

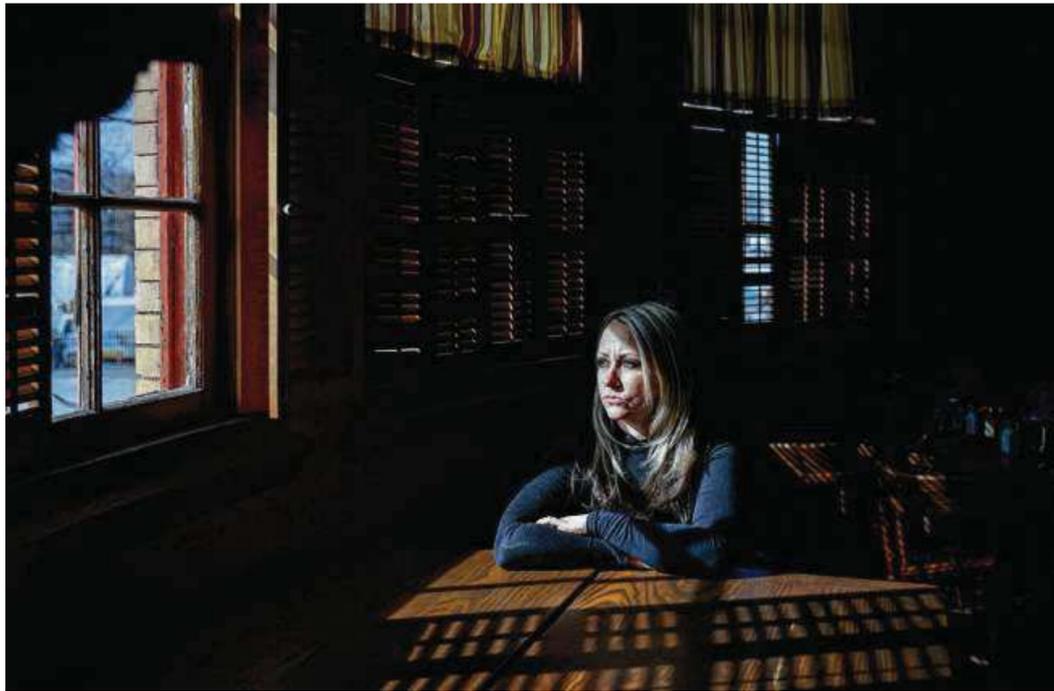
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'I always thought, well, she's in witness protection, maybe she can't call.'

SHARON HILAIRE, *Lori Jane Kearsey's sister*



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"I grew up knowing that something happened to her," said Maehgan Smith of her mother, Lori Jane Kearsey, who had married into the notorious Angiulo family in 1983.

TRYING TO UNRAVEL A FAMILY MYSTERY

Four decades after Lori Kearsey disappeared, it's now clear she was murdered. Relatives and friends wonder — did the Mafia play a part?

By Shelley Murphy and Tonya Alanez
GLOBE STAFF

Lori Jane Kearsey was madly in love. Brushing aside her family's concerns, she married the grandson of a high-ranking Boston Mafioso in June 1983. Eight months later, she vanished, leaving behind her 5-year-old daughter from a previous relationship, never to be heard from again. Her disappearance was a mystery until last year, 40 years on, when her family learned she was murdered. The body of a woman found strangled to death and floating in a canal in Davie, Fla., in February 1984 was identified as Kearsey, of Gloucester, who was 22 when she was killed.

Now, police are trying to determine who killed her and why as they delve into Kearsey's short, tragic life. The unresolved questions have haunted a family that has waited decades to find out what happened to her.

When Kearsey disappeared, nobody reported her missing. Her husband, James W. Angiulo Jr., told police he thought she left him; her family believed she joined the federal witness protection program; and some friends thought she moved to Florida, according to police and several people who were close to Kearsey.



A photo of Smith as a baby with her mother, who was 17 at the time.

"I grew up knowing that something happened to her," Kearsey's daughter, Maehgan Smith, now 45 and with two daughters of her own, said during a recent interview. "I didn't have this false hope that someday she was going to come back and we were going to reunite."

Smith, who was raised by her father and stepmother, said she grew up believing her mother was probably dead because relatives told her she never would have abandoned her. Still, Smith was shocked when police contacted her in February of last year, saying they believed her mother may be a "Jane Doe" found strangled to death on Feb. 18, 1984, in Davie, which is near Fort Lauderdale, and asked her to provide DNA for confirmation.

"I remember I burst into tears," Smith said. "I just felt like my breath was taken away from me."

Detective Eddy Velazquez of the Davie police force said Kearsey had

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Biden attacks 'ferocious surge of antisemitism'

Says people already forgetting Oct. 7

By Erica L. Green and Michael D. Shear
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Tuesday condemned a "ferocious surge of antisemitism" in the United States following the Oct. 7 Hamas attack against Israel and said people are already forgetting the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust.

Speaking at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Days of Remembrance, Biden tied the anti-Jewish sentiment that led to the Nazi effort to exterminate Jews directly to Oct. 7.

"This ancient hatred of Jews didn't begin with the Holocaust," he said. "It didn't end with the Holocaust, either."

For Biden, a self-described

Zionist, the speech was a clear assertion of his support for Jewish Americans as he struggles to balance his support for Israel with increasingly forceful calls for the protection of civilians in the Gaza Strip.

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Biden's address also came as protests against Israel's war in Gaza roil college campuses, with students demanding that the Biden administration stop sending weapons to Israel. In some cases, the demonstrations have included antisemitic rhetoric and harassment targeting Jewish students.

"I understand people have

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President Biden held a picture of Holocaust victims at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Days of Remembrance.

With pressure on, Harvard and MIT weigh their options

By Hilary Burns
GLOBE STAFF

As commencement draws near, the presidents of Harvard and MIT are facing a new test of their leadership in what's been a grueling year of near-constant tumult: peacefully resolving their standoff with protesting pro-Palestinian students.

Sally Kornbluth of MIT and interim Harvard president Alan Garber are under immense pressure from students, alumni, and faculty to find a resolution to the protests that have taken over parts of their campuses. The colleges say the encampments and

protesters are breaking rules and policies, and have disrupted educational activities and university operations, and the colleges have threatened disciplinary measures.

But so far their efforts have failed: On Monday both schools threatened to suspend protesters; the students ignored them. MIT campus police tried to keep students from reentering the fenced encampment on Kresge Lawn; demonstrators ripped down the barrier and moved back in.

The two leaders have seen

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Steward faces tight schedule to sell Mass. hospitals

Tells judge that end of June deadline may be unfeasible

By Aaron Pressman and Robert Weisman
GLOBE STAFF

Bankrupt hospital chain Steward Health Care on Tuesday said it had agreed under pressure from its lenders to sell off all of its hospitals in Massachusetts and six other states by the end of June. But the company's own lawyer warned a federal judge that deadline may be unfeasible.

Steward, which has eight hospitals in Massachusetts and a total of 31 nationwide, filed for bankruptcy Monday after falling behind on its rent and other bills. Steward Health Care chief executive Ralph de la Torre built the chain starting in Massachusetts in 2010, selling billions of dollars of the hospitals' real estate to fuel its growth — until it hit a severe cash crunch last year.

At a virtual hearing in federal bankruptcy court Tuesday, Judge Christopher Lopez in Houston said he was focused on ensuring patient safety as the chain reckons with its crushing debts: "Real people receiving real care in real time . . . are at the forefront of my mind today."

The hearing was the start of a months-long process to get the hospitals on a sound financial footing. The court must sort through all of Steward's financial transactions over the past few years and determine which creditors will be paid back, all while the hospitals continue serving thousands of patients.

During the hearing, Steward also disclosed that

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A historical dam could be history

Ipswich split about whether to preserve status quo or let the waters flow again

By Billy Baker
GLOBE STAFF

IPSWICH — Typically, what stands out in Ipswich are the historic Colonial homes. The town proudly boasts more surviving First Period houses than anywhere else in the country.

But over the last several weeks, the dominant visual in Ipswich has been lawn signs, hundreds and hundreds of them, pitting neighbor against neighbor ahead of a controversial vote that has consumed the 13,000 residents of this Great Marsh community.

The debate, as spelled out on the lawn signs, is binary: "Save our dam" or "Free the river."

On May 21, town voters will go to the polls to decide whether to remove the Ipswich Mills Dam that, in some form of another, has been in the center of town on the Ipswich River since 1637. The current 7-foot-high dam, built in 1880 and later modified to power a neighboring hosiery mill, has not been in hydroelectric use since the 1930s.

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The Ipswich Mills Dam has existed in some form for centuries.

A Russian plot to assassinate President Volodymyr Zelensky and others was foiled, according to Ukraine's security services. **A3.**

Stormy Daniels took the stand at Donald Trump's trial and described a sexual encounter with him that he has long denied. **A2.**

Newton decided against admitting out-of-district students to its elementary schools through the state's choice program. **B1.**

City slickers

Wednesday: Showers, cool. High 56-61. Low 50-55.

Thursday: More of the same. High 56-61. Low 44-49.

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Where nostalgia's always on the menu

Friendly's has had its problems over the past few years, but it still holds its appeal for those who grew up here and those who didn't, writes Brooke Hauser. **G1.**

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Daniels testifies of sex with Trump as he listens

Gives explicit details about alleged encounter

By Ben Protes and Jonah E. Bromwich
NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — When Donald Trump met Stormy Daniels, their fling seemed fleeting: He was a 60-year-old married mogul at the peak of reality television fame, and she was 27, not half his age, a Louisiana native raised in poverty and headed to pornographic stardom.

But that chance encounter in Lake Tahoe, Nev., some two decades ago set off a chain of events that has brought the nation the first criminal trial of an American president.

On Tuesday, Daniels took the stand at that trial, bringing the former president face to face with the porn actress at the center of his case.

The charges stem from her story of a sexual encounter with Trump during a 2006 celebrity golf tournament in Lake Tahoe, a story she was shopping around a decade later, in the closing days of the presidential campaign. Trump's longtime lawyer, Michael Cohen, paid her

\$130,000 as part of a nondisclosure agreement before Election Day, and the former president is now accused of falsifying business records to cover up his reimbursements of Cohen.

Daniels's fast-paced testimony lasted hours, during which she described a sexual encounter that Trump has long denied. She unspooled salacious details, so much so that the judge balked at some of the testimony, implying it was gratuitously vulgar, and the defense sought a mistrial.

The incident occurred, Daniels said, after the future president invited her to dinner inside his palatial Lake Tahoe hotel suite. He answered the door wearing silk pajamas. When he was rude, she playfully spanked him with a rolled-up magazine. And when she asked about his wife, he told her not to worry, that they didn't even sleep in the same room — testimony that prompted Trump to shake his head in disgust and mutter an expletive to his lawyers.

Daniels then recounted the sex itself in explicit detail. It happened, she said, after she returned from the bathroom where she had freshened her lipstick and found Trump in his boxer shorts and T-shirt. She

tried to leave and he blocked her path, though not, she said, in a threatening manner. The sex was brief, she said, and although she never said no, she said there was a notable "power imbalance."

"I was staring up at the ceiling, wondering how I got there," she told the jury, adding that Trump did not wear a condom.



ON THE STAND

Stormy Daniels has told her story widely but never to jurors, until now.

The testimony was an astonishing moment in American political history: a porn actress, across from a former and potentially future president, telling the world what she was once paid to keep quiet about.

Daniels, 45, has told her story widely — to prosecutors, reporters, her friends, and more — but never to jurors, and not with Trump in the room. Her appearance on the stand, which appeared to unnerve Trump and inflame the media frenzy enveloping the trial, aired his dirty laundry, under oath, in

mortifying detail.

In this context, Daniels's story is not just a sordid kiss-and-tell tale; it spotlights what prosecutors allege was Trump's criminality. He is accused of engineering the false business records scheme to cover up all traces of the alleged tryst: the payment, the reimbursement to Cohen, and the sex.

While the defense cast the

"My motivation wasn't money," she said. "It was motivated out of fear, not money."

The jury also saw the judge, Juan Merchan, scold Daniels at least twice, instructing her to stick to the questions asked of her. At one point, he even issued his own objection, interrupting her testimony as she began to describe the sexual position she and Trump were in.

Merchan, generally a stoic presence with a tight grip over his courtroom, showed rare exasperation as the testimony veered in a scurrilous direction and the trial took on a circuslike atmosphere.

He also asked Daniels to slow down. She was a rapid-fire talker, prone to interspersing her testimony with laughter and lengthy asides.

Outside the jury's presence, the judge acknowledged that "there were some things better left unsaid" and suggested that Daniels might have credibility issues.

Yet he rejected the defense's bid for a mistrial, instead inviting Trump's lawyers to mount an aggressive questioning of Daniels.

"The more times this story has changed, the more fodder for cross-examination," he said.

DAILY BRIEFING

'Monsters' in girl's closet cause quite a buzz

Eight months ago, Saylor Class told her parents she could hear monsters in her bedroom. Since then, the 3-year-old had grown increasingly frightened, often pointing at the wall where she said the sounds were coming from.

"She became more and more adamant that there were monsters," Ashley Mas-sis Class, Saylor's mother, said in a phone interview. Saylor was so "terrified" she began sleeping in her parents' bedroom.

The family home in Charlotte, over 100 years old, was purchased three years ago as a renovation project.

Three weeks ago, Class finally got to the bottom of her daughter's grievance. Unwanted visitors were indeed lurking in Saylor's bedroom: more than 50,000 honeybees jammed inside the wall, along with 100 pounds of honeycomb.

Class, who was pregnant with her third child when Saylor first became nervous, said she considered she was worried about her incoming sibling. Class and her husband, Chris, never heard sounds coming from the room, so they tried to reassure her. "We made it a game," Class said. "We gave her a bottle of water and called it monster spray, so she could spray them away."

When Saylor maintained her story, Class said, "I didn't know what was going on."

But one day in April, while standing outside, Class spotted what she thought were wasps flying "in and out" of the attic, which is above Saylor's room. Pest control told Class that they were not wasps but endangered honeybees, and advised her to contact a beekeeper.

When beekeeper Curtis Collins opened up a piece of wall next to Saylor's closet, Class said, "bees just started pouring out."

The wall had no insulation, meaning it provided "an empty cavity."

The discovery brought some much needed relief to the family.

"When she kept saying that there were noises, my husband and I got worried that the house might actually be haunted," Class said, laughing. "I would take bees over ghosts, honestly."

WASHINGTON POST



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SURVEYING THE WRECKAGE — Joy King (left) and grandchild Crystal Maxey hugged in front of King's house in Barnsdall, Okla., which was destroyed by a tornado that swept through the area. The two were looking for King's cats and salvaging what they could. One person died in Barnsdall in the storm.

Colo. lawmakers reject gun ban

DENVER — A sweeping bill to ban the sale and transfer of semi-automatic firearms was nixed in Colorado's Democratic-controlled Legislature on Tuesday as lawmakers pressed forward with a slew of other gun control bills on the 25th anniversary year of the Columbine High School massacre.

The western state has a deep history with firearms that includes some of the most high-profile mass shootings nationwide. Both factors loom large over gun control debates in the Legislature, complicating attempts at such bans that nine other Democratic-controlled states have in place, including California and New

York.

The Colorado House passed the ban in a historic first, after roughly the same proposal was swiftly killed last year. But some Senate Democrats are wary of the efficacy and breadth of the ban, which prohibits the sale, transfer, and manufacture of semiautomatic firearms.

In the face of Senate Democrats' opposition, one of the bill's sponsors asked that the legislation be jettisoned to a committee hearing. On that committee is Democratic Senator Tom Sullivan, who would have been the deciding "no" vote.

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Boeing Starliner launch canceled

NASA astronauts will have to wait until another day to launch to orbit in the Boeing Starliner spacecraft. The planned launch was called off Monday night because of a problem in the Atlas V rocket that was to send them to space.

Early Tuesday, NASA announced that the two astronauts, Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams, would remain on the ground until at least Friday.

That further postponed the first-ever crewed flight of Starliner, a ride for NASA astronauts to and from the International Space Station, which has experienced a series

of costly delays over the past several years.

About three hours before the scheduled launch time of 10:34 p.m. Eastern time, just as the astronauts arrived at the launchpad, a valve that regulates pressure in the oxygen tank in the second stage of the rocket, started to buzz at a rate of about 40 times a second.

The flight preparations continued with Wilmore and Williams boarding the spacecraft. But at 8:34 p.m. Eastern time, United Launch Alliance, the company that manages the rocket, called off the flight.

NEW YORK TIMES

Last body recovered from Md. bridge

BALTIMORE — The body of the last missing construction worker killed in the collapse of Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge in March has been recovered, officials announced Tuesday.

Six construction workers were killed in the collapse, which was caused when a container vessel, the Dali, struck a support column of the bridge. The body of Jose Mynor Lopez, 37, was recovered Tuesday, officials said in a statement. All the victims were Latino immigrants working an overnight shift filling potholes on the bridge. Police officers were able to stop traffic moments before the collapse, but

they didn't have enough time to alert the workers.

Officials said the crew of the Dali will remain on board the grounded ship while crews conduct a controlled demolition to break down the largest remaining span.

The steel span landed on the ship's bow after the Dali lost power and crashed into the bridge on March 26. Since then, the ship has been stuck amid the wreckage, the port closed to maritime traffic.

Lopez moved to Maryland from Guatemala. During a vigil last month honoring the victims, mourners raised a Guatemalan flag in his memory.

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Astronauts Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams headed to the launchpad before learning they would remain on Earth.

Tighter rules on US virus research

Comes years after COVID debate

By Carl Zimmer and Benjamin Mueller
NEW YORK TIMES

The White House has unveiled tighter rules for research on potentially dangerous microbes and toxins, in an effort to stave off laboratory accidents that could unleash a pandemic.

The new policy, published Monday evening, arrives after years of deliberations by an expert panel and a charged public debate over whether COVID arose from an animal market or a laboratory in China.

A number of researchers worried that the government had been too lax about lab safety, with some even calling for the creation of an independent agency to make decisions about risky experiments that could allow viruses, bacteria, or fungi to spread quickly among people or become deadlier. But others warned against creating restrictive rules that would stifle valuable research without making people safer.

The debate grew sharper during the pandemic as politicians raised questions about the origin of COVID. Those who suggested it came from a lab raised concerns about studies that tweaked pathogens to make them more dangerous — sometimes known as "gain of function" research.

The new policy, which applies to research funded by the federal government, strengthens the government's oversight by replacing a short list of dangerous pathogens, using instead broad categories into which more pathogens might fall. The policy pays attention not only to human pathogens but also those that could threaten crops and livestock. And it provides more details about the kinds of experiments that would draw the attention of government regulators.

The rules will take effect in a year, giving government agencies and departments time to update their guidance to meet the requirements.

"It's a big and important step forward," said Dr. Tom Inglesby, the director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and a longtime proponent of stricter safety regulations. "I think this policy is what any reasonable member of the public would expect is in place in terms of oversight of the world's most transmissible and lethal organisms."

Still, the policy does not embrace the most aggressive proposals made by lab safety proponents, such as creating an independent regulatory agency. It also exempts certain types of research, including disease surveillance and vaccine development. And some parts of the policy are recommendations rather than government-enforced requirements.

"It's a moderate shift in policy, with a number of more significant signals about how the White House expects the issue to be treated moving forward," said Nicholas Evans, an ethicist at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Experts have been waiting for the policy for more than a year. Still, some said they were surprised that it came out at such a politically fraught moment. "I wasn't expecting anything, especially in an election year," Evans said. "I'm pleasantly surprised."

Under the new policy, scientists who want to carry out experiments would need to run their proposals past their universities or research institutions, which would determine if the work poses a risk. Potentially dangerous proposals would then be reviewed by government agencies. The most scrutiny would go to experiments that could result in the most dangerous outcomes, such as those tweaking pathogens that could start a pandemic.

The World



SERGEI SAVOSTYANOV/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

PRESIDENT PUTIN, ONCE MORE — Vladimir Putin was inaugurated for his fifth term as the leader of Russia on Tuesday. In his speech, Putin declared that he would place security for Russia above all else and that Russian forces would prevail in their war against Ukraine, which he blamed on Western nations.

Belarus fires off nuclear drills after Russia

Threats from West cited as reason for tests

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Belarus on Tuesday launched drills involving missiles and warplanes capable of carrying tactical nuclear weapons, which close ally Russia has deployed there amid tensions with the West over Ukraine.

The Belarusian maneuvers began a day after Russia announced plans to hold similar drills simulating the use of battlefield nuclear weapons in what it cast as a response to statements by Western officials signaling possibly deeper involvement in the war in Ukraine. It was the first time such an exercise had been publicly announced by Moscow.

Belarus's defense minister, Viktor Khrenin, said a unit of Iskander short-range missiles and a squadron of fighter jets will take part in the drills.

The maneuvers, held jointly with Russia, began as Russian President Vladimir Putin was inaugurated to a fifth term on Tuesday, vowing to ensure Russia's security.

Last year, Russia moved some of its tactical nuclear weapons into Belarus, which also borders Ukraine and NATO

members Poland, Latvia, and Lithuania. Belarus's authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko, has relied on close ties with Russia and provided his country as a staging ground for the war in Ukraine.

Moscow has emphasized that the tactical nuclear weapons deployed to Belarus remain under Russian military control.

Unlike nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles that can destroy entire cities, tactical nuclear weapons intended for use against troops on the battlefield are less powerful. Such weapons include aerial bombs, warheads for short-range missiles, and artillery munitions.

The deployment of tactical nuclear weapons to Belarus, which has a 673-mile border with Ukraine, would allow Russian aircraft and missiles to reach potential targets there more easily and quickly if Moscow decides to use them. It also extends Russia's capability to target several NATO allies in Eastern and Central Europe.

Both Putin and Lukashenko said that the Russian nuclear weapons' deployment to Belarus was intended to counter perceived Western threats.

Lukashenko on Tuesday cast the drills as "exclusively defensive," arguing that the Russian nuclear weapons are intended to deter any potential aggres-

sion against Belarus. "This is a weapon of deterrence, a defensive weapon," Lukashenko said.

The Belarusian leader said the drills will involve the delivery of tactical nuclear weapons from storage to military units, where they will be mounted on missiles and attached to warplanes. The missile units will practice covert deployment to firing positions to simulate a response to an attack on Belarus, he said.

Belarus's opposition leader, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, who was forced to leave the country under official pressure after challenging Lukashenko in an August 2020 presidential vote, met on Tuesday with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and denounced the Russian nuclear weapons' presence in Belarus.

"Nuclear weapons turn Belarus and Belarusians into targets," she said. "The Russian nuclear weapons in Belarus raise a direct threat to lives and health of citizens of all Europe."

The military exercise was the latest development that has raised concerns in Eastern Europe.

In Warsaw, Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk called for a special meeting of the secret services to discuss alleged Russian and Belarusian infiltration after a Polish judge who had ac-

cess to sensitive state information defected to Belarus.

Authorities in NATO and European Union member Poland are investigating the judge, Tomasz Szmydt, on suspicions that he was acting on behalf of a foreign intelligence service.

The Polish government said in a statement Tuesday that "Szmydt had constant and direct access to classified information. He has also been in contact with Belarusians for a long time. This situation should be of the utmost concern."

Tusk said the meeting of the Secret Services College on Wednesday would focus on "alleged Russian and Belarusian influence in the Polish power apparatus."

Earlier Tuesday, a Polish official said bugging devices were found in a room where the Polish Cabinet was scheduled to meet. Another official later said the equipment was part of an old sound system in the building, but the incident underlined anxieties in Poland over warnings that Russia is increasing its activities against the West amid the war in Ukraine.

"Every day there is new information about various strange events that are directly or indirectly related to the aggressive presence of Russian and Belarusian services in Europe," Tusk said.

Ukraine thwarts Russian plot to kill Zelensky

Kyiv ties two of its own officials to the attempt

By Constant Méheut and Maria Varenikova
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV — Ukraine's security services said Tuesday that they had foiled a Russian plot to assassinate President Volodymyr Zelensky and other top military and political figures. Two Ukrainian colonels accused of participating in the plot have been arrested on suspicion of treason.

The Ukrainian domestic intelligence agency, the SBU, said in a statement that the plot had involved a network of agents — including the two colonels — that was run by Russia's Federal Security Service, or FSB, the main successor to the KGB. According to the SBU, the agents working at Russia's direction were tasked with identifying people close to Zelensky's security detail who could take him hostage and later kill him.

The agency's statement said the other top Ukrainian officials targeted in the plot included Vasyl Malyuk, the head of the SBU, and General Kyrylo Budanov, the head of Ukraine's military intelligence agency. The Ukrainian claims could not be independently verified.

It is not the first time that Ukraine has reported a potential assassination attempt aimed at its top leaders. Zelensky said in an interview with an Italian television channel this year that his security services had told him of more than 10 such efforts.

Ukraine's security services offered few details about previous assassination plots. But this time, the agency went to some length in its statement to describe how the Ukrainian officials were to be killed.

The services said the two colonels accused in the plot belonged to the State Security Administration, which protects top officials. They had been recruited before the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, according to the statement, which identified three FSB members — Maxim Mishustin, Dmytro Perlin, and Oleksiy Kornev — as running the operation from Moscow. The two Ukrainian

colonels were not named.

In a video released by the security services, a man identified as one of the colonels, his face blurred, describes details of the apparent plot that involved blocking Zelensky as he entered or left a building. The authenticity of the video could not be independently confirmed.

As for the assassination attempt aimed at Budanov, the services said it was planned to take place before Orthodox Easter, which was celebrated on May 5. The FSB's network of agents in Ukraine was tasked with observing and passing on information about Budanov's whereabouts, the Ukrainian security services said.

Once his location had been communicated and confirmed, he would have been targeted in a multilayered attack involving a rocket strike, followed by a drone attack to kill people who were fleeing, and then a second rocket strike, the security services said.

Weapons for the attack were provided to one of the colonels, including attack drones, ammunition for a rocket launcher, and antipersonnel mines, according to the security services and Ukraine's prosecutor general. The colonel was to pass the weapons to other agents to carry out the assault, the Ukrainian statement said.

Russia made no immediate comment about the accusations.

The apparent assassination plot is the latest in a series of attempted or successful attacks on Ukrainian figures.

Budanov's wife was poisoned late last year, according to the Ukrainian military intelligence agency, in an incident that led to widespread speculation that Russia was stepping up efforts to target Ukraine's senior leadership. Budanov said in February that it was difficult to say if the poisoning was an attempt to murder him, but he hinted that Russia was behind it.

Zelensky has been the target of numerous assassination attempts, according to Ukraine's security services. As recently as last month, the SBU reported that it had arrested, in cooperation with Polish security services, a Polish man who it said had offered to spy for Russia as part of a plot to assassinate Zelensky.

DAILY BRIEFING

Guard shot at rap artist's mansion

A security guard working at the Toronto mansion of rap artist Drake was hospitalized with serious injuries after being shot outside the residence early Tuesday morning.

The victim was standing outside the home's entrance when the shooting occurred, Toronto police inspector Paul Krawczyk said. The shooting was captured on video, he said, but the shooter fled, and a motive has not been determined.

Krawczyk said he couldn't confirm whether Drake was home during the shooting but said the rapper's team has been cooperating with the investigation. There is no indication that the shooting harmed Drake, who has been involved in an in-

creasingly hostile public feud with Kendrick Lamar.

The victim was reportedly transported with a gunshot injury to Sunnybrook Hospital, where staff declined to comment. Canadian media showed a heavy police presence outside Drake's home, with CTV News reporting that the area had been taped off with caution tape in the courtyard.

The shooting comes amid a heavyweight feud between Drake and Lamar. Over the past several days, the two rap giants have traded personal insults through songs, disparaging each other's family members, careers, upbringings, and lifestyles.

WASHINGTON POST

US repatriates 12 from Syria prison camps

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration has repatriated a family of 10 American citizens who had been stranded for years in desert camps and detention centers in Syria run by a Kurdish-led militia that battled the Islamic State group, according to officials.

The government also brought to the United States a pair of brothers — only one of whom, said to be 7, is an American citizen. The resettlement of the other boy, who is said to be 9, is the first time the United States has taken in someone from the war zone who is not an American national.

The government announced the early Tuesday transfer in a statement from Secretary of

State Antony Blinken, who said, "This is the largest single repatriation of US citizens from northeast Syria to date."

The statement did not identify the 12 people. But two officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive details, said 10 were a family The New York Times had reported on in September, consisting of a woman named Brandy Salman and her nine US-born children.

The other two, the officials said, are the sons of a man named Abdelhamid Al-Madioum, who was repatriated in 2020 and has pleaded guilty to charges of supporting terrorism.

NEW YORK TIMES

Survivors pulled from rubble of collapsed S. Africa building

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Rescue teams searching for dozens of construction workers missing after an apartment complex collapsed in South Africa brought out more survivors Tuesday. At least seven people have been confirmed dead.

Authorities said 26 workers had now been rescued from the site where the five-story building collapsed Monday while under construction in George, about 250 miles east of Cape Town. An additional 42 people

are believed to be still buried in the debris.

Rescuers had said earlier that they made contact with at least 11 workers trapped in the rubble and were communicating with them.

It wasn't immediately clear how many of those had been rescued, but five survivors were brought out on Tuesday. There were 75 construction workers on the site when the building collapsed.

Rescuers erupted in ap-

plause as one of the survivors was brought to the surface. They yelled at the man, "Stay with us!" as he was pulled out of a gap in the wreckage and put on a stretcher. They then shouted to him, "You are outside now!"

Authorities haven't given updated details on the extent of the injuries but said in the first few hours after the collapse that at least 11 of the workers rescued had severe injuries.

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Emergency personnel worked at the scene of a collapsed building in George, South Africa, on Tuesday.

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JOHN KIRBY, *White House spokesperson*

Negotiators in Cairo as Israel seizes Rafah crossing

Move cuts off aid as delegations set to resume talks

GLOBE NEWS SERVICES

Delegations from Israel and Hamas arrived in Cairo on Tuesday to resume talks on a proposed deal for a cease-fire, just hours after Israeli tanks and troops went into the southern Gaza Strip city of Rafah and seized control of the border crossing with Egypt, halting the flow of aid into the enclave.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is under pressure from the United States and other allies to agree to a cease-fire, said that while he had sent a delegation back to the talks, “in tandem, we continue waging the war on Hamas.”

A White House spokesperson, John Kirby, said the negotiations were at a “sensitive stage” and that “there should be no reason why they can’t overcome those remaining gaps.” Analysts said Israel’s incursion into Rafah might either ratchet up the pressure on Hamas to make a deal or sabotage the talks.

The Israeli military said it had gone into the city to destroy Hamas infrastructure used in an attack that killed four Israeli soldiers over the weekend near another border crossing, this one from Israel into Gaza.

The move did not appear to be the full ground invasion of Rafah that Israel has long been threatening and its allies working to avert. The Israeli military called it “a very precise” counter-terrorism operation.

Israel’s 401st Brigade took “operational control” of the Gaza side of the Rafah crossing early Tuesday, the military said. Military footage showed Israeli flags flying from tanks in the area. It



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Displaced Palestinians fled Rafah to safer areas in the Gaza Strip Tuesday following an earlier Israeli army evacuation order.

also said troops and airstrikes targeted suspected Hamas positions in Rafah.

The military claimed it had intelligence the crossing was “being used for terrorist purposes,” though it did not immediately provide evidence. It said Hamas fighters near the crossing launched a mortar attack that killed four Israeli troops near Kerem Shalom on Sunday and that more mortars and rockets were fired from the area

Tuesday.

The Rafah crossing with Egypt and the Kerem Shalom crossing with Israel are critical entry points for food, medicine, and other supplies for Gaza’s 2.3 million people. They have been closed for at least the past two days, though the smaller Erez crossing between Israel and northern Gaza continues to operate.

Israeli authorities denied the UN humanitarian affairs office

access to the Rafah crossing Tuesday, said its spokesman, Jens Laerke, warning the disruption could break the fragile aid operation. All fuel for aid trucks and generators comes through Rafah, and Laerke said there was a “very, very short buffer of about one day of fuel.”

Netanyahu said the capture of the crossing was an “important step” toward dismantling Hamas’s military and governing capabilities, and Defense Minis-

ter Yoav Gallant said Israel would “deepen” the Rafah operation if the talks on the hostage deal failed.

Osama Hamdan, a Hamas official based in Beirut, said the militant group would not respond to military pressure or threats and would not accept any “occupying force” at the Rafah crossing.

Kirby said the operation along the Gaza-Egypt border in eastern Rafah was not a full-on

invasion of the city that President Biden has repeatedly warned against on humanitarian grounds. He said Israel had described it as “an operation of limited scale and duration” aimed at cutting off Hamas arms smuggling.

Kirby also expressed optimism about the negotiations, saying Israel and Hamas “should be able to close the remaining gaps” to complete an agreement, without offering a timetable. He said CIA chief William Burns will attend further talks in Cairo with representatives from Israel, Egypt, and Qatar. Hamas also sent a delegation to Cairo, which will meet separately with the Arab mediators.

“Everybody is coming to the table,” Kirby said.

Fighting forced the evacuation of the Abu Youssef al-Najjar Hospital, one of the main medical centers receiving people wounded in airstrikes in Rafah in recent weeks. It was not immediately clear how many patients had been moved to other facilities.

The looming operation threatens to widen a rift between Israel and its main backer, the United States, which says it is concerned over the fate of around 1.3 million Palestinians crammed into Rafah, most of whom fled fighting elsewhere.

Biden warned Netanyahu again Monday against launching an invasion of the city after Israel ordered 100,000 Palestinians to evacuate from parts of Rafah. But Netanyahu’s far-right coalition partners have threatened to bring down his government if he calls off the offensive or makes too many concessions in cease-fire talks.

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Conflict puts new pressures on US weapons transfer policies

Critics say Biden’s stance erodes need to protect civilians

By Michael Crowley
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WASHINGTON — In February 2023, President Biden changed the US standard for cutting off weapons deliveries to foreign militaries that harm civilians during wartime.

Under the new arms transfer policy, Biden said countries that were “more likely than not” to violate international law or human rights with US weapons should not receive them. Previously, officials were required to show “actual knowledge” of such violations, a higher bar to clear.

A few months later, in August, Secretary of State Antony Blinken issued a directive instructing State Department officials overseas to investigate incidents of civilian harm by foreign militaries using US weapons and recommend responses that could include halting arms deliveries.

Hamas attacked Israel two months later, triggering the war



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Israeli soldiers in Gaza. A Biden administration report on Israeli assurances on the lawful use of US arms is expected this week.

in the Gaza Strip and plunging Biden and Blinken into an intense global debate about how Israel is using US arms. To Biden’s critics, his steadfast refusal to limit arms deliveries to Israel runs counter to those initiatives and undermines his goal of positioning the United States as a protector of civilians in wartime.

His policies face new tests this week. Israel is threatening a full invasion of Rafah, a city in southern Gaza, against Biden’s firm opposition.

And the Biden administration plans to deliver a report to Congress this week assessing whether it believes Israel’s assurances that it has used US weapons in accordance with US and international law.

If the report finds that Israel has violated the law, Biden could restrict arms deliveries.

Eighty-eight House Democrats wrote to Biden last week questioning the credibility of Israel’s assurances and urging him “to take all conceivable steps to prevent further humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza.”

When the Biden administration issued the initiatives last year — the White House’s Conventional Arms Transfer Policy and the State Department’s Civilian Harm Incident Response Guidance — officials described them as part of a new emphasis on human rights in foreign poli-

cy, an upgrade from their lower priority during the Trump administration.

“Part of it was to highly differentiate America’s role in the world under Biden from Trump,” said Sarah Margon, director of foreign policy at the Open Society Foundations.

At the time, people familiar with the deliberations said, the Biden administration was focused on other countries, including Saudi Arabia, whose US-armed military campaign in Yemen had killed thousands of civilians and contributed to a humanitarian nightmare.

In one of his first major acts as president, in February 2021, Biden even halted the delivery of offensive arms to the Saudis, who are fighting Iran-backed Houthi militants in Yemen. “This war has to end,” he said. Biden has since restored the deliveries.

The Israel-Hamas war has drawn intense scrutiny to Israel’s reliance on \$3.8 billion in annual US military aid, which includes bombs and ammunition that have been used in Gaza.

Critics say Biden is making a political decision to flout US law and his own administration’s directives in the case of Israel.

“In practice, it may be a policy call from the White House — but that’s not the way it should work,” said Brian Finucane, a senior adviser at the International Crisis Group who spent a decade in the State Department’s Office of the Legal Adviser until 2021. “US law should be applied.”

That law originated in the 1970s as concerns were rising about human rights abuses by some of America’s Cold War allies and as some members of Congress were angry with the Nixon and Ford administrations for giving them little notice before arming several Middle Eastern countries.

International humanitarian law is generally grounded in the Geneva Conventions and other international agreements that call for protecting civilians in war and that outlaw attacks on medical facilities and personnel.

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Preparations for global security force in Haiti intensify

US forces arrive in Port-au-Prince with military aid

By David C. Adams and Frances Robles

NEW YORK TIMES

US military planes filled with civilian contractors and supplies have begun landing in Haiti, paving the way for a seven-nation security mission, led by Kenya, to deploy to the troubled Caribbean nation in the coming weeks, US officials say.

But even as the security situation worsens and millions of Haitians go hungry, a military-style deployment that is estimated to cost \$600 million has just a fraction of the funding required.

Biden administration officials would not say whether a precise date for the deployment date had been set. The Kenyan government did not respond to requests for comment.

Several military flights, including at least seven from Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, have landed at Toussaint Louverture Interna-

tional Airport in Port-au-Prince, the capital, in the past week, according to the US Southern Command.

Contractors were being flown in to help secure the airport before building a base of operations there for the international security force. More planes carrying construction contractors and equipment were expected in the coming days.

“The deployment of the multinational security support mission in Haiti is urgent, and we’re doing all we can to advance that goal,” Brian A. Nichols, assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, told reporters last week. “Every day that goes by is a lost opportunity to provide greater security for the Haitian people. And that’s why we’re doing everything we can, along with our Kenyan partners, to advance that.”

The United Nations approved the security mission seven months ago to help Haiti, which has been ravaged by gang violence in a crisis that the UN says is pushing more than 1 million people toward famine.

The deployment was hobbled



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On Monday, Haitian protesters took to the streets to rally against inflation, the new presidential council, and gang violence.

by a series of delays as opposition lawmakers in Kenya and a Kenyan court objected. Now, officials said, the legal impediments have been cleared for a 2,500-member security force, led by 1,000 police officers from Kenya, to Haiti, where several gangs have taken over large

swaths of the capital.

More than half a dozen other countries have pledged to contribute personnel in stages. Among them are the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Chad, and Jamaica, according to the United Nations.

Benin, in West Africa,

pledged 1,500 to 2,000 people, and Jamaica offered 200 police officers and soldiers, according to letters submitted to the UN. The Bahamas volunteered 150 law enforcement officers, who will concentrate on community policing, as well as maritime and port security.

In March, dozens of members of the Canadian Armed Forces flew to Jamaica to train Jamaican officers heading to Haiti in peacekeeping skills and combat first aid, the Canadian military said.

Other countries have publicly expressed interest but have not submitted official commitments.

Thousands of people have been killed in Haiti in the first few months of this year. In late February, gangs that for years clashed with one another joined forces to take over much of the capital, blocking key infrastructure, including ports, and taking over entire neighborhoods.

More than 350,000 people have been forced from their homes in the past year, and millions more are unable to work in the face of rampant violence and indiscriminate gunfire. Thousands of inmates were freed in late February after gangs overran several prisons.

With the ports blocked for several weeks, ships could not dock, and food supplies dwindled. After more than two months, commercial flights are expected to restart next week.

Scientists find a ‘phonetic alphabet’ in sperm whales’ songs

Plan to use AI to try to decode their language

By Carl Zimmer

NEW YORK TIMES

Ever since the discovery of whale songs almost 60 years ago, scientists have been trying to decipher their lyrics. Are the animals producing complex messages akin to human language? Or sharing simpler pieces of information, like dancing bees do? Or are they communicating something else we don’t yet understand?

In 2020, a team of marine biologists and computer scientists

joined forces to analyze the click-clacking songs of sperm whales, the gray, block-shaped leviathans that swim in most of the world’s oceans. On Tuesday, the scientists reported that the whales use a much richer set of sounds than previously known, which they called a “sperm whale phonetic alphabet.”

People have a phonetic alphabet, too, which we use to produce a practically infinite supply of words. But Shane Gero, a marine biologist at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, and an author of the study, said it’s unclear whether sperm whales similarly turn their phonetic sounds into a language.



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Sperm whales do not produce the eerie melodies sung by humpback whales but instead rattle off clicks.

“The fundamental similarities that we do find are really fascinating,” Gero said. “It’s totally changed the way we have to do work going forward.”

Since 2005, Gero and his colleagues have followed a clan of 400 sperm whales around Dominica, an island nation in the eastern Caribbean, eavesdrop-

ping on the whales with underwater microphones and tagging some of the animals with sensors.

Sperm whales don’t produce the eerie melodies sung by humpback whales, which became a sensation in the 1960s. Instead, they rattle off clicks that sound like a cross between Morse code and a creaking door. Sperm whales typically produce pulses of between three and 40 clicks, known as codas. They usually sing these codas while swimming together, raising the possibility that they’re communicating with one another.

Over the years, Gero and his colleagues have reviewed thou-

sands of hours of recordings of the undersea noise. It turns out that sperm whale codas fall into distinct types.

One type, for example, called “1+1+3,” consists of two clicks separated by a pause, followed by three clicks in quick succession.

With backing from philanthropists, Gero and his colleagues started “Project CETI,” (for “Cetacean Translation Initiative”), to investigate whether artificial intelligence and other computing advances could decode whale songs. (The name is a play on SETI, the famous effort to search for extraterrestrial life; whales are also known as cetaceans.)

Steward faces tight schedule to sell hospitals in Mass.; questions deadline

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it is conducting an internal investigation into “any claims or causes of action of the company against insiders of the company,” according to a presentation from its lawyers. “This investigation is ongoing.”

The investigation is being overseen by a three-person committee that includes independent Steward board members Alan Carr and William Transier plus John Castellano, an investment banker from AlixPartners working on the company’s restructuring.

The group, called the transformation committee, also has “full and exclusive authority” to oversee financing, sales, and restructuring transactions, according to the presentation.

The aggressive timeline for sale of the hospitals was a condition of a \$75 million loan Steward needs while it reorganizes its debts. The company owes more than \$1 billion to “secured” lenders, who received collateral to protect their loans, and more than \$7 billion on long-term leases and loans from its main landlord, Medical Properties Trust, according to the company’s presentation at the hearing. Steward also owes an additional \$1 billion in unsecured debts to other service providers and contractors.

The latest loan obligates the company to conduct a rapid sale process, Ray Schrock, Steward’s lawyer, told Judge Lopez.

Under the loan terms, Steward would have to take bids on all its hospitals except nine in Florida by June 25, with an auction to be held on June 28. Bids would be due on the nine Florida hospitals by July 26, with an auction on July 30. The company has already begun seeking potential buyers for all of its hospitals, Schrock said.

“I’m not going to say we are happy with the timeline,” Schrock said regarding the June deadline for the first group of sales. “It’s not feasible.” The later Florida deadline was “more realistic,” he said.

Steward had already received

letters of interest from potential buyers offering to buy some of the hospitals, Schrock said. But he added that hospital sales typically require approval from state, local, and sometimes federal authorities.

Bankruptcy attorney Adam Ruttenberg, a partner at Beacon Law Group in Boston who is not working on the Steward case, said it was unlikely the hospitals could be sold by the end of the June because of the required regulatory approvals.

“It depends on what you mean by sell,” Ruttenberg said. “Are we talking about having a buyer identified? Seven weeks to get bidders and identify who your best bidders are, that’s not unrealistic. Or are we talking about having a sale approved and closed? That strikes me as wishful thinking.”

Boards often appoint special committees, such as the Steward transformation committee, with the power to authorize transactions and investigate insiders in bankruptcy cases, Ruttenberg said.

“It’s standard in any case where there are hints of wrongdoing,” he said.

While no allegations of wrongdoing have publicly been aired as part of the days-old bankruptcy case, the company has faced dozens of lawsuits, including allegations it has not met contractual obligations to various business partners and has failed to pay its bills.

In addition, Steward has been subjected to increasing criticism from public officials. Governor Maura Healey, for instance, has raised the possibility that Steward may have broken the law in its business dealings. “We don’t have enough to know what they’ve done, whether it’s criminal or illegal, but to me it really smells,” she told the Globe in February.

The sales timeline could be altered, particularly if Steward found a different lender. Steward is also seeking to sell its doctor network, Stewardship Health, but a deal with insurance giant UnitedHealth has been slowed by regulatory con-

cerns. “We’re still working through that,” Schrock said.

In the end, the company may retain some of the hospitals, Schrock said. Healey wants Steward to sell all of its facilities in the state.

“We are going to look at reorganizing around a smaller footprint of hospitals,” Schrock said. The Florida hospitals are the “most profitable portion,” he said.

Andrew Troop, a lawyer at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman who is representing Massachusetts, urged the judge to approve an order allowing doctors and other Steward employees to continue receiving their pay. “This is not a typical case,” Troop said. “Patients are waiting for the outcome of this hearing.”

Lopez said he planned to approve the order because he wanted doctors treating patients to “have nothing in the back of their minds.”

Steward did not assent to everything its lenders requested, Schrock said. Some lenders wanted Steward to issue notices under the US Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act that it could conduct mass layoffs at hospitals within 60 days. But Steward pushed back, Schrock said, because “we don’t think there’s going to be any closures.”

Since Steward’s cash crunch started last year, Medical Property Trust has deferred \$166 million in rent and injected \$141 million of cash into the hospital operator, Thomas Patterson, a lawyer for the real estate company said.

In Massachusetts, Steward’s hospitals include St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton, Carney Hospital in Dorchester, Good Samaritan in Brockton, Holy Family in Methuen and Haverhill, Morton Hospital in Taunton, Nashoba Valley in Ayer, and Saint Anne’s in Fall River. It also runs Norwood Hospital, which has been closed since 2020 due to flooding.

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Panel to target alleged reports of antisemitism in schools

GOP-led hearing to grill leaders from 3 districts

By Dana Goldstein and Sarah Mervosh
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School district officials have faced off with students, parents, school board members, and teachers about issues related to the Israel-Hamas war. Next will be members of Congress.

On Wednesday, leaders from three public school districts — New York City; Berkeley, Calif.; and Montgomery County in Maryland — will be questioned by members of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, which has grilled

four college presidents on accusations of campus antisemitism, helping to topple two of them.

For the three public school leaders, who are likely to face a similarly tense environment, “it’s hard to imagine a less welcome invitation,” said Justin Driver, a professor at Yale Law School who is an expert on how constitutional law applies to schools.

The three school districts, all diverse, have robust American Jewish communities. They are also in staunchly liberal areas, making them ripe targets for the Republicans who run the committee. And they have had their share of controversies.

In New York City, an elementary school posted a map of the “Arab world” that did not label

Israel, identifying the country as “Palestine.” In Montgomery County, outside Washington, swastikas have been drawn on school desks. And in Berkeley, several teachers presented lessons that referred to Israeli “apartheid” against Palestinians.

The district leaders — David Banks, chancellor of New York City schools; Enikia Ford Morthel, superintendent of Berkeley schools; and Karla Silvestre, the school board president in Montgomery County — must walk a tightrope at the hearing. They are likely to face complex questions about free speech and the point at which protest of Israel veers into antisemitism.

In addition to the House hearing, the Education Department is investigating the dis-

tricts for their handling of antisemitism accusations, after the Oct. 7 Hamas attack on Israel. Muslim and pro-Palestinian organizations have also said that many public schools are hostile to their views, whether by omitting Palestinian history from the curriculum or by limiting pro-Palestinian speech.

The congressional hearing is likely to focus on political speech by teachers, lesson plans that have included harsh critiques of Israel, and pro-Palestinian student protests such as walkouts.

While the specific incidents may differ from those discussed at the college antisemitism hearings, “the underlying issue is the same,” said Representative Kevin Kiley, a California Republican and committee member. “We’re

trying to ensure that campuses, whether secondary school or college campus, are safe for students and complying with civil rights laws.”

The Republican representatives may also use the hearing to campaign against what they see as a broader leftist orthodox gripping education, with questions on such topics as diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and discipline practices in schools.

Part of the hearing may focus on the free-speech rights of individual teachers.

At a university, faculty members enjoy broad protections for free speech and academic freedom, whether they make statements in the classroom or at a protest.

But in public schools, employers can limit free speech when their employees are on the job. And public school teachers do not enjoy the same academic freedom rights as tenured college professors; they are expected to follow state and district curriculum standards.

But a teacher’s right to speak politically off campus is a gray area.

Curriculum is another contentious issue. Schools have sometimes struggled to deal with the complexity of Jewish ethnic and religious identity. And Republicans tend to oppose curricular efforts — such as California’s push for ethnic studies — that view history through the lens of racial, ethnic, and gender oppression.

Judge in Trump’s documents case cancels May trial date

WASHINGTON — The federal judge in Florida presiding over the classified documents prosecution of former president Donald Trump has canceled the May 20 trial date, postponing it indefinitely.

The order from US District Judge Aileen Cannon had been expected in light of still-unresolved issues in the case and because Trump is currently on trial in a separate case in Manhattan charging him in connection with hush money payments during the 2016 presidential election. The New York case involves several of the same lawyers representing him in the federal case in Florida.

Cannon said in a five-page order on Tuesday it would be “imprudent” to finalize a new trial date now, casting further doubt on federal prosecutors’ ability to bring Trump to trial before the November presidential election.

Trump faces dozens of felony counts accusing him of illegally keeping at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla., classified documents that he took with him after he left the White House in 2021, and then obstructing the FBI’s efforts to get them back. He has pleaded not guilty and has denied wrongdoing.

Trump is facing four criminal cases as he seeks to reclaim the White House, but outside of the New York prosecution, it’s not clear any of the other three will reach trial before the election.

The Supreme Court is weighing Trump’s arguments that he is immune from federal prosecution in a separate case from special counsel Jack Smith charging him with plotting to overturn the 2020 presidential election. Prosecutors in Fulton County, Ga., have also brought a separate case related to election subversion, though it’s not clear when that might reach trial.

