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'The last thing Massachusetts needs is another consultant-driven report.'

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MBTA Advisory Board

To find ways to save, T spends

Consultants to make up to \$610 per hour

By Taylor Dolven
GLOBE STAFF

If you're \$600 million in the hole and have a persistent problem making budget, how do you fix your money problems?

If you're Governor Maura Healey's new transportation task force, you hire a team of consultants who charge as much as \$610 an hour.

Facing a \$628 million budget gap for its next fiscal year, the MBTA in April signed a \$450,000 contract with consulting firm Ernst & Young to research how transportation is and could be funded in Massachusetts, as well as how other states and countries do it.

The hourly rate for the nine consultants ranges from \$244 to \$610.

The contract is one of the first initiatives overseen by a new task force appointed by Healey to solve some of the state's longstanding transportation issues. The consultants will prepare the task force's final report about sustainably funding transportation in Massachusetts by December, according to the contract.

But some members of the task force expressed concern about relying on pricey consultants, whose firms are often hired by state agencies to do all kinds of government-related work.

"The last thing Massachusetts needs is another consultant-driven report," said Brian Kane, MBTA, Page A7

After arrests, MIT unrest goes on

Encampment dismantled in early hours; students later march to president's home

This story was reported by Jason Laughlin and Chris Serres of the Globe staff and Globe correspondents Alexa Coultoff, Lila Hempel-Edgers, and Ava Berger.

CAMBRIDGE — The unrest at the Massachusetts Institute of Technolo-

gy continued Friday evening, some 12 hours after police dismantled a pro-Palestinian encampment and arrested 10 people, when several hundred students marched to president Sally Kornbluth's home.

There they chanted: "Sally, Sally you can't hide, drop the charges cut

the ties."

The march to the president's home capped a tumultuous day at MIT, where students have joined a national movement on college campuses to demand their universities divest from companies that support Israel in its war against Hamas.

Shortly after dawn Friday, police had reduced a pro-Palestinian student encampment at MIT to a jumbled pile of protest signs and collapsed tents,

the overnight sweep following several tense days on campus and repeated warnings from administrators.

By the time officers in helmets and riot gear assembled around 4 a.m., most students had abandoned the encampment in a large lawn near Massachusetts Avenue in anticipation of the police action. Ten people were arrested in the latest crackdown on protest encampments at colleges and uni-

MIT, Page A10



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Harvard protesters told they will be banned from campus

By Hilary Burns
GLOBE STAFF

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GLOBE CORRESPONDENTS

The pro-Palestinian encampment in Harvard Yard is now the last one standing among campuses in Greater Boston. Despite a last-minute attempt by interim president Alan Garber to talk with student protesters, and a final warning they would be suspended indefinitely from school, most have not left.

The Harvard protesters will be banned from campus as of midday Saturday, the administration said,

which means they will lose campus housing and cannot participate in commencement. Harvard Out of Oc-

► Encampment at the University of Vermont ends peacefully. B1.

cupied Palestine, the student group, said "over a dozen students" received suspension notices.

Neither the students nor administrators would say what their next steps are. But on other campuses, exasperated college leaders have called law enforcement to forcibly remove encampments including at MIT, HARVARD, Page A10



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Top: Pro-Palestinian protesters chanted outside the home of MIT president Sally Kornbluth on Friday. Above: Harvard faculty and staff held signs inside Harvard Yard during a Friday press conference by faculty supporters of the Harvard Out of Occupied Palestine coalition.

Climate change not getting leading role in films, report says

Extreme weather, electric cars missing from screen

By Sabrina Shankman
GLOBE STAFF

Remember that scene in 2022's "Top Gun: Maverick," when Tom Cruise's character suddenly has to navigate a climate change-fueled storm? Or in

the latest "Scream" movie, when the teens are hiding from the killer in a field of solar panels?

No? Right, that's because they never happened.

Across Hollywood, the most popular films from 2013 to 2022

largely ignored climate change, despite its growing presence across everyday life — from the effects (extreme weather) to the response to it (electric vehicles, solar panels, and more).

Researchers from Colby Col-

lege and Good Energy, a nonprofit that helps storytellers portray climate change on-screen, put together a new report and devised what they're calling a "Climate Reality Check," similar to the Bechdel-Wallace Test, which assesses whether women get equal screen time. This test, however, asks: Does climate

change, as a concept, exist in the film? And does a main character acknowledge it?

Only a small percentage of films passed the exam.

"The stakes of the climate crisis literally could not be any higher," said Matthew Schneider-Mayerson, an author of CLIMATE, Page A7

The Biden administration believes Israel has most likely violated international standards in failing to protect civilians in the Gaza Strip but has not found specific instances that would justify the withholding of military aid, the State Department told Congress. A4.

Ginkgo Bioworks said it will slash labor expenses by at least 25 percent, which will include an unspecified number of job cuts. D1.

Chill ride

Saturday: Cool, clouding up. High: 51-56. Low: 41-46.

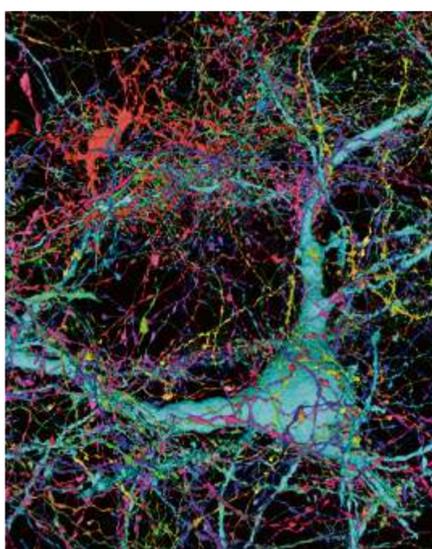
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'An alien world inside your own head': Harvard scientists closely map a slice of brain

By Adam Piore
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About 10 years ago, a small piece of human brain arrived in the lab of Dr. Jeffrey Lichtman at Harvard. It came directly from an operating room of a nearby hospital, where it was excised from an epilepsy patient undergoing a procedure to reduce her seizures.

In the years that followed, Lichtman's team methodically reconstructed the byzantine wiring patterns of the brain by feeding the 1-cubic-millimeter sample

into a \$6 million device that sliced it into impossibly thin slivers. Then, using images of those slivers taken by electron microscopy, they painstakingly recreated the intricate latticework connecting individual cells to one another.

The result is the most-detailed digital map, or "connectome," of the human brain ever created.

On Thursday, Lichtman and his partners unveiled the results of their efforts in the prestigious journal BRAIN, Page A7

An image of some of the structures revealed in the study.

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The Nation

Prosecutors warned to keep Cohen quiet

Judge says he must stop his taunts at Trump

By Jake Offenhartz and Jennifer Peltz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — With Donald Trump's fixer-turned-foe Michael Cohen expected to take the witness stand Monday, the judge in the former president's hush money case issued prosecutors a stern warning: Get Cohen to stop his taunting posts and jabs at Trump.

Judge Juan M. Merchan's comments came as a dramatic and consequential week in the first criminal trial of a former president drew to a close Friday.

Prosecutors have been building up their case ahead of crucial testimony from Cohen, who arranged the \$130,000 payout to porn actress Stormy Daniels to keep her from going public ahead of the 2016 election about an alleged sexual encounter with Trump a decade earlier. Trump denies ever having sex with Daniels.

Defense attorneys will argue that the disbarred lawyer who served prison time is out to get

about the case but had no direct means of controlling their behavior.

As the third week of testimony wrapped up Friday, the case that ultimately hinges on record-keeping returned to deeply technical testimony — a sharp contrast from Daniels's dramatic, if not downright seamy, account of the alleged sexual encounter with Trump that riveted jurors earlier this week.

The prosecution could rest its case by the end of next week, prosecutor Joshua Steinglass said.

