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Josh Kraft said he will redirect his campaign resources to address the issues at Mass. and Cass.

Facing uphill climb, Kraft drops out

Resounding defeat in preliminary election gives him little choice, clearing way for Wu

By Emma Platoff
GLOBE STAFF

Josh Kraft, the nonprofit leader who sought to unseat Mayor Michelle Wu in a campaign built on calling out her failings, said Thursday that he was dropping out of the race, ending an ugly rivalry and closing out a long-shot challenge as he all but handed the incumbent a second term.

Just two days after finishing nearly 50 points behind Wu in the preliminary election, and after conferring with friends, family, and campaign team,

Kraft told WCVB in an interview Thursday evening that he would suspend his campaign and devote his time to serving Boston in other ways.

“I got into this to make an impact, as I’ve done my whole life, build a sense of community to make change for the greater good,” Kraft said. “When I kept looking at the next eight weeks, the negativity, and all that it was going to be about, I realized, ‘Wow, I can do more.’ I can make a better impact for the residents of the city of Boston.”

In a lengthy post on Instagram

Thursday evening, Kraft added he would redirect his campaign resources as well as “additional funds” to address the crises of homelessness and addiction at Mass. and Cass, working with organizations such as The Phoenix, a recovery community, and the Gavin Foundation, an addiction treatment center. He also pledged to “revitalize” a lapsed prison reentry program known as Operation Exit.

Kraft said he would “launch this effort” with \$3 million and “work towards setting up a recovery campus.”

“We could spend the next eight weeks politicking — with harmful rhetoric or nasty attack ads,” he wrote. “Or we could get back to what really mat-

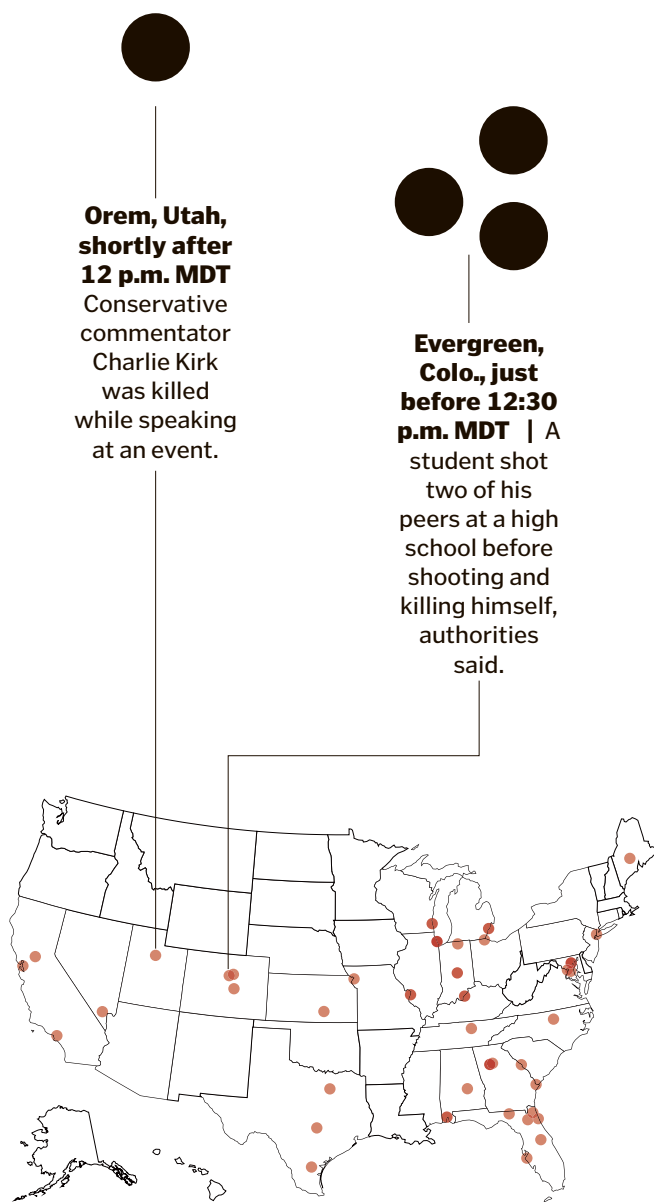
ters.”

The son of billionaire Patriots owner Robert Kraft, he announced his bid in February to great fanfare. Given business leaders’ frustration with Wu, Kraft’s ties to the city after his decades of work with the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, and his deep pockets, Kraft was seen as a candidate with the potential to bring a real fight to the popular incumbent.

But his announcement proved the high-water mark of excitement for Kraft. Despite pouring millions into the race — both his own money and that of an affiliated super PAC — Kraft was unable to persuade voters to change
KRAFT, Page A5

ONE DAY OF GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10 | In addition to the death of conservative activist Charlie Kirk and a shooting at a high school in Evergreen, Colo., there were at least 51 other incidents involving guns that day, according to the Gun Violence Archive, a nonprofit that tracks shootings across the United States.