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Democrats preparing for protests at convention

WASHINGTON — As pro-Palestinian demonstrations spread on college campuses around the country, critics of President Biden’s handling of the Israel-Hamas war suggest this summer’s Democratic National Convention could be hit by protests and scenes of chaos that undermine his reelection campaign.

Already, 65-plus organizations in Chicago and elsewhere have formed a coalition to “March on the DNC” when it opens there on Aug. 19. Activists have sued in federal court, alleging First Amendment violations because the city has only offered permits for demonstrations miles from the United Center, where Biden is scheduled to accept the Democratic presidential nomination.

Protesters preparing for the convention have vowed to march on it anyway, raising the specter of clashes with police that could undercut Biden and further divide the Democratic base. They think the campus demonstrations — and broad Democratic disapproval of the war — will fuel their efforts.

Some are suggesting August’s meeting could look like 1968’s Democratic convention in Chicago, where a violent police crackdown on anti-Vietnam War protesters created indelible scenes of chaos widely blamed for weakening the eventual party nominee, Hubert Humphrey.

“The DNC is likely to become a flashpoint because these movements are going to continue to escalate,” said Joseph Geervarghese, executive director of the progressive activist group Our Revolution. “I can see a replay of 1968, unless the administration does a course correction.”

National Democrats say they’re prepared to keep the convention on track and limit disruptions.

“There will be people at this convention and it would not be a surprise to any of us if they



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GOING ON THE RECORD — Republican Representatives Marjorie Taylor Greene and Thomas Massie spoke to reporters before a meeting with Speaker of the House Mike Johnson Tuesday.

were quite visible,” said Lavora Barnes, the chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, who added, “I don’t think there’s any weakness in allowing people to exercise their First Amendment free rights to speech.”

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson said keeping protesters away from the convention site is about ensuring “optimal safety” while protecting people’s constitutional rights. He pushed back on the idea that this summer will resemble 1968.

“I want to assure people that it’s not 1968,” Johnson said. “I am not the mayor of 1968.”

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Internal revolt after Libertarians invite Trump

Some Libertarian Party leaders are fuming over the party’s decision to have former president Donald Trump headline their national convention this month, with national committee members calling on the party to rescind the invitation.

The choice to have the presumptive nominee from another party speak at the Libertarian Party’s nominating convention

has inflamed schisms within the minor party. State and local factions, presidential candidates, and critics of the right-wing caucus that controls the party are registering their anger with Trump’s planned appearance. Over the weekend, the party’s leadership debated disinviting Trump from the convention, with some members arguing there should be a vote over allowing him to attend “when over half of the membership is up in arms,” according to emails The Washington Post reviewed.

National committee chair Angela McArdle said the dissent has come from “a small noisy faction,” and the rancor will not change her plans.

“I can certainly understand that there are a handful of people allergic to relevance, afraid to confront their political opposition, afraid of losing control of the narrative,” she said, “but in 50-plus years, the Libertarian Party has never been on the main stage politically and this is an incredible opportunity for us to bring someone who grabs the spotlight and put them on our stage.”

The Libertarian Party, which believes in limited government and a free-market economy, has clashed with some of Trump’s ideas, such as possibly deploying the military domestically, expanding tariffs, and indemnifying law enforcement.

Trump’s participation in the party’s convention is a first. It comes at a time when Democrats and Republicans worry that third-party candidates might sway an expected close contest in November. (Libertarian candidates have typically attracted small shares of the presidential vote, but in a close race between Trump and President Biden, even a single-digit percentage showing can be significant to the outcome.)

Trump said in a statement that he aims to appeal to Libertarian voters who share his goal of defeating Biden. And McArdle said the speech will attract attention the party needs as it has seen a recent downturn in its membership rolls and coffers.

“We must all work together to help advance freedom and liberty for every American,” Trump, the presumptive Repub-

lican nominee, said after his invitation was announced.

But Chase Oliver, Lars Mapstead, Jacob Hornberger, and Mike ter Maat, who are all seeking the Libertarian Party’s presidential nomination, said they worried Trump’s presence at the convention might be seen as their party’s endorsement of his candidacy.

WASHINGTON POST

Judge blocks abortion rights amendment in New York

ALBANY, N.Y. — A New York judge on Tuesday blocked a politically significant abortion rights amendment from appearing before voters on the November ballot, dealing Democrats a setback as the party seeks to focus battleground races in the state around abortion access.

State Supreme Court Justice Daniel J. Doyle found that state lawmakers failed to follow procedural rules around passing constitutional amendments, incorrectly approving the amendment before getting a written opinion on the language from the attorney general.

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Boy Scouts of America changing name to more inclusive Scouting America

Decision follows bankruptcy amid sex abuse claims

By Jamie Stengle
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — The Boy Scouts of America is changing its name for the first time in its 114-year history and will become Scouting America. It’s a significant shift as the organization emerges from bankruptcy following a flood of sexual abuse claims and seeks to focus on inclusion.

The organization has made seismic changes after decades of turmoil, from finally allowing gay youth to welcoming girls throughout its ranks. With an eye on increasing flagging membership numbers, the Irving, Texas-based organization announced the name change Tuesday at its annual meeting in Florida.

“In the next 100 years, we want any youth in America to

feel very, very welcome to come into our programs,” Roger Krone, who took over last fall as chief executive officer, said in an interview before the announcement.

The organization began allowing gay youth in 2013 and ended a blanket ban on gay adult leaders in 2015. In 2017, it made the historic announcement that girls would be accepted as Cub Scouts as of 2018 and into the flagship Boy Scout program — renamed Scouts BSA — in 2019.

There were nearly 1,000 young women in the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts in 2021, including Selby Chipman. She was a founding member of an all-girls troop in her hometown of Oak Ridge, N.C. The troop has grown from five girls to nearly 50, and she thinks the name change will encourage even more girls to realize they can join.

“Girls were like: ‘You can join Boy Scouts of America?’” said Chipman, now a 20-year-



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The organization offers something for everyone today, chief executive Roger Krone said.

old college student and assistant scoutmaster of her troop.

Like other organizations, the Scouts lost members during the pandemic, when participation was difficult. After a high point over the last decade of over 2 million members in 2018, the organization current-

ly encompasses about 1 million youths, including more than 176,000 girls and young women. Membership peaked in 1972 at almost 5 million.

The move by the Boy Scouts to accept girls throughout their ranks strained a bond with the Girl Scouts of the USA, which

sued, saying it created marketplace confusion and damaged their recruitment efforts. They reached a settlement agreement after a judge rejected those claims, saying both groups are free to use words like “scouts” and “scouting.”

While camping remains an integral activity for the Boy Scouts, the organization offers something for everyone today, from high adventures to merit badges for robotics and digital technology, Krone said.

“About anything kids want to do today, they can do in a structured way within the scouting program,” he said.

The Boy Scouts’ \$2.4 billion bankruptcy reorganization plan took effect last year, allowing the organization to keep operating while compensating the more than 80,000 men who say they were sexually abused as children while scouting.

Angelique Minett, the first woman chairperson of Scouts BSA, gets excited about the future of scouting when she sees

youth council members from across the United States help guide the program by raising issues important to them, like sustainability and things that they’d like to see changed, like the fit on some of the uniforms.

“When we think scouts, we think knots and camping, but those are a means to an end,” Minett said. “We are actually teaching kids a much bigger thing. We are teaching them how to have grit, and we’re teaching them life skills and we’re teaching them how to be good leaders.”

The organization won’t officially become Scouting America until Feb. 8, 2025, the organization’s 115th birthday. But Krone said he expects people will start immediately using the name.

“It sends this really strong message to everyone in America that they can come to this program, they can bring their authentic self, they can be who they are and they will be welcomed here,” Krone said.

Biden attacks ‘ferocious surge of antisemitism’

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strong beliefs and deep convictions about the world,” the president said.

But, he added, “there is no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for antisemitism or hate speech or threats of violence of any kind.”

Biden also denounced attempts to minimize the Hamas attack last October, which killed some 1,200 people in Israel and sparked a war that has killed an estimated 34,000 people in Gaza.

“Now here we are, not 75 years later, but just 7½ months later, and people are already forgetting,” Biden said. “They are already forgetting. That Hamas unleashed this terror. It was Hamas that brutalized Israelis. It was Hamas who took and continues to hold hostages.”

“I have not forgotten, nor have you,” he told the crowd of more than 100, including some who themselves were Holocaust survivors. “And we will not forget.”

Since the outset of the war, Biden has faced criticism from Arab Americans and Palestinians who have said they don’t hear Biden talk about the plight of their people with the same empathy and emotion that he uses to describe Israel and the Jewish people.

The leader of the World Food Program has said that parts of Gaza are experiencing a “full-blown famine,” in part because of Israel blocking humanitarian aid.

Jewish groups have been pressuring the administration to take firmer policy steps to combat antisemitism on college campuses, in particular. On Tuesday, the Biden administration fulfilled some of those requests.

The Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights released new guidance to every school and college outlining examples of antisemitic discrimination, as well as other forms of hate, that could lead to investigations for violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

The law prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin, and the depart-



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ment has interpreted it as extending to Jewish students. Since the Oct. 7 attack, the department has opened more than 100 investigations into

complaints about antisemitism and other forms of discrimination.

The administration also announced that the Department

of Homeland Security would offer new resources, including an online campus safety resource guide.

Nathan Diament, executive

President Biden said, “There is no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for antisemitism or hate speech,” as he spoke at US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

director for public policy for the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, one of the groups that has been lobbying the administration for more measures for weeks, said that the Jewish community “need them implemented rapidly and aggressively.”

“President Biden’s speech today was an important statement of moral clarity at a time when too many people seem to be morally confused,” Diament said.

“Just as important as the president’s words today is the announcement that his administration is taking more steps to counter the surge of antisemi-

“They are already forgetting. That Hamas unleashed this terror. It was Hamas that brutalized Israelis. It was Hamas who took and continues to hold hostages.”

PRESIDENT BIDEN

tism in the US.”

The president promised that his commitment to the security of Israel “and its right to exist as an independent Jewish state is ironclad. Even when we disagree,” a reference to the arguments that his administration has had with members of Israel’s right-wing government about the toll the war is taking in Gaza.

The speech came against the backdrop of Israel’s plans to move forward with a ground operation in Rafah, which Biden opposes. More than 1 million Palestinians are sheltering in Rafah.

Biden made a tacit acknowledgment during his speech that the pro-Palestinian cause has resonated with other minority groups with histories of violence and oppression.

“We must give hate no safe harbor against anyone — anyone,” Biden said in his speech, adding that Jewish people helped lead civil rights causes throughout history.

“From that experience,” he added, “we know scapegoating and demonizing any minority is a threat to every minority and the very foundation of our democracy.”

But Biden largely focused on the issue at hand. After his address, he stayed to watch three Holocaust survivors, who carried photos and mementos as they recounted their memories of loved ones. They invited the audience to stand and raise black-and-white photos of Holocaust victims that were placed on audience chairs in the air.

Biden held a photo of four children to his chest.

With pressure on, Harvard and MIT weighing their options

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how colleagues at other universities took divergent approaches to their encampments, with dramatically different results. In a few cases, encampments were taken down voluntarily by protesters. Others devolved into indelible scenes of chaos and violence when police moved in.

So far, one big lesson seems to be emerging: Negotiation can help avoid the worst outcomes.

“It’s a very complex issue,” said Ed Davis, the former Boston police commissioner who has advised some colleges with encampments in recent weeks. “If there’s a way to compromise, that’s the best way to go. But it has to be a logical compromise.”

Last month, for example, students at Brown University, home to one of the most active pro-Palestinian campus groups in New England, agreed to remove their encampment after the university agreed to hear their call to divest its endowment from “companies that facilitate the Israeli occupation of Palestinian Territory.” An advisory committee will provide a recommendation by Sept. 30, which will be brought to Brown’s governing board for a vote in October.

The deal has already provoked the ire of some alumni; billionaire Barry Sternlicht called the deal “unconscionable,” The New York Times reported, and said he has suspended donations to Brown.

Davis said Brown’s resolution is a “best-case scenario” for ending an encampment. College administrators don’t need to capitulate to all student demands, he said, but they should listen carefully to peaceful student activists to see if an agreement can be reached.

Calling in police to arrest students should be a last resort, he said, and if called, they “need to come in with significant restraint, [and] it needs to be done

as quietly as possible.” At the University of Chicago, police officers arrived early Tuesday morning, surprising protesters and dismantling an encampment without arrests.

Police actions at other campuses were much more turbulent. Authorities in Austin, Texas, cracked down on pro-Palestinian protesters at the University of Texas at Austin twice in two weeks. Columbia University president Nemat Shafik said administrators “were left with no choice” but to call the police last week for the second time in a month when protesters took over a school building.

Closer to home, in New Hampshire, police arrived at Dartmouth College on May 1 just a few hours after student protesters set up a small group of tents and arrested more than 90 people, including Dartmouth history professor Annelise Orleck, who was shoved to the ground.

At the University of California Los Angeles, pro-Palestinian protesters clashed with counter-protesters on April 30 after the latter group attempted to take down a barricade surrounding the encampment. Police and campus security reportedly waited more than an hour to intervene between the two groups, which included the counter-protesters throwing fireworks at the encampment.

“The police were around, but they weren’t told to actually go in and break this up for hours on end, which is shocking,” said Eugene Volokh, a law professor at UCLA. “It seems very hard to justify.”

Police later returned and arrested more than 200 people.

State Representative Mike Connolly, a Democrat who has visited MIT’s encampment several times, said he thinks college administrators should “show more patience, more tolerance,



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Negotiations between students and administrators at MIT have so far been unsuccessful.

and more respect for their own student organizers,” Connolly said. “And work to engage these protesters.”

But Volokh said that the clash between the groups at UCLA shows the risks universities face if they wait too long to enforce campus policies.

“Universities should figure out what are the right content-neutral rules that would be applicable to all protesters of all political stripes, and then enforce them,” Volokh said.

Student protesters at both MIT and Harvard seem determined to stay put until their demands are met. Harvard protesters want the school to disclose and divest investments related to Israel; MIT student activists want the institution to end research projects tied to the Israeli Ministry of Defense.

“We are here and we’re hold-

ing fast, and we will not be moved,” said Baltasar Dinis, a first year PhD student in MIT’s Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

Faculty members at both schools have made it clear they do not want to see the violent and ugly scenes witnessed at other campuses.

“I want the safety of the students to be paramount,” said Kenneth Manning, MIT professor of the history of science. “I’m hoping the university will find ways to make that happen.”

One way could be, given how much time has passed and how close the end of the semester is, to take a more hands-off approach.

“If they are simply in an area that is not blocking other students, not threatening other students, then the university has to decide how important it is to

have those students removed,” said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

Critics of the encampments say they are being disruptive, though, and leaving the protesters alone contributes to a hostile environment for Jewish students. The Harvard Jewish Alumni Alliance has for months voiced frustration about pro-Palestinian advocacy on the campus, which they allege at times devolves into antisemitism and leaves some Jewish students feeling ostracized and bullied for perceived allegiance to Israel.

Negotiations between students and administrators at MIT have so far been unsuccessful. The university said Tuesday that dozens of interim suspensions and referrals to the school’s Committee on Discipline are in

process.

At Harvard, top campus leaders have refused to meet with protesters, which has infuriated both organizers and faculty members. By Tuesday afternoon, more than 300 Harvard professors had signed an open letter calling on university leaders to “meet and engage in meaningful dialogue with peacefully protesting students.”

Harvard administrators will not comment on their refusal to talk with the students.

Garber seemed to address some of the concerns about antisemitism in his message to the community on Monday, in which he said administrators are “troubled by increasing reports that some within, and some supporting, the encampment have intimidated and harassed other members of our community.”

Several Harvard professors and students, however, told the Globe the encampment has been nonviolent and mostly quiet.

The Harvard protesters say they’re frustrated campus leaders have ignored their requests to meet, said Shraddha Joshi, a Harvard senior who acts as a liaison between administrators and student organizers.

Organizers first requested a meeting with Garber on Jan. 10. An executive assistant said she would be back in touch with dates, according to emails reviewed by the Globe. Student organizers say the meeting was never scheduled.

“Good-faith attempts for dialogue through proper channels have been shut down, and prompted students to pursue civil disobedience,” Joshi said.

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After decades, trying to unravel a family mystery

► MURDER

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been dead for several days when her body was discovered. She likely had been killed somewhere else and dumped in an area then covered by orange groves. Investigative genetic genealogy — which uses advanced DNA technology and genealogy databases — led to her identification.

Velazquez said police have “a person of interest” and are awaiting results of additional DNA testing to try to identify a suspect.

“I know there are people in Florida who were involved and there also might be people up there who know what happened,” Velazquez said in an interview. “We need them to cooperate, to give us information.”

Kearsey’s husband told police he didn’t report her missing because “he thought she just left,” Velazquez said.

Angiulo, 62, of Cape Coral, near Fort Myers, Fla., did not respond to repeated requests for comment. He has worked for the city’s facilities management division for 19 years, according to his profile on LinkedIn.

Kearsey and Angiulo, both 21, married on June 7, 1983, in Melrose, state records show. His occupation was listed as real estate, and hers as cake decorator, according to their marriage certificate.

Angiulo was not implicated in any wrongdoing and was never charged with any crimes, but his relatives were among the most powerful organized crime figures in the region.

It was an era when La Cosa Nostra, Italian for “this thing of ours” and commonly known as the Mafia, was the predominant organized crime group in the nation and the FBI’s top priority. Angiulo’s great-uncle, Gennaro “Jerry” Angiulo, was the underboss, who ran the Mafia in Boston and was second in command of the New England family, reporting to the godfather, Raymond L.S. Patriarca in Providence. They raked in millions from illegal gambling, loan-sharking, and extortion, according to waves of federal prosecutions and convictions that decimated the crime family.

Kearsey’s father-in-law was identified during court proceedings in the 1980s as the son of Vittore Nicolo “Nick” Angiulo, the reputed “consigliere,” an adviser who relayed messages between his brother and Patriarca and helped resolve disputes. James W. Angiulo Sr., who also went by the name Jimmy Jones and was raised by his grandpar-



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Maehgan Smith held a copy of her mother’s case file. Smith said she’s “eternally grateful” her mother’s remains were identified.

ents, admittedly helped run a gambling ring that employed more than 180 people.

Eleven years after Kearsey’s death, her husband remarried in Revere in July 1995, claiming it was his first marriage, according to his marriage certificate.

Legally, however, James W. Angiulo Jr. was still Kearsey’s husband. He agreed to be removed as her next of kin last year, allowing her daughter to claim her remains, Smith said.

By all accounts, Kearsey endured a turbulent childhood. She was 5 when her mother died of a gunshot wound, ruled a suicide by police. Her father, who owned a popular Gloucester clam shack, remarried, and Kearsey didn’t get along with her stepmother, according to Kearsey’s sister, Sharon Hilaire. She quit school after eighth grade and went to live with a friend’s family.

At 17, Kearsey gave birth to her daughter, then briefly lived with the child’s father. The pair amicably separated and shared custody, according to relatives.

Later, she moved into a Gloucester apartment with her friend Kelly Fennessey. They worked as cocktail waitresses at New York New York, one of many lounges inside The Palace, a popular nightclub in Saugus.

“You had to have a certain look to work there. You had to be

kind of good-looking and sexy,” Fennessey said. Their uniform was a black mini skirt, white tuxedo shirt, red cummerbund and bow tie, and black fishnet stockings.

Kearsey, a petite blonde, was described as cute, carefree, and “a lot of fun” by those who knew her.

“She had a gift that she could talk to anybody and make you feel comfortable,” said Hilaire, of Ipswich. “She was so interested in people.”

Kearsey met Angiulo while working at the club and he “swept her off her feet,” Hilaire said.

Kearsey’s family was concerned and tried to talk her out of the marriage, but she loved him and wouldn’t listen, according to Hilaire.

“He showered her with gifts and she loved the attention,” Hilaire said.

In September 1983, three months after the couple wed, Gennaro, Vittore, Donato, Francesco, and Michele Angiulo were charged along with two others in a sweeping federal racketeering indictment in Boston.

They were charged with murders, running gambling and loanshark businesses, and bribing corrupt police officers. Kearsey’s father-in-law was not charged in that indictment but was accused of being the “straw”

owner of a 68-foot yacht and other property belonging to Gennaro Angiulo that was seized by the government.

Two months later, according to Hilaire, Kearsey showed up unexpectedly at her home, afraid and in tears.

“She said she made a deal with the FBI and she was going into witness protection,” according to Hilaire. She said Kearsey

‘FBI Boston doesn’t have any records relating to Lori Kearsey, aka Lori Angiulo . . .’

KRISTEN SETERA
Spokesperson for the FBI’s Boston office

spent the night at her home, then left for the airport in the morning with a man who identified himself as a Randolph police officer.

A day later, according to Hilaire, Kearsey called and said: “I’m OK. I’m in Florida, but I can’t talk. I’m being taken somewhere else.”

Hilaire said she never heard from her again. “I always thought, well, she’s in witness protection, maybe she can’t call,”

Hilaire said. “I always assumed she was safe.”

But she began to worry in 2001 when their sister, Shelly, was killed in a hit-and-run accident in Chelsea and Kearsey didn’t reach out.

The US Marshals Service and the Justice Department declined to comment on whether Kearsey was a cooperating witness. However, Velazquez, the detective, said the Marshals Service and the FBI told police there was no documentation showing that Kearsey had been in witness security and no record of her in their systems.

In response to a Globe request, Kristen Setera, a spokesperson for the FBI’s Boston office, said, “FBI Boston doesn’t have any records relating to Lori Kearsey, aka Lori Angiulo, in its system prior to 2023.”

The FBI has been in communication with Davie police since Kearsey was identified, Setera said, and “is poised to assist them if needed.”

Kearsey’s name never surfaced during waves of high-profile mob prosecutions in the 1980s and 1990s, including an eight-month trial that ended in 1986 with the convictions of the late Gennaro, Donato, Francesco, and Michele Angiulo. An ailing Vittore Angiulo died before he could be tried. In a related case, Kearsey’s father-in-law

pleaded guilty to running a gambling ring with his uncle and cousin and was sentenced to a year in prison.

A handful of retired agents, State Police, and prosecutors who investigated organized crime during that era said they never heard of Kearsey. While witnesses may be given some form of protection even if not admitted to the federal witness protection program, they said it was unlikely that a witness against the Mafia would have been sent to South Florida. The region was a magnet for organized crime figures, including some who shipped marijuana and cocaine from Florida to Boston.

Fred Wyshak, a retired federal prosecutor, spearheaded the prosecution of notorious South Boston gangster James “Whitey” Bulger, a longtime FBI informant who was protected by corrupt FBI agents while providing them information against Angiulo and other local mobsters.

“We interviewed a lot of people and we never heard of a woman who was murdered while applying for witness protection,” Wyshak said.

Kearsey’s friend Fennessey, discounted the theory Kearsey joined the witness protection program. She said one of Kearsey’s closest friends told her she drove Kearsey to Logan Airport to catch a flight to Florida shortly before she disappeared.

The friend, who is now deceased, said she purchased furniture from Kearsey before she left and promised to send her checks as payment. Kearsey cashed the first check, but the second one was returned uncashed, Fennessey said.

Velazquez said “anything is possible” and police are continuing to investigate all theories.

“There were a lot of things you could get away with back then that you can’t today,” said Velazquez, who has helped solve several decades-old murder cases and is optimistic advances in DNA technology could help identify Kearsey’s killer.

Kearsey’s daughter said she’s “eternally grateful” that her mother’s remains were identified because now she knows Kearsey didn’t leave her family and choose to never come back.

“I have a sense of peace that I never knew I needed,” Smith said.

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Ipswich split about whether to preserve past or let waters flow

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Today, the dam does two things. It blocks migratory fish and the ocean tides from going upstream. And the impoundment creates a 1-mile reservoir of fresh water known as Mill Pond that has become a favorite spot for swimming, flat-water paddling and, when the weather allows, ice skating.

So the question for voters is: keep things the way they are, or return this stretch of river to its original free-flowing state?

It has been a discussion that’s been going on since 2012, when the town — which owns the dam, and had financial concerns about future upkeep and liability — convened stakeholders to explore options for the site.

They discussed upgrading the aged fish ladder that allows a minimal number of herring to make it upstream to spawn, and the impact dam removal would have on the old mill building, currently occupied by EBSCO, a publishing company that is the town’s largest employer.

The town leadership ultimately chose dam removal as the option it wanted to explore, and the Ipswich River Watershed Association, a nonprofit whose mission is to protect and restore the river, took over the legwork to oversee the feasibility studies of what would happen if the dam were removed.

By last May, with the association believing it had allayed concerns about impact to the

EBSCO building and the release of sediment that could harm downstream shellfish beds, the matter went to a Town Meeting vote, where 68 percent supported a nonbinding article in favor of removing the dam.

The final decision rests with the select board, which is asking the public to vote again on the issue, this time on an actual ballot. Though this second vote will also be nonbinding, the select board has indicated it will support whatever the voters endorse.

That’s when the controversy really got going.

“We feel like this is being rammed down our throats with minimal community involvement, and there are still many concerns and an uncertain benefit,” said Eric Krathwohl, who lives along Mill Pond and has been one of the outspoken leaders of the effort to save the dam.

“This is a well-established, beautiful ecosystem, and removing the dam would severely impact recreation,” Krathwohl said. “They never gave a fair shot to any alternatives.”

But Carol Bousquet, one of the leaders of Friends of Free the River, said the dam is obsolete, and it’s past time to remove it.

“This is simply about returning our river back to what it’s supposed to be,” she said. “And it will open up new, transformative recreational activities that will allow paddlers to go from the river all the way to [Crane Beach], while improving water quality and allowing



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The dam creates a scenic waterfall, a favorite for viewers on the pedestrian bridge.

spawning fish to return.”

Neil Shea, the restoration project director for the Ipswich River Watershed Association, has been overseeing the studies needed to remove the dam, and said freeing the river through Ipswich is the linchpin for work the organization is doing all over the watershed.

The river, which starts in Burlington and flows 35 miles to the sea, provides drinking water to 115,000 people in 15 communities, including Lynn, Salem, and Beverly.

“The benefits of dam removal would be huge in lowering the water temperature and raising dissolved oxygen, which is

important for any aquatic organisms, not just fish,” Shea said.

Shea acknowledged that previous town administrations could have done more community engagement work at the beginning of the project, but disputes that an improved fish ladder was not looked at.

“They just ruled it out early on, because they weren’t interested in the costs of maintaining a new fish ladder, just as they weren’t interested in the costs of maintaining the dam,” he said.

As for what a newly freed river would look like, Shea said residents have valid concerns.

“Aesthetics are subjective, and I can’t say it’s going to look better because that too is subjective. If they like it the way it is now and don’t want it to change, that’s valid. Many people view that area as a magical ecosystem, but I’ll say this: the animals are there despite the dam, not because of it,” Shea said. “There is degraded water quality; it is not a particularly hospitable place to live.”

Those advocating dam removal often refer to one hypothetical: If the dam didn’t exist, would we build one today?

But opponents say that ignores the historic role the dam

has come to play in town.

At high water, it creates a scenic waterfall, a favorite for viewers on the pedestrian bridge that crosses the river just next to it. And the current dam is healthy and in no danger of failing, a simple stack of granite blocks that requires minimal financial upkeep from the town.

Either way it is soon to come to a vote, one that — despite the long planning time — feels a bit rushed to many around town.

“There’s a lot of claims about the benefits that feel lofty or impossible,” said Lee McKenna, who stood in his backyard, along a stretch of Mill Pond that would be transformed by the removal.

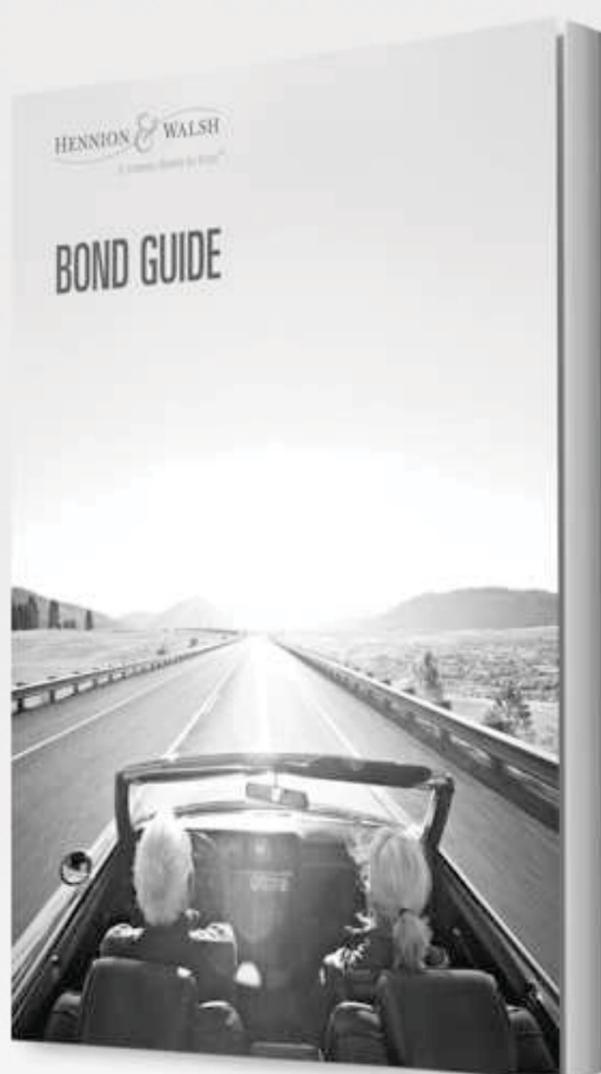
“Will this just be mud?” McKenna said as he gestured to the embankment, where his canoe rested. “I’m honestly not sure where I stand, but it feels like there are still unknowns and it’s being rushed to a decision.”

Steve Calder, another river-side homeowner who has a prominently displayed “Save our dam” sign on the embankment, said one thing is for sure: things will be drastically different if the dam is removed.

“This is a little treasure that’s been here for 400 years,” Calder said of Mill Pond. “Does it really make sense to change all this for the hope that a few fish will swim by?”

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EDITORIAL

The outlook isn't good for Wu's tax hike plan

Mayor Michelle Wu's plan to increase the tax rate on commercial buildings, which are facing plunging market values, last week drew a string of rebukes, including from the city's most respected fiscal watchdog. Separately, the head of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce said the proposal would kill the city's "Golden Goose." And now the House speaker is expressing skepticism about the proposal, which would require legislative approval. That's if it ever even gets to Beacon Hill: The City Council has to approve it first, and its members appear to be slow-walking consideration of the plan.

Maybe it's time the mayor looked for Plan B.

The mayor filed the petition to further shift the city's property tax burden toward commercial real estate with the City Council more than a month ago. The city's basic challenge is that with work-from-home and hybrid schedules becoming the norm in many white-collar fields, downtown office space is no longer worth as much. Lower values mean less property tax revenue for the city. So if the city wants to keep spending at its current clip, it'll need to replace that money somehow, and the most obvious source — homeowners — is politically unpalatable.

Wu's proposal would let the city raise taxes on commercial real estate above current limits, squeezing a bit more out of businesses just when they're in trouble. The reviews have been largely negative — including from the business-funded Boston Municipal Research Bureau, which last week cast doubts on the proposal's timing and its ripple effect.

"Given the uncertainty of the economy and the recalibrating of the real estate market, and the key role that businesses and business property play in the City's fiscal stability," the report said, "now may not be the time to further burden business property owners and, by extension, their tenants, that include restaurants, retail shops, and small family-owned operations."

Business properties already pay about 58.3 percent of Boston's tax bill, while holding only 33.3 percent of

the city's actual property value. The current business tax rate is \$25.27 per \$1,000 of value, more than double the residential tax rate of \$10.90 per \$1,000. Wu's proposed increase, modeled on one filed by Mayor Tom Menino in 2004, is billed as a temporary measure that would sunset after five years.

But as the Bureau points out, the new taxes would add to what are already rising burdens. Wu has already hiked Inclusionary Zoning requirements, which pro-

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vide affordable housing units, and linkage payments.

In an interview with WBZ's Jon Keller, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jim Rooney, noting pending proposals to increase real estate transfer taxes and costly new energy efficiency requirements for new construction, said, "Building anything new in Boston is becoming almost impossible. So you've got this situation where the mayor is introducing these financial burdens ... and at the same time, increasing spending. ... That's a curious combination."

And over the weekend House Speaker Ron Mariano, also in a Keller interview, gave Wu's proposal a resounding meh.

"She hasn't had a vote in the City Council on her petition, which I think is kind of telling. If it was that good of an idea, you'd think that [would already be] getting implemented. I don't think that there's a real appetite right now from anyone to talk about increased revenues at all," Mariano said.

And the speaker was spot on about the council's slow-rolling of the petition. A second hearing has been

set for May 30, making June 5 the earliest the council could vote — a leisurely pace indeed, given that the Legislature is slated to wrap up business by July 31.

If Wu has a backup plan, she hasn't let on yet.

In its report, the Research Bureau shared several possible approaches to ease the burden on residential property owners without increasing the burden on commercial properties. One short-term solution could be to use the excess from the city's "unassigned fund balance" — a reserve fund that now amounts to some \$1.186 billion, or 29 percent of expenditures, significantly more than the city's 15 percent benchmark.

Sure, it's a short-term solution, but as the Bureau noted, "The intent of this fund is not only to accumulate money, but to put the city's savings to use for one-time or limited time purposes. Government should not be in the business of accumulating excessive reserves."

And a little budgetary belt tightening wouldn't hurt, as opposed to the 8 percent increase in proposed spending for the coming fiscal year. If Wu really wants to mirror the actions Menino took in 2004 when the city faced a similar problem, she could surely start there. The city slowed its spending growth to 1.5 percent that year. That also signaled to Beacon Hill that he was serious about averting a crisis.

One place to look: School spending keeps going up even as enrollment declines. Closing schools could save money, add property back on the tax rolls, and put the sale proceeds in city coffers — and may have educational benefits, too.

And there's the ultimate long-term solution of diversifying the city's tax structure to make it less dependent on property tax. Hikes in meals and hotel taxes are never popular, but Menino didn't shy away from them.

What clearly isn't working right now is an effort to further burden a segment of the city's economy that is already struggling. There are ways to make the numbers work without doing that and trying to ram through a proposal neither the council nor legislative leaders seem to have an appetite for. Wu can manage the city out of this crisis — if she has the political courage to do so.

A \$19 Big Mac meal is a good thing

By Mike Ross

Returning from a recent trip, I stumbled on a rest stop with the most expensive McDonald's in America. There, I joined stunned visitors staring agog at the menu board and its pricing. Sticker shock isn't something one equates with fast-food restaurants, but the prices here were hard to believe — a Big Mac meal was more than \$19. My conclusion? This is what fast food should cost.

The economics of fast-food restaurants are a dark hole — the further you travel the darker it gets. From the farms and slaughterhouses where animals are processed, to the fields where tomatoes and other produce are grown, to the counters where minimum wage workers sell the end product — abuse, exploitation, and toxicity are rampant. In mega-meat processing plants throughout the country, barely living cows, pumped with drugs to keep them upright, are electrically prodded toward the conveyor belt for processing. Treatment of migrant workers in Florida and elsewhere by the main produce suppliers to the fast-food industry was called "modern day slavery" by the federal government, resulting in prosecutions and arrests. And in the restaurants themselves, minimum wage workers, often without benefits, earn less pay than what is needed to support an individual, much less a family. That is why fast food should cost more.

The issues with the industry are well-documented in the pages of "Fast Food Nation" by Eric Schlosser. The book has been compared to Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle," a devastating chronicle of the meat-packing industry written in the early 1900s. What is startling in comparing the two works is how little the industry has changed some 100 years later.



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What is new, however, and what should bring fundamental changes to the industry, are a trinity of converging developments: consumer action, low unemployment, and recent minimum wage fights across the country.

Consumer action has shown up in such forms as the farm-to-table movement, driven by people like Schlosser and Michael Pollan, author of "The Omnivore's Dilemma," who together are part of the Food, Inc. documentaries. Here, we see customers voting with their feet by avoiding foods that are treated with pesticides and hormones that are bad for humans and the environment. It's why organic food sales are rising in the United States and will likely continue to grow. The downside is that healthy meals are more ex-

pensive than fast food.

Low unemployment is driving hourly wages for fast-food workers to levels never before seen; in some cases those wages are higher than salaried professions such as teachers and nurses. While that in itself is a tragic commentary on our value of these professions, the trend of paying workers more, according to Schlosser, is the most important change that can be made.

"The most important thing I would change is wages across this economy — that's number one," Schlosser told me. That includes workers in the farms, fields, and processing plants, like those that form the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, who were able to bring a one penny per pound increase for tomatoes, allowing the doubling

of wages and an end to the abuses faced by these workers. Here, the fast-food industry has cooperated. Only Wendy's and its billionaire chairman Nelson Peltz refused to participate.

"That's what's wrong with America," Schlosser said.

Low unemployment is unfortunately a temporary economic condition. Wages will soon revert back to their lowest legal number. Enter Fight for a Union and other campaigns across the country to bring minimum wages to a level that can allow the lowest paid workers to survive. Here in Boston, Harris Gruman of the SEIU is working to bring minimum wages to \$20 an hour, having already successfully raised the rate to \$15 in 2018. Now, six years later, given inflation, the cost of housing, and other price escalators rising, he calls \$20 a "bare minimum."

Where does this leave the \$19 Big Mac meal? Not expensive enough.

Given the costs to society — the antibiotic pathogens resulting from factory farms; the poisoning of land, animals, and people; the costs to the health care industry and the social safety net — the costs aren't high at all.

"When you add up the real costs of this food," Schlosser said, "maybe that McDonald's hamburger should be \$30."

In other words, he said, "fast food should be expensive and healthy food should be inexpensive."

That makes the recent effort to raise the minimum wage here in Massachusetts, and other efforts across the country, essential. When combined with the changing demands of the consumer, the excesses chronicled in "Fast Food Nation" and even still "The Jungle" should one day be ancient history.

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Boston fiscal watchdog off base in pushing cuts over tax hike

As a former Boston City Council Ways and Means chair, I was disappointed to see the Boston Municipal Research Bureau's misguided advocacy for city budget cuts ("Watchdog: City should pick spending cuts over commercial tax hikes," Business, May 3).

As the bureau knows, Boston's total tax levy on all existing property can increase by only 2.5 percent a year — far less than values have soared over recent decades. So in real terms, if the city gives up a portion of what state law allows it to collect in any given year, then in practice it also reduces the city budget by that amount *for every year thereafter*.

That's the real way to lose billions of dollars fast and to undermine rating agency confidence in Boston's revenue stability.

I'd like to think the Boston Municipal Research Bureau does not intend to protect large commercial real estate interests at the expense of Boston's most vulnerable residents.

Even if the city made spending cuts, as the bureau suggests, the fiscally responsible move would be to redirect any savings into long-term pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities or into infrastructure investments, not to partially forgo tax collection. We steward a city soon to celebrate its 400th birthday; Mayor Michelle Wu is rightly considering Boston's long-term financial health with a smart temporary adjustment.

I am sure the Boston Municipal Research Bureau does not intend to propose a fiscal spiral for the city. As leader of the Boston Housing Authority, I'd also like to think the bureau does not intend to protect large commercial real estate interests at the expense of Boston's most vulnerable residents. Middle-class Bostonian homeowners and much-needed housing production would suffer without the mayor's temporary tax shift proposal, and low-income Bostonians would be immediately hurt by budget cuts.

Boston is one of the wealthiest but most unequal cities in America. The only commercial owners paying more under the mayor's proposal would be those whose values are stable or increasing. When my grandfather, John Bok, chaired the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, he believed it could be a vehicle for Boston's wealthiest to work in the interest of the city they love, not one to safeguard their own investments at the city's expense.

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Boston area gains from helix-like entwining of AI and biotech talent

I read with interest Scott Kirsner's piece on the Commonwealth's efforts to retain and grow dominance in artificial intelligence ("Mass. hustles to bring AI talent back — and keep it here," Business, April 25), and I agree that Massachusetts' historic strengths, plus supportive policy makers who see the long-term economic advantages of competing and winning in AI leadership, can position us well against regions like Silicon Valley. But as one of the life science representatives of Governor Maura Healey's AI task force, I was surprised that the most obvious advantage we have here in Massachusetts — our unrivaled scale and leadership in biotech — was not highlighted.

While Kirsner points out that a significant portion of investment in AI companies goes to those in the Bay Area, a similar point could be made about investments in Boston-area biotech companies. In 2023, a combined total of more than \$10 billion was invested in Cambridge (\$7.3 billion) and Boston (\$3 billion) biotechs. In contrast, San Diego attracted \$3.3 billion and New York \$2.9 billion.

Moreover, AI models and machine learning algorithms are becoming core to biotech discoveries and their drug development processes. As a result, AI and biotech talent are becoming interchangeable. For example, at Pioneering Intelligence, the AI initiative of biotech firm Flagship Pioneering, we have an employee who commutes from New York to Cambridge because of the unique opportunity afforded by the Greater Boston ecosystem.

Just as AI will transform industries like retail and finance, its potential to transform how human disease evolves, drugs are developed and deployed, and fundamental biology is understood makes it a crucial life sciences tool. We're observing here in Massachusetts what the "tech" in biotech has been promising.

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So many global trouble spots — where are the protests for them?

I may visit some of Boston's colleges and universities this week. Can someone direct me to the student protests, demonstrations, and encampments against China's treatment of the Uyghurs, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Iran's treatment of women, numerous countries' treatment of their LGBTQ citizens, or the humanitarian crisis in Sudan (and the role of the United States in each case)?

The only China protest of which I am aware is rage against possibly losing TikTok. Criticism of Israel's actions in Gaza can be legitimate; so too is questioning what motivates some protesters.

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'Pro-Hamas' tag doesn't fit anymore

It's becoming silly and disingenuous to claim that young people protesting on campuses are "pro-Hamas" ("At MIT, protests on both sides," Page A1, May 4).

They are making it clear — and many of us older people agree — that they are sick and tired of our military industrial complex profiting off of genocide. They are questioning the heart and soul of America.

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Deep in a hole, Kristi Noem keeps digging

In retrospect, maybe Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota shouldn't have titled her new political memoir "No Going Back." Even before its official publication this week, the book's instantly notorious anecdote about Noem killing one of her family dogs for being "untrainable" ensured that the governor would indeed be going back — back to the end of the line of potential running mates for Donald Trump.

Now part of "No Going Back" is being walked back.

Noem wrote that when she was in Congress and serving on the House Armed Services Committee, she'd encountered Kim Jong Un, the ruler of North Korea.

"I had the chance to travel to many countries to meet with world leaders," Noem recounted. "I remember when I met with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. I'm sure he underestimated me, having no clue about my experience staring down little tyrants (I'd been a children's pastor, after all). Dealing with foreign leaders takes resolve, preparation, and determination."

It's not much of an anecdote. In fact, the only interesting thing about it is that it never happened. As The Dakota Scout reported, Noem's account is not backed up by congressional travel records. Her office didn't try to deny that the story was untrue — spokesperson Ian Fury said on Friday the matter "was brought to our attention" and would be "communicated to the ghostwriter and editor." The book's publisher announced that "at the request of Governor Noem," the false anecdote would be removed from future printings.

"Further questions about the passage," the publisher added, "should be referred to the author."

So when Noem went on CBS's "Face the Nation" Sunday morning, moderator Margaret Brennan did just that. She asked Noem the obvious questions: Did you ever meet with Kim Jong Un? Why did you say you did?

The governor should have had a suitably contrite answer teed up. Something along these lines, perhaps: "No, I never met him and it was dumb to write that I did. I'm embarrassed. I apologize. It won't happen again."

But rather than meet the moment

with candor, Noem replied with a gush of empty words.

"Well, you know, as soon as this was brought to my attention, I certainly made some changes and looked at this passage and I've met with many, many world leaders. I've traveled around the world. As soon as it was brought to my attention, we went forward and have made some edits. So I'm glad that this book is being released in a couple of days, and that those edits will be in

cringe-inducing interview on another CBS program the following morning.

Why do so many politicians do this? Voters are not idiots. They can tell when an official is insulting their intelligence. Noem's evasiveness calls to mind Charles Durning's scene-stealing turn as the governor in "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," boasting of his ability to "dance a little sidestep" to avoid challenging questions. But where the Durning character was a self-mocking rogue,



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Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota lies in her new book that she met Kim Jong Un, the ruler of North Korea.

place, and that people will have the updated version."

Brennan tried again. "So you did not meet with Kim Jong Un?"

Noem blustered on. "No, I've met with many, many world leaders — many world leaders. I've traveled around the world, I think I've talked extensively in this book about my time serving in Congress, my time as governor, before governor, some of the travels that I've had. I'm not going to talk about my specific meetings with world leaders, I'm just not going to do that."

The deeper the hole grew, the more energetically Noem dug. "This book is a powerful book, it's an honest book," she declared. She insisted she was "not retracting anything." When Brennan observed that Noem must have known exactly what was in "No Going Back" since she personally narrated the audiobook version, the governor complained about "being treated differently than every other person that you've interviewed."

It was a pathetic performance — and Noem compounded it with an equally

Noem came across as humorless and fake.

Shrewder politicians can transform an admission of fault into an asset. Boston's James Michael Curley, convicted of fraud for helping two applicants cheat on the civil service exam, spun the crime to his advantage with the slogan "he did it for a friend." When New York Mayor John Lindsay ran for reelection in 1969, he called attention to his worst failures with radio ads admitting he had made big mistakes — and went on to win a second term.

In politics, the best way to neutralize a blunder is to own it, whether by admitting it forthrightly, playing it for laughs, or turning it into a virtue. Noem did none of those. The result? A political career some had thought might carry her all the way to the White House is now going nowhere fast.

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My grandfather sowed so that others may reap

In his last few days on earth, my grandfather had a single request: plant my tomatoes.

Jiddoo, the Lebanese Arabic word for "grandfather," had famously kept a large garden for decades at his Milton home. I once walked with wonder under the towering trellises of green beans and through the colorful stalks of Swiss chard. Any of Jiddoo's grandchildren has spent many hours learning about the best way to stake a tomato and gotten their hands dirty harvesting thyme or parsley for Sittee's — grandma's — summer salads.

Even into his late 90s, my spry grandfather, who died May 2, cultivated his garden. If you've driven through Milton, odds are you saw him outside tending to his yard or the garden in his tidy blue button-up and khaki pants. Summer visits were punctuated by parting gifts of peppers and cucumbers; not just a nourishing sign of his love but an effort to stave off any waste from the sometimes too-fertile plot.

That very aversion to waste made his final request for tomatoes initially strike me as odd. A child of the Great Depression, Jiddoo didn't waste even his coffee grounds — he used them as fertilizer. He cringed at the sight of a Dunkin' cup. And now he was requesting tomatoes he must have known he would never taste?

But the truth is that Jiddoo's life was defined by sowing without the thought of reaping.



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If you've driven through Milton, odds are you saw my grandfather outside tending to his yard or the garden.

His aversion to waste led to prosperity but never opulence. Jiddoo was a model of moderation, from the words he used to the resources he consumed. He listened before giving an opinion. He mended his clothes instead of buying new ones. He ate all his leftovers before giving a restaurant. And he saved when blessed with excess.

Then he gave splendidly. He quietly donated much of his wealth to cancer research, to our church, to his favorite charities, to family members starting new lives. And to lovingly spoiling his late wife. He sowed so that others may reap.

And throughout his 99 years, he had never been honored for the lives he changed, the careers he quietly made, or, most of all, the love he modeled. No plaques, no signs, no articles (minus those I have penned despite his bashful resistance). And he wouldn't have dreamed of it.

Even at the annual Veteran's Day parade in Milton, he declined to wear any hats or pins or his old uniform, which still fit the ever-slim nonagenarian. Nor would he stand when veterans were called to for recognition. He did this in honor of his friends from his hometown of Quincy who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Pacific while he used his engineering degree to honorably serve as a Naval engineer.

But in a couple months, if the rain is good and the rabbits are merciful, Jiddoo will get the only recognition he's ever wanted as his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren gather on the sunny deck overlooking his garden for a final taste of Jiddoo's tomatoes.

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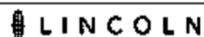
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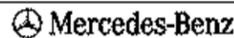
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Hope in real life



Larry Miller — a soft-spoken, self-assured man in his 70s — doesn't seem like someone who could have written the book on redemption.

He is decades into a storied career in corporate America that has included running the Portland Trail Blazers and many years as a Nike executive overseeing the most successful sneaker brand in the history of the world, Air Jordans.

But that wasn't what brought him to Boston last week. He was here to spend three days with troubled young men who have been where he has been: behind bars or facing a future of incarceration.

Here to spread a message of hope.

Miller, who's based in Portland, Ore., was in town at the behest of Roca, the Chelsea-based anti-violence organization fixture that has been working with young people involved in crime and violence for more than three decades. The people there thought his story might inspire some of the young men they work with.

Because if someone who committed murder as a teenager, as he did, can rewrite his story the way Miller has, that's a message struggling young men need to hear.

"To meet someone who's made so many changes, it says something about what's possible," said Molly Baldwin, Roca's founder and chief executive. "I think that's very powerful."

So Miller met with an inmate in Western Massachusetts, shared his story with young men at Roca's Boston office, and participated in a "fireside chat" with Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll Friday at Roca's annual breakfast.

Miller's story is indeed remarkable.

Miller was a 16-year-old gang member in Philadelphia in 1965 when he murdered another teenager, 18-year-old Edward David White, a few blocks from his home. Miller was drunk, he says, and angry because a member of his crew had recently been killed by a rival gang. But White wasn't part of any gang and wasn't anyone Miller knew.

Miller's lawyer cut a deal to have him charged with second-degree murder, and he did 4½ years for the killing.

That wouldn't be his last stint in prison, but he says it was the one that turned his life around.

Behind bars, he started reading. "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" made a particularly deep impression.

"It turned on a consciousness in me that I was never able to turn off," Miller said. "One of the quotes I like to use is, 'In this world talent is distributed evenly, but opportunity is not.'"

