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‘We wanted to make a point, but we didn’t want to endanger our patients.’

JACKIE COSCIA, cardiac surgical intensive care unit nurse



ABOVE: JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF; BELOW: CHRISTIAN KANTOSKY FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE



Clockwise from above: Some 4,000 nurses at Brigham and Women's Hospital picketed on Wednesday at the hospital. Protest buttons were pinned to the scrubs of a striking nurse. A nurse waved back to a patient on an upper floor of the hospital.

## Nurses strike at Brigham

Both sides called to State House, but no resolution found

By Marin Wolf and Jonathan Saltzman  
GLOBE STAFF

After staging the largest strike of nurses in the state ever, thousands of Brigham and Women's Hospital nurses plan to return to work Thursday, but expect they will not be allowed back until next week.

Brigham's 4,000 nurses planned to strike for just one day, but they may find themselves back out on the picket line for four more because hospital officials say the temporary nurses replac-

ing them must work for at least five days under their contract to maintain patient care.

“We wanted to make a point, but we didn’t want to endanger our patients,” Jackie Coscia, a 29-year-old nurse in the cardiac surgical intensive care unit, said of the decision for a one-day strike. “We didn’t want to leave our patients for that long. Now it’s up to [management], and if they’re going to lock us out for five days, it’s on them.”

The strike has disrupted one of the nation’s top-ranked hospitals and

prompted division within the state’s largest health care system and the broader public over whether the nurses or management should budge.

Late Wednesday, parent company Mass General Brigham and the nurses union met at the State House in a meeting convened by Governor Maura Healey and Mayor Michelle Wu, but those talks ended without an agreement.

Massachusetts Nurses Association spokesperson Joe Markman said in a

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## Minister has big plans for Vermont

Says he’s opening evangelical school at closed college

By Brooke Hauser  
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Vermont, one of the nation’s least religious states, may not seem like the most obvious home for an evangelical university. And that’s the point, said Tommie Zito, a minister from South Florida who plans to open just such a school on the grounds of the former Green Mountain College campus in Poultney.

As a traveling Pentecostal preacher, Zito, 52, tries to spread the gospel where it’s in shorter supply. “I don’t want to be in the Bible Belt . . . so, Vermont’s perfect,” the father of three said in a recent phone interview from Orlando. He added that he hasn’t had any trouble finding Vermonters who are “hungry spiritually.”

Zito is naming the school Z University after his father and in honor of the biblical message that “the last shall be first.” He called the school the first of its kind and the culmination of a long-held dream.

Originally from New Jersey, Z UNIVERSITY, Page A6

## Major restaurant brands see something they like in Boston



LPM RESTAURANTS

Escargots served at Dubai’s LPM Restaurant & Bar, which will open at the Four Seasons Hotel One Dalton this fall. CEO Nicholas Budzynski said Boston was a better opportunity for expansion into the United States than Manhattan.

Well-off diners, welcoming developers part of appeal

By Alexa Gagosz  
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Two decades ago, few New York restaurateurs even considered opening in Boston, a city long viewed as too small and insular for celebrity chefs. Those who did in the early 2010s — Daniel Boulud, David Chang, Mario Batali — ultimately shuttered, reinforcing the perception that Boston wasn’t worth the risk.

Now, Boston is emerging as a magnet for big-name restaurateurs eager to expand.

In the years since the pandemic, an unprecedented wave of more than a dozen nationally and internationally known hospitality groups have descended on Boston. New

York restaurateur Danny Meyer already has two restaurants open, with more on the way. Manhattan’s Major Food Group has planted Parm and Contessa. Soon, Dubai’s LPM Restaurant & Bar will debut in the Back Bay, as Hawksmoor, of London, will open in Fort Point. More are expected to follow.

Behind the boom is a fundamental shift in how Boston is viewed. Once considered an afterthought to New York or Chicago, Boston has become a must-stop for national hospitality groups. Some groups are even choosing Boston as the first city for expansion outside of their home market. Developers are in-

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## Under fire, Platner ends campaign

Denies assault claims, blames ‘establishment’

By Sam Brodey and James Pindell  
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SULLIVAN, MAINE — Graham Platner, the Democratic nominee for US Senate in Maine, ended his candidacy on Wednesday — throwing a contest with national implications into chaos and punctuating one of the most meteoric rises and dramatic falls of any candidate in recent memory.

The seismic announcement came in the wake of a report from Politico on Monday, in which Jenny Racicot, a woman from Maine who used to date Platner, alleged he raped her in 2021. Damaging allegations have defined Platner’s campaign from the beginning, including reports on his past threatening and troubling behavior toward dating partners, but he could not survive the gravity and clarity of Racicot’s account.

In a 10-minute video posted online on Wednesday night,

Platner said he was “suspending campaign operations” and defiantly cast actors in the political “establishment” as antagonists seeking to destroy his insurgent movement. He insisted the sexual assault allegations against him are false.

“We’re not doing it because of the allegations,” Platner said. “We’re doing it because of the structures that are being taken away from us by those in power.”

He also argued the process to replace him as the Democratic nominee “needs to assure what comes next is reflective of the Mainers who turned out in June 9 and showed they are desperate for a different kind of politics.”

Platner had been holed up inside his simple blue two-story house in Sullivan all day, according to members of his campaign security team stationed outside. About an hour after his video was released, Platner’s campaign manager, Ben Chin, and consultant Morris Katz left the home through the kitchen without making comment and drove off.

On Monday, within hours of

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Graham Platner won the Democratic Senate primary in Maine in June.

## Older voters not sure peers should run

Mass. Senate race highlights concerns on age

By Kelly Garrity  
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At 86, Alan Elliott speaks frankly about old age. While he’s voted for Senator Ed Markey before, Elliott said that come the September primary, he’s not prepared to offer the soon-to-be 80-year-old incumbent “any long-term warranties.”

“I like Markey, but I don’t know that he’s going to last

► Markey and Moulton meet for first debate. B1.

through his time,” said Elliott, an unenrolled voter. “I don’t know that I would plan on anything for the next six years.”

Elliott is exactly the kind of voter Representative Seth Moulton is trying to win over as he vies to unseat Markey in their Democratic primary. The 47-year-old congressman has staked his campaign on the idea that after nearly five decades in Washington — and turning 80 on Saturday — Markey is simply

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The United States carried out another round of strikes on Iran, hours after President Trump said that Iranian attacks on ships in the Strait of Hormuz signaled the end of the cease-fire. A3.

Four WHDH-TV photographers allege the station failed to properly compensate them for work travel, according to lawsuits. D1.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is seeking an audit of gambling among the state’s Asian communities to determine whether any casino marketing and outreach to those populations are predatory. B1.



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Thursday: Sun and clouds. High: 88-93. Low: 70-75.

Friday: Afternoon showers. High: 86-91. Low: 67-72.

Sunrise: 5:16 Sunset: 8:22

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