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Advocates target ICE contract with Plymouth jail

Immigrant rights groups reveal abuse claims amid talks of possible extension

> **By Sean Cotter** GLOBE STAFF

The Plymouth County Correctional Facility has remained the only detention center in the state to hold federal immigration detainees, in spite of allegations of inhumane conditions there. If anything. the immigration detention unit has grown in recent years, even as others have closed.

But now, as federal authorities are negotiating a possible contract extension with the facility, immigrant-rights advocates have

what ICE currently

pays per day, per detainee to the **Plymouth County Correctional Facility**

The number of recommendations made in 2021 by the **US Department of** Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties to improve the facility

cy groups filed a 19-page addendum to a previous complaint about the facility with the state's attorney general, calling for "immediate intervention" to address the conditions. At the same time, US Senators Elizabeth Warren

the unit's closure.

fired off a new series of concerns of unsanitary condi-

tions and abuse toward the

detainees and have called for

and Ed Markey sent a letter

to federal authorities asking

This month, legal advoca-

for stronger oversight over and reconsideration of the contract with the Plymouth sheriff's office, which oversees the jail.

The advocates list a range of grievances, including impediments to detainees contacting their lawyers, moldy food, use of solitary confinement as a **PLYMOUTH JAIL, Page A10**

► Most families who received notices to leave a filled shelter have been granted reprieves. B1.

In race against Warren, GOP seeks relevancy

Three hopefuls jockey to take on liberal icon

> By Emma Platoff GLOBE STAFF

As the Massachusetts GOP claws its way back from internal chaos and the loss of its only statewide elected officials, the electoral calendar has given Republicans a potentially pivotal opportunity to prove their relevance and strength anew: the race against Senator Elizabeth Warren for US

Beating Warren — or even posting a strong showing against her — would be an enormous coup for a state party bedraggled by campaign finance probes, crushing debt, and embarrassing electoral losses. But for Republicans to even have a shot, they will need the right nominee: Six years ago, when the GOP ran an outspoken supporter of then-president Donald Trump, Warren beat him by 24 percentage points.

This time around, it is still unclear whether **GOP PRIMARY, Page A7**

Harris faces calls for details

Undecided voters urge candidate to emphasize substance over style

By Jeremy W. Peters NEW YORK TIMES

There is no doubt that Vice President Kamala Harris has lit a fire inside the Democratic Party, drawing tens of thousands of fans to her rallies and raising hundreds of millions of dollars in her bid for the presidency. A poll released last week by the Pew Research Center found that

Harris has erased the enthusiasm gap between Democrats and Republicans.

Yet, even to many voters who lean toward the Democratic ticket, Harris remains largely undefined. And they are not as enamored with her as those flocking to see her speak.

"She's famous, but she's unknown," said Cornell Belcher, a Democratic strategist and poll-

Harris will have an opportunity to introduce herself to the many Americans at the Democratic National Convention, which starts Monday in Chicago.

She began the process of telling voters about her plans to address the country's most pressing problems in earnest Friday in her first major policy address since becoming the Democratic nominee last month. In the speech, she vowed to focus on

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All aboard

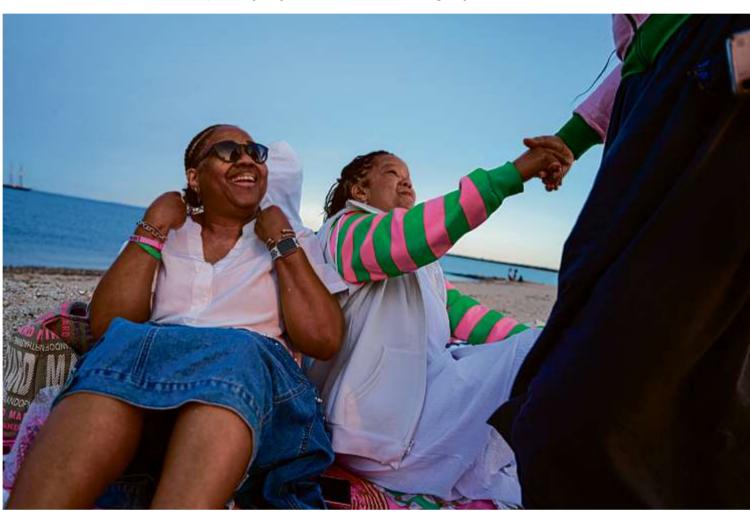
Kamala Harris hit several stops in Pennsylvania on a preconvention bus tour. A2.

