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## Trump erases government's power to fight climate change

Denies harms as he paves way for fossil fuels

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NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Trump on Thursday announced he is erasing the scientific finding that climate change endangers human health and the environment, ending the federal government's legal authority to control the pollution that is dangerously heating the planet.

The action is a key step in removing limits on carbon dioxide, methane, and four other greenhouse gases that scientists say are supercharging heat waves, droughts, wildfires, and other extreme weather.

Led by a president who refers to climate change as a "hoax," the administration is essentially saying that the vast majority of scientists around the world are wrong and that a hotter planet is not the menace that decades of research shows it to be.

It's a rejection of fact that had been accepted for decades by presidents of both parties, including Richard Nixon, whose top adviser warned of the dangers of climate change, and the first President George Bush, who signed an international climate treaty.

And it is a knockout punch in the yearslong fight by a small group of conservative activists as well as oil, gas, and coal interests to stop the

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## Tensions rising as Dana-Farber, MGB battle for future of cancer care

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What does it feel like to live in a house where your parents are getting divorced? Just ask some of the staff at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Things have been a bit awkward since the cancer hospital announced 2½ years ago that it was breaking its decades-long partnership with Brigham and Women's Hospital and instead partnering with nearby rival Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

As shocking as the announcement was in Boston's large medical community, the changes were expected to take time: the two would incrementally unwind the partnership, with the contract ending in 2028. Moreover, the new cancer hospital Dana-Farber was planning with Beth Israel wouldn't be ready until 2031.

But the breakup is getting messy, faster. In response, Brigham's corporate parent, Mass General Brigham, opened its own cancer insti-

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## OT rising, sheriff launched harbor patrol

Tompkins put Suffolk jail officer to work — writing tickets on the water in Winthrop

By Andrew Ryan  
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Chronic understaffing at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department has often forced deputies to work mandatory double shifts, helping to triple annual overtime to more than \$30 million under Sheriff Steve Tompkins.

But budget overruns didn't stop the sheriff from embarking on an unusual new initiative: Last year,

Tompkins launched a marine patrol, paying a jail officer to work full time as a harbormaster for the town of Winthrop.

Sergeant Dennis DeCarney now spends his days on a boat owned by Winthrop and adorned with a large decal of a Suffolk sheriff's badge. As he bobs in the waves off Winthrop's town pier, DeCarney is 7 miles and a world away from his old assignment at the Suffolk County Jail.

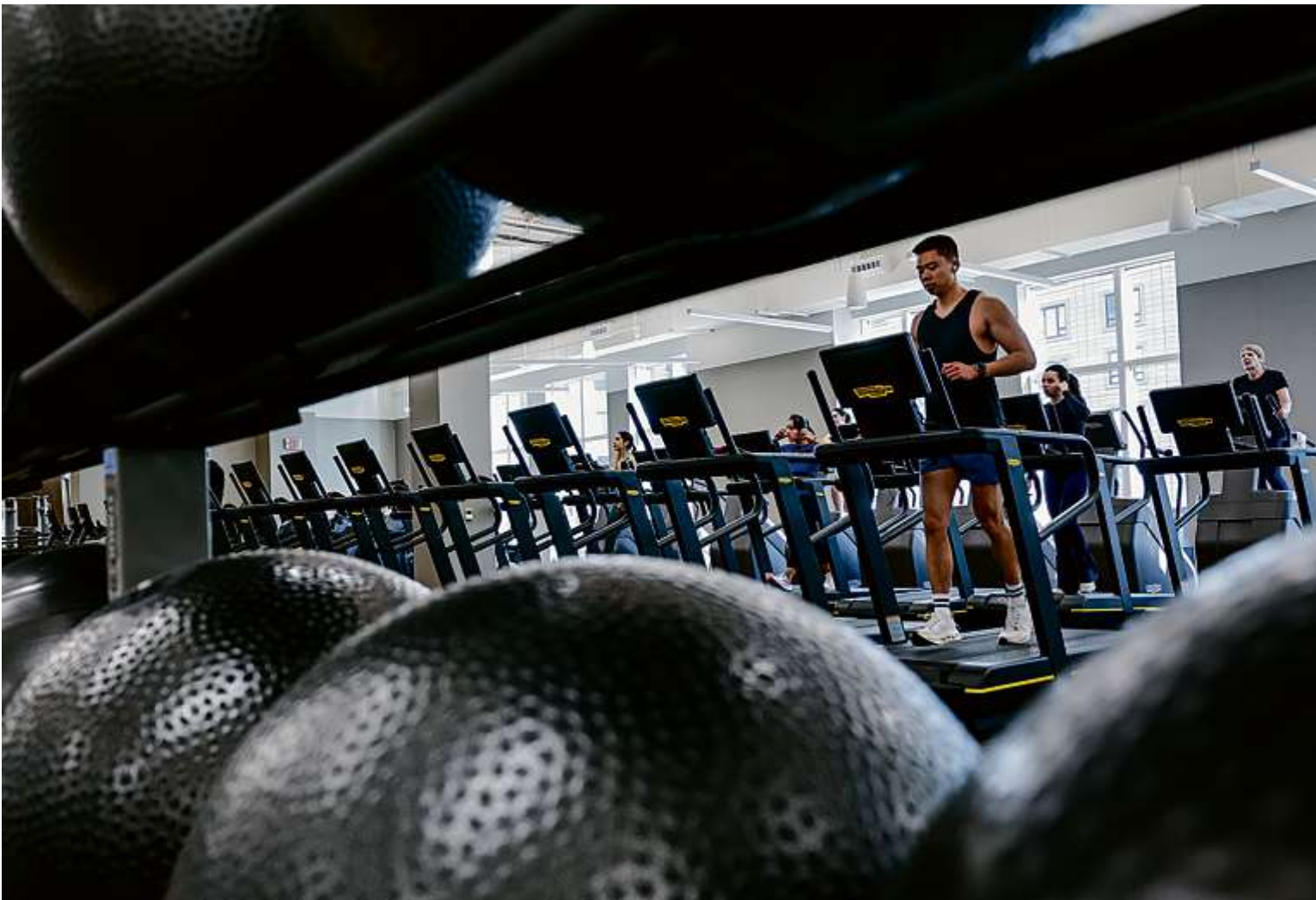
It is a financial win for Winthrop because the sheriff's department is covering DeCarney's full \$105,000 base pay. And it works out for DeCarney, who lives in Winthrop and gets to work in considerably more scenic surroundings, while still picking up overtime shifts at the jail — to the tune of an additional \$60,000 last year.