Besides becoming a reader, Miller became a college student. He left his last prison in 1982 with a degree in accounting from Temple University. (Such prison-education programs like the one he was in all but disappeared during the '80s and early '90s.)

When Miller left prison, degree in hand, he had a decision to make: whether to trust potential employers to overlook his past. After one discouraging job interview, he decided he couldn't. He didn't lie about his past, Miller says, he just didn't volunteer any information. He got one job, and then another job, and began a steady march up the corporate ladder.

All the time living in mortal fear that his past would eventually overtake him.

"I was scared every day," he told me.

He finally came clean in a 2021 memoir, a book his daughter spent years urging him to write. And while he is still deeply involved with Nike's Jordan operation, he now spends a lot of his time preaching to the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated, telling them that they can have a better future.

"I've met and shared with so many organizations, like Roca, that are out doing this work," Miller said. "I didn't know anything about that before this. That's why I'm doing everything I can to support as many of these organizations as possible."

Telling his truth, Miller says, has freed him from his past. He met with the survivors of his victim after his book's publication, and he says they forgave him.

Miller said telling his story has changed him.

"To see that people see the value in me telling my story has been incredible."

Roca hopes that story can be just as powerful for the next Larry Miller.

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At a pro-Palestinian encampment on Kresge Lawn at MIT on Friday, clockwise from top left: art materials, an MIT graduate student preparing a bagel, a plant holding a Palestinian flag, and a tent with medical supplies.

'We are family now'

An overnight visit inside MIT's student-led, pro-Palestinian camp — two days before police arrived

By Lila Hempel-Edgers
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After the first pounding of rain at the student-led pro-Palestinian encampment at MIT soaked the camp's food and bedding one night, the students built a gutter system by wrapping tarps around cardboard and hung the apparatus using rope.

"We're engineers," said Jessica Metzger, a 25-year-old graduate student and one of the dozens who allege MIT has research ties to the Israeli military and wants the university to cut them. "In general, everything is MacGyvered on the spot," said Quinn Perian, 20, a computer science major and one of the encampment's core leaders.

Last Saturday, Metzger, Perian, and other MIT students who assembled the camp had no idea that

► Amid campus tensions, MIT students rally to mark Israel's independence. B3.

in only two days some of what they built would become undone.

First established on April 21, between Kresge Auditorium and the Stratton Student Center, the encampment, about the size of a baseball field, had grown to some 30 tents. On Monday afternoon, the university ordered students to evacuate the area within the hour. Shortly after, police arrived, prompting students to tear down the metal fencing the university had placed around the camp.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the encampment was teeming with students. Protesters hung colorful signs along the outside of the rein-

stalled metal barriers, encasing the area in art. As counterprotesters encroached on the camp to plant Israeli flags into the Kresge lawn, students inside remained quiet and peaceful. No tents had been taken down, and protesters had no plans to go home.

In recent weeks, images on cable news and across front pages have shown screaming students and near-riot conditions as the debate over the war in the Middle East has played out on campuses nationwide. But at MIT, the pro-Palestinian encampment had been operating more like a sprawling, well-organized campsite, its residents assigned everyday duties from food acquisition to who stays awake for overnight watch.

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WHY DID THE CHICKEN CROSS THE ROAD... WEARING A HARNESS?

Bertha is a not-so-free-range-chicken. Her owner doesn't want Bertha to be cooped up, so she walks the pet chicken — this time along Nantasket Beach — on a six foot long leash attached to a

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chicken harness. Yes, you read that correctly; this is no yoking matter. There are several chicken harnesses for

sale online. "Teach your fowls to walk on a leash and find your peace of mind again," says one company. Bertha was unruffled by the excursion, munching on apple treats while her owner bragged that she lays the tastiest eggs.

Police oversight director is named

Carvalho takes on job as agency faces criticism

By Niki Griswold
GLOBE STAFF

Boston's Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, the city's independent police watchdog agency which has weathered leadership turnover and criticism since its launch three years ago, is getting a new executive director, Mayor Michelle Wu's office said Monday.

The administration tapped Evandro Carvalho, an attorney and former state representative, to lead the agency, filling a position that has been vacant for roughly nine months. The previous executive director, Stephanie Everett, left to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court last year, and the deputy director left the job to move out of state.

Carvalho's appointment also comes at a time when the agency is facing criticism from police reform advocates who say the office is not aggressively using its powers to investigate complaints of police misconduct. Carvalho, though, said it takes time to build that infrastructure.

"It may feel that the office, perhaps on the outside looking in, is not doing enough," Carvalho said. "But we have to put things in perspective and set expectations in terms of how we want to operate and what success looks like... it's still in its infancy."

The body, which investigates complaints of police misconduct, provides oversight of the Boston Police Department's internal affairs review process and scrutinizes BPD's existing policies and procedures. It was created in January 2021 after nationwide protests for racial justice after the murder of

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Newton won't do school choice

Out-of-district students won't be admitted

By James Vaznis
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Following months of deliberations, the Newton School Committee on Monday night decided against admitting out-of-district students to its elementary schools through the state's school choice program, citing a lack of public support in the aftermath of this year's teacher strike.

Superintendent Anna Nolin had recommended that the board give choice a try this fall under a small pilot that would have admitted up to 70 out-of-district students across 15 elementary schools. Each student would have brought in at least \$5,000 in state aid, injecting the district with additional money amid tight finances and steep enrollment declines.

But in the end, Mayor Ruthanne Fuller and five other members opted against participating in the state's program.

"I think the financial returns

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Senate budget plan mirrors House, adds free community college

By Samantha J. Gross and Matt Stout
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Massachusetts Senate leaders on Tuesday released a budget proposal that hews closely to the package passed by their counterparts in the House late last month, while taking some big swings on their unique priorities including covering regional transit fares year-round and making community college free for all residents.

The Senate plans to begin debate on the \$58 billion budget on May 20.

"This is the sixth budget that I've written with Representative [Aaron] Michlewitz," Senate budget chief Michael Rodrigues said of his House counterpart. "We know the dance, we know the routine."

Here are some major pieces of the Senate's plan:

Shelter system

The Senate embraced the House's approach in funding the state's overwhelmed emergency shelter system, budgeting \$325 million for the program — the

same as a year ago. That money comes on top of another \$175 million that lawmakers previously approved the Healey administration to pull from a surplus spending account to cover costs.

Rodrigues openly acknowledged that lawmakers may have to pass yet another supplemental spending bill next fiscal year to keep up with the program, which Healey administration officials estimate will cost \$915 million next fiscal year.

Lawmakers pursued the same strategy this fiscal year, twice passing \$250 million infusions.

"We do supplemental budgets all the time," he said. "If we have to address this, which we might next fiscal year, we'll address it then."

Education

The Senate had already released details on several other budget initiatives, including a plan that would make community college tuition free for all residents and a proposal for nearly \$1.58 billion dollars in early edu-

cation and child care funding.

The Senate mirrored the House in planning to renew funding for Commonwealth Cares for Children grants, money that was first put aside to alleviate child care providers' costs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leaders proposed making the program permanent and keeping its current \$475 million funding level. Governor Maura Healey's budget would do the same.

However, in an effort to make the money go further, the House's budget would limit which providers can receive the grants and would also limit how much grant funding would go to for-profit, multistate, or franchised providers like Bright Horizons and KinderCare. The Senate's budget is less restrictive.

"It is more generous for for-profit providers," Rodrigues said of the Senate's budget.

The Senate plan would also direct \$10 million to the "Literacy Launch" program — one-third of what the governor requested for the new five-year program that aims to ensure schools,

teachers, and students ages 3 through third grade have access to high-quality reading instruction. Healey says she hopes the initiative will make Massachusetts first in literacy nationwide.

Earlier this year, the Globe found that outmoded methods of reading instruction leave students struggling in nearly half of Massachusetts school districts.

Rodrigues defended the choice to fund the program at \$10 million instead of the requested \$30 million.

"This is a new initiative," he said. "It's not even rolled out yet."

Transportation

The Senate's transportation budget focuses heavily on the 15 regional transit authorities the serve communities statewide, including setting \$40 million aside to make service free year-round.

The Senate proposes spending \$214 million in total on these so-called RTAs, more than what both the House and Healey have proposed.

The Senate budget also

would not close a projected \$600 million budget gap at the MBTA, a gap Rodrigues himself called "insatiable" Tuesday. The Senate's budget includes \$174.5 million in money for the T from revenue generated by the state's so-called millionaires tax, funding that comes on top of what the T gets from the state's sales tax.

"We're making great strides in investing in transit," Rodrigues said. "Not just the MBTA, but all of our transit agencies."

Other sections

Like the House, the Senate includes a plan to close the state's oldest men's prison, a medium-security facility in Concord, which would save \$16 million next fiscal year and require the state to transfer about 300 incarcerated people there to other facilities.

The Senate plan would make changes to the promotion process for State Police, an idea Healey also included in her spending plan, and would allow someone to change the sex listed on their birth certificate, marriage record, or driver's license.

Unlike the House's budget, the Senate does not follow Healey's lead in proposing to allow the state lottery to sell its products online. Last year's final budget left out the proposal, marking a key philosophical difference between the House and Senate on the issue.

Rodrigues said Tuesday that senators have heard complaints about the possibility of online lottery games from brick-and-mortar convenience stores, which say they rely on selling lottery tickets.

"And even if we did authorize it, [state Treasurer Deborah Goldberg] testified . . . that it would [go into effect] 14 months from the time of authorization," he said. "So by the time that you can actually generate any revenue, there'd be no revenue generated in this budget."

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Karen Read (left) at her murder trial at Dedham Superior Court Tuesday. Lieutenant Michael Lank of the Canton Police Department testified during cross-examination.



PHOTOS BY STUART CAHILL/POOL

Canton officer's ties to family focus of testimony in Read case

By Sean Cotter
GLOBE STAFF

DEDHAM — Two central claims of Karen Read's defense team converged Tuesday during the testimony of a Canton police officer: the assertions that evidence of a broken taillight found near Boston police Officer John O'Keefe's snow-covered body had been planted, and that a network of first responders conspired to shield the truth of his killing.

On the stand for much of the sixth day of Read's high-profile murder trial was Michael Lank, a detective sergeant with the Canton police on Jan. 29, 2022, when he was called to 34 Fairview Road for a report of a man lying unresponsive on the lawn near the curb.

Lank, now a lieutenant, testified that he handled some evidence, including scooping some of O'Keefe's dried blood into plastic cups police had gotten from a neighbor because the suburban department, which rarely handles violent crime scenes, didn't have anything else that would work. He also spoke to the owners of the

Fairview Road home, Boston police Officer Brian Albert and his wife, Nicole.

Prosecutors allege that Read, 44, drunkenly backed her SUV into O'Keefe, 46, and left him for dead in the snow outside a Canton home after a night of bar-hopping. Prosecutors claim the couple's relationship was falling apart, and multiple first responders have testified that she had made statements after his body was found suggesting that O'Keefe's death is her fault.

She has pleaded not guilty to charges of second-degree murder, manslaughter while operating under the influence of alcohol, and leaving the scene of personal injury or death.

On Tuesday, Read's lawyers questioned Lank about his ties to the Albert family. Judge Beverly J. Cannone sent the jury away a few times as she heard lawyers' arguments over Lank's past interactions with the Alberts. In one of those sessions on Monday, Lank testified about a 2002 incident in which he fought a man who had an earlier altercation with Chris

Albert, Brian Albert's brother. Lank, who said he was a childhood friend of Chris Albert's, testified said that he took part in the fight after "being struck."

Defense lawyer Alan Jackson asked Lank if "all of this incident was in furtherance of protecting a member of the Albert family when they asked for help."

No, said Lank — he was looking to help a member of the public who was "in fear."

Asked by a prosecutor on redirect if anything about that incident was relevant to the O'Keefe case, Lank said "absolutely nothing."

He said his relationship with Brian Albert is "civil" and that they've had "disagreements" in the past.

After O'Keefe's body was discovered around 6 a.m. in a snowstorm, Lank testified that he spoke to the Alberts for about 15 to 20 minutes in their home. Pressed by Jackson, he said he did not record the interview and that he did not search the home because he had no probable cause to do so, even though O'Keefe's body was

found outside. He also acknowledged he did not ask for anyone's phones, did not separate the people in the home, and did not take notes of his discussion with the Alberts.

On Feb. 4, 2022, Lank said, he got a call from police Lieutenant Paul Gallagher instructing him to return to Fairview Road, where Chief Ken Berkowitz had "possibly discovered more evidence" at the scene. He said Berkowitz brought his attention to a piece of red plastic near where O'Keefe's body had been found.

"I photographed the piece of plastic as it sat," Lank said. He said no one touched the plastic and he contacted a State Police unit to respond. A trooper arrived on scene and "secured the item into a evidence bag," Lank said.

Read's attorneys have claimed the taillight was broken in a different location and noted during other testimony that no shards of it were found on the scene the day O'Keefe died.

Read's attorneys maintain that Read is the victim of a mas-

sive police coverup and that O'Keefe was beaten at a gathering in the Alberts' home, and possibly bitten by the family's dog.

Driven by the dueling narratives and an aggressive defense team, the case has drawn widespread media attention and forced Cannone to keep demonstrators 200 feet from the courthouse.

From the outset, Cannone told potential jurors that the trial might run up to two months. And it's moved slowly, with asides like the meetings over Lank and myriad sidebars as Cannone and the lawyers discuss issues out of the earshot of the rest of the courtroom.

After sending the jury away

again on Tuesday, Cannone admonished both sides' lawyers for having too many issues with filing and logging evidence. On this occasion, Read's lawyers had introduced a police report that had too much information the jurors weren't allowed to see, so they had to cut part of it off with scissors.

"We're taking an awful lot of these jurors' time — we're taking days and weeks," Cannone said. "Let's not squander it with repetitive evidence" and evidentiary issues like this, she said. "Let's move this case along."

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This day in history

Today is Wednesday, May 8, the 129th day of 2024. There are 237 days left in the year.
► Birthdays: Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 98. Singer Toni Tennille is 84. Actor James Mitchum is 83. Country singer Jack Blanchard is 82. Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 79. Actor Mark Blankfield is 76. Singer Philip Bailey (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 73. Rock musician Chris Frantz (Talking Heads) is 73. Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 71. Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 71. Actor David Keith is 70. Actor Raoul Max Trujillo is 69. Sports commentator/former NFL coach Bill Cowher is 67. Former New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is 63. Actor Melissa Gilbert is 60. Rock musician Dave Rowntree (Blur) is 60. Rock singer Darren Hayes is 52. Singer Enrique Iglesias is 49. Actor Matt Davis is 46.
► In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.
► In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican-American War

was fought at Palo Alto, Texas; US forces led by General Zachary Taylor were able to beat back Mexican forces.
► In 1915, Regret became the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby.
► In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe."
► In 1972, President Richard Nixon announced that he had ordered the mining of Haiphong Harbor during the Vietnam War.
► In 1973, militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.
► In 1978, David R. Berkowitz pleaded guilty in a Brooklyn courtroom to murder, attempted murder, and assault in connection with the "Son of Sam" shootings that claimed six lives and terrified New Yorkers. (Berkowitz was sentenced to six consecutive life prison terms.)
► In 1984, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the

upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.
► In 1993, the Muslim-led government of Bosnia-Herzegovina and rebel Bosnian Serbs signed an agreement for a nationwide cease-fire.
► In 1996, South Africa took another step from apartheid to democracy by adopting a constitution that guaranteed equal rights for Blacks and whites.
► In 2003, the Senate unanimously endorsed adding to NATO seven former communist nations: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia.
► In 2012, Maurice Sendak, author of "Where the Wild Things Are" and other beloved children's books, died in Danbury, Conn., at age 83.
► In 2013, a jury in Phoenix convicted Jodi Arias of first-degree murder in the 2008 death of her one-time boyfriend, Travis Alexander (Arias was later sentenced to life in prison).
► In 2018, President Donald Trump withdrew the US from

the nuclear accord with Iran and restored harsh sanctions; Trump had been a severe critic of the deal negotiated by the Obama administration in which Iran agreed to restrictions on its nuclear program.
► In 2020, the unemployment level surged to 14.7 percent, a level last seen when the country was in the throes of the Great Depression; the government reported that 20 million Americans had lost their jobs in April amid the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.
► In 2022, the summer movie season got off to a blockbuster start thanks to "Doctor Strange and the Multiverse of Madness." The superhero extravaganza grossed an estimated \$185 million in ticket sales in its first weekend in US and Canadian theaters.
Last year, The Associated Press won two Pulitzer Prizes in journalism for its coverage of the Russian invasion in Ukraine, in the categories of public service and breaking news photography.

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Wu defends arrest of Emerson protesters

Mayor says actions of police were appropriate

By Niki Griswold
GLOBE STAFF

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu on GBH Radio on Tuesday doubled down on her support and defense of Boston police who arrested more than 100 pro-Palestinian protesters and cleared an encampment students erected in an alleyway adjacent to Emerson College in a chaotic early morning scene last month.

Wu emphasized that the protesters were in violation of an ordinance she filed last year, which the city council passed in October, that “prohibits any person from camping or maintaining campsite materials on any public property or in a public right of way.” The proposal was part of Wu’s efforts to address the extensive encampment and humanitarian crisis at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.

“We cannot say to unhoused residents, you have to comply with this ordinance that is on the books for health and safety, but if you are a student or if you are for a cause that we agree with, then we’re going to look the other way,” Wu said on GBH’s Boston Public Radio on Tuesday.

But for Percy DavisShaw, a 22-year-old Emerson College senior who was one of the 118 protesters arrested on the morning of April 25, Wu’s argument and explanation feels like a “cop out.”

“It does not acknowledge the violence that was enacted in enforcing it,” DavisShaw said. “If it was just about, ‘We need access to these right of ways,’ there wouldn’t have to be that level of violence on students and to community members trying to support these students. ... They could have separated us without people getting hurt.”

Several city councilors have pushed back on whether it was necessary or appropriate to use the camping ordinance to clear protests like the one next to Emerson. But on Tuesday, Wu insisted that the city and university communicated several times with protesters to say their demonstrations could continue but the tents needed to be taken down to remove the threat to public health and safety.

DavisShaw disputed that characterization, saying she always felt incredibly safe at the encampment, and it didn’t feel dangerous until the police intervened on the morning of April 25. She also disagreed that the city and university officials made every effort to communicate and negotiate with protesters. She said the discussions were limited to the removal of the tents, and that school officials never negotiated with students over their demands, including divesting university’s funds away from companies tied to Israel.

“If every effort had been made, it wouldn’t have reached that point,” said DavisShaw. “I hold both our academic advisors, as well as the city, in tandem, responsible for that.”

The Friday after police broke

up the encampment, Emerson College’s student government unanimously passed a resolution calling on the school’s president, Jay Bernhardt, to resign.

Wu said Tuesday that city and school officials gave multiple warnings to protesters that they needed to remove the tents or risk arrest.

“The response was that the students, the organizers, wanted to get arrested and would keep the tents up to get arrested,” said Wu, acknowledging her own participation in protests in the past. “I understand that part of the point of protests and part of the point of civil disobedience that has been important to our country’s history can be to provoke or to draw attention with an incident that leads to an interaction with law enforcement.”

DavisShaw said she knew that arrest was a possibility, but, “I don’t think anyone wants to get arrested ever. It’s an unpleasant experience, it’s scary.”

Several videos shared on social media show the clash between police and protesters, some of whom were pushed or pulled to the ground to be placed in zip tie handcuffs. While Wu said officials are continuing to review all the body camera footage from the incident, some clips she has reviewed show police attempts to de-escalate the situation and give protesters the opportunity to leave.

One clip of body camera footage reviewed by the Globe shows a police official addressing students, conveying his support for the students’ right to protest and instructing them to remove the

tents or risk arrest.

But DavisShaw said, due to the crowd size and noise, many students didn’t hear those announcements by police, who she said later got violent with the students.

“It did not feel like there was ample time for any students who didn’t realize how things could escalate, to leave,” she said. “We have a student who talks about how he thought he was going to die, because there were numerous officers pinning him to the ground telling him to not resist when he could not resist.”

Speaking on GBH, Wu said there is no documentation of any ambulance transports or hospitalizations from those who were arrested, though one protester complaining of shoulder pain declined medical treatment. Several police officers were injured, she said.

Wu said officials are still reviewing hundreds of hours of video, including overhead footage from the police clampdown, but from what she’s seen, the protesters chose to lock arms and face arrest.

“It is the city’s, the police department’s, responsibility to uphold the right to express your views and First Amendment and [right] to protest and all of that,” said Wu. “Where there are some parameters is that it cannot violate or conflict with public safety and the city has an ordinance that is meant to protect public health and safety around encampments and tents.”

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Overnight at MIT’s encampment, days before police arrived

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Just steps off Massachusetts Avenue and behind the famed Alchemist statue, undergraduate and graduate students spent weeks hosting “teach-ins,” participating in rallies, and negotiating with university administrators to divest from projects that connect MIT with Israel.

On Thursday, protesters pawed through boxes of supplies as they took inventory of the encampment’s needs. Safiyah Ogundipe, a 21-year-old chemical engineering student from Virginia, was in charge.

“We get a lot of medical supplies and personal care supplies,” said Ogundipe, who scribbled down letters and numbers to record what the community had donated, what students had sourced. “It gets cold at night, so we have a lot of things like hand warmers and body warmers.”

When the rain started to deluge later that night, students pushed stray puddles from the tarp floor onto the grass using squeegees meant for car windows.

Around 6 p.m. Friday, protesters walked into the main tent to scoop chicken and rice, carried in by community members minutes earlier, onto paper plates. Others made peanut butter sandwiches or dug into cardboard boxes of granola bars, Cap’n Crunch, matzo, Oreos, dried fruit, and parmesan cheese dropped off daily by supporters.

“Everyone is dying to support us in some way,” said Perian, a member of Jews For Ceasefire, who led a Shabbat dinner before it got dark. “As soon as we put stuff on the list, those supplies get satisfied within the day.”

Nobody had forgotten that there is still an academic school year to complete. At all hours of the day, students pounded their laptops at a nearby picnic table. While administrators at other campuses turned off electricity inside encampments, there were plenty of outlets to charge students’ devices and power hot water kettles via a daisy chain of extension cords from Kresge Auditorium.

Organizers often huddled in one of the encampment’s far corners, discussing updates from the undergraduate team responsible for negotiating with MIT administrators. The weekend before, on April 27, hours after police removed an encampment on the campus of Northeastern University, MIT president Sally Kornbluth released a videotaped message telling protesters the encampment needed to wind down. Then on Monday, in a letter sent out to the MIT community, Kornbluth took a more urgent approach, writing that she “must now take action to bring closure” to the encampment, which she said was “no longer safely sustainable.”

Kornbluth argued the encampment was drawing protesters with no MIT affiliation. “This is not theoretical: Earlier this week, a group of more than 150 people from outside MIT gathered on Massachusetts Avenue in support of the encampment,” Kornbluth wrote.

One such rally had taken place that Friday. Later in the day, some students retired to their tents to sleep, but not everyone was ready for bed. At 1:30 a.m., five students kicked a soccer ball and others rummaged around the main tent for a cold slice of pizza. Prahlad Iyengar, a first-year graduate student, dragged a chair toward the encampment’s entrance to keep watch, a wooden drumstick in each hand.

The night brought several altercations with counterprotesters. At about 3:30 a.m., students peered out from their tents after someone from outside the barricades yelled, “Yo, wake the [expletive] up!” Two women, identified by protesters as people who have attempted to antagonize pro-Palestinians multiple times, stumbled into the encampment, drunk, minutes later.

Mohamed Mohamed, a 24-year-old graduate student, offered the women water and a place to stay. It wasn’t the first time they had showed up late at night, said Mohamed, who said

he worried about whether they’d get home safely.

Combat boots, sneakers, and Crocs dotted the grass outside. Inside, students laid atop inflatable sleeping pads, wrapped in donated blankets. As the sun rose, the light revealed mended holes in some of the tents’ exteriors.

“We’ve been donated a lot of tents that have pieces missing,” said Metzger, the graduate student. “We’ve learned how to work with tarps and how to use them as rain flies.”

Before 8 a.m., members of the community started streaming in with armloads of food that included paper bags of bagels, tubs of cream cheese, bundles of bananas, and freshly baked rugelach.

From the direction of Massachusetts Avenue, 59-year-old Brookline resident Ted Lewis hopped off his bike and walked through the entrance of the encampment. “I just want to let you all know I’m Jewish, and so many of us support what you guys are doing,” he said. “You’re putting the spotlight on the atrocities my tax dollars are supporting.”

Between 2020 and 2024, MIT reported receiving \$2.8 million in grants, gifts, and contracts from Israeli entities, according to data from the US Department of Education. While the university has declined to provide further information regarding its Israeli ties, protesters allege that the school receives money from Israel’s Ministry of Defense for research and is actively involved in a project that works to enhance drones’ ability to track moving targets, a resource students claim will be used to surveil protesters in Gaza and the United States.

Late Saturday morning, a child in a blue tutu ran into the encampment with her dad, Dan Zeno, a graduate student. Zoey, 5, is known as the “princess of the camp,” he said.

Zoey took two students by the hand, dragging them behind her as she weaved through a cluster of tents. She plopped down and dumped out the contents of her sparkly purse, revealing a tiny pair of pink sunglasses, a ribbon, and a miniature Etch A Sketch. It would be one of Zoey’s last visits to the encampment before the students she had gotten to know linked arms and formed a human chain before police.

By Monday afternoon, word of the encampment’s imminent demise rippled through the community. At about 1:30 p.m., students within the metal barriers were presented with letters from administrators who ordered the camp be packed up within the hour. Minutes before, several officers had begun guarding the encampment’s entrance.

Zeno wrapped his fingers around the perimeter of the fence as students scrambled to carry their belongings out of the encampment. A table outside Stratton sat piled high with supplies, including thermometers and jars of jelly, which protesters had spent weeks accumulating.

Metzger and Iyengar, among a small group of protesters who attempted to occupy the William Barton Rogers building around 3:45 p.m., sat on the Lobby 7 steps with their arms linked. Gripping a box of apples, peanuts, and bananas, Perian raced up the stairs toward his friends.

On the lawn of Kresge Auditorium, Ogundipe walked down a line of protesters that had formed a human chain around the encampment. She held a large printed QR code, pausing so students could scan it for information on what to do in the event they were arrested.

Zeno stood a few feet from the crowd, holding his head in his hands as protesters braced for the police. Two students appeared at his side, placing hands on his shoulders to offer support.

“I will miss this place if they proceed with the sweep,” Zeno said, “but we are family now. We will fight together for the rest of our lives.”

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Attendees of the MIT Israel Day celebration put American flags with Israeli flags near a pro-Palestine encampment Tuesday.

MIT students mark Israel’s independence

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CAMBRIDGE — A metal fence served as a dividing line Tuesday at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as an annual MIT Israel Day celebration began on Kresge Lawn just feet from a pro-Palestinian encampment that officials tried unsuccessfully to close down the day before, and some student protesters from the camp reportedly faced suspension.

With the lawn staged for dueling demonstrations, police stood before Stratton Student Center, keeping their distance from both groups. Organizers of the 4 p.m. Israeli celebration set up a table with a large speaker, a microphone, and a stereo. Attendees filled their plates with pita, shawarma, and Israeli salad.

“Under the circumstances, it’s very good to show that we are independent and that we are proud,” Dvir Harris, an MIT student and one of the event organizers, said. “We won’t let anyone push us away.”

Harris joked that everyone in the encampment would soon be “expelled or suspended.” They should “come join us” while they can, he said. “Hopefully, in the very near future, you’re going to see this encampment go down.”

Earlier Tuesday, MIT’s chancellor, Melissa Nobles, said in a message to all students that “dozens of interim suspensions and referrals to the Committee

on Discipline are now in process” following the pro-Palestinian protesters’ refusal Monday to leave the encampment, which led to students clashing with police and knocking down a barrier wall around the camp.

“As we said previously, these actions are necessary to ensure the safety of our community,” Nobles said.

Encampment organizers said Tuesday that they were not aware of any students who had been notified of suspensions or other disciplinary actions.

The MIT Israel Alliance said in a statement that its celebration is “an annual event held on Kresge Oval to celebrate the formation of the State of Israel, and with it the resurrection of Jewish self-determination in our ancestral homeland.”

The group said this year’s observance is especially important, as it follows the Oct. 7 Hamas attack that killed about 1,200 people, mostly civilians, in Israel. Hamas also took roughly 250 hostages.

Israel has responded with a relentless campaign that has killed more than 34,000 people in Gaza, according to local health authorities, and sparked protests and pro-Palestinian encampments at MIT and other universities around the country.

The alliance said that while Israel’s Independence Day comes on May 14, this year’s event was booked months in advance to accommodate an MIT scheduling conflict. But the encampment changes the equa-

tion.

“An illicit encampment has overrun the Kresge area, and for weeks continues to chant for our death and the destruction of Israel, and pledge support to terror and violence,” the alliance said. “But the Jewish people have a long history of facing down bigotry and hate, and here again we refuse to be pushed aside by hateful and violent rhetoric.”

An MIT spokesperson said the university appreciates “that organizers of MIT Israel Day followed the Institute’s processes in organizing their event for today, and MIT police and emergency personnel have arranged space for the event on a portion of the lawn and an adjacent part of campus.”

State Senator Becca Rausch told the crowd she was grateful to be at the celebration. “You are not alone; you are loved; you have support,” Rausch said. “I’m so honored to be here with you, to be Jewish and proud and connected to Israel.”

Eitan Moore, an MIT sophomore and co-president of the MIT Israel Alliance, said the weeks since the encampment was set up have been “difficult” for Jewish and Israeli students. Moore said “violent,” anti-Zionist chants emanating from the encampment can be heard in nearby dorms. “That’s made me uncomfortable,” he said.

On Monday, protesters shut down Massachusetts Avenue at rush hour, clashed with police, and tore down a fence surround-

ing the encampment, hours after the university’s president gave demonstrators a 2:30 p.m. deadline to leave the site.

By Monday evening, the university’s effort to close the encampment had stalled; protesters had ripped down the tall, opaque fence the university had used to enclose the area, and about 25 tents and hundreds of protesters remained.

There were no arrests Monday, according to MIT and Cambridge police.

At Harvard University, the dean of student services and several security officers tried to check the student ID cards of participants in an encampment there early Tuesday afternoon but were blocked by a group of students, faculty, and staff, according to a statement from the student group Harvard Out of Occupied Palestine.

A short time later, Harvard Yard was mostly quiet, as a daily pro-Israel counterprotest moved through the campus, with about a dozen people holding Israeli and American flags as they marched around University Hall and circled the encampment, singing in Hebrew.

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Firm is fined \$447,000 in worker's death

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An East Boston firm has been fined \$447,000 after an employee fell 29 stories to his death when two safety lines broke while he was preparing to wash the windows of a downtown Boston high-rise in October, workplace safety officials said.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Sky Safety Inc. for two willful, four serious, and two repeat violations of workplace safety standards in the death of Nicholas J. Marks on Oct. 23, 2023. It was

the largest fine imposed on a Massachusetts business this fiscal year, OSHA said.

Marks, 40, was preparing to wash the windows of 100 Summer St. and was climbing into a bosun's chair when the "anchor line snapped," an OSHA investigator wrote in a report. "During the fall, the lifeline snapped, and the employee fell to the ground level below."

At the time, three ropes could be seen hanging from one side of the building and a fourth that appeared to have snapped was visible about 16 floors up.

"To ensure the safety of em-

ployees who work at heights, employers like Sky Safety Inc. must make their responsibility to provide comprehensive training on inspecting rope descent systems and fall protection equipment and components before each use an absolute priority," OSHA regional administrator Galen Blanton said in a statement.

Sky Safety could not immediately be reached for comment.

While operating under a different corporate name of Hi-Rise Inc., the employer was cited in May 2019 for safety equipment violations while an em-

ployee was working on the McCormack State Office Building in downtown Boston and in August 2013 at 1 Congress St.

In the 2019 incident, OSHA found that a "rope used to provide fall protection to an employee was badly damaged. It had not been removed from service" and that "rope descent system rope was not protected against damage from rough and narrow wall and angle iron surfaces."

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School committee in Newton rejects trying choice plan

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are quite limited and actually questionable," Fuller said, echoing a sentiment shared by other members.

Some members cast their votes with mixed feelings, pointing to widespread public opposition. The committee received dozens of communications from residents opposed to school choice.

"I think that trying school choice is probably the right thing to do and I think we failed to gain our community's trust in the aftermath of the strike," said member Amy Davenport, who decided against joining the program.

"Our primary goal has to be getting more Newton families to choose Newton," she added. "And I don't think we will achieve that by further dividing the community right now."

The district has lost more than 1,000 students over the last five years.

The committee had been talking about joining the program since at least January, when state education officials took part in a presentation about the program. Weeks later the district found itself enmeshed in a two-week teacher strike.

Only Chair Christopher Brezski supported joining the state program, although he proposed scaling back Nolin's recommendation to 30 students. Member Anping Shen abstained.

"I think this can be done in a reasonable risk mitigation way," Brezski said.

The program would have operated separately from METCO, the voluntary racial integration program that allows Boston students to attend Newton and other suburban districts, which could have provided unsuccessful applicants for that program another way into Newton.

Newton expected most students would have come from Boston, Watertown, and Waltham because of their proximity.

The state's school choice program, which began in the mid-1990s, has long been controversial. In order to fund the program, the state redirects aid from districts losing students to those districts that the students choose to attend.

State law automatically enrolls districts in the program, and each year school committees across the state can vote to opt out. Most of the state's more than 300 districts participate in the program, which currently involves more than 17,500 students statewide and the reshuffling of \$130 million in state aid.

However, most districts in Greater Boston have kept their doors closed to school choice, according to a Globe analysis.

Among the big financial unknowns for Newton was whether the state aid that comes with

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AMY DAVENPORT, *Newton School Committee member who voted against school choice*

students would fully cover their educational costs, especially for students with disabilities. The state provides incremental increases in state aid depending upon the complexity of a student's disability.

"I still see a significant potential downside on the financial side," said Rajeev Parlikar, a Newton School Committee member. "Except for the small number of significantly under-enrolled elementary school classes that we have, I see no educational upside."

Emily Prenner, the committee's vice chair, said she doesn't like how school choice creates a system of winners and losers, as some districts benefit financially from other districts losing students to them.

"We need additional funding ... but I don't think school choice is the way to do it," said Prenner.

Nolin continued to advocate for her recommendation up until the committee voted.

"I have optimistic feelings about this program because I successfully ran it in my district for a long time, and it was really life-changing money for us to do programmatic additions," said Nolin, referring to her time as superintendent of Natick Public Schools.

Natick, however, opted against accepting new school choice students for the current school year.

During public comment, one speaker raised concerns about Newton taking part in the program. Robin Boger, who has two grandchildren in Newton schools, said she believed the superintendent's recommendation requires a more in-depth analysis before moving forward, noting the costs of educating choice students could change over time as they progress into middle and high school.

"How will we be able to evaluate the ultimate cost benefits of opening Newton up to school choice if we cannot identify and quantify the very real deferred costs associated with increased enrollment?" Boger said.

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TAKE A SEAT — A woman enjoyed the nice weather while relaxing in a chair along the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Sumner Tunnel to close for repairs starting July 5

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The Sumner Tunnel will be closed for a month starting July 5, state transportation officials announced Tuesday, to allow for more repairs of the 90-year-old structure.

The closure, which will last half as long as originally planned, follows two years of weekend closures and a two-month shutdown of the tunnel last summer that brought major traffic headaches to the area. When the tunnel reopens after this summer's one-month closure in early August, weekend closures will continue until at least October, and possibly until Thanksgiving, said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver.

The tunnel carries about 40,000 vehicles a day from East Boston, under the harbor, and into downtown, according to MassDOT.

"We strongly encourage travelers to plan your trips and use public transportation as much as possible," said Gulliver.

The adjacent Callahan Tunnel, which carries vehicles in the opposite direction, from Boston's North End to East Boston, will remain open throughout the summer.

Gulliver acknowledged the closure of the Sumner Tunnel will cause major traffic problems in East Boston, including at Logan International Airport, but officials said it is the fastest way for the renovation to be completed safely.

"I'd recommend anybody who is going to the airport to allow a lot of extra time to get there," Gulliver said. "You should expect heavy traffic especially on those heavy travel days. But even if you're traveling off peak hours, you should expect heavier-than-normal traffic."

While they worked well last summer, the alternative detour routes will be adjusted to incorporate lessons learned during the previous closure, officials said.

During last summer's two-month closure of the tunnel, the MBTA provided more frequent service on the Blue and Orange lines and free or discounted fares on the Blue Line, commuter rail, nearby buses, and The Ride paratransit service, and ferry. The agency estimated at the time that the mitigation efforts would cost the agency \$6.1 million.

MBTA General Manager Philip Eng said the same benefits will be in place during this sum-

mer's closure, including fare-free service on the Blue Line, free or reduced ferry rides and commuter rail rides on the Newburyport/Rockport line, fare-free service on some buses in Chelsea and some paratransit trips, and discounts on parking at some MBTA lots.

The agency spent about \$7 million on mitigation efforts for the tunnel closure in 2023 and expects to spend around \$3.5 million on this summer's measures.

Since last summer, the Department of Transportation has not answered questions about whether the state will reimburse the MBTA for those costs.

On Tuesday, Secretary of Transportation Monica Tibbitts-Nutt said the agency is still "working through that." She said she could have an answer about whether or not the MBTA would be reimbursed in the "next few months."

The MBTA is facing an estimated \$628 million operating budget deficit come July that is expected to balloon to nearly \$900 million by 2028. Neither Governor Maura Healey's funding proposal for the upcoming fiscal year nor the Massachusetts House of Representatives' proposal provide enough funding to

close the MBTA's projected budget gap.

Adding services during state highway projects has historically cost the MBTA and contributed to the agency's financial troubles. According to recent board presentations by the agency, the T will be paying off its debt for mitigation activities until 2041 for another major highway project: The Big Dig.

During last year's two-month Sumner Tunnel closure, the MBTA estimates that 10 percent of the 40,000 diverted drivers opted to take public transit instead of drive, while 77 percent drove on different routes and 14 percent did not travel. Transit saw the biggest influx of riders on the weekends of the closure, when Blue Line ridership increased 13 percent, Orange Line ridership went up 23 percent, and Newburyport/Rockport commuter rail ridership jumped 41 percent.

This summer's closure will be half as long, thanks to progress made during weekend shutdowns this spring, said Gulliver, and will focus on the surface of the road inside the tunnel.

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Ex-lawmaker Carvalho to lead city's police accountability office

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George Floyd. It was the top recommendation of an 11-member police reform task force appointed by then-Mayor Martin J. Walsh in June 2020.

The agency is made up of a nine-member Civilian Review Board and a five-member Internal Affairs Oversight Panel, which reviews department-issued discipline reports. It replaced a previous civilian oversight board, the Community Ombudsman Opportunity Panel, which existed within the Police Department, which once went three years without issuing a report, a year without meeting, and at one point saw its membership dwindle to a single person.

But since its creation, the agency's work has not resulted in any disciplinary action against officers who are the subject of complaints the agency has reviewed, according to its dashboard.

As of April 2024, 331 total complaints have been submit-



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Evandro Carvalho said he is "proud to carry on the mission of this office."

ted since 2021, according to the agency's public dashboard. It has reviewed 90 of those complaints, and has another 58 pending. But to date it has found only five complaints to be valid, and recommended disciplinary action in just four of them. The recommended discipline ranged from more training, oral reprimand, and in one case, a single day's suspension.

But it's unclear whether the

BPD has taken the recommended disciplinary action against the officers in those cases. Last year police Commissioner Michael Cox rejected the recommended disciplinary action in one of those cases, and according to the dashboard, discipline is "pending" in three other cases. The Police Department did not answer The Boston Globe's questions about whether the department disciplined the officers in those cases.

Carvalho, who most recently worked as the general counsel for the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office and previously served as the executive director of the Boston Human Rights Commission for nearly three years, declined to comment on the data, saying he needs to more closely analyze the cases and results the agency has produced so far. However, he added there's more work to be done to improve the body's work.

"I'm very encouraged by what the office has been able to do so far," said Carvalho, who strongly pushed for progressive

criminal justice reforms during his failed campaign for a Boston City Council seat in 2021, and during his time at the State House, including by supporting the creation of the statewide police watchdog agency known as the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training commission. "As someone who has been part of the movement and where we are in this moment, to me it's about using this momentum to carry us forward."

Larry Calderone, the president of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, the city's largest police union, said he's had a good working relationship with Carvalho from Carvalho's stint representing Dorchester in the House of Representatives from 2014 to 2018. Calderone said he's optimistic about the future of the agency with Carvalho at the helm.

"We think this is a good person to head up the agency. . . and I think he understands policing," Calderone said. "Although he did push on police

reform, Evandro is a good listener . . . so I think that's key to being successful in any form of leader."

Tanisha Sullivan, president of the Boston branch of the NAACP and a member of the 2020 police reform task force, also said she was pleased to hear the mayor's office had filled the position.

"I do believe that this particular body was needed, is needed, and can be an incredibly powerful entity in helping to build and restore trust between law enforcement and community, but it really does need stable leadership," Sullivan said. However, she echoed concerns from other advocates about inaction on complaints against police officers, and added that more public awareness and education on the body is essential to ensuring it can fulfill its oversight role.

The agency "has a lot of authority and a lot of power, and I don't see or hear anything from that [civilian review] board," said Sullivan. "That's a concern

to me. The office cannot be as effective as it was designed to be if the civilian review board is not a prominent body within our communities."

Carvalho said one of his priorities will be addressing public engagement.

"It makes me proud to carry on the mission of this office," he said. "I'm not coming here to be a politician. I'm here to lead this independent agency and help BPD and the city of Boston continue to improve in terms of accountability and transparency, and help continue to build trust between police and community."

Carvalho is originally from Cabo Verde, Africa, and immigrated to Boston when he was 15 years old. He is a Madison Park Technical Vocational High School alum, got his bachelor's degree from UMass Amherst, graduated from Howard University School of Law.

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Business

New, free tax filing system gets thumbs up from users

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THE FINE PRINT

A survey of thousands of users of the IRS's test program for filing federal income tax returns for free and directly to the tax agency shows overwhelming support for the program called Direct File.

But whether the IRS will expand or drop Direct File next year is yet to be determined, with some critics saying income tax returns are better handled

by the private sector.

Senator Elizabeth Warren, a long-time proponent of no-cost tax filing, urged the IRS to expand the program.

"The IRS should make Direct File permanent and expand it to more and more Americans," she said in a statement. "Taxpayers loved saving time and money with Direct File."

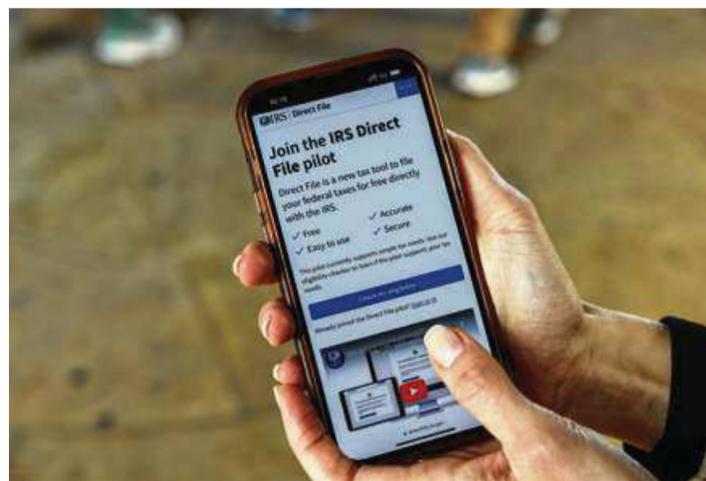
The IRS had set a goal of 100,000 users of Direct File when it unveiled the program midway through the tax season that ended April 15. Only 12 states, including Massachusetts and

New Hampshire, were included in the pilot program, with eligibility restricted to taxpayers with simple returns.

But more than 140,000 taxpayers used Direct File for their 2023 returns, the Treasury Department, which includes the IRS, said in a press release.

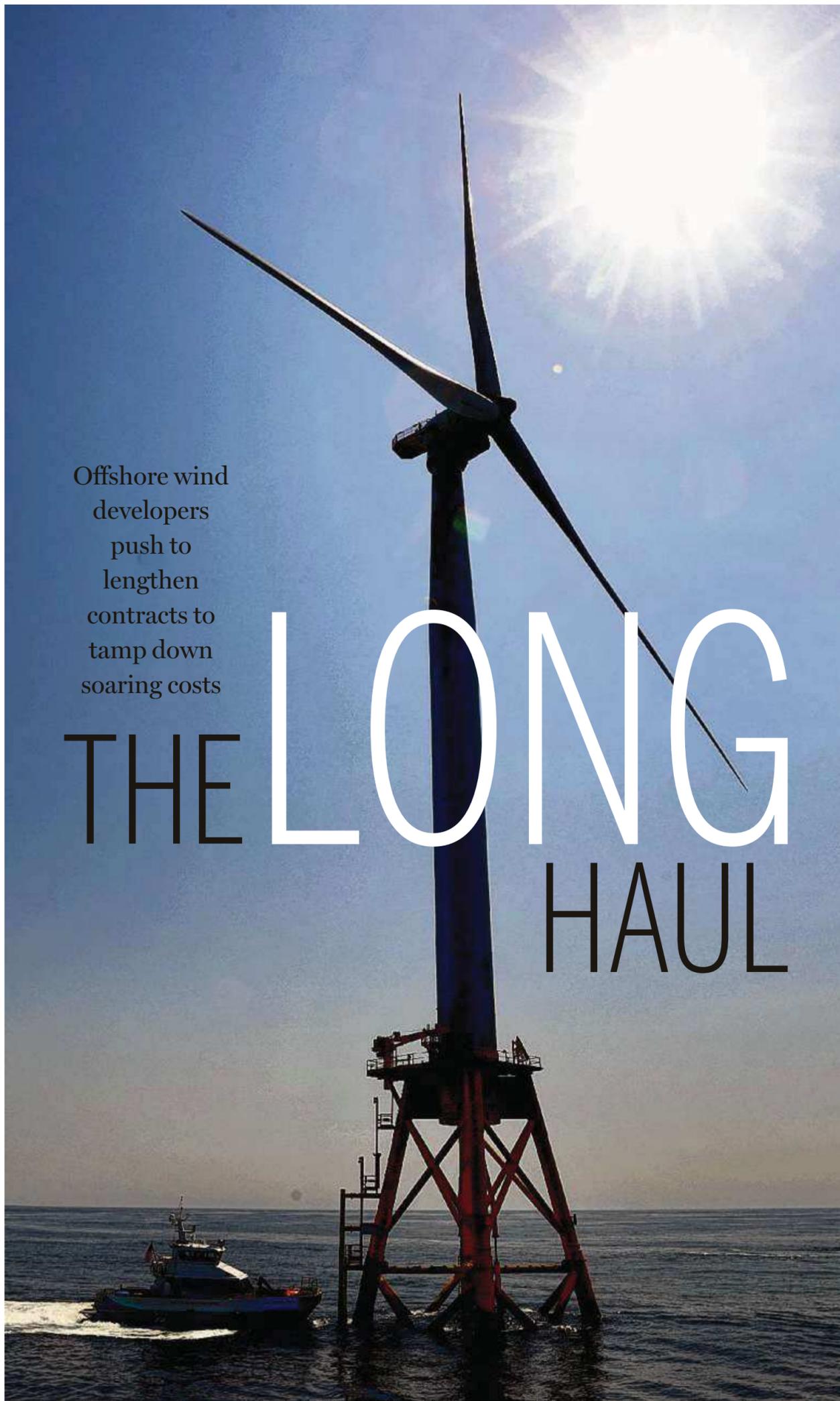
That's a tiny fraction of the more than 140 million returns filed this year, but the pilot program was intended to be small to test the technology, the Treasury Department said. (In Massachusetts, 7,871 taxpayers used

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The IRS Direct File program was available in 12 states, including Massachusetts and New Hampshire.



Offshore wind developers push to lengthen contracts to tamp down soaring costs

THE LONG HAUL

One of the first-generation of offshore wind turbines off Block Island, R.I.

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As the nascent offshore wind sector struggles to gain traction, industry lobbyists are pushing state lawmakers for longer contracts to finance these costly megaprojects.

Currently, Massachusetts law limits the contracts between wind-farm developers and the utilities that buy their power to 20 years. Industry reps want the limit raised to 30, arguing that spreading the costs of these multibillion-

dollar projects over a longer time period would reduce the monthly costs for businesses and consumers that ultimately pay for the power.

The massive expense has emerged as a major obstacle in the buildup of offshore wind in the United States, with rising interest rates and materials costs prompting developers to scrap contracts across several Northeast states. Only one commercial-scale wind farm has been built so far, serving Long Island, N.Y., and only one other has started construction: Vineyard Wind,

to serve Massachusetts.

Now, as regulators in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island weigh the next round of bids to build projects in waters south of Martha's Vineyard, industry lobbyists have been pushing for longer financing deals. Rhode Island already allows 30-year contracts. This week, in Hartford, Connecticut state lawmakers enacted a bill to push their state's limit to 30 years as well.

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Healey in push to retain graduates

She says \$3.5b bill would invest in job, tax incentives

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STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

With graduation season in full swing across the Commonwealth, Governor Maura Healey framed her sweeping economic development bill Tuesday as an essential tool to keep tens of thousands of young adults here, while also spurring a trend of "in-migration" to Massachusetts.

Dubbed the Mass Leads Act, Healey's roughly \$3.5 billion proposal invests heavily in workforce development, including a \$10 million-per-year pilot program to launch a statewide internship tax credit that would benefit companies recruiting from Massachusetts-based colleges.

During a committee hearing, Healey acknowledged that driving down housing prices and improving the state's transportation systems are also crucial as companies struggle to retain talent, especially among the young adult demographic — ages 26 to 34 — leaving Massachusetts at an alarming rate due to soaring costs of living.

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Stalled tax incentives in Providence

Despite city desperate to build more housing

By Steph Machado
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PROVIDENCE — You can't go a day without hearing a politician call for more housing to be built in Rhode Island, where the capital city has one of the tightest rental markets in the country.

