

FBI searches for answers amid anxiety



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Law enforcement officers gathered Sunday in the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee as Republicans prepared for their national convention. Delegates, politicians, and the presumptive nominee, Donald Trump, began arriving throughout the day and night.

Defiant and eager, Trump arrives in Wis.; Biden calls for lowering political fury

By Michael D. Shear, Glenn Thrush, and Peter Baker  
NEW YORK TIMES

Investigators on Sunday searched for a motive that would explain why a 20-year-old armed with an AR-15-style semi-automatic rifle shot at former president Donald Trump, just days before he was to accept the Republican nomination for president.

The assassination attempt, which wounded Trump and killed one of his supporters, was being treated by the FBI as a possible act of domestic terrorism. And it immediately raised questions about why the Secret Service and other law enforcement agencies had not secured a nearby building outside the large outdoor venue where Trump held his rally.

The gunman apparently climbed onto the building's rooftop with a rifle and fired multiple times, wounding Trump just minutes into his speech on a sweltering Saturday afternoon in Butler, Pa., north of Pittsburgh.

Within moments, someone shouted "Shooter down" and Secret Service agents, agitated but in control, began moving Trump offstage to safety. "Wait, wait, wait, wait," he called out. He then made a point of pumping his fist at the crowd and seemed to defiantly shout, "Fight! Fight!" The moment — captured in photos that showed Trump's fist held aloft, his cheek bloody, with the American flag behind him — roused Trump's stunned supporters, who broke out in chants of "USA!"

On Sunday, Trump vowed to remain "defiant in the face of wickedness" and flew to Milwaukee for the start of the Republican National Convention. **TRUMP, Page A5**

Among delegates, a forged allegiance

Attack intensifies anticipation, zeal for convention

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MILWAUKEE — The 7:35 a.m. JetBlue nonstop here from Boston Sunday was filled with delegates to the Republican National Convention, many decked out in their best Donald Trump attire on the outside and wrestling with complex emotions on the inside.

After the assassination attempt on the former president the previous night, all the seat-back screens were tuned to Fox News, said Dan DiMatteo, 30, an alternate delegate from Plymouth who could see them all from his seat near the back of the plane. Then, when the plane touched down, someone began singing "God Bless America," he said.

Soon, about two thirds of the passengers were singing along, a cathartic release signaling their resolve to go ahead with the con-

Doubts on security

The Secret Service found themselves the subject of criticism and questions over how the shooter was allowed such access to the rally. **A6.**

A troubled past

The political history of the United States is sullied by assassinations. **A7.**

Boosting protection

Local experts expect a tightening of security around political events. **B1.**

vention and officially nominate Trump.

"He has said many, many times in the past, I will keep fighting for you. And yesterday proved it," said Emma Foley, 24, a delegate from Brighton also on the flight. "He's fought for us, and the energy at this convention — even though it's still in the early stages — is, 'We're going to fight for him.' Many people would walk over hot coals and broken glass to get to the voting booth to vote for this man."

Many of the approximately 2,400 delegates from Massachusetts and around the country arrived Sunday. **CONVENTION, Page A5**

Site of shooting at Trump rally

The suspected shooter was positioned on the roof of a building outside of the Trump event, according to reports from The New York Times and Associated Press. A moment-by-moment breakdown of the attack, **A7.**



SOURCE: Google Earth, Associated Press



STEVE WARHEIT

Corey Comperatore was credited with protecting his family as he was shot to death at Donald Trump's rally. **A6.**

Investigators say shooter acted alone

Find few clues for motive and no apparent run-ins with law enforcement

By Glenn Thrush and Adam Goldman  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The 20-year-old gunman who tried to assassinate former president Donald Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania appears to have acted alone, FBI officials said Sunday, but investigators remain unsure of his motives and political beliefs and have not yet been able to determine what evidence might be on his cell-phone.

Agents found what officials described as a "rudimentary" explosive device in the gunman's vehicle, and possible explosives were also found at his residence, according to a person with knowledge of the investigation.

FBI officials confirmed that the gunman's father had legally purchased the AR-15-type semiautomatic rifle used in the shooting. But they said it was not clear whether the father gave his son the weapon or whether he took it without permission.

Kevin Rojek, the FBI special agent in charge in Pittsburgh, said the family was cooperating with investigators. **GUNMAN, Page A6**



Thomas Crooks worked as a dietary aide.



Unsettling climes

**Monday:** Scattered storms, hot. High 90-95, low 72-77.

**Tuesday:** Storms, hotter. High 92-97, low 75-80

Sunrise: 5:21. Sunset: 8:19.

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**A dominant Carlos Alcaraz grabbed a straight-set victory over Novak Djokovic** for a second consecutive Wimbledon championship and fourth Grand Slam title in all. **C1.**

**Climate activists rallied on Beacon Hill to urge lawmakers** to pass a climate bill that is still in flux as the end of the session nears. **B2.**

**People on food assistance are turning to grocery delivery,** a helpful service for those who are caretakers or have limited mobility. But the cost can take a bite out of limited funds. **D1.**

**The Red Sox are riding a hot streak** as they enter the All-Star break. **C1.**

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As pandemic aid dries up, nonprofits scramble for funding

By John Hilliard  
GLOBE STAFF

HYANNIS — Outside the food pantry, David Smith rolled up in his car and waited. The retired Army veteran comes most Thursday mornings to pick up his groceries, his car idling in a line that winds its way around the building and across the parking lot.

Smith, 90, served as a helicopter pilot, and said the pantry, operated by the Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center, helps him make ends meet as costs rise across the region. Every time he visits, he said, the lines grow longer.

"It's a godsend to me," Smith said, his eyes welling up as he spoke. "I'm grateful that they're here."

But with federal aid through the American Rescue Plan Act due to dry up at the end of 2026, the outreach center is among scores of charities across the region scrambling for funding. **NONPROFITS, Page A10**

A special southern delivery: oppressive heat

To a certain degree, Boston will feel like Baltimore eventually

By Sabrina Shankman  
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On the hottest days in Baltimore, if kids attending the city's summer camps aren't in a pool by 10:30 or 11 a.m., they are inside.

The story is similar, if not more extreme, in Memphis, where the long days in camp running around outside are a distant memory. Now, when temperatures are so often in the mid to high 90s, outdoor activities happen in the morning and for short periods of time "so we're not just cook-

ing the kids," said Nick Walker, parks director for the city.

The threshold to declare a heat emergency in those cities is at least 10 degrees higher than it is in Boston, because if they used the Boston standard of two days with a heat index, or a "feels like" temperature that accounts for humidity, of 95 degrees, "it would be a heat emergency most days in July and August," said Kimberly Eshleman, director of Baltimore's Office of Public Health, Preparedness and Response.

If you're sitting in Boston wondering what this has to do with you, well — this is your future.

Research out of the University of Maryland shows that by later this year, Baltimore will experience more days with heat index in the 90s and 100s. **WEATHER, Page A10**