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## Fragile cease-fire appears to be holding

President Trump spoke with reporters as he left the White House Tuesday on his way to the NATO summit in the Netherlands.



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Trump lashes out at both sides, particularly Israel, over reported violations

By Isabel Kershner, Aaron Boxerman, Maggie Haberman, and Michael Levenson  
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — A fragile cease-fire between Israel and Iran appeared to take hold Tuesday after a final volley of deadly strikes between the two countries infuriated President Trump

and highlighted the difficulty of ending a war that had raged for 12 days.

The details of the cease-fire remain unclear, but it came together after Trump asked for Qatar's help, and the Qatari prime minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, persuaded Iran to end the fighting with Israel, according to three

diplomats who were briefed on the matter and insisted on anonymity to discuss sensitive matters.

Trump had abruptly announced the truce Monday evening, surprising some of his own advisers. The announcement came after Iran had fired missiles at an American military base in Qatar in retaliation for

US strikes on three Iranian nuclear sites over the weekend. Iran had given advance warning of its strike, allowing US and Qatari forces to shoot down most of the missiles, American and Israeli officials said. There were no casualties.

As the cease-fire went into effect Tuesday morning, Trump  
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## Court officers allegedly let suspect in later killing go free

Judge had ordered him arrested on a warrant

By Dan Glaun  
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Three weeks before Kevin Boyette allegedly beat a 21-year-old woman to death last month in Mission Hill, a judge in Roxbury ordered court officers to arrest him on a warrant before he could leave the courthouse.

Instead, they allegedly let him walk out the door, according to court records.

"Front door security looked like they were going to take him into custody; then proceeded to allow the [defendant] to walk back out," a court clerk wrote in a docket entry.

The disclosure was among several listed in court records and other public documents reviewed by the Globe that raise troubling questions over why Boyette was allowed to remain free in spite of a history of crime and violence. Boyette, 36, of Roxbury, had a lengthy record of aggravated assault and domestic violence charges, including allegations that he abused his girlfriend and threatened her family with a knife, and that in a separate incident he groped a woman before stabbing her cousin.

Boyette allegedly killed Tatyiana Flood on May 19, according to prosecutors. Police responded to a call the following morning about the body of a woman found in a wheelchair, in the parking lot of the Alice Heywood Taylor public housing development. Officers found Flood, with blunt force injuries to her face, next to the Jeep where she was apparently killed.

Officers reviewed surveillance video that al-

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'We are a Black theater company, but we have never said we're only for Black people.'

MAURICE EMMANUEL PARENT,  
Front Porch Arts Collective

## Anti-DEI efforts taking a heavy toll on Black cultural groups

By Malcolm Gay  
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When Noelle Trent became president of the Museum of African American History in 2023, she had an overarching mandate: Deliver the faltering museum to its rightful place in Boston's cultural life.

The first-time chief executive had her work cut out for her. The small Beacon Hill museum was still recovering from the tumultuous ouster of her predecessor. Visitor numbers were underwhelming, and the museum, which had long battled for greater visibility in a town predominated by white culture, was on track to run a deficit.

So Trent was elated when less than a year into the job she secured a \$500,000 federal grant — the cornerstone of her plan to transform the museum.

Now "we're cooking with hot grease," she recalled thinking. Trent embarked on a plan to hire new staff and expand its field trips program, a sure way to increase revenue and elevate the museum's profile.

But then the rug was pulled out. Amid the new Trump administration's frenzy of culture-altering cuts, a letter arrived this spring from the grant's provider, the US Institute of Museum and Library

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John Perez took a moment to regroup while working on the spray deck at the Vietnam Veterans pool in Chelsea.

## For many, way too hot to handle

Finding relief is all that matters on a record-breaking day (102°) in Boston

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The day started out hot: By 9 a.m. Tuesday, temperatures across Boston had already crept to 90 degrees.

By 5:23 p.m., the heat reached its peak — a suffocating 102 degrees at Logan Airport that felt more like 106 with humidity.

When it was done, the city saw its hottest June temperature ever recorded and the fourth warmest day on record. Tuesday was the hottest day since July 1977 and just a few degrees shy of beating an all-time heat record of 104 degrees in July 1911.

The record June temperatures forced residents to flee their apartments for movie theaters and splash pads. Workers armed themselves with frozen



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Sonya Pederson splashed Jafnah Chowdhury at the Frog Pond.

water bottles and ducked inside air-conditioned stores on their breaks. Parents kept their kids home from summer camps, and dog owners outfitted their pups with booties to protect their paws from the scalding ground.

Day three of the heat wave in

New England brought dangerous weather throughout the Northeast, as a heat dome pushed some cities to break daily records and sent people scrambling for a reprieve.

Worcester, Milton, Providence, and Concord, N.H., all

broke daily records. In New York, it was the hottest day since 2012.

Heat waves like these are becoming more extreme due to climate change, and are particularly dangerous in New England, a region more accustomed to — and prepared for — the cold than the heat.

Many apartments here don't have air conditioning. The electric grid can be strained by big jumps in demand for electricity as people crank up the air conditioning. Trains have to run more slowly to avoid potentially overheating electronic systems and buckling tracks. On Tuesday, multiple commuter lines experienced delays, a spokesperson said.

As people succumbed to heat exhaustion this week, Boston EMS saw a 10 percent increase in calls on Monday. Emergency responders were called to 17

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## Democrat parts ways with party on RFK Jr.

By Sam Brodey  
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WASHINGTON — When President Trump and top Cabinet officials gathered last month at the White House to celebrate the first report of Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s "Make America Healthy Again" Commission, praise flowed for the allies around the country who had contributed to the health secretary's marquee project.

But one of the figures mentioned by Kennedy and his top partner, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, wasn't like the others: Jared Polis, the governor of Colorado. He was the only Democrat in a group of

nine governors to join the push to exclude highly processed foods and drinks from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

"It has been remarkable," Rollins said to applause, "how these governors have stood up."

Over his years in politics, Polis has — if nothing else — stood out.

A wealthy tech entrepreneur, he bankrolled early efforts to turn Colorado into a Democratic stronghold before running for office himself — first for Congress, where he served five terms. In 2018, he

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Harvard is back at the negotiating table with the Trump administration after making changes that bring it more in line with the president's goals. **B1.**

A day after moving Jrue Holiday, the Celtics agreed to trade center Kristaps Porzingis to Atlanta in a three-team deal that will bring in veteran forward Georges Niang. **C1.**

A big honor for Chara  
The former Bruins captain was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame. **C1.**



Candy shops are popping up all over the Boston area — and they're as much for adults as for kids. **G1.**

No peaking

Wednesday: Not as hot. High 87-92. Low 63-68.

Thursday: Cloudy, cool. High 69-74. Low 57-62.

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