44 Word on a red octagon
48 Statement that often contains lies?
51 Orbit or Extra
53 ___-Locka, Fla.
54 Eldest sister in "Little Women"
55 Serious risk (... letters 3-8)
58 Mineral deposits
60 Wrath
61 Roaring beast
62 Personal historic events (... letters 2-6)
67 Furry swimmer
68 Spanish for "you are"
69 Currency of 21 countries
70 Kid brothers, at times
71 Invitation letters
72 Extend across

DOWN

1 Buffoon
2 Get comfortable with
3 Poisonous plant
4 Workers' organization
5 Purchase
6 "Deviled" food
7 Avis competitor
8 Bite-size Chinese food
9 Philip ___, first Korean American actor with a Hollywood star
10 Flake out (on)
11 Locomotives
12 Way you might take advice
13 Core exercises
18 Caustic substances
19 Sicilian hot spot?
23 Word before "sauce" or "milk"
24 Hoodlum
25 Pink Floyd's genre
26 Yahtzee needs
31 Heaps
33 Newspaper notice, briefly
35 La Brea ___ Pits
38 "I hate to be ___ ..." (faultfinder's opener)
39 Herb associated with fall
40 Tater
41 Do surgery
42 Certain magazines
45 Travel mug, e.g.
46 Modern tennis
47 Hole goal, at minimum
48 Expressive hybrid music genre
49 ___ fixe menu
50 Wildlife printmaker Charley
52 M, on forms
56 Zigs or zags
57 Highest digits in Sudoku
59 Proofreader's "Actually, leave it"
63 Triage areas, briefly
64 Cause to go "Vroom!"
65 Verizon or Xfinity, for short
66 Luke, to Darth Vader

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

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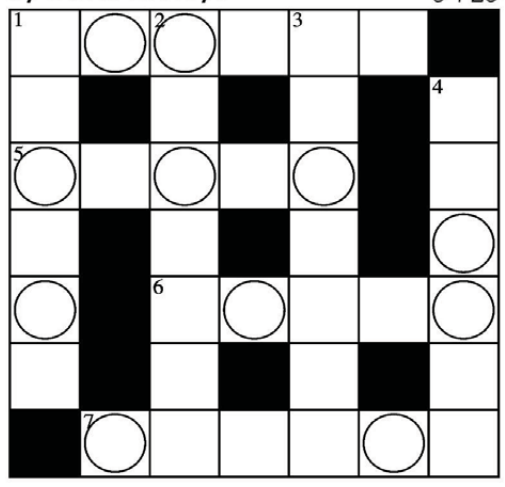

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Older in age	REONIS
5. Tribunal	UCRTO
6. ____ beef	ROATS
7. Grip tightly	LCCHTU

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Split ____	DOCESN
2. Impartial	UARELNT
3. Pariah	UCSOTTA
4. Spasm	HTCIWT

BONUS CLUE: The first telephone directory was published in ____ in 1878.

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-Senior 5A-Court 6A-Roast 7A-Clutch 1D-Second 2D-Neutral 3D-Outcast 4D-Twitch 5D-Connecticut

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY (6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.)
HIGH **67-72** | LOW **60-65**
Rain; there could be ponding on roadways. Winds ESE 7-14 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight. Winds ESE 7-14 mph.

WEDNESDAY (6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.)
HIGH **68-73** | LOW **62-67**
Cloudy. Winds ESE 7-14 mph. Cloudy at night with showers and a thunderstorm. Winds SE 7-14 mph.

THURSDAY (6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.)
HIGH **77-82** | LOW **64-69**
Rather cloudy and humid with thunderstorms. Winds SSW 7-14 mph. Mostly cloudy and humid at night. Winds WNW 7-14 mph.