Yet for more than a year, Providence did not issue even a single one of its most popular incentives: a tax treaty known as a "tax stabilization agreement," which aims to stimulate development by giving the developer what amounts to an introductory property tax rate, ramping up to full taxation over five to 20 years.

Developers have long argued it's difficult to build housing in Providence, where construction costs are comparable with Boston but the market rents they can charge are lower. The commercial property tax rate in Providence is the third-highest in the nation at

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STEPH MACHADO

The construction site where four apartment buildings are proposed on Gano Street.

Uber and Instacart teaming up on restaurant deliveries

By Natalie Lung and Emily Chang

BLOOMBERG NEWS

Instacart is partnering with Uber to offer restaurant delivery through the Instacart app — taking on the top US food delivery app, DoorDash.

Instacart users in the United States will be able to order from hundreds of thousands of restaurants using an Uber Eats interface that will become available within the Instacart app sometime in the coming weeks. Orders will be fulfilled by Uber's couriers, while grocery delivery will remain separate and operated by Instacart.

"You could say that we're a threat to DoorDash both independently and teaming up as well," Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi told Bloomberg's Emily Chang in an exclusive joint interview with Instacart CEO Fidji Simo. "This is a highly, highly competitive marketplace. The beauty of this partnership is that both Instacart and Uber can continue to grow their business."

Simo said she first approached Khosrowshahi about the idea. She declined to disclose specific financial terms of the deal but said that Uber will pay Instacart

an affiliate fee for every order that her company passes on to it. Restaurant merchants won't be able to tell whether the order is from an Uber Eats or Instacart customer, Khosrowshahi said, as Instacart restaurant orders will be funneled through Uber Eats.

Teaming up will allow Uber to tap Instacart's customer base of suburban families — and allow Instacart to offer more value to subscribers paying for a \$9.99-a-month membership, which now promises free delivery for grocery or restaurant orders over \$35.

The partnership pits the pair against San Francisco-based rival DoorDash, which holds a commanding 67 percent share of the US food delivery market, according to Bloomberg Second Measure.

DoorDash also runs a growing grocery business, which the company said last week had doubled for a third straight quarter. And it has the largest reported driver base, with 7 million in 2023 compared with 6.8 million for Uber globally and 600,000 for Instacart in North America.

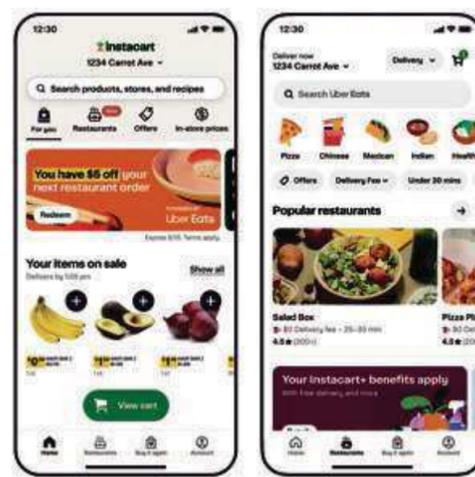
US delivery apps like Uber, Instacart, and DoorDash are seeking new areas for growth, which

has tapered off since the pandemic when many customers developed a habit of regularly ordering in.

Also gone are the days of easy venture capital money to fund user growth. These companies now have an obligation to Wall Street investors to keep costs low and turn a consistent profit. Today they're operating at a leaner scale while also expanding into non-restaurant deliveries and offering sponsored ad slots.

Instacart, which was founded in 2012, struck exclusive deals with grocery chains early on to bring their stock online, helping serve customers in the habit of making weekly grocery runs. But as those terms lapsed in recent years, DoorDash and Uber have also built out their grocery delivery offerings and onboarded a lot of the same retailers, successfully siphoning away last-minute or smaller-basket grocery purchases from Instacart. Competition has also grown as Amazon and Walmart have expanded further into delivering fresh produce.

Among third-party apps, Instacart still maintains a lead in big-ticket grocery purchases, based on public filings. It also has



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Instacart users in the United States will be able to order from hundreds of thousands of restaurants using an Uber Eats interface that will become available within the Instacart app sometime in the coming weeks.

more than 5 million paid subscribers. Those loyal users represent more than half of the activity on the Instacart platform, which has over 7.7 million monthly active users, Instacart's CFO Nick Giovanni said last November. And Uber, which began as a rideshare service serving affluent urban customers, sees Instacart's family-centric, suburban demographic as a market it can tap into without making an actual acquisition.

"Certainly, Instacart is a very strong competitor as it relates to grocery," Khosrowshahi said. "But for us it was an opportunity to expand essentially the Uber Eats business especially into the suburban markets where Instacart is particularly strong."

TikTok sues US over law forcing sale or ban

By Sapna Maheshwari and David McCabe

NEW YORK TIMES

TikTok sued the federal government on Tuesday over a new law that would force its Chinese owner, ByteDance, to sell the popular social media app or face a ban in the United States, stoking a battle over national security and free speech that is likely to end up in the Supreme Court.

TikTok said the law violated the First Amendment by effectively removing an app that millions of Americans use to share their views and communicate freely. It also argued that a divestiture was "simply not possible," especially within the law's 270-day timeline, pointing to difficulties such as Beijing's refusal to sell a key feature that powers TikTok in the United States.

"For the first time in history, Congress has enacted a law that subjects a single, named speech platform to a permanent, nationwide ban, and bars every American from participating in a unique online community with more than one billion people worldwide," the company said in the 67-page petition, which initiated the lawsuit. "There is no question: The act will force a shutdown of TikTok by Jan. 19, 2025."

TikTok is battling for its survival in the United States, with the fight set to play out primarily in courts over the next few months. The battle pits Congress' national security concerns about the social media app's ties to China against TikTok's argument that a sale or ban would violate the First Amendment free-speech rights of its users and hurt small businesses that owe their livelihood to the platform. The case is expected to reach the Supreme Court.

The issue is particularly tricky in an election year when President Biden and lawmakers are facing potential blowback from users of the popular app. The app, which says it has 170 million monthly users in the United States, is used for everything from sharing viral dances to political commentary. It has become knitted into people's lives, particularly for those who make a living on the platform as content creators.

Under the new law, which Biden signed on April 24, TikTok has nine months, or a year if the president gives it an extension, to find a non-Chinese buyer. If it doesn't, the law requires US app stores and web hosting services to stop working with it — essentially banning it.

At the heart of the case will be lawmakers' intent to defend the United States from what they and some experts say is a national security threat; they assert that the Chinese government could lean on ByteDance to turn over sensitive TikTok user data or use the app to spread propaganda. But the mandate to sell or block the app could result in changes to TikTok's content policies and shape what users are able to freely share on the platform, potentially violating their free speech rights, according to legal experts.

TikTok filed its suit in the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, arguing that selling its US operations was not "commercially, technologically, or legally feasible." A part of that argument hinges on how TikTok and its competitors are global in nature and content is accessible across country borders, with international videos as part of its appeal.

It is also impossible to move the app's underlying coding to a new owner, TikTok argued, adding that it would take years for a new set of engineers to familiarize themselves with that code to develop and maintain the platform. In addition, the engineers would need access to ByteDance software to keep TikTok functioning, which the new law prohibits, the company argued.

TikTok's success also hinges on its recommendation algorithm, which helps surface tailored content to users, something the Chinese government has said it would not sell, the suit notes.



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TikTok is battling for its survival in the United States, with the fight poised to play out in courts.

US casts doubt on Tesla Autopilot recall remedies

By Tom Krisher

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DETROIT — Federal highway safety investigators want Tesla to tell them how and why it developed the fix in a recall of more than 2 million vehicles equipped with the company's Autopilot partially automated driving system.

Investigators with the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration have concerns about whether the recall remedy worked because Tesla has reported 20 crashes since the remedy was sent out as an online software update in December.

The recall fix also was to address whether Autopilot should be allowed to operate on roads other than limited access highways. The fix for that was increased warnings to the driver on roads with intersections.

But in a letter to Tesla posted on the agency's website Tuesday, investigators wrote that they could not find a difference between warnings to the driver to pay attention before the recall and after the new software was released. The agency said it will evaluate whether driver warnings are adequate, especially when a driver-monitoring camera is covered.

The agency asked for volumes of information about how Tesla developed the fix, and zeroed in on how it used human behavior to test the recall effectiveness.

Phil Koopman, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University who studies automated driving safety, said the letter shows that the recall did little to solve problems with Autopilot and was an attempt to pacify NHTSA, which demanded the recall after more than two years of investigation.

"It's pretty clear to everyone watching that Tesla tried to do the least possible remedy to see what they could get away with," Koopman said. "And NHTSA has to respond forcefully or other car companies will start pushing out inadequate remedies."

Safety advocates have long expressed concern that Autopilot, which can keep a vehicle in its lane and a distance from objects in front of it, was not designed to op-



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erate on roads other than limited access highways.

Missy Cummings, a professor of engineering and computing at George Mason University who studies automated vehicles, said NHTSA is responding to criticism from legislators for a perceived lack of action on automated vehicles.

"As clunky as our government is, the feedback loop is working," Cummings said. "I think the NHTSA leadership is convinced now that this is a problem."

The 18-page NHTSA letter asks how Tesla used human behavior science in designing Autopilot, and the company's assessment of the importance of evaluating human factors. It also wants Tesla to identify every job involved in human behavior evaluation and the qualifications of the workers. And it asks Tesla to say whether the positions still exist.

A message was left seeking comment from Tesla about the letter.

Tesla is in the process of laying

off about 10 percent of its workforce, about 14,000 people, in an effort to cut costs to deal with falling global sales.

Cummings said she suspects that CEO Elon Musk would have laid off anyone with human behavior knowledge, a key skill needed to deploy partially automated systems like Autopilot, which can't drive themselves and require humans to be ready to intervene at all times.

"If you're going to have a technology that depends upon human interaction, you better have someone on your team that knows what they are doing in that space," she said.

Cummings said her research has shown that once a driving system takes over steering from humans, there is little left for the human brain to do. Many drivers tend to overly rely on the system and check out.

"You can have your head fixed in one position, you can potentially have your eyes on the road, and

you can be a million miles away in your head," she said. "All the driver monitoring technologies in the world are still not going to force you to pay attention."

In its letter, NHTSA also asks Tesla for information about how the recall remedy addresses driver confusion over whether Autopilot has been turned off if force is put on the steering wheel. Previously, if Autopilot was deactivated, drivers might not notice quickly that they have to take over driving.

The recall added a function that gives a "more pronounced slowdown" to alert drivers when Autopilot has been disengaged. But the recall remedy doesn't activate the function automatically — drivers have to do it. Investigators asked how many drivers have taken that step.

NHTSA could seek further recall remedies, make Tesla limit where Autopilot can work, or even force the company to disable the system until it is fixed, safety experts said.

Tesla vehicles at a charging station in Emeryville, Calif. In a letter to Tesla posted on the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website, investigators wrote that they could not find a difference between warnings to the driver to pay attention before an Autopilot recall and after the new software was sent out.

CommonWealth Beacon editor says he is stepping down

By Aidan Ryan

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Bruce Mohl, who has served as the editor of CommonWealth Beacon for more than 15 years, announced Monday that he will be leaving his post later this year.

"I will be stepping down as editor and handing the job over to someone new, who can take CommonWealth Beacon to new heights," Mohl said in his letter. "I'm not sure what I will do next, but I hope it's as interesting and fun as what I do now."

Since Mohl joined as editor in 2008, CommonWealth ended its print magazine in 2018 and rebranded to add Beacon to its name in 2023, in part to focus



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Bruce Mohl was named editor of CommonWealth Beacon in 2008.

more on covering Massachusetts state and local politics and policy.

The publication — whose editorial staff totals five members —

is free to access and offers news articles, opinion pieces, a daily newsletter, and more. CommonWealth is owned by the Massachusetts Institute for a New Commonwealth, or MassINC, a nonprofit that also operates a think tank.

Joe Kriesberg, the CEO of MassINC, wrote that the publication has tapped search firm Koya Partners to look for a new editor. Kriesberg anticipates that CommonWealth will have a new editor in the fall, he said in a phone interview.

"I was an avid Bruce Mohl reader and fan long before I arrived at CommonWealth Beacon in January 2023," Kriesberg said.

"I want to personally thank Bruce for his partnership and for helping to teach and mentor me as I have taken on this new role in the field of journalism."

Prior to joining CommonWealth, Mohl spent almost 30 years at The Boston Globe, including serving as the State House bureau chief.

He also served as a member of the Globe's Spotlight team and won a Gerald Loeb award in 1992 for covering a scandal within Massachusetts' public pension system.

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TALKING POINTS

CONGRESS

SENATORS OBJECT TO EXPANSION OF FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY AT AIRPORTS

A bipartisan group of senators is pushing to halt the expansion of facial recognition technology at airports in the United States and restrict its use as part of the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that is making its way through Congress. Citing privacy concerns, Senators Jeff Merkley, an Oregon Democrat, and John Kennedy, a Louisiana Republican, are proposing to block the expansion of the technology until 2027 and require the transportation security administrator to make clear that passengers can opt out at airports where it is in use. With a Friday deadline for renewing the aviation law, the proposal is among the amendments likely to get a vote before the bill can pass. It has pit privacy advocates in both parties against consumer and industry groups that argue that the technology has the potential to vastly cut down on wait times at airports and increase convenience and safety. The FAA is planning to expand facial recognition technology to more than 430 airports, from 25, as part of an effort to speed up the check-in process. Using kiosks with iPads affixed to them, passengers have their photographs taken and matched to an image from a government database instead of presenting a physical identification card. — NEW YORK TIMES

INTERNATIONAL

ARAMCO MAINTAINS DIVIDEND PAYMENT TO SAUDI GOVERNMENT

Aramco kept its \$31 billion dividend payout to the Saudi government and other investors despite lower profit, a boon for the kingdom's economy as it struggles with a budget deficit. The generous payouts from the world's biggest oil exporter are becoming increasingly important for the Gulf state as crude prices remain below the levels it needs to balance its budget. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman is pursuing expensive ventures such as the futuristic project of Neom, making a big bet on tourism and seeking stakes in sporting leagues as he tries to transform the economy. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



SOFTWARE

MICROSOFT FACES COMPLAINT IN SPAIN

Microsoft has been accused of anticompetitive behavior in a new complaint filed to the Spanish antitrust regulator amid growing scrutiny of the technology giant's power in the cloud computing market. Asociación Española de Startups, which represents 700 companies and counts as partners Google and Amazon Web Services, the cloud unit of Amazon, filed a formal complaint with competition regulator CNMC on Monday, alleging that Microsoft is leveraging its dominance in the software market to force the use of its cloud services. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

CLOUD COMPUTING

AMAZON TO SPEND BILLIONS IN SINGAPORE



Amazon plans to spend \$9 billion expanding its cloud computing infrastructure in Singapore, the latest global tech company to boost investment in Southeast Asia. The outlay, to be done over the next four years, doubles Amazon Web Services' investment in Singapore and helps it meet growing customer demand for cloud services and accelerate the adoption of artificial intelligence, the company said Tuesday. AWS, which sells software and data storage for rent from massive server farms, has been expanding its footprint outside the United States in recent years, with much of that investment targeting Asian markets. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

GAS PRICES

EXPECT TO PAY ABOUT THE SAME THIS SUMMER

American drivers may pay about the same prices at the pump this summer, providing a boon for the Biden administration's efforts to tame inflation. Motorists are expected to pay an average \$3.68 per gallon from April to September in the United States compared with \$3.67 last year, the Energy Information Administration said in its Summer Fuels Outlook report. The 0.3 percent increase comes even as benchmark West Texas Intermediate oil is expected to rise about 9.7 percent from last year's levels. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT

DISNEY STOCK PLUNGES ON WORRIES OVER THEME PARK REVENUE

Disney reported strong earnings Tuesday, driven in part by a surprise profit at its flagship streaming service — a first. But investors responded nervously to a coming slowdown at Disney theme parks, which have recently been the company's primary growth engine. Disney shares fell nearly 9 percent, to about \$106 in early trading. Revenue at Disney Experiences, a division that includes theme parks and cruise ships, totaled \$8.4 billion, a 10 percent year-on-year increase. Operating income totaled \$2.3 billion, up 12 percent. — NEW YORK TIMES



WORKPLACE

NYC AND SF LOSE WORKERS WHILE AUSTIN AND PHOENIX GAIN

Places like New York City and San Francisco still have fewer workers now than they did before the pandemic, which continues to impact their labor market recovery, according to an analysis by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York out Tuesday found. Meantime, the Austin labor force has expanded 17 percent since February 2020, and in Phoenix it's up nearly 10 percent. The rise of remote work, as well as fewer office workers and tourists in downtown areas, has directly impacted the job growth in major metro areas, researchers found. The Villages, a retirement community in central Florida, saw the highest growth in employment, at 23.8 percent. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT

SONY STOCK DROPS ON NEWS OF PLAN TO BUY PARAMOUNT



Sony's shares slid after its proposal to buy Paramount Global raised financing concerns. The stock dropped 3.74 percent Tuesday in Tokyo. The Japanese electronics company and Apollo Global Management Inc. made a \$26 billion proposal to buy Paramount, which is weighing the offer, people with knowledge of the matter have said. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

TECHNOLOGY

APPLE INTRODUCES NEW IPAD PROS AND AIRS

Apple on Tuesday unveiled its next generation of iPad Pros and Airs — models that will boast faster processors, new sizes, and a new display system as part of the company's first update to its tablet lineup in more than a year. The showcase at Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., comes after the company disclosed its steepest quarterly decline in iPhone sales since the pandemic's outset, deepening a slump that's increasing the pressure on the trendsetting company to spruce up its products. Apple is expected to make a much bigger splash next month during an annual conference devoted to the latest version of its operating systems for iPhones, iPads, and Mac computers — software that analysts expect to be packed with more artificial intelligence technology. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAST FOOD

PANERA TO STOP SELLING SOME CAFFEINATED DRINKS AFTER LAWSUITS

Panera Bread will stop selling its highly caffeinated fruit-flavored drinks, which were the subject of lawsuits by people who said the drinks had caused health problems, including two deaths. The drinks, known as Charged Lemonade and Charged Sips, will be removed from the menu, a source familiar with the decision said Tuesday. A regular size of the Charged drinks, which come in three flavors, has at least 155 milligrams of caffeine, while the large sizes have at least 233 milligrams, according to Panera's website. According to the Food and Drug Administration, most "healthy adults" can safely consume up to 400 milligrams of caffeine per day, or about four or five cups of regular coffee, depending on the brand and roast. — NEW YORK TIMES



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IRS free tax filing system gets positive reviews from users

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Direct File.)
“The IRS designed the pilot to follow best practices for launching a new technology platform — start small, make sure it works, then build from there,” the Treasury Department said.

Wally Adeyemo, deputy secretary of the treasury, touted Direct File as having “saved participants time and money” while “achieving top notch customer service ratings and providing the data and lessons necessary to determine next steps.”

In its press release, the Treasury Department cited a survey of more than 11,000 Direct File users conducted by the General Services Administration, an independent agency of the US government.

The survey found that 90 percent of respondents ranked their experience with Direct File as “Excellent” or “Above Average” which the Treasury Department said was “an exceptionally high rating.”

Direct File also included a large-scale live-chat feature, which the Treasury Department said also earned the approval of 90 percent of its “tens of thousands” of users.

The average wait time for the live-chat was one minute and the average time on chat was nine minutes, the Treasury Department said.

Direct File critics say the program is “costly, confusing and unnecessary,” in the words of the American Coalition for Taxpayer Rights, a national trade association made up of the nation's largest retail tax preparation, tax software, and financial institutions.

According to the American Coalition, Direct File, if expanded, would cost the IRS “hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayer funds annually,” yet tens of millions of taxpayers are already eligible for free tax-filing through an existing partnership of the IRS and commercial providers.

In addition, the American Coalition said that “the IRS is not equipped to provide the same level of customer service as private companies.”

TurboTax and its parent company, Intuit, and H&R Block, which together dominate the commercial tax provider industry, spend heavily on lobbying in Washington in op-

position to Direct File.

The Free File program, begun 20 years ago, is a public-private partnership intended to create a way for the lowest earners to file using free online software.

Since then, it has been gradually expanded so that it is now open to about 70 percent of taxpayers, but only 2.2 percent actually took advantage of the program, according to the website Nerd Wallet.

The IRS spent approximately \$10.5 million in “foundational technology and product development costs” for Direct File, while operational costs — including customer service, cloud computing, and user authentication — were \$2.4 million, according to the Treasury Department. (In addition, the IRS also used government services whose costs are not included in its disclosed costs.)

Congress in 2022 gave the IRS an \$80 billion boost in funding over 10 years under the Inflation Reduction Act, which included money for the tax agency to develop a technology to allow taxpayers to bypass commercial tax preparation software companies, such as TurboTax, which charges around \$130 for a simple filing.

Direct File, at least at this stage, is geared toward fairly easy filings. For example, Direct File does not permit you to itemize your deductions — you can only take the standard deduction. And you're not eligible for Direct File if you had more than \$1,500 in interest income last year, or you had income from a pension or a retirement account distribution.

Treasury officials say the IRS will continue to analyze results of the pilot before deciding on the future of Direct File in the coming weeks.

“From the very beginning of the Direct File pilot, we wanted to test new ways to give taxpayers an easy, accurate and free way to file their taxes online directly with the IRS,” said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel in a statement.

“We saw a strong response from the pilot,” he said. “This is an important part of our effort to meet taxpayers where they are.”

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Healey says \$3.5b bill would help keep graduates in Mass.

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“We've got those half a million undergraduate and graduate students are graduating from schools across this great state this month and next month,” Healey told the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies. “We want them to stay here.”

The University of Massachusetts Lowell is about to graduate 4,500 students, with about half studying in STEM fields, chancellor Julie Chen said. Across the UMass system, there will be 20,000 graduates this spring, she told lawmakers.

“How do we keep more of those students here in the Commonwealth? I'll give you an example,” Chen said. “About a month ago, the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the Lowell delegation and the city of Lowell announced the Lowell Innovation Network Corridor. The idea there: Bringing companies together with our talent and creating housing for recent graduates.”

The corridor is anchored by Draper Laboratory, which Chen said chose to stay and grow in Massachusetts even as it attract-

ed interest from other states.

“This Mass Leads Act is what keeps that draw for companies and therefore keeps the draw for our new graduates who want to stay here in Massachusetts,” the chancellor said.

Hallmark proposals in Healey's bill call for reauthorizing the life sciences initiative at \$1 billion for another decade, as well as making a parallel major investment in climate technology that includes a new tax incentive program worth up to \$30 million annually.

Healey also recommends funding an Applied AI Hub at \$100 million and a Massachusetts TechHub at \$75 million, in addition to injecting \$400 million into the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, \$100 million into the Rural Development Fund, \$100 million into the Seaport Economic Council and \$99 million for advanced manufacturing, among other big-dollar commitments.

The Legislature is expected to pass some version of Healey's legislation by the end of formal sessions in July, and Tuesday's hearing comes during an increasingly busy stretch on Beacon Hill.

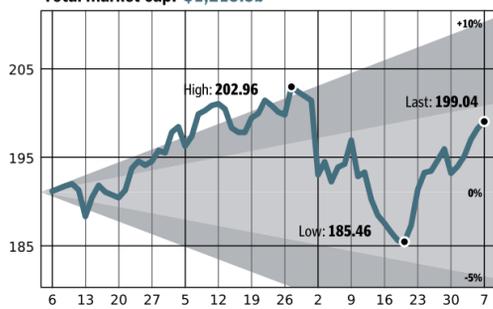
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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts

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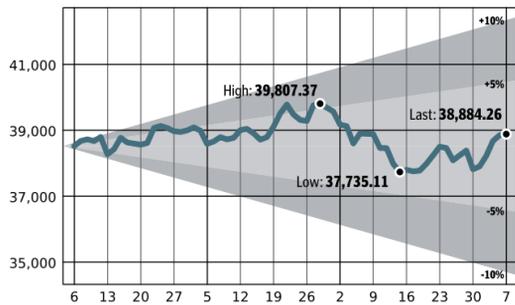
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Boston Scientific (BSX)	73.43	+0.88	+1.2	108.0
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	410.24	+7.74	+1.9	105.9
Analog Devices (ADI)	203.57	+0.25	+0.1	101.0
American Tower Corp (AMT)	181.28	+2.59	+1.4	84.7
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	121.07	-1.06	-0.9	46.4
GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	167.36	-1.78	-1.1	45.9
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	33.81	+0.25	+0.7	45.8
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	218.92	-2.50	-1.1	31.9
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	615.46	-1.76	-0.3	31.2
Symotic Inc (SYM)	46.50	+4.56	+10.9	27.4
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Iron Mountain (IRM)	77.60	+0.80	+1.0	22.7
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DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	43.30	-0.77	-1.7	20.6
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	132.70	-1.20	-0.9	20.0
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	154.33	+3.11	+2.1	19.5
Waters Corp (WAT)	326.06	+6.20	+1.9	19.3
Teradyne Inc (TER)	121.09	-0.86	-0.7	18.9
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	76.10	+0.17	+0.2	17.8
Akamai (AKAM)	101.67	+0.59	+0.6	15.6
Dynatrace Inc (DT)	46.76	-0.44	-0.9	13.8

Markets

A mixed day on Wall Street

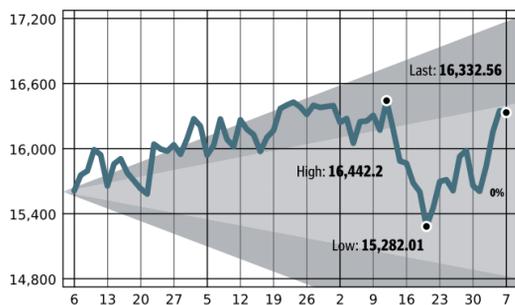
Stocks held steady Tuesday, as trading on Wall Street calmed following some sharp recent swings. Kenvue, the company whose brands include Band-Aids and Tylenol, rose 6.4 percent after topping analysts' forecasts for both profit and revenue in the latest quarter. The Walt Disney Co. sank 9.5 percent despite reporting stronger results for its latest quarter than analysts expected. Its revenue fell a bit shy of forecasts, and it expects its entertainment streaming business to soften in the current quarter. Crocs jumped 7.8 percent after reporting better profit and revenue than expected. International Flavors & Fragrances, which makes ingredients used in food and perfume, gained 6.4 percent after reporting better profit and revenue than expected. Lucid Group tumbled 14.1 percent after the electric-vehicle maker reported a worse loss for the latest quarter than analysts expected. Builders FirstSource fell 19 percent despite topping forecasts for profit and revenue. The supplier of building products said a weakening multifamily market and higher mortgage rates were creating challenges. In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.45 percent from 4.49 percent late Monday. The two-year yield slipped to 4.82 percent from 4.83 percent.

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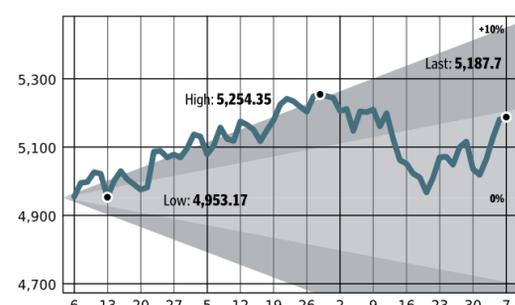
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NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 16,332.56 ▼ 16.69 ▼ 0.1% ▲ YTD 8.8%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 5,187.70 ▲ 6.96 ▲ 0.1% ▲ YTD 8.8%

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

Offshore developers seek lower costs

►OFFSHORE WIND

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Now, the focus turns to Beacon Hill, where a long-awaited climate bill is expected in the coming weeks. However, key lawmakers appear split on the issue.

"It's ... my sense that the more options we have on the table, the better it will be for the ratepayer in the long run," said Representative Jeffrey Roy, the House co-chairman of the Legislature's energy committee and a backer of extending the limit to 30 years. "The thinking is to give us more options to get lower pricing for everyone."

But Roy's counterpart, Senate co-chairman Michael Barrett, isn't sold on the idea. Three decades from now, new wind turbine or other clean-energy technologies could cost far less than they do now. Barrett is hesitant about locking Massachusetts consumers into paying prices that reflect the current market and technology for offshore wind through the 2050s.

"Really? That's pro consumer?" Barrett asked rhetorically, in an interview. "The fragility of the industry is being used in order to pursue additional advantages [for offshore wind]."

These state-overseen contracts between utilities and wind-farm developers are seen as crucial to sparking the birth of the offshore wind industry here. Political leaders in all three states want offshore wind power

to wean the region's grid off natural gas, and reduce carbon emissions. They are working together for this round of bids with the hope they can make up for lost time after the recent setbacks.

In March, four developers submitted bids to the three states that, if fully awarded, would bring contracts for nearly 5,600 megawatts of power — or potentially enough electricity for roughly 2.5 million homes. However, the states actually sought more energy than the industry was apparently willing to provide, by collectively asking for up to 6,800 megawatts. The prices have been kept secret for now, but they are almost certainly much higher than previous rounds, and there's some fear in the industry that bids might get rejected as a result.

RENEW Northeast, an industry lobbying group, argues that the 20-year limit was based on older technology available seven or eight years ago, involving turbines that were not designed to last much longer than two decades. But turbine design has improved significantly since then, RENEW says, and extending the contracts to 30 years could save consumers hundreds of millions of dollars each year while not increasing a project's overall cost. RENEW executive director Francis Pullaro likens it to the difference between paying off a house with a 30-year-mort-

gage instead of a 15-year one; the house costs the same, but the monthly payments are substantially lower.

"If you're going to go out and buy a house today, a 30-year mortgage makes the house more affordable than a 15-year mortgage," Pullaro said.

The Ocean Winds joint venture behind the SouthCoast Wind proposal has been among those lobbying for the switch. Michael Brown, the head of its US operations, pointed to another big potential benefit of locking in stable offshore wind prices for a longer period: It could mitigate any huge rate spikes caused by soaring fossil fuel prices, a frequent occurrence in New England during cold spells or supply disruptions.

Even if the Massachusetts legislature joins with its counterparts in Connecticut and Rhode Island, it's still not clear if the change would happen quickly enough for the current round of bids. RENEW argues there could be enough time to adjust the pricing in the current bids, and reduce the potential for sticker shock. The winners of this round are slated to be announced in early August.

But Roy, who supports the 30-year contracts, said he isn't sure the timing would work: He said his intention with legislation to extend the contracts would be to offer more options for the next round of bids, not

for this current round.

The Healey administration remains open to the 30-year idea, particularly for the next round of bids, as a way of reducing energy costs while providing more certainty for the offshore wind industry, spokeswoman Maria Hardiman said.

"Extending offshore wind contract term lengths could have an impact on project pricing," Hardiman said in an email, "but must be weighed against the additional long-term costs and risks for customers."

The idea could end up facing pushback from the utilities. While two of the three major electric utilities in Massachusetts, National Grid and Unitil, declined to comment, an Ever-source spokesman made it clear that his company is against 30-year contracts.

"Twenty-year contracts have shown to be the most feasible to protect against long-term developments with new technologies and in supply markets," Ever-source spokesman William Hinkle said in an email. "Because longer contracts increase the risk that those locked-in prices can get more out of sync with the market and new technologies, value for customers in those longer contracts must be demonstrated and justified."

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Providence stalled on housing incentive

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about \$35 per \$1,000, compared with \$25 per \$1,000 in Boston.

The tax treaty is not without its detractors, some of whom pushed back on the generous use under former mayors and City Councils. It's also one of the most reliable tools the city offers, developers say, to make the math work for their projects.

Yet until this month, the city hadn't issued a single new one since Mayor Jorge Elorza left office in January 2023.

"Folks are really confused and frustrated," said Dylan Conley, an attorney who represents multiple developers who have applied for a tax treaty between 2022 and 2024. He said his clients were not given any explanation for why their applications, until recently, had not even been considered.

"Try explaining that to a bank or investors," Conley said. "It's been very, very, very, scary."

Among the projects that were stuck in the backlog: an old nursing home set to become 70 apartments, a vacant church that will hold 15 units, and a proposed four-building 133-apartment complex on Gano Street.

It's a bit of a head-scratcher, developers told the Globe, in a city that is second only to New York City in its low apartment vacancy rate, according to real estate research firm CoStar.

The City Council has finally begun clearing the backlog, approving several tax treaties over the past two weeks and denying others.

The nursing home conversion project — the former Tockwotton Home on George M. Cohan Boulevard — was waiting the longest, having submitted an application in December 2022. The tax treaty was finally approved Thursday night in a vote of 13 to 2.

The long delay was attributed in part to the transition to a new mayor and new City Council in January 2023, but city officials have not provided a clear explanation for why applications for multiple housing developments were left unconsidered, even as they called for more housing to be built.

"Every month that goes by is a construction worker that's not swinging a hammer, and an apartment that's not getting ready to be rented," Mayor Brett Smiley said in an interview, acknowledging that the delay was "not acceptable."

"I don't know where the



HANDOUT

A proposed apartment building on Gano Street received a tax deal for one of four buildings, but the other three were denied.

communication breakdown was," Council President Rachel Miller told the Globe. "But as soon as I knew we had TSAs pending, I was like, 'Let's go.'" She said she found out about the backlog in September and promptly convened a relatively new working group, which includes multiple city departments in addition to City Council, to vet the applications.

Smiley said his office was urging council staff to consider the tax treaties as far back as last summer.

"It's been a little frustrating," Smiley said. "The lack of a timeline, the lack of predictability, and the lack of transparency on the process is only going to discourage future investment in our city."

Dozens of developers wrote letters in March expressing alarm that the council had not approved a single tax deal since taking office.

Eric Edelman, whose \$9 million office-to-residential conversion of a vacant historic downtown building remains in the queue for a TSA he applied for in January, said he will not be able to do the project without the tax subsidy.

"Our building has structural issues that are pretty pressing," Edelman said, adding that he felt optimistic now that the council has resumed issuing agreements. "We're anxiously awaiting the vote, because we're ready to start construction once we have our TSA."

Edelman's company, W Street Properties, is rehabilitating the Lauderdale building at 136 Westminster St. into large apartments aimed at young families and retirees. (Most of the apartments will have one bedroom, two bathrooms, and a den.)

Edelman created a calculator that shows the difference between his project with a tax treaty and without one. Without the tax agreement, he said, the rate of return is less than his interest on the debt and less than investors could get by parking their

money in a US treasury bill instead. It's like "asking people to light money on fire," he said.

Smiley acknowledges the high commercial tax rate, which he's proposing to keep the same in his budget this year after slightly lowering the rate last year. But he said the city cannot currently afford to lower it again.

"If I could wave a magic wand, I would make our rates much more competitive and do away with all tax incentives, and everyone would benefit," Smiley said. "But that's not feasible."

Miller said she is seeking to dispel the notion that the all-Democratic, 15-member council — which is more progressive than the last one — is opposed to tax subsidies for development, calling them a "very important tool."

She sponsored legislation to reform the tax treaty process in 2021, creating more standard agreements and requiring a long list of items to qualify for a tax deal including fair labor standards, the use of apprenticeship programs, and a contribution to a city parks fund.

The council wants to make sure each project actually needs the tax break, Miller said, which is why they hired a consultant to dig into the finances of one of the four Gano Street apartment buildings, the first from the backlog to be approved. The other three buildings of the complex were rejected for tax deals because they aren't starting construction within a year.

Majority leader Jim Taylor said he's concerned the slow pace of approvals is sending the wrong message to developers at a time when the city is desperate for more housing.

"You can hear the door creaking shut," Taylor told the Globe. "It's sending the message of: Go to Warwick or Cranston or Boston or somewhere else."

But Councilor Miguel Sanchez said he doesn't want to just "rubber stamp" every tax deal. He voted no on both the Gano Street and Tockwotton projects.

"This council wants to take our time and do our due diligence," Sanchez said. "Before, they would be received and almost automatically approved."

Sanchez said the projects must contain some affordable housing in order to receive his support for a tax treaty, which is why he voted against several of them.

Among the projects that have now been greenlit is a \$3 million historic renovation of the former Westminster Unitarian Church on Adelaide Avenue, which is being turned into 15 apartments. Most are one-bedroom units; some are studios. Several original stained-glass windows dating to the 1800s will be preserved.

Developer Tom Clayton, a former New England Patriots player, said he initially planned to have all market-rate apartments, but he was urged by council members to include affordable housing, so he changed the project plan to have 25 percent of units restricted to 80 percent of the area median income.

He applied for the tax stabilization agreement in June 2023, and the council approved it last week. The building is expected to open in spring 2025 after several delays while waiting for approvals.

"Without the TSA, the project would not have been feasible," Clayton said. The deal reduces the building's taxes by \$329,000 over 10 years.

The Tockwotton nursing home project is being developed by Dustin Dezube, who is represented by Conley. Dezube began construction "at great risk" while waiting more than a year for his tax treaty to be considered, Conley said.

There are now 10 applications pending, including a proposal for a six-story, 191-unit apartment building on Bassett Street, which applied for a tax treaty last month.

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Bruins lead series, 1-0



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Brandon Carlo's goal in Game 1 at Florida capped a dizzying 24 hours.

TARA SULLIVAN

Oh baby, what a day it was for Carlo



SUNRISE, Fla. — The playoffs are a voracious beast. Never satisfied until a title is won, they can swallow a player's entire world, demanding the type of 24/7 commitment that pushes all other priorities out of the way.

But babies? Babies know nothing from playoffs. When they decide it's time to enter the world, they are going to enter the world.

When those realities intersect, and a player in the midst of a playoff run learns that a baby is about to arrive, a SULLIVAN, Page C2

BEN VOLIN
ON FOOTBALL

Belichick has become a media sensation

It's unclear whether Bill Belichick will coach again. But he's absolutely crushing it at being a media personality.

After a rough winter in which Belichick was fired from the Patriots, couldn't get another head coaching job, and has had his legacy come into question, he has suddenly turned into a media star. Two sensational appearances in a little over a week have highlighted the dry wit, personality, and communication skills that he worked hard to conceal during his time as Patriots coach.

The first appearance came on the opening night of the NFL Draft on April 25, when Belichick provided impressively detailed and concise analysis of the first-round picks on Pat McAfee's ON FOOTBALL, Page C3



NBA PLAYOFFS GAME 1: CELTICS 120, CAVALIERS 95



DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Jaylen Brown (team-high 32 points) threw down his only dunk of Game 1 against the Cavaliers during the third quarter to put the Celtics up, 73-60.

A slam dunk

CHRISTOPHER L. GASPER

Teammates had Tatum's back



The rest of the Eastern Conference teams should swap scouting reports for prayer hymnals. If the Celtics are going to play like this on a night when Jayson Tatum was a mere mortal and Kristaps Porzingis was an injury absence then supplication might be the best play.

Tatum's 100th career playoff game was a dud GASPER, Page C7



BARRY CHIN/GLOBE STAFF

Celtic Payton Pritchard ended the third quarter with a long 3-pointer, then celebrated with Jrue Holiday.

Celtics dominate Cavs in opener

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown were the last two Celtics remaining in the locker room late Tuesday night. Both were calm and quiet, giving no indications that they'd just rolled to another playoff win.

Brown got dressed first, and as he walked past Tatum's stall to leave, he tapped his fellow All-Star on the shoulder. Tatum turned around. "I'm outta here," Brown said. "Back at it tomorrow?"

"Yessir," Tatum replied, nodding. CELTICS, Page C6

PETER ABRAHAM
ON BASEBALL

Sale's contributions not forgotten

ATLANTA — There are two ways to look at the legacy Chris Sale left behind in Boston.

The first is to recognize Sale as one of the people most responsible for the 2018 championship. He was the best pitcher and a leader of a team that dominated the majors that season.

Or you can choose to remember that Sale made only 56 starts and had a 4.16 earned run average over five seasons after agreeing to a five-year, \$145 million extension during spring training in 2019.

Red Sox squander opportunities in 4-2 loss to Braves in series opener. C4

That deal wasn't a mistake in the Carl Crawford or Pablo Sandoval pantheon. But it proved to be a disaster as Sale took up residence on the injured list with an assortment of issues, some that still defy explanation.

The Sox did Sale one final favor, trading him to the Braves in December. At 35, Sale has a chance to pitch in another World Series instead of ending his

career amid the latest rebuild at Fenway Park.

"I'm sorry he's not my teammate anymore, but I'm glad he's with a team like the Braves," Sox righthander Tanner Houck said on Tuesday before the Sox lost to the Braves, 4-2. "Obviously Chris is a great baseball player, but what I'll remember about playing with him were the things he did off the field.

"Being a friend, being a good teammate, just being a good person. Chris was a great example of what a veteran ON BASEBALL, Page C4



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Former Red Sox ace Chris Sale is 4-1 with a 3.44 ERA for the Braves.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS BRUINS VS. PANTHERS



MATTHEW J. LEE/GLOBE STAFF

Justin Brazeau's breakaway backhander against Sergei Bobrovsky gave the Bruins a 4-1 lead in the third period of Game 1.

Brazeau's breakout was a rush

By Conor Ryan BOSTON.COM STAFF SUNRISE, Fla. — All Justin Brazeau needed was a chance. And an opportunity presented itself as he gathered the puck near center ice at Amerant Bank Arena Monday night.

Using his 6-foot-5-inch, 220-pound frame to shield the puck from defenseman Aaron Ekblad, Brazeau outmuscled the blue liner to the outside as he glided toward the crease. Bobrovsky's slide to his right was in vain, as Brazeau's dekes ended with a puck lifted over the goal line — and a first career playoff goal on his résumé, which expanded the Bruins' lead to 4-1.

"He's unbelievably skilled," said fellow rookie — and Game 1 goal scorer — Mason Lohrei after the Bruins' 5-1 win to open this second-round series. "Such a great finisher in tight, which is kind of deceiving for a big guy. But he's got that goal-scorer's touch and it's pretty cool to see him go forehand-backhand there."

Brazeau's opportunistic strike was emblematic of his first NHL season, with the undrafted forward and former junior-league standout finally granted a chance to prove he belongs at hockey's highest level.

And the Bruins are reaping the rewards from buying into the big body from New Liskeard, Ontario.

"I always had the belief that I could be here and do this type of stuff," Brazeau said. "So I wouldn't say I had no belief in it. But obviously it was a bit of a

Panthers vs. Bruins Bruins lead series, 1-0 Monday, May 6 Schedule Wed. at Florida.....7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Friday at Boston.....7 p.m. (TNT) Sunday at Boston.....6:30 p.m. (TBS) *Tuesday at Florida.....TBA *Fri., May 17 at Boston.....TBA *Sun., May 19 at Florida.....TBA

Bruins 5, Panthers 1 Monday night game At Amerant Bank Arena, Sunrise, Fla. FIRST PERIOD No scoring Penalty — Boston, Brown (holding) 10:29 Florida 1, Boston 0 — Tkachuk 4 (Barkov) 11:45 SECOND PERIOD Florida 1, Boston 1 — Geekie 3 (Zacha, Pastnak) 12:52 Penalty — Boston, served by Geekie (too many men on ice) 13:53 Boston 2, Florida 1 — Lohrei 1 (Wotherspoon, Zacha) 16:17 Boston 3, Florida 1 — Carlo 2 (Coyle, Frederic) 19:39 THIRD PERIOD Penalty — Boston, Lindholm (holding stick) 1:21 Boston 4, Florida 1 — Brazeau 1 (van Riemsdyk, Lohrei) 7:13 Boston 5, Florida 1 — DeBrusk 4 (Marchand) 16:38 (en) Penalty — Florida, Ekman-Larsson (misconduct) 18:38 Penalty — Florida, Cousins (misconduct) 18:38 Penalty — Boston, Frederic (misconduct) 18:38 Penalty — Boston, Wotherspoon (hi stick) 19:27 SCORE BY PERIOD Boston 0 3 2 — 5 Florida 0 1 0 — 1 SHOTS BY PERIOD Boston 14 7 8 — 29 Florida 9 14 16 — 39 Power plays — Boston 0 of 2; Florida 0 of 3. Goals — Boston, Swayman 5-2-0 (39 shots-38 saves); Florida, Bobrovsky 4-2-0 (28 shots-24 saves). Referees — Chris Rooney, Graham Skilliter. Linesmen — Matt MacPherson, James Tobias. Attendance — 19,275 (19,250). Time — 2:45.

far-fetched [idea] coming into the year, just on an AHL deal. So I'm obviously extremely happy to be here."

Brazeau's road to Boston was anything but linear. Despite recording 113 points over 68 games in his final season of junior hockey with the North Bay Battalion in 2018-19, Brazeau was able to parlay that only into an AHL deal with the Maple Leafs organization.

Unable to establish himself in Toronto's prospect pipeline, Brazeau signed with the Bruins organization in 2021-22. He spent time with the Maine Mariners before logging 167 total games with Providence.

His blend of size and finishing talent made him a prospect worth reeling in.

After being one of the Bruins' top surprises in the regular season (five goals, two assists over 19 games), Brazeau was reinserted into the lineup in Game 5 vs. Toronto — his first taste of action since suffering an upper-body injury in Nashville April 2.

His reentry was "rusty," according to coach Jim Montgomery.

Brazeau then logged 9:36 of ice time in the Game 6 loss to the Leafs.

But everything fell back into

place during Game 7 Saturday. Slotted next to Trent Frederic and James van Riemsdyk on the third line, Brazeau led all Bruins players in shot attempts (10) and scoring chances (six). He recorded the secondary assist on Hampus Lindholm's tying goal in the third period, the byproduct of a puck-possession clinic.

The momentum carried over into Monday's series opener against Florida, with Brazeau's burst of acceleration proof of the strides he has made since joining the Bruins.

"That's been something my entire career, I think — I've always been told that I'm not a good enough skater," Brazeau acknowledged. "So it's something I've always worked on. I still work on to this day. So it was obviously nice to get that."

Brazeau and his new linemates' impact went well beyond his highlight-reel tally. In the 21:43 of five-on-five ice time that the line has logged together during the postseason, the Bruins have outscored opponents, 2-0, and held a 9-0 edge in high-danger scoring chances.

"I think we can be really good," Brazeau said. "I think we play a similar type of game. We try to keep it simple. I don't think we try to overcomplicate anything."

"I think we're just focusing on doing a good job on the forecheck and really supporting each other. So when we create a stalled puck, we get it back. So I think that plays to our strengths and it's been good so far."

If the Bruins are to extend their season into June, they're going to need their forwards to generate looks from Grade A ice. Having a player with Brazeau's size certainly helps, as a net-front monolith and a puck vacuum along the endboards.

But Montgomery believes there's far more to Brazeau's game than size. It's a belief validated by Monday's skilled finish against Bobrovsky.

"The plays we're seeing in Game 7 he made and tonight — we were seeing that in the regular season," Montgomery said. "And that's why I put him in Game 5, because he needed to get into a rhythm, and we kept playing him because we believe he's an excellent hockey player that can really help you — offensively and defensively."

"What you're noticing there is something that we think is part of him."

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BRUINS NOTEBOOK

Lohrei showed his slick skill set on ice

By Jim McBride GLOBE STAFF SUNRISE, Fla. — Mason Lohrei saw nothing but sad faces.

As the Bruins rookie glided into celly mode following his first career playoff goal in Monday's 5-1 win over the Panthers, he looked through the glass with a wide smile but saw only frowns looking back at Amerant Bank Arena.

"I was pumped when I scored, and then we're on the road, so no one else is pumped," Lohrei said with a light laugh.

He wasn't alone for long, however, as he was mobbed by his teammates for what turned out to be the winning goal.

The play started with a nice forecheck by Morgan Geekie, who hammered Gustav Forsling, forcing the Florida defender to cough up the puck up to Pavel Zacha, who dished it to Parker Wotherspoon at the blue line. Wotherspoon softly fed to Lohrei, who had pinched in (with Zacha filling his spot at the point). Lohrei then sent a wicked wrister under the crossbar on Sergei Bobrovsky's short side.

"Spoons made a great play. Poised the blue line. Got it down to me," said Lohrei. "I had some space, got my head up. Pasta was on the back door, and I think that kind of made the goalie go down a little. So I just took that space up top."

It was the latest highlight in a season of big moments for Lohrei, who improved during every callup from Providence and is playing with more and more confidence with every shift.

"I just think that the way he's handled the Stanley Cup playoffs, the emotion of it, the intensity of it, I think it has propelled

him," coach Jim Montgomery said Tuesday morning. "He's an extremely competitive player. It may not show in the physicality way he plays, but it shows with his poise with the puck."

Welcome back

Kind of lost in the blue line news (Lohrei's goal, Brandon Carlo's goal on the heels of welcoming a son, Crew) was the return of Derek Forbort.

A hard-nosed defender, Forbort had a pair of surgeries in March, and the belief around the organization was that his season was finito.

But the veteran rehabbed quicker than his doctors anticipated (he recently quipped, "What do they know?") and found himself back on the back line for Game 1.

"It's a huge testament to him and his character and his perseverance that he's back here," said Charlie McAvoy, "and he's been working really hard, and he's been on the ice for a while now, but kind of starting from scratch, and we knew that if we could keep doing our job, there'd be a good chance that he'd slot in."

"He's a tremendous defensive defenseman and here he is, and he played great last night and we're going to rely on him moving forward."

Take it easy

The Bruins did not have an official practice Tuesday, with Montgomery opting to give his players a day of R&R. . . Those who did skate included forwards Danton Heinen, Johnny Beecher, Jesper Boqvist, Jakub Lauko, and Patrick Brown, defensemen Wotherspoon, Kevin Shattenkirk, and Matt Grzelcyk, and goalies Linus Ullmark and Michael DiPietro.

NHL NOTEBOOK

Rangers win in double OT

Vincent Trochek scored a power-play goal off a rebound at 7:24 of the second overtime to give the Rangers a 4-3 win over the Hurricanes at New York on Tuesday night and a 2-0 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Alexis Lafreniere scored twice, Chris Kreider also had a power-play goal and Artemi Panarin added two assists for the Rangers. Igor Shesterkin stopped a season-high 54 shots.

The Rangers won their sixth straight in the postseason, and eighth straight dating to the regular season. New York got its first overtime playoff win since in Game 7 of the first round in 2022 against Pittsburgh.

