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## Driven to the edge

Delivery pressures, low pay create dicey conditions for drivers, pedestrians alike

By Katie Johnston and Esmey Jimenez  
GLOBE STAFF

The lunch-hour rush in Copley Square has cooled.

Dozens of delivery drivers in dark balaclavas and the occasional helmet sit back on their mopeds lining both sides of Boylston Street, waiting for their phones to chirp. At last, an Uber Eats notification pops up on one driver's screen with an order from a noodle shop in Chinatown. It's a 23-minute delivery to Dorchester. The pay: \$3.52.



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This area outside Chick-fil-A is one of many hot spots around the Boston region where drivers have started gathering, often grouped by their home countries — Dominicans in one area, Haitians in another — to satisfy residents' seemingly insatiable appetite for takeout.

Food delivery by two-wheeled motorized vehicles is a growing phenomenon in Boston and other cities like New York and Washington, D.C., largely carried out by a growing migrant population. The faster drivers go, the more money they stand to make, and it's led to a rising tide of complaints: mopeds going the wrong way in bike lanes, running red lights, weaving between cars, narrowly avoiding pedestri-

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**Food delivery drivers waited for orders across from the Old South Meeting House (top) and in Copley Square.**

## Fake electors are among GOP delegates

Convention includes at least 17 who falsely asserted Trump won in 2020

By Sam Brodey  
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WASHINGTON — Nearly four years ago, 84 Republicans across seven states where Joe Biden won signed official-looking documents falsely attesting that then-President Donald Trump was actually the rightful winner in their states.

These so-called fake electors — so named because they came forward pretending to be official Electoral College votes for Trump — became emblems of Trump's effort to remain in power.

Now, some of them are playing a role in something else: Trump's effort to return to the White House in 2024.

When Republicans converge for their convention in Milwaukee next month to again nominate Trump for president, at least 17 people who participated in fake elector schemes will be present as official GOP delegates or alternate delegates, according to publicly available records and a Globe review of the delegate selection process.

In total, five fake electors from Nevada, three from Arizona, three from Pennsylvania, two from Michigan, two from Wisconsin, one from Georgia, and one from New Mexico are headed to the convention.

Selected by Republicans in their states, convention dele-

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## City served by Steward fears fate of hospital

Haverhill awaits bankruptcy sale for Holy Family

By Robert Weisman  
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HAVERHILL — Residents of this working-class city gave Steward Health Care a warm welcome 13 years ago when the company bought its only hospital, delivering it — they hoped — from decades of instability.

But now, with Steward in financial ruin and rumblings afoot of closures in the coming months, folks worry they could

soon have no hospital at all.

There are no clear answers to questions facing communities like Haverhill that are home to Steward hospitals in Massachusetts and across the country. With the company in bankruptcy, Steward plans to auction off most of its hospitals on June 27. If it can't find a buyer for Holy Family Hospital, people in Haverhill fear it will close.

Chris Eleftheriou sees his doctors at Holy Family. He owns Haverhill House of Pizza, and the hospital is less than a mile away. He recently went there for a medical test. His kids were

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### Making their connections

The Celtics have a family vibe, writes Tara Sullivan, seen clearly in the ubiquitous presence of Jayson Tatum's son, Deuce (left). They're a group connected by shared values, built on the core tenets of respect, hard work, open hearts, and fierce loyalty.

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**The 77th annual Tony Awards are tonight.** Our critic has some ideas about who will win — and who should. **SundayArts, N1.**

**Generations of Juneteenth revelers gathered in Franklin Park** in honor of freedom and friendship. **Metro, B1.**

### It's a lawn story

**Sunday:** Sunny, pleasant. High: 67-72. Low: 56-61.

**Monday:** Some clouds, humid. High: 77-82. Low: 65-70.

Sunrise: 5:07 Sunset: 8:23

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'We're trying. But he hasn't gotten an education. It's crazy.'

SABRINA SCANLON, *Hunter's mother*

## Anxiety taking a toll on school days

Experts see link to chronic absenteeism

By Mandy McLaren  
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MIDDLEBOROUGH — There's no single reason why 11-year-old Hunter Scanlon refuses to go to school.

It's the panic and the headaches. It's the racing thoughts. It's the nausea. It's the dread and the skin crawling and the self-loathing and the worry.

Those feelings, a tumbling snowball of anxiety, have kept the fifth-grader out of class and at home since October. Over those many months, he's received little to no education.

"A lot of people don't realize how bad it is, and how easy it is for the kids to fall through the cracks," said Hunter's mother, Sabrina Scanlon. "It's something that needs to be talked about."

Hunter is part of a troubling trend — seen recently in the case of 14-year-old Braintree student Samantha Frechon — in which debilitating anxiety is keeping kids from school



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for months at a time. It's a form of chronic absenteeism that's often misunderstood by public school systems, whose staff typically

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**Struggling with severe anxiety, Hunter Scanlon, 11, hasn't been to school since October.**

# GOOD REFLECTS



Juneteenth is a time to commemorate the right to freedom, independence and equality. We proudly join the African American community to celebrate this day, remember those who never gave up hope, and continue the work to advance social justice and civil rights in this country.

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