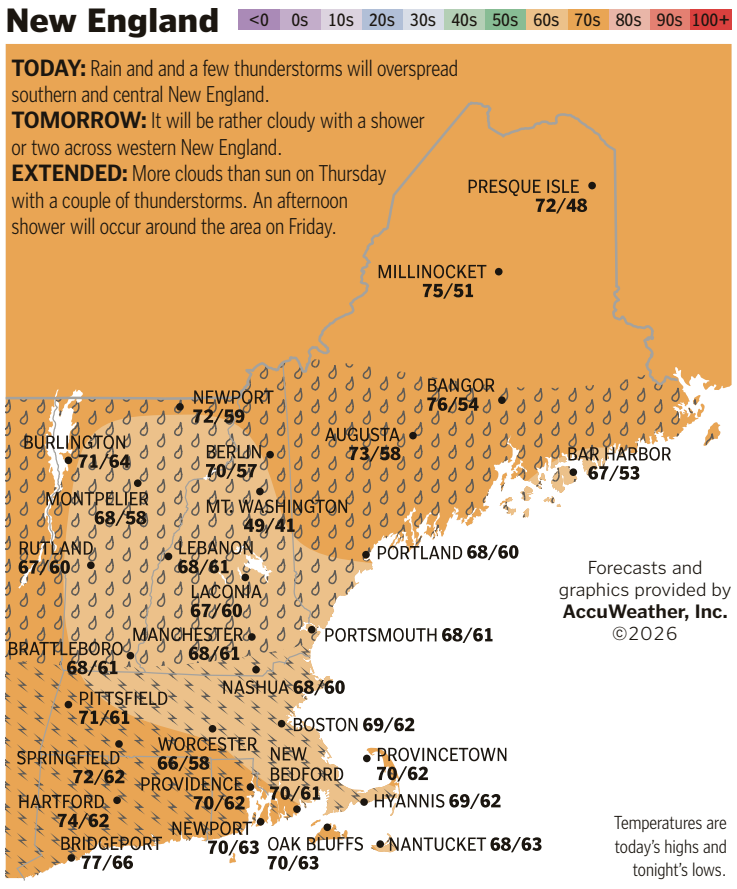
FRIDAY (6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.)
HIGH **77-82** | LOW **59-64**
Pleasant and less humid; clouds and sunshine. Winds NW 8-16 mph. Partly cloudy at night. Winds N 7-14 mph.

SATURDAY (6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.)
HIGH **69-74** | LOW **58-63**
Variable clouds with a shower in places. Winds NNE 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy at night. Winds N 6-12 mph.

New England

<0 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100+

TODAY: Rain and and a few thunderstorms will overspread southern and central New England.
TOMORROW: It will be rather cloudy with a shower or two across western New England.
EXTENDED: More clouds than sun on Thursday with a couple of thunderstorms. An afternoon shower will occur around the area on Friday.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	73°/63°
Sunrise today	6:09 a.m.
Sunset today	7:18 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:08 p.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Mostly sunny
Visibility	110 miles
Wind	west at 10 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	51/39
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	0.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
Absent	Absent	Low	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality
GOOD MOD. UNHEALTHY VERY UNHEALTHY
33 — 50 100 150 200 300

For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	Trace	Month to date	0.98"	Year to date	17.59"
Precip days in August	10	Norm. month to date	3.23"	Norm. year to date	28.04"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	2:28	2:46
Height	10.0	10.5
Boston low	8:36	9:07
Height	0.2	0.0
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	2:12	2:30
Hampton Beach NH	2:26	2:44
Plum Island	2:45	3:04
Ipswich	2:14	2:33
Gloucester	2:24	2:43
Marblehead	2:28	2:46
Lynn	2:29	2:46
Scituate	2:30	2:48
Plymouth	2:40	3:00
Cape Cod Canal East	2:18	2:37
Cape Cod Canal West	1:16	
Falmouth	2:12	2:30
Hyannis Port	3:36	3:48
Chatham	3:17	3:31
Wellfleet	2:42	3:00
Provincetown	2:36	2:54
Nantucket Harbor	3:35	3:51
Oak Bluffs	2:52	3:16
New Bedford	11:34	---
Newport RI	11:17	11:43

New England marine forecast
● Small craft advisory ● Gale warning ● Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	SE 5-10 kts.	1 ft.	69/62
East Cape Cod Canal	SE 5-10 kts.	1 ft.	70/62
Buzzards Bay	SE 7-14 kts.	1-2 ft.	70/63
Martha's Vineyard	SE 8-16 kts.	1-2 ft.	69/61
Nantucket	SE 10-20 kts.	1-2 ft.	68/61
Provincetown	SE 6-12 kts.	1-2 ft.	69/60

