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‘We’re in uncharted territory a little bit here.’

ED AUGUSTUS, *state housing director*

In Milton, back to the drawing board

After housing plan’s rejection, town still has to come up with something

By Andrew Brinker
GLOBE STAFF

A heated campaign over a new land-use plan that would’ve paved the way for more than 2,400 new apartments in Milton came to a head Wednesday night when voters rejected the new zoning that

was required under a controversial state housing law.

It was supposed to be a decisive vote, the end of a month of friction in the town of 28,000. But the results of the election brought little clarity.

Organizers of the campaign against the rezoning had told

residents the town could devise a less-intrusive plan than the one that was on the ballot Wednesday. But in the wake of

►Healey’s efforts couldn’t prevent a rejection. **B1.**

their triumph, those opponents offered no concrete replacement.

Now, more than a month past the state’s deadline, a

sharply divided Milton is back to square one, facing the politically delicate task of writing yet another zoning plan, while living under legal limbo and the threat of a lawsuit from Attorney General Andrea Campbell for failing to comply with the state’s most ambitious housing law in decades.

“What I don’t think people realized is that something

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Shooter wrote he’d ‘had enough’ before attack

Card left note on cellphone, Maine State Police say

By Sean Cotter
GLOBE STAFF

AUGUSTA, Maine — Three days before Robert R. Card II committed the worst mass shooting in Maine’s history, he typed out an ominous note on his cellphone that he was “having issues,” and “he’s had enough and he’s trained to hurt people.”

Those disturbing words, written on Oct. 22, were disclosed for the first time by Maine State Police on Thursday to the commission investigating law enforcement’s response to the shooting.

In testimony before the commission, Sergeant Chris Farley

summarized the note as he laid out a timeline of events before and after the shootings. The head of the State Police, Colonel William G. Ross, said after the hearing that the note was separate from a previously reported message that Card wrote to family members; this one was meant to be read by authorities, Ross said.

“It was for whoever was coming through that door,” Ross said. State Police declined to provide more details of the contents of the note, saying it’s not a public document.

Also on Thursday, a video published by TV station CBS13 shows more chilling words from Card while he was being interviewed in July by a New York state trooper after Card’s fellow Army reservists became con-

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JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

Members of the Boston United Track and Cross Country Club took their Saturday morning run at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. Coaches say it’s an upgrade over the Melnea A. Cass Recreational Complex.

A SHIFT, AND THEY’RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Displaced by shelter conversion, young runners find home at the Reggie

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

A little more than an hour after dawn on Saturday, groups of children and teenagers ran around the track at the Reggie Lewis Center. In English and Spanish, parents offered encouragement from the bleachers when their kids started to tire. “All the way, all the way, all the way!” one of the coaches yelled.

A few weeks ago, these scenes were unthinkable for the Boston United Track and Cross Country Club. The future of the club, the city’s only free youth track program open to all, was uncertain, cast into doubt because of the mi-

grant and shelter crises.

In late January, club officials received word from state authorities that they were being kicked out of their home, the Melnea A. Cass Recreational Complex, which was being converted into a temporary shelter for migrants.

The club serves about 200 youths from 5 to 18 years old, many from Boston’s poorest neighborhoods. And, to the consternation of those associated with the club, it was initially unclear where it would land. It has since received an answer: the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, located in Roxbury, about a mile from the Cass complex.

And after droves of children bounded around the track

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Temu’s buzz is cheap, but not all are buying

By Thomas Lee
GLOBE STAFF

Temu just threw down the gauntlet. Which, according to its website, you can purchase a pair of for only \$8.99, with free shipping.

The e-commerce startup, based in Boston, didn’t just at-

tract a plethora of attention with its three “Shop Like a Billionaire” ads during the Super Bowl, reportedly at \$7 million a pop. Temu also signaled its broader ambitions for the United States: to dominate the fast-fashion and fast-everything online retail industry and, in the process, see

how much American consumers are willing to tolerate in the name of purchasing insanely cheap stuff.

And there are plenty of things about Temu that consumers have to overlook: the cluttered website, the sketchy pop-up ads,

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Thousands of people were left stuck on stalled trains and dark platforms after an electrical failure cut power to the Orange, Blue, and Green lines. **B1.**

Jury selection for Donald Trump’s hush-money trial will begin March 25 for the first criminal prosecution of a former president. **A2.**

I hate your gusts

Friday: Very windy. High 37-42. Low 25-30.
Saturday: Sun and clouds. High 33-38. Low 20-25.
High tide: 3:59 a.m., 4:37 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:40 Sunset: 5:17
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