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Moon jellyfish aren't supposed to sting

But on Cape Cod, they do



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Usually large moon jellyfish, drifting in massive groups called “smacks” that can stretch nearly a mile, have been stinging many swimmers along the Nantucket Sound shoreline in Mashpee and nearby Cape Cod towns. • The culprit seems to be *Aurelia aurita* — the common moon jelly — a species long thought to be harmless to people. But local marine researcher and educator Nicole Corbett, president and executive director of the Popponesset Water Stewardship Alliance, isn't so sure anymore. • “Moon jellies aren't supposed to sting,” she said. “But these buggers are evil.”

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Moon jellyfish at the Mashpee home of Nicole Corbett, who is pictured above at right with Olivia Post, 17, of Mansfield, on Aug. 4. Corbett is spearheading an investigation into why the previously harmless moon jellyfish is now stinging humans.

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ANALYSIS

Trump ballroom a lasting legacy

President making big changes to White House

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For all their furor, the executive orders President Donald Trump has signed can be overturned by the signature of his successor. If and when Democrats are back in control in Washington, the laws the Republican-controlled Congress has passed at his behest can be repealed.

But a 90,000-square-foot ballroom planted on the east side of the White House? That will be here to stay.

Whatever Trump's political legacy turns out to be, in the first six months of his second term he has moved to leave a lasting imprint on the White House complex.

Supersized flags raised on new 88-foot poles on the North and South lawns stretch a bit taller than the White House itself.

The iconic Rose Garden designed by Jacqueline Kennedy has been paved over with what Trump admiringly calls a “very white” stone, making it more resort patio than leafy retreat.

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Federal agency shifts decision on offshore wind

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State and local officials and regional advocacy groups are split over the federal government's decision to back off on offshore wind, a shift that casts uncertainty over new projects nationwide but doesn't affect leases east and south of Cape Cod.

State Rep. Steven Xiarhos, R-West Barnstable, welcomes the changes as “a necessary course correction.”

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