Jake Guentzel scored twice, Dmitry Orlov also scored and Sebastian Aho had three assists for the Hurricanes. Frederik Andersen finished with 35 saves.

The Hurricanes have lost three of their last four — including two in double-overtime after winning the first three games of the first round. The Hurricanes have lost four straight overtime playoff games, including two against Florida in the conference finals a year ago.

Sharks win lottery

The Sharks won the draft lottery on Tuesday and earned the right to have the No. 1 pick in the NHL Draft for the first time in franchise history.

The Sharks finished last in the overall standings and retained their position in the lottery. Now San Jose has the opportunity to select Boston University center Macklin Celebrini, who is ranked first among North American skaters by NHL Central Scouting.

Celebrini is from North Vancouver, B.C., but has ties to the Bay Area as he spent a season playing for the Sharks' junior team. His father, Rick Celebrini, is vice president of player health and performance for the NBA's Golden State Warriors.

San Jose had an 18.5 percent chance to win the lottery, and a 25.5 percent chance to pick first.

Oh baby, what a day for new dad Carlo

SULLIVAN Continued from Page C1 decision has to be made.

Brandon Carlo made the right one Monday. And in supporting him every step of the way, the Bruins did too.

And so Carlo was able to be there with his wife Mayson for the birth of their second child, son Crew Corbett Carlo, in the wee hours Monday morning, sometime around 3 a.m.

From the heady aftermath of the Bruins' Game 7 win over Toronto Saturday night at home, to the postgame news that Mayson had gone into labor, to the long night and day watching and waiting by Mayson's bedside, to an overnight visit from a doctor ready to help quicken the pace ("We were flipping her around, putting her upside down, whatever we could do to get that baby out of there," Carlo said), to seeing the fresh smile of his first son, Carlo probably could have flown to Florida on the strength of his own adrenaline.

The Bruins had a better idea. Ownership arranged a private jet, a 2 p.m. departure that allowed for a short midair nap and then touchdown in Florida, just in time to play Game 1 of the second-round series against the Panthers. If you saw what happened next, then you know the truth in Charlie McAvoy's declaration: "Dad strength is unmatched."

While McAvoy was still flying high from the Bruins' 5-1 blow-out victory when he met the me-

dia Tuesday at the team hotel, he was just as buoyed by the performance of Carlo, who scored a goal with 21 seconds left in the second period, an everlasting tribute to his cherished new child.

It was a perfect, poignant ending to what Carlo describes as "24 hours I won't forget."

As if his teammates would let him.

There was David Pastrnak, ensuring that someone grabbed the puck so Carlo could save it as the best birthday present ever. There was Derek Forbort, the first to envelop his fellow defenseman in a hug and part of a widening circle led by captain Brad Marchand. There was goalie Jeremy Swayman at the other end of the ice, raising his hands to the rafters.

"I don't celebrate often," Swayman said, "but it's so incredible what he did today. Just the attitude that he brought, he was so excited. I can only imagine what it's like leaving your little one and your wife at home right after."

"And Mayson's a big part of this team too, because of that, allowing him to come and be here and supporting him. And it's just one of probably the most memorable moments I'll have with this playoff run, no doubt about it."

Carlo, still humming hours after the game was over, now owns this lifetime memory, his when for one momentous day his own family was wrapped in such a blanket of love from his

hockey one. He felt it through the arena ice.

"I don't know why, but I always just turn back to the bench and look at all the faces of the boys, and that always gets me just so fired up," he said. "I'm not a guy who scores very often. So just the faces of happiness when the guys are supporting me like that — it means so much. I feel so blessed to be a part of this group."

There is no rule book for these situations, no in-house policy that requires a player to make one choice or another. Time thankfully has seen an evolution in outdated attitudes that the job should always come first, with growing understanding even when it doesn't quite work out the way it did for Carlo. On the same night, during the NBA playoffs, Timberwolves center Rudy Gobert missed Game 2 against Denver when high winds and weather delays made it difficult to fly after his son's early-morning arrival.

No doubt, some neanderthals will criticize him. But I'm with Gobert. And had the same happened to Carlo, the Bruins would have been with him too.

"Ask anybody here, and family is the most important thing," said McAvoy, one of the team's alternate captains. "We get to play a game for a living, and that is a huge blessing. But your family comes first, and if he wasn't able to make it last night, no issues for us."

Morgan Geekie, whose quick

response after the Bruins fell behind, 1-0, in the second period set the stage for the goal-scoring onslaught, missed a playoff game last season (when he was with Seattle) for the birth of his and wife Emma's first child, daughter Gabby.

"I didn't score in the same game as my kid was born, but I kind of had the same-ish experience last year," Geekie said, "and the highs and lows and the adrenaline that he had going for him. We're all super proud of him."

Imagine the story Carlo gets to tell Crew someday, about the 24 hours from birth to playoff goal, about the energy he carried from Mayson's strength, from Crew's arrival, from a growing family with big sister Wren, and about the hockey family that couldn't wait to welcome him back to the ice.

"When you have incredible experiences in life, like the birth of a child, it's amazing the energy it gives you," coach Jim Montgomery said. "That's why I knew when he got here, we were going to put him in the lineup."

"The birth of my kids? It's like winning a championship. You have adrenaline like you can't believe for three days."

One look and you're hooked forever. As Carlo put it, "To see his face and just have a healthy wife and a healthy baby, I couldn't be more happy."

Tara Sullivan is a Globe columnist.

The lottery proved anti-climactic with no changes to the draft order. The Blackhawks, who selected Connor Bedard with the No. 1 pick last year, retained the No. 2 selection, followed by the Ducks.

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Gonzalez vague on recovery

By Nicole Yang

GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — Patriots cornerback **Christian Gonzalez** wouldn't say whether he will be a full participant when organized team activities begin later this month.

Gonzalez, who underwent surgery in October after suffering a season-ending torn labrum in Week 4, played coy Tuesday when discussing his recovery timeline. He initially said his injury is "in the past" but wouldn't provide further details.

At what point was he cleared for full activity?

"I'm still just going," Gonzalez said. "I'm focusing on still rehabbing, strengthening the shoulder, and trying to get better for this year."

Does he expect to be ready for OTAs?

"That's kind of out of my control," he said. "Just doing what I got to do."

So, is he not 100 percent?

"I can't give you that answer," he said. "I'm not the doctor. I don't know. I'm listening to what they tell me."

The Patriots will hold 10 OTAs, starting May 20 and ending June 7. They will then have a three-day mandatory minicamp that begins June 13.

Gonzalez has been in the building since the voluntary offseason program began April 8. He said the work so far has centered mainly on re-acclimating to football movements, conditioning, learning the playbook, and familiarizing himself with the defense's new faces.

As he transitions from his rookie year, Gonzalez said he is focused on staying healthy, becoming a teammate that everyone can count on, and showing more personality.

In the four games he played last season, Gonzalez flashed his potential as a lockdown cornerback — and he will continue to embrace the challenge of guarding the opposing team's top receiver. He is expected to be New England's top cornerback, with **Jonathan Jones**, **Marcus Jones**, **Alex Austin**, **Shaun Wade**, and **Marcellas Dial** rounding out the depth chart.

Gonzalez said his performance as a rookie, albeit a small sample size, built his confidence, while also acknowledg-

ing he was always going to feel that way.

"It gave me confidence, but I had confidence coming into the league," Gonzalez said. "Especially at this position, corner. A lot of it is mental. Just trusting my technique, going out there, and trusting God and what I've been taught."

Eagles' Hunt interviews

Eagles director of scouting **Brandon Hunt** interviewed for the Patriots' lead personnel job, according to reports.

Hunt, the director of scouting for Philadelphia, joined the Eagles during the 2022 offseason. He previously served as the pro scouting director with the Steelers, and was a part of the Pittsburgh organization from 2009-22, serving as the pro scouting coordinator from 2010-21.

Hunt is reportedly the first candidate who has accepted an interview. Three previous names have been reported as candidates for the position, but they've all turned down the opportunity to talk with the Patriots: Bills director of player personnel **Terrance Gray**, Bengals senior personnel executive **Trey Brown**, and former Cardinals executive **Quentin Harris**.

Eliot Wolf, currently on the staff as director of scouting, has been the very visible face of the Patriots' front office since the team moved on from **Bill Belichick** in January. Wolf, who served as the de facto GM throughout the predraft process and free agency, has helped guide the Patriots through the first half of a key offseason, and stated unequivocally at the combine in February that he would be the one making the call when the team was on the clock with the third overall pick.

While it's believed Wolf is the front-runner for the job, the franchise must follow through on the Rooney Rule, which requires teams to interview at least two external minority candidates for open head coach and GM positions before making a hire or promotion. Those must be in-person interviews.

Many hands on deck

The Patriots' wide receiver corps seems to have adopted an iron-sharpens-iron approach.

"In our receiver room, we've been working as a unit," **DeMario Douglas** said Tuesday. "We've been pushing each other. The better I am, the better the next man is going to be. The better the next man is, the better I'm going to be. I feel like we've all been competing."

Douglas, who led the Patriots in receiving yards last season (561), joins **Kendrick Bourne**, **JuJu Smith-Schuster**, **Tyquan Thornton**, **Kayshon Boutte**, and **Jalen Reagor** as the returning players in a crowded receiver room. The Patriots also signed veteran **K.J. Osborn**, and drafted **Ja'Lynn Polk** in the second round and **Javon Baker** in the fourth.

Douglas said he has watched some film of the two rookies, highlighting Polk's ability as a deep threat and Baker's hands.

"We definitely added some dogs to the room," Douglas said.

Douglas also gave a positive update on Thornton, whose roster spot is in jeopardy. According to Douglas, Thornton has put on weight and built up his strength.

"His mind-set is definitely on the right path," Douglas said. "He's going the right way."

The numbers game

Patriots rookies won't have to wear numbers in the 50s this year. Coach **Jerrod Mayo** has nixed the tradition, which was instituted in 2017 by **Bill Belichick** and required rookies to wear numbers in the 50s and 60s throughout the offseason program and training camp. The Patriots' first pick in that year's draft class would wear No. 50, their second pick would wear No. 51, and so on . . . Gonzalez and Douglas will have number changes this year, with Gonzalez switching from No. 6 to No. 0 and Douglas from No. 81 to No. 3 . . . Gonzalez said he has kept tabs on Polk because of their time together in the Pac-12. Polk, who spent three years at Washington, scored a 76-yard touchdown against Oregon in 2022, but Gonzalez was quick to clarify the play was not his fault.

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PORTLAND, Maine — Red Sox righthander Brayan Bello proclaimed himself ready to return to the big leagues following a 52-pitch, 2½-inning rehab start with Double A Portland against the Binghamton Rumble Ponies on Tuesday.

Bello (3-1 with a 3.04 ERA in 26⅓ innings this year) was pitching in a game for the first time since April 19. Five days later, he landed on the injured list due to right lat tightness.

Despite unspectacular results Tuesday, Bello said he is pain-free and recovered from the injury. He yielded a solo homer on a cement-mixer slider, plus a pair of doubles, part of a final line of three runs (two earned) on four hits and two walks.

But while his fastball and slider command was imprecise, he featured excellent (95-97 m.p.h.) velocity — a reassuring sign for his health — and got several swings and misses against his changeup.

"I feel really good. I feel good physically with the lat," Bello said via translator Justin Frometa, a Portland development coach. "I feel good with the

Bello raring to return after rehab appearance

pitches and the arsenal and weapons. I felt really good with the changeup, the slider, and sinker. For the most part, I feel like I'm in a really good place.

"Obviously, I didn't have the command that I had at the start of the year, but I feel really good, really happy, and overall, I'll be ready to go [at Fenway against the Nationals] on Sunday."

The Sox have gone 9-6 since Bello landed on the injured list, and the rotation — despite the absence of Bello, Lucas Giolito, Nick Pivetta, and Garrett Whitlock — has been a strength. Bello expressed excitement about both the work done in his absence and at the prospect of resuming his contributions to the rotation.

"I'm extremely excited and happy about the opportunity to go back out there," said Bello, who provided his minor league teammates with a post-game spread of Venezuelan food and took time to sign balls for all of them. "I'm super excited and ready to go."

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MINOR DETAILS

Making an impact in Red Sox farm system

By Alex Speier

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Who are the noteworthy performers of late in the Red Sox farm system? Here's a look at the last week:

■ **Triple A Worcester: 5-1 last week, 16-16 overall**

Righthander Richard Fitts (ranked No. 7 in Baseball America's May update of Red Sox prospects) continues to pitch well. In his last two outings, he has thrown 9⅓ innings, striking out 11, walking three, and allowing just five hits. For the season, he has a 3.72 ERA with 28 strikeouts and eight walks in 29 innings, with his four-seam fastball (93-95 m.p.h.) and slider playing well against righties, and his changeup proving effective against lefties.

Enmanuel Valdez hit the ground running in his return to the minors, going 6 for 16 with a homer, two doubles, and a .375/.444/.750 line. He played one of his four games at third base, underscoring the team's intention of moving him around the field — something the Astros did prior to the trade that brought him to Boston in 2022 — to open more pathways to the big leagues.

First baseman Niko Kavadas continues to mash, up to a .276/.440/.618 line for the season. Most of that production has come by crushing fastballs (.351 with a .703 slugging percentage).

■ **Double A Portland: 5-1 week, 16-9 overall**

It wasn't a great week for results by Marcelo Mayer (now ranked the No. 2 prospect in the system by Baseball America, with Roman Anthony at No. 1), as he hit .160/.192/.280. Yet a scout who followed him over the past week suggested there's little cause for alarm.

"There are few prospects in baseball better than Marcelo Mayer," said the scout. "He's really [expletive] good."

Righthander Wikelman Gonzalez (No. 5), who showed a mix that was heavy on off-speed stuff and breaking balls in his most recent outing, has been terrific of late, allowing just three hits and two walks while striking out 20 in his last 13 innings spanning three appearances. For the season, opponents are hitting .148 against him.

Questions remain about whether Gonzalez can work in the strike zone enough to emerge as a big league starter, but he looks potentially valuable in some role.

Righthander Ryan Zeferjahn, a 2019 third-rounder, likely has earned a promotion to Worcester. The 26-year-old reliever has been working at 96-98, getting swings-and-misses with his slider and curveball, and not allowing an earned run in 13⅓ bullpen innings. He has struck out 22 and walked three.

■ **High A Greenville: 4-2 last week, 11-16 overall**

Righthander Luis Perales (No. 9) has been excellent since returning

Belichick is now a media sensation

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show. Belichick went far beyond the typical surface-level analysis that dominates draft talk to highlight and articulate specific things that the top picks do and don't do well.

The performance had Sports Illustrated calling Belichick "downright refreshing," the Wall Street Journal calling him "delightfully candid," and The Ringer calling him "pretty freaking good." USA Today's review stated, "He reminded us that if being the greatest coach to ever live wasn't enough, he could be one of the game's best analysts."

Belichick then impressed a different, less football-y audience Sunday night at Tom Brady's roast on Netflix.

The live TV event featured Hollywood heavy hitters like Kim Kardashian and Will Ferrell, sports superstars like Peyton Manning, and top comedians like Jeff Ross and Nikki Glaser.

But many viewers, both in the audience and commenting on social media, seemed to agree with Sports Illustrated's review: "A Hilarious Bill Belichick Was the Star of the Tom Brady Netflix Roast."

Belichick brought down the house with well-timed cracks about Brady, the panel of comedians, and former Patriots in attendance like Rob Gronkowski, Julian Edelman, and Randy Moss. He flashed a big, mischievous smile, and looked more human and relatable than he ever did in 24 years as Patriots coach.

"Wow. Who would've thought?" host Kevin Hart said when he took the microphone back from Belichick. "Coach came up here and set the world straight. I can't even trash him. I don't feel comfortable trashing the coach after that."

Belichick opened Sunday's show with a recorded scene of him "benching" Drew Bledsoe for Brady for the roast, and it appeared that would be the extent of his participation. But halfway through the three-hour show, he surprisingly entered the set to Darth Vader's theme music and proceeded to roast those in attendance with acerbic but PG-13-rated takedowns.

One of Belichick's first jokes was one of the best lines of the night: "I'm so honored to be here for the roast of Tom Brady on Netflix. It's not to be confused with the roast of Bill Belichick on the 10-part Apple TV series." It was one of the few cracks at Robert Kraft that made it into the show.

Belichick playfully took down his former players, joking about Gronk's Tide Pod fiasco and Danny Amendola's lack of production (he seemed to really



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Bill Belichick brought down the house at Sunday night's Tom Brady roast.

enjoy taking Amendola, one of his harshest critics, down a peg). Belichick got in a couple of solid digs at Brady — mentioning the cryptocurrency disaster, joking about Brady's close relationship with Alex Guerrero, and noting that Brady's English soccer team, Birmingham City, just got relegated.

"Not so easy running a team, is it Tom?" Belichick said, drawing howls of laughter.

The common thread in Belichick's two appearances was that he was the classiest guy on set. He chose two sophomore platforms with massive audiences — McAfee and his cast of characters, and a raunchy comedy roast — and managed to make jokes and get his points across without debasing himself. It's a tactic that has served Belichick well this offseason, as he never fired back at the barrage of criticism he received in "The Dynasty" or in the media (including the Globe).

Belichick even produced a few poignant moments at the roast, using the platform to shine positivity on his former players. He called Brady the greatest of all time but highlighted "these great players that played with him. They were great teams." Belichick called Gronk "the best. Great teammate. Great, great player. Hall of Fame player. Give it up for Gronk, man."

Belichick couldn't even roast Rodney Harrison, leaving it all positive. "One of the greatest players I've ever coached," Belichick said. "He's not in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and to me, that might be the biggest joke of the night."

Harrison texted Monday that he was "blown away because I was expecting some type of roast. [I'm] happy people get a chance to see why we love Bill so much."

Belichick also sat on stage and good-

naturally took a lot of shots — about not getting a head coaching job, his damaged post-Brady legacy, the Patriots' cheating scandals, and the age of his new girlfriend. Ferrell, playing his character Ron Burgundy, was especially harsh on Belichick.

"I hope you know it now, it was Tom, it was never you," Ferrell said. "Remember that period when people thought it was you? Well, it wasn't. It was Tom."

Belichick didn't have to sign up for this. He could have been off-limits, as appeared to be the case with one certain member of the Patriots. But Belichick leaned in to his persona, had some fun, and kept it classy. It showed how much respect Belichick and Brady have for one another, and how the hatchet between them has long been buried.

Hart articulated what many of those watching were likely feeling.

"Bill, I got to be honest, I really was a little touched the fact that you came out," Hart said. "I'm dead serious right now. That was a very gentlemanlike move on your behalf. Tom, you better [expletive] appreciate that and tell him about it later." To which Brady said he did.

Toward the end of the roast, Manning confirmed that Belichick is going to have a regular role on the "Manning-Cast" broadcasts this fall on Monday nights. If Belichick maintains the same level of insight, wit, and humor, it's going to be must-watch television.

Belichick spent 24 years cultivating a gruff, joyless personality but suddenly has become everyone's fun grandpa. He is assuredly going to miss coaching this fall, but he's crushing it as a media personality.

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Baseball

Sox squander myriad chances, beaten by Braves

By Julian McWilliams

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Braves 4 Red Sox 2 ATLANTA — Justin Slaten has been stellar out of the Red Sox bullpen this season, allowing just two runs in his first 19 innings.

“They have good bat-to-ball skills one through nine. They have All-Stars and future All-Stars,” Slaten said.

Ozzie Albies worked a six-pitch walk off Slaten as that leadoff hitter, which helped catapult Atlanta to victory.

The Sox had plenty of chances before Slaten entered, but could not deliver the big hit to capitalize against a team itself struggling at the plate.

Both Rafael Devers and Tyler O’Neill went 0 for 3 in their chances, each striking out twice.

“Offensively, we didn’t do much. We had traffic all over the place and we didn’t cash in,” said manager Alex Cora.

“I know he’s been solid throughout the season, [Reynaldo] López, but I think in certain situations, we have to be humble and take what they give us.

The failures to do so began straightaway. The Red Sox cornered López in the top of the first inning, when Jarren Duran slashed a leadoff double down the left field line.

But Devers popped out, O’Neill struck out and, following a Wilyer Abreu walk, López induced a Vaughn Grissom ground out, spoiling what could have been an early lead.

“That’s baseball,” said Devers, who went 1 for 4, through a team translator. “Everybody goes up there to hit. They want to bring those runs in.”

It took López losing command of the strike zone for the Sox to break through. In the sixth, Abreu negotiated a leadoff walk from the righthander, and Grissom reached on an error by shortstop Orlando Arcia.

Both Duran and Abreu struck out in the top of the eighth. O’Neill came up with two runners on and two out, and roped what looked like a two-RBI double toward the left-center gap.



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Kutter Crawford allowed five hits, two runs, and struck out six Braves.

pen, and Ceddanne Rafaela singled off the pitcher’s leg to make it 2-2.

The Sox still stranded two when Duran and Devers struck out, but looked poised to break the game open in the

top of the eighth. O’Neill came up with two runners on and two out, and roped what looked like a two-RBI double toward the left-center gap.

mer teammates, got a stellar jump and made a sliding catch.

O’Neill had doubled an inning earlier.

“The line is moving,” Cora said. “But we have to cash in.”

When they didn’t, it gave the Braves a chance to take a late lead against Slaten. Austin Riley followed the leadoff walk to Albies with a single to right-center to put two on.

It all squandered a quality outing from Kutter Crawford, against whom Jarred Kelenic’s two-run homer in the third inning was the only big damage.

“I just focus on making sure I’m on the attack,” said Crawford. “I try not to get behind in counts. Try to get ahead on the first pitch.

Crawford did his job. Ultimately, though, the offense went missing when the Sox needed it most.

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Duran, Abreu key complete outfield turnaround

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ATLANTA — Ceddanne Rafaela’s outfield play to start the season was something the Red Sox hadn’t seen

RED SOX NOTEBOOK since the days of Jackie Bradley Jr., Mookie Betts, and Andrew Benintendi.

Much like Trevor Story at shortstop, Rafaela provided the outfield with stability. However, once Story went down with a season-ending shoulder injury, the errors began to pile up in the infield and the Sox had no choice but to put Rafaela at shortstop — the position he played when the Sox signed him in 2017.

That, of course, created instability in the outfield. Tyler O’Neill is a two-time Gold Glover, but the Sox have to manage his innings. While Jarren Duran had improved as a center fielder, the Sox thought he might be better in left.

Both Duran and Abreu responded to the challenge and then some. Heading into Tuesday’s series opener against the Braves at Truist Park, the Sox were tied with the Tigers for the major-league lead in defensive runs saved in the outfield with 10.

In 308 innings, Duran led all outfielders with nine defensive runs saved.

“We’ve come a long way from the Kansas City game,” said manager Alex Cora, referencing the August 2022 Sunday in which Duran made multiple misplays in center. “And now he’s the [best defender], metrics wise, in the big leagues. You know, he worked hard during the offseason last year with [outfield/third base coach] Kyle Hudson. They have a great relationship.

Abreu, meanwhile, is tied with the Dodgers’ Teoscar Hernández for the most defensive runs saved (five) in right.

“I think we were doing very well as a group,” Abreu said through a team interpreter. “We are trying to make the best decisions when it comes to throwing to the right bases and making good decisions in the outfield.”



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Rafael Devers, who finished 1 for 4 with a single, reacts after striking out to end the sixth, one of his two whiffs.

“Right now, the numbers speak for themselves. He’s the best defender in right field,” added Cora.

Abreu, who always welcomed the challenge of right field at Fenway, is learning all its nuances. He said quick decisions and quick reads are a necessity. Otherwise, you run the risk of the ball sailing overhead for extra bases.

“You have to have a quick first step to make sure you cover the ground,”

noted Abreu, be it coming in on the ball or going back.

It’s all part of a huge defensive leap for the team, one made largely without its star defender.

Getting close

The Red Sox rotation is finally coming back into focus. Nick Pivetta will be reinstated from the injured list Wednesday to start the series finale against the Braves, with reliever

Naoyuki Uwasawa optioned to Triple A Worcester to make room. Brayan Bello pitched 2½ innings in a rehab outing Tuesday for Double A Portland, and is scheduled to take the ball Sunday against the Nationals at Fenway. Garrett Whitlock tossed a bullpen Tuesday at Truist Park, with plans for a live batting practice Friday.

Braves 4, Red Sox 2

Table with columns for AB, R, H, BI, BB, SO, Avg. for both teams and individual players. Includes a detailed 'Inherited runners scored' section at the bottom.

Table with columns for IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO, NP, ERA for pitchers from both teams.

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

THIRD INNING — Braves — Harris popped to third, d’Arnaud was hit by a pitch, Kelenic homered to right, d’Arnaud scored, Acuña fled to right, Albies walked, Riley singled to left, Albies to second, Olson fled to left.

SIXTH INNING — Red Sox — Abreu walked, Grissom safe at first on fielding error by shortstop Arcia, Abreu to second, Smith struck out, Cooper walked, Abreu to third, Grissom to second, McGuire walked, Abreu scored, Grissom to third, Cooper to second, Bummer pitching, Rafaela singled to second, Grissom scored, Cooper to third, McGuire to second, Duran struck out, Devers struck out.

EIGHTH INNING — Braves — Albies walked, Riley singled to center, Albies to second, Olson struck out, Ozuna singled to center, Albies scored, Riley to third, Arcia reached on fielder’s choice, first to shortstop, Riley scored, Ozuna out, Harris fouled to left.

good. Maybe we just [start them for] five innings in the beginning and then we stretch them out, but obviously, we are in a part of our schedule this week where we should be OK.”

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Sale’s contributions will not be forgotten by teammates

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in this league should be. We saw the work he put in between games and how much he did to try and get past the injuries.”

Houck was a 22-year-old prospect still living at his mother’s house in Collinsville, Ill., in 2018 when the Sox tore through the Yankees, Astros, and Dodgers to take the title.

“I remember it very vividly, the last game of the World Series,” he said. “I was playing video games and watching the game when Chris came in. That left a big impression on me, that he wanted the ball there.”

Sale struck out Justin Turner, Kiké Hernandez, and Manny Machado, all swinging, to end the Series.

Keith Foulke made history with that little flip to first base in 2004. Jonathan Papelbon and Koji Uehara had joyous strikeouts in 2007 and 2013, respectively.

Foulke, Papelbon, and Uehara were all closers. Sale was a starter who was in the bullpen for Game 5 because manager Alex Cora was determined to end the Series then and there at Dodger Stadium.

It was fitting in a lot of ways. The Sox hired Cora after the

2017 season and one of the first things he did was travel to Fort Myers, Fla., to meet with a group of players who lived in that area.

Sale was in that room and they spoke about how the Sox had the ability to win it all.

To that point in his career, Sale had started two playoff games and lost them both. Cora’s words were exactly what Sale wanted to hear.

The best Red Sox teams have had players who took the manager’s message into the clubhouse. In Sale, Cora quickly found a partner.

When Cora was suspended for the 2020 season for his role

in the 2017 Astros cheating scandal, Sale stood by him.

“I respect him for everything he did for the organization and obviously care about him for everything he did for me,” Cora said.

After a day off here on Monday, the Sox had an early afternoon workout at Truist Park on Tuesday. Sale popped out of the home dugout and stood in left field, welcoming a receiving line of players, coaches, athletic trainers, and staffers.

Rafael Devers is the only player remaining on the roster from 2018. But for Houck and others, Sale was a touchstone.

“We definitely miss him,” Houck said. “It was cool for me personally to get to know him and see what kind of person he was and what made him such a great player.”

Sale is 4-1 with a 3.44 earned run average for the Braves through six starts. Atlanta is careful to give him extra rest between starts so he’ll be fresh for the postseason.

Sale is scheduled to face the Sox on Wednesday night. But that was not a topic he wished to discuss.

Sale sprinted off the field to evade three reporters from Boston waiting on the warning

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Baseball



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Naoyuki Uwasawa (right) chats with Red Sox pitching coach Andrew Bailey about a grip.

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Baltimore	23	12	.657	—	6-1	7-3	L 1
New York	20	13	.649	—	6-7	7-3	W 4
Boston	19	17	.528	4½	0-3	5-5	L 1
Tampa Bay	19	18	.514	5	3-4	6-4	W 5
Toronto	16	20	.444	7½	5-5	3-7	L 2

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Cleveland	23	13	.639	—	5-2	5-5	L 1
Minnesota	20	15	.571	2½	12-7	8-2	L 1
Kansas City	21	16	.568	2½	8-5	4-6	L 1
Detroit	19	17	.528	4	10-5	5-5	W 1
Chicago	8	28	.222	15	2-18	4-6	L 2

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Texas	21	16	.568	—	7-8	7-3	W 4
Seattle	20	16	.556	½	4-2	6-4	W 1
Oakland	17	20	.459	4	2-3	6-4	L 3
Los Angeles	13	23	.361	7½	0-0	3-7	W 1
Houston	12	23	.343	8	5-5	5-5	L 3

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Philadelphia	26	11	.703	—	3-3	9-1	W 7
Atlanta	21	12	.636	3	8-4	4-6	W 1
Washington	18	17	.514	7	5-2	7-3	W 2
New York	18	18	.500	7½	2-1	5-5	W 2
*Miami	10	27	.270	16	1-9	4-6	L 1

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Milwaukee	21	14	.600	—	8-5	4-6	W 1
Chicago	22	15	.595	—	2-1	5-5	W 1
Pittsburgh	17	20	.459	5	2-2	4-6	L 1
Cincinnati	16	19	.457	5	1-2	2-8	L 6
St. Louis	15	21	.417	6½	0-3	3-7	L 4

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
*Los Angeles	24	13	.649	—	7-4	8-2	W 5
San Diego	19	20	.487	6	10-9	5-5	L 1
Arizona	16	20	.444	7½	9-8	4-6	W 2
San Francisco	16	21	.432	8	7-8	3-7	W 1
Colorado	8	27	.229	15	4-8	2-8	L 3

RESULTS

TUESDAY							
At Atlanta 4	Boston 2	At NY Yankees 10	Houston 3				
Texas 15	at Oakland 8	Milwaukee 6	at Kansas City 5				
Detroit 11	at Cleveland 7	At Chi. Cubs 3	San Diego 2				
Arizona 6	at Cincinnati 2	Seattle 10	at Minnesota 6				
LA Angels 9	at Pittsburgh 0	NY Mets 7	at St. Louis 5				
At Philadelphia 10	Toronto 1	San Francisco 5	at Colorado 0				
At Washington 3	Baltimore 0	Miami	at LA Dodgers				
At Tampa Bay 5	Chi. White Sox 1						

MONDAY							
At Philadelphia 6	San Francisco 1	San Diego 6	at Chi. Cubs 3				
At Cleveland 2	Detroit 1	At Minnesota 3	Seattle 1				
At Pittsburgh 4	LA Angels 1	NY Mets 4	at St. Louis 3				
At Tampa Bay 8	Chi. White Sox 2	Texas 4	at Oakland 2				
At Kansas City 3	Milwaukee 2	At LA Dodgers 6	Miami 3				

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

	2024	Team	2023 vs. opp.	Last 3 starts	
	W-L	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
BOSTON AT ATLANTA, 7:20 p.m.					
TBA Sale (L)	Off	—	0-0	0.0	0.0
	Off	4-1	3.44	0-0	0.0
				3-0	19.0
				2.37	
TEXAS AT OAKLAND, 3:37 p.m.					
Lorenzen (R)	Off	2-1	3.52	2-2	0-0
Sears (L)	Off	2-2	3.89	3-4	0-0
				11.1	4.76
				1-1	18.2
				3.38	
TEXAS AT OAKLAND, 7:07 p.m.					
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0.0
Bido (R)	Off	—	—	0-0	0.0
				0-0	0.0
				0-0	0.0
LA ANGELS AT PITTSBURGH, 12:35 p.m.					
Soriano (R)	+115	1-4	3.77	1-4	0-0
Poréno (L)	-135	1-2	3.15	3-4	0-0
				3.2	17.8
				0-2	15.1
				4.11	
TORONTO AT PHILADELPHIA, 1:05 p.m.					
Bassitt (R)	+130	2-5	5.45	2-5	0-0
Nola (R)	-150	4-1	3.32	6-1	1-0
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				2-0	20.0
				3.15	
DETROIT AT CLEVELAND, 1:10 p.m.					
Olson (R)	+120	0-4	2.70	1-5	0-0
Bibeau (R)	-140	2-1	4.46	6-1	0-1
				0.1	9.82
				1-1	17.2
				4.88	
NY METS AT ST. LOUIS, 1:15 p.m.					
Quintana (L)	+145	1-3	5.20	4-3	0-0
Gray (R)	-170	4-1	0.89	4-1	0-0
				0.0	0.00
				2-1	19.1
				1.40	
MILWAUKEE AT KANSAS CITY, 2:10 p.m.					
Ross (R)	+110	1-3	4.65	2-4	0-0
Singer (R)	-130	2-1	2.45	5-2	0-0
				0.0	0.00
				0-1	17.0
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SAN DIEGO AT CHI. CUBS, 2:20 p.m.					
Cease (R)	Off	4-2	2.55	4-3	0-0
Wesneski (R)	Off	2-0	5.4	0-2	1-0
				5.0	1.80
				0-1	19.1
				0.87	
MIAMI AT LA DODGERS, 3:10 p.m.					
Weathers (L)	+225	2-3	4.54	2-5	0-1
Stone (R)	-275	2-1	4.06	4-2	0-0
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				1-0	16.1
				2.20	
ARIZONA AT CINCINNATI, 6:40 p.m.					
Montgomery (L)	-115	1-2	5.63	1-2	1-0
Ashcraft (R)	-105	3-1	3.63	3-3	0-0
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				1-0	17.1
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BALTIMORE AT WASHINGTON, 6:45 p.m.					
Bradish (R)	-170	0-0	1.93	1-0	1-0
Parker (L)	+145	2-1	2.53	3-1	0-0
				0.0	0.00
				1-1	16.1
				2.20	
CHI. WHITE SOX AT TAMPA BAY, 6:50 p.m.					
Flexen (R)	+195	1-3	4.85	1-4	0-0
Civale (R)	-245	2-2	6.14	4-3	0-0
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HOUSTON AT NY YANKEES, 7:05 p.m.					
Arrighetti (R)	+120	0-3	8.27	1-3	0-0
Rodón (L)	-140	2-2	3.68	4-3	0-0
				0.0	0.00
				1-1	17.0
				3.71	
SEATTLE AT MINNESOTA, 7:40 p.m.					
Kirby (R)	-120	3-2	3.76	3-4	0-0
Paddock (R)	+100	3-1	4.78	5-1	0-0
				0.0	0.00
				3-0	18.0
				2.00	
SAN FRANCISCO AT COLORADO, 8:40 p.m.					
Hicks (R)	-170	2-1	1.89	3-4	0-0
Lambert (R)	+145	2-1	5.66	0-2	0-0
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				0-1	15.0
				2.40	

ROUNDUP

Verdugo tops bash of Astros

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Alex Verdugo homered and tied a career high with four RBIs, powering the Yankees past Justin Verlander and the skidding Astros, 10-3, on Tuesday in New York.

Anthony Volpe and Giancarlo Stanton also went deep off Verlander as the Yankees won their fourth straight game. Volpe finished with three RBIs and Juan Soto had three hits.

Verdugo accounted for New York's first four runs with a three-run homer in the first and an RBI single in the third against Verlander (1-1). The three-time Cy Young Award winner lasted five innings and gave up seven runs — the second-most he's allowed in 37 regular-season and postseason starts versus the Yankees.

The four-RBI game was the second of the season for Verdugo and the fifth of his career.

Before the game, Gerrit Cole (right elbow) threw in the bullpen for the second time since the Yankees' ace was injured in mid-March.

Harper hammers Jays

Bryce Harper hit a grand slam, Cristopher Sánchez pitched seven strong innings, and the red-hot Phillies routed the Blue Jays, 10-1, in Philadelphia.

Kody Clemens homered, tripled, and drove in four runs for the Phillies, who have won seven straight games, 11 in a row at home, and 18 of 21 overall. Philadelphia is leading baseball with 26 victories.

Harper, who had three hits, chased José Berríos (4-3) with a bases-loaded drive to right with two outs in the fourth. The two-time National League MVP has home runs in three consecutive contests.

Rangers' perfect '10'

Marcus Semien had four hits and five RBIs, and the Rangers scored 10 times in the second inning of a 15-8 victory over the Athletics in Oakland.

Jonah Heim added four hits and two RBIs as Texas extended its season-high win streak to four games, outscoring opponents, 37-16, during that stretch.

The Rangers sent 16 batters to the plate in the second, their biggest inning since May 23, 2015. The 15 runs matched a season high, and the 19 hits set a new mark.

The game drew an announced attendance of 3,965 to Oakland after Monday night's season-low 2,895.

Bellinger back big

Cody Bellinger had three hits, including a home run, in his return to the Cubs after he missed two weeks with broken ribs. The 2019 NL MVP batted third and was the DH in a 3-2 victory over the visiting Padres, delivered when Michael Busch led off the ninth inning with a walk-off home run . . . Rays starting pitcher Ryan Pepiot is expected to go to the injured list on Wednesday, three days after getting hit on his left calf by a 107.5-m.p.h. line drive by the Mets' Starling Marte . . . Brewers lefthander Wade Miley was scheduled to undergo Tommy John surgery in Cincinnati.

NATIONALS 3, ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Rutschman ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.266
Henderson ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.322
O'Hearn dh	4	0	0	0	2	.291	
Mountcastle 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.280
Santander rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.213
Cowser lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Westburg 2b-3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.287
Mullins cf	3	1	0	0	0	1	.209
Urias 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Kjerstad ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Mateo 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Totals	31	0	3	0	0	12	

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Young cf	2	0	0	0	0	3	.200
Abrams ss	2	0	0	0	0	3	.275
García Jr. 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	.330
Senzel dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.231
Winker lf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.263
Meneses 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.257
Ruiz c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.127
Rosario rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.125
Lipscomb 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.241
Totals	30	3	6	3	0	8	

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E—Abrams (3), LOB—Baltimore 4, Washington 9.
2B—Winker (1), Meneses (4), SB—Rutschman (1), García Jr. (7), Winker (4), Rosario (4), Lipscomb (6).
Baltimore IP H R ER BB SO ERA
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NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS 120, CAVALIERS 95

An efficient Brown was unstoppable

GARY WASHBURN ON BASKETBALL

His confidence was brimming and the Cavaliers were on the ropes, primed to be vanquished after valiantly battling the Celtics for three-plus quarters. Jaylen Brown dribbled the ball up the floor, jab-stepped to force Evan Mobley off balance, then released a stepback 3-pointer.

With the ball about three-quarters to the basket, Brown turned around and headed back on defense. The ball felt pure coming out of his hands and he was convinced it was a bucket. He was right.

Brown's 3-point flurry in the fourth allowed the Celtics to pull away from the Cavaliers, 120-95, in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. The Celtics led for the final 40 minutes paced by Brown, who led Boston with 32 points, and Derrick White, who added 25 and seven 3-pointers.

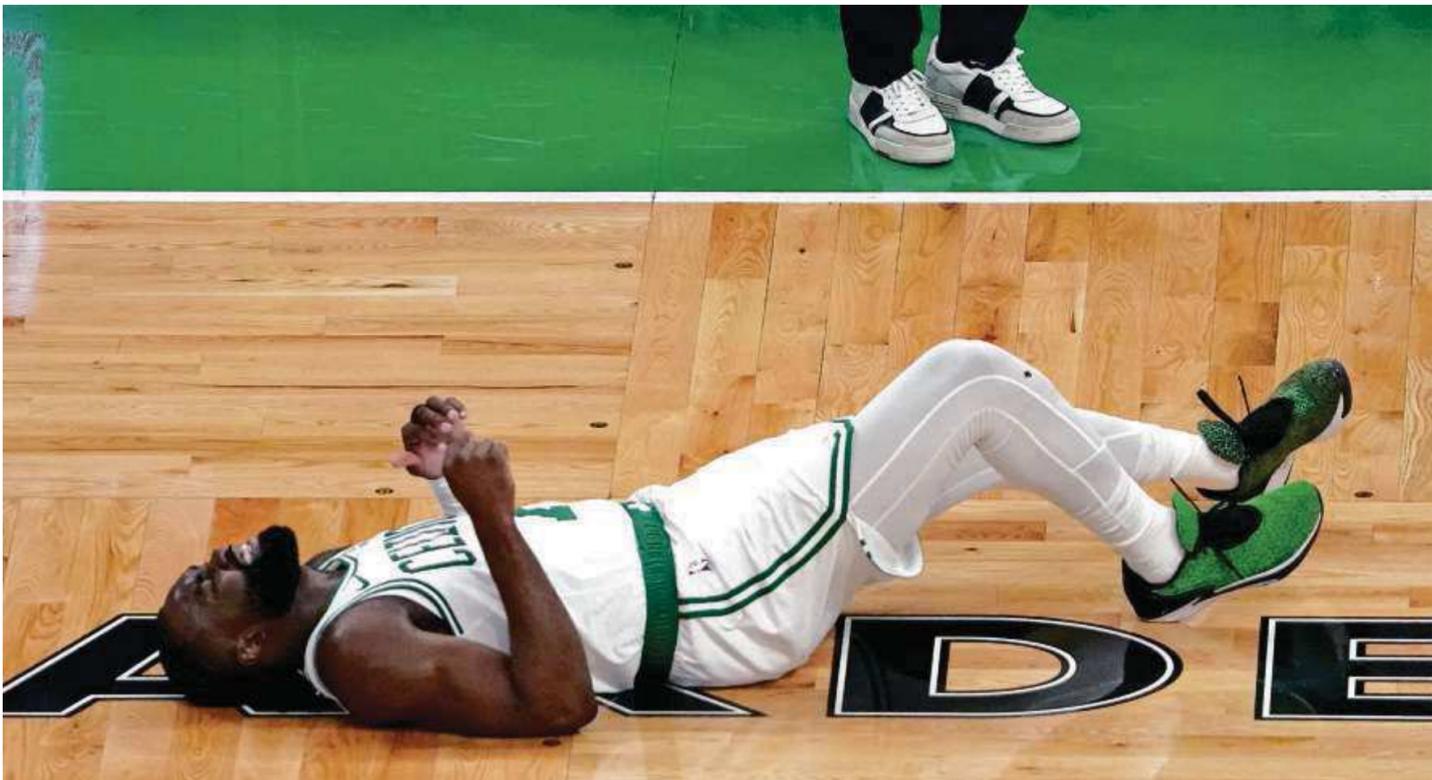
It's been a postseason in which Brown has chosen his spots offensively because of the Celtics' depth. The Heat focused on containing Brown and Jayson Tatum, allowing White a plethora of open looks.

On Tuesday, Brown scored 9 of Boston's first 12 points, and first quarters are when Brown feasts on defenses. With Tatum usually playing distributor or decoy, Brown attacks the rim, relies on his floater, or will gladly accept when teams leave him open at the 3-point line.

He has worked feverishly to become a three-level scorer, a player lethal from any spot on the floor. Cleveland lurked in the first three quarters, trailing by double digits but just a quick run away from making it interesting.

With the Celtics leading, 92-77, to begin the fourth, Brown began with a floater, then added a pair of 3-pointers during a 13-4 run for a 105-81 lead. The Celtics' offense sputtered most of the night, especially from the 3-point line. But with the way their defense was stifling, all they needed was a couple of buckets to take full control.

Brown ensured the Cavaliers had no hopes of a fourth-quarter run.



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Celtic Jaylen Brown, who finished with a team-high 32 points in 34 minutes, winces after hitting the deck hard during the second quarter.

In 34 minutes, Brown added 6 rebounds, 2 assists, a blocked shot on Mobley, and had just one turnover. He has become a more efficient player in his eighth season. After being heavily criticized for his careless ball-handling in past playoff runs, Brown has made better decisions in the open court, knowing when to attack defenses with his furious drives or when to pull back and wait for his teammates.

"That definitely has been an emphasis for me, being efficient," he said. "We've got a lot of threats on our team with the addition of [Kristaps] Porzingis, the acceleration of Derrick White, that means a lot of guys are going to have it going and have the ball in their hands. So when I get it, I need to be efficient with the opportunities that I have just because of how the game has

grown. We have a lot of different guys that can do a lot of different things.

"That's only empowered us. That's made us a better team. That's also made me more efficient. When I get the ball, I want to be as lethal as possible."

The Celtics won convincingly on a night when Tatum, Al Horford, and Jrue Holiday were a combined 3 for 17 from the 3-point line. They didn't need a vintage Tatum because Brown and White, and 16 points from Payton Pritchard, was plenty.

Brown has shown the ability to carry the Celtics offensively when they need buckets. He has feverishly worked on his offensive arsenal and there are nights such as Game 1 when he is unstoppable in stretches, when the three is falling and he uses his craftiness to score contested layups or steps back to

launch his midrange jumper.

"He takes a ton of pride in just growing as a player, every year, every game, every day," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. "He spends a lot of time on it. He's not afraid to go after something he knows he can improve on, which I think is huge for his growth mind-set. He has evolved. His ability to pick and choose his spots, when to play in transition. He had a couple of times where he scored in transition and two plays later, he slowed it down and went mid pick-and-roll and made the right play.

"I think the growth of him, even if he scores 6 or 8 in a row, when he gets into the paint, [the next one] is a pass. He's grown as a player and he's helped us and he's playing big stretches for us. It's important."

It was crucial that the Celtics begin this series by making a statement. Cleveland labored at times to win its seven-game series against the Magic and had just one day of rest before this series began. The Cavaliers' effort was valiant, but far from sufficient against a Celtics team that's taking care of its business and relying on its depth to overwhelm lesser opponents.

Brown made sure the Celtics jumped out to an early lead with his early dominance and ensured his team would win comfortably, pummeling the Cavaliers with his efficiency and offensive versatility.

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Celtics dominate Cavaliers in opener

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Tomorrow will bring just another practice at the Auerbach Center. But for the Celtics, there will be little to distinguish it from their 120-95 win over the Cavaliers in Game 1 of this Eastern Conference semifinal.

Although the playoffs remain in the early stages, the Celtics continue to approach this pursuit in a focused, businesslike manner.

In the NBA, one brief lull can cause a big lead to disappear in an instant, or one cold start can snowball into a mess. But in the Celtics' 4-1 first-round series win over the Heat, they led for all but one minute of their four wins, with the Heat needing an extraordinary shooting performance to steal one game.

On Tuesday, the formula and path were similar. This time, it took the Celtics eight minutes to seize the lead for good. They led by as many as 26 points and spent the night calmly extinguishing any flicker of momentum that the fourth-seeded Cavaliers began to generate.

For most of the game, TD Garden had a regular-season atmosphere. That is likely partly due to the low-profile opponent but could also be viewed as a sign that this is just another small, necessary step in a run that could extend deep into June.

"We try to come out, be the harder-

playing team," Brown said. "We stick to our agenda and we let the chips fall where they may. It's going to be tough for a team to have to beat us four times. But as long as we come out, we execute at both ends, and we're the harder-playing team, I think we'll be fine."

Brown was once again the catalyst for the Celtics. He seized control with an aggressive start and scored 15 first-quarter points on 5-of-6 shooting en route to a team-high 32.

Derrick White continued his scorching stretch by hitting 7 of 12 3-pointers and scoring 25 points. He is 20 for 37 from beyond the arc over the last three games, and the surge has unlocked a new level of confidence. The guard is not simply spotting up for 3-pointers on fast breaks.

During one sequence, he shook Cavaliers guard Sam Merrill with a devastating behind-the-back dribble before swiftly stepping behind the line and hitting in a jumper from the top of the key. The Garden crowd seems to appreciate White's body of work a bit more each night.

He has been serenaded with "MVP" chants, and on Tuesday calls of "Derrick! Der-rick!" poured down from the arena's upper reaches.

"Derrick White has grown," Brown said. "Like, this is a new version that we haven't seen before."

The Celtics remained without center Kristaps Porzingis, who could miss the entire series after suffering a calf strain in Game 4 against the Heat. But it once again did not matter.

Backup center Luke Kornet stepped into a larger role off the bench and grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked two shots while generally serving as a deterrent in the paint.

"It goes back to moments of the regu-

lar season," Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. "You can't be a good team unless those [backups] win you games, and they've all played a huge part in winning games, whether it's four in five nights, back-to-backs, it doesn't matter. They bring it, and it's important to have guys like that, and I thought Luke's presence was big for us tonight."

The Celtics are 23-4 in games without Porzingis this season, surely making opponents wonder what situation would actually give them an edge against this top-seeded powerhouse. Tatum even scuffled, going just 7 for 19 from the

field and 0 for 5 from the 3-point line for 19 points in a game that turned into yet another lopsided win anyway.

"We've just got a lot of different ways to win a game," Tatum said, "and I would assume that it's tough for the other team to try to figure that out."

The Cavaliers are 0-4 on the road during these playoffs. They were walloped in two of their three first-round losses in Orlando, and can add this dismantling to the list. Star guard Donovan Mitchell did his part by scoring 33 points and Evan Mobley added 17 points and 13 rebounds, but it hardly mattered.

Cleveland was held without a point for the first 4:33 of the second quarter. During much of that stretch, the Cavaliers deployed a frontcourt consisting of aging veterans Tristan Thompson and Marcus Morris. The talent gap was obvious.

Cavaliers center Jarrett Allen has missed four games in a row because of sore ribs, and there has been no indication that he will be ready for Game 2 on Thursday. Allen would help Cleveland with its rebounding and rim protection, but it's hard to envision a scenario in which he would truly make the Cavaliers a threat.

But the Celtics were not looking ahead to Game 2 after this win. They were just thinking about that practice. "I'm excited for tomorrow and how we can learn and get better," White said, "because I think there was a lot that we did bad and we need to get better at."