Jurors saw social media posts showing that Trump initially praised Cohen after the then-lawyer came under federal investigation. Trump started bashing him after Cohen pleaded guilty to campaign-finance violations, along with other crimes, and claimed Trump directed him to arrange the payment for Daniels. Trump was never charged with any crime related to that federal investigation.

Trump, who was visibly angry during much of Daniels's testimony, chatted frequently with his lawyers and read through a stack of papers on the table in front of him as ju-

'It's becoming a problem every single day that President Trump is not allowed to respond to this witness.'

TODD BLANCHE, *defense attorney*

the former president and cannot be believed.

Two people familiar with the matter said Cohen is expected to take the stand Monday. The people could not discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump's lawyers complained after Cohen this week wore a shirt featuring a figure resembling the former president behind bars in a social media video. They have argued it's unfair Trump is under a gag order that prevents him from speaking publicly about witnesses while Cohen has continued to post about Trump on social media.

"It's becoming a problem every single day that President Trump is not allowed to respond to this witness, but this witness is allowed to continue to talk," defense attorney Todd Blanche said.

Merchan told prosecutors they should inform Cohen "that the judge is asking him to refrain from making any more statements" about the case or about Donald Trump. Prosecutors told the judge they had already requested that Cohen and other witnesses not talk

rors heard from witnesses, including AT&T and Verizon workers, who authenticated phone records.

Leaving the courthouse, Trump addressed the allegation at the heart of the case: that he falsified his company's records to conceal the nature of hush money reimbursements to Cohen.

"A very good bookkeeper marked a legal expense as a legal expense," Trump said. "He was a lawyer, not a fixer," he added, referring to Cohen.

Friday's dry testimony appeared to test jurors' patience at times.

One juror stifled a yawn while another stretched out his arms. Others shifted their gaze around the room or stared up at the ceiling.

In one of the livelier moments, Trump attorney Emil Bove asked a paralegal about the "tedious" work of going through lengthy phone, data, and other records and preparing charts from them.

"Actually, I kind of enjoyed it," the paralegal said matter-of-factly, to chuckles from the courtroom audience.



JAE C. HONG/ASSOCIATED PRESS (ABOVE); LEONARD ORTIZ/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS (BELOW)



PELICANS FALLING ILL IN CALIF.

Scores of sick pelicans have been found in coastal California communities in recent weeks and many have died. Lifeguards spotted a cluster of sick pelicans earlier this week on a pier in Newport Beach and called in wildlife experts. Left: Lindsey Campbell, a senior wildlife tech, and volunteer Lan Wiborg fed a malnourished pelican in Huntington Beach.

Senate OK's reauthorizing FAA programs

Also bolsters safety, consumer protections

By Kayla Guo
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Senate Thursday passed legislation to reauthorize federal aviation programs for the next five years and put in place new safety measures and consumer protections for passengers, at a moment of intense uncertainty and disruption in the air travel system.

The bill, which still must win final approval in the House before becoming law, would provide more than \$105 billion to the Federal Aviation Administration and another \$738 million to the National Transportation Safety Board for airport modernization, technology programs, and safety. It would also bolster the hiring and training of air traffic controllers, codify airlines' refund obligations to passengers, ensure fee-free family seating, and strengthen protections for passengers with disabilities.

"Aviation safety has been front of mind for millions of Americans recently, and this FAA bill is the best thing Congress can do to give Americans the peace of mind they deserve," Senator Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, the majority leader, said on the Senate floor Thursday evening.

It passed in an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 88-4, just one day before the current law was scheduled to lapse. The Senate also unanimously approved a short-term extension to allow time for the House to take up and clear the longer-term package next week, a step that would send it to President Biden.

The legislation is a bipartisan compromise negotiated over months by the Senate and House committees with jurisdiction over the FAA, after Congress authorized several short-term extensions of the agency when lawmakers failed to meet earlier deadlines. The House passed its version of the bill almost a year ago in a lopsided vote of 351-69.

Senator Maria Cantwell of

Washington, chair of the Commerce Committee, celebrated the bill's provisions on consumer protections, aviation safety, air traffic controllers, airport infrastructure, and workforce development on the floor after passage.

"This is a big moment for aviation," Cantwell said. "We have had safety issues and concerns that we need to make a big investment. This legislation is that investment — in safety standards, in protecting consumers, and advancing a workforce and technology that will allow the United States to be the gold standard in aviation."

Senator Ted Cruz, Republican of Texas, the top Republican on the Commerce Committee, said: "This legislation is a strong, bipartisan, bicameral bill that includes hundreds of priorities for senators and representatives, both Republican and Democrat. This bill gives the FAA the safety tools it needs at a critical time."

As one of the few remaining bills considered a must-pass item this year, the FAA package,

which prompted several regional disputes, became a magnet for dozens of amendments and policy riders that threatened to delay it in the Senate.

With the legislation threatening to stall, the House on Wednesday approved a one-week extension for the FAA before leaving Washington for the weekend. The Senate followed suit on Thursday, steering around lingering disputes that had threatened to scuttle the effort and cause a brief lapse for the FAA.

The debate came at a time of acute uncertainty about the aviation system, which has had a recent spate of concerning episodes such as dangerous near collisions on runways, plane malfunctions, and thousands of flight delays and cancellations.

It was unclear for much of Thursday whether the Senate would be able to push through the legislation and the extension, as senators demanded votes on amendments or threatened to block speedy passage. No amendments were ultimately brought to a vote.

DAILY BRIEFING

Va. schools' Confederate names restored

A Virginia school board voted to restore the names of two schools previously named for Confederate leaders just after midnight Friday at a meeting that stretched more than six hours.

The Shenandoah County School Board voted 5-1 to call the schools Stonewall Jackson High School and Ashby Lee Elementary School, four years after the board — under different members — changed their names to Mountain View High School and Honey Run Elementary School to break ties to Confederate leaders Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, and Turner Ashby.

Like other districts across Virginia and the South, the county had decided to remove the Confederate leaders' names during the national reckoning about race sparked by the 2020 killing of George Floyd.

Protests among parents, students, and alumni led schools across Virginia to teach students the racist history behind some school names in a state that in 2020 had the second-highest number of schools — 24 — named for men with links to the Confederacy, according to an analysis by Education Week.

The county could be the first district that has restored the names of Confederate leaders to schools that had changed their names since 2020, according to Education Week.

Board member Thomas Streett, who voted to change the names, said during the meeting that the 2020 decision was a "knee-jerk reaction" that showed a lack of "loyalty" to the community. Shenandoah County is more than 90 percent white and voted overwhelmingly for Donald Trump in 2020.

WASHINGTON POST

Use of weight-loss drugs soaring

One in eight US adults has tried medications from the fast-growing class of new diabetes and obesity drugs that includes Ozempic and Zepbound, underscoring how quickly the treatments have gained popularity.

Of those who've tried the drugs, about half are currently still taking them, according to a poll from health research organization KFF released Friday. If the KFF survey's results reflect the total US adult population, it would mean that roughly 30 million Americans have tried the medications.

Drugs including Eli Lilly's Mounjaro and Zepbound and Novo Nordisk's Ozempic and Wegovy are deepening their reach into the US population, where rates of diabetes and obesity have escalated for decades. Yet cost remains a barrier: More than half of respondents who tried the medica-

tions said they're difficult to afford, even with coupons and insurance coverage.

A monthly supply of Ozempic costs almost \$1,000 before discounts or rebates. More than half of people on the drugs with health insurance said insurance covered part of the cost, while a quarter said insurance paid in full, according to the KFF poll. The nonprofit routinely polls Americans on health topics.

The medications known as GLP-1s were originally developed to treat diabetes but also helped people taking them lose weight. More recently, some have been approved explicitly to treat obesity. Drugmakers are expediting research into how they might address other health conditions including Alzheimer's and sleep apnea to broaden use and win insurance coverage.

BLOOMBERG

Storms take a heavy toll in Fla.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Powerful storms packing hurricane-force winds killed at least one woman Friday in Florida as a week of deadly severe weather continued in the South, where uprooted trees crashed onto homes and knocked out electricity to thousands in several states.

