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## Increasingly, police credibility is on trial

Detective's testimony in Read case puts focus on how to disclose misconduct

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The disastrous testimony of a State Police detective in the Karen Read trial has added urgency to recent calls for prosecutors and law enforcement agencies to better disclose any misconduct and disciplinary matters of officers who may testify in a criminal trial, according to

legal analysts.

Last month, for instance, Cape and Islands District Attorney Robert J. Galibois asked a judge to force the sheriffs of two counties to turn over disciplinary materials for all their officers over the past 20 years, and provide a current list of employees. Galibois said he has the legal obligation to make this information avail-

able to defense lawyers in criminal cases in which the sheriffs' offices are involved. Otherwise, he said, it could jeopardize his office's ability to prosecute cases.

"I'm just trying to follow the rules," Galibois said, acknowledging that his court complaint was a rare escalation of a dispute between law enforcement agencies.

This extraordinary step comes as district attorneys and local law-enforcement agencies around the state grapple with what they termed

opaque and continuously evolving requirements of what information they have to turn over about officers who are due to testify. The state's public defender agency also sent a letter to the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association arguing that prosecutors must do more to comply with the legal requirements.

The importance of credibility in law-enforcement witnesses was recently underscored in the case of Karen Read, whose high-profile trial

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## Legislators jam 2 years' work into 1 month

Among many bills in dark as term nears end: measure pushing pay transparency

By Matt Stout  
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In the span of about two weeks last fall, the Massachusetts House and Senate overwhelmingly approved bills that would mandate employers disclose salary ranges in their job postings. Prominent business groups backed the idea. Advocates and unions supported compromise language. And lawmakers quickly tapped negotiators to hammer out a final version.

"So many people," state Senator Patricia D. Jehlen said in October, "have helped improve and move this legislation."

Then, all movement ceased. Eight months later, the bill hasn't budged from a closed-door conference committee, where lawmakers cloak their negotiations in secrecy, leaving it unclear to constituents and others if they're talking about the bill at all.

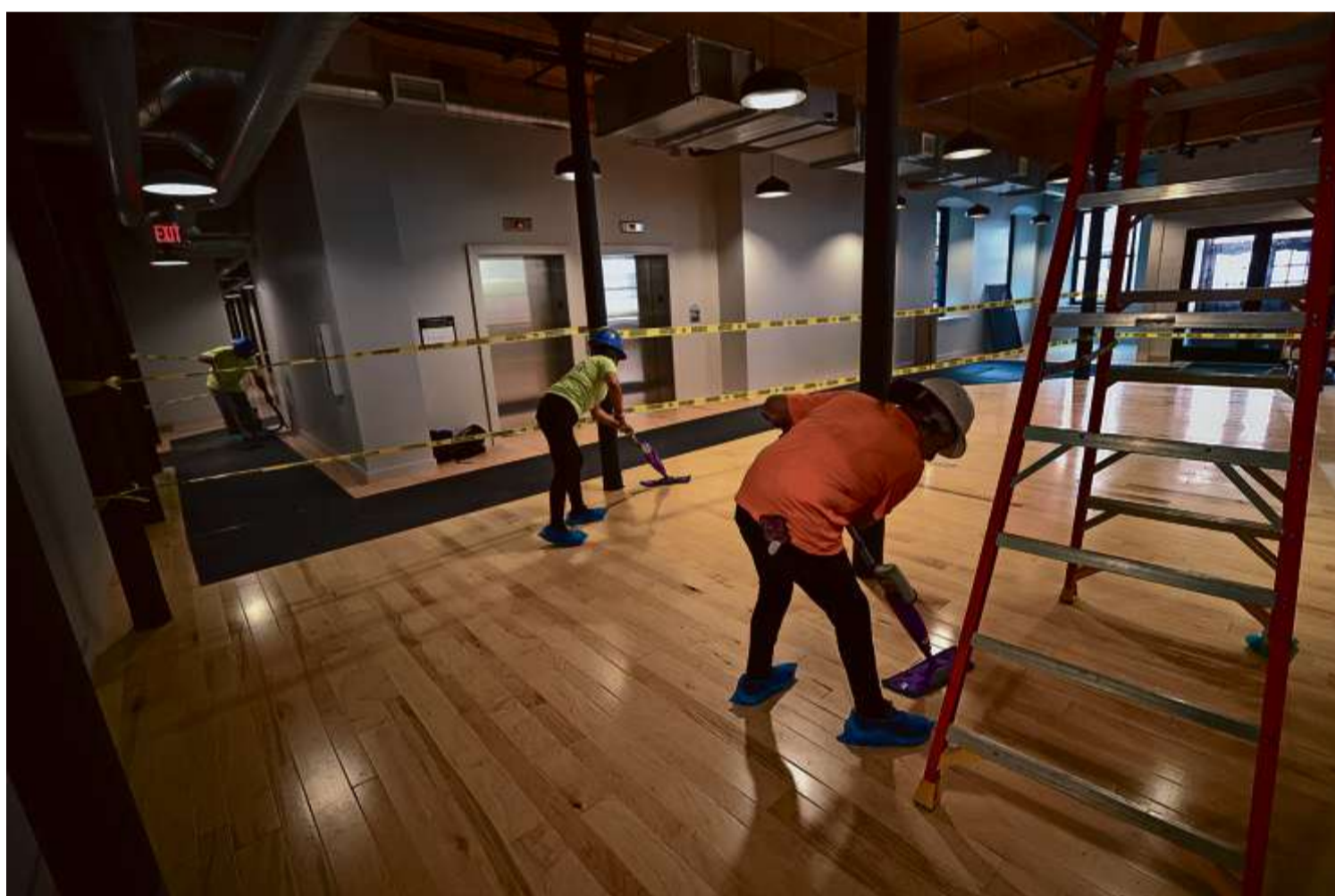
Legislation designed to shed light on gender and racial wage gaps has, itself, gone dark.