Anger on the right Far-right influencers blast direction of Trump campaign. A6.

improving the economic security of the middle class by lowering the cost of living and remov-**CONVENTION, Page A6**

'She cures all the leaks in the Democratic Party.'

SCOTT BOLDEN, co-host for a fund-raiser on Martha's Vineyard for Vice President Kamala Harris



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Kym Weaver (left) and Bridgett Alford greeted an Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sister while watching the sunset at Island Spirit Kayak in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard. Vice President Kamala Harris joined the sorority while at Howard University.

Vineyard donors reopen wallets

On key bastion of Black wealth, support for vice president deep, fervent



Signs supporting Kamala Harris for president have been sprouting in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard.

By Samantha J. Gross and Anjali Huynh GLOBE STAFF

OAK BLUFFS — On Martha's Vineyard, the energy unleashed by Vice President Kamala Harris's ascension is hard to miss. Homemade signs boasting Harris's name dot the yards of Victorian-style homes. Beachgoers and porch-sitters say they feel fresh optimism about the future. A former state senator from New York boards the ferry in Woods Hole wearing a blue T-shirt with large, white block letters.

"Yes We Kam."

Antoine Thompson, who wore the shirt, and his wife, Tracey, were on their way to a fund-raiser they were co-hosting for Harris, one of many that will take place this summer here to raise millions for Harris and her running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz.

The support for the vice president on the island goes beyond ritzy, closed-press dinners and star-studded guest lists. In dozens of interviews, political insiders and other island regulars described the Vineyard's political community as vibrating with enthusiasm that wasn't there a couple months ago when President Biden was the presumptive Democratic

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, Page A7



Dim wet

Monday: Humid, with showers. High 76-81, low 61-66.

Tuesday: Cooler, breezy. High 69-74, low 56-61. Sunrise: 5:56. Sunset: 7:39.

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Five people were taken to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries after shots were fired in Franklin Park as a celebration of Dominican culture was ending, Boston police said. B1.

A Bedford woman had little time to mourn the death of her sister: She had to race to stop scammers who used a death certificate as an entry to empty her sister's retirement accounts. The Fine Print, D1.

A transgender teen awaited a federal judge's ruling on her case and whether she can attend soccer practice at her N.H. high school. **B1.**

With 4-2 loss, Red Sox split a key series with the Orioles. **C1.**

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Summer programs catch on as money runs out

In districts battered by pandemic, schools scramble to keep kids in class

By Kelly Field THE HECHINGER REPORT

LYNN — In a classroom in this city hit hard by the pandemic, four teenage boys created a poster with icons of their favorite apps. Ruler in hand, Enthonny Silva carefully delineated a box with the Netflix logo, while Guarionex Sanchez sketched the WhatsApp logo freehand.

None of the boys chose to be in school in the middle of summer; they said their moms made them go.

"She didn't want me at home, sleeping all the time," Sanchez

Yet all four said the program, which pairs project-based learning with enrichment in the arts and sports, is more fun than they

Summer learning programs like this one, which serves low-income students who are typically two to three years behind in reading, have proliferated since the pandemic, buoyed by billions in federal recovery dollars over the past three years. Nationwide, more than eight in 10 districts offered summer programs in 2023, many free.

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Guarionex Sanchez (left) helped saute chicken for an alfredo dish being prepared in a summer learning program in Lynn.