City officials in Tallahassee said wind gusts of 80 to 100 miles per hour, speeds that exceed hurricane intensity, were reported in Florida's capital city. Images posted on social media showed mangled metal and other debris from damaged buildings littering some areas.

A statement on the Tallahassee government's website said crews were scrambling to repair 100 broken power poles while half the homes and businesses were left without electricity in a city of 200,000 people. It said the National Weather

Service was assessing paths of three potential tornadoes.

"Our area experienced catastrophic wind damage," Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey said on X.

The sheriff's office for Leon County, which includes Tallahassee, said in a Facebook post Friday that a woman was killed when a tree fell onto her family's home.

It was at least the fourth death caused by severe weather in the Southeast this week. Storms were blamed for killing two people in Tennessee on Wednesday, when another storm death was reported in North Carolina.

Nearly 230,000 homes and businesses from Mississippi to North Carolina were blacked out Friday afternoon, according to poweroutage.us. Most of those outages were in Florida.

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The World

US faults Israel on protecting Gazans

Stops short of saying laws were violated in Strip

By Michael Crowley
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration believes that Israel has most likely violated international standards in failing to protect civilians in the Gaza Strip but has not found specific instances that would justify the withholding of military aid, the State Department told Congress on Friday.

In the administration's most detailed assessment of Israel's conduct in Gaza, the State Department said in a written report that Israel "has the knowledge, experience and tools to implement best practices for mitigating civilian harm in its military operations."

But it added that "the results on the ground, including high levels of civilian casualties, raise substantial questions" as to whether the Israeli military is making sufficient use of those tools.

Even so, the report — which seemed at odds with itself in places — said the United States had no hard proof of Israeli violations. It noted the difficulty of collecting reliable information from Gaza, Hamas's tactic of operating in civilian areas, and the fact that "Israel has not shared complete information to verify" whether US weapons have been used in specific incidents alleged to have involved human rights law violations.

The report, mandated by President Biden, also makes a distinction between the general possibility that Israel has violated the law and any conclusions about specific incidents that would prove it. It deems that assurances Israel provided in March that it would use US arms consistent with international law are "credible and reliable," and thus allow the continued flow of US military aid.

The conclusions are unrelated to Biden's recent decision to delay the delivery to Israel of 3,500 bombs and his review of other weapons shipments. The president has said those actions were in response to Israel's stated plans to invade the southern Gaza city of Rafah.

The report said its findings were hampered in part by the challenges of collecting reliable information from the war zone and the way Hamas operates in densely populated areas. It also stressed that Israel has begun pursuing possible accountability for suspected violations of the law, a key component in the US assessment about whether to provide military aid to allies accused of human rights violations.

Israel has opened criminal investigations into the conduct of its military in Gaza, the report said, and the military is "examining hundreds of incidents" that may involve war-time misconduct.

The report also did not find



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Above: Thick, black smoke rose Friday from a fire in a building in Rafah that was bombed by Israeli forces in their fight against Hamas. Left: Palestinians piled their belongings on a vehicle that was headed to safer areas in Rafah.

that Israel had intentionally obstructed humanitarian aid into Gaza.

While it concluded that both "action and inaction by Israel" had slowed the flow of aid into Gaza, which is desperately short of necessities like food and medicine, it said that "we do not currently assess that the Israeli government is prohibiting or otherwise restricting the transport or delivery of U.S. humanitarian assistance" into the territory.

Such a finding would have triggered a US law barring military aid to countries that block such assistance.

Brian Finucane, a former State Department lawyer now with International Crisis Group, said the report "bends over backwards" to avoid concluding that Israel violated any laws, a finding that would place major new pressure on Biden to restrict arms to the country.

Finucane, a critic of Israel's military operations, said that the report was "more forthcoming" than he had expected, but that he still found it "watered down" and heavily "lawyered."

The findings further angered a vocal minority of Democrats in Congress who have grown increasingly critical of Israel's conduct in Gaza. They argue that Israel has indiscriminately killed civilians with American arms and intentionally hindered US-supplied humanitarian aid.

Either would violate US laws governing arms transfers to foreign militaries, as well as international humanitarian law, which is largely based on the Geneva Conventions.

The report did not define the meaning of its other criteria for Israel's actions, "established best practices for mitigating civilian harm," although it

cited Defense Department guidelines on the subject released last year, which include some measures "not required by the law of war."

"If this conduct complies with international standards, then God help us all," Senator Chris Van Hollen, Democrat of Maryland, told reporters after the report's release. "They don't want to have to take any action to hold the Netanyahu government accountable for what's happening," he added, referring to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Critics of Biden's continuation of most military support to Israel had hoped that he would use the report as a justification for further restricting arms deliveries to the country. The United States provides Israel with \$3.8 billion in annual military aid, and Congress last month approved an additional \$14 bil-

lion in emergency funding.

The State Department report showed clear sympathy for Israel's military challenge, repeating past statements by the Biden administration that Israel has a "right to defend itself" in the wake of the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks. It also noted that military experts call Gaza "as difficult a battlespace as any military has faced in modern warfare."

"Because Hamas uses civilian infrastructure for military purposes and civilians as human shields, it is often difficult to determine facts on the ground in an active war zone of this nature and the presence of legitimate military targets across Gaza," it said.

Even so, it singled out numerous specific incidents where Israel's military had killed civilians or aid workers, the latter of which it called a "specific area of concern."

UN General Assembly votes to support Palestinian statehood

By Farnaz Fassihi
NEW YORK TIMES

The UN General Assembly on Friday overwhelmingly adopted a resolution declaring that Palestinians qualify for full-member status at the United Nations, a highly symbolic move that reflects growing global solidarity with Palestinians and is a rebuke to Israel and the United States.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 143-9, with 25 nations abstaining. The assembly applauded after the vote. The United States voted no.

The resolution was prepared by the United Arab Emirates, the current chair of the UN Arab Group. The 193-member General Assembly took on the issue of Palestinian membership after the United States in April vetoed a resolution before the Security Council to recognize full membership for a Palestinian state. The majority of council members supported the

move, but the United States said recognition of Palestinian statehood should be achieved through negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

Anger and frustration at the United States has been brewing for months among many senior UN officials and diplomats, including allies such as France, because Washington has repeatedly blocked cease-fire resolutions at the Security Council and has staunchly supported Israel's war with Hamas in the Gaza Strip, even as humanitarian suffering has mounted.

"The US is resigned to having another bad day at the UN," said Richard Gowan, an expert on the UN for the International Crisis Group, a conflict prevention organization. But he added that the resolution "gives the Palestinians a boost without creating a breakdown over whether they are or are not UN members."

The UN charter stipulates

that the General Assembly can only grant full membership to a nation-state after the approval of the Security Council. Examples of that include the creation of the states of Israel and South Sudan. The resolution adopted Friday explicitly states that the Palestinian issue is an exception and will not set precedent, language that was added during negotiations on the text when some countries expressed concern that Taiwan and Kosovo might follow a similar path to pursue statehood, diplomats said.

Riyad Mansour, the Palestinian ambassador to the UN, told the assembly before the vote that Palestinians' right to full membership at the UN and statehood "are not up for negotiations; they are our inherent rights as Palestinians." He added that a vote against Palestinian statehood was a vote against the two-state solution.

Still, the resolution does provide new diplomatic perks to

Palestinians. Palestinians can now sit among member states in alphabetical order, they can speak at General Assembly meetings on any topic instead of being limited to Palestinian affairs, they can submit proposals and amendments, and they can participate at UN conferences and international meetings organized by the assembly and other UN entities.

Israel's ambassador to the UN, Gilad Erdan, a critic of the body, said voting for a Palestinian state would be inviting "a state of terror" in its midst and rewarding "terrorists" who killed Jewish civilians with privileges and called member states endorsing it "Jew haters."