This is the reality on Beacon Hill as the Legislature hurtles toward the end of its 19-month formal work session on July 31. The pay transparency bill is now just one of dozens of proposals that remain in formal talks or — in Beacon Hill's parlance — on the table in either chamber, creating a

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'Tackling decarbonization in existing affordable-housing stock is super important.'

JOE BACKER, Boston's senior project manager for neighborhood housing



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Workers finished floors at the Stone Mill Lofts in Lawrence last month. The former mill has become an 86-unit apartment building. Eighty percent of its units are designated for residents who make less than 60 percent of the area median income.

## A good climate for housing fixes

Retrofitting buildings provides sustainability, much-needed homes, cities find



The Stone Mill Lofts building still maintains much of the site's historic charm, with a high tower looming over its granite structure.

By Ivy Scott  
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LAWRENCE — From the outside, the old stone mill looks much the same as it did 150 years ago, when it was at the center of the city's bustling industrial life. Inside, however, the building is equipped with heat pumps, all-electric appliances, and triple-pane glass windows, making it modern even by 21st-century standards.

No longer a hub of commerce, the Stone Mill Lofts has become an 86-unit apartment building, though one that still maintains much of its historic charm, with a high tower looming over the impressive granite structure.

The mill, which was retrofitted using settlement funds from the 2018 Merrimack Valley gas explosions as well as federal and state low-income housing tax credits, is an example of how architects are looking to meet the state's housing and climate challenges with solutions that tackle both.

"Both of those are worthy goals, and both really deserve our attention. The question is how can we do that most effectively when resources are finite," said Darien Crimmin, vice

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## Key Democrats privately call for president to withdraw

House leaders convene session over concerns

By Luke Broadwater and Robert Jimison  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Biden's base of support among key Democrats on Capitol Hill began to crumble Sunday as at least four top members of the House privately told colleagues he should withdraw from the presidential race amid growing concerns about his age and ability to win reelection.

During a virtual private meeting, the House Democrats — all senior members of powerful committees — discussed how to use their collective influence to convince Biden he had little chance of defeating former president Trump, according to five people familiar with the confidential discussion, including three who were present, all of whom insisted on anonymity to discuss it.

The consensus during the session, which was convened by Representative Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the minority leader, was that a change at the

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## A French twist

Strong results from a far-left coalition in Sunday's voting prevented a far-right ascension, but chaos looms for lawmakers. A5.

### Sweat, pants

**Monday:** Humid, some sun.  
High 84-89, low 72-77.

**Tuesday:** Humid, less sun.  
High 87-92, low 71-76.

Sunrise: 5:16. Sunset: 8:23.

Weather and comics, D4-5.

Obituaries, C9.

**National Amusements, the Norwood-based entertainment conglomerate, is slated to be bought** as part of a merger between Paramount Global and Skydance. D1.

**Houston and other parts of southern Texas received the first lashing bands of Tropical Storm Beryl.** A2.

## Transgender teens become advocates in N.H.

In contentious debates regarding legislation, they're speaking out

By Amanda Gokee  
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PEMBROKE, N.H. — Iris Turmelle, 14, wanted to spend her spring break playing the video game Minecraft with her friends.

Instead, the eighth-grader from Pembroke was testifying at the New Hampshire State House on a bill that would bar transgender girls like her from female sports teams.

"I'm a trans girl," Iris told lawmakers in April. "This is who I am, and nothing can change that. None of these bills can. No one can say that I'm not. I've lived in New Hampshire my whole life and want to be able to stay here. If these bills become law, then that might not be possible."

As she delivered her testimony, she was direct, poised, and articulate. At this point, she's had years of practice advocating for herself and teenagers like her. It's a role she never asked for but feels a duty to fill.

Iris became an advocate when she was just 10 years old, with written testimony that didn't identify her by name, her mother, Amy Manzelli, told the Globe. Eventually, her parents allowed Iris to identify herself publicly.

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Iris Turmelle held her stuffed animal while sitting with her mother, Amy, in her bedroom in Plymouth, N.H.

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