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Celtics vs. Cavaliers

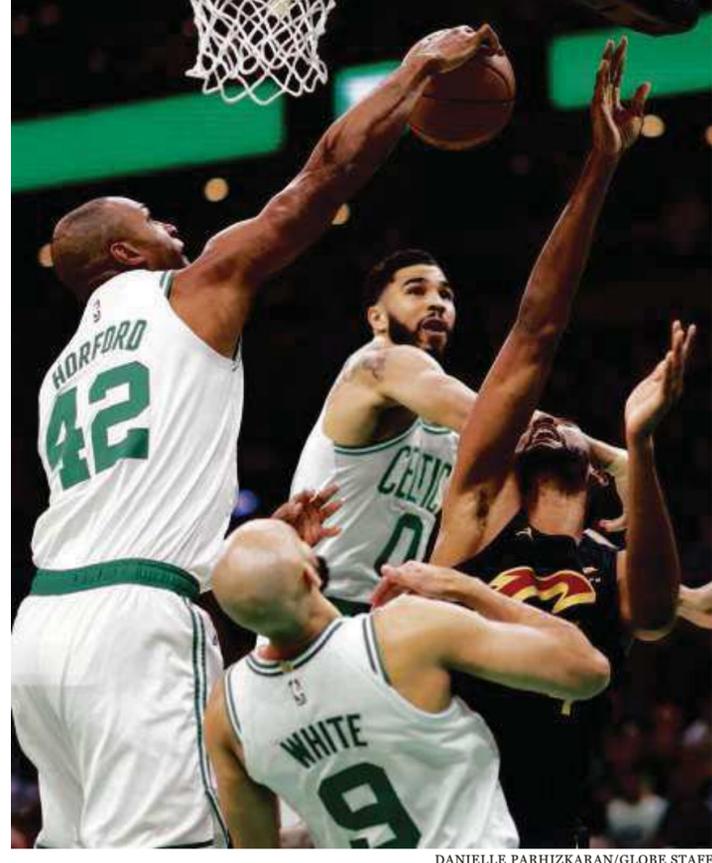
Celtics lead series, 1-0 Tuesday, May 7

At Boston 120.....Cleveland 95

Schedule

Thursday at Boston.....7 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday at Cleveland.....8:30 p.m. (ABC) Monday at Cleveland.....7 p.m. (TNT) *Wed., May 15 at Boston.....TBA (TNT) *Fri., May 17 at Cleveland.....TBA (ESPN) *Sun., May 19 at Boston.....TBA

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Three Celtics converge on Cavaliers forward Evan Mobley during the first quarter, with Al Horford coming up with the loose ball.

Celtics 120, Cavaliers 95

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS, GAME 1 Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at TD Garden

Table with columns: Team, Player, FGM-A, 3PM-A, FTM-A, OREB, DREB, REB, AST, BLK, STL, TO, PF, +/-, PTS. Rows for Cleveland and Boston players.

Summary table with columns: Team, 1, 2, 3, 4, T, PTS. Rows for Cleveland and Boston.

Attendance: 19,156 (105.6% of 18,624). Time of game: 2:09. Officials: Scott Foster, Curtis Blair, Mitchell Ervin.



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The Celtics' Luke Kornet dunks a putback off a Jayson Tatum miss during the third quarter.

NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS 120, CAVALIERS 95



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Celtics forward Jayson Tatum is knocked off balance in the first quarter by ex-Celtic Tristan Thompson of the Cavaliers.

Walsh gets first taste of the playoffs

By Khari Thompson
BOSTON.COM STAFF

Jordan Walsh has experienced a variety of playoff environments over the past year. Last spring, his Arkansas Razorbacks played in the NCAA Tournament and made it to the Sweet 16, where they fell to eventual champion UConn.

Last month, he helped guide the Maine Celtics to the G-League finals, where they lost to the Oklahoma City Blue.

Now, Walsh is getting his first taste of the NBA playoffs with the Celtics.

"I would say it's just a lot of learning and taking in information," Walsh, a second-round pick in last year's draft, said before Tuesday night's 120-95 victory over the Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals. "Obviously to be here in this situation is amazing. I'm happy that it was Boston. I'm just soaking up as much as I can, learning as much as I can, and just trying to be as positive and uplifting as I can for the guys. That's pretty much all that I've got."

Walsh said the Celtics have taken a collective approach to mentoring him. He said playing with Maine was a good experience because he could make mistakes and learn from them within the context of a game. Now it's about listening to veteran players and picking up bits and pieces to add to his game.

"I would say everyone kind of plays a role

in that. I talk to [**Kristaps Porzingis**] a lot about different stuff," Walsh said. "I talk to **Al [Horford]**, but it's just a collective effort, a collective family that comes together to try to help the young guy. It's definitely a role that I feel like everybody has taken on when it comes to giving me advice. [**Xavier Tillman**] has also been a big help, for sure, so those three guys are probably the biggest help."

Walsh said the biggest differences between the NCAA Tournament and the NBA playoffs are the physicality and attention to detail.

"It's a way more physical game here," he said. "It's way more attention to detail. In the NCAA Tournament, it's one game and advance, whereas here you have to beat a team four times. That's hard, to beat a team four times and advance and not show too much to where another team can get a hint at your secrets and stuff like that. Being meticulous and playing how you want to play each game is important. I've picked up on that."

Walsh said the biggest thing he wants to take away from this playoff run is learning how it feels to win consistently.

"I feel like that's everybody's goal now, to win every single game that's in front of us," he said. "And that's what I'm looking forward to, us being able to make history and accomplish something great. That's the greatest thing anybody can hope for in the playoffs."

Picking up the slack

As expected, Porzingis missed Game 1 because of a calf strain.

When asked if Porzingis will be available at any point during this series, coach **Joe Mazzulla** said, "I have no idea. 'I just know he is working every day to get back as fast as he can. He's involved in all the meetings, film, shootaround drills, and then doing what he can treatment-wise. So, I'm not sure.'"

Horford started in place of Porzingis. He scored 7 points and grabbed eight rebounds in 27 minutes.

"We have to rely on everybody," Mazzulla said. "We have a bunch of guys that have been here before and we've had games during the season without him to be able to establish those identities, but for Al it's just his toughness and his reliability."

"He's always available. He's always there. Both ends of the floor, he has a clear understanding of execution and just brings a level of toughness as you saw in Game 5 [against the Heat]. For us, that's super important."

Holiday, White get votes

Jrue Holiday finished sixth and **Derrick White** eighth in NBA Defensive Player of the Year voting, which was announced Tuesday night.

Timberwolves center **Rudy Gobert** won the award with 72 first-place votes, more than three times as many as the runner-up, Spurs rookie **Victor Wembanyama**.

Teammates picked up struggling Tatum

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— an ostensible gift from the basketball gods for the Cleveland Cavaliers. It hardly mattered or slowed down the Green. Even with Tatum struggling by his lofty superstar standards, the Celtics pasted the Cavaliers, 120-95, in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Tuesday night at TD Garden.

This loss should feel more demoralizing for the Cavaliers and the rest of the East "competition" than the calorie count after wolfing down a box of donuts when you're aiming to get summer svelte. Cleveland's superstar, Donovan Mitchell, roundly outplayed Tatum, scoring 33 points on 12-of-25 shooting to Tatum's 18 points — a total stat-polished by some empty calorie points after his teammates had finished the heavy lifting — on 7-for-19 shooting. But the Celtics still crushed Cleveland with ease.

The East is set up on a silver platter for the Celtics. They'll have to be complicit in their demise to fall short of the NBA Finals. That was reinforced in this rout. No Prime Tatum? No problem. What does that say about the Celtics?

"Really what I've been saying all year, we've got a really, really talented team," said Tatum, who's shooting 40.6 percent from the field and 25 percent from three in these playoffs. "It shows the depth of our team, and how we can win games in a lot of different ways."

The juxtaposition between Cleveland's effort around its lead singer and that of the Celtics around an off-key JT couldn't have been more stark. The Celt-

ics were able to drown out Tatum's chorus of clangs with hoops harmony. Mitchell was a solo artist with backup singers who didn't know the lyrics.

Tatum contributed in other ways, finishing with a team-high 11 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 blocks. Coach Joe Mazzulla was also quick to point out his work as a screener.

But the man is one of the best in the world at putting the ball in the basket. That skill wasn't at its customary level. He missed all five of his 3-pointers.

JT was just 4 of 15 from the field for 11 points late in the third quarter. Meanwhile, Mitchell was doing all he could to keep his team afloat and with-in hailing distance, pouring in 16 points in the third, including 11 of the Cavs' final 13.

The IRS would've let Mitchell claim the rest of the Cavs as dependents.

Tatum wasn't the head of the hoops household on this night. It's a luxury that few of his superstar NBA brethren enjoy. It wasn't an enjoyable evening for Tatum. You could tell that by his postgame mien, but his false start to the series didn't dent a Celtics team that has a marshmallow cushy margin for error and kumbaya vibes.

"Some guys have been through different experiences throughout their career and are at the point where winning is the most important thing," said Mazzulla. "Nothing can get in the way of that . . . The guys do a great job of holding that standard."

After three quarters, four Celtics had a dozen or more points — Derrick White (25), Jaylen Brown (24), Tatum (13),

and Jrue Holiday (12). Sans Tatum's usual offensive firepower, the Celtics were up 15 points despite their best player scuffling to 5 of 17 from the floor.

The Cavaliers finally succumbed to the Celtics succor of Tatum in the perilous first few minutes of the fourth quarter when Cleveland coach J.B. Bickerstaff tried to give Mitchell a breather. Tatum was off the court too.

The Celtics opened the final frame on a 13-4 run, capped by Brown, who contributed a team-high 32 points along with 6 rebounds, 2 assists, and a message-sending block of his buddy Mitchell, drilling a deep three from the top of the key. That put the Celtics up 24.

When Tatum returned with 7:17 left, replacing Brown, Boston was up 20.

Game, set, match, Celtics. "That's who they are," said Mitchell. "They have different guys that can go off and have shown it, so this isn't like a shock. It isn't like a deflating thing."

"If it's not JT, it can be JB. It can be Al [Horford]. It can be D-White. It can be Jrue Holiday It can be Sam Hauser, Payton Pritchard. They've shown it all season . . . I think we did a pretty good job on JT, but the other guys got going. So, we have to find a way to contain everybody and be better on Thursday."

Mitchell came into the contest averaging 32.2 points against the Green in his previous dozen games against them. He held up his end of the bargain. But the Cavs' supporting cast shot a combined 25 for 65. After hitting 6 of their first 12 threes in the first quarter, Cleve-

land managed only 5 of 30 the rest of the way from deep.

Only Mitchell was able to solve the Celtics half-court defense. The other Cavaliers required opportunities created by fast breaks or attacking in transition before the Celtics set their defense like concrete.

This is the stuff that NBA trade ultimatums are made of.

Cleveland entered without a playoff road win this postseason. Their three losses in Orlando in Round 1 were by an average of 22.7 points per game, including 38-point and 23-point defeats.

That sounded like a recipe for a Boston blowout. It was despite Tatum's terrible time and a mini-tantrum.

He picked up his third personal with 48.7 seconds left in the first half on and and-1 by Mitchell.

It was Tatum's second foul in 15 seconds. He committed a silly frustration foul after two misses at the rim.

It was bad form on a night when Tatum had bad shooting form. But his teammates picked him up, led by Brown, who got off to another strong start. The Other Jay hit his first five shots and scored 15 of his 20 first-half points.

The Celtics were great, so Tatum didn't have to be.

The NBA workshops at that altar of star power. But on this night the team carried the superstar, not the other way around.

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Thunder roll on, rout Mavericks

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Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 29 points, nine rebounds and nine assists to help the top-seeded Thunder beat the Mavericks 117-95, at Oklahoma City on Tuesday night in Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Chet Holmgren added 19 points, 7 rebounds and 3 blocks for the Thunder. **Jalen Williams** struggled with his shot for three quarters but scored 10 of his 18 points in the fourth to help Oklahoma City remain unbeaten in the playoffs.

Gilgeous-Alexander got the best of the matchup with Dallas' **Luka Doncic**, a fellow MVP finalist. Doncic scored 19 points on 6-for-19 shooting and had five turnovers. **Lu Dort** got most of the work guarding him, with rookie **Cason Wallace** getting some of the action and Holmgren pestering him near the rim.

Kyrie Irving scored 20 points and **Daniel Gafford** added 16 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for the fifth-seeded Mavericks.

Gilgeous-Alexander rested briefly at the start of the second quarter before subbing in at the 8:20 mark. He scored 11 points in the period to help the Thunder take a 62-53 lead at the break. He scored 19 points in the first half, while reserve **Aaroniggins** scored 12 of his 16 points before the break.

Dallas opened the second half on a run, and a 3-pointer by Irving cut Oklahoma City's lead to 66-65 and forced the Thunder to call a timeout.

Isaiah Joe and **Dort** hit 3-pointers when play resumed, then Dort ripped Doncic, leading to a dunk by Williams that put the Thunder up 74-67.

Gilgeous-Alexander's 3-pointer

NBA playoffs

Eastern Conference

NEW YORK VS. INDIANA	
Knicks lead series, 1-0	
Monday, May 6	
At New York 121	Indiana 117
Schedule	
Wednesday at New York	8
Friday at Indiana	7
Sunday at Indiana	3:30
*Tuesday at New York	TBA
*Fri., May 17 at Indiana	TBA
*Sun., May 19 at New York	TBA

Western Conference

DENVER VS. MINNESOTA	
Timberwolves lead series, 2-0	
Saturday, May 4	
Minnesota 106	at Denver 99
Monday, May 6	
Minnesota 106	at Denver 80
Schedule	
Friday at Minnesota	9:30
Sunday at Minnesota	8
*Tuesday at Denver	TBA
*Thu., May 16 at Minnesota	8:30
*Sun., May 19 at Denver	TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. DALLAS	
Thunder lead series, 1-0	
Tuesday, May 7	
At Oklahoma City 117	Dallas 95
Schedule	
Thursday at Okla. City	9:30
Saturday at Dallas	3:30
Monday at Dallas	9:30
*Wed., May 15 at Okla. City	TBA
*Sat., May 18 at Dallas	8:30
*Mon., May 20 at Okla. City	8:30

T'WOLVES 106, NUGGETS 80

Monday night game										
	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	PT			
McDaniels	26	2-7	1-2	0-2	3	5	5			
Anderson	26	3-8	0-0	7-9	8	1	6			
Towns	36	10-15	4-4	2-12	1	4	27			
Conley	32	2-5	0-1	0-3	6	3	4			
A.Edwards	32	1-17	1-7	3-4	7	2	27			
Alexander-Walker	30	5-9	0-0	0-6	1	1	14			
Reid	29	5-14	0-0	1-5	0	1	14			
Morris	8	1-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	2			
McLaughlin	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0			
Nnaji	13	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0			
Garza	3	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	2			
Moore Jr.	3	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	1	2			
Minott	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Totals	42:04	9-14	1-12	25	20	106				
FG%: 500, FT%: 643, 3-pt. goals: 13-33, 394										
(McDaniels 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Towns 3-5, Conley 0-2, A.Edwards 1-4, Alexander-Walker 4-7, Reid 4-8, Morris 0-3, Miller 0-1, Minott 1-1); Blocks: 12 (McDaniels, Anderson, Towns 2, Conley, Alexander-Walker 3, Reid 4); Turnovers: 12 (McDaniels, Anderson 2, Towns 2, A.Edwards 4, Alexander-Walker, Reid 2); Steals: 11 (McDaniels 2, Anderson 2, Towns, Conley 2, A.Edwards 2, Reid, Morris).										
DENVER										
	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	PT			
Porter Jr.	39	4-12	0-0	1-5	2	0	9			
Gordon	32	1-17	1-7	3-4	7	2	27			
Jokic	39	5-13	6-6	16-16	8	1	3			
Caldwell-Pope	28	2-6	0-0	2-3	0	4	4			
Murray	36	3-18	2-2	2-13	2	3	8			
Jackson	10	1-6	0-0	1-2	1	1	3			
Braun	10	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	0	0			
Holiday	22	4-6	1-2	0-2	1	2	13			
Watson	9	0-2	0-2	1-2	0	0	0			
Tyson	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Nnaji	3	0-1	1-2	1-1	0	0	1			
Jal.Pickett	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2			
Strawther	3	0-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	2			
Totals	29:53	13-18	18-50	16	14	80				
FG%: 349, FT%: 722, 3-pt. goals: 9-30, 300										
(Porter Jr. 1-7, Gordon 3-5, Jokic 0-1, Caldwell-Pope 0-2, Murray 0-4, Jackson, Holiday); Steals: 6 (Porter Jr., Gordon, Caldwell-Pope, Murray 2, Braun); Technicals: Gordon, 503/3rd.										
Minnesota	28	33	21	24	-	106				
Denver	20	15	25	20	-	80				
A - 19,942 (19,155); T - 219. Officials - Marc Davis, David Guthrie, Pat Fraher.										

with Doncic in his face put Oklahoma City up 80-69. Irving hit a 3-pointer as the third quarter expired, but the Thunder still led 89-79.

Williams scored eight straight points for the Thunder in a run that put Oklahoma City ahead 102-87.

Gobert top defender

Rudy Gobert made some history. **Victor Wembanyama** nearly did.

Gobert, the Timberwolves center, was announced Tuesday night as the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year for a record-tying fourth time — joining Basketball Hall of Fame inductees **Dikembe Mutombo** and **Ben Wallace**.

It was the fifth time in the last 11 seasons that a French center won Defensive Player of the Year — and it sure seems like Wembanyama will add to that country's total before long. The spurs star, announced Monday as the league's Rookie of the Year, was second in the voting and fell one spot short of being the first player to win the DPOY trophy in Year 1 of his NBA career.

Viva la France, indeed. **Joaquim Noah** became the first Frenchman to win DPOY when he was the overwhelming choice in 2014, and Gobert now has the trophies for 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2024.

"It's great teamwork," Gobert, the best defender on a Timberwolves team that had the best defense in the NBA this season, said on TNT during the award's announcement. "We love to get individual awards and all these things, and it's great but you can't do it alone."

It's the ninth time in Gobert's 11 seasons that he has been seventh or better in the voting. He was second in 2017, third in 2020 and 2022, fifth in 2015, and seventh in 2016 — and picked up this trophy one day after missing a playoff game for the birth of his son.

"A lot of blessings," Gobert said. "Just really grateful."

Heat center **Bam Adebayo** was third, his best finish in the voting. He was fourth in 2021 and 2022, along with fifth in 2020 and 2023.

Gobert was second in rebounds per game and sixth in blocked shots per game — a category where Wembanyama led the league.

The Timberwolves led the NBA this season in fewest points allowed per game. They also held opponents to the lowest field goal percentage.

"This year, training camp, we came Day 1 and said we wanted to be a top defense in this league," Gobert said. "Every guy has bought in. Everyone has put in the work every single day, and now we're here with one goal in mind, to try to get this championship."

Murray fined

Nuggets guard **Jamal Murray** was fined \$100,000 by the NBA but avoided a suspension for "throwing multiple objects in the direction of a game official during live play," the league announced.

Murray tossed a towel and a heat pack onto the court late in the second quarter of Denver's 108-80 loss to Minnesota on Monday night that gave the Timberwolves a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series that shifts to Minneapolis this weekend.

The Nuggets were frustrated by the officiating as they fell behind by 28 points shortly before halftime.

The heat pack toss garnered the most attention as TNT replays showed Murray sitting at the end of Denver's bench and throwing it onto the court. It slid across the floor as players jockeyed in the lane just before Minnesota's **Karl-Anthony Towns** made a layup with 4:41 left in the second quarter.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope retrieved the heat pack and tossed it aside as the public address announcer admonished the crowd not to throw any objects onto the court.

Scoreboard

Scoreboard table with columns for WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN, MON, TUE and various sports logos like Boston Red Sox, Florida Marlins, etc.

Home games shaded For updated scores: bostonglobe.com/sports

ON THE AIR

Table listing various sports events on TV, including Baseball, NBA Playoffs, Men's College Golf, NHL Playoffs, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, College Softball, and Tennis.

Latest line

Table showing favorite teams and their odds for various sports events.

Transactions

Arizona: P Paul Sewald removed from 15-day IL. P Paul Sewald recalled from minors rehab. Atlanta: P Ray Kerr called up from minors. P Tyler Matzek placed on 15-day IL.

Schools

Table listing various schools and their performance in different sports like Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball, etc.

PWHL

Walter Cup

SEMIFINALS (BEST OF 5)

Table listing PWHL semifinals matchups between Minnesota vs. Toronto and Cape & Islands.

AHL Calder Cup

DIVISION SEMIFINALS (BEST OF 5)

Table listing AHL Calder Cup division semifinals matchups across Atlantic, North, and Pacific divisions.

ECHL Kelly Cup

DIVISION FINALS (BEST OF 7)

Table listing ECHL Kelly Cup division finals matchups in North and South divisions.

MLS

Table listing MLS Eastern Conference and Western Conference standings.

Colleges

MEN'S LACROSSE

Division 3 NCAA Tournament

Table listing Division 3 NCAA Tournament first round matchups.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Division 1 NCAA Tournament

Table listing Division 1 NCAA Tournament first round matchups.

Tennis

INTERNATIONAL BNL D'ITALIA

Table listing BNL D'ITALIA singles first round matchups.

International League

Table listing International League standings and results for various teams.

Eastern League

Table listing Eastern League standings and results for various teams.



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Bishop Feehan junior Mylee Ramer has dominated with 113 strikeouts in 63 innings.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL NOTEBOOK

It's a call to arms in stout Catholic Central

By Julia Yohe GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

How do you describe a rough start? The Bishop Feehan softball team opened the season minus projected starters at catcher, center field and left field, all because of concussions.

nic either. "In this league, you don't have a night off," said Fenwick coach Brian Seabury.

"They're all very smart pitchers . . . so every at-bat matters." The challenge that each team — and each pitcher — reliably presents in every game demands the best out of every player and provides each team with the experience it needs to make a decent postseason run.

Globe Top 20

Table listing the top 20 players in the league based on various statistics like batting average, home runs, etc.

Extra bases

Pentucket junior Molly LeBel crossed 500 career strikeouts in a 7-4 Cape Ann League victory over Newburyport. She sits at 509 after eight against Essex Tech. "She has that fire and she wants to win so badly," said Pentucket coach Deb Smith.

What's the key?

"It's really simple: pitching," said Feehan coach Bill Milot. "Everybody has some girls that can hit, some girls that can field, but you're talking about very good pitchers for all those teams."

A pitcher's ability to execute can make or break a game.

Yes, tight defense out in the field is important. But the pitcher serves as the first line (or circle, in the case of softball) of defense. At Feehan, that starts with Mylee Ramer. In 63 innings, the junior righthander has punched out 113 and compiled a 1.78 earned run average in what Milot calls her best season yet.

Archies leans on sophomore Jill Ondrick

for much of its success — including the Bishops' first win over Feehan since Ramer took to the circle three seasons ago. The four-year varsity player boasts a staggering 147 strikeouts, 0.68 ERA, and eight earned runs across 82 innings.

At Fenwick, Central Connecticut State-bound senior Gigi Aupont

has fanned 118 batters over 71 innings for an impressive 0.85 ERA. After the graduation of ace Anna Friguelli, St. Mary's has welcomed in freshman Aliquella Crean-Oviedo. Her 7-2 record is marked by 59 strikeouts in 58 innings pitched, exceeding already-high expectations, according to Newbury. And matchups against Arlington Catholic, Cardinal Spellman, and Bishop Stang is no pic-

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Changes eyed for MIAA hockey OT

Goal judges and replay endorsed

By Cam Kerry
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

FRANKLIN — The backlash and spirited debate following the disputed winning goal from the Division 1 boys' hockey final has prompted the MIAA hockey committee to make recommendations for changing overtime structure, using goal judges in the postseason, and introducing video replays for championship games at TD Garden.

In the D1 final, St. John's Prep defeated Winchester, 3-2, on a goal that videos high above the ice showed had crossed the line after time had expired. The goal was ruled good by the four on-ice officials.

The amendments, generated at Wednesday's two-plus hour meeting, will be forwarded to the Tournament Management Committee, which is scheduled to meet virtually on Thursday. A quick decision, however, is unlikely.

The overtime for all state tournament games will be broken into three 8-minute segments — a four-on-four session using the same ice as the third period. If the game is not decided, new ice will be made for two three-for-three sudden death eight-minute sessions. However, if the game is still tied, a shootout will determine the winner.

After much deliberation, the overtime amendment passed, 10-6, but not without animated discussion. In the 2023-24 season, 19 of the 196 postseason games went to OT, with 10 extended into double overtime, and four ending in a shootout. Through 587 tournament games in three seasons of the statewide format, six have been decided in a shootout.

"You don't play your whole season to get to a state final game and then have a shooter against the goalie," said Wellesley athletic director John Brown. "It's not right for the kids and it's certainly not right for the goalie, and it's not right for the teams."

This year's Division 1 girls' final, the first game of the day, St. Mary's prevailed in three overtimes over Notre Dame-Hingham. And the Division 1 boys' final went four OTs before BC High edged Pope Francis. Since, concerns have been raised about health and safety in such prolonged contests, in addition to facility availability.

Previously in the playoffs, an eight minute 4-on-4 session was played, followed by an equal length three-on-three without making ice.

"I think from my perspective and my experience as a coach, when you don't make ice, you are adding the chance that you're going to prolong the game, rather than end it," said committee chair Dan Shine, the athletic director, and former 42-year coach at Arlington Catholic.

"The ice gets so chewed up, it makes it difficult to move the puck around and put one team in a better position than the other team to score."

Video review for goals in the state finals, if available, passed by a 15-1 margin. The procedure will be drafted by Nov. 1. Tentatively, an official will be added in the video review booth for the state championship game only. The on-ice officials will be the only ones allowed to initiate a video review.

Framingham AD Paul Spear led an effort to insert goal judges beginning with neutral site venues in the quarterfinals. The motion passed by a 13-3 margin.

The sole responsibility of goal judges, per the USA Hockey Handbook, is to ensure the puck completely crosses the line.

"They are there as a resource to be used," said Spear. "We can solve a problem that could cost us."

Attendance numbers are in for the six state finals March 18 at TD Garden: 18,600, a rise from 14,400 that saw the games in 2023. It was the highest attendance figure since 2013, in which 18,700 descend upon Causeway Street.

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LEGAL NOTICES

-NOTICE-

This notice is provided in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 85 of the Acts of 2000 of Massachusetts law and the Massachusetts Rights-Of-Way Management Regulations 333 CMR 11.00.

The railroad companies listed below will be controlling vegetation on their rights-of-way both by mechanical means and the selective use of approved herbicide products, in conformance with approved Vegetation Management Plans and approved Yearly Operational Plans. Copies of these Yearly Operational Plans are available in your municipal office building at the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen (or Mayor), and Conservation Commission.

This annual program is necessary for public safety, to provide required sight distance, to provide well-drained and stable roadbeds, to reduce fire danger, and to allow for required inspection of track and roadbed structure. Approved herbicide applications will be accomplished by either backpack or on-track vehicles, and will be with Aquaneat, Opensight, Ranger Pro, Milestone, Oust XP, Polaris AC Complete, Esplanade 200SC, Escort XP and/or Patriot. Only products approved by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency (MGL c. 132B sec. 6B) will be used.

Schedule for Herbicide Applications:

Amtrak	17 May–28 June & 19 July–16 August 2024
Providence & Worcester Railroad Company	07 June–09 July 2024
Housatonic Railroad Company	07 June–09 July & 19 July–16 August 2024
Massachusetts Coastal Railroad	28 June–16 August 2024
Mass Central Railroad	17 May–28 June & 19 July–16 August 2024
Grafton & Upton Railroad	17 May–28 June & 19 July–16 August 2024

Questions or comments regarding this railroad vegetation control should be addressed to:

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South Portland, ME 04106
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RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY AND TRESPASSING IS PROHIBITED BY LAW (MGL c. 160, sections 218 and 220)

In the Matter of the Proposed Acquisition of Control of Electric Insurance Company by Riverstone International Holdings Limited, Riverstone International Limited, Riverstone Holdings Limited, Riverstone International Holdings Inc. and CVC Capital Partners Strategic Opportunities II Limited

Docket No. F2024-01

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 175, §206B, an application has been made to the Massachusetts Commissioner of the "Commissioner") by CVC Capital Partners Strategic Opportunities II Limited, a Jersey corporation ("CVC Capital Partners SOI GP"), Riverstone International Holdings Limited, a Jersey corporation indirectly controlled by funds managed by CVC Capital Partners SOI GP ("Riverstone Holdings"); Riverstone International Limited, a Bermuda limited company and its indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Riverstone Holdings ("RIL"); Riverstone Holdings International Kingdom corporation and a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of RIL ("RILK"); RHEL International Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation and a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of RIL ("Acquirer") and together with CVC Capital Partners SOI GP, Riverstone Holdings, RIL, and RILK (the "Applicants"), for approval of a proposed acquisition of Electric Insurance Company, a Massachusetts domestic insurer (the "Company").

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 175, §206B, the Commissioner will hold a public hearing to determine whether to approve the proposed acquisition of control. The public hearing will be held virtually using TEAMS in a digital meeting program, on May 15, 2024 at 10:00AM. Public documents filed electronically in connection with this proposed acquisition of control are available for inspection and review to the Division of Insurance at dojdocket.mailbox@mass.gov.

The purpose of the public hearing is to afford those persons identified in M.G.L. c. 175, §206B(d)(2) the opportunity to present evidence, to examine and cross-examine witnesses, to offer oral and written arguments, and to conduct discovery proceedings in the same manner as in the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court. Any discovery proceedings shall be concluded not later than May 10, 2024.

Any person identified in M.G.L. c. 175, §206B(d)(2) who wishes to participate in the hearing must submit, on or before May 8, 2024 a Notice of Intent to Participate that includes the person's name, telephone number, and email address and sets forth their statutory basis for participation.

The Notice must be submitted to dojdocket.mailbox@mass.gov and must specify the basis for the asserted interest in the proposed acquisition of control, if applicable, as well as whether they intend to make an oral statement, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or engage in discovery.

If the Commissioner determines that a person's interest may be affected by the proposed acquisition of control, that person may participate at the hearing following presentations by the Applicants and/or Company and before any other persons who may be recognized at the hearing. The length of any oral statements, presentations of evidence, or examination of witnesses, may be limited at the discretion of the Commissioner. Written argument may be submitted at any time prior to the conclusion of the hearing. Persons whom the Commissioner determines have an interest in the proposed acquisition of control will be advised by email that they may participate in the virtual hearing.

Persons who do not seek to participate but who wish to attend the public hearing must notify the Division by sending an email including their name, telephone number and email address to dojdocket.mailbox@mass.gov at least two days before the scheduled hearing date. An email with instructions for joining the hearing will be sent on the day before the hearing. All submissions, including Notices of Intent to Participate and requests to attend must refer to Docket No. F2024-01.

Date: May 6, 2024

Rachel M. Davison
Acting Commissioner of Insurance

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Leah Richard, Irene Prichard to Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis, dated November 3, 2004 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 21744, Page 55, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., recorded on May 16, 2006, in Book No. 23674, at Page 41

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., its successors and assigns to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I Trust 2005-AC2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-AC2, recorded on August 3, 2012, in Book No. 30271, at Page 543

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on June 5, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 28 Berkshire Avenue, Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Sharon, Massachusetts, and being lot 76 shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Sharon", dated June 12, 1950, by the Schuyler Clapp Company, C.E., said plan being recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 874, bounded and described as follows: NORTHEASTERLY by Berkshire Avenue as shown on said plan, 80 feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot 75 as shown on said plan, 127.31 feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by the former of Egizio Laventz, 20.25 square feet as shown on said plan, in two courses, 46.82 feet and 33.18 feet; and NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 77 as shown as said plan, 127.63 feet. Containing according to said plan 10,205 square feet. Subject to an easement granted to the Boston Edison Co., et al as set forth in an instrument recorded with Norfolk Deeds on March 5, 1951, at Book 2985, Page 351. Subject to taking by the Town of Sharon or the layout of Berkshire Avenue, dated March 29, 1951, and recorded with said Deeds at Book 2993, Page 31.

For mortgagor(s)'s title see deed recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 13493, Page 36.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUSTS 2005-AC2, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AC2
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF BROOKLINE
STORAGE OF
INFLAMMABLES
A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at approximately 10:00 A.M. in room 111 of the Town Hall, 200 Washington Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, also via call-in on the application number 271-201-1111. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments and suggestions regarding the storage and use of Gasoline, Motor Oil, and Anti-Freeze in the tanks of automobiles (approximately 271) at 201 Sherman Road.

(SEAL) THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Docket Number: 24 SM 007101 ORDER OF NOTICE

To: Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of the Estate of Barbara A. Shefton; Henry Young Jr.; Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of the Estate of James W. Lewis Jr.; Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representatives of Estate of Troi A. Young; Saara M. Seppanen-Young; Amber Mosca-Young; John A. Lewis

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq).

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Hyde Park (Boston), numbered 17 Mercer Street, given by Barbara A. Shefton to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated January 25, 2017, and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 57499, Page 255, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before June 17, 2024, or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on May 2, 2024.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
24754

WANTED TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE IN BRIDGEWATER, EAST BRIDGEWATER, MIDDLEBORO, RAYNHAM, OR TAUNTON

On behalf of the Massachusetts Parole Board, the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance invites proposals to lease approximately 4,100 usable square feet of office space in the above-referenced search area for a term of 10 years.

Proposals must be submitted to:

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
Office of Leasing and State Office Planning
One Ashburton Place
15th Floor, Room 1500
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

or by e-mail to: leaseproposubmittal.DCAMM@mass.gov

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **June 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** Proposals will be opened at that time.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.mass.gov/service-details/leasing-property-to-the-commonwealth Under Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Lease Space, click on "COM-MBLYS" and then click on "Find It." You may also email leasing.dcammm@mass.gov or call 857-204-1355 to request a copy of the RFP referencing Project Number 202402700. For further information, email Christine Cannon at christine.cannon@mass.gov. This notice is also available at www.masspublicnotices.org.

WANTED TO LEASE OFFICE SPACE IN WORCESTER

On behalf of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance invites proposals to lease approximately 5,000 - 6,000 usable square feet of office space in the above-referenced search area for a term of 5 years.

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or by e-mail to: leaseproposubmittal.DCAMM@mass.gov

Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **May 30, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** Proposals will be opened at that time.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.commbuys.com Under Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Lease Space, click on "COM-MBLYS" and then click on "Find It." You may also email leasing.dcammm@mass.gov or call 857-204-1355 to request a copy of the RFP referencing Project Number 202317900. For further information, email Jennifer Hart at jennifer.hart@mass.gov. This notice is also available at www.masspublicnotices.org.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR University of Massachusetts Boston

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts Boston, will receive sealed bids for Immersive Virtual Reality Simulation Suite Renovation.
Scope: Renovation of approx. 2600 square feet of space within the Quinn Building.

General Contractor must be Prime Certified in General Construction
Site is visit on May 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM Interested Bidders should meet in the Service & Supply Parking Lot, across from the West Garage.

Estimate- \$1,600,000

General Bids are due no later than 2:00pm, June 7, 2024

Sub Bids due no later than 2:00pm on May 31, 2024- categories are Electrical, HVAC, Fire Protection, Painting, Acoustical Tiles, Glass and Glazing

A 5% bid deposit that is no less than of the bid amount must accompany all bids. The bid deposit may be in the form of a certified, treasurer's or cashier check; or bid bond from a licensed surety M.G.L. c. 149, §44B(2). The successful bidder must furnish a performance and a payment bond each for 100% of the contract price.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c. 149, and to the minimum wage rate as required by the M.G.L. c. 149, §26 to 27H inclusive. The University reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any and all bids if it were in the public interest to do so.

Bid documents will be available on 5/8/2024 and can be obtained by visiting: <https://www.biddocs.com/>



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NOTICE OF SALE, NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE. VICTORIA CIRCLE, NORWODK, MASSACHUSETTS 02062. By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given William H. Coleman and Anne C. Coleman to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., dated April 10, 2007, and filed with the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1128342 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 174652, as affected by Home Affordable Modification Agreement executed by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC, dated July 3, 2012, and filed as Document No. 1259269, and noted on Certificate of Title No. 174655 affected by an assignment of mortgage from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. to Chase Home Finance, LLC, dated May 14, 2010, and filed with said Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1199882 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 174652, as affected by an assignment of mortgage from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., s/b/m to Chase Home Finance LLC to Caliber Home Loans, Inc., dated October 30, 2013, and filed with said Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1293230 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 174652, as affected by an assignment of mortgage from Caliber Home Loans, Inc. to Specialized Loan Servicing, L.P., dated October 10, 2013, and filed with said Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1419953 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 174652, as affected by an assignment of mortgage from Specialized Loan Servicing, L.P. to the Trustee National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust, dated May 7, 2020, and filed with said Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 1469508 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 174652, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold by Public Auction at 1:00 o'clock P.M. on the 15th day of May, 2024 at the mortgaged premises located at 10 Victoria Circle, Norwood, MA 02062, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage. To wit: That certain parcel of land situate in Norwood in the County of Norfolk and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, shown as lot 1 on a plan drawn by A.W. Thompson, Engineer, dated October 10, 1941, approved by the Land Court, filed in the Land Registration Office as No. 17874C, a copy of a portion of which is filed in Norfolk Registry District with Certificate No. 172336, Book 137. There is appurtenant to the above described land the right as set forth in Document No. 173110. The above described land is subject to an agreement to restrict control in a deed given by the Westover Corporation to Net Frank Stewart et ux, dated December 3, 1937, duly recorded in Book 2166, Page 558. The above described land is subject also to taking for laying out and assessment for betterments of Victoria Circle, Norfolk County, duly recorded in Book 2076, Page 445, and one dated August 10, 1935, duly recorded in Book 2079, Page 366. The above described land is subject also to taking for laying out and assessment for betterments of Nichols Street, one dated January 17, 1931, duly recorded in Book 2020, Page 236, one duly recorded on March 26, 1931 in Book 1923, Page 177, of which mortgages the undersigned is the present holder, and filed as Document No. 1128341 and noted on Certificate of Title No. 174652 in the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court. Premises to be sold and conveyed in subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments and unpaid taxes, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. High bidder to sign written memorandum of sale upon acceptance of the bid bid. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid by certified or bank check to the undersigned at the time and place of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale. US Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee for Bear Stearns Mortgage Funding Trust 2006-AC1 Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AC1, recorded on November 24, 2017, in Book No. 70283, at Page 288

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Frank J. Fiorentino, Maureen Fiorentino to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company, dated May 19, 2006 and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 47151, Page 57, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Fieldstone Mortgage Company, its successors and assigns to HSBC Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Bear Stearns Mortgage Funding Trust 2006-AC1 Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AC1, recorded on November 24, 2017, in Book No. 70283, at Page 288

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on May 22, 2024, on the mortgaged premises located at 295 Central Street, Unit 1C, West Action Village Townhouse Condominium, Acton, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

TO WIT: Unit 1C ("Unit") at 295 Central Street, Acton, MA a unit in the condominium located on 283-295 Central and 255-281 Arlington Street, Acton, Massachusetts, known as WEST ACTION VILLAGE TOWNHOUSE CONDOMINIUM ("Condominium"), created pursuant and subject to the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, by Master Deed dated June 25, 1992 and recorded with the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds on Book 13997 at Page 219 (hereinafter referred to as "Master Deed.") The post office address of the Unit is: 295 Central Street, West Acton, MA 01720

The Unit is conveyed together with the following: 1. An undivided 5.389 percent interest appertaining to Unit in the common areas and facilities of said Condominium, which interest includes the parking space interest of inside garage and one outside parking space. 2. The exclusive right and easement to use one outside parking space to be designated. 3. The exclusive right and easement to use Attic Space (the Space contained between the upper ceiling of the Unit and the roof, and includes only the area directly above the respective Unit.) The Attic Space may only be used for storage. Subject to easements, restrictions and covenants of record if they affect the locus and are in full force and effect, expressly not intending nor meaning to extend the same in the event that they have expired by operation of law or otherwise.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 30163, Page 309.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C. 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

HSBC BANK, USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST 2006-AC1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AC1
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
21428

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announces the proposed amendment to six Statewide projects on the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for Federal Fiscal Years 2024 to 2028. The changes are to the projects listed below:

- S12660 - BIL-BPF SYSTEMATIC BRIDGE MAINTENANCE S12787 - Integrated Transportation Management System (ITMS) Software
- S12838 - Carbon Reduction Program Placeholder
- S12878 - SPR Work Program - Transportation Pooled Fund
- S12879 - STATEWIDE- WRONG WAY VEHICLE DETECTION SYSTEM ASSET MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
- S12990 - Statewide- Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Education (FFY 2024-2026)

Additional details on these changes are available for review at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/state-transportation-improvement-program-stip>. If this information is needed in another language, please contact the MassDOT Title VI Strategist at 857-368-8882.

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BARNSTABLE

MATHIESON, David Leo

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HARTLEY, Jean M.

BRAINTREE

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CASEY, Mary Ann (McCarthy)

BURLINGTON

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CONCORD

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MATHIESON, David Leo

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LUTTAZI, Phillip R.

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MATHIESON, David Leo

QUINCY

MATHIESON, David Leo

RANDOLPH

HARTLEY, Jean M.

SANDWICH

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SAUGUS

CROTTY, James E.

SOMERVILLE

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GUTHRO, John F.

OUT OF STATE

TEXAS

OPPENHEIMER, Stephen R.

BYRNES, Jonathan L. S.



Age 75 years, of Lexington, died peacefully on Tuesday, May 7, 2024.

For 47 years, he was the beloved husband of Marsha (Feinman) Byrnes. Loving father of Dan and Steve Byrnes and father-in-law of Nicole Ledoux and the late Kristin Szatkiewicz Byrnes. Adored grandfather of Edison, George and Adrian. Dear brother of Pamela Byrnes and Rick Jacobsen. He was an independent consultant and cofounder of Profit Isle, Inc. He taught Supply Chain Management at MIT for 33 years and was President of the Harvard Alumni Association from 2007-8.

Services at Temple Isaiah, 55 Lincoln St., Lexington on Friday, May 10 at 10am with livestream viewing available using the following link: <https://templeisiahlexington.livecontrol.tv/78d73384>

Burial at Beit Olam East Cemetery, 42 Concord Rd., Wayland.

Memorial observance at his late residence on Saturday from 7-9pm and Sunday from 2-4pm & 7-9pm, with a Minyan service at 7:30 each evening.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Center in gratitude to Dr. Chouier, <http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/tonichouieri> or the Experimental Model of Human Sarcoma Fund, <https://together.uw.edu/Campaign/Kristin>

Levine Chapels, Brookline
617-277-8300
www.levinechapel.com

CASEY, Mary Ann (McCarthy)



Originally from Brighton, previously lived in Framingham and Medfield, before moving to Naples, FL, passed away on May 4, 2024, surrounded by family. Beloved wife of the late Frederick Casey. Devoted mother of Frederic Corsiglia and his wife, Jeki Hayuningsih of West University Place, Texas, Kerry Corsiglia and her companion, Christopher O'Brien of Franklin and Danielle Berry and her husband, Jason of Wrentham. Loving grandmother of Grace and Jillian Berry and Frederic "Anthony" Corsiglia. Sister of Daniel McCarthy of Southborough, Patricia Ciampi of Framingham, Kathleen Smith of Northborough, Joseph McCarthy of Brighton, John McCarthy of North Adams, Linda McCarthy of Dedham and the late David McCarthy. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann was proud to have earned her bachelor's degree from Bentley University. Her career included computerizing Harvard University's endowments and managing a team of programmers. Mary Ann managed real estate property when she retired to Naples, Florida in 1996. She enjoyed sitting on her lanai, watching the sunset. Mary Ann had a contagious sense of humor with a quick wit. Mary Ann enjoyed gardening and had a wall of orchids and many other beautiful plants in Florida. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and other volunteer organizations.

Visiting Hours will be held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Saturday, May 11, from 2 to 5pm. On Sunday, May 12, please enjoy time with your mothers. Funeral from the funeral home on Monday, May 13, at 11am, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Theresa of Avila Church, West Roxbury, at 12 o'clock. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. For online guestbook, see pemurrayfuneral.com

P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins
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West Roxbury 617 325 2000

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COLELLA, Patricia "Patty" A. (McGrath)



Of Mashpee, MA and formerly of Newton, MA, died peacefully on May 5, 2024 at McCarthy Care Center in Sandwich, MA. She is the beloved wife of Nicholas S. Colella, with whom she shared 57 wonderful years of marriage.

Patty was born on January 10, 1946 in Waltham, MA to the late Nicholas and Doris (Pierce) McGrath. She grew up in Newton, MA and following high school went on to earn her associate degree from Graham Junior College, in Boston. Following the birth of her children, Patty took a job at Bay Bank that allowed her to work at night so she could still be home with her boys during the day. Her career there developed over time as she enjoyed over 30 years working at Bay Bank, ultimately retiring as the Manager of the Check Filing Department.

Patty and Nick retired to their home on the cape 17 years ago after spending most of her life as a Newton resident. She was a woman of faith and was a devout Parishioner at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, in Newton, MA and later at Christ the King Parish in Mashpee, MA. Patty enjoyed baking in her spare time and she was a beach lover. More than anything, Patty is remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

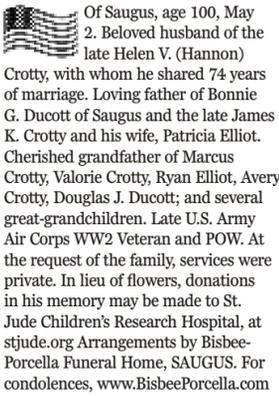
Patty is survived by her loving husband, Nicholas Colella, of Mashpee, MA; her sons, Scott Colella, and his wife, Jennifer, of Forestdale, MA and Rob Colella, and his wife, Kris, of Cumberland, RI; her grandchildren, Taylor Ciliberto of Forestdale, MA, Cameron Colella, of Cumberland, RI and Carly Colella of Cumberland, RI; her sister, Connie McManus of Northboro, MA; her brothers, Nicky McGrath and his wife, Donna of Webster, MA, Larry McGrath and his wife, Mary of Bourne, MA and Timmy McGrath and his husband, Ray of Peabody, MA; as well as more extended family members and dear friends.

A Visitation will be held on Monday, May 13, 2024, from 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM, at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 573 Washington St., in Newton, MA. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 10:30 AM, at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 573 Washington St., in Newton, MA. Burial will follow on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 2:00 PM, at Massachusetts National Cemetery, in Bourne, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Patty's memory may be made to The Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or online at www.alz.org. For online guestbook and directions please visit www.chapmanfuneral.com.

Chapman Funerals & Cremations,
(508) 477-4025

CROTTY, James E.



Of Saugus, age 100, May 2. Beloved husband of the late Helen V. (Hannon) Crotty, with whom he shared 74 years of marriage. Loving father of Bonnie G. Ducott of Saugus and the late James K. Crotty and his wife, Patricia Elliot. Cherished grandfather of Marcus Crotty, Valerie Crotty, Ryan Elliot, Avery Crotty, Douglas J. Ducott; and several great-grandchildren. Late U.S. Army Air Corps WW2 Veteran and POW. At the request of the family, services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, at stjude.org Arrangements by Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, SAUGUS. For condolences, www.BisbeePorcella.com

Announcements

IRONWORKERS UNION LOCAL 7

We regret to announce the death of our Brother Edward Avo Hatch on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

Visiting Hours: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Gately Funeral Home, 79 W. Foster Street, MELROSE MA 02176

Funeral Mass: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10:00 AM, Incarnation Church, 429 Upham Street, Melrose, MA 02176

Interment with Military Honors following the Funeral Mass: Wyoming Cemetery Veterans Section, 205 Sylvan Street, Melrose, MA 02176

Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends.

Frank Murray
President

DIRRANE, Mary (Thrift)

Age 88, of Billerica, formerly of Watertown, May 6, 2024. Beloved wife to the late Michael Dirrane. Loving mother of Michael, Jr., James, Peggy Doyle and Stephen Dirrane. Cherished "Momo" to nine grandchildren. Family and friends are welcome to come Celebrate Mary's Life by gathering in the Nardone Funeral Home, 373 Main St., WATERTOWN, on Saturday, from 9 to 10:30 AM, followed by an 11 AM, Funeral Mass, in St. Patrick's Church. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Nardone Funeral Home
(617) 924 - 1113
www.NardoneFuneralHome.com

GUTHRO, John F.



Of Winthrop, May 6, 2024. Devoted husband of Shirley S. (Wood). Loving father of Diane Stangle and her husband, Richard of Winthrop and Jay Guthro and his wife, Sarah Judge of Winthrop. Dear brother of David Guthro and his wife, Jane of Framingham, Paula Ahern and her late husband, Donald of Billerica, Kathleen Comeau and her husband, Charles of Florida, Deborah McKeon and her late husband, Jeffrey of Florida and Paul Guthro and his wife, Lisa of Newburyport. Cherished grandfather of Andrew, James, Jayden, Gavin, Jordan and Gillian. Beloved son of the late Mary P. (Edwards) and Paul S. Guthro. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Visitation from the Ernest P. Caggiano and Son Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., WINTHROP, on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The Funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM, followed by a Funeral Mass, in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop, at 10:00 AM. Services will conclude with Military Honors in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery. For directions, memorial donations or to sign the online guestbook go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com.

Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier
Winthrop

HARTLEY, Jean M. (Kraus)

Passed away peacefully on May 3, 2024, at the age of 94, surrounded by the warmth of her family's love. Born on July 30, 1929 in Boston, MA. Jean was a cherished daughter of the late John and Effie (Johnson) Kraus.

The loving wife of the late Harold J. Hartley, Jean's devotion to her family was the cornerstone of her life. She was a mother to her children, Christine A. Dunsford and her late husband, Bill of Sunderland, MD, Barbara J. DuPont and her late husband, Tom of Hanover, Nancy J. Hartley Walenski and her husband, Stephen Walenski of Canton, Paul V. Hartley and his wife, Kathleen of Bridgewater and H. James Hartley and his wife, Tara of New Seabury. Jean's legacy of love and care is carried on through her adoring grandchildren, Tom, Jr., Julie, Laura, Stephen, Jen, Jacque, Kristen, Matt, Taylor and Sammy; as well as her cherished great-grandchildren, Tom, III, Abby, Jack, Eric, Ethan, Noah, Luke, Sofia, Alistair and Adeline. She was the sister of the late Donald Kraus, Dorothy Ramsay, Robert Kraus, Annie Doyle, John Kraus and Paul Kraus.