The resolution says that it "determines the State of Palestine is qualified for membership in the United Nations" under its charter rules and recommends that the Security Council reconsider the matter with a favorable outcome.

Nate Evans, the spokesperson for the US mission to the UN, said that if the assembly refers the issue back to the council, it would have the same outcome again, with the US blocking the move.

The Palestinians are currently recognized by the UN as a non-member observer state, a status granted in 2012 by the General Assembly. They do not have the right to vote on General Assembly resolutions or nominate any candidates to UN agencies.

Erdan held up the picture of Hamas's military leader, Yehia Sinwar, considered the architect of the Oct. 7 attacks on Israel, with the word "President," and then a transparent shredder, inserting a piece of paper inside it, and said the member states were "shredding the UN charter."

Mansour, at the end of his speech, raised his fist in the air, visibly choking back tears, and said, "Free Palestine." The assembly broke into applause.

DAILY BRIEFING

Croatian official gets a third term

ZAGREB, Croatia — Croatian conservative leader Andrej Plenkovic was formally appointed prime minister-designate on Friday for a third consecutive term after he forged an alliance with an extreme right party following an inconclusive election.

Plenkovic's ruling Croatian Democratic Union won the most votes at last month's parliamentary vote in the European Union nation, but not enough to stay in power on their own. The party this week agreed to form a coalition with far-right Homeland Movement for a parliamentary majority.

Lawmakers are set to approve Plenkovic's new government next week. It will have a slim majority of 78 lawmakers in the 151-member assembly, which could herald political uncertainty.

"We will continue in our third mandate to work for progress," Plenkovic said on X after he was appointed.

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Iran voting to determine seats

TEHRAN — Iranians voted Friday in a runoff election for the remaining seats in the country's Parliament after hard-line politicians dominated March balloting.

Voting was extended for four hours because it was a weekend holiday.

The official IRNA news agency said counting began immediately after polls closed. Final results were expected by Monday.

People in 22 constituencies across the country voted to elect 45 representatives from a pool of 90 candidates, 15 of whom are considered moderate.

In the capital, Tehran, 16 representatives will be chosen from 32 candidates, all hard-liners.

Iran's Parliament plays a secondary role in governing the country. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final say in all important state matters.

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Pope pushes for more children

ROME — Pope Francis pressed his campaign Friday to urge Italians to have children, calling for long-term policies to help families and warning that the country's demographic crisis is threatening the future.

"The number of births is the first indicator of the hope of a people," Francis told an annual gathering of pro-family groups. "Without children and young people, a country loses its desire for the future."

It was Francis' latest appeal for Italy — and beyond that Europe — to invert what he has called the demographic winter facing many industrialized countries.

Italy's birth rate, already one of the lowest in the world, has been falling steadily.

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More students abducted in Nigeria

ABUJA, Nigeria — At least nine students have been abducted by gunmen during a late-night raid on their school in northern Nigeria's Kogi state, authorities said Friday, the third such abduction amid rampant kidnappings targeting schools in the conflict-hit region this year.

The assailants invaded the Confluence University of Science and Technology in Kogi state, which neighbors the nation's capital, Abuja, and whisked away the students from their classrooms before security forces could arrive, according to Kogi Commissioner for Information Kingsley Femi Fanwo.

The state has "activated the security architecture to track the kidnappers," Fanwo added.

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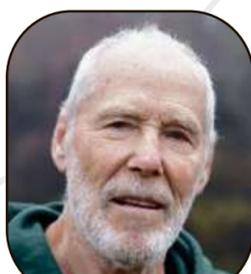
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Ex-Trump campaign chairman aided Chinese media deal

After pardon, Manafort deep in foreign consulting

By Isaac Stanley-Becker, Beth Reinhard, and Josh Dawsey
WASHINGTON POST

After pleading guilty to money laundering and obstruction of justice, Paul Manafort, the globe-trotting political consultant and former campaign chairman for Donald Trump, asked for leniency in his sentencing, telling a federal judge five years ago that he was nearly 70 years old, struggling with health concerns, and remorseful for his actions.

The judge rejected his entreaties in the spring of 2019, ordering Manafort to remain behind bars for more than seven years. Less than two years later, however, Manafort's criminal record was wiped clean when Trump pardoned him. He was among the dozens of allies, extended family members, and former campaign staffers allowed to walk free.

With his freedom, Manafort hardly retired to a quiet home life. Instead, the longtime power broker — briefly brought low by the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election — reengaged in international consulting, according to documents obtained by The Washington Post and people familiar with his activities who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the matter's sensitivity.

Manafort has been assisting an effort to launch a Netflix-like mobile streaming and entertainment platform in China that, according to corporate documents, has the endorsement of the Chinese government. In an email to the Post, Manafort said he was “not involved with China” and has “had nothing to do with China, including Chinese businesses, government, individuals, or anything else,” but acknowledged that he “was asked to make introductions to US studios and potential US partners in the venture.”

Manafort, now 75, also sought to advise political figures in Japan and South Korea, according to a person who was approached by party officials in those countries checking on the consultant's reputation. Manafort has roamed widely,

traveling to Guatemala last year on the invitation of a migrant advocacy group called Proyecto Guatemala Migrante. The group's leader, Verónica Pimentel, said she and a colleague discussed Latin American politics and the Latino vote with Manafort and introduced him to a Guatemalan presidential candidate, Ricardo Sagastume, who confirmed the meeting.

Emails, documents, and interviews fill in details of Manafort's life and work between 2020, when he swapped prison for home confinement owing to the coronavirus pandemic and then landed a pardon from Trump, and this election cycle, as he prepares to re-enter Trump's orbit. Advisers say Trump is determined to hire Manafort, likely handing him a substantial role at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee because he appreciates that his onetime campaign chairman has remained loyal to him even while serving in prison.

As in 2016, Manafort has offered to work for free. He has met with Republicans in recent

weeks about his role at the convention, though Trump advisers have not yet vetted any foreign activities and said last week that they were not aware of his consulting work and would want to review it before the convention, according to

people familiar with the planning.

Manafort's support for the Chinese media venture, which has not been previously reported, may test Trump's willingness to rely on figures with foreign entanglements and potential financial conflicts of interest. In 2020, a bipartisan Senate panel described Manafort's connections to pro-Russian figures as a “grave counterintelligence threat.” Now, he has made introductions for individuals seeking to do business with an increasingly assertive China, at the very moment that Trump's GOP is presenting itself as a foe of the ruling Chinese Communist Party.

Manafort denied that his support for the venture mattered for broader geopolitics. “There is nothing about my limited role of introductions to US business people that involves anything to do with the politics of US-China relations,” he wrote.



Advisers say Donald Trump is determined to hire Paul Manafort to reward him for his loyalty.



ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES

SHARED LOSS — Artist Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg's “Alienable Right To Life” exhibition opened Friday at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., and features a large American flag created from the names of 1,039 mass shooting victims as well as a circular mural (left) for visitors to share their stories of gun violence.

Court upholds Bannon's conviction

A federal appeals court Friday upheld the contempt conviction of Stephen Bannon, a longtime adviser to former president Donald Trump, for having defied a subpoena from the Jan. 6 House select committee, a ruling that could lead to Bannon serving a four-month term in prison.

The House panel sought his testimony as part of its wide-ranging investigation into Trump's efforts to remain in power after losing the 2020 election, and its explosive hearings two years ago previewed much of the evidence used against Trump in a federal indictment filed last summer accusing him of plotting to overturn his defeat.

The judge who oversaw Bannon's trial had allowed him to remain at home during the appeal of his conviction and is now in a position to force him to surrender.

Bannon had fought his contempt conviction as he fought the initial charges during his brief trial in US District Court in Washington in July 2022.

One of the arguments Bannon raised to the appeals court was that his lawyers had advised him to ignore the committee's subpoena — a tactic known as an advice of counsel defense. Bannon also claimed that Trump himself had ordered him to defy demands from the committee.

