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## An anticorporate thread with unusual knots

Once Warren, Vance had a common foe; now the political aisle seems uncrossable

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WASHINGTON — After the dramatic collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in March 2023, Senator Elizabeth Warren crafted a bill inspired by the crisis to claw back the pay and bonuses awarded to top executives at failed banks.

Warren began drawing up a list of possible Republican partners to help advance the effort, and one

►Kamala Harris interviewed potential running mates. A2.

name, new to the Senate, stood out: JD Vance.

Elected to represent Ohio the year before, Vance had styled himself as a populist, anticorporate Republican skeptical of the party's longtime antitax and free trade orthodoxy. He won a slot on the Senate Banking Committee and had urged



Senators Elizabeth Warren and JD Vance share a few populist views.

the Silicon Valley Bank executives to testify in Congress — even going so far as to suggest they would face criminal charges.

“I thought, ‘OK, this looks prom-

ising,’” Warren recalled in an interview with the Globe.

Vance eventually joined the bill along with other Republicans after  
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## R.I. bishop reportedly to replace O’Malley

Henning, in Providence post only for year, would follow acclaimed cardinal

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Bishop Richard Henning of Providence has been selected to succeed Cardinal Séan P. O’Malley, who helped lead the Archdiocese of Boston out of the priest sexual abuse scandal that rocked the church two decades ago, according to a person with knowledge of the decision.

O’Malley has served more than 20 years as Boston’s archbishop, taking over in the aftermath of the scandal that led to the resignation of his predecessor, Cardinal Bernard Law. O’Malley, 80, has been in the position more than five years past the typical retirement age for bishops.

The person who spoke to the Globe requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the announcement, expected to take place Monday morning. The archdiocese has not announced details about O’Malley’s successor.

Henning, 59, has been in his current role for just over a year. The news that he is expected to be named the next archbishop of Boston was first reported by Catholic commentator Rocco Palmo in a post on the social media platform X, which described it as a “shock pick.”

O’Malley, named archbishop in 2003 and cardi-  
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Pedro Vega drove a Wellness on Wheels bus to a Southwick tobacco farm, where doctors and nurses offered after-hours clinics.

## Healing hands for farm workers

Clinicians bring health care to state’s itinerant agricultural laborers working in brutal heat

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SOUTHWICK — At the end of the workday, farm workers make their way down a well-trodden road to a bus that serves as a mobile health clinic. Inside, they get their blood pressure taken, talk about whatever ailments they may have, and in some cases, get prescribed medications.

It is a typical doctor’s visit. Except the Wellness on Wheels bus is surrounded by tobacco fields, the tall green leaves stark against the open blue sky.

Three times a week, this bus leaves the Baystate Brightwood Health Center in Springfield for the fields of Western Massa-  
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Fitzroy Davis, a farm worker from Jamaica, examined his hand, which was injured while he was working with farm equipment.

## Some beaches regularly fail bacteria tests

More swimming sites face worsening pollution woes

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When Maria Lyons was growing up, her Dorchester community lovingly called Tenean Beach “the poor man’s beach.”

It was the type of summer getaway that didn’t require a car or an expensive cottage on the Cape, a place where kids would joyfully jump off the pier into the water, explained Lyons, a lifelong Dorchester resident and board member of the Neponset River Watershed Association.

However, its high levels of bacteria, driven by contaminated stormwater flowing into the beach, have effectively closed it to swimmers.

“What a great resource that’s being wasted,” Lyons said.

It’s not a problem limited to old, neglected urban beaches. From quaint small-town freshwater ponds to popular coastal shorelines, an increas-  
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## In the news

About 1,250 Steward Health Care workers will lose their jobs, the company revealed, as it closes hospitals. **D1.**

The leaders of five houses of worship that were targeted by vandals for their LGBTQ outreach reaffirmed their commitment to that community. **B1.**

The United States worked to reconstitute a coalition to protect Israel from what many consider an imminent attack from Iran. **A4.**

The City of Light is showing off its colors, as in bronze, silver, and, yes, gold, writes John Powers. **C1.**

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## In the battle against rats, a sterile solution

Pilot program deploys devices for birth control

By Niki Griswold

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On a recent cloudy afternoon, Alaina Gonzalez-White was moving some dumpsters outside of a duplex in Jamaica Plain, searching for a black plastic box hidden behind them on the ground.

Spotting it, she reached out with her foot to give it a nudge.

“I always give the box a little tap, because if there’s a rodent inside eating, I freak out,” she said cheerfully, right before a rat shot out of the container. “There was one! I’m sorry buddy, I interrupted dinner!”

Getting up close and person-

al with rats comes with the job for Gonzalez-White, director of operations at WISDOM Good Works, a nonprofit that aims to reduce rat populations through the use of contraception. For nearly a year, she’s worked with a group of Jamaica Plain residents on a pilot program that is deploying the organization’s plant-based rat birth control pellets in key spots around the neighborhood and collecting data to see whether the product is effective at reducing local rat populations.

“We’ve been trying to poison rats for 200 years without any [long-term] success,” Gonzalez-White said. “As we continue to dump poisons into our environment to try and kill our way out of this problem, many other species are at risk — children, dogs, protected birds of prey. ... So



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Alaina Gonzalez-White replenished pellets for the program.

this is a more holistic approach.”

It’s unclear how large Boston’s rat population is, but the city sees reducing rodent infestations as a priority and quality of life issue.

Boston’s recently unveiled Rodent Action Plan did not include rat birth control as a strategy to reduce rat numbers, instead focusing on sanitary trash  
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### Sweat and sour

**Monday:** Hot, some sun. High 89-94, low 69-74.

**Tuesday:** Cool, some rain. High 72-77, low 61-66.

Sunrise: 5:41. Sunset: 7:58.

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