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## Secret Service, local law enforcers point fingers

### On colleges, Vance takes hardest line

By Mike Damiano and Hilary Burns  
GLOBE STAFF

In JD Vance, Donald Trump has chosen a running mate who sees colleges and universities as “the enemy.” A populist Republican senator from Ohio who grew up poor and graduated from Yale Law School, Vance has made clear in speeches, interviews, and writings that he believe universities are at the root of the country’s divisiveness and inequality. They have broken the “social contract,” he has said, by accepting billions of taxpayer dollars while burying young people under mountains of student debt. They have abandoned their truth-seeking mission and instead peddle “deceit and lies.” They indoctrinate students into progressive political orthodoxy.

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### For the faithful, it’s greatest story ever

By Emma Platoff and Jim Puzzanghera  
GLOBE STAFF

MILWAUKEE — “FEAR NOT,” read the T-shirts stocked in the merchandise shops at the convention center here, the text imposed over a photo of Donald Trump.

Fear not. It’s the same message the former president posted on social media the day after the attempted assassination, the same words — an apparent reference to the Bible — that pop up to greet visitors to his campaign website and have appeared in several fund-raising appeals over the past few days.

“Fear not,” his website prompts. “Unity. Peace. Make America Great Again.”

Trump has not always been the preferred candidate of religious communi-

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BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Delegates prayed at the Republican convention this week. Many of Donald Trump’s most devout supporters have long cloaked him in religious imagery.

### Rivals fall into line

Nikki Haley and Ron DeSantis, once fervent critics of Trump, praise him to the crowd. **A5.**

### Mixed messages

The Republicans talked about unity and peace but some took the usual strident tone. **A6.**

### Accounts differ on where they were positioned on surrounding buildings

By Zolan Kanno-Youngs, Eileen Sullivan, and Campbell Robertson  
NEW YORK TIMES

While a gunman was climbing onto the roof of a warehouse less than 500 feet from where former president Donald Trump was speaking on Saturday, three law enforcement snipers were positioned inside the same complex of buildings, looking for anything amiss in the crowd.

The director of the Secret Service said the local forces were in the same building, an account suggesting that the gunman was literally on top of them. A local law enforcement official told The New York Times on Tuesday that was not the case, and that the local forces were in an adjacent building.

The discrepancy in their accounts is just one unsettled element in the effort to determine how security broke down and allowed a 20-year-old with a semiautomatic rifle to open fire in a rapid barrage that left Trump hurt, one man dead, and

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## Trying to keep more from being less



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Ariela Reynoso, shown with her son, Zion, is working three jobs to make ends meet. She doesn’t want to depend on government support long-term.

### Making too much money can mean losing public benefits, so new program aims to ease transition

By Diti Kohli  
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Ariela Reynoso spends many nights scrolling on LinkedIn, browsing job postings that dangle the prospect of a better life for her and her 4-year-old son.

Then she snaps back to reality.

The East Boston single mother already works three jobs, but a higher income would make her ineligible for thousands of dollars in public benefits she receives each month in food subsidies, child care vouchers, and rental

“They want to work more. They want to get off their benefits. But it’s hard to jump that cliff in one go.”

HANNAH REUTER,  
*Bridge to Prosperity director*

assistance.

Reynoso does not want to depend on that money forever. And at 30 years old, she has no plans to stop working. But earning even a little bit more could mean losing the government support abruptly. It could leave her family hungry, or perhaps homeless again — a fate Reynoso is determined to spare Zion, a giggly child with an affinity for trucks.

“I would quit a job real quick if the options were working versus surviving,” Reynoso said. “I wouldn’t even

hesitate.”

Therein lies the trap. Make too little money for too long, and many families become reliant on public aid to survive. But make a smidge too much, and people are kicked off benefits entirely, often with no savings to soften the blow. A two-person household in Massachusetts earning \$3,407 each month, for example, qualifies for up to \$535 a month to cover groceries. But if they bring home even \$1 more, that benefit disappears. Their food budget

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## Station struggles as TV news cuts back

### More departures sapping morale at Boston 25

By Aidan Ryan  
GLOBE STAFF

First, it was Boston 25’s morning anchor Elizabeth Hopkins, who abruptly left without any public statement in April. Then came evening anchor Vanessa Welch, who announced she would take a job outside of media in May.

Regular viewers might have picked up on their exits. But there’s more than meets the eye.

Hopkins and Welch are two of at least 13 staffers, including reporters, producers, salespeople, and a news director, who have left the station since the start of the year, according to interviews and workers’ LinkedIn profiles. Those exits at WFXT-TV (Channel 25) came on top of a steady trickle of departures stretching back years.

Eight current and former employees who spoke to the Globe cited a confluence of factors driving people out, including issues with the quality of the station’s content, overwhelming workloads, pay cuts, layoffs, and uncertainty over whether its private equity owners will keep the lights on. Most spoke on condition of anonymity because of fears of retribution.

“It was not a great atmosphere,” said David Rothstein, a former news assignment editor at Boston 25 who was laid off in 2021. “I was planning to quit every day.”

Current and former staff say that the recent departures feel more pronounced now than in years past and that the station is severely understaffed, with employees

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Senator Bob Menendez of New Jersey, a powerful Democrat, was convicted of participating in a vast international bribery scheme. **A2.**

State officials said it could take up to a decade to replace the Cape Cod bridges, meaning the work could stretch through the 2030s. **B1.**

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Mayor Michelle Wu’s property tax home rule petition got a chilly reception from several state lawmakers during a committee hearing. **B5.**

The Red Sox’ Jarren Duran hit a tie-breaking two-run homer in the American League’s 5-3 All-Star Game win, and was named the MVP. **C1.**

### Last gasp

**Wednesday:** Humid, T-storms. High 89-94. Low 71-76.  
**Thursday:** Starting to cool off. High 79-84. Low 67-72.  
Sunrise: 5:23 Sunset: 8:18  
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## The view on Amar

Devra First checks out the modern Portuguese restaurant on the 17th floor of the Raffles hotel. At right, codfish “gomes de sa.” **G1.**



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