But in a 20-page ruling, a three-judge panel of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit swept those arguments aside, upholding both the jury's guilty verdict and the sentence imposed on Bannon by Judge Carl Nichols.

The panel wrote that even if Bannon's lawyers had told him not to comply with the committee, the advice could not excuse him for having willfully and intentionally ignored the subpoena.

The panel also rejected, as a matter of fact, Bannon's claim that Trump had authorized him

to defy the committee. It cited a letter written by one of Trump's lawyers to Bannon's lawyers shortly after the subpoena was originally issued, noting that the correspondence “nowhere suggested that Bannon should categorically refuse to respond” to the committee.

David Schoen, a lawyer who handled Bannon's appeal, did not respond to a message seeking comment.

NEW YORK TIMES

Economic adviser: US should reduce deficit by taxing rich

WASHINGTON — President Biden's top economic adviser said Friday that lawmakers should take advantage of a looming tax debate next year to try to reduce budget deficits by sharply raising taxes on corporations and the rich.

Under that plan, Biden would more than offset the cost of maintaining tax cuts for people earning \$400,000 a year or less.

In a speech to the Hamilton Project at the Brookings Institution in Washington, Lael Brainard, who directs the White House National Economic Council, gave the most detailed explanation yet of how Biden would seek to shape what promises to be a multitrillion-dollar tax debate.

A batch of tax cuts signed into law in 2017 by President Trump is set to expire at the end of next year. It includes cuts for individuals at all income levels. Republicans built that expiration into the tax bill to reduce its projected cost to deficits and comply with congressional rules.

Brainard's speech renewed Biden's commitment to reducing taxes for middle-class Americans and for raising them on high earners. But her remarks expressed more concern about growing debt and deficits than the president and his aides had previously demonstrated when discussing the looming tax debate.

“At minimum, we should avoid making the fiscal hole

created by Republican tax cuts deeper, by fully paying for any tax cuts that are extended,” Brainard said, in remarks released by the White House.

“And we should use the 2025 tax debate as an opportunity to meet our national needs by raising revenue overall by asking the wealthy and large corporations to pay their fair share.”

Trump and his congressional allies have sought to extend all of the expiring cuts, a move that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said this week could add as much as \$4.6 trillion to the federal debt over a decade.

NEW YORK TIMES

Judge lets stand Wisconsin's absentee voting requirement

MADISON, Wis. — A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit brought by Democrats that challenged Wisconsin's witness requirements for absentee voting, a ruling that keeps the law in place with the presidential election six months away.

The rules for voting in Wisconsin are of heightened interest given its place as one of a handful of battleground presidential states. Four of the past six presidential elections in Wisconsin have been decided by less than a percentage point, including the past two.

US District Court Judge James Peterson tossed the lawsuit Thursday, saying the fact that the law has stood unchallenged in one form or another since the 1960s was “telling.”

“It may be debatable whether the witness requirement is needed, but it is one reasonable way for the state to try to deter abuses such as fraud and undue influence in a setting where election officials cannot monitor the preparation of a ballot,” Peterson wrote.

National Democratic law firm Elias Law Group, representing four Wisconsin voters, had argued that the state is violating the federal Voting Rights Act and Civil Rights Act by demanding a witness signature on

ballot envelopes.

The voters argued that they have a hard time securing a witness signature because of health risk, age, and frequent travel overseas.

State law requires clerks to reject absentee ballots that are missing a witness' address or signature. A Wisconsin judge ruled in 2022 that elections officials cannot correct or fill in missing information on witness certifications, a practice known as ballot curing.

The Voting Rights Act prohibits states from requiring a voter to “prove his qualifications by the voucher of registered voters or members of any other class.”

The judge said the voters had not shown that either the Voting Rights Act of 1965 or the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits a state from requiring absentee voters to prepare their ballot in front of a witness.

Nine states require witness signatures to verify absentee ballots and three states require an absentee ballot envelope to be notarized, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In Wisconsin, witnesses for most voters must be US citizens and at least 18 years old. Witnesses for overseas and military voters are not required to be US citizens.

In a random review of nearly 15,000 absentee ballots cast in the 2020 presidential election in Wisconsin, the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau found that nearly 7 percent of the witness certificates were missing at least one component of the witness' address.

The ruling comes ahead of the Wisconsin Supreme Court hearing oral arguments Monday in another case related to absentee ballots.

In that one, Democrats are trying to overturn a 2022 court ruling that prohibited the placement of absentee ballot drop boxes anywhere other than inside election clerks' offices.

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Russia mounting new border assaults in north, Ukraine says

Armored attack follows shelling, bombardments

By Marc Santora, Maria Varenikova, and Eric Schmitt
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV — Ukraine rushed reinforcements to its northern border Friday after Russian forces attempted to break through Ukrainian lines along several sections, applying new pressure on forces already stretched thin along a 600-mile front.

The Russian assaults began around 5 a.m. Friday, with massive shelling and aerial bombardments of Ukrainian positions followed by armored columns trying to punch through at several points along the border, according to a statement from Ukraine's Ministry of Defense.

“As of now, these attacks have been repelled, and battles of varying intensity are ongoing,” the ministry said. “To strengthen the defense in this sector of the front, reserve units have been deployed.”

The breadth and intent of the Russian border incursions remained unclear. Military analysts have said Russia may be trying to force Ukraine to expend valuable resources in defending the region just as Russian assaults in eastern Ukraine are intensifying.

But a senior Ukrainian commander, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the current state of fighting, said Friday that the Russian attacks went beyond probing or intelligence gathering. The commander said the Kremlin's immediate goal appeared to be to create a buffer zone along the border.

After heavy battles raged overnight and into the morning, smaller skirmishes continued into the evening as Russia sought to solidify control over several small villages located right on the border, a Ukrainian official familiar with the fighting said. While there are few civilians left in the areas that came under attack, at least one resident of the town of Vovchansk was killed in shelling, local officials said, and several more were wounded.

The opening of a new zone of



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Ukrainian volunteers assisted residents of settlements north of the Kharkiv region during their evacuation Friday.

fighting would present a steep challenge for Ukraine. It was unclear how deep the Ukrainian defenses at the border extended, how well they were manned, and how they would hold up if Russia were to mount sustained offensive operations in this direction.

New deliveries of powerful Western weapons are on their way, but commanders say they have not arrived in numbers that would make a significant impact.

In the meantime, military analysts have said, Russia is

likely to try to take advantage of the window before the weapons arrive in force to press new advances.

Ukrainian officials and Western military analysts have said that Moscow probably lacks the combat power to capture Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, which is 20 miles from the Russian border. On Friday, one senior US military official described the new Russian advances as perhaps more of a probing than a full-on press but acknowledged that the “fog of war” there made the situation

murky.

“Russia doubtfully has the forces to take Kharkiv,” said Michael Kofman, a senior fellow in the Russia and Eurasia program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington. “The attack is more likely to serve as a fixing effort and to create a so-called buffer zone, straining Ukrainian defenses and drawing manpower from other parts of the front line.”

Russian officials have not commented on the incursions.

It was unclear if Russia had captured any territory. The senior Ukrainian commander said that the country's forces had stopped one Russian attack in the direction of a village called Lyptsy, less than 1 mile from the border in the Kharkiv region. That area was now considered a gray zone, meaning the fighting was too intense and the situation too fluid to say who had control over the land.

For Russia, even establishing a bridgehead across the border could expose the city of Kharkiv to artillery, allowing troops to escalate efforts to make the city unlivable. And it would help create a buffer zone that would allow Russia a staging point for

deploying personnel and weaponry.

It would also let Russia protect towns and cities across the border from Ukrainian shelling.

The Kharkiv regional administration urged people from the villages close to the border to evacuate. Some, like Vovchansk, which has been badly shelled throughout the war, have been nearly empty for months.

A doctor at the hospital in Vovchansk, which is about 4 miles from the Russian border, said there was intense fighting all around the small town. “We're currently evacuating people from the hospital,” he said, asking that his name not be used because he feared for his safety. “They're hitting very hard and destroying everything.”

