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## ‘I wish that I had done more’

Card’s relatives apologize to Lewiston victims

By John Hilliard and Nick Stoico  
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AUGUSTA, Maine — In powerful, emotionally fraught testimony Thursday, family members of the Army reservist who committed Maine’s deadliest mass shooting apologized to victims for the attack, and criticized authorities for failing to properly respond to their warnings about Robert R. Card II’s declining mental health and access to guns.

Cara Lamb, Card’s ex-wife, blasted the failures of law enforcement and the Army Reserve in her testimony to a state commission investigating the shooting. She and the teenage son she shared with Card alerted police about Card’s anger and erratic behavior a little over a year ago.

But despite their warnings about Card’s access to guns, followed by his stay at a New York psychiatric hospital last summer, and threats he made to shoot up his Army unit’s base in Saco in the fall, Card was still able to carry out the Lewiston attack — killing 18 people and wounding 13 others at the Just-In-Time bowling alley and Schemengees Bar & Grille the night of Oct. 25.

“It’s pretty disheartening to see the people that think they deserve to be in charge [and] are leading these groups that you are going to

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Donald Trump’s defense lawyers pressed Michael Cohen on his criminal history and past lies. **A2.**

Records from Harmony Montgomery’s 2019 custody hearing could be made public, as the SJC considers a request. **B1.**

Israel’s defense minister said the army will send more troops to Rafah, which has become the focal point in the war. **A4.**

Developer Frank McCourt is on a mission to give internet users control over their personal data, by overhauling online services. **B5.**

Kate McKinnon is the winner of the Globe’s bracket competition for the best-ever cast member of “Saturday Night Live.” Matthew Gilbert explains why. **G1.**

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN MASSACHUSETTS  
20 YEARS LATER

## The right to celebrate

By Danny McDonald | GLOBE STAFF



Susan Shepherd (center at left, right below) and Marcia Hams were the first same-sex couple in line to get a marriage license in 2004.

(LEFT) SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF  
(BELOW) GLOBE STAFF/FILE



David Wilson (above left and foreground at right) and Robert Compton had the first legal church wedding for a same-sex couple in the state.

(ABOVE) PAT GREENHOUSE/GLOBE STAFF/FILE  
(RIGHT) SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF



**I**n May 2004, Susan Shepherd and her wife, Marcia Hams, camped out on lawn chairs for a day outside Cambridge City Hall to be the first same-sex couple in Massachusetts to apply for a marriage license.

Thousands of people and throngs of media showed up to celebrate outside the building on Massachusetts Avenue. The next morning, a photograph of the couple graced the front page of the Globe, and their interview with Katie Couric appeared on the “Today” show.

It’s something their son, Peter, then 24, said that still moves Shepherd to tears.

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“My son said, ‘There’s some little kid out there, and it’s going to change their lives,’” said Shepherd, a 72-year-old retired industrial hygienist who lives in North Cambridge.

For couples like Hams and Shepherd, marriage legally formalized what they already knew: They would spend the rest of their lives together. It also guaranteed something completely revolutionary for gay couples: the same rights heterosexual couples had under the law.

“It was wonderful to be legal,” said Hams, a 76-year-old retiree who worked in health care advocacy and organizing.

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## Municipal broadband could be a boost for equity

But solution for Western Mass. may not work for cities

By Julian E.J. Sorapuru  
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Tom Ewing remembers when it felt like the world was leaving Leverett behind.

It was the early 2010s, and the small Western Massachusetts town of about 2,000 didn’t have high speed internet.

Ewing’s satellite internet service was expensive, slow, and unreliable in bad weather. Connectivity at homes was so poor, he said, that “people would go to their workplace off hours just to use the

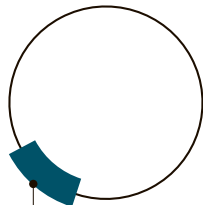
internet.”

In 2012, voters overwhelmingly approved the town borrowing \$3.6 million to install a fiber optic cable network that would be owned by residents themselves rather than a private company. With its completion in 2015 came internet speeds that outperform many homes in Boston, for \$72.40 a month.

“It brought us into the mainstream,” said Ewing. “The internet is so vital to people’s lives that once we had good internet, it felt like a life-changing event.”

Leverett is among dozens of Western Massachusetts towns that have created their own municipal broadband networks, treating high speed internet as a public utility. These efforts have expand-

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About **12%** of Massachusetts residents experience high barriers to broadband access. The majority, about **592,000** people, live in larger cities, while roughly **231,000** live in rural areas.

## At Vatican climate summit, Wu details Boston’s efforts

By Samantha J. Gross and Niki Griswold  
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VATICAN CITY — Boston Mayor Michelle Wu called on local governments Thursday to tackle the global climate crisis by touting examples of what her city has done: embracing infrastructure upgrades, helping residents and businesses move to renewable energy, and providing young people with job training in those industries.

Wu, in her first international address, got personal at times, referring to her children to underscore the need for urgent action.

She noted that Boston had been projected to get so little snow this past winter that for the first time, she didn’t buy her young sons new boots to play outside.

“The energy I’m talking about now is the energy of a mother who doesn’t want to have had her last snow day ever with her kids,” she said. “It’s the energy of a mom who wants her kids to know how beautiful the Charles is frozen over on a clear December night.”

Wu continued: “It’s from this intersection of personal connection, faith, faith in our

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Break point

Friday: A few rays.  
High 62-67. Low 48-53.

Saturday: Cloudy and cool.  
High 56-61. Low 48-53.

High tide: 7:28 a.m., 8:04 p.m.  
Sunrise: 5:20 Sunset: 8:01

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