

The Boston Globe

Serving our community since 1872

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

Migrant kids in school limbo

New shelter rules cause confusion on enrollment

By Christopher Huffaker and Deanna Pan
GLOBE STAFF
and Natalie La Roche Pietri
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

New restrictions on access to the Massachusetts shelter system for homeless families raise the prospect that hundreds of migrant children may not have access to a public school this fall despite a federal law that guarantees them a right to an education.

Governor Maura Healey announced new shelter rules Tuesday that limit assistance for those who use temporary shelters and prioritizes Massachusetts families over migrants for longer-term placements. As of Aug. 1, stays in so-called overflow shelters will be limited to just five days, and importantly, would require people to wait at least six months before they could qualify for placement at a longer-term facility.

The five-day limit at the temporary shelters, followed by a six-month cooling off period to apply for new shelter, will likely complicate efforts by numerous families to settle on a school district for their children if their living arrangements are constantly changing. The state also has a nine-month limit

SHELTERS, Page A10



Red Sox manager Alex Cora received a three-year contract extension for \$21.75 million, the second-highest annual salary for a manager in baseball history. **C1.**

Governor Maura Healey pressured Steward Health Care to move forward, saying the system has bids in hand for eight of its Massachusetts hospitals. **D1.**

In Washington, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave a full-throated defense of his country's military campaign in the Gaza Strip during an address to Congress. **A2.**



AC's high

Thursday: Warming up. High 81-86. Low 65-70.

Friday: Sunny, less humid. High 80-85. Low 65-70.

High tide: 2:36 a.m., 3:11 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:30 Sunset: 8:11
Weather and Comics, D5-6. Obituaries, C9.

VOL. 306, NO. 25

*

Suggested retail price
\$4.00



0 947725 4

OCEAN, Page A10

Time to pass the torch, Biden says



EVAN VUCCI/ASSOCIATED PRESS/POOL

The president was looking to make the case for his single-term legacy of sweeping domestic legislation and the renewal of alliances abroad.

Young voters heartened by Harris but not fully sold

By Anjali Huynh
GLOBE STAFF

When news broke Sunday that President Biden had dropped out of the presidential race, Alan Cai was riding on a bus full of first-time voters visiting the nation's capital.

Chaos erupted. “Everybody was shouting and screaming,” said Cai, 18, a Massachusetts delegate to the Democratic National Convention. “There was a lot of optimism for the future: that we’re going to finally get a younger candidate that we deserve and a Democratic Party reinvigorated to fight Donald Trump.”

Now the likely Democratic nominee, Vice President Kamala Harris, appears to have a fresh opportunity to rally support among young voters, who have for months indicated they

might sit out the election. But while she has seen a swelling of enthusiasm on social media, some young people said in interviews that they remain skeptical of Harris and her ability to beat former president Donald Trump.

While many said they were excited about her candidacy, some wanted more information on her policy stances, were unhappy with how she became the presumptive nominee, or referenced structural barriers that they believe could prevent a woman of color from ascending to the White House.

“I’m thankful that Biden dropped out because I don’t think he had any chance, but I don’t necessarily think Kamala has a better one,” said Ben Jansen, 21, a Democrat who recently moved to Boston. “I haven’t really

YOUNG VOTERS, Page A7

‘I revere this office, but I love my country more,’ he says of his decision to drop out of the race

By Katie Rogers
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Biden told the American public in an Oval Office address Wednesday that he had abandoned his reelection campaign because there is “a time and a place for new voices, fresh voices — yes, younger voices.”

His words, lasting 11 minutes in all, were the first extensive ones from Biden since his decision to step aside and expanded on his initial announcement, delivered in a post on social media Sunday, that he was dropping out of the race. His tone was wistful, and his speech was an early farewell.

“It’s been the privilege of my life to serve this nation for over 50 years,” he said

Sitting behind the Resolute Desk and surrounded by photos of his family, Biden ticked through the accomplishments of his term, ranging from the choice of the first Black woman to be a Supreme Court justice to pulling the country out of a paralyzing pandemic. He expressed gratitude to the American people for allowing a “kid with a stutter” from modest beginnings in Scranton, Pa., to reach the pinnacle of US politics.

Just beyond the camera, dozens of aides and several mem-

BIDEN, Page A7

State gave record \$46m tax credit to film flop

By Matt Stout
GLOBE STAFF

Massachusetts issued a \$46.4 million tax credit to the film “Don’t Look Up,” the 2021 apocalyptic satire and Best Picture nominee, making it the single-largest film tax incentive in state history, newly released data show.

The credit accounts for more than half of the \$73.3 million in film tax incentives Massachusetts issued in 2021, according to revised state data,

and surprised even the most ardent supporters of the controversial program, which lawmakers made permanent three years ago.

The taxpayer subsidy dwarfs what “Don’t Look Up” actually made at the box office. The movie — which filmed in Boston and elsewhere in Massachusetts in 2020 and 2021 — got a limited theatrical release before streaming on Netflix in December 2021, and earned less than \$800,000 at the box office, according to the online tracker, Box

Office Mojo.

The taxpayer-funded incentive nearly doubles the previous record of \$26.7 million for a film made in Massachusetts, which the state Department of Revenue issued to the 2016 version of “Ghostbusters.”

The stars of “Don’t Look Up,” Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence, reportedly made \$30 million and \$25 million, respectively. If those numbers held, that means Massachusetts tax-

TAX CREDIT, Page A5



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

FOR NOW, BOYS OF SUMMER

Training camp is underway for the Patriots, and the first practice was held Wednesday at Gillette Stadium. First round draft pick Drake Maye, who is likely to be the quarterback of the future, signed autographs at the end of the day. **C1.**