He said that Ukrainian soldiers appeared to be preventing an advance into the town but that the Russians were attacking tanks, armored fighting vehicles, and warplanes. Many of the small villages in the border regions have been being evacuated for months as shelling intensified, and Ukrainian officials said Friday those efforts were continuing.

Climate change not getting leading role in films, report says

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the report and an associate professor at Colby College, where he researches the impact of environmental stories on audiences. “To learn that only 10 percent of the films over the last decade — over this critical period — are even including climate change in their story worlds ... it’s disappointing.”

The report’s findings may seem dismal, but there’s reason to believe a shift is happening. Climate change was present in twice as many movies over the final five years of the 10-year study. Some credit increased support from within Hollywood studios and streaming services, and recent pledges, such as NBCUniversal’s Greener Light initiative to up the on-screen representation of climate change.

“I can pretty confidently say that most major studios and networks and streamers are interested in this effort and exploring it,” said Ellis Watamanuk, senior director of the Entertainment Lab at Rare, an international conservation organization that

focuses on behavioral science to push for change.

Watamanuk works with filmmakers and TV producers to think about creative ways to infuse climate change into their stories. The idea isn’t to churn out story upon story that’s explicitly about climate change, he said. Rather, it’s finding ways to infuse existing stories, from courtroom dramas to ghost-hunting reality shows, with storylines or examples of the realities of climate change confronting people.

“Electric vehicles, public transportation, plant-rich diets, food waste reduction, solar and wind energy — all the things that we see being adopted in everyday life, but maybe aren’t making their way on screen,” he said.

Normalizing these aspects of climate change can make a difference, said Frank Lowenstein, who runs Rare’s climate culture team in Boston. “It helps give us permission to take those same actions ourselves,” he said.

Studies have shown that Americans consistently underes-

timate support for climate action. A 2022 article in the journal *Nature* found that while more than two-thirds of Americans want to see climate action, there is a widespread perception that this group represents a minority of the population.

Making climate change a more prominent story — from movie screens, to the small screens of our phones, or via social media influencers — is not only a way to remedy that, it can also be a powerful way to drive action.

The first major case study for this was in 2004, after the film “*The Day After Tomorrow*” came out. In the movie, climate change triggers extreme weather events worldwide leading to a new ice age.

Researchers looked at how those who watched the film were affected and found they were more likely to say they were concerned about global warming. Viewers were also more likely to believe that impacts, such as intensified storms, hurricanes, floods, and food shortages, could hit the United States in the next



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The Statue of Liberty and the New York skyline were in a deep freeze in a scene from “*The Day After Tomorrow*.”

50 years. The study, published in the journal *Environment*, also found viewers were more likely to say they would purchase a more fuel-efficient car out of concern for global warming, and were more likely to donate money or volunteer with a group focusing on the issue.

More recently, researchers at Rare studied the impact of an episode of “*Madam Secretary*,” a political drama that ran on ABC from 2014-2019. In one episode,

the US secretary of state deals with the impact of a climate change-fueled superstorm that hits an island nation in the Pacific.

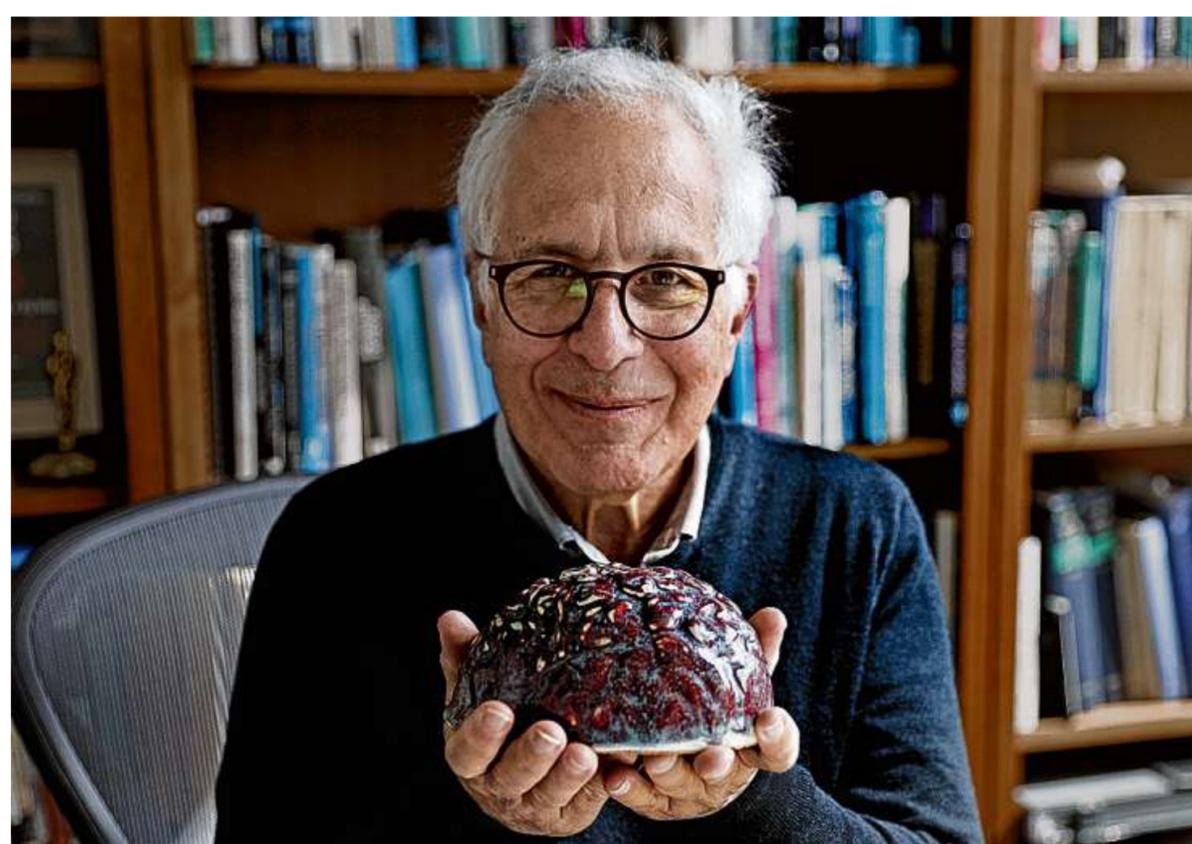
While the final results of the study haven’t been published yet, the researchers found that watching the episode shifted general attitudes and increased support for concepts like accepting migrants displaced by the effects of climate change and a climate reparations fund to help af-

ected developing nations — two ideas that have butted up against international opposition.

Anna Jane Joyner, of Good Energy, who worked on the new report, said these findings help underscore the work happening behind the scenes across the entertainment industry as the industry tries to authentically incorporate climate change into its work. “Even if you just subconsciously hear a character that you have a relationship with mention climate change, mention that they’re worried about it or thinking about it or doing something about it, it’s hugely psychologically validating,” she said.

Looking ahead, Joyner said she is working with writers and filmmakers in hopes of seeing 50 percent of all new films pass the Climate Reality Test by 2027. “This is just about writing what it feels like to be alive right now.”

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Dr. Jeffrey Lichtman, seen holding a brain sculpture, described some of the images as “truly awe-inspiringly beautiful.”

Scientists produce detailed brain map

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Science, and also posted to the internet renderings of the human brain unlike any ever seen. They came complete with a program that allows viewers to move through a microscopic alien landscape so detailed Lichtman can’t resist waxing poetic when he talks about it.

“It’s an alien world inside your own head,” he said. “Neurons themselves are truly awe-inspiringly beautiful. There’s no two ways about it.”

True, the insights gleaned from the tiny sample have not yet unraveled the mysteries of autism, schizophrenia, or depression. They can’t yet explain the mechanics of human learning, memory, and personality on the cellular level. But they represent an important first step in that direction, and provide a tantalizing preview of the kind of insights we might see in the decades ahead.

