

# Apparent assassination bid targets Trump

As former president golfs, Secret Service agents open fire at suspect; semiautomatic rifle left behind, police say

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MIAMI — Former president Donald Trump was playing golf Sunday afternoon in Florida when a Secret Service agent spotted a man with a rifle standing by a chain-link fence on the perimeter of the course, law enforcement officials said. Agents opened fire, and the man fled in a black Nissan but was eventually taken into custody, the officials said.

Although Trump was safe and unharmed, the FBI said it was investigating the episode as an apparent attempted assassination, the second one against the former president in just over two months. Trump was wounded in a previous attempt during a July 13 rally in Butler, Pa. The suspected gunman was identified as Ryan Wesley Routh, 58, of Hawaii, according to a law enforcement official who was granted anonymity to describe an open investigation. Trump said in a statement: “There were gun-

shots in my vicinity, but before rumors start spiraling out of control, I wanted you to hear this first: I am safe and well!” The episode unfolded around 1:30 p.m. Sunday as Trump was golfing at the Trump International Golf Course West Palm Beach, Sheriff Ric Bradshaw of Palm Beach County said at a news briefing. A Secret Service agent standing a hole or two away from Trump saw the armed man hiding in the shrubbery by a fence at the perimeter of the course, according to Bradshaw. The Secret Service fired at the man, said Rafael Barros, the special agent in charge of the Secret Service’s Miami field office, though it was not immediately clear if the



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TRUMP, Page A7 FBI members scoured the crime scene.

# Parents and officials, tired of waiting, question BPS

Ask if the district will ever figure out how to get children to school on time

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Before the school year started, Boston Public Schools appeared ready to pull off one of its best first days for its long-troubled transportation operations, having its yellow buses fully staffed with drivers and monitors and debuting a new bus tracking app. But in the end, BPS stumbled again: Two-thirds of buses in the morning arrived at school late; more than a week later, 40 percent of buses are still tardy. Mayor Michelle Wu and Superintendent Mary Skipper are asking for patience as they work through the kinks. But families, educators, and city councilors are questioning whether the district, which runs one of the most expensive and least reliable busing operations in the nation, will ever figure out how to get kids to and from school on time. “These kids are missing almost an hour of school — it makes no sense,” said Isaura Price, a South Boston mother whose 7-year-old son has had to wait more than a half hour each morning for his bus. “Our kids need their education so they can get ahead in life. It needs to be a top priority.” The transportation problems in BPS have persisted for more than a decade, even after the state began intervening. It’s not due to a lack of money: BPS expects to spend \$172 million this year on transportation. As part of a wide-ranging improvement plan struck with the state two years ago, BPS

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# Inconvenient, annoying, and, for T, so pricey

Private bus firms fare well when rail service shut down

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The bus shuttles are free to riders. But they’re a costly, albeit unavoidable, expense for the MBTA. Since the agency began working to eliminate slow zones systemwide last year, alternative bus service has been a main way for riders to get around. Commuters often bemoan the delays and typically slower travel times. Meanwhile, the bus vendors are making plenty of money as the T replaces degraded rails and ties, a symptom of years of inadequate investment. How much money could the T be on the hook for with all those shuttle bus companies? The total value of all contracts could reach \$193.5 million, if it utilizes all possible buses, according to the T. So far, the T has paid out more than \$50 million with more bills coming. September will be costly. With the weeks-long shutdown of the Red Line’s Braintree branch, commuters have been lining up and packing into yellow shuttle buses operated by A Yankee Line Inc. The Boston-based company is one of several vendors that the T has contracted with to provide shuttle service through the duration of its track improvement program. “I don’t want to pay an expensive Uber to TD Garden, but I can’t rely on these buses,” 20-year-old Madison Leuchte said recently at Quincy Center Station, adding that there were not enough shuttles. “There needs to be more than one or two

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Mounds of organic materials are at Massachusetts Natural Fertilizer Co. after PFAS contamination was detected.

# A legal twist on a toxic concern

Using a law targeting mobsters, residents’ suit seeks recourse on pollution



Jeremy Roche mowed his lawn over the site where a new water line was placed in his family’s front yard in Westminster.

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WESTMINSTER — It didn’t occur to Jamie Falconer there might be a connection between his wife’s thyroid problems and the cancer afflicting his 7-year-old Shih Tzu until he learned the well water at the family’s longtime home in Westminster was contaminated with toxic chemicals. Since contamination was first discovered in the drinking water of another resident in 2022, dangerous levels of a group of compounds known as PFAS, or “forever chemicals,” have been found in more than 300 private wells in Westminster. The revelations spawned a lawsuit filed in federal court in Worcester on behalf of Falconer and hundreds of Westminster residents against a local composting facility and six other companies that is closely watched by environmentalists and industry groups across the nation, in part because of the novel legal approach their lawyers are taking to maximize damages. The suit, a proposed class action, was filed under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO),

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# Castiglione, voice of Sox and summer, to retire

PETER ABRAHAM

NEW YORK — In the end, Joe Castiglione called his own shot. The Hall of Fame radio broadcaster told his audience after the third inning of Sunday’s Red Sox-Yankees game that he would retire once the season ended. The decision came approximately two months after the 77-year-old was honored at the Hall of Fame with the prestigious Ford Frick award for his contributions to baseball. Yes, you can believe it. “Certainly mixed emotions, but after 42 years and 6,500 games, I think it’s time to hang up the microphone,” Castiglione said while seated next to his partner, Will Flemming, at Yankee Stadium. There was a fitting symmetry to Castiglione making his announcement in New York. He was a Yankees fan growing up in Connecticut.



Joe Castiglione

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# JUST OUT OF PATRIOTS’ GRASP

New England Patriots quarterback Jacoby Brissett attempted a pass while in the arms of a Seattle Seahawks defender. The Pats came up short in their home opener, falling, 23-20, in overtime. C1.



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# Gold and glow

**Monday:** Fog, then sun. High 75-80, low 58-63.  
**Tuesday:** Sun, more sun. High 76-81, low 61-66.  
Sunrise: 6:25. Sunset: 6:51.  
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**“The Bear” scored Emmy wins four times Sunday, but in an upset, “Hacks” beat it** for best comedy series. C12.

**Neo-Nazi group includes Ra-chael Rollins,** the former US attorney, in “hit list.” B1.

**As Russian bombs rain down, residents of Kharkiv** shift their culture and nightlife underground. A4.

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