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	95/74	S	96/74	Pc
● Atlantic City	90/72	T	82/73	Pc
Charlotte	97/73	S	98/74	S
● Chicago	92/75	T	94/74	S
Dallas	99/79	S	96/79	S
● Denver	84/59	T	88/59	S
● Detroit	92/74	T	94/72	T
● Fort Myers	90/76	T	90/76	T
Los Angeles	83/63	S	83/66	S
● Miami	91/80	T	91/79	T
● New Orleans	91/78	T	91/77	T
● New York City	82/68	T	75/70	C
● Philadelphia	92/74	T	85/73	Pc
● Phoenix	100/82	T	102/84	C
● Salt Lake City	84/66	T	84/62	S
San Francisco	71/61	Pc	73/60	Pc
Seattle	72/57	Pc	66/53	R
● Washington	97/78	T	95/77	S
Beijing	87/61	S	89/63	S
● Cancun	94/77	R	95/77	R
● Mexico City	74/57	R	74/57	R
● Montreal	72/62	C	72/65	R
● Toronto	86/68	T	82/66	T
Vancouver	71/59	Pc	65/54	R
Jerusalem	86/69	S	88/71	S
London	72/57	Pc	71/64	C
Moscow	77/61	Pc	70/57	T
Paris	75/56	Pc	78/59	Pc
Rome	92/68	S	90/64	S
● San Juan	89/79	R	90/79	Sh
● Stockholm	67/53	Pc	66/50	C
Tokyo	86/77	Pc	89/80	C

SUDOKU

	3		4		5		7	
7		9	8		3	5		6
		3	9	5	8	6		
	8						2	
		7	1	3	2	4		
4		8	5		9	1		2
	9		7		1		5	

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

West dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ K J 10 4
♡ A K J 5
♢ A 8 2
♣ A K

West
♠ 5 3
♡ 9 6
♢ K Q J 10 9 4
♣ J 8 3

East
♠ 6
♡ Q 10 8 4 2
♢ 7
♣ 10 9 7 6 4 2

South
♠ A Q 9 8 7 2
♡ 7 3
♢ 6 5 3
♣ Q 5

West	North	East	South
2 ♢	Dbl	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	All Pass	

Opening lead — ♢ K

Grapefruit, my club's odious member, showed up wearing a T-shirt that said, "Ask me about my vow of silence."

"We should be so lucky," Rose said. "Some people have the right to remain silent but not the will."

Grapefruit has an acid tongue and berates his partners unmercifully. He was North in a penny game, and when South bid four spades, Grapefruit bid six.

South took the ace of diamonds, drew trumps and led a heart to dummy's jack. East took the queen, and South won only 11 tricks.

"Partner," Grapefruit said, "your play was about as sharp as a marble."

"So a heart finesse lost," South growled. "I didn't ask you to bid slam."

Grapefruit told the kibitzers that South had left the store without all his groceries.

After South draws trumps, he can take the top hearts and ruff a heart. He cashes the A-K of clubs and leads dummy's jack of hearts, and when East's queen covers, South discards a diamond: a loser-on-loser. East must concede a ruff-sluff.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K J 10 4 ♡ A K J 5 ♢ A 8 2 ♣ A K. You open two clubs (strong, artificial), your partner bids two diamonds (negative or waiting), you bid 2NT and he bids three hearts, a "transfer." What do you say?

ANSWER: Your bidding has shown 23 or 24 points, balanced. Your partner has spade length. He may have a terrible hand, but even opposite a hand as weak as Q 9 8 6 3, 8 7, 9 7 6, 7 6 5, you can expect to win 10 tricks at spades. Bid four spades.

HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026: You are engaging, charming, and persuasive. You're also organized and ambitious to achieve your goals. This is a slower paced year for you. It's OK to rest and rejuvenate your energy. Focus on business and personal relationships with people who are kind, helpful, and have your back.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
This is a poor day to achieve anything of substance at home or when dealing with family members. No matter what you or others suggest, it will probably fall flat. Choose another time. In the meantime, just work hard today and stay on track. Tonight: Check your possessions.

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with Pluto, which can make you compulsive and impulsive. As a result, emotional power struggles with others, especially authority figures, are likely. You don't need this. This is a poor day to suggest anything. Instead, fold your tents. Perhaps seek pleasure in socializing. Tonight: You win!

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
This is a poor day for discussions about purchases, possessions, and money issues with a friend or a group. Nobody will agree, and it could end in a quarrel. Also, steer clear of controversial issues, because this is a touchy day for everyone. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
This is a challenging day for you, no question. Mars is in your sign, and today it's at odds with stern Saturn. Proceed slowly and cautiously. Obstacles, even a sense of fear or inadequacy, might prevent you from being effective. Authority figures might not cooperate. Go gently. Tonight: Be friendly.