In this intricate landscape are strange structures never before seen, and not contained in any textbook, including, in Lichtman’s words, “fantastically weird” nerve cells that point in one of only two directions, exactly opposite from one another. Axons, the long-distance fiber optic cables of the brain, that detour from straight lines into strange “whirls” that look like turbans — then unravel and resolve back into straight lines. The purpose of many of these strange anomalies remains a topic for future study.

Some are already generating potentially paradigm-shifting theories and may reveal fundamental new insights into how the brain works. Most notable, said Lichtman, is the discovery of what appears to be a new, extremely rare kind of “super connection” that links individual

neurons to the information-carrying axon fibers that crisscross the brain. Each super connection contains a jumble of some 50 or so protrusions where normally there is only one. These structures, Lichtman hypothesizes, may help explain how learned habits, such as stopping at a red light without thinking, are etched into the physical architecture of the brain.

“Maybe 99 percent of the connections between axons and individual brain cells are these super weak connections,” Lichtman says. But, “those strong connections are so strong that information can flow very efficiently. And this may be a way to explain the fact that, after you’ve learned something, there is this automatic ability to do it.”

The new paper is part of a far larger series of projects funded by the BRAIN initiative, a massive scientific effort launched by the Obama administration in 2013 to reveal fundamental insights about the human brain.

“It’s a pretty big deal,” said Ed Lein, a neuroscientist at the Allen Institute for Brain Science in Seattle who was not involved in the study. The mapping is “really the first of its kind in a human.”

Lein, who helps lead another component of the BRAIN initiative, said Lichtman’s work could help transform our understanding of the human brain and vastly improve our ability to cure disease.

“We have just a terribly poor understanding of that circuitry,” he said. “Imagine that your cellphone broke and you didn’t know anything about the components of the cellphone or how they’re connected to one another, and you’re trying to fix it. If we don’t understand how the thing is wired together at all, we have little chance of being able to fix it.”

Originally funded with part of a \$7 million five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health, Lichtman’s project recently received an additional \$30 million over five years from a related NIH program. The federal agency’s goal is to improve our understanding of diseases that affect cognition and emotion.

The money, which is also funding other related projects, is supplemented by the free collaborative efforts of Google, which provided the computational muscle and engineering labor needed to power the project.

After the human brain sample was stained, sliced, and imaged in Lichtman’s lab, Google’s engineers applied machine learning to stitch those slices

The work could help transform our understanding of the human brain and vastly improve our ability to cure disease.

back together and apply colors to render the wiring visible to the naked eye.

The scope of the challenge to simply re-create that 1-cubic-millimeter sample of human brain in digital form was so great that the effort to go on and image an entire human brain will have to wait. An accurate image of the entire human brain at scale would roughly equal the amount of data produced in the entire world in a single year, Lichtman says.

Which is why the next effort will be more modest: Over the next five years, Lichtman and

his collaborators aim to image the first 10-cubic-millimeter section of a mouse brain. The project is a proof-of-concept for the ultimate goal: an entire mouse brain, 50 times larger.

“The human brain would be another factor of a thousand bigger than a mouse brain,” Lichtman says. “We don’t have the capacity to store that information.”

The payoff from all these efforts could eventually prove huge. Google and others expect to use the findings to improve their ability to invent artificial intelligence algorithms modeled on the human brain.

Lichtman, for his part, hopes to answer fundamental questions about the human mind: How is it that a representation of the world gets imprinted inside our heads? What are the physical underpinning of knowledge?

The project has already taken him into intellectual territory he never expected to enter. He describes the experience of sitting down in his office with the new “neuroglancer” tool that allowed him to maneuver through the visual landscape of the neural connectome as “wondrous,” “magical,” and “like a fantasy.” He wanted to click on every single cell.

Invoking the names of Magellan, Amerigo Vespucci, and other famous explorers, Lichtman extolled the thrill of discovery.

“This is a lot like using the Hubble telescope or the James Webb telescope,” Lichtman says. “But it’s not a telescope, it’s a microscope that allows us to look inside. And sure enough, there’s all sorts of things there that we’ve never seen before. We’re exploring a terra incognita.”

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an Kane, who serves as executive director of the MBTA Advisory Board. “What we need is political action.”

Spokesperson for the state’s transportation agency, MassDOT, Amelia Aubourg said the new contract is an add-on to an existing one the consultant firm has with the MBTA, and that MassDOT will reimburse the T.

“We value thought leadership and wanted to explore what is happening in the national landscape when it comes to financing transportation,” Aubourg said in a statement. “It helps to have these economists who have been analyzing the industry and have access to provide the full range of what is possible now and in the future.”

Ernst & Young did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Much of the research about the state’s transportation funding woes and solutions that the Ernst & Young consultants were hired to do has already been conducted by state agencies and outside organizations in recent years. MBTA staff have also presented information about what other states are doing to the agency’s board.

Healey created the transportation funding task force in January when she released her budget proposal for the fiscal year that starts in July, which provides \$172 million toward closing the T’s estimated \$628 million budget gap. The task force, Healey said, is meant to report to her by the end of the year on recommendations for a statewide “long-term, sustainable transportation finance plan.”

Healey announced the task force’s 31 appointees in February; some are members of her administration. The chair is Secretary of Transportation Monica Tibbits-Nutt, and the vice chair is Administration and Finance Secretary Matthew Gorzkowicz.

The MBTA is paying Ernst & Young senior managing director Jon Godsmark and two other senior managing directors, Tom Rousakis and Andrew Phillips, \$610 per hour for their services. LinkedIn profiles for the consultants show Godsmark and Phillips are based in Washington, D.C., and Rousakis is based in New York.

For a task force meeting this month, the consultants were charged with preparing a “presentation of analysis of current state transportation funding sources, projections of future revenue, and key drivers,” according to a copy of the contract. Next month, the consultants are supposed to prepare a “presentation summarizing international and US peer analysis to identify a range of potential new transportation funding sources.” In July and August, they will present possible revenue sources and the “potential

economic and social impacts” of those sources.

By October, the consultants will draft a “technical report for review by the task force members,” then, by the first week of December, they will have a final report ready for task force member review, according to the contract.

The consultants are supposed to meet weekly with MassDOT, Administration & Finance, and the MBTA, according to the contract.

A Globe report earlier this year found that Minnesota and New York passed new taxes to balance the operating budgets of their largest transit agencies for years to come.

Last month, Healey told a business group she has “no plans to propose new taxes or raise existing ones” and shut down an idea floated by Tibbits-Nutt to put tolls at the state’s borders.

Some task members expressed frustration about the decision to bring on the consultants without determining as a group what the scope of the contract should be. Members said they had not seen the contract.

Task force member Amie Shei, chief executive of The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, said there is “no transparency” into what the consultants are focused on.

“Greater transparency about what the consultants are working on would be helpful so that we’re not duplicating efforts,” she said. “For someone who serves Central Massachusetts, I would want to know that regional equity is a consideration and that consultants are not focused solely on the MBTA.”

Kane, of the MBTA Advisory Board, said he doubts MassDOT will reimburse the MBTA for the contract, citing the fact the department still hasn’t reimbursed the T for \$7 million in transit mitigation during the closure of the Sumner Tunnel last year. Aubourg of MassDOT said the MBTA will be reimbursed once the consultants’ work is finished.

“I can’t believe we’re doing this again,” Kane said of the research. The Advisory Board has prepared dozens of reports about MBTA finances.

Task force member Jim Rooney, CEO of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and a former general manager of the T, said he thinks the task force needs outside help and praised Ernst & Young’s qualifications, saying there’s value in having a fresh set of eyes on the problem.

But, the task force’s final product is likely to look less like a path forward and more like a “menu of possible solutions.”

“I don’t think it will get to a definitive point of saying: Here is the plan,” Rooney said.

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I'm a conservative student. Freedom of speech protects pro-Palestinian protesters too.

