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The Conway Scenic Railroad is a great way to see the White Mountains. DEBBIE HILL/CONWAY SCENIC RAILROAD

Daycare begins rebuilding after fire

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Six months after a devastating fire destroyed the 123 Grow Child Center's campus in Gardner, the company's officials announced plans to rebuild the facility at 838 West Broadway.

The debris of the destroyed building has been hauled away, and construction equipment is on-site preparing the property for rebuilding.

"Yes, the work you are seeing at the West Broadway site does reflect the beginning stages of restoration after the fire," said Cori Owen, regional manager for the company that also has locations in Hubbardston, Barre, Athol, Fitchburg, Leominster and Worcester. "It is an important step forward in the rebuilding process, and we are grateful to be moving forward into this phase."

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Fun day trips offer parks, views, cruises

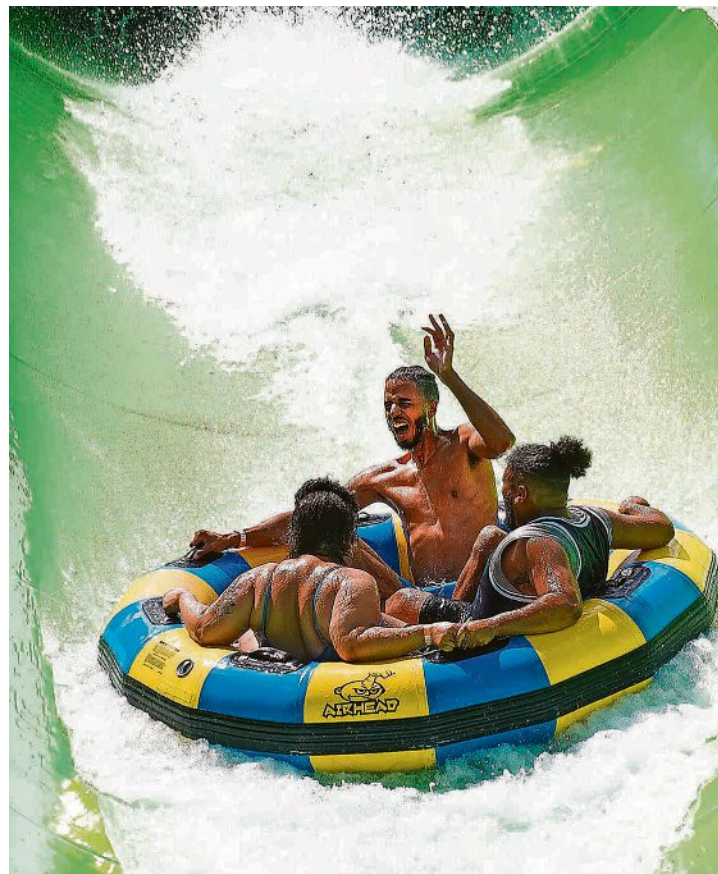
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While Massachusetts is filled with fun adventures and family-friendly destinations, there are many more places to explore in New Hampshire that are a two- or three-hour drive away. • If you're looking for new places to plan a family day trip this summer, here are some places to check out in our neighboring state, New Hampshire. From Christmas-themed water parks and mountain coasters to scenic train rides and harbor cruises, New Hampshire offers a variety of family-friendly adventures just a few hours from the Greater Gardner area.

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Kevin Ortiz of Salem, Massachusetts, center, enjoys the water slides with his friends Lizaira Mora, left, of Lynn, Massachusetts, and Abraham Velez of Salem, Massachusetts, at Water Country in Portsmouth.

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ICE officer fatally shoots immigrant in Houston

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Federal immigration enforcement officers shot and killed a Mexican immigrant in Houston on July 7 according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

Lorenzo Salgado Araujo was fatally shot by ICE officers after they attempted to pull him over in a "targeted enforcement operation" in the Texas city's East End neighborhood shortly before 7 a.m. local time, according to an agency spokesperson.

ICE officials alleged Salgado Araujo "attempted to evade arrest" and "weaponized his vehicle in an attempt to run over" an officer. The individual fired "his weapon in self-defense," the spokesperson said. Salgado Araujo was transported to a hospital where he died.

USA TODAY has reached out to the Department of Homeland Security for more information on what prompted ICE officers to pursue Salgado Araujo.

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