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ROSALYNN CARTER 1927-2023

## A steely partner in triumphs, turmoil



GRAPHIC HOUSE/GETTY IMAGES/FILE 1976

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter pored over a paper during his run for the presidency.

### One-time farmer's wife expanded horizon for first ladies

By Joe Holley and Kevin Sullivan

WASHINGTON POST

Rosalynn Carter, a close political and policy adviser to her husband, former president Jimmy Carter, who created the modern Office of the First Lady and advocated for better treatment of the mentally ill during her years in the White House and for four decades afterward,

died Sunday at her home in Plains, Ga. She was 96.

The Carter Center in Atlanta announced her death, after a statement in May that she had dementia and one earlier this month that she had entered hospice care.

"Rosalynn was my equal partner in everything I ever accomplished," Carter said in the statement. "She gave me wise

guidance and encouragement when I needed it. As long as Rosalynn was in the world, I always knew somebody loved and supported me."

The Carters had been married for more than 77 years, the longest presidential marriage in US history, and spent the final months of their time together at the family home in the town of

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### 'Our mission is not to preserve old houses. It's to protect species.'

MATT HILLMAN, *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge manager*



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The setting sun was reflected in the windows of the Pink House on the causeway to Plum Island.

## CAUGHT IN A PINK, MARSHY MORASS

### Eight-year battle to save landmark near Plum Island may be lost

By Billy Baker

GLOBE STAFF

NEWBURY — In 2011, the US Fish and Wildlife Service acknowledged that it made a mistake.

The agency oversees the massive Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, which covers most of Plum Island and much of the salt marsh behind it, and it was looking to house short-term workers and summer interns when it hopped on what looked like a win-win.

Just up the road from refuge headquarters, a nine-acre property was available along Plum Island Turnpike, the causeway across the marsh that connects Newbury-



The Support the Pink House group says the US Fish and Wildlife Service's plan to tear down the house blindsided them.

port to the island. The service paid \$375,000 for the land, spread across three parcels, including an additional acre that held the only house on the south side of the causeway, what locals called the Pink House.

All alone and framed against the backdrop of the pristine refuge, the weathered house, which was built in 1925 and painted a soft pink for as long as anyone can remember, became a favorite of artists and photographers, as well as a landmark dripping in local lore. Legend has it the house was built out of spite by a soon-to-be ex-husband, who built his wife a replica of their

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## CVS's plans for reinvention face hurdle: its pharmacists

### Short on staff, long on hours, workers wrestle with burnout

By Thomas Lee

GLOBE STAFF

CVS Health Corp.'s plans to transform into a 21st century health care organization is running smack into a twin reality: There are not enough pharmacists in the pipeline, and the ones the company employs are reaching a breaking point.

CVS pharmacists recently staged a three-day walkout along with colleagues at Walgreens and Rite Aid, a sign of intensifying unease about working conditions. Pharmacists across the country have reported

widespread staffing shortages, safety problems, and overloaded work schedules.

These issues are intensifying at an especially fraught time for CVS, based in Woonsocket, R.I. The company has spent billions remaking itself from the country's largest chain of pharmacy stores into a sophisticated health care conglomerate. A key goal is turning its thousands of stores into community clinics where pharmacists, doctors, and nurses work together to improve patient health.

But none of this works if the company can't hire or retain its pharmacists.

"Pharmacists are burned out," said William Shrank, who previously served as chief scientific officer and

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## Infants rescued from Gaza hospital

### Israel claims new evidence of Hamas complex there

By Vivian Yee, Vivek Shankar, and Isabel Kershner

NEW YORK TIMES

CAIRO — Four days after it was seized by Israeli troops, the Gaza Strip's largest hospital has become a "death zone," the World Health Organization said, as 31 premature babies in extremely precarious health there were evacuated Sunday.

Emergency medical workers from the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the World Health Organization, a United Nations agency, transported the babies by ambulance from the hospital, Shifa in Gaza City, to the neonatal intensive care unit of a hospital in the city of Rafah, about 25 miles away in southern Gaza.

Officials in Gaza and Egypt have said the babies will then be brought to Egypt for treatment, though the timing was unclear.

The infants have captured global attention, coming to symbolize what Israel's critics call the recklessness of its assault and the heavy toll that has fallen on the most vulnerable since the military began pounding Gaza. The military campaign began after the Hamas attacks of Oct. 7 that, the Israelis say, killed about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, in southern Israel.

The assailants also seized more than 200 others as hostages, the Israelis say, and took them back to Gaza. Negotiations aimed at releasing at least some of the hostages and observing a cease-fire were still underway Sunday night.

Since the war began, more than 11,000 people have been killed in Gaza, including more than 4,000 children, according to health officials in the Hamas-run territory.

The storming of Shifa last week was a critical moment for Israel as it sought to expose what it

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KEVIN CULLEN

AROUND NEW ENGLAND

## In N.H., right to smoke cannabis may be in sight

### Deadline approaches for proposal on retail sales

By Kevin Cullen

GLOBE STAFF

CONCORD, N.H. — In the "Live Free or Die" state of New Hampshire, adults are allowed to drive their motorcycles without helmets, drive cars without insurance or seatbelts, walk around openly with semi-automatic rifles, and buy tax-free booze and enough fireworks to light up the sky.

But they are not allowed to light up a joint purchased from a retail shop, because alone among the New England states, New Hampshire has steadfastly refused to legalize the sale of recreational marijuana. This, despite the fact that more than 70 percent of Granite Staters are in favor of recreational sales, according to a University of New Hampshire poll this year.

New Hampshire's status as an island of prohibition in New England could soon change. A state commission created to craft legislation to legalize the retail sale of marijuana is facing a Dec. 1 deadline to produce a package that the Legislature is willing to pass and Governor Chris Sununu is will-

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JUSTON MCKINNEY

Comedian Juston McKinney predicted years ago that New Hampshire would eventually sell marijuana in its state liquor stores.



### Glow-by-blow

**Monday:** Sunny, breezy. High 40-45, low 27-32.

**Tuesday:** Clouding up. High 40-45, low 35-40.

Sunrise: 6:41. Sunset: 4:18.

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