

The Boston Globe

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017

SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY

BOSTON: What to expect Tips for fun and safe viewing, **B1**



KENTUCKY: In the path of totality, a moment in the sun

NESTOR RAMOS

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — The long-awaited crowds started trickling into town late last week, and Eclipseville was ready.

Nestled into the rich farmland in the southwest corner of the state, not far from the Ten-

nessee and Illinois borders, a quirk of celestial geography has turned Hopkinsville, a city of about 30,000 people previously best known for black patch tobacco and a bowling ball factory, into the center of the sunless world. For about 2½ minutes, anyway.

At 1:24 p.m. and 41 seconds Central time, **ECLIPSE, Page A4**

‘The ones that didn’t vote for [Trump] are acting like little brats.’

JERRY MCVAY, 59, NASCAR fan, speaking while examining a display of gold-plated ‘Make America Great Again’ firearms



PHOTOS BY JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

Fans watched as NASCAR cars took a lap before the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race at the Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee.

Track fans feel Trump split

Around NASCAR oval, flags and simmering flaps

By Annie Linskey
GLOBE STAFF

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Walk around the sprawling campsites at the Bristol Motor Speedway here in the green hills of Tennessee, and you know you’re deep in Trump country.

Cars buzz around this half-mile track, practicing for the night NASCAR races. National Rifle Association signs are omnipresent, as the track hosts the only race in NASCAR’s top circuit with NRA branding. A pop-up city of RVs sprawls outside the speedway, with many displaying spreads of barbecue and booze. And Confederate flags flap in the wind from the encampments.

This year there’s finally a president who

intuitively understands this NASCAR culture, even if the New York billionaire is hardly of it. So for the most part, if you mention Trump, faces light up with some mixture of joy and aggravement.

“Trump is the only one standing up and saying what we think, and it’s getting him in trouble,” said Jerry McVay, 59, after examining a display of gold-plated firearms for sale bearing Trump’s motto: Make America Great Again. “The ones that didn’t vote for him are acting like little brats.”

Donald Trump’s seven months in Washington have netted little in the way of meaningful legislative accomplishments or even enforceable executive edicts. Yet many in this

NASCAR, Page A6



A Trump flag flew below the Confederate flag over an RV at a nearby campground.

New plan, old fears on liquor licenses

Some restaurateurs say Boston bill may steal value from their places

By Janelle Nanos and Dan Adams
GLOBE STAFF

The disparities are glaring: Restaurants with liquor licenses are concentrated in Boston’s more affluent neighborhoods. Of the city’s 1,110 licenses, a negligible number are held by African-American owners. Mattapan has no restaurant that serves alcohol.

A Boston liquor license can cost \$400,000 or more, putting it out of reach for anyone without deep pockets and the right business



‘If you’re going to devalue [licenses], how are you going to make up for that loss of value?’

DOUGLASS WILLIAMS, chef who benefited from an earlier expansion of licenses

connections. But a recent proposal by city officials to expand access by creating more than 150 low-cost licenses is meeting resistance from restaurateurs who are convinced that the plan would be unfair and jeopardize their businesses.

City Councilor Ayanna Pressley, with backing from the Walsh administration, in June unveiled legislation that would designate 105 new licenses costing about \$3,000 for lower-income neighborhoods such as Mattapan, Roxbury, Mission Hill, and East Boston. The city implemented a similar expansion in 2014, but the new bill also creates licenses that can be used anywhere in the city, and that has restaurateurs worried.

LIQUOR LICENSES, Page A7

In the news

Ten US sailors were missing after a destroyer collided with a tanker in the Pacific Ocean. **A4.**

A group of Hispanic parents sues Holyoke schools, saying they failed to provide translators. **B1.**

The wreck of the Indianapolis has been found 72 years after it delivered the atomic bomb and was torpedoed at the end of World War II, dumping its crew in shark-infested waters. **A5.**

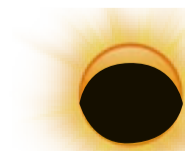
Advanced Micro Devices has revived its business with powerful chips, many

of them the work of engineers in Boxborough. **B9.**

Iraqi forces began another offensive, this one to retake Tal Afar, one of the last big cities under control of the Islamic State. **A3.**

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin gave a vociferous defense of President Trump’s response to the racially charged violence in Charlottesville, Va. **A2.**

Red Sox took their series against the Yankees, winning 5-1. **C1.**



Lunatic fringe

Monday: Sunny until eclipse. High 84-89, low 69-74.

Tuesday: Sunny, breezy. High 85-90, low 71-76.

High tide: 11:30, 11:47.

Sunrise: 5:58. Sunset: 7:36.

Complete report, **B13.**

Utility rules to protect elderly failed, leaving this 84-year-old cut off

THE FINE PRINT

SEAN P. MURPHY

It was Joan Tanos’s 84th birthday, and the phone wasn’t ringing.

“I was a little upset by that,” she said, ticking off the names of half a dozen friends who check in with her regularly by phone and who knew it was her birthday. She awaited calls from her family, too: her daughter, nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, and grand-nieces.

But there was only silence.

That’s because Verizon, Tanos’s phone provider for more than 50 years, had abruptly shut off the phone over a billing dispute tied to shoddy service, rendering her Lifeline medical alert system useless and leaving her vulnerable in an emergency.

Tanos was fortunate that a concerned family member unable to reach her came knocking on her door that afternoon to say her phone was dead. Soon, her daughter rushed there to help get service restored. It was out only one day, but imagine if she had fallen and had no way to get help.

As a society, we treat the elderly with special care. Utilities can’t shut off their elderly customers for non-payment the same way they can with the rest of us. State-enforced rules give the elderly special protection, even when they can’t pay for electricity, heat, or their phone.

But the system didn’t work for Tanos. And it proba-

THE FINE PRINT, Page A4



WENDY MAEDA/GLOBE STAFF FILE/1996

Jerry Lewis held MDA telethons for decades.

Zany puller of heartstrings

By Mark Feeney
GLOBE STAFF

Jerry Lewis, whose manic comedy made him a show business legend, and whose equally driven humanitarianism made the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon a television institution, died Sunday at his home in Las Vegas. He was 91.

His publicist said he died of natural causes.

Many scorned Mr. Lewis’s humor, dismissing it as sophomoric, even juvenile. Not that Mr. Lewis regarded this as a reproach. “I’ve never been more than 9 years old,” he declared in a 1996 Washington Post interview.

That same 9-year-old directed a dozen films, and some consider his work to be comic filmmaking of the highest order. The director Jean-Luc Godard once called Mr. Lewis “the only American director who has made



Dick Gregory

The comedian, turned civil rights activist, turned nutrition guru dies. He was 84. **B7.**

LEWIS, Page B8

For breaking news, updated stories, and more, visit our website:

BostonGlobe.com

VOL. 292, NO. 52

Suggested retail price
\$2.00



0 947725 4