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# Trump taps Vance as running mate

### Classified case gets tossed by judge

Ruling conflicts with precedents

By Alan Feuer

The federal judge overseeing former president Trump's classified documents case threw out all of the charges against him Monday, ruling that Jack Smith, the special counsel who filed the indictment, had been given his job in violation of the Constitu-

In a stunning decision delivered on the first day of the Republican National Convention, the judge, Aileen M. Cannon, found that Smith's appointment as special counsel was improper because it was not based on a specific federal statute and because he had not been named to the post by the president or confirmed by the Senate.

She also found that Smith had been improperly funded by the Treasury Department.

The ruling by Cannon, who was put on the bench by Trump in his final year in office, flew in the face of previous court decisions reaching back to the Watergate era that upheld the legality of the ways in which independent prosecutors have been put into their posts.

It handed Trump a major le-**DOCUMENTS CASE, Page A7** 



**An anti-Trump push** 

Several hundred protesters gathered near the convention in peaceful marches. A6.

#### Rash of rumors

Both the far left and far right rapidly swap conspiracy theories around the Pa. shooting. A4.

#### Swell of support

Voters say assassination attempt raised the stature of Donald Trump. B1.



Former president Donald Trump joined his running mate, Senator JD Vance, Monday night at the Republican National Convention. It was the first public appearance for Trump since Saturday's shooting.

## Questions intensify over Secret **Service**

Mayorkas calls security at rally a failure; shooter's perch a focus of scrutiny

> By David A. Fahrenthold and Zolan Kanno-Youngs

NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The building from which a gunman fired at former president Donald Trump on Saturday was — at least in hindsight an obvious security risk. Its rooftop offered an ideal sniper's perch, with a close, elevated, and unobstructed view of Trump.

But when the Secret Service drew up plans for Saturday's rally, it left that building outside its security perimeter. Instead, local law enforcement officials were given responsibility for that building, and no police officers were stationed on the roof itself.

The building, used as a warehouse by equipment manufacturer AGR International, has become a focal point of myriad investigations into the shooting that nearly felled a former president, one that Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Monday called a securi-The first question is why the building, only a

few hundred feet from the stage, was left out of **SHOOTING, Page A4** 



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Trump was formally nominated as the presidential candidate earlier on the first day of the Republican National Convention.

Choice suggests bid to energize hard-line backers, target key states

> By James Pindell, Lissandra Villa de Petrzelka, and Emma **Platoff** GLOBE STAFF

MILWAUKEE - Former president Donald Trump chose Senator JD Vance of Ohio as his 2024 running mate Monday, mirroring the same approach he employed in tapping US Supreme Court nominees: find someone well-educated and young to carry on his legacy well

into the future. By selecting a hard-edged loyalist, Trump, who at 78 is the oldest Republican presidential nominee in history, is hoping to extend the reach of the MAGA movement. Vance is the youngest vice presidential nominee since Richard Nixon, who like Vance was 39.

"We're all jumping up and down with excitement," said Melissa Pope, an Ohio delegate from Ashtabula County who said she has helped fund-raise for Vance. "He's young. He's energetic. He reaches out to the younger people and connects with them, so we can continue to build the Republican base."

Trump made the announcement as the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee began the formal presidential nomination process and roughly 90 minutes before delegates were set to nominate a vice presidential candidate.

"After lengthy deliberation and thought, and considering the tremendous talents of many others, I have decided that the person best suited to assume the position of Vice President of the United States is Senator J.D. Vance of the Great State of Ohio," Trump wrote, citing Vance's credentials and appeal to

As the news began to circulate on the floor of the Fiserv Forum during the formal nomina-

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'I refuse to keep doing the same things my predecessors did.'

SEAN O'BRIEN, International Brotherhood of Teamsters president

### Teamsters boss takes road less traveled

He makes pitch for bipartisanship, but convention speech riles some in union

By Jim Puzzanghera GLOBE STAFF

MILWAUKEE — Sean O'Brien is trying to play both sides of the political field and he's making the most of it.

The combative Medford native, who heads the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, snagged a prime speaking slot at the Republican Na-

tional Convention Monday night as his 1.3-million-member union flirts with endorsing Donald Trump after backing President Biden four years ago. It would be a major loss for Biden, who has billed himself as the most pro-union president ever and has strong backing from other organized labor groups.

O'Brien acknowledges Biden known as Union Joe - has been a "great" president for organized labor. But he told the Globe that Biden hasn't delivered on all his promises and the Teamsters are worried their backing is being taken for granted.

"Everybody thinks that because you're a Democrat that the union's automatically going to support you," said O'Brien, a lifelong Democrat. "Often, and it holds true for both par-

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### For Boston police, an overtime bonanza

By Niki Griswold and Neena Hagen GLOBE STAFF

In a continuation of a trend that has frustrated advocates of police reform and fiscal watchdogs for years, Boston police officers made up a majority of the top paid city employees in 2023, a Globe analysis of payroll data found, driven in part by high spending on overtime pav.

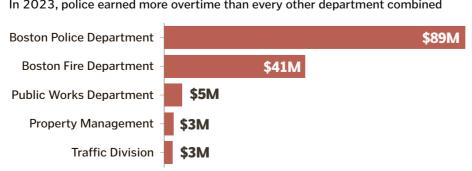
Out of the \$417 million the Boston Police Department spent on employee pay in 2023, more than 20 percent or some \$88.5 million went to overtime - more than double the \$44 million budgeted for it. It was more than what every other city department spent on overtime combined.

Nearly 100 officers raked in more than \$100,000 each in overtime alone, which is paid out at a rate of time and a half of the officer's base pay.

Though overtime spending by police has long drawn intense scrutiny, these latest numbers prompted more questions from critics and policy analysts about

### **Highest overtime-earning departments in City of Boston**

In 2023, police earned more overtime than every other department combined



SOURCE: Employee Earnings Report - Analyze Boston

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whether the steady increase in the department's budget is financially sustainable amid worries that declining commercial property values could hurt the city's budget in coming years. Others, including city leadership and police unions, argue the

spending on the police department has

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paid off, as evidenced by Boston's dramatic and unprecedented decline in gun violence this year. Since 2021, the number of Boston poHe's a Red Sox leader, advocate, and, now, an All-Star. This is Jarren Duran's moment.

**Steward Health Care paid nine** of its executives more than \$1 million each in the year before its bankruptcy filing, even as its vendors went unpaid. D1.

A previously high-flying Boston lawver was sentenced to serve up to a decade in state prison for raping a woman. **B1.** 

**Businesses struggled to recov**er from Hurricane Beryl in **Galveston** as power remained out in parts of the seaside community in Texas. A2.

Russian forces continued to reverse Ukrainian gains. A3.

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#### Helter-swelter

Tuesday: Stifling hot. High 94-99, low 75-80. Wednesday: Storms late. High 91-96, low 71-76. Sunrise: 5:22. Sunset: 8:18.

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