But the harbor patrol raises fresh questions about mismanagement by Massachusetts' elected sheriffs, who are perpetually blowing through budgets and engaging in conduct that generates unflattering head-

lines.

The Suffolk sheriff's department last year asked the Legislature for more money after it exceeded its \$130 million budget by almost 20 percent. State lawmakers cited "questionable spending practices" when they withheld more than \$100 million that Suffolk and other sheriff's offices had requested to cover overruns. The Legislature asked the state inspector general to investigate, and a preliminary report is due Feb. 27.

In Suffolk, DeCarney is one of 15  
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Life Time, a luxury fitness outfit with a Prudential Center location, charges \$349 a month for its many amenities.

## Slimmer pickings on midrange gym options

As the middle class shrinks, it's either budget or luxury, with little in between

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In Downtown Crossing, a budget gym membership at Planet Fitness will cost you \$15 a month. For something a little more upscale, your nearest option is the Avery Street Equinox, where monthly dues are well over \$200.

At first glance, it's a wide range of options. But the mid-budget choice, the New York

Sports Club on Franklin Street, has been closed since last year.

While bargain gyms and luxury health clubs abound in downtown Boston, gym-goers are finding that the middle tier is thinning out. Once a common sight, those midrange options — with monthly memberships under \$100, offering manageable crowds and comfortable amenities while forgoing the frills of luxury clubs — are disappearing.

Now, fitness offerings for the middle class seem more limited than ever.

Rami Esrawi, 29, uses the New York Sports Club on Boylston Street, one of the few remaining in the city. For a dental student's budget, it's affordable enough. But the experience, he said, has been undermined by seemingly constant headaches and inconveniences: towel shortages, locker doors falling apart, saunas inoperable for months at a time.

In one sense, it's a reflection of the fortunes of New York Sports Club, which operated as Boston Sports Clubs until its parent company

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## Here or there, turkey Sandwich is still on a roll

By Brooke Hauser  
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NORTHAMPTON — It's a different kind of turkey hunt, one that involves an investigation into the fate of a beloved bird who was taken from his trotting grounds outside Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Sandwich is his name, and he's no ordinary game.

He's a local celebrity known as "the mascot of the hospital," said Jovan Rivera, who works as a valet driver there, "because he's just always around."

That is, until recently.

Massachusetts Environmental Police is now investigating the removal and reloca-

Sandwich made his rounds near Cooley Dickinson Hospital.



tion of the bird after many in the community voiced concerns about his safety when he went missing earlier this month. Under Massachusetts law, it is illegal to transport wildlife and to possess a wild turkey without a permit.

Sandwich was reportedly stuffed in a car and driven to the rural town of Huntington, about 18 miles away. An unnamed woman told the Daily Hampshire Gazette she thought she was doing the right thing.

Meanwhile, some in Northampton are still coming to grips with news of Sandwich's abduction as stories and rumors fly.

Luis Mira, another valet driver at the

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The Trump administration said it is ending its deployment of ICE agents to Minnesota after two months. **A2.**

The life preserver Governor Maura Healey hopes to throw the MBTA wouldn't work for long, the agency said. **B1.**

What will the Sox roster look like? Peter Abraham's projection, **C1.**

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