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After the verdict, GOP vows to get even

Outrage stoked, party sees many Democrat targets

By Sam Brodey
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WASHINGTON — Not long before he was indicted by Manhattan prosecutors last year, Donald Trump promised his supporters he would go after those who slighted or

abused them.

“I am your justice,” Trump said at the Conservative Political Action Conference in 2023. “I am your retribution.”

Now that the former president is a convicted felon, it has seemed more that the reverse will be true: Trump’s most devoted supporters are enthusiastically offering to take up the mantle of revenge on his behalf.

During and after Trump’s hush-

money trial in Manhattan, a range of Republican figures — from prominent lawmakers to influential pundits — advocated plans for payback

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against those they deemed responsible for the former president’s conviction on 34 felony counts.

Speaking on Fox News on Thursday evening, Senator J.D. Vance of Ohio said congressional Republi-

cans should issue subpoenas for the judge who oversaw the case, Juan Merchan, and his daughter, a consultant who has done work for Democratic candidates.

“We have to be willing to fight back,” said Vance. “The only language that I think these people are gonna understand is that if they do this, if they turn the American system of justice into banana republic garbage, they’re going to suffer consequences.”

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Biden endorses new Israeli proposal

Presses for cease-fire as he tries to break deadlock

By Zolan Kanno-Youngs
and David E. Sanger
NEW YORK TIMES

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. — Declaring Hamas no longer capable of carrying out a major terrorist attack on Israel, President Biden said Friday that it is time for a permanent cease-fire in the Gaza Strip and endorsed a new plan he said Israel had offered to win the release of hostages and end the fighting.

“It’s time for this war to end, for the day after to begin,” Biden said, speaking from the State Dining Room at the White House. He also gave a stark description of Hamas’s diminished capabilities after more than seven months of Israeli attacks, saying that “at this point, Hamas is no longer capable of carrying out another Oct. 7.”

“This is truly a decisive moment,” Biden said. “Israel has made their proposal. Hamas says it wants a cease-fire. This deal is an opportunity to prove whether they really mean it.”

With that statement, Biden appeared to be revealing his true agenda: making public elements of the proposal in an effort to pressure Hamas and Israel to break out of a monthslong deadlock that has resulted in the killing of thousands of Palestinians.

US officials have described Hamas’s leader, Yahya Sinwar, as interested only in his own survival and that of his family and inner circle, as they presumably operate from tunnels deep under

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THE STEEL YARD

The Steel Yard, which subsidizes industrial arts workshops and events for students, is facing a \$475,000 budget deficit.

The shows can barely go on

By Alexa Gagosz
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WESTERLY, R.I. — Carly Callahan knows what happens when the lights go dark.

As a commercial theater producer in New York City in 2020, Callahan saw how the pandemic affected the arts sector, forcing theaters and music venues to shut down. In many cases, the closures lasted more than a year.

In 2022, Callahan left New York to pull

Still reeling from the effects of the pandemic on their audiences, arts groups in R.I. appeal to the state for a bailout — before it’s too late

the United Theatre, a nonprofit theater company in Westerly, out from under the pandemic’s lingering pressures. Like many theater directors that year, she faced decreasing ticket subscriptions that had historically helped sustain theater companies while audiences were opting for streaming services. Two years later, audiences are still smaller, interests have changed, and operating costs continue to rise. And creative marketing can

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BARRY CHIN/GLOBE STAFF/FILE 2021

The Gamm Theatre in Warwick has dropped at least one weekly performance to help offset expenses.



LANE TURNER/GLOBE STAFF

In Providence, the Columbus Theatre, which opened nearly a century ago, is closing its doors later this month.

Stepfather who police say killed girl was awaiting trial

Had been accused of raping her nearly three years ago

By Sean Cotter and Ava Berger
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ACTON — When a mother and her teenage daughter went to the Malden police station in September 2021 to report that the girl’s stepfather had repeatedly raped her, beginning when she was 13, authorities took swift action, arresting and arraigning the man the same day.

After that, the case languished, beset by numerous delays.

Close to three years later, Julian F. Santana, 49, was still awaiting trial on multiple child-rape charges when law enforcement authorities say he abducted the now-16-year-old girl as she walked home from school on Thursday afternoon.

She had walked a couple of miles, and was near a grocery store not far from her home, when Santana picked her up. He drove to the parking lot outside her home on Great Road, where he fatally shot her and then killed himself, authorities said.

The girl has not been identified.

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Truly voracious Readers

For those who can’t miss a thing, the trial is becoming priority #1

By Beth Teitell
GLOBE STAFF

“I needed the hysterectomy,” Christine Lyons felt the need to insist. “I didn’t just have it so that I could stay home and watch the trial.”

No, no, of course she didn’t. No one is that obsessed with Karen Read and whether she backed into her boyfriend with her Lexus and left him for dead in the snow, as charged, or is instead the victim of a massive coverup that involves a clique of law enforcement officers and assorted party animals.

Or maybe they *are* that obsessed.

Lyons, a nurse from Norton, had been delaying surgery “for ages.” But this winter she realized that if she timed the procedure right, her recovery at home would coincide with a case so juicy that people are already fantasizing about a Netflix series. That was just the push she needed.

“My doctor said that depending on how I feel, I might be able to go back to work in three weeks,” she said recently, one week into her recovery/Karen Read sabbatical. “But I’m like, ‘Maybe I

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Brandeis University said it would eliminate 60 positions, the latest school in New England to face financial pressure as enrollments decline. **B1.**

Chief Justice John Roberts turned down an invitation to meet with Senate Democrats to discuss what lawmakers called an “ethics crisis” at the Supreme Court. **A2.**

Northeastern University plans to replace 124-year-old Matthews Arena, billed as the world’s oldest ice hockey venue, with a 290,000-square-foot athletics facility. **B1.**

Moderna said the FDA has approved the company’s vaccine for respiratory syncytial virus, for older adults. **D1.**

The Rolling Stones aren’t getting any younger but they still have it. Gillette show review, **B6.**