Jean grew up in the Uphams Corner neighborhood of Dorchester, where she attended Jeremiah Burke High School. She worked in the insurance industry after her high school, until starting her family. She later started work as a bookkeeper at Charles C. Copeland Co. in Milton, MA, a Pepsi Cola affiliate.

A resident of Randolph for over 70 years, Jean was an integral part of the community. She was involved as a leader in St. Mary's Senior Group and her role as a part-time volunteer at St. Mary Pastoral Center reflected her dedication to service and her desire to contribute to the well-being of others. Jean's commitment to her faith and community was unwavering and she will be remembered for the countless lives she enriched through her volunteer work.

As we bid farewell to Jean M. Hartley, we celebrate a life lived with purpose and love. She was a treasured soul who made the world a better place simply by being in it. Jean's memory will live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Visitation period Friday, May 10, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM, in the Cartwright Funeral Home, 419 North Main Street, RANDOLPH. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM, in Saint Mary Church, 211 North Main Street, Randolph. Burial to follow in Saint Mary Cemetery.

For directions or to leave a sympathy message for the family, visit www.cartwrightfuneral.com

KEOGH, Mary Jo

Mary Jo (Hansberry) Keogh, 93, of Braintree, passed away peacefully on April 30, 2024. Predeceased by beloved husband the late William C. Keogh; and son, the late William J. Keogh of North Andover. Survived by son John F. Keogh and wife Genevieve of Braintree; daughter-in-law Sarah Keogh and husband Ken Klonoski of North Andover; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; beloved sister Kathleen Hennessy of Saugus; and many relatives and friends, both here and in Ireland.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Visitation for Mary Jo on Friday, May 10, 2024, from 8:00 to 10:00 AM, at McMaster Funeral Home located at 86 Franklin St. (Rt. 37), BRAINTREE. A Funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 856 Washington St. Braintree. Burial is at Ridgewood Cemetery, 177 Salem St., North Andover, MA, where all attending will meet at 1:00 PM. If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Jo's memory may be made to Bishop Reed, The Catholic TV Network, PO Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471.

For information or to leave condolences, please visit www.McMasterFH.com

LARKIN, Steven Andrew



Passed away at home, after a long illness. He was born at the Mary Alley Hospital in Marblehead on February 23, 1950. Steve loved hiking, gardening and could fix or make anything he set his mind to doing. He had a strong connection to the natural world and those around him. He was quietly devoted to the care of many family members and neighbors in their later years.

After high school, Steve served in the navy and was attached to the Marines as a combat medic.

He lived most of his life in Acton, working as an independent contractor and carpenter.

Steve is loved and will be missed by his sister, Kathleen Larkin; sister-in-law, Sandra Larkin and family; nephew, Brian Larkin and family; nephew, Jason Popieniuck and family; nephew, Alexander Popieniuck; nephew, Matthew Popieniuck and family; niece, Lara White and family; cousins, Judy Haggood, Joanne Jackson, Steward Jackson, Carolee Jackson Lord and Jeffrey Jackson.

Steve was predeceased by his grandmother, Louise Call Stewart; father, David Larkin; mother, Barbara Richards; stepfather, George Richards, brother, David Larkin; and brother, Michael Larkin.

Steve's family would like to thank the VA of Boston for their dedicated care of Steve and all the veterans. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ASPCA in Steve's memory.

Visiting Hours: A Graveside Service will be held at 11AM, on Friday, May 10, 2024, at Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn. Please meet at the main gate, at 145 Boston St., Lynn. Arrangements by Solimine Funeral Homes, LYNN. Online guestbook at www.Solimine.com.



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ABRAMO, Lianne M. (Powers)



Of Burlington, formerly of Melrose and Cape Cod, May 1. Beloved wife of the late Nunzio "Dee" Abramo. Loving mother of Paul and his wife, Lorraine of Moultonborough, NH formerly of Billerica, Stephen and his wife, Sandra "Sam" of Dracut, Michele of Amesbury and Philip and his wife, Michele of Burlington. Sister of Jacqueline Kelly of Hyannis Port, Michael Powers of South Boston, and the late Joseph Powers. Visiting Hours will be held at the Edward V. Sullivan Funeral Home, 43 Winn Street, BURLINGTON, on Monday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. A Funeral Service at the funeral home will begin at noon. Memorials in Lianne's name may be

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LUTTAZI, Phillip R.



Of Medway, formerly of Dover, passed away on May 5, 2024, at the age of 88. Beloved husband of Marion R. (Keleher) Luttazi for over 63 years. Devoted father of Romolo Paul Luttazi and his wife, Beth of Dover, Steven John Luttazi and his wife, Judy of Franklin, Lori A. Sigano and her late husband, Don of Attleboro and Phillip D. Luttazi and his wife, Susan of Medfield. Son of the late Romolo and Gina (Giandomenico) Luttazi. Brother of Dorothy Rowan of Medfield and the late Raymond E. Luttazi. Cherished grandfather of Kelly, Christina, Erica, John, Steven, Caroline, Benjamin and Sarah. Great-grandfather of Josie. Phil was a 1953 graduate of Dover High School. He was a member of the Dover Cemetery Commission from 1968-1986. He was a U.S. Army. Korean War Veteran and a Dover Little League Coach. Phillip was a Town of Dover Board of Health Field Agent from 1987-2007. He was, until his passing, a Larrabee-Whiting Trustee member through 2024 and has been a member since 2003. Phillip was a longtime bus driver for the Dover Public Schools driving bus #7. Phil was a lifelong resident of Dover for over 85 years and was loved by many, he was one of a kind. Wherever he went, he always knew someone or someone knew him! He had many friends throughout his life. He enjoyed being in his garden, growing tomatoes or just spending time by his pool with all his grandchildren. He will be deeply missed. Funeral from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St., NORWOOD, MA, on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 9:30am, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:30am, at the Most Precious Blood Church, Dover, MA. Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 4 to 7pm. At the request of the family, the Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the National Kidney Foundation.



MacDOUGALL, Dennis P.

Of Melrose, passed away peacefully at Lahey Hospital, on the morning of May 6.

Dennis was born and raised in Melrose, MA. He graduated Melrose High School, class of 1971 and attended Boston State College. He served as a Medic in the Massachusetts National Guard.

For more than 20 years, Dennis happily worked as a mail room Courier for State Street Bank, in Boston and Quincy. He loved horticulture and landscaping for his friends and neighbors throughout most of his life. Yard tools were his best friends. His favorite meal was a Clam-O-Rama at the Maine Diner.

His mother, Sophia L. MacDougall and father Thomas J. MacDougall predeceased him. Dennis was also predeceased by his sister, Janice A. Rose.

Dennis is survived by four loving brothers, Michael T. MacDougall and his wife, Jerelyn of Malden, John S. MacDougall and his wife, Michelle of Newburyport, Richard A. MacDougall and his husband, Ed Cashwell MacDougall of North Chelmsford and Bruce M. MacDougall of North Andover. In addition, Dennis was loved and adored by his nieces and nephews, Kristin, Kerry, Brian, Kevin, A.J., Julie and Lisa; plus their families and their children.

A Wake and Viewing will take place at Gately Funeral Home, 79 W. Foster St., MELROSE, on Thursday, May 9, at 4 PM - 7 PM, followed by a Prayer Service, at 7 PM, at the funeral home. A private Burial at Wyoming Cemetery in Melrose will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Dennis' name to the Melrose High School Permanent Scholarship

MATHIESON, David Leo

David died peacefully, on February 21, 2023, at the BIDMC, after a long illness.

David was born in Quincy to Robert E. and Ruth Mathieson in 1956. David graduated from North Quincy High School in 1974. David attended Cape Cod Community College in Barnstable. David leaves behind his siblings, Carol Cooney and her husband, Michael of Plymouth, Patricia Barry and her late husband, Donald of Duxbury and Robert Mathieson, Jr. and his wife, Susan of Sandwich; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A private Funeral was held at St. Bonaventure's Church in Manomet. The Mathieson family summered in Manomet and attended Mass at St. Bonaventures growing up. David especially enjoyed many days out on the ocean, fishing, boating and was an avid Red Sox fan. David was a very kind, thoughtful person who was notoriously generous. He loved his family.



OPPENHEIMER, Stephen R. "Steve"



Age 70, of Weston, MA, formerly of El Paso, TX, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2024, after a valiant battle with cancer. Beloved husband of Audrey Pepper, adored son of Irene Oppenheimer and the late Lawrence Oppenheimer, proud father of Graham Oppenheimer, loving brother to Nancy Laster (Ross Dahman) and Lisa Kleinman (William). He was loved by many friends and co-workers for his radiant smile, sense of humor and generosity. Steve was the kindest, sweetest and most caring person. All who met him were instantly captivated by his wonderful smile, great sense of humor and generosity. He never met a stranger and had the capacity to make everyone feel special.

Steve received his B.A. in Architecture from Rice University and his M.S. in Management from the Sloan School of Business at M.I.T. He retired from Tsoi Kobus Design in Boston in 2023 after a successful 45-year career in architecture.

A Graveside Funeral Service will be held at Beit Olam East, 44 Concord Rd., Wayland, MA on Wednesday, May 8th at 2:00pm, livestream viewing available using the following link: www.levinelive.com/oppenheimer

Donations in Steve's memory may be made to Doctors Without Borders, Mass General Cancer Center or an organization of your choice.

For complete obituary, please see the Levine Chapels website.

May his memory be a blessing.

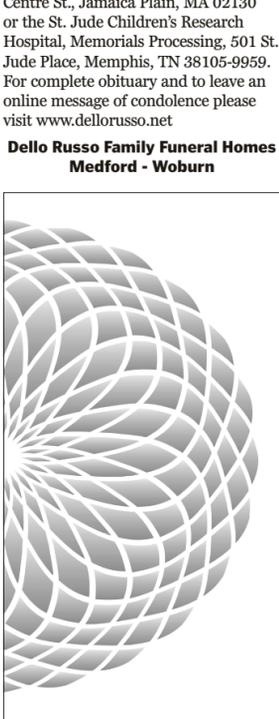
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SANTINI, Claudio



Of Medford, May 5, 2024. Beloved husband for 58 years of Frances (Pugliares) Santini. Devoted father of Michael Santini and his wife, Mindi of York, ME and Lisa C. Dello Russo and her husband, David of Wilmington. Loving and adored "nonno" of Olivia Sholik and her husband, Jonathan, Julia Dello Russo, Anabel Santini, Ava Dello Russo, Matteo Santini, Riley Henriques, Mia Henriques; and great-grandson, Jonathan David Sholik. Cherished brother of Caterina Bertolaccini and her husband, Ralph, Georgio Santini and his wife, Katia, Maria Cristina Ferrini and her husband, Andrea, the late Oreste Santini and his surviving wife, Dolores. Further survived by many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. Funeral from the Dello Russo Family Funeral Home, 306 Main St., MEDFORD, Saturday, May 11, at 9 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Joseph Church, 118 High St., Medford, at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting Hours at the Dello Russo Funeral Home will be held on Friday, from 4 to 7 p.m. As an expression of sympathy, please consider making a contribution in Claudio's memory to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memorials Processing, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. For complete obituary and to leave an online message of condolence please visit www.dellorusso.net

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SILVE, Ann



Ruthann "Ann" (MacDonald) Silve, 84, of Plainville, MA passed away on May 6, 2024, after a short illness. She was born on June 19, 1939 to Grace (Sebastian) and Grant MacDonald and was the oldest of 16 children. She was 84 years old. Ann was predeceased by her husband, Paul Silve. She is survived by her three children, Susan Filbin of North Attleboro, Joan Lithway and husband, Brian of North Attleboro, Paula McLaughlin and husband, Paul McLaughlin of Westwood; by her grandchildren, Laurie Filbin, Lisa Carey, Matthew Keogh, Erica Shom, Casey McLaughlin, Elle Keogh Taubenfeld, Molly Von Stein and Steven Lithway; by her great-grandchildren, Jacqueline, Tyler, Leah, Owen, Luke, Jillian, Shane, Leanna, Natalie, George, Fiona and Annie. She was the loving sister of Corrinne Converse of Hyde Park, Susan Campbell and her husband, Thomas of Dedham, Ellen Kotkowski and her husband, Christopher of Weymouth, Brian MacDonald and his wife, Geri of Attleboro, DeeDee Lenane and her husband, Jay of Dedham, Jay MacDonald and his wife, Michelle of Dorchester, David MacDonald of Brookline and Paul MacDonald and his wife, Kim of Dorchester. She was predeceased by sisters, Marianne MacDonald, Judith McQuade and Linda Spinale; and brothers, Robert, Richard and Wayne MacDonald. Visiting Hours will be held on Thursday, May 9, from 3:00-7:00pm, at The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. John Chrysostom Church, in West Roxbury, on Friday, May 10, at 10:00am. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to join us after the burial for a Celebration, at Waterford's, in Dedham.

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SMITH, Allen M.



 Lifelong of Melrose, May 6, 2024, at age 75. Beloved husband of Diane (DiGregorio) Smith, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage. Devoted father of Kimberly Smith-McCue and her husband, Michael McCue of Melrose. Cherished grandfather of Ashley, Julianne, Jillian and Michael McCue. Dear brother of Cheryl Smith and her husband, John of Danvers and the late George H. Smith, Jr and his late wife, Susan. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to gather in honor of Allen's life during Visiting Hours at the Robinson Funeral Home, 809 Main St., MELROSE, on Thursday, May 9, from 4 to 8pm, and again on Friday, at 9am, before leaving in procession to Incarnation Church, 429 Upham St., Melrose, for his Funeral Mass celebrated at 10am. Interment in New Highland Cemetery, Ipswich. For online tribute, visit www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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WALSH SARTINI, Allison Jean



Passed away on May 5, 2024, with her husband at her side, after a long battle with cancer.

Allison was born on April 8, 1964. She grew up in Schenectady, NY and graduated from Catholic High School in 1982. She then graduated from Stonehill College in Easton, MA in 1986. After college, she worked for many years at Fidelity Investments in Boston, MA. She then took off to start a family before pursuing her advanced degrees at Harvard University, M.A., 2007, and Lesley University, M.Ed. 2012. Upon getting her Masters of Education, Allison began her teaching career at Fitchburg McKay Arts Academy followed by Blanchard Middle School in Westford, MA, where she taught both seventh grade English and Social Studies. She absolutely loved being a teacher, her colleagues and students.

Allison is survived by her beloved and cherished husband, Tom of nearly 29 years; her beloved sons, John ("Jack"), age 24 and Colin, age 21; her mother, Dorothy Walsh; her sisters and brothers, Laura Walsh Greer (Paul), Jennifer Harold (John), Christopher Walsh, Matthew Walsh, Mary Walsh Pacifico (Anthony); her mother and father-in-law, M. Constance Sartini and Thomas E. Sartini, Jr.; her sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Chris McAuley. She also leaves behind her niece, Sarah; and nephews, Sean and Brendan Harold and Aiden and Ian Pacifico. Allison was preceded in death by her father, Edward Walsh.

From a young age, Allison felt a deep connection with God and was very spiritual and faith-driven as a Catholic. It was not rare for her to look up to God after every school day and ask: "Was it a good day today?" She did not ever want a wasted day for her students. Allison was an incredibly kind person. She was a happy person with a sincere and infectious smile. She cherished her time with her husband, family and friends. She is thankful for the Stonehill Girls, as she considered them her second family.

Allison was an avid reader, loved the beach, going out to dinner, museums, weekends away, plays and musicals, working on her flower boxes, walking her dog and being with friends and family. She loved her dog, Reilly, an Irish Setter of course and is thankful for her companionship and loyalty and for hanging in there with her during her hardest times.

Flowers may be sent to the Badger Funeral Home.

Donations in Allison's name should be made to the Virginia Thurston Healing Garden, Harvard, MA or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which are two organizations that Allison felt very strongly about.

Visiting Hours: Family and friends will gather for a period of Visitation on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M., at the Badger Funeral Home, 347 King Street, LITTLETON, MA. The Funeral Mass will be on Friday, May 10, 2024, at 10:00 A.M., at St. Catherine's Church, 107 North Main Street, Westford, MA.



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Obituaries

Jeannie Epper, stuntwoman behind 'Wonder Woman,' 83

By Andrew Dalton

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Jeannie Epper, a groundbreaking performer who did stunts for many of the most important women of film and television action of the 1970s and '80s, including star Lynda Carter on TV's "Wonder Woman," has died. She was 83.

Ms. Epper died of natural causes Sunday at her home in Simi Valley, Calif., family spokesperson Amanda Micheli told the Associated Press.

Considered one of the greatest at her craft — Entertainment Weekly in 2007 called her "the greatest stuntwoman who ever lived" — Ms. Epper came from a family dynasty of stunt performers that included both her parents, John and Frances Epper.

Her 70-year career as a stuntwoman and stunt coordinator began when she was 9.

"It's all I really know, outside of being a mom or a grandma," Ms. Epper said in a 2004 documentary, "Double Dare," directed by Micheli.

Her siblings, Tony, Margo, Gary, Andy, and Stephanie, all also worked in stunts. Steven Spielberg called them "The Flying Wallendas of Film," accord-

ing to The Hollywood Reporter, which first reported Ms. Epper's death.

Her children Eurlyne, Richard, and Kurtis, and her grandson Christopher followed her into the stunt business.

She found it difficult to get much stunt work as a woman early on but saw a major surge in opportunity as women got more action-oriented roles in the late 1970s.

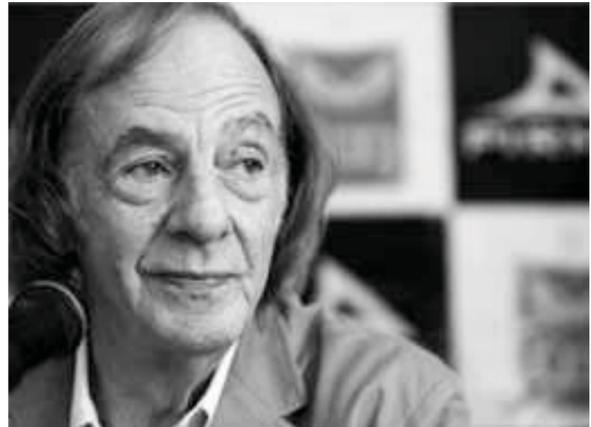
Her breakthrough role — and the one she would always be most associated with — was on "Wonder Woman." Ms. Epper crashed through windows, kicked down doors and deflected bullets while doubling Carter on the series that ran for three seasons from 1976 to 1979 on ABC and CBS.

In the same era, she doubled Lindsay Wagner on "Bionic Woman" and Kate Jackson on the original "Charlie's Angels."

In the 1980s, Ms. Epper took a famous tumble down a mudslide for Kathleen Turner in "Romancing the Stone" and fought for Linda Evans in her tangles with Joan Collins on TV's "Dynasty."

In 2007, she became the first woman to receive a lifetime achievement award at the Taurus World Stunt Awards.

César Luis Menotti, coach who led Argentina; at 85



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Passion for soccer and a sharp ability to explain its mechanics were Mr. Menotti's hallmark characteristics.

By Débora Rey and Vicente L. Panetta

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUENOS AIRES — César Luis Menotti, the charismatic coach who led Argentina to its first World Cup title in 1978, has died, the Argentine Football Association said Sunday. He was 85.

"Goodbye, dear Flaco!" the association's statement added, using Mr. Menotti's nickname, which means "the thin one."

The association did not give a cause of death. Local media reports said Mr. Menotti was admitted to a clinic in March with severe anemia.

He reportedly underwent surgery for phlebitis in April and subsequently returned home.

Passion for soccer and a sharp ability to explain its mechanics were Mr. Menotti's hallmark characteristics as a trainer, and he was considered one of the most emblematic and influential coaches in Argentine soccer.

Mr. Menotti was a political activist and an affiliate member of the Argentine Communist Party, a boxing fan, and an admirer of the works of Latin American writers Mario Benedetti, Gabriel García Márquez, Jorge Luis Borges, Mario Sábato, and Joan Manuel Serrat, among others.

"Once I was interviewed by Borges, and when I asked him if it bothered him that I smoked, he told me: 'What intoxicates me is not the cigarette, but the stupid conversations,'" Mr. Menotti recalled in one of his last interviews.

"So, I asked about everything ... but not about soccer, because I know about soccer!" he added.

He launched his career as a player for Rosario Central (1960-1963 and 1967), then went to Racing Club (1964) and Boca Juniors (1965-1966), all Argentine clubs.

Mr. Menotti played for the New York Generals in the United States (1967), followed by

Brazil's Santos (1968) and Italy's Juventus (1969-1970).

At Santos, he played alongside Pelé, whom he never hesitated to qualify as the best player among legends.

Mr. Menotti coached Argentina's national team between 1974 and 1983. He was convinced the side did not get the recognition it deserved when it won the World Cup in 1978 because the country was ruled by a military junta responsible for widespread human rights violations.

His detractors would often recall a photo in which Mr. Menotti, after the World Cup victory, shook hands with Jorge Rafael Videla, head of the military junta.

On the eve of the World Cup, Mr. Menotti left a 17-year-old Diego Maradona off the squad — a decision the coach later said soured their relations for years.

Mr. Menotti coached Mexico's national team in 1991-1992.

He also led Barcelona (1983-1984), where he had Maradona on his squad; Atletico Madrid (1987-88); Uruguay's Penarol (1990-91); Italy's Sampdoria (1997) and Mexico's Tecos (2007) — his last coaching job.

For years, Mr. Menotti often had a cigarette hanging between his lips, but he mostly quit the habit in 2011 following a three-day hospitalization stemming from his tobacco addiction.

He also was known for wearing hair long but neat. He said he didn't rely on hairdressers. "I cut my own hair. I take the scissors, I cut the ends."

Mr. Menotti began leaving his hair long in the early 1970s. "One day I said to myself: 'I won't cut my hair until we lose.' And we went 10 games undefeated, so it all started as a joke," he said.

In his later years, Mr. Menotti said he didn't fear death. "It's the only thing I'm sure of. I don't know anyone who hasn't died at some point," he said in 2014.

LivingArts

Chaz Ebert — yes, that Ebert — wants you to give a FECK

She has a new book that's a self-help guide — and a philosophical statement

By Odie Henderson
GLOBE STAFF

Before I came to the Globe, I wrote for rogerebert.com for 11 years. In that time, I received a lot of advice from Chaz Ebert and her late husband, Roger. And not just about movies — I learned life lessons as well. So I was excited to talk to the CEO of Ebert Digital about her new book, “It’s Time to Give a FECK.” It’s part self-help guide, part workbook, and part philosophical statement.

Ebert seeks to elevate humanity through a series of principles she defines throughout the book — each of which is accompanied by worksheets to help put these principles into effect.

The author sat down in Chicago with the Globe to discuss “FECK” and offer a bit of advice. Bostonians can meet the author at Hummingbird Books Thursday.



Roger Ebert and Chaz Ebert.

Q. Let’s talk about “giving a FECK!” My editor is going to have a heart attack when she reads that, so let’s clarify. What are “the FECK Principles” that make up your book?

A. “FECK” is very different from that other four-letter F-word. My four-letter F-word means love. It is an acronym for forgiveness, empathy, compassion, and kindness.

Q. The hardest one of those principles for me is “forgiveness.” I’m from New Jersey, and we know how to hold a grudge. Which one would you say is the most difficult?

A. Forgiveness. That’s a biggie — it’s so hard for people to let go of a grudge, to release someone from an egregious act, even if it was done unintentionally. And that’s why we put it first. When I spoke with Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa, he told me that without forgiveness, nothing else really matters. And when he and Nelson Mandela were putting together the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he said he lost friends over it because they didn’t want them to forgive some of the people who did really evil things under the apartheid system.

Bishop Tutu told me there needed to be a path to redemption. For example, if someone had remorse, and they confessed [to a wrongdoing].

[In the book] I talked about a movie called “Disturbing the Peace” that we showed at Ebertfest. It was about Israelis and Palestinians who put down their arms and formed a group called Combatants for Peace. When I saw that movie, I realized that forgiveness is so big. We don’t always have to forgive in a big way; we can have small acts of forgiveness.

Q. Let’s talk about empathy. You dedicate the book to Roger. Was he one of the inspirations as you were putting together your principles?

A. Well, for me, the “E” also stands for “Ebert.” Because it was Roger who said that movies are a machine that generates empathy. And the programs we en-

dowed had to do with empathizing with people who were different from us. Putting yourself in the shoes of someone of a different age, race, gender, or socioeconomic class makes you want to alleviate their suffering. You develop compassion for other people when you see some of the challenges they’ve gone through.

Q. The book talks about not only having compassion for others, but also for yourself. Why is it so important to have self-compassion?

A. When you’re on an airplane, they tell you to put your own [oxygen] mask on first before helping others, right? To me, that’s what self-compassion is. At one time, people thought self-care was selfish. It’s not! Because if you don’t fill up your own reserves, you won’t have enough to do acts of compassion for others.

Q. Finally, there’s kindness. You wrote that “kindness is the knot that ties all the FECK principles together.” How so?

A. Once you have found it in your heart to forgive someone, then you put yourself in their shoes and ask, “OK, what was it like to be that person at that time? What did they do that I failed to understand?” And then you develop some compassion for them. Kindness is the action step. The other three are more feeling-based.

Q. There are exercises that allow readers to put each of the FECKs into action. How did you come up with these?

A. I think that journaling is helpful, that meditation is helpful, and that prayer is helpful. So the worksheets are a combination of all those things to help guide people on how to apply these principles in their own lives.

Q. I felt *terrible* writing in your book!

A. [Laughs] I don’t like writing in books, either! But enough people do! I’ve been told that readers love those sections.

Q. I must admit I am not a self-help book person *at all*. I’m grumpy, jaded, and cynical. But your book really affected me. You have an anecdote about how saying hello to people can engender a sense of fulfillment in the person who

does that. And yet, when I do that, a lot of people pretend I’m invisible. It makes me so angry sometimes. I guess my desire for reciprocity means I’m violating the FECK principles!

A. I am so glad that you asked that question! I actually wasn’t going to put that part in the book. I thought people would think, “This is so trivial.” But then I found scientific studies that said we actual-

ly increase our well-being by doing something as simple as saying hello and smiling. Saying hello and smiling can be contagious.

Now, I have to tell you that, when you do it, don’t expect it in return. I would like for you to think that, if it’s not returned by that one person, it’s not necessarily malicious. You don’t know what that person is going through that day, or what they are going to be facing in a few minutes. So, forgive them for not smiling back. And keep saying hello to people.

Chaz Ebert will discuss “It’s Time to Give a FECK: Elevating Humanity Through Forgiveness, Empathy, Compassion, and Kindness” 7 p.m. Thursday at Hummingbird Books. Free; RSVP required.

Interview was condensed and edited for clarity. Odie Henderson is the Boston Globe’s film critic.



PHOTOS BY JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

Instructor Nissa Diantina led a “Yoda Yoga” class in the lobby Saturday so moviegoers could stretch.

How to survive a 23-hour ‘Star Wars’ movie marathon

The dedicated flocked to Showcase Cinema at Legacy Place to watch the nine movies of the Skywalker saga in a row

By Henry Bova
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

DEDHAM — May the fourth be with them: As the clock neared 8 a.m. Saturday at Showcase Cinema de Lux at Legacy Place, the tired soldiers trudged out of their theaters to fuel up on breakfast, pound cups of coffee, and even participate in yoga to stretch their limbs, all in an effort to prepare for the final push and finish the job.

That job? Stay awake for four more “Star Wars” movies, the final leg of a 23-hour marathon.

This past weekend, Showcase Cinemas rang in the holy day among “Star Wars” fans by hosting a nine-movie marathon, from 1999’s “The Phantom Menace,” the first prequel episode, all the way through 2019’s “The Rise of Skywalker.” It was a rigorous battle, but thanks to the devotion of the “Star Wars” faithful, there was no shortage of people soldiering through to the finish line.

“‘Star Wars’ is the lifeblood of many people,” said Drew Shadrawy, a therapist and social worker from Newton. “Even though it’s considered geeky, it’s certainly grown into American mythology and part of world culture.”

For the dedicated, binging every movie is a journey worth taking — and the idea is not only to see the full story, but to experience it with other members of their community.

“There’s something almost indescribable about that sort of shared experience,” said Jay Griffin, a Swansea resident who works in finance, “and probably a little bit of delirium by the end of that much movie-watching.”

For some, part of the draw is getting to see the old classics on the big screen for the first time.

“It’s not something that you get often with older movies, being able to watch them as they were intended to be broadcast,” said Stefan Lewis, an IT specialist from Dracut, who deadpanned, “To quote Nicole Kidman: ‘Dazzling images on a huge silver screen; sound that I can feel.’”

Paris Pratico, an 8-year-old from Worcester, has been a huge fan since she started watching the “Star Wars” movies in kindergarten with her dad, but she’d never seen them



Paris Pratico, 8, of Worcester with a stormtrooper.

on the big screen.

“It’s more exciting here because you don’t have a concession stand at your house and it’s a bigger TV,” she said. “There are lots of people, more chairs, and our chairs don’t move at the house,” she noted, referring to the reclining seating in her theater. Her father, John, a psychologist and professor at Anna Maria College, said Paris is the one who pushed the two of them to come. While they didn’t stay through episodes 2-4, they woke up bright and early to catch the 5:50 a.m. screening of “The Empire Strikes Back.”

“Some people say, like, ‘Oh, that sounds like that’ll be a really fun father-daughter bonding experience,’” he said, “and then I’ve had others say, like, ‘Yeah, that’s fine, I don’t need to see all nine of them in a row.’”

Doing anything for 23 hours is no easy task, and when it came to discussing strategies for staying awake and attentive, a few tips kept popping up. Caffeine is a big helper, though marathoners had different philosophies about when and how much to consume. Other tactics: getting up to walk around, planning when to briefly rest your eyes, and



Moviegoers waited in line for refreshments between screenings.

taking advantage of hygienic supplies. Showcase provided everything from toothbrushes and toothpaste to chapstick and hair ties.

And then there’s perhaps the biggest motivator of all: FOMO.

“It’s easier to do these movie marathons because you don’t want to sleep during your favorite scene,” said Jenny Garcia, a social worker from New London, Conn. “You know who the father is, you know what the outcome is going to be, so I feel like you stay up more for that nostalgic feeling of seeing it on the big screen.”

Though she’s a huge “Star Wars” fan, Garcia said she generally likes to push herself to accomplish unorthodox feats. In the coming months, she’s hoping to participate in a 3K mud run and to drive to Florida to visit Disney World’s four theme parks in one day.

When someone asks what she did over any given weekend, “I don’t want to just say I just stayed home and cleaned,” she said. “I like having stories.”

Others are there simply for the movies. Bruce Mendelsohn, a City of Worcester employee from Millbury, wore a shirt boasting that he sat through an approximately 59-hour, 22-movie Marvel marathon Showcase hosted in 2019 at the former Revere location. (He joked that this marathon was “more like a 10K.”)

Even as a movie-marathon veteran, the joy is less about whether or not he stays awake than it is about the films themselves and the community they represent.

“‘Star Wars’ is intergenerational. It transcends race, it transcends gender, it transcends class,” he said. “That, to me, is fascinating. ‘Star Wars’ is a people’s story.”

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Visitors at “Harry Potter: The Exhibition.”

‘Harry Potter: The Exhibition’ debuts here in Sept.

The wizarding world is coming to New England this fall, as the US leg of the “Harry Potter: The Exhibition” tour makes its Greater Boston debut at CambridgeSide 13.

The behind-the-scenes exhibition gives muggles access to characters, props, stories, settings, beasts, and more set in the “Harry Potter” and “Fantastic Beasts” worlds.

Before the experience begins, visitors will be sorted into their Harry Potter house, or group, and will pick a wand and a Patronus, a magical guardian summoned for protection from De-

mentors, mythical guardians of Azkaban, the wizard prison. Then, they’ll be guided through several interactive galleries where they’ll have the opportunity to collect points that go toward winning the “House Cup.”

“When you come into this experience, we allow [visitors] a moment to step inside that world,” said Tom Zaller, CEO of Imagine Exhibitions. “There are so many different ways of celebrating this amazing experience. We create an opportunity for people to better connect with something they love.”

Guests will travel through the Hog-

warts Castle gallery, where the Whomping Willow, Dementors, and Marauder’s Map reside. The Hogwarts classroom gallery allows visitors to brew potions, predict the future, pot a mandrake, and defeat a boggart, a shape-shifting creature that takes the form of a person’s worst fear. Hagrid’s Hut and the Forbidden Forest gallery features an interactive Patronus charm experience and iconic creatures to be uncovered.

“Harry Potter: The Exhibition” first premiered in Philadelphia in 2022. It has since traveled the world, with residencies in major cities, including Atlan-

ta, Barcelona, Paris, and Vienna. It’s currently showing in New York City and Macao, China, with additional tour dates to come in Sao Paulo and Munich.

“The [‘Harry Potter’] brand has been around for a long time — it’s multigenerational,” Zaller said. “We’ll be here when school gets back in, and a lot of students who are the next generation of kids who’ve loved the books are now going to college, so it’s a good time to be in Boston.”

Tickets for the experience go on sale May 16 at eventim.com.

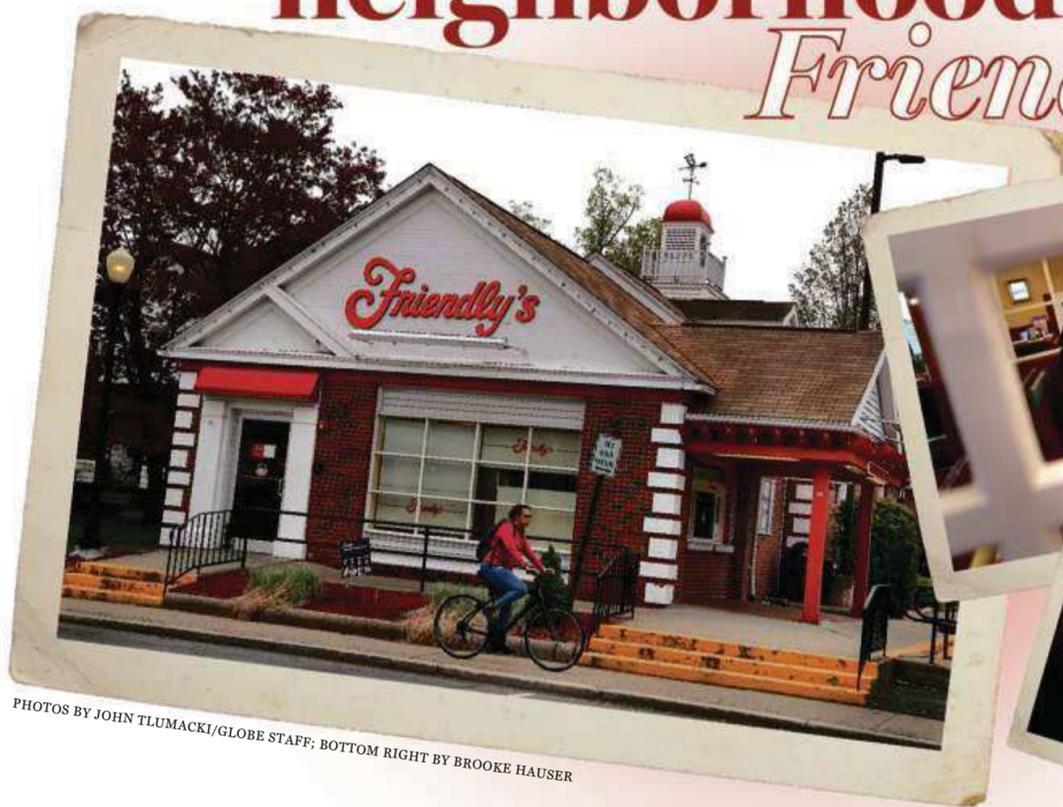
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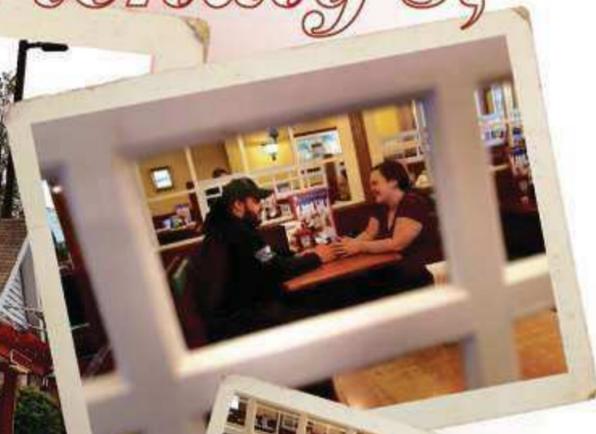
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SuperMelts with a side of nostalgia

By Brooke Hauser

GLOBE STAFF

NORTHAMPTON — “You’re not really a Friendly’s person,” a friend recently told me.

We were walking in the park, and I’d just told her I’d gotten myself into a predicament by volunteering to write about my neighborhood Friendly’s after Boston’s last outpost, in the airport, closed.

There were two problems I hadn’t thought through before raising my hand to reflect on the beleaguered restaurant chain and the nos-

talgia it stirs around New England: One, I’m trying to lose weight, and Friendly’s Big Beef burger isn’t exactly what comes to mind when I think low-calorie density (thanks, Noom). Two, I almost never eat at Friendly’s, never did growing up in Miami (as a teen, I went to Denny’s). And if I’m really being honest: Until last week, I’d never even heard of a Fribble.

I’d like to think *that’s* why my friend said I’m not a “Friendly’s person,” but I worry her comment was code for something else — like, maybe instead of Friendly’s I’d be better off eating at Snobby’s down the street.

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COURTESY OF FRIENDLY'S

Prestley and Curtis Blake in front of the first Friendly’s location in an undated photo.

PHOTOS (TOP TO BOTTOM): At Friendly’s in Florence, Lilah Hoy, 3, played with a balloon after sharing a meal with her grandfather Paul Graves, both of South Hadley; Benny Acus, 1, of Huntington held a balloon while being carried by his mother, Courtney, at the cash register; Myles Irving and his wife, Emily, of Springfield enjoyed a romantic lunch framed by a partition window; the writer’s children at Friendly’s in September 2019.

8 restaurants to eat at for AAPI Heritage Month

By Devra First

GLOBE STAFF

May is AAPI Heritage Month, with the inaugural Boston Asian Restaurant Week

currently underway. From the dim sum parlors of Chinatown, Malden, and Quincy to the photo shops of Dorchester’s Fields Corner to Allston’s plethora of Korean specialties, the Boston area offers a rich tapestry of restaurants at which to mark the month. The hard part is choosing among them. Here are eight recommendations:

Bánh Mì Ba Le

The fillings are important, of course they are. But what makes bánh mì truly excel-

lent is the bread, and that is why the sandwiches at owner Jennifer Nguyen’s Dorchester spot are among the best around. The crusty, baguette-like rolls are baked daily, then filled with grilled meats, pâté, crisp pickled vegetables, cilantro, house-made mayo, and more. Stock up on Vietnamese prepared foods and groceries while you’re here, and grab an avocado smoothie or iced coffee with condensed milk on your way out. There’s now a branch in Malden, too, located inside the 99 Asian Supermarket.

THE EAVES

Bún cha Hà Noi made with Hudson Valley duck at The Eaves.

1052 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, 617-265-7171, www.balebanhmiboston.com

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At Keegan Kreation, beautiful pastries — and a stunning makeover

By Peggy Hernandez

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KINGSTON — Not far off Exit 18, on Route 3 South, there’s a bakery cafe with a European flair and an exterior painted entirely in black.

Inside, black walls contrast with white marble tables and white ceiling tiles boasting a fleur-de-lis pattern. A 1930s photo of Paris’s famous Le



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Keegan Kreation’s Kingston location is a former Dunkin’ Donuts.

Dome Café — popular with Ernest Hemingway, Simone de Beauvoir, and Pablo Picasso — dominates a small dining area. A bit of whimsy is found in the rolling pin door handles.

It’s hard to believe that last summer this rectangular building was a candy orange and beige Dunkin’ circa 1970s. In March, it opened as the second outpost of Keegan Kreation’s Bakery & Café, the first of which launched four years ago in down-

town Plymouth and specializes in a variety of butter-laden, flaky French pastries made of croissant dough, and delicate cakes.

“Keegan was very clear the bakery needed to reflect how good his pastries are,” says Caren Leedom, of Mimi Walsh Interiors, who redesigned the spot with partner Mimi Walsh. “He said, ‘I want the aesthetic of my shop to be as beautiful as my pas-

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Satellite Bottle Shop: a cozy spot to explore natural wines



JULIE TALBOT

Satellite Bottle Shop is a cozy and inviting new wine shop in Dedham worth visiting. You'll encounter more than 100 different labels here, but when you peruse the shelves, you might not recognize any. The shop carries only natural wines — those crafted in small batches from organically cultivated grapes, with no additives or manipulation. Expert guidance is there to help, and some bottles are open for sampling. "Having the customer taste the wine creates a dialogue and a way to take someone's wine temperature. It's an ice breaker," says owner Stan Hilbert, who is also the restaurateur behind Forage in Cambridge and the forthcoming Few & Far next door to the wine store. Hilbert (pictured) was raised in France and was long interested in wine, even before he opened his restaurant. He worked at the former L'Espalier as a sommelier and at the Jamaica Plain restaurant Ten Tables. Years

ago, he worked for a Cambridge distributor who early on specialized in natural wines. "I got excited about natural wine even before it was really a thing," says Hilbert. When you walk into the shop, you'll likely encounter Joey Padilla, a certified sommelier and wine educator, poised to steer you to new discoveries — from a crisp, floral Croatian white wine from the Ikon Winery to a robust red Cesanese from Tomei in Central Italy, whose wines are made from nearly extinct varieties. Or small producers from Barolo or Burgundy, where the label might omit the term but is devoted to the practice of natural winemaking. "The spectrum of natural wines is so large," says Padilla. "Not all labels say it's natural, but their practices are the same." 578 High St., Dedham, 781-686-9874, satellitebottleshop.com. Open Wednesday through Sunday. Free wine tastings, every Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

ANN TRIEGER KURLAND

Be cool: Tiny ice is a big trend



TOVOLO

Mini ice cubes are trendy and look, you might say, cool, in cocktails, ice tea, lemonade, or really any drink. There are expensive home countertop machines and various types of ice trays that make tiny ice cubes. But Tovolo, a leading company for kitchen tools and utensils, recently introduced the Mini Ice Cylinder Squeeze and Release, simplifying the creation of the fun little blocks. Priced at \$18 for a set of two, each yields 200 cubes. Fill the mold and chill it for four to six hours. After rising under warm water for a few seconds, you remove the lid and the cubes easily tumble out after a gentle squeeze. The cylinders are compact and take up less freezer real estate than standard mini ice trays. Available at Kitchen Outfitters, 342 Great Road, Acton, 978-263-1955; The Cook Shop, 1091 Route 6A, Brewster; or at tovolo.com/mimi-ice-cube-molds.

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CRISTINE STRUBLE

Toast someone special with Limoncello Spritz

You'll need something special to toast mom if you're hosting a Mother's Day brunch at home. Fabrizia, the family-run limoncello company from Salem, N.H., offers a new option: Limoncello Spritz. A blend of Italian sparkling wine, limoncello liqueur, and a splash of soda water, the bubbly has subtle almond notes and a vibrant citrus sweetness with a dry finish. Sip it well chilled in a flute or over ice in a tall glass with a lemon slice. With 14 percent alcohol, the refreshing drink could become a warm weather favorite — and a way to say cheers to a mom any day (\$20). Available at many wine and spirit shops throughout New England.

ANN TRIEGER KURLAND

WHAT SHE'S HAVING

At Kong Dog/Kong Pocha in Davis Square, lively street food to shake off a takeaway slump

By Kara Baskin
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

In my family, and maybe in yours, too, spring is when meal-planning goes completely awry. School sports are in full swing: There are games and practices every night. We dine either at 5 p.m. or 9 p.m., and poorly at that. Ambitious New Year's resolutions involving shopping for the week and carefully plotting a protein, vegetable, and a grain to match the day of the week seem cute and thoroughly impractical. I'm lucky if I'm shoving pizza in my mouth by bedtime.

Which is all to say: Maybe you're in a takeout rut, too, and need a new idea. This is how my family and I stumbled upon Kong Dog/Kong Pocha in Somerville's Davis Square. This little storefront first emerged on the scene selling corn dogs coated in Doritos, neon-red Cheetos, and fruity cereal: ideal late-night — but perhaps not family dinner — fare.

But Kong Dog has expanded to encompass Kong Pocha, a stall with a varied menu and a lively vibe. This is a

pop-up inside the space, an orange-roofed tent festooned with twinkling lights, little buzzers on tables to summon servers, bouncy K-pop on the speakers, and corn dog stickers on the walls. It's fun, and the menu is family-friendly.

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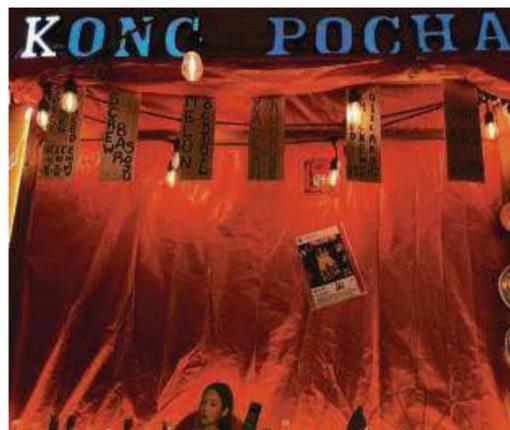
My kids got 12-piece, double-fried chicken wings rolled in a spicy-sticky sweet sauce, crunchy on the outside and juicy on the inside (\$19.99). They were meaty and big — no sad, stringy wings here. I ordered Kong Tteopbokki, simmered rice cakes in a thin Gochujang sauce. Here, the sauce is brothier than some paste-based ver-

sions, served with sliced carrots and onions. But it was plenty garlicky, spiced just right, with glass noodles and — bonus! — a mozzarella-stuffed, sugar-coated, cartoon-sized corn dog. Wasn't expecting that; my kids were delighted. There's also spicy ramen fried rice, pork cutlets, and bulgogi.

The only sour note: limp, nearly translucent scallion pancakes that were far too oily and vegetal for my crowd. But this was easy to overlook amid a feast of wings, savory stew, and a surprise corn dog. More than that, it was a happy spring-weekend respite from our usual diet of Trader Joe's chicken nuggets, pizza on the go, and late-night leftovers. If you're looking for a legitimate, well-balanced way to fold corn dogs into your routine with a side of K-pop, this is the place to do it.

Kong Dog/Kong Pocha, 236 Elm St., Somerville, 617-764-5888, www.kongdog.us/boston

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KARA BASKIN (LEFT); BRIAN LAPSERITIS

Food from Kong Pocha at Kong Dog in Somerville. Right: Kong Pocha is a street tent within Kong Dog.



The scene at Game On! next to Fenway Park on Lansdowne Street.

Watch the playoffs at these winning sports bars

Looking for spots to enjoy basketball and hockey playoff season that are more exciting than your couch? Pull up a stool at one of these sports bars.

A&B Kitchen and Bar: With a convenient location right across from TD Garden — and a big patio — A&B serves squishy Detroit-style pizza, fried chicken, and burgers. There's also a kids' menu, and conveniently, they take reservations. 115 Beverly St., Boston, 857-449-2251, www.anbkitchen.com

Eastern Standard: The newly relocated Eastern Standard has two TVs at its 23-seat bar, with plenty of high tops offering good views — plus beyond-bar-food eats: signature baked rigatoni, steak frites, and roasted bone marrow. 775 Beacon St., Boston, 617-530-1590, www.easternstandardboston.com

Game On! The name says it all: Feast on Max & Leo's pizza beneath a halo of 30 TVs. There's also Ping-Pong, corn hole, and indoor batting cages if the action hits a lull. 82 Lansdowne St., Boston, 617-351-7001, www.gameonboston.com

Kings Seaport: This bowling mini-chain doubles as a sports bar; visit their Seaport location's Draft Room, home to multiple TVs, 40-plus beers on tap, and classic pub food. There's also shuffleboard and billiards for fickle fans. 60 Seaport Blvd., Boston, 617-401-0025, www.playatkings.com

Parlor Sports: This pleasing pub from the Trina's Starlite team has 15 TVs, but the carnival-style food also wins big: corn dogs, wings, fried chicken, and a griddled Starlite-style burger, topped with coleslaw. 1 Beacon St., Somerville, 617-576-0231, www.trinastarlitelounge.com

Play Boston: The next best thing to being there: Play Boston is adjacent to TD Garden, home to eight TVs, arcade games, and every bar food imaginable, from sliders to pork belly pizza to a fish filet with cheese. They take reservations. 110 Causeway St., Boston, 617-896-5222, www.playboston.com

Scores: Longtime sports bar institution The Four's is now Scores, updated with 33 big-screen TVs showing everything from cricket to international soccer to hockey and basketball, a few blocks from TD Garden. Make reservations for bao buns, nachos, hummus, and a Title Town burger with blue cheese. 166 Canal St., Boston, 857-990-3711, www.scores-boston.com

WynnBET Sports Book: Serious fans can gamble at WynnBET Sports Book at Encore Boston Harbor, home to 60-plus TVs and cushy seats (plus a Shake Shack and Italian to-go dishes from Frank & Nick's). 1 Broadway, Everett, 857-770-3453, www.encorebostonharbor.com

KARA BASKIN

COOK FOR HER

BRUNCH RECIPES TO DELIGHT YOUR MOM, SIS, AUNTIE, GRANNY, BESTIE



SALLY PASLEY VARGAS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Make-Ahead Individual Goat Cheese Soufflés

Serves 6

Make cheesy, feather-light individual goat cheese soufflés with chives to honor the moms in your life on their day. They're baked twice, but they're still deliciously creamy. While the idea of whipping up a soufflé makes many cooks pause, the formula here isn't daunting. You make a thick bechamel sauce, stir in egg yolks and cheese, fold in fluffy whites, and bake. Where there is often a glitch getting a soufflé in and out of the oven in a timely way, these individual beauties are made ahead so you won't have that moment of panic. You'll assemble and bake the soufflés in ramekins (or other individual baking dishes) in a larger dish filled partway with water. When they're brown, let them cool, and turn them out of their little cups. They will deflate, but don't worry, they'll perk up again on their second turn in the oven. They can sit in the fridge for an hour or for up to two days. When you're ready to serve them, line them up in a baking dish, pour cream over the top and sides, sprinkle with Parmesan, and bake them again. On a brunch table, these magical golden soufflés will wow all the moms and everyone else.

