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## Ga. Black voters not a sure thing for Harris

Some say she'll have to prove herself to match Biden's win

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ATLANTA — It wouldn't be unreasonable to assume that a 22-year-old recent college graduate like Joshua Pauldin has a lot to look forward to in the coming months. But there was one thing he had been dreading about the near future: the presidential election. But then, a scenario that Pauldin bleakly described as choosing between "the lesser of two evils" in June transformed into a race full of promise on July 21 when Vice President Kamala Harris replaced President Biden and be-

came the de facto Democratic nominee. He believes in Harris. "When she got officially endorsed, I was like, 'Thank God.' I felt like we actually had a chance for something reasonable," Pauldin of Fayette County, Ga., said earlier this month.

►In Boston, Walz touts union ties. B1.

Harris and her vice presidential pick, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, began a two-day bus tour through the southern part of Georgia on Wednesday in an attempt to energize more voters like Pauldin. Since her elevation, Harris has been working to erase former president Donald Trump's advantage in the critical battleground state. Trump still leads Harris in Georgia, but she has been

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SAUL LOEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Vice President Kamala Harris was welcomed Wednesday by supporters at the airport in Savannah, Ga.

## Ex-detective accused of strangling woman

Farwell allegedly made 2021 death in Stoughton appear to be suicide

By Laura Crimaldi and Shelley Murphy  
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Former Stoughton police detective Matthew G. Farwell was indicted Wednesday on a federal charge that he killed a 23-year-old pregnant woman in 2021 after she claimed he fathered her unborn baby and initiated sexual contact when she was a teenage participant in a law enforcement youth program.

The arrest of Farwell, 38, marked a dramatic turn in the case of Sandra Birchmore, whose body was found on Feb. 4, 2021, in her apartment in Canton. State authorities initially ruled her death a suicide, though Birchmore's family and friends have raised questions about the investigation over the last several years.

The indictment charges Farwell with a single count of killing a witness or a victim. It alleges he killed her on or about Feb. 1, 2021, by strangulation and "staged" her Canton apartment "to make it appear as if Birchmore had committed suicide."

In bringing the case, federal prosecutors also accused Farwell of committing statutory rape against Birchmore based on evidence that he initiated sexual contact with her when she was 15 and participating in the youth program.

Farwell is accused of killing Birchmore "with malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately, maliciously, and with premeditation" to prevent law

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►In this case, federal jurisdiction. B1.

## BACK TO BUSINESS



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Officially, summer still has a few weeks to go, but for many students across the state who returned to school this week, it's over. Wednesday was the first day for 5,000 Chelsea kids, including fourth-grader Jaila Mejia, who hugged her younger sister, Aicha, at the Berkowitz School in the Mary Burke Elementary Complex. B1.

A longtime district administrator for Brockton schools has filed a whistle-blower lawsuit alleging the city and district leadership retaliated against him for warning about an impending budget shortfall. B1.

Hundreds of Israeli troops backed by drones and armored vehicles carried out raids in the occupied West Bank, killing at least 10 Palestinians. A4.

Patriots coach Jerod Mayo has decided which quarterback will start in Week 1, but he's not ready to announce it. C1.

Need some ideas for the Labor Day weekend? Check out these 10 ways to celebrate. B6.

## Architects look to new building blocks as they think outside the box on carbon

By Ivy Scott  
GLOBE STAFF

When builders complete the final touches on the Sustainable Engineering Laboratories at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, students and faculty will see a sleek building in the heart of the school's STEM campus.

What they won't see are the many versions that could have been, and the endless tinkering by architects to maximize energy efficiency and space while minimizing the resources needed to construct the

massive research center.

"We explored 62 different structural systems, with varying criteria of cost and efficacy," said Mark Oldham, a principal architect at Payette, which designed the building. "And a lot of the stuff I'm proud about is the things that we didn't do, and the buildings that we didn't design but looked at in the process."

The architects at Payette are among a handful of designers in the United States who are homing in on a green building strategy known as embodied, or upfront, carbon reduc-

tion: lowering the amount of greenhouse gas emissions involved in every step of the construction process, from manufacturing and transporting building materials to replacing and disposing of them once they are no longer useful.

Buildings account for more than one-third of the world's carbon emissions each year. This year, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center held its first statewide embodied carbon reduction challenge, awarding Payette a grand prize in June for

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## Impending Carney closure hits longtime patients hard

In low income area, many fear losing access to health care

By Niki Griswold  
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Sonia Lyle, 76, likes to joke that she also goes by the title "Miss Carney." Originally from Jamaica, Lyle has lived in Mattapan for 40 years. For at least half of that time, she's gone to Carney Hospital in Dorchester for all of her medical needs, including primary care and hernia and kidney surgery, as well as rehabilitative therapy after a major stroke.

"I used to make my own bed, and they said, 'No, you don't have to make your own bed, we will make it for you.' And they said, 'Look at her, look at Miss Carney,'" Lyle said as she recounted how she earned the nickname with a

►Protesters urge Healey to keep Carney and Nashoba open. D1.

►Pharmacy in hospital is left with few options to relocate. D1.

proud smile. It's "my home away from home. I know all the doctors, they call me by name."

For Lyle and several other regular Carney patients interviewed by the Globe, the news that Steward Health Care, embroiled in bankruptcy turmoil, would be closing Carney on Saturday came as a devastating shock. The announcement, made in late July, gave patients, employees, and advocates barely a month's notice to prepare, fight the decision, or find new work or primary care doctors.

The closing has caused an uproar among hospital staff and political leaders, who say the hospital is a critical fix-

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"I don't know what I'm going to do. . . I have nowhere else to go," said Sonia Lyle. ". . . They saved the other hospitals, why can't they save this one?"



### Take the fall

Thursday: Breezy, much cooler. High 68-73. Low 57-62.

Friday: Very pleasant. High 69-74. Low 59-64.

High tide: 8:26 a.m., 8:39 p.m. Sunrise: 6:07 Sunset: 7:23

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