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## A legal bulwark readies for Trump

Democratic AGs aim to use courts to curb GOP

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WASHINGTON — Over two years ago, well before President-elect Donald Trump launched his comeback bid, government attorneys in the California capital of Sacramento were busy preparing for his potential return.

In the summer of 2022, after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Attorney General Rob Bonta directed his staff to write a brief challenging a hypothetical national abortion ban.

The idea, Bonta said, was to “go through the exercise of examining potential arguments and their merit” well ahead of time, should Trump move to enact an abortion ban if reelected. They ultimately ran the same exercise with other potential Trump policies, from immigration enforcement to environmental regulation.

“We’ve been preparing for months, in some cases years, for the possibility of a Trump administration,” Bonta said.

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A former New Englander is on a mission to document the extinction of the classic motor lodge and preserve vacation memories. **SundayTravel, N11.**

As many as a million residents across the state were sent letters this month, warning them that the water pipes servicing their homes could contain lead. **Metro, B1.**

Winter in New England has something for everyone. Check out the Seven Wonders of Winter in the **Globe Magazine.**



Feeling the breeze

**Sunday:** Milder, windy.  
High: 49-54. Low: 33-38.  
**Monday:** Sun and clouds.  
High: 49-54. Low: 37-42.  
Sunrise: 6:46 Sunset: 4:15  
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Deaths, **A20-25.**

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## North toward hope

# The way station. As in Boston, many migrants find Chile unprepared for so many of them.

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A series exploring how new migrants are reshaping Massachusetts’ political, social, and economic landscape.

Inés Fuentes Arenas, a Chilean community leader, reached out to embrace a young boy in the “Nuevo Amanecer” encampment, located in the Cerrillos district of Santiago, Chile.

SANTIAGO, Chile — Jean Eddy Baptiste lives with his wife, Williene Duvelsaint, and their 3-year-old daughter, Laisha, in a shantytown known as “Nuevo Amanecer,” or New Dawn, miles away from the sparkling center of this city ringed by the snow-capped Andes Mountains. The encampment, built atop an old dump site for construction debris, is home to thousands of migrants, many of them, like Baptiste and Duvelsaint, from Haiti.

Families crowd into hacked-together shacks, with just thin, tin-panel roofs and plastic tarps to shield them from harsh weather. The howls of stray dogs echo through the unpaved streets. Many nights, the electricity, purloined from nearby city power lines, flickers off — sometimes for weeks at a time.

Papá, I’m scared, Laisha cries when the lights go out. Her father comforts her with his cellphone flashlight until the battery dies.

Baptiste and Duvelsaint, who came to Chile seven and 10 years ago, respectively, immigrated to build a new life, but Baptiste has no legal route to a stable job. Now the couple is weighing their future:

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## What science says about trans athletes

By Kay Lazar, Danny McDonald, and Neena Hagen  
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US Representative Seth Moulton’s post-election remarks on transgender issues ignited a firestorm, but also highlighted an issue that continues to bedevil researchers.

Do transgender female athletes competing in girls’ and women’s sports have a competitive edge? Or do the drugs they take to counter their male hormones truly level the playing field?

“I have two little girls,” Moulton said in an interview with The New York Times. “I don’t want them getting run over on a playing field by a male or formerly male athlete, but as a Democrat, I’m supposed to be afraid to say that.”

Scientists say the chances of Moulton’s young daughters encountering a transgender athlete are remote. Just 0.5 percent of the US population is estimated to be transgender and a fraction of that fraction is believed to play competitive

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### Gender splits in swimming

Boys’ advantage over girls increases with age.		
	difference, in seconds	margin
<b>200 IM</b>		
10 & under	-0.01	0.0%
13 to 14	7.41	6.6%
17 to 18	14.31	13.7%
<b>50 Free</b>		
10 & under	0.15	0.6%
13 to 14	2.04	9.8%
17 to 18	2.89	14.5%
Record race times, 1995-2024 SOURCE: New England Swimming, GLOBE STAFF		

## Inside prisons, a stealthy drug is running rampant

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The death certificate said William Berry died from “complications of blunt head trauma.”

The 79-year-old inmate fell in his cell at the MCI-Norfolk prison in May, struck his head, and lost consciousness. Correction officers and medical staff revived him with the overdose-reversal drug Narcan, but he then became delusional. He died 17 days later at a nearby hospital.

Prison records obtained through a public information request suggest another culprit in his death: a highly addictive, synthetic cannabinoid known as K2 that is wreaking havoc in state prisons. An inmate told investigators Berry was smoking K2 in the moments before he fell, according to prison records, and officers found paper that appeared to be laced with the drug in his cell.

Despite numerous initiatives to stop it, K2 is flowing into state prisons at an alarming

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