- Butter (for the ramekins or dishes)**
- 8 ounces plain goat cheese**
- 1 cup whole milk**
- 5 tablespoons finely chopped or snipped fresh chives**
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter**

- 4 tablespoons flour**
- Salt and pepper, to taste**
- 4 eggs, separated**
- ¼ teaspoon salt**
- ½ teaspoon black pepper**
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley**
- 1½ cups heavy or whipping cream**
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan**

1. Set the oven at 350 degrees. Generously butter 6 ramekins or other individual baking dishes (½ cup capacity each). Place them in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish or roasting pan.
2. Place 6 small chunks of goat cheese, about the size of a rounded teaspoon, in the center of each ramekin.
3. Infuse the milk: To use a microwave, pour the milk and 3 tablespoons of the chives into a glass measuring cup. Heat for 90 seconds, or until hot. Or use a saucepan: Heat over medium heat for 2 minutes, or until small bubbles form around the edges. Set the milk aside for 15 minutes.
4. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter. Add the flour and whisk constantly for 1 minute. Gradually whisk in the infused milk and chives. Cook, whisking constantly, for 2 minutes, or until the mixture bubbles and is thick and smooth. Remove the saucepan from the heat. Whisk in the remaining goat cheese in walnut-size pieces, stirring until the mixture is smooth. Transfer to a large bowl. Whisk in the egg yolks, salt, pepper, and parsley.
5. In an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks.

They should be firm, yet still creamy, not dry. Remove the bowl from the mixer stand. Use a rubber spatula to stir one-third of the whites into the cheese sauce. Gently fold in the remaining whites.

6. Divide the mixture evenly among the 6 ramekins or dishes. Pull the middle oven rack out a few inches and set the baking dish or roasting pan on it. Pour enough hot tap water in at the edge to come halfway up the sides of the ramekins. Gently slide the rack back into place in the oven. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the tops of the soufflés are puffed, lightly browned, and springy when you press a finger gently on top.
7. Using tongs, carefully transfer the soufflés from the water bath to a wire rack; cool completely. Pour off the water from the baking dish or roasting pan. Wipe it dry.
8. When the soufflés are cool enough to handle, run a thin knife around the edge of a ramekin or dish. Invert it onto the palm of your hand. Set it, right side up, in the baking dish. Repeat with the remaining soufflés. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour or for up to 2 days.
9. Set the oven at 375 degrees.
10. Pour the cream over the top and sides of the soufflés. Sprinkle the top of each one with Parmesan. Bake for 14 to 16 minutes, or until the soufflés are puffed and golden.
11. Use a thin spatula to transfer the soufflés from the baking dish to 6 plates. Spoon the cream from the dish beside each soufflé and sprinkle with the remaining 2 tablespoons chives. Serve at once.

Sally Pasley Vargas

Charred Asparagus with Curry Mayo

Serves 6

Showcase spring asparagus with a simple preparation, here charred under a broiler and served with curry mayo. For the mayo, first sauté shallot and garlic, then bloom curry powder in the hot pan to release all the flavors. Cool the mixture to room temperature before stirring the aromatics into store-bought mayonnaise. Cooking the asparagus depends on the size of your spears and your preference for a little or a lot of char. Toss them in olive oil and slide them under a broiler turned to high. Watch them closely; it does not take long before they've gone too far. Serve them to mom for brunch right out of the oven or at room temp, with a poached or fried or hard-cooked egg. They will shine.

MAYO

- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- 1 shallot, finely chopped**
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped**
- 1 teaspoon curry powder**
- ¼ teaspoon salt, or more to taste**
- ½ cup mayonnaise**
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice**

1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, heat the olive oil. Add the shallot and garlic. Cook, stirring often, for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the shallot softens. Add the curry powder, and cook, stirring, for 1 to 2 minutes, or until it is aromatic and has absorbed the oil. Add the salt. Cool to room temperature.

2. In a bowl, stir the mayonnaise with the shallot mixture until blended. Stir in the lemon juice. Taste for seasoning and add salt, if you like. Cover and refrigerate until serving.

ASPARAGUS

- 2 bunches fresh asparagus, ends snapped off**

- 1 tablespoon olive oil**
- Salt and pepper, to taste**
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives**

1. Slide an oven rack 5 to 6 inches below the broiler element. Turn the broiler to high.
2. On a rimmed baking sheet, toss the asparagus with the olive oil and a generous pinch each of salt and pepper. Broil for 5 to 7 minutes, turning the spears occasionally and watching them closely, or until the asparagus are tender and beginning to char.
3. Transfer the asparagus to a platter. Sprinkle with chives. Serve with the curry mayo.

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Cinnamon Walnut Scones

Makes 12

Reminiscent of cinnamon coffee cake, but with a firmer texture, these scones are mixed with walnuts tossed in butter and cinnamon. There's even more cinnamon in the dough, along with nutmeg, whole-wheat flour added to the all-purpose flour, and some yogurt and buttermilk. When you blend the butter into the flour mixture, be sure the butter forms very small flakes. Large pieces of butter can cause the wedges to slump in the oven. Allow two hours for the dough, shaped into two plump balls, to sit in the fridge before cutting into wedges and baking. Warm scones would be just right with Sunday morning coffee. Wrap some in a pretty kitchen towel and deliver them to a favorite mom.

WALNUTS

- 2 tablespoons sugar**
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon**
- 1 cup walnuts, very coarsely chopped**
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted**

1. In a bowl, mix the sugar and cinnamon to blend them. Add the walnuts and toss with a fork.
2. Sprinkle the butter over the nuts and toss again until they are coated all over.

DOUGH

- 2¾ cups all-purpose flour**
- ½ cup whole-wheat flour**
- 2¼ teaspoons baking powder**
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda**
- ½ teaspoon salt**
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon**
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg**
- ½ cup sugar**
- 11 tablespoons (1 stick plus 3 tablespoons) cold butter, cut into chunks**
- 3 tablespoons plain full-fat yogurt (Greek or regular)**
- ¾ cup full-fat buttermilk, well shaken**
- 1 egg yolk**
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract**
- Extra all-purpose flour (for sprinkling)**

1. In a bowl, whisk the all-purpose and whole-wheat flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and sugar until thoroughly combined.
2. Scatter the butter over the flour mixture. Using a pastry blender or two blunt knives, cut the fat into the flour until it is reduced to pearl-size bits. With your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour to reduce the butter to small flakes. With a firm rubber spatula, stir in the walnuts with any cinnamon mixture left in

the bowl.

3. In a small bowl, whisk the yogurt, buttermilk, egg yolk, and vanilla until smooth. Pour the egg mixture over the flour mixture. With the spatula, start stirring to form a dough. With your hands, remove large clumps of the mixture that come together and transfer them to a lightly floured counter. If there are dry bits at the bottom of the bowl, add a few more teaspoons of buttermilk and cut it in with the spatula until they also form a dough.
4. Turn all the clumps out onto a lightly floured counter. Knead lightly to form a dough. Divide it into 2 equal pieces. Form each into a plump ball measuring about 5 inches in diameter. Lightly wrap in parchment paper. Refrigerate for 2 hours.
5. Set the oven at 375 degrees. Line a large rimmed baking sheet pan with parchment paper.
6. Cut each round in half, then cut each half into 3 triangles to form 6 from each round (a total of 12). Transfer to the baking sheet, spacing the wedges 2 inches apart.
7. Bake the scones for 25 minutes, or until they are golden brown and firm to the touch. Transfer the baking sheet to a wire rack. Serve the scones warm.

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Valentine Howell worked at No. 9 Park as a teen, and he's had some lucky breaks since then

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Dorchester's Valentine Howell, 38, grew up all over Boston and attended Madison Park Technical Vocational High School's culinary program, even staging at No. 9 Park as a teenager.

He planned to play college football until an injury sidelined his athletic career, which was happy news for Boston kitchens. From there, he worked at Locke-Ober under Lydia Shire, Legal Harborside, and Mastro's. He plateaued a bit and considered leaving the industry entirely until a chance encounter with an old colleague led to an executive chef job at Greek restaurant Krasi in the Back Bay.

He's since appeared on "Top Chef" and earned a James Beard Best Chef: Northeast finalist nod. Today, he and his fiancée, Renea Adger, are about to open the Black Cat pop-up at Jamaica Plain's Vee Vee, where they'll serve Latin, African, and Caribbean dishes.

How did you get into food?

I come from a pretty large family, and food was always at the center of a lot of things that we did. It could be celebrating anything: a first Communion, a first birthday, a 35th birthday, retirement, it didn't matter. It always involved food. I think the catalyst was that my dad was a banquet chef when I was younger. He doesn't cook anymore; he's a union guy now. But you look up to your parents and stuff like that.

What did you grow up eating? What did your family make?

My household was very eclectic in their food, because I grew up in a mixed-race household. My mother is Italian-American. My father is from Jamaica. My mother's current husband is Haitian. They've been married for 25 years at this point. There was a mix of foods going on in my household. We did a lot of eating at home; my mom was a single mother. We didn't have the means to go out that often.

We had traditional Haitian food, traditional Jamaican food, then we had Italian-American staples and things like that, mixed in with some Southern foods from friends of the family and everything. So I grew up eating a lot of different things.

When did you decide to make food into a career?

At the Blue Hill Boys and Girls Club, they had a program, the Chef's Club.

I kind of wanted to be a chef; I was down with that. I distinctly remember being there every Friday. There was a little kitchenette in the back of the clubhouse, and we had an instructor who was going to Madison Park Technical Vocational High School at the time. They had culinary arts there. And I was like, 'Wow! I didn't know that there was a high school that you could go to, to do this!' It was that moment right there. I wanted to go to Madison Park, and I wanted to be in the culinary arts program because I wanted to be a chef.

I ended up going to Madison Park,

being in the culinary program. But of course, being a young impressionable high school student, seeing that there were other options out there, I was heavily into the JROTC program. So I almost went into the military. I also played football, all four years, to possibly play collegiate football.

The cooking kind of took a back burner while I was there, up until maybe my junior year. I got injured. I had an opportunity for an NCAA scholarship that got dropped because of my injury. Then my mom got really sick and almost passed. I didn't want to go into the military because I would have left my brother behind. I didn't want to do that. I was glad to have a culinary focus to fall back on. I really just immersed myself in that. We had a work-study program, and I got to stage at No. 9 Park.

Oh, wow, what was that like?

That was an incredible experience. I'm so glad I got to do that instead of going to a more corporate location. It was wild. I peeled carrots, I made stock, and I was absolutely enamored by everything that went on — the hustle and the bustle of the kitchen, the sounds, the smells. It just really spoke to me: 'This is what goes into making beautiful food.' I wanted to be a part of that.

I went on to Newbury College in Brookline, which sadly does not exist anymore. I went there for culinary management. I worked for Andy Husbands at 647 Tremont and Sister Sorel. That was a throwback. He was actually one of my instructors in college, and that's how it got started. I needed a job.

After graduation, did you want to explore farther afield?

My plan was to leave Boston. Life had other plans. I ended up having a daughter. That kind of put a hold on things. It put things in a different perspective for me at that moment. I didn't end up leaving Boston, I had to stay. But I still ended up doing some really great things. I ended up working for Lydia Shire at Locke-Ober. It was my first legit job out of college.

It was such a joy to be able to learn from her and see the way she looks at food and works in that kitchen. She was the first woman to take over that space, because it was a boys' club for as long as it was open. It was unprecedented that a female chef did what she did with it. I worked with her at Towne Stove and Spirits, too. I went from cooking old-school, old world American foods to a super-eclectic menu with two different floors and two different kinds of concepts under one roof. That was probably one of the most beautiful kitchens I've worked in.

You've also on been on "Top Chef." You've also been a James Beard finalist. What was the inflection point when you began to find your footing?

I had a child, and I had to think about making money and raising a family. My focus kind of shifted. I was on the opening team of Legal Harborside. I worked on the second floor, which was their fine dining concept, in a three-



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'I just want this to be a melting pot of culture, of people, because you can share a lot through food.'

VALENTINE HOWELL
on his approach at Black Cat Eatery

concept building. It was great. I could make really great food, really beautiful food, and get paid at the same time and not work for peanuts.

I worked my way up from being a line cook, and I left as, essentially, the banquet chef. I took care of all the private events and things like that. I left Legal to work for Mastro's in the Seaport, and that only lasted about a year. It wasn't my vibe.

How did you get to Krasi?

I wasn't one to believe in fate, you know, until this moment, but I was in the dining room one day at Mastro's taking inventory. A good friend of mine who I worked with at Towne, a hostess, was now part of what I didn't know at the time was Krasi and Committee.

She hit me up: 'Hey, it was great to see you. I'd like to talk to you about something that we have going on.' Because I was literally one foot out the door at Mastro's and was going to go join my dad, join the union and be a heavy machinery operator. I just didn't want to cook anymore. I didn't have the passion in me at that time anymore.

She asked me if I would like to come to Committee and do a tasting. They were just looking for a sous chef at that moment. So I said, 'You know what; why not? Let's give it a shot.'

I did the tasting. And they were really impressed with me and my food and what I brought to the table. They were like: 'We'd actually like you to run the joint. We want you to be the executive chef, not the sous chef.' I was like, 'Please pinch me, because my dream is real.' I jumped at the opportunity.

I started at Committee before Krasi broke ground, and the rest is history. We were only open a month before we closed due to the pandemic. We reopened, and it was like the initial opening all over again. After the pandemic, of course, everybody just wanted to get back outside and do things. You know, I feel like that really kind of helped us out. It just shot us into the limelight.

I feel like there are three things that make a good restaurant great: It's the atmosphere or the ambiance, the service, and the food. Not only did we have a beautiful setting and a beautiful restaurant, the service was top-notch. We

definitely curated a really good team of servers who were all super professional and all about their job. It was some of the best service I've worked with, bar none. And then the food — the fact that we were bringing this Greek food to the city, and bringing it to the masses, in our way. We were able to make traditional regional Greek food, but paying homage to the roots of the food and where we were from. We're Greek, but we're also in the Northeast. We have an abundance of really great produce and seafood at our disposal.

The fact that it culminated in me getting nominated for the James Beard? I mean, that was like the icing on the cake, the cherry on top.

What does that feel like? How much do chefs really care about that award?

When I got to be a finalist, I kind of broke down. I never thought that it would happen for me. And the fact that I made it to the semifinals, just being announced as that? I could have been totally OK with that. It was validation of all my hard work throughout my career, all the sacrifice that I had given, missing moments with my child and missing moments with friends and family all to pursue my dream. As a finalist, being in Chicago, on the red carpet, being surrounded by these icons, the chefs and people I looked up to and I follow? It didn't feel real, honestly. Pinch, me please. Because I feel like I'm dreaming.

How did the Black Cat pop-up come about — and why is it called the Black Cat?

It's Black Cat Eatery. We're in the midst of a brand change right now. But all this started during quarantine. It's something me and my fiancée had always talked about. We're both in the industry. It's been kind of a dream of ours to have our own place and to do our own thing, because we feel, you know, the food scene in Boston is kind of lacking in what we bring to the table as far as diversity in food and flavors.

Yesterday was actually the anniversary of Black Cat. A cousin asked us to make some extra tacos for Cinco De Mayo during quarantine. And we were like, let's see if we can make something out of this. Let's see if our little concept could actually work, drawing some folks and get them to buy food from us and see what we have to offer. And, of course, at that time, we didn't think that it would be much because of quarantine. But it took off. It sustained us through the entirety of quarantine until we went back to work.

What's the plan going forward?

We have a semi-permanent residency in partnership with Vee Vee. We're looking at the second week of May as our grand opening and rebranding of Vee Vee in conjunction with Black Cat. I'd driven by Vee Vee a bunch of times, but I'd never actually been in there. And they had put up a post about their current chef leaving. A few people who know me kind of threw my name in the hat. I had no idea.

It seemed like a really great opportunity to bring Black Cat from just a pop-up coming out of breweries to do a semi-permanent location where people could actually make a reservation. Now you can have our food Tuesday through Saturday.

What's on the menu? What are the highlights?

Obviously we're going to keep the tacos, legit, but we're dropping the tacos from our name because we don't want

to pigeonhole ourselves because we know we can do more. We're using fresh local produce and highlighting local farms and things like that. We're using Caribbean flavors, Afro Latin flavors: djon-djon fried rice, pan-seared scallops with creamy grits, scotch bonnet and ginger butter. Some pickled corn. That's one I'm really excited about. We have Jamaican empanadas, a super mashup of cultures right there.

Do you think you'll ever spin it into its own restaurant?

Well, I mean, that's the hope and the dream, to take this and run with it. You know, this definitely brings something new to JP. I'm hoping that this will really translate with other folks in the community. I just want this to be a melting pot of culture, of people, because you can share a lot through food. I feel food is a vehicle for a lot of different things: for conversations, for ideas, just for love. I just want this to be that kind of place. Vee Vee has an excellent reputation. They've been there for 16 years. They have a really great local following. But I like that we can bring in different clientele. We can bring different people and share our story through food.

What do you think the Boston food scene needs more of?

The lack of diversity of flavors. I love what Comfort Kitchen is doing. The fact that this place exists where it does, and they're doing the type of food and they bring those type of flavors? I absolutely love that. I'd like to be a part of that movement here in the city. I feel like we need more of that. We need more places within the inner city and not just little holes in the wall — even though I do love me a good hole in the wall. [We need] places that are little bit more refined, like Comfort Kitchen, that you can go to within your area and not feel like you have to go way outside of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, or whatever to go get these kinds of foods.

What do you think Boston does really well, in the culinary scene?

Oh, I don't know. I can keep going with what I feel like they need like more of, like late night. I'm tired of being able to only go to one or two places, or like a pizza shop or something, late night. It's just ridiculous. I feel like Boston needs to really up the ante on giving out more spaces, more liquor licenses, more places for people to open up and give out licenses for late-night food. Look at Chicago; look at LA. In LA, you can go out at 3 o'clock in the morning and spend 20 bucks and eat like a king at any one of their taco trucks.

Where do you like to eat when you're not working?

Chinatown. I love Shojo. I go there quite often. Five Spice House. We love District Kitchen in Malden. I've never, ever had a bad meal there. I love all types of Asian foods: Indian, Chinese, Japanese. You can find me stuffing my face with dumplings at any time.

Favorite snack at home?

Oh, that's a good one. Zapp's voodoo chips.

I've never seen Zapp's up here.

Oh, I go to Market Basket. They always hold me down. The potato chips and the pretzel sticks, but specifically, the Voodoo flavor.

Interview was edited and condensed.
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A new site and mind-set

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tries.”

Keegan Thim Yee, who co-owns Keegan's with his wife, Yilin Chen, is a baking perfectionist. His croissant dough has 84 layers of lamination and takes three days of preparation. His pastries draw crowds undeterred by prices ranging from around \$3.50 to \$8.95.

Among the 30 varieties in Yee's repertoire: flaky pecan-topped rolls with the sugar reined in, crunchy blueberry and lemon Danish where the sweet pairs perfectly with the tart, and muffins laden with soft balls of blueberries. Several savories are also on offer.

This second bakery is, surprisingly, part of Yee and Chen's long-term plan to reduce their 14-hour-a-day workload following the success of their intimate Plymouth bakery. The couple opened the bakery after long careers in Massachusetts hospitality and farmers' market stints.

"Constantly, customers asked us: 'Why don't you open another bakery?'" Yee says. "I'd say, 'I don't think we can handle that right now.'"

But Yee and Chen's mind-set changed in the winter of 2023. While in China to visit Chen's family, she was diagnosed by doctors with serious ailments attributed, in part, to fatigue. Her parents urged the couple to quit the



Keegan Thim Yee and wife Yilin Chen own Keegan Kreations, where you can find "crookies" and other treats.

bakery. "We worked so hard to start this baby," Chen remembers telling Yee. "We're not going to let go of this baby. If we [quit] it's like unsettled business."

Chen's father helped Yee develop a 10-year plan that, ultimately, calls for more workload shared by staff. The couple now have a crew of 27 including a human resources staffer. Yee's business inspirations are Joanne Chang, pastry chef and co-owner of Flour bakery + cafe, and Tatte Bakery & Café. Flour and Tatte began with one storefront and now have multiple locations throughout Greater Boston (Tatte also has locations in Washington, D.C.).

It was loyal customers from Yee and Chen's farmers' market days who helped the Plymouth bakery survive a launch that coincided with the COVID pandemic shutdown. Customers with

business acumen jump-started the second.

Cafe regulars Bob Sullivan Jr., of the Sullivan Tire chain (now employee-owned), and his wife, Susan, walked the couple through why expansion was a practical business decision. "Keegan works really hard," says Bob Sullivan. "He gives praise to God for everything that he has. And he's just one of those people that, you know, you just gravitate towards."

The Sullivans steered the couple to the vacant Dunkin' rental located between Mamma Mia's and Carmella's restaurants on Kingston's Main Street. The Viscariello Hospitality Group, which owns all three properties, enjoys having the bakery as its neighbors so much that it opened up its two restaurant parking lots to Keegan customers, says

co-owner Gina Viscariello Albanese.

The former Dunkin' kitchen is not very large. But a second workspace means the baking can be split between the two locations. All cakes for both cafes are made in Plymouth; all croissant work is prepared in Kingston.

A new and popular pastry, of late, is Yee's iteration of the "crookie," a twice-baked croissant and chocolate chip cookie combo developed in Paris about a year and a half ago and adapted globally. Yee wasn't keen on recreating the original version with cookie dough inserted into a horizontally sliced croissant. His crookies — \$8 and available weekends only — are made by laminating both doughs, then rolling each pastry into a ring.

"When I bake them halfway, I take them out, I put another chocolate chip



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cookie on top of it, and I bake them again so that when people break the crookie in half, they've got that gooey cookie dough and crispy, flaky croissant," Yee explains. "When I eat them, I feel like eating both of them in the same time." (A chocolate chip cookie is Yee's favorite treat.)

"I have respect for those who constantly work on their craft. Keegan is someone who does," says Jim Chappuis, who owns the one-man bread shop My Little Bakery in Duxbury. Yee has taken Chappuis up on offers of advice and help over the years. "If you truly just enjoy doing your craft, you don't need to grow," Chappuis observes, as if predicting Yee's path, "but if you want to grow, you're going to transition into becoming a manager."

Yee recalls he was disinclined to move forward on a second spot the first time he saw the vacant Dunkin'. "In my heart, I thought 'No, I don't want that place.'" But John Viscariello, another co-owner of the property, handed him the keys to the Dunkin' for a look-see and said: "I love your idea. This is going to work!"

If the long lines outside Keegan Kreations are any indication, the expansion seems poised for success.

Keegan Kreations, 136 Main St., Kingston, 781-422-3218, Mon-Tues: closed, Wed-Sun: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; 20 Court St., Plymouth, 744-283-4327, Mon-Wed: closed, Thurs-Sun: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.keegancreations.com

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Our neighborhood Friendly's still has some magic

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The truth is, I admire a lot about the franchise, from its name (what kind of jerk doesn't like a place called Friendly's?) to its design. In my little village of Florence, our Friendly's glows like a lighthouse, complete with a cupola and weathervane, welcoming us home. When my husband, Addie, and I first looked at our house with a realtor, it's where the previous owners, then in their 80s, bided the time during the showing eating ice cream; they were regulars. For the pimply preteens who start lining up at the window every June for cones and shakes, it's their first taste of summer, and freedom — because they can walk or bike there themselves.

I can walk there, too. So I did, to get my steps in, and I invited my son, Marlow, and his friend Eliot to join me on one condition: that they give me a bite of whatever they ordered. On the way over, we talked about how we much preferred our locally owned diner, Miss Flo's (technically, Miss Florence Diner, but no one calls it that), and our plethora of options when it comes to ice cream, from the famous Herrell's in Northampton to Flavors of Cook Farm in Hadley. Who needed Friendly's?

All skepticism evaporated as soon as we walked through the door and sank into those well-worn seats. "Booths," my son said, leaning back, "are the ultimate table." Eliot agreed, noting the old-fashioned decor, 1950s by way of the '70s: wood-paneled walls, endless mirrors, a tree of colorful balloons for the taking. "It's just nice there are



At Friendly's in Florence, general manager Venessa Malave holds up a strawberry Fribble; a hot fudge sundae is made.



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places like this still around," he said wistfully.

So, they're sixth-graders. But that's the thing about Friendly's: It's a mood. It inspires nostalgia no matter your age or life experience, regardless of whether you grew up going there or not; and nostalgia always carries a whiff of loss.

I think that's what Eliot picked up on, without knowing anything about Friendly's early history — it began as Friendly Ice Cream in Springfield in 1935 — or financial losses, closures, and bankruptcy filings over the years.

Now owned by BRIX Holdings, which is headquartered in Dallas, Friendly's has around 100 locations (down from 850 at its peak), with just over two dozen Friendly's in Massachusetts, including ours. Friendly's was a fixture for years in downtown Northampton but that one closed a decade ago — so long SuperMelt, hello Pure Barre.

Our neighborhood Friendly's is still a place to be, if not *the*

place to be. The Saturday we went for lunch there were several other families squashed into booths. Sarah Jackson, who was dining with her father, two siblings, and young son, recalled weekly childhood visits to see her grandmother in Wilbraham. "We'd be driving out on the Mass Pike, and you'd see the bushes," she said, "and every time, we'd be like, 'We're in Wilbraham, 'Home of Friendly Ice Cream'! We would always go to Friendly's and get the Fribbles ... every Saturday."

I'm just making up for lost time — call it Friendly's for Dummies. In just over a week, I tried my first Fribble® and Friend-z® and SuperMelt® with fries. While the Rockin' Poppin' Cotton Candy Fribble turned my tongue blue and the Confetti Friend-z was like taking a bite out of a piñata, I loved the Strawberry Shortcake Friend-z with its sweet swirls and bits of pound cake. The Honey BBQ Chicken SuperMelt was to die for, or maybe because of. Either

way, it was delicious — sweet, tangy, crispy, and gooey, and big enough to take half of it home. Addie later reheated it in the oven, and the sounds coming from the kitchen were obscene enough to make me and the kids laugh: "Mm. MMMH!"

I've yet to try a Fishamajig SuperMelt, but that's on my list. And I'd never seen a Cone Head™ sundae until lunch with the boys. I felt a tinge of sadness when they reacted to the sundae resembling a cute bunny like the teenagers they nearly are: "Kind of terrifying"; "very disturbing," they said in unison before talk turned to hair and whether Eliot should try a man-bun.

Later it came to me: I *had* been here before, sitting in these same squishy booths, back when my kids were young enough to be super-excited about balloons. I took them out for breakfast one weekend, shortly before lockdown, while my husband was working. Sugar-high on juice and Tie-Dyed

demie, I'm struck by the little joys a chance encounter can bring. Lockdown taught me these peripheral moments of connection are much more powerful than I'd thought, and now I don't take them for granted.

The boys and I did eventually order lunch. Marlow got mac and cheese with fries, Eliot got the clam chowder, and I got a seasonal strawberry salad with feta, walnuts, and balsamic vinaigrette that exceeded my expectations.

When the waitress came by to take our dessert orders, we asked about the Fribble ("What *is* it, exactly?") and she patiently explained it to us as if we weren't aliens who'd just landed in New England from outer space. "I love the shakes here," she added, before giving Marlow some free Fribble advice.

A few minutes later, she tried to clear his plate, but he stopped her — remembering that Fribble tip.

"Wait, please?" he said. "I need to dip a french fry in it."

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Eateries to celebrate AAPI Heritage Month

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BoonNoon Market

Owner Nutthachai "Jeep" Chaojaroenpong helped launch DakZen, beloved for Thai noodles in Davis Square. This follow-up Arlington spot serves fresh, homey, craveable dishes you can eat in-house (there is limited seating) or take to go. Start with doughnut-shaped shrimp nuggets with sweet chili sauce; ua lao, a Northern-style Thai sausage; or spicy chicken wings. Then try the curried noodle soup kao soi; a fresh roll salad bowl; or kao pad rod fai, fried purple riceberry rice. Sticky rice with mango or coconut custard is a sweet end to the meal. The enticingly eclectic market sells everything from pennywort drink to instant noodles to herbal remedies to house-made fruit pickles.

161 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, 781-316-0059, www.boonnoonmarket.com

The Eaves

A meal at this Vietnam-inspired Somerville haunt isn't just a meal. It's an atmosphere, a mood. So it also is at Cicada Coffee Bar in Central Square, the first spot from restaurateurs Vincenzo Lê and Duong Huynh, and I'm guessing so it will be at Saigon Babylon, their upcoming bar/cafe/garden/restaurant on the rooftop of Cambridge hotel Sonder 907 Main. The Eaves, their restaurant and bar in Bow Market, is tiny, warm, and distinctive; the menu changes seasonally, featuring the likes of lemongrass steamed clams, ginger shrimp-papaya salad, spicy beef tartare, and vermicelli dish bún cha Hà Nội (Anthony Bourdain's favorite dish in Vietnam, according to Lê). Drink from a perfectly edited list of sake, natural wine, and inventive house cocktails.

1 Bow Market Way, Union Square, Somerville, Instagram @midnight_eaves

Ganko Ittetsu Ramen

It is likely you'll have a wait at this ramen shop in Brookline's Coolidge Corner Arcade Building. But the line moves quickly, and besides, it's worth it. Chef Ken Iwaoka's Sapporo-style ramen is excellent, made with high-quality Nishiyama noodles, artisanal soy sauce, and painstakingly prepared broths. The menu offers spicy miso, several versions of shoyu, tori-shio (made with chicken stock), and more. There's a nice little beer list, and Wednesday to Sunday



DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

The oxtail pho with bone marrow at Lê Madeline.



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A special combination sandwich at Bánh Mi Ba Le.



LANE TURNER/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

Lox ragoon at BoonNoon Market.

you can also get Japanese fried chicken from sister shop Gantetsu-Ya, located across the way.

318 Harvard St., Coolidge Corner, Brookline, 617-730-8100, www.gankoramen.com

Lê Madeline

Family restaurant Pho Linh gets a modern reinvention at dinner, with executive chef Peter Nguyen (Little Donkey, Sea Lev-

el Oyster Bar) stepping in. Favorites like pho and vermicelli bowls are still here, in addition to striped bass crudo, turmeric-coconut cakes with shrimp and herbs, Viet Cajun crawfish noodles, and bone marrow with caviar service. Lê Madeline's food is well-conceived and delicious, furthering Vietnamese cuisine in Boston.

409 Hancock St., Quincy,

617-328-9600, www.lemadeline.com

Mahaniyom

A group of Thai expats comes to Boston to study, then gets drawn in to the world of hospitality. That's how we come by Mahaniyom, with its bright, spicy, flavorful dishes and cleverly concocted cocktails to match. The rambutan salad, crab curry, and beef massaman with flaky roti will win you over; if you're already a convert but haven't yet had the pla lui suan, a deep-fried whole fish loaded with chiles and herbs, there's your next order. Merai, an "elevated dive bar" featuring food with Thai flavors, is coming soon from the same group.

236 Washington St., Brookline Village, Brookline, 617-487-5986, www.mahaniyomboston.com

Mountain House

Szechuan Mountain House, a popular New York-based outfit with an outpost in Los Angeles, opened in Allston late last year and was immediately mobbed. Your table should be ready just about now. Come for the lengthy and compelling Sichuan menu (everyone seems to order the Swing Pork Belly, thin strips of meat alternating with thin strips of cucumber, hanging from a table-top scaffolding above a dish of garlic and chile oil). Stay for the soothing, stylish decor.

89 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-329-6920, www.szechuanmountainhouse.com

Rubato

If you want to eat very well and feel like you're in Hong Kong, Rubato is your place. Chef Laurence Louie, who previously cooked at Oleana and in London, took over this space from his mother, who long ran the bakery Contempo here. The cafe's menu includes ji cheung fun, the rice rolls served with toppings such as brisket and curry fish balls; the savory rice porridge congee; thick stuffed French toast sweet with condensed milk; and bao — steamed or baked — filled with pork, custardy egg yolk, fried chicken, and more. There is no wrong order here. There is only the question of when you'll be back for more.

412 Hancock St., Quincy, 617-481-2049, www.rubato-food.com

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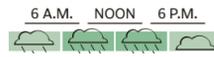
HIGH 56-61 Cooler, morning rain, then a shower and thunderstorm. Winds ESE 8-16 mph. Low clouds tonight. Winds NW 6-12 mph.

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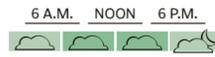
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FRIDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.



HIGH 47-52 Chilly with on-and-off rain and drizzle. Winds NNE 10-20 mph. Rain and drizzle Friday evening; otherwise, mostly cloudy. Winds NW 7-14 mph.

SATURDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.



HIGH 56-61 Some sun, then turning cloudy with a shower in the area; warmer. Winds WNW 8-16 mph. Partly to mostly cloudy at night. Winds SW 6-12 mph.

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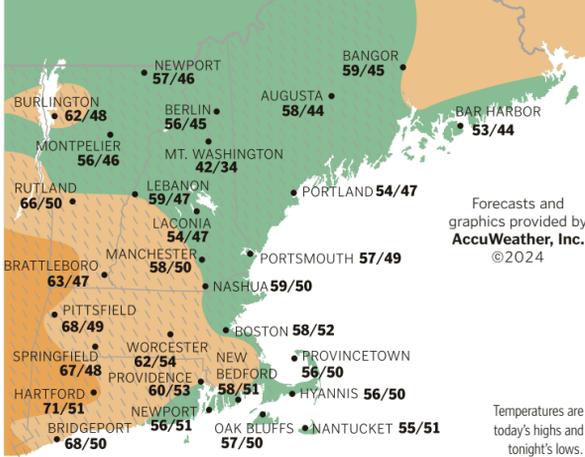
HIGH 56-61 Cloudy. Winds ESE 7-14 mph. Mainly cloudy at night. Winds S 4-8 mph.

New England forecast

TODAY: Rather cloudy and cool with periods of rain. There will be a thunderstorm or two, mainly in the south and west.

TOMORROW: Rather cloudy and cool with periods of rain, mainly in the afternoon and at night. There will also be areas of fog.

EXTENDED: Cloudy and cool Friday with periods of rain. There can also be a rumble or two of thunder, especially in the north and west.



Almanac

Table with weather data: Yesterday's high/low, Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise, Mount Washington weather, Visibility, Wind, High/low temperature, Snow depth at 5 p.m.

24 Hr. Precipitation

Table with precipitation data: Yesterday, Precip days in May, Month to date, Norm. month to date, Year to date, Norm. year to date.

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

Table with tide data for Boston, Gloucester, Marblehead, Lynn, Scituate, Plymouth, Cape Cod, Canal East, Cape Cod, Canal West, Ipswich.

New England marine forecast

Table with marine forecast data for Boston Harbor, East Cape, Cod Canal, Buzzards Bay, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Provincetown, Tokyo.

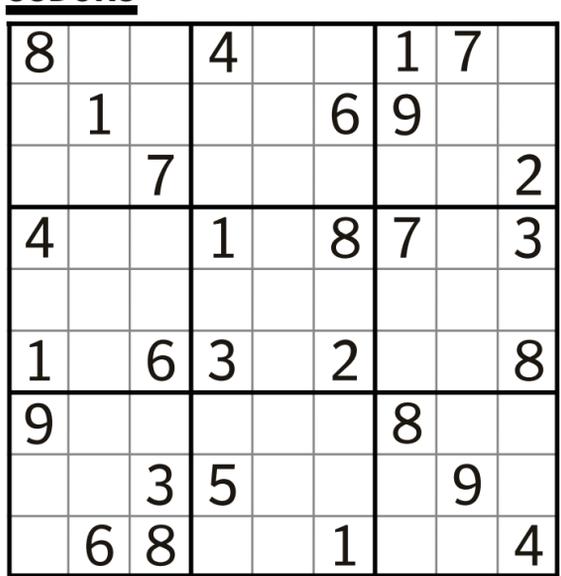
Cities Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

Table with city forecasts for Atlanta, Atlanta City, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Fort Myers, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, San Francisco.

For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org.

Table with city forecasts for Seattle, Washington, Beijing, Cancun, Mexico City, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Jerusalem, London, Moscow, Paris, Rome, San Juan, Stockholm, Tokyo.

SUDOKU



Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North

- ♠ 6 4 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ 7 6 4 2
♣ 6 4 2

West

- ♠ K 9
♥ J 10 9 8 6
♦ Q 9
♣ Q 8 7 5

East

- ♠ J 10 8 7
♥ 7 3
♦ J 10 8 5
♣ J 10 9

South

- ♠ A Q 5 2
♥ K Q 4
♦ A K 3
♣ A K 3

South 2 ♣ West Pass North 2 ♦ East Pass

3 NT All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ J

Cy the Cynic defines middle age as when you're old enough to know better — but young enough to keep doing it anyway. Cy is in his 40s; he's old enough to know not to play without thinking, but he keeps doing it.

At 3NT, Cy won the first heart with dummy's ace and led a spade to finesse with his queen. West took the king to continue hearts. The Cynic won and led the ace and a low spade, but East took the 10 and jack, and Cy ended with the same eight top tricks he'd started with.

"You bid 3NT on your own," North said in dismay, "I had an ace and you went down?"

Cy's play was typically impetuous. He has no rush to finesse in spades. Cy can win the first heart in his hand and lead the ace and a low spade. As it happens, the king falls from West, and Cy has nine tricks.

If instead East-West played low spades, Cy would win the next heart in dummy and lead a third spade toward his queen. He would win two spade tricks when the lie of the cards allowed.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K 9 ♥ J 10 9 8 6 ♦ Q 9 ♣ Q 8 7 5. The dealer, at your left, opens one diamond. Your partner doubles, and the next player bids three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your opponent's jump-raise is weak and preemptive, and you must not let yourself be intimidated. You probably have a nine-card heart fit and at least half the deck in high cards. Even though your queen of diamonds may be a wasted card for offense, bid three hearts.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 8, 2024:

You are strong-willed and dedicated to your ideals and beliefs. Furthermore, you are persuasive about your convictions. This is a lighthearted, joyful year and time for you to socialize. Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Old friends may reappear to rekindle relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Today holds wonderful financial opportunities for you; however, you have to be careful. If you play your cards right, you can increase your wealth, increase your earnings or increase your assets, even by buying something that pleases you. However, you must do this before the Moon Alert begins. Tonight: Discussions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is a powerful day for you! The Moon is in your sign lined up with lucky Jupiter, which can happen only once a year. It makes you feel confident, enthusiastic and exuberant! You feel like you have the world by the tail. You're not afraid to think big. Note: Pay attention to the Moon Alert. Tonight: Check

your belongings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

This is a feel-good day for you! You might enjoy privacy and moments of relaxation by yourself in pleasant surroundings. Or you might choose to schmooze with friends and groups, perhaps even in a physical competition. Romance is likely. Tonight: You win!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You'll be happy socializing with others today, especially seeing friends and interacting with groups and organizations, because you feel positive and energetic. Possibly, these interactions with others will cause you to expand your future ambitions. Tonight: Solitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're pumped with enthusiasm today because you feel positive about your future. This kind of enthusiasm is contagious, which is why your dealings with authority figures -- parents, bosses, teachers and even the police -- will be successful. (You're in the power seat.) Tonight: You're popular!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Travel plans or anything to do with legal or medical matters, as well as

higher education, look extremely favorable to you today. You have good reason to be enthusiastic about reaching out to explore these opportunities. However, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Tonight: You're admired.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

If you negotiate financial arrangements, especially regarding inheritances and shared property, by all means, do so in the morning before the Moon Alert. If so, your negotiations will be successful and will definitely favor you or enrich you in some way. Tonight: Explore!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a lovely day to enjoy schmoozing with partners and close friends. You will also be successful in dealing with members of the general public. You're in a great mood; furthermore, you feel expansive and generous. (Others will respond to this!) Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You can accomplish a lot today by working with groups, because others are ready to help you. You also might be involved with other countries or people from other cultures. Work-related travel is likely. If so, it will be positive and successful. Tonight: Cooperate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a fabulous day to socialize. Romance is favored. In addition to this, your creative vibes are stoked, which is why your involvement with the arts, the entertainment world and show business will also be successful. Likewise, explore opportunities in the hospitality industry and sports. Tonight: Work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You'll enjoy entertaining at home today. Family discussions will go well because people are ready to entertain big ideas. A family member might have travel suggestions. Or discussions about redecorating might interest you. Real estate opportunities are likely. (Check the Moon Alert.) Tonight: Play.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

The power of positive thinking is real. Fellow Pisces, Jackie Gleason said: "If you have it and you know you have it, then you have it. If you have it and don't know you have it, you don't have it. If you don't have it but you think you have it, then you have it." Tonight: Cocoon.

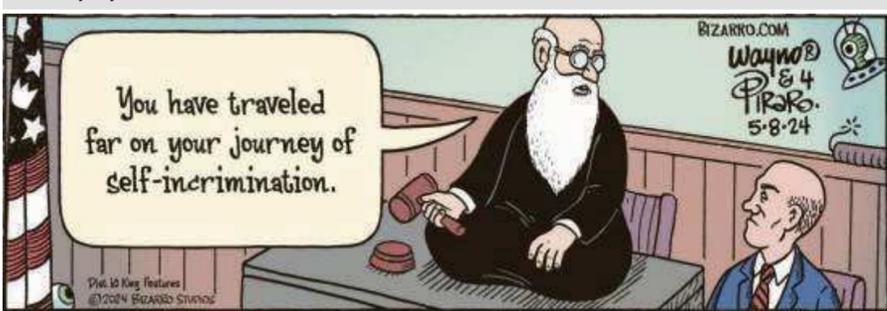
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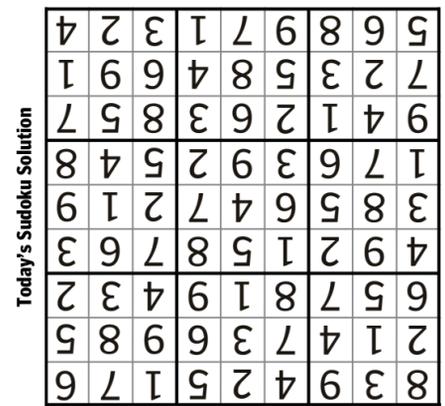
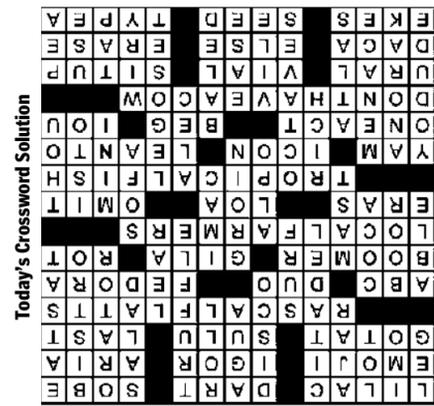
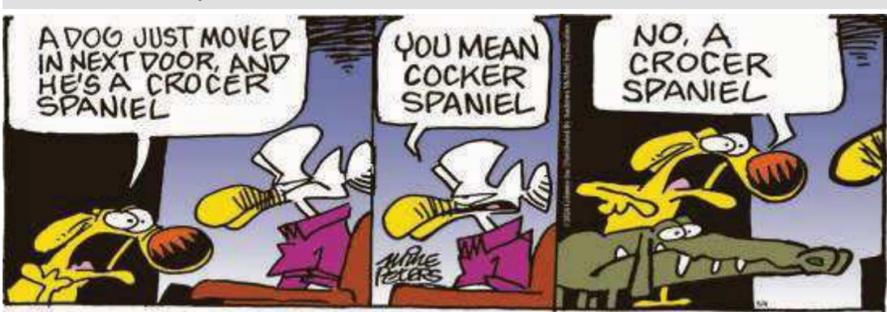
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT



Colin Farrell in "Sugar."

Apple TV+ series 'Sugar' shocks with late-in-the-season surprise

This item contains spoilers from last week's episode.

So: "Sugar." If you want to avoid a spoiler about the Colin Farrell series currently running on Apple TV+, stop reading now. NOW. It's a major twist that changes the very premise of the crime series, and it was revealed in last week's episode, the sixth of eight.

It's such a strange turn of events, and it comes so late in the season, that I wouldn't blame viewers who were tempted to throw something at their TV set when the truth was revealed. Yes folks, John Sugar, well-dressed freelance finder of missing people, is an alien. What started as the stylized story of a Raymond Chandler-esque PI solving the case of a woman who disappeared in Los Angeles is now about a visiting ET who looks like Colin Farrell and who shapes his behavior after what he's seen in classic noirs — thus the movie clips that pepper the action. In a TV era packed with quirky detectives, he may win the prize.

I just don't know about this one [loud sigh]. I want to cheer on any series that tries to break away from formula, that takes big risks to push TV genres forward and sideways. "Sugar" blends two very different types of shows in an effort to defy expectations and surprise viewers, and that's not a bad thing. But the twist arrives later than it needs to, so that the real story line — the alien story line — is only just beginning as the season begins to wrap up. It feels as if we've invested in a show that, for no good reason except coyness, has kept its true identity hidden, sucking us in under false pretenses. The big reveal feels less like a twist and more like a bait-and-switch.

As Sugar, Farrell is good, and Sugar has the potential to be an entertaining character. He's a nice guy in a world of Hollywood creeps, he's kind to homeless people, he's a clever investigator, and he has a sense of honor (wait; maybe that's why he's an alien?!). Sugar is, you guessed it, sweet. Maybe, if there is a second season, the show, created by Mark Protosevich ("I Am Legend"), will have a more solid identity from the get-go. The alien detective, out and proud.

ASK AMY

Distant sibling longs to connect

Q. After our teen years, my brother and I became close. After my mother abruptly left town to be with another man, my brother and I were left to clean up the mess, literally and figuratively. We worked well together.

A year or two later he and his family moved far away. I did my best to keep in touch, but with schedule differences it became hard. When we do talk, he keeps any conversation to about five minutes.

I noticed that I'm usually the one reaching out. I asked him about this, and he said he would try harder, and that he missed our closeness. But he doesn't try harder.

I have asked him if he doesn't want a relationship, and he always says he does, but that he is just busy. However, I see him and his wife interacting with our mutual friends on social media. (They quit interacting with me on my social media posts a few years ago.)

I do not like how these relationships feel one-sided. I especially feel hurt when mutual friends say that they've talked with them recently.

After multiple attempts to get them to show up more in our relationships, I am feeling like I just need to walk away from any attempts to interact with them, since it feels like there is something that they are not being honest about. They don't even know of the declining health of our parents because they don't reach out to them, either.

What should I do?

SAD SIBLING

A. You have called out your brother and his wife, and you've presented their lack of in-

terest as a binary: They are either in, or they're out.

I think you should stop asking for or expecting anything more than you're getting from them — an occasional five minutes here or there.

Your brother does not want to be in touch more often. If he did want more, he would either initiate or ask for more — the way you do. He is not in contact with your parents, and connecting with you reminds him of this choice, which he likely feels guilty about.

You are thinking about walking away from the relationship, but I suggest that you only walk away from your expectations. You want to be closer. He doesn't. This is a painful situation that you will have to work hard to accept.

If you do less, he might do more, but there is no guarantee.

If you want to talk to your brother, reach out. Be honest about your own vulnerability: "I wish we were closer because I enjoy you and I miss you." That's it.

Q. I have only been able to use handicapped bathrooms for the last 10 years. Many places only have one larger stall, which is often occupied by a non-handicapped person. The regular stalls are empty, but I can't use them and have to wait until the person comes out of the handicapped stall. Often people using the stall are on their phones.

Recently, I was at a sports facility and the athletes were using the handicapped stalls, while more than 10 regular stalls were empty.

Have we become so uncaring that everyone just takes the "big" stalls, instead of caring about those of us who really need them?

HOLDING IT

A. I'm sorry you experience this frustration. These larger stalls are installed in every public bathroom to accommodate the legitimate needs of disabled people who need more room and possibly grab bars to use the facility. But the other stalls in public bathrooms are so tiny that they can't accommodate people who have luggage or young children with them (for instance).

It is common courtesy for any able-bodied person to make way for you to use the larger stall if they see you waiting, but if they don't know you are waiting because they are in the stall, they can't offer it to you.

I wonder if you could ask through the door: "Will you be in there long? Because this is the only stall I'm able to use."

Q. "Torn in Wisconsin" asked you for strategies to deal with her very bright college dropout son, who acted entitled, didn't look for work, and played video games all day.

You should have suggested that this young man has ADHD!

ANOTHER VIEW

A. These parents won't know anything about what their son is experiencing if they don't make some changes at home. ADHD might be an underlying cause.

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BIRD SIGHTINGS

Recent sightings on Cape Cod (through April 30) as reported to Mass Audubon.

A Kentucky warbler was reported from Mashpee and a Caspian tern was seen in East Sandwich.

Widespread new spring arrivals included Baltimore and orchard orioles, gray catbirds, great-crested flycatchers, house wrens, and yellow warblers. Common and roseate terns were also arriving at breeding colonies.

Sightings at Race Point in Provincetown included a Pacific loon, a parasitic jaeger,

a common murre, 42 razorbills, 2 Iceland gulls, 2 Manx shearwaters, and 7 broad-winged hawks.

Birds at the Beech Forest in Provincetown included a blue grosbeak, 4 wood ducks, a spotted sandpiper, a Wilson's snipe, 2 Virginia rails, a white-eyed vireo, 12 ruby-crowned kinglets, 2 Eastern kingbirds, 3 pine siskins, 2 rusty blackbirds, and 100 yellow-rumped warblers.

Other sightings around the Cape included a continuing thick-billed murre in Woods Hole, a cattle egret in Falmouth,

a sora at Camp Edwards, single black vultures in Bourne and Centerville, yellow-crowned night-herons in Mashpee and Harwich, 2 little blue herons in Mashpee and one in Chatham, and 2 American wigeon also in Chatham.

If you have questions about these sightings, or want to report a sighting, call the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at 508-349-2615 or send e-mail to cape.sightings@massaudubon.org.

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