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Ski Bradford owner and operator, Neil Sawyer, 81, said, “I say I’m the biggest baby sitter on the North Shore.”

HILL WHERE KIDS ARE KING

By Billy Baker
GLOBE STAFF

HAVERHILL — Each afternoon on a winter weekday, round about 4:30, the level of chaos inside the lodge at Ski Bradford is award-worthy.

As far as lodges go, it is barely large enough to qualify for the title, just like the ski hill it looks out on. It’s essentially a large living room that sells chicken fingers. About 900 kids run through it each afternoon, from the school programs and ski teams of nearly every town in the area. Throw in a hundred or so tots who come with parents for some of the 350 lessons taught each day. Turn the volume up to 11. And good luck navigating the gear strewn here, there, and everywhere.

“I say I’m the biggest baby sitter on the North Shore,” said Neil Sawyer, who is 81 and still owns and runs the family ski area that his father’s cousin started 74 years ago. “It still makes me happy to see so many kids having a good

Ski Bradford has long been a warm and wild winter rite of passage for youngsters



Avery Spielvogel, 10, juggled chicken tenders, fries, and drinks to share with a friend at Ski Bradford.

day, but sometimes you say ‘This is a lot.’ ”

The “organized chaos,” as Sawyer describes it, is one of the many charms of Ski Bradford, a beginner’s ski hill that has been a rite of passage for generations of children on the North Shore and Merrimack Valley. And like most New England ski areas, it is buzzing this week during February school vacation, typically the biggest week of the ski season in New England.

“There’s no place better than this,” said Kasie Cran, who has been coming to Ski Bradford since elementary school and on a recent day was serving as a chaperone for the Hamilton-Wenham after-school program, which her son attends.

“For kids, this place is about freedom,” she said. “There’s not many places where they feel like they can go off on their own, with their friends, and learn to be independent.”

The ski area is so small that parents can

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Steward report to Healey not complete

2022 financial records missing; governor’s office reiterates firm should go

By Jason Laughlin and Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

The troubled Steward Health Care hospital system submitted some financial data in response to a Friday deadline from Governor Maura Healey, but the administration said it has still not received all the records the governor has demanded.

The Dallas-based company provided system-wide audited financial records for several years through 2021, a Steward spokesperson said, but did not provide those records for 2022. A Healey aide said that year’s financial documents are necessary as state officials evaluate how Steward got to such a precarious financial condition that it hasn’t paid some vendors or the full rents due on its hospital properties.

►Steward CEO Ralph de la Torre cruises the skies in one of the most luxurious private jets that money can buy, writes Brian McGrory. B1.

Steward’s incomplete response to the governor’s request raises the stakes in an increasingly public battle between the company and the Healey administration, with the stability of much of the state’s health care infrastructure in the balance. The for-profit Steward is saddled with overwhelm-

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DA Hayden is facing pair of ethics probes

Both reviews are tied to contentious campaign against Arroyo in 2022

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden is facing two ethics investigations related to statements he made about his opponent during the 2022 race for Suffolk DA, according to filings detailing the allegations and three people familiar with one of the inquiries.

The race between Hayden and Ricardo Arroyo was defined by acrimony and controversy as they vied to succeed Rachael Rollins, a progressive district attorney who was tapped midterm to become US attorney for Massachusetts, a job she later resigned amid allegations of interference in the Hayden-Arroyo contest.

The 2022 race to serve a full term as district attorney was Boston city politics at its most bare-knuckled. Arroyo’s campaign was consumed by the unearthing of old sexual misconduct accusa-

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‘We’ve still got to find her. This girl deserves better than the life that she had.’

MANCHESTER POLICE CHIEF ALLEN ALDENBERG, speaking about Harmony Montgomery

Verdict doesn’t end fight for Harmony Montgomery

By Steven Porter
GLOBE STAFF

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Adam Montgomery’s second-degree murder conviction for the death of his daughter, Harmony Montgomery, won’t be the final word in efforts to seek justice for the 5-year-old.

While prosecutors sought accountability through the criminal

justice system, attorneys for the girl’s mother, Crystal Renee Sorey, have laid the groundwork for litigation through the civil justice system as well.

Sorey, 33, confirmed in a court filing in late January that she is pursuing a wrongful death claim on her daughter’s behalf. She asked a probate judge to name her the adminis-

trator of Harmony’s estate, so she can move forward with the potential lawsuit. A hearing on the probate matter is slated for March 11.

Adam Montgomery was found guilty Thursday on five charges after more than two weeks of a trial that included gruesome testimony about how he had moved his daughter’s body from one hiding spot to another

before disposing of her remains months later.

Sorey told authorities she last saw her daughter on a video call around Easter 2019, a short time after the girl began living with Montgomery in New Hampshire. Montgomery claimed he had returned Harmony to Sorey in Massachusetts,

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Alabama lawmakers are considering legislation that would protect in vitro fertilization after a state Supreme Court ruling last week led some clinics to halt IVF treatments. A2.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel released his most detailed vision yet for a postwar Gaza Strip, pledging to retain indefinite military control over the enclave. A4.

Aidan Kearney, the blogger known as “Turtleboy,” was arraigned on new charges of witness intimidation and wiretapping but was released from custody. B1.

The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center has acquired land for its second terminal for offshore wind farm construction by completing a \$30 million purchase of 42 acres on Salem Harbor. D1.

Ukraine sees war’s start in 2014 uprising

On two-year anniversary of Russian invasion, many look further back

By Andrew E. Kramer
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV — They were a ragtag army, fighting with baseball bats, Molotov cocktails, and plywood shields. But for Ukrainians, the protesters who faced off with riot police on Kyiv’s main square a decade ago were the first soldiers in a war still raging today.

►The US announced an extensive package of sanctions on Russia. A4.

The demonstrators were part of the Maidan uprising of 2014, when Ukrainians took to the streets to protest the decision by former president Viktor Yanukovich to forgo closer ties to Europe and instead more closely align Ukraine with Moscow. In the uprising’s violent final days, police killed more than 100 protesters.

Their portraits now adorn a wall of honor at St. Michael’s Golden-Domed Monastery in Kyiv. They are displayed first, ahead of portraits of soldiers killed in the simmering, eight-year conflict in

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President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine and Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen of Denmark placed flowers at a memorial in a Lviv cemetery.

On balance, beams

Saturday: Sunny, windy.
High: 35-40. Low: 16-21.

Sunday: More sun.
High: 33-38. Low: 28-33.

Sunrise: 6:28 Sunset: 5:27

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