REPORTED SHOOTINGS

53 incidents | **17 killed*** | **34 injured**

*Does not include death or injuries of shooters.
SOURCE: GVA.org, Associated Press. (GVA data does not include all cases of suicide by gun.)

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Clues found as search for Kirk killer continues

By Jack Healy, Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs, and Thomas Fuller
NEW YORK TIMES

OREM, Utah — Grainy images of a slim figure climbing a staircase. An old-model bolt-action rifle recovered in a wooded area. And a footprint.

Investigators said Thursday that they were piecing together those clues and others in the hunt for the killer of Charlie Kirk, the conservative social media star and close ally of President Trump who was fatally shot Wednesday as he was addressing a crowd at a university in Utah.

Two images of what investigators described as a person of interest were re-

leased Thursday after efforts to use facial recognition software failed to provide a match. The images showed a person in a black shirt, a baseball cap, and dark sunglasses.

The killing of Kirk at the campus of Utah Valley University in Orem brought already ruptured political discourse in the United States to a breaking point, with politicians canceling events out of fear for their safety and multiple right-wing voices evoking a partisan “war.”

As a measure of Kirk’s influence, **KIRK, Page A6**



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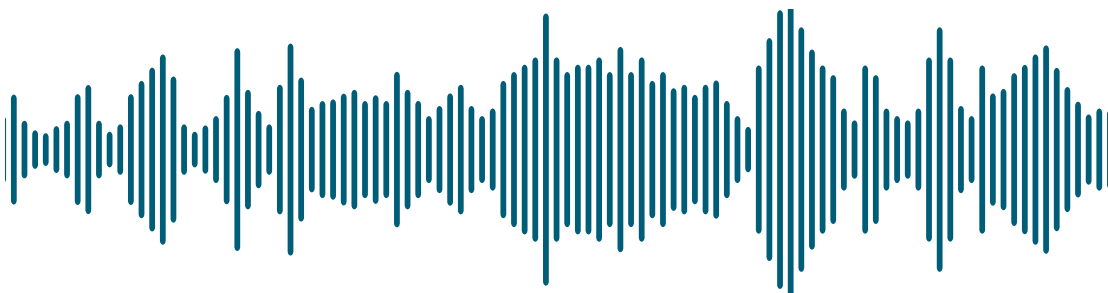
NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

Ceremonies marking Sept. 11, 2001, were held in New York City at the national memorial (above) and in Boston at the State House, where American Airline flight attendants Jeannine Pavlik (left) and Barbara Bowen embraced. They were friends with the crew of Flight 11, which crashed into the World Trade Center. **A2, B1.**



CRAIG F. WALKER/GLOBE STAFF

The next stop is: Crickets



The T’s not great at announcing, and it’s no laughing matter

By Jaime Moore-Carrillo
GLOBE STAFF

A Red Line train rolled north out of Braintree Station at around 12:50 p.m. on Aug. 20.

Soon after the train’s departure, the public announcement system came to life: “Next stop, Braintree,” the familiar automated voice declared.

The train stated Braintree’s imminent arrival at almost every stop on its journey toward Alewife, the opposite end of the line.

Sometimes it announced two stops — Braintree and the upcoming station. Sometimes it announced three — Braintree, the actual upcoming station, and the station it had just left.

Shortly after leaving South Station, the train blared: “Next stop, South Station,” then “Next stop, Downtown Crossing,” then “Next stop, Braintree.”

Last year, the T found that almost 10 percent of
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These days, Demoulas groundswell less likely

By Janelle Nanos
GLOBE STAFF

JoAnn Kunz of Franklin was just wrapping up her weekly grocery run at the Market Basket in Bellingham on Wednesday morning when she learned its chief executive, Arthur T. Demoulas, had been fired. Her face froze for a minute — then turned to shock.

“It can’t be,” she said. “He’s an honest guy and he cares about his employees. Artie T. all the way!”

Kunz was among the loyal customers who boycotted Market Basket in 2014 to support Demoulas in the boardroom battle with a faction of his family led by his cousin. Should another boycott materialize, Kunz

said, she would join “if that’s what it takes to bring him back.”

But this time around, there’s little sign of any such groundswell for Demoulas.

Months into Market Basket’s latest succession battle, the vibe is quite different than it was a decade ago, when cus-
MARKET BASKET, Page A7

Inflation accelerated in August at a speed likely to keep the Fed cautious about lowering borrowing costs too quickly. **B5.**

Republicans moved to speed up Senate confirmation of President Trump’s nominees by changing the chamber’s rules. **A5.**

New Hampshire jails are considering housing detained immigrants as a way of raising revenue. **B1.**

Peter Mandelson, the British ambassador to the United States, was fired over his links to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. **A3.**

Same here

Friday: Sunny again. High 66-71. Low 52-57.

Saturday: Pleasant. High 70-75. Low 58-63.

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Sunrise: 6:21 Sunset: 6:59

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