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
You have a strong focus on money and cash flow right now and, of course, lucky Jupiter is in your sign. Nevertheless, relations with parents, bosses, and authority figures might be challenging today because of impulsive or compulsive actions on the part of someone. Slow down. Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
Today you need to have fewer expectations when it comes to the cooperation of friends and groups. Their reply might be, "Talk to the hand!" Avoid controversial subjects. They will quickly escalate into nasty power struggles. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: Explore and learn.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
This is a poor day to ask for permission or approval. It will be tough to get the cooperation of authority figures. In addition, you might find you're second-guessing yourself or lacking the confidence that you need. (This is a tough day for everyone.) Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
Issues related to race, politics, and religion, as well as higher education, medicine, and the law, are touchy subjects today. Best to avoid them if you can. You'll find that discussions with partners, spouses, and close friends are too emotional. No one is listening. Tonight: Cooperate with someone.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
Squabbles about shared responsibilities, shared property, and shared monies are likely today, especially with your kids or a romantic partner. Quarrels over expenses related to social outings or vacations might also arise. Meanwhile, relations with co-workers are dicey. (Time for dark chocolate.) Tonight: Work to get better organized.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
Discussions with partners, spouses, and close friends will be challenged today for emotional reasons. People will change their minds. They will refuse to go along with your suggestions. You might do likewise. Be patient with kids and romantic partners. Tonight: Socialize!

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
This is a challenging day at work. Likewise, health challenges might arise today, even difficulties dealing with your pet. On top of this, discussions at home and with family members will be difficult. Seek escape through travel, film, or study. Tonight: Relax at home.

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
Romance will be challenged today, along with dealing with kids. Because your emotions are caught up in certain issues, you might insist on having your way or doing what you want. However, others will not agree. Take it easy. Tonight: An interesting conversation.

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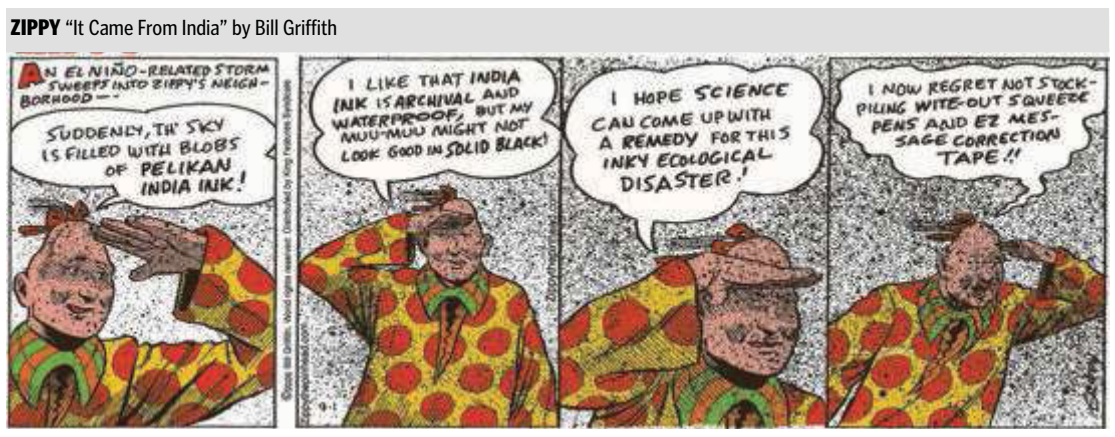
ZIPPY "It Came From India" by Bill Griffith



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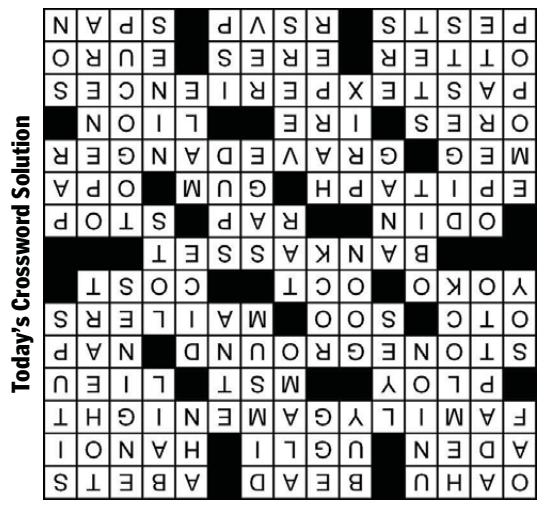

Today's Sudoku Solution

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2	4	3	9	5	8	6	1	7
1	8	5	6	4	7	9	2	3
9	6	7	1	3	2	4	8	5
4	7	8	5	6	9	1	3	2
5	1	2	3	8	4	7	6	9
3	9	6	7	2	1	8	5	4