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Colo. court disqualifies Trump from the ballot

The ruling, a first, likely puts matter in hands of the Supreme Court

By Maggie Astor
NEW YORK TIMES

Colorado's top court ruled Tuesday that former president Donald Trump is disqualified from holding office again because he engaged in insurrection with his actions leading up to the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol, an explosive ruling that is likely to put the basic contours of the 2024 election in the hands of the US Supreme Court.

The Colorado Supreme Court was the first in the nation to find that Section Three of the 14th Amendment — which disqualifies people who engage in insurrection against the Constitution after taking an oath to support it — applies to Trump, an argument that his opponents have been making around the country.

Trump's campaign said immediately that it would appeal the decision to the US Supreme Court, a likelihood that the Colorado justices anticipated by putting their ruling on hold until January. And while Tuesday's ruling applies only to one state, it could all but force the nation's highest court to decide the question for all 50.

If the justices take up the case, it will join a pile of other Trump-related matters they have agreed to decide, including the scope of an obstruction charge that is central to his federal Jan. 6 case.

In addition, special counsel Jack Smith
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Consolidation of shelters gets some pushback

Families, advocates say state must keep them informed

By Samantha J. Gross
GLOBE STAFF

State officials are consolidating shelters for homeless and migrant families into hotels fully dedicated to providing emergency shelter, a move officials say will allow the state to better coordinate its response to the needs of migrant families, but others criticize as a chaotic and potentially harmful shuffle.

The state moved families out of two shelters last week and plans to close eight more by the end of the month, changes that will affect 250 homeless and migrant families, or roughly 800 people as the fall semester comes to a close before the holidays. As of Monday, there were 7,532 families in shelter statewide.

As of now, families living in Woburn, Arlington, and Billerica will move to new locations, according to Jeffrey Thielman, chief executive of the International Institute of New England, a resettlement agency that has been directly involved in providing services for families living in shelters.

In a statement, Scott Rice, emergency assistance director general, said the goal of the consolidation is to move families out of some
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With water, water everywhere, flooded Maine tries to regroup

Roads still washed out; businesses, ski areas shut down

By Sabrina Shankman,
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HALLOWELL, Maine — This time of year, Water Street in this city just outside Augusta is usually busy with people shopping for antiques, grabbing a coffee, or perhaps having a beer and a bite at the Quarry Tap Room.

Except on Tuesday, Water Street was underwater.

A storm that lashed much of New England and wide swaths of Maine especially hard on Monday flooded parts of Hallowell, with water reaching a foot high on Central and Water Streets. A day later, the Kennebec River



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In Cumberland, R.I., Suzannah Joseph, manager of the Hotel for Homeless Dogs, helped evacuate them after the Blackstone River flooded. The impact in Massachusetts and elsewhere, **A7**.

was rushing angrily along the downtown, its levels steadily climbing.

The storm also forced the shutdown of the Sunday River and Sugarloaf ski areas just as the popular resorts enter their high season with families visiting over the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The heavy rains came just months after Maine experienced its wettest summer since 1917, events that could become more common as the climate warms.

Steve Lachance, co-owner of the Quarry Tap Room, was busily shuttling tables, chairs, and other equipment into a U-Haul vehicle parked nearby. "There's 10, 12 feet of water down in the basement right now," he said on Tuesday.
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Nathan Sennett tried to retrieve furniture on Tuesday from the patio of the Quarry Tap Room in Hallowell, Maine.

No sunny side on this bad dream vacation



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It wasn't Florida, but Girish Keswani and his family decided to try to make the best of a stormy day in Boston.

By Beth Teitell
GLOBE STAFF

It sounds like a prank engineered by climate change activists, or a vengeful ex-lover. But the situation was all too real: At the last minute, because of adverse weather, thousands of passengers who thought they were about to cruise from New York to Florida and a private island in the Bahamas were informed that they would instead be sailing to Boston, Portland, and Canada. Dreaming of sunshine and piña colodas, they were now facing clam chowder and Bruins fans. And rain, lots of rain.

"The guy helping us with our lug-

gage said, 'You're going to Canada' and we all laughed it off," said Girish Keswani, who runs a design school with his wife in India. "We thought it was a joke."

Ha ha ha! Who needs a beach coverup when you can rock one of the flimsy ponchos that MSC Cruises was giving out?

Keswani and his family had flown in from India for the seven-day cruise. The ship departed New York on Saturday, and on Monday, when his daughter, Aashima, 17, should have been posting tropical-weather selfies on Instagram, she was instead futilely

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'Their concern is the income to sustain a business, not coaching kids.'

BARRY LAWTON, a retired Boston Public Schools teacher and coach

Lewis center struggles to serve community and state

Boston athletes forced to compete for practice time at Roxbury facility

By Tiana Woodard
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In February, the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center released a blueprint for reinventing itself, hoping to close out an era of controversy with a plan to build new ties with its Roxbury and citywide community.

Ten months later, though, the center and its owner, Roxbury Community College, have struggled to hit a cadence, amid mounting pressure from com-


munity advocates and the City Council over the limited access that city athletes have to the facility. The council recently passed a resolution seeking "the ability to reclaim practice time" at the center, known as the Reggie, and it plans to hold a hearing on the matter in the new year.

The Reggie was once considered a gem in a neighborhood that suffered from generations of disinvestment and neglect. But the state-run facility has since fallen to that same fate. It
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Boston Public Schools students ran laps as athletes from suburban schools waited for their track meet to begin.



High beams


Wednesday: Pleasant.
High 39-44. Low 29-34.

Thursday: More of the same.
High 35-40. Low 21-26.

High tide: 4:58 a.m., 5:20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:09 Sunset: 4:14

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Israel bombarded towns across southern Gaza, killing at least 45 Palestinians and pressing ahead on its offensive with renewed United States backing. **A3.**

State court officials said secret proceedings will be held in the brothels case over whether there's enough evidence to prosecute any suspects. **B1.**

Cardinal Sean O'Malley praised Pope Francis for allowing priests to bless same-sex couples. **B1.**

The housing market in Greater Boston remains frozen, as home buyers and sellers continue to balk. **B7.**

Sheryl Julian has been testing in her kitchen, and now she reveals her favorite recipes of the year. **G1.**