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## More diverse yet more economically divided

Housing in Greater Boston becoming segregated by income, report finds

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While the Boston area is increasingly racially diverse, the geographic divide between the very rich and the very poor continues to widen, according to a new report on residential segregation by The Boston Indicators.

For four decades, segregation by income in Greater Boston has gradually become more prominent but has more rapidly widened in recent

years, according to the study by Boston Indicators, which is the research center at the Boston Foundation.

By income segregation, the researchers mean that wealthier people are more likely to live only among other wealthy people, and the poor more likely to have only other low-income residents as neighbors. In total, a combined 43 percent of the low-income and high-income households in Greater Boston were segregated from each other

**43%**  
of Greater Boston's low- and high-income households were segregated from each other in 2023, the study shows, with poorer people living amongst each other and vice versa. In 1980, about 32 percent of the area's poor and wealthy households were segregated.

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“What we’re kind of seeing is a tendency of more and more higher-income households to just self-iso-

late and live in neighborhoods or communities that are predominated by others like them,” said Jessica Martin, an independent researcher who co-authored the report.

The study examined income segregation dating to 1980, when about 32 percent of the area’s poor and wealthy households were segregated.

High-income households are driving income segregation by moving next to each other, researchers found. As a result, lower-income households are clustering together, but not by choice.

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## President rejects US troops in Ukraine

Peace plan details scarce after talks; Trump seeks Zelensky, Putin meeting

**By Maggie Haberman and David E. Sanger**  
NEW YORK TIMES

President Trump said Tuesday that no American ground troops would be sent to Ukraine as part of a potential peace agreement with Russia, a day after a round of intense diplomacy in Washington yielded few details on how to stop the war and prevent future Russian aggression.

US and European officials have raised the possibility of sending Western troops into Ukraine as postwar peacekeepers, and Trump said the United States could potentially back the forces with air support. But he added that the United States would not provide “boots on the ground.”

“You have my assurance, and I’m president,” he said on Fox News. Russia has flatly rejected the idea of an international force on its borders.

Trump’s comments came a day after seven European officials — including the leaders of Britain, France, Italy, Germany, and NATO — met with Trump and President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine at the White House in an effort to forge an agreement that could end the war.

Their meetings — held after Trump welcomed President Vladimir Putin of Russia to Alaska last week — produced smiles and expressions of solidarity with Ukraine but few tangible signs of progress three and a half years after Russia launched its invasion.

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## A HIGHLIGHT REEL PLAY



DAVID L. RYAN/ GLOBE STAFF

Rob Gronkowski filmed Governor Maura Healey on the slide during the opening of the Gronk Playground Tuesday. The park, sponsored by the charity of the former Patriots star, is a fully ADA-accessible destination for inclusive play and youth fitness — and gubernatorial hijinks — on the Charles River Esplanade. **B3.**

**Mayor Michelle Wu fiercely defended Boston's policies on public safety and immigrants,** telling the US attorney general to “stop attacking our cities to hide your administration’s failures.” **B1.**

**US officials opened an investigation into whether Washington, D.C., officials falsified crime data,** intensifying a feud between federal and local authorities after the Trump administration seized control of law enforcement there. **A2.**

**Four family members were killed in what police were investigating** as an apparent murder-suicide in Madbury, N.H. **B1.**

**With the sale of the Boston Celtics finalized, the new owner pledged** to keep its commitment to winning titles. **C1.**

‘I wasn’t taking [a weight-loss drug] to hurt anyone else. I was doing this to help myself. Who needs a friend that wouldn’t understand that?’

MARCIA BERRY, *after a falling out*

## Losing weight and, sometimes, friends

**By Beth Teitell**  
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Aside from the simmering tension over her bangs, and whether they should, or should not, be grown out, Marcia Berry and her hairstylist had a good relationship. Until a third party came between them: GLP-1 drugs.

At issue: After gaining 35 pounds thanks to perimenopause and the pandemic, Berry started taking a

weight-loss drug. It was a pharmacy-prepared, non-brand version. But when she walked into the MetroWest salon looking slim — at a time when her stylist was scrambling to find the branded GLP-1 drug she needs to manage her diabetes — a chill, and then a ghosting, set in.

“I wasn’t taking it to hurt anyone else. I was doing this to help myself,” said Berry, a medical assistant. “Who needs a friend that wouldn’t understand that?”

On one hand, we can all agree:

Friends shouldn’t resent friends who take weight loss drugs.

But in reality, as they become an ever-larger presence in a twisted society that still largely equates thinness with virtue and beauty, they are no longer just reshaping bodies. They’re changing relationships. Jealousy, secrecy, and lies are rippling through friendships, marriages, and even doctors’ appointments.

It’s been two and a half years since host Jimmy Kimmel’s famous

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## US investigates controversial arrest in Lawrence

Officers testify to grand jury after captain subdued Black man held in noise dispute

**By Joey Flechas**  
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Federal prosecutors are investigating the controversial takedown of a Black man by a Lawrence police captain during an arrest over a noise complaint in 2023, the latest sign of trouble at a law enforcement agency that has been marked by scandal and instability in recent years.

At least four officers, including two present during the arrest, were subpoenaed in January to testify before a federal grand jury the following month, according to records obtained by the Globe through a public records request. One of the officers present for the arrest told the Globe he was asked

about the incident when he went before the grand jury in February.

The federal inquiry comes after Essex County prosecutors declined to file charges against former captain Michael Mangan, whom they investigated for his use of force in the arrest of Sodiq Amusat. A civil rights lawsuit Amusat filed against the city has been stayed, a common occurrence when a criminal probe is ongoing.

Through union representatives, Mangan declined to comment for this story.


Police arrived at Amusat’s apartment in March 2023 following a noise complaint, handcuffed him,

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ESSEX DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Lawrence officers subdued Sodiq Amusat at the police station in a still from a video in 2023. Amusat has sued the department for injuries he said he suffered.



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**Wednesday:** Pounding rain. High 64-69, low 57-62.

**Thursday:** Cloudy, breezy. High 68-73, low 58-63.


Sunrise: 5:57. Sunset: 7:38.

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