

Finding a warm welcome at last



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Angeline Telemaque played with her son Yzael at their new home, the rectory of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Jamaica Plain.

After surviving a harrowing journey north, a Haitian family gets a new start with a church’s help

By Stan Grossfeld
GLOBE STAFF

Yves Alfred’s story is filled with love and devotion.

In 2005, he was 25 years old and had married Angeline Telemaque, his childhood sweetheart. They had two boys and were living in a tin shack with no running water, outside Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Yves was a farm worker, planting corn and rice. What little food they had, they grew themselves. When there were droughts, they survived on bread.

“We were very, very poor,” he said. “Always hungry.”

Today, the family is building a new life thanks to a small pilot program with a big heart that has embraced them since they arrived in Boston last November. But the journey has been long and dangerous, and speaks to Yves and Angeline’s determination to



The congregate housing at the rectory features separate bedrooms and a kitchen, where Angeline made a turkey leg dinner. The eight families living there share the cooking duties.

keep their children safe.

It started in 2005, when they couldn’t feed the kids, and Yves paid a smuggler 2,000 pesos to cross from Haiti into the Dominican Republic to work. After Yves crossed the border, men wearing military uniforms ordered his group to stop. Those that ran were shot and killed, Yves said.

He surrendered his money and his belongings and they let him go.

Soon afterward he got sliced by barbed wire and his sneakers were destroyed. He continued barefoot; thorns pierced his feet.

He drank dirty river water and got dysentery but he kept moving forward.

“I didn’t think I was going to make it,” he said.

He worked for two years loading plantains on a truck and selling pop-sicles in Santo Domingo and sending

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Harvard to stop taking stances

Amid turmoil, no more official word on public issues

By Danny McDonald
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After months of controversy over the Israel-Hamas war, Harvard University said Tuesday that its administration will no longer issue official statements about public matters unless they directly affect “the university’s core function.”

The school made the announcement more than a month after an Institutional Voice Working Group was established to consider whether Harvard should stop taking positions on weighty social and political matters. It comes as institutions around the country debate whether to adopt such policies, and at the end of an academic year in which many campus communities have been torn apart by division over the war.

“The integrity and credibility of the institution are compromised when the university speaks officially on matters outside its institutional area of expertise,” the working group said in its report, which was accepted by Harvard’s administration.

“The process of translating these principles into concrete

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With trial spotlight, a chance to be loyalest

By Sam Brodey
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WASHINGTON — For Representative Ralph Norman, a South Carolina Republican, his motivation for traveling to a Manhattan courthouse during former president Donald Trump’s criminal trial was clear.

He needed to make amends.

“As you know, I was for Haley,” Norman said, referencing

►Deliberations in Trump case expected to start today. A2.

his endorsement of his friend, former South Carolina governor Nikki Haley, during the primary. And although Norman quickly endorsed Trump after she dropped out, he understood that traveling to New York would be a powerful statement of his commitment to the former president.

“We’re behind Trump 100 percent now,” he said.

The Manhattan Criminal Court House, where Trump is on trial for allegedly covering up hush-money payments to porn actress Stormy Daniels, is the hottest ticket in Republican politics. Instead of driving a wedge between the presumptive 2024 nominee and prominent Republicans, the first-ever criminal trial of a former president has bound them closer together.

Republican elected officials, from the speaker of the House to senators to a phalanx of back-

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Suspect in Mass. stabbings linked to killing in Conn.

Man faces multiple charges; mental health in question

By John Hilliard and Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

PLYMOUTH — It was Saturday afternoon on a warm Memorial Day weekend when State Police in Connecticut dispatched a trooper to the small town of Deep River after a resident reported that someone had thrown a shovel through the window of their front door.

The resident identified a potential suspect to the trooper and said that person was staying at a home on nearby Maritone Lane, where “an audible disturbance” had also been heard earlier that day, Connecticut State Police said in a statement Tuesday.

The trooper went to 15 Maritone Lane and found the body of 70-year-old Bruce Feldman outside with “visible injuries,” State Police said. Feldman was pronounced dead at the scene, and State Police began a search for Jared Ravizza, 26, of Chilmark, Mass., who was staying at the home with Feldman but wasn’t there when police arrived, State

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A trail of terror ends with crash after police chase



- 1 3:36 p.m. | Connecticut State Police find the body of a 70-year-old man outside a house in Deep River where Jared Ravizza lives. Authorities said Ravizza had been staying at the home with the victim.
- 2 About 6 p.m. | Ravizza allegedly stabs four girls at a movie theater in Braintree and then flees in a black SUV.
- 3 About 7 p.m. | Ravizza allegedly attacks two McDonald’s workers with a knife at the Route 3 service plaza in Plymouth. Massachusetts State Police identify his vehicle from the license plate number provided by a witness.
- 4 About 7:15 p.m. | Pursued by State Police, Ravizza crashes his vehicle on a road in Sandwich and is arrested.

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‘Why should they have to pay more taxes than the corner store?’

TRACY LEMAIRE, cofounder of TAC CPAs, an accounting firm that works with cannabis businesses

Pot businesses hope possible change in US rules would ease tax strain

By Diti Kohli and Esha Walia
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A few years ago, Payton Shubrick left her job in financial services to break into the cannabis industry. She saw it as an opportunity to profit in a brand-new market and reclaim power over a drug whose enforcement had long devastated communities of color, including in her hometown of Springfield.

What Shubrick scarcely accounted for was the taxes.

She now pays multiple business owners at her family-run dispensary, 6 Brick’s, because of a part of the United States tax code that applies to illicit businesses, including those selling marijuana. It poses a stunning obstacle, she



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Ulysses Youngblood of Major Bloom said, “It’s really the federal government that needs to take control of what it means to be equitable.”

said, to eking out profits, expanding operations, or raising wages.

“In theory, you’re aware that you’re

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New documents cast doubt on whether Steward Health Care can complete the sale of its physicians’ group to Optum. B5.

Lawyers argued that men accused of buy-

ing sex in the local brothel ring should have closed initial hearings. B1.

Omakase is having a moment in Boston as sushi tasting menus gain popularity. G1.

Taking the lawn view

Wednesday: Pleasant. High 72-77. Low 56-61.

Thursday: Cloudy, cooler. High 62-67. Low 54-59.

Sunrise: 5:11 Sunset: 8:12

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