

Ruling puts Mass. gun law in question

High court decision may diminish some of police's authority

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A landmark 2022 Supreme Court ruling involving a New York gun law has begun to undermine Massachusetts' gun laws, with a Boston Municipal Court judge recently ordering the Police Department to provide a concealed carry license to a man it had deemed a public safety risk.

At issue is the Supreme Court's 6-3 ruling in what is known as the Bruen case, which cited the Second Amendment to overturn a New York law that required applicants for licenses to carry concealed handguns to show proper cause for why they needed one.

The ruling prohibited states from requiring gun owners to have a "good reason" to carry, unraveling gun regulations in Massachusetts, New York, and four other states with so called may-issue laws that gave local authorities sweeping discretion over who receives licenses.

Boston Municipal Court Judge Richard Sinnott cited the ruling in August in ordering Police Commissioner Michael Cox to grant a concealed carry license for East Boston resident Jordan Lebedevitch, who wrote in his application that he hoped to work in the firearms industry and needed to carry a gun for his job at a security company. Earlier this month, Cox sued in Suffolk Superior Court to overturn Sinnott's decision. That lawsuit is still pending.

Police had found Lebedevitch, **Page A12**

The Israeli military hit a town in the northern Gaza Strip for the third time in a week, striking a residential building and killing dozens of people. A4.

Stormy Daniels, who says she's a practicing witch, will be honored in Salem on Halloween in a "magic circle" of witches from near and far. B1.

Actress Teri Garr, whose deadpan comic timing and cinematic bravery in the face of seemingly crazy male characters made her a screen star of the 1970s and '80s, died at 79. She had struggled with multiple sclerosis for decades. C11.

Steve Morse, who as the Globe's chief rock critic from 1978 to 2005 was well known and loved by performers, died at 76. Including freelance reviews before and after his tenure, his Globe articles appeared for nearly five decades. B1.

Apprehensive about Halloween and the election? Devra First offers six restaurants to help take your mind off things. **G1.**

Pumpkin it up

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'I offer a different path'

As election nears, Harris makes her pitch at site of Trump's notorious Jan. 6 rally



'Lovefest'

Trump defends Madison Square Garden event. **A6.**

October surprise?

Elon Musk is open about hoping to tip the scales before the vote. **A6.**



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Vice President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump are scrapping for every vote.

By Jim Puzzanghera
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WASHINGTON — For her closing campaign argument Tuesday, Vice President Kamala Harris chose a setting designed to draw the starkest possible contrast between her and Donald Trump a week before Election Day.

She could have given the major speech in any of seven battleground states. And if she wanted to deliver it in the nation's capital, she had her pick of historic locations. But Harris specifically chose the Ellipse just south of the White House — the exact spot where Trump attended the infamous Jan. 6, 2021, rally that launched hundreds of his supporters on a violent attack on the Capitol building in an attempt to overturn his election loss.

And with the White House as a dramatic backdrop, she used the Ellipse setting to make a sharp distinction between her vision for the country and the former president's.

"Donald Trump has spent a decade trying to keep the American people divided and afraid of each other. That's who he is. But America, I am here tonight to say: that's not who we are," Harris said. "America, we know what Donald Trump has in mind. More chaos. More division. And policies that help those at the very top and hurt everyone else. I offer a different path. And I ask for your vote."

But even with Trump top of mind, Harris's challenge was to draw a contrast without ceding control of the **HARRIS, Page A7**



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Families collected groceries at La Colaborativa's food pantry in Chelsea.

With immigrants, election is all too personal

Many fearful about being separated, sent back

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CHELSEA — On a sunny day last week, Mari Franco and her daughter, 2-year-old Camila, stood way in the back of a food distribution line 300 people long, stretched under the Route 1 highway. Franco's nerves about the election had ramped up in recent days, she said as she waited, and so had her sense of powerlessness.

Franco, who immigrated here from El Salvador eight years ago, isn't a US citizen, so she cannot cast a ballot in the Nov. 5 presidential election, though the policies enacted by the next administration could change the course of her life. She glanced down at Camila, who was born in the United States, snuggled up in her stroller. "She is going to vote in the future," Franco said in Spanish with a smile.

Still, as Election Day approaches, she has found herself contemplating the worst-case scenario.

"It's scary because sometimes they talk about sending us back to our country," Franco said. "The fear I have is that they will send me back, and my daughter will be left here."

As the rage-fueled debate over migrants and immigration policy reaches a climax, immigrant families are feeling the stress viscerally. In more than a dozen interviews over the last few days, many said they were worried about what could happen to them and their loved ones, whatever the outcome of the presidential race. Those who, like Franco, are not citizens and cannot vote said they felt an unnerving lack of control because the stakes of the election seem so high. Most were more concerned about the prospect of another Donald Trump presidency, though a number of immigrants had apprehensions about both candidates.

Vice President Kamala Harris has pledged to tighten restrictions at the south-

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'Fear really is part of a daily conversation, mixed with uncertainty, and that causes a lot of trauma. All the candidates are talking about how they're going to be tough on immigration.'

PASTOR DIEUFORT FLEURISSANT, a Haitian community advocate

A man who brought something more than money to Beacon Hill

Glenn Durkee had his struggles, but he was always there for the neighborhood

By Camilo Fonseca
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Glenn Durkee didn't live in the ivy-covered town houses of Beacon Hill or work on Charles Street. But to many residents, he was a cherished neighbor.

On a chilly Monday morning, dozens gathered at the intersection of Cambridge and Bowdoin streets with cards, flowers, and photographs to share memories of Durkee, an oft-homeless man who spent his days at the busy crossroads for more than two decades before his death on Oct. 7.

He was a fixture in the neighborhood, a friendly face who never failed to say hello to passersby. His circumstanced, including signs of developmental disability, didn't keep him from offering spirited conversation on everything from pregnancy due dates to the Celtics' playoff chances, those who knew him said.



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A post was covered with flowers and photos, including one featuring Glenn Durkee, who died this month.

"Frankly, given his capabilities, he was doing a good job at life," said Benjamin Norton, who organized the memorial. "It all comes back to how we measure our gifts. The gift of fortune, he didn't really have that so much. But the gift of grace — look at how well-loved he was. One can only wonder about our own priorities in life."

Organizers said Durkee, 64, died of a heart attack in his sleep.

The remembrance drew a crowd of nearly 100 people, an eclectic group ranging from toddlers to retirees, some wearing suits and overcoats, some wearing hoodies and construction fatigues.

It was a stark contrast: residents of the city's most affluent neighborhood, coming together to pay tribute to a man whose life was contoured by insecurity and vulnerability. Yes, he would stand with cup in hand, **BEACON HILL, Page A12**