

Teachers union split over war response

Internal critics say MTA should stay out of international affairs

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For nearly two decades, Laurie Garcia had been an active member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Then the union began wading into the Israel-Hamas war.

In December, the MTA's board of directors approved a cease-fire statement that equated Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu's military actions against Hamas to a "genocidal war" against Palestinians.

Then in March, a union task force held an anti-Palestinian racism webinar that Garcia and others considered one-sided and antisemitic, which organizers dispute.

Garcia's support for the MTA withered with each new action, as she and other Jewish members repeatedly raised concerns about antisemitism.

Fed up, Garcia left the union on March 31.

The division over the Israel-Hamas war is pitting members against one another in the state's largest teachers union. Many Jewish members say concerns they have raised about antisemitism are being disregarded by union leadership and that the union's involvement in international affairs goes beyond its core mission of fostering the best workplace conditions for educators and learning environments for students.

Meanwhile, members advocating on behalf of Palestinians said they are trying to bring greater awareness to their plight in the Middle

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Death renews concerns over illegal clinics

Immigrant advocates say underground care is a threat to the vulnerable

By Jeremy C. Fox
GLOBE STAFF

The death of an Everett mother of two and the hospitalization of another woman following illicit medical procedures inside a Somerville home have raised renewed concerns about the dangers of underground clinics and unlicensed practitioners, who often target communities of color.

Nicole L. Sandoval, known to friends as Nikki, died after Everett authorities received a 911



Nicole Sandoval died after undergoing an illicit procedure.

call just before midnight on May 9 reporting a 35-year-old woman experiencing "post procedure issues," according to the Everett Police Department's daily log and an online fund-raiser for Sandoval's family.

Nearly a third of Everett's residents are of Hispanic or Latino descent, according to US Census data. Sandoval's heritage is unknown.

Sandoval, who has been identified publicly only by a family representative, had undergone an illicit procedure earlier that day and was rushed to CHA Everett Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, the Middlesex district attorney's office said. While investigating Sandoval's death, authorities "learned that another woman had also

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At least **five hotels** and **one dormitory** that the state has tapped as homeless shelters also housed or employed sex offenders who have been convicted of crimes against children.

State placed children in same hotels as sex offenders

By Deirdre Fernandes and Stephanie Ebbert

GLOBE STAFF

Governor Maura Healey's administration has placed hundreds of homeless families, many of them migrants with young children, in hotels with registered sex offenders, suggesting the state failed to properly vet the sites in its haste to shelter a surge of families arriving from the US southern bor-

der, a Boston Globe investigation found.

At least five of the hotels and one dormitory that the state has tapped as homeless shelters also housed or employed sex offenders who have been convicted of crimes against children, including child rape, indecent assault and battery on children, and child pornography.

For the past month, the state Exec-

utive Office of Housing and Livable Communities — the agency that oversees the program for sheltering homeless families — has rebuffed the Globe's requests for information about sex offenders in shelters. The Globe requested the information as part of an in-depth review because the agency's contracts require hotel providers to screen for sex offenders but not to bar

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OVER AND OUT



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In a must-win Game 6 at TD Garden, the Bruins lost to the Panthers, 2-1, putting an end to Boston's season. Bruins captain Brad Marchand, who missed two games in the series after a punch from Florida's Sam Bennett, shook hands with the Panthers center after the game. **C1.**

‘There is a unique moment of opportunity to keep our farms protected and thriving through testing and surveillance.’

PARDIS SABETI, *Broad Institute*

Low level of bird flu traces found in region's store-bought milk

Review indicates virus not present on N.E. farms

By Adam Piore
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Fragments of a highly contagious virus that has killed hundreds of millions of birds around the globe and sickened dairy cows from Michigan to Texas have made their way into local milk, though experts say commercial milk supplies remain safe.

The inactivated remnants of H5N1 virus, also known as bird flu, were identified in one of 40 samples of milk purchased from 20 local grocery stores and analyzed by the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard on behalf of The Boston Globe.

Each milk sample was pas-

teurized, a heating process designed to kill pathogens that leaves behind inactive viral particles. It is rare for humans to become infected with H5N1.

In some ways, the preliminary results are reassuring, some public health experts said. More than three-quarters of the samples were processed in dairy plants in New England, and none produced a conclusively positive result. The one positive sample was processed in a state with a known outbreak of bird flu among its dairy cows.

"It's remarkable that New England is still clear of cases [on dairy farms] given how widespread H5N1 has become, but it's likely a matter of time before we are exposed," said Pardis Sabeti, the Broad Institute geneticist whose lab conducted the tests. "There is a unique mo-

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One round of sand is gone; Salisbury wants to try again

Town seeks \$1.75m to fix beach, make a long-term plan

By Ava Berger
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SALISBURY — Residents and town officials in Salisbury are anxiously counting down the days to June 22. That's the opening of beach season, when thousands of renters and tourists will flock to the area to enjoy the coastline. But the problem on the north side of the beach is there's not enough sand to go around.

After nor'easters trampled the barri-

er beach in January and February, oceanside property owners on the north side of the beach spent \$600,000 in early March to build it back up for protection against impending storms. But within just three days, only half of the 15,000 tons of new sand was intact. By early April, almost all of the sand had scattered across the beach or into the Atlantic.

Nourishing the beach, again, before June 22 has become a top priority for the last Massachusetts coastal town on the North Shore before New Hampshire. Salisbury Beach spans 3.8 miles of coastline with private properties, including newer condos and older genera-

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Salisbury resident Mike Murphy lives across the street from the beach where erosion has occurred.

A state judge has ruled that South Carolina can continue to enforce a ban on nearly all abortions around six weeks after conception as an appeal continues on what exactly defines a heartbeat under the law. **A2.**

Trucks of humanitarian aid began moving ashore into the Gaza Strip through a temporary pier built by the US military. **A4.**

Hundreds of same-sex couples and their supporters gathered in the historic Arlington Street Church to commemorate their 20-year anniversaries. **B1.**

Moderna said that the European Patent Office has upheld the validity of one of its key patents, a victory in a continuing dispute with Pfizer and BioNTech over rival COVID-19 vaccines. **D1.**

Drip, dry



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