By Alex Shieh

I'm a member of the College Republicans and the Federalist Society who's interning at the Cato Institute this summer. I've been on Fox News numerous times to speak out

against affirmative action in college admissions. I also oppose the crackdown on peaceful pro-Palestinian voices at universities across the country.

Last week, at the urging of House Republicans, Columbia University called in the New York police to arrest pro-Palestinian protesters who were protesting Israel's attacks on Gaza in a common outdoor space, and its president mulled over the possibility of punishing students who use the "from the river to the sea" chant that some view as antisemitic. The University of Southern California announced it will not allow its valedictorian — a Muslim woman who supports Palestinians — to speak at its commencement, caving due to concerns over a potentially violent backlash to her views. At the University of Texas at Austin, peaceful pro-Palestinian protesters faced mass arrests at the behest of the Republican governor.

To be clear, some protesters have gone beyond expressing their outrage with only their voices, and those engaged in violence, harassment, and the occupation of secure buildings deserve to be arrested — the rights of protesters end when the rights of others are infringed upon. But the systematic censoring of activists by those claiming the mantle of conservatism has a certain tinge of irony; for years, conservatives have been outspoken advocates of free speech at universities, aware that those on the right often bear the brunt of campus censorship. For some, the defense of free expression was little more than partisan gamesmanship used to push a right-wing agenda. But for me, it always stemmed from the deeper conviction that free speech is essential to academic inquiry and human progress.

When certain ideas are off-limits, it's impossible for the scientific method — a university's primary fact-finding instrument — to function effectively. Galileo's theory that the earth revolved around the sun was ultimately validated, but his imprisonment for espousing it held back human knowledge. A thriving university exists in relentless pursuit of the truth, and that process requires the open exchange of all viewpoints — not the suppression of ideas deemed too scandalous. When ideas are judged on their merits, the bad ones invariably fail under the weight of opposing scrutiny; vetoes by administrative fiat are never required.

It is true that many, including myself, find aspects of pro-Palestinian rhetoric deeply offensive, including a public statement by Columbia Students for Justice in Palestine that characterized Hamas's Oct. 7

attack as a justified "counter-offensive." But that fact alone makes a weak case for censorship; inherently, offensiveness is a subjective metric that exists only in the eye of the beholder. As such, it's too easy for bad-faith actors to cry crocodile tears and use the doctrine of political correctness as a cudgel, silencing their ideological opponents and rendering themselves immune to criticism.

But even ideas that cause genuine offense can still represent the sincerely held political outlook of others. Pro-Palestinian activists are undoubtedly defended by supporters of Israel whom they see as genocide apologists; if they controlled a university's levers of power, pro-Israel advocates would be shut down per this rationale. Allowing a cadre of administrators to unilaterally dictate the parameters of political discourse is so disastrous precisely because of its chilling effect on dissenting opinions; for this reason, even the avowedly anti-racist American Civil Liberties Union regularly litigates on behalf of Klansmen and Nazis in

First Amendment cases to ensure that free speech remains a safeguarded right for all, not a privilege doled out by those at the top.

This is not to say that the ongoing protests should be brushed aside as inconsequential noise or that Jewish students are wrong to feel uneasy or hurt. The fact that the protests have caused so much pain and anger suggests the opposite: Words are uniquely powerful in their capacity to inspire, anger, evoke joy, stoke fear, or offend. Speech's proven record of changing hearts and minds and sparking backlash is exactly what makes wrenching it from a university's body politic and ceding it to unaccountable bureaucrats so dangerous; under such a regime, those elite few have free rein to manipulate, propagandize, spread falsehoods, and advocate their own interests, with no countervailing forces to keep them in check.

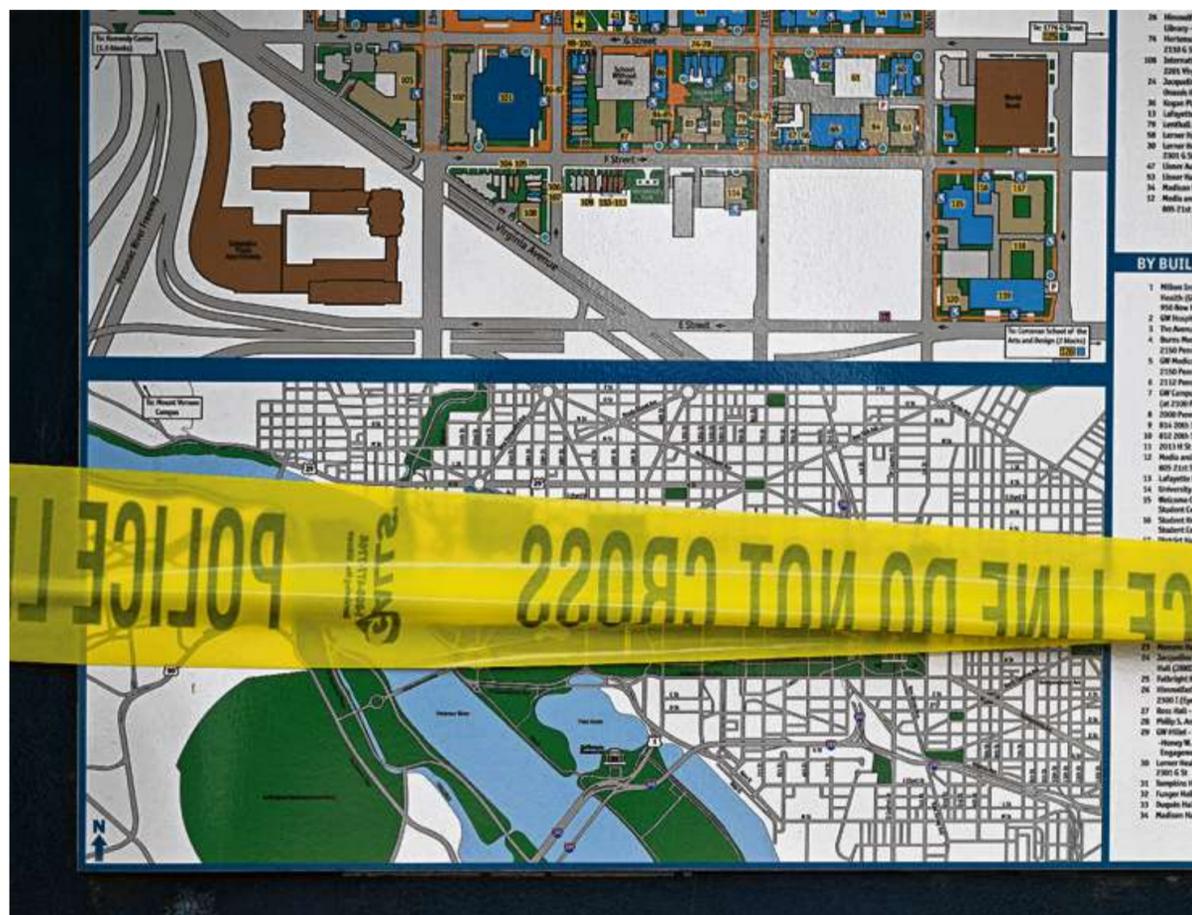
Those who curtail objectionable speech often naively believe that by doing so, they're stopping the spread of harmful ideas. But in practice, censorship often fans the flames it's meant to extinguish, with the poor optics of suspensions and arrests drawing otherwise unwarranted publicity and media attention to the movement meant to be sidelined. Punitive actions toward those protesting peacefully are also almost inevitably wielded as a cause célèbre

when protest organizers harness the outpouring of righteous indignation to mobilize more supporters for their cause. With undergraduate protest movements so commonplace these days, the Columbia encampment would probably have been little more than a blip in the news cycle if not for the highly dramatic showdown with police officers clad in riot gear — certainly a mistake by Columbia's leaders if their aim was to quell the disruption.

The modern university already boasts an abysmal free speech record; as someone derided by my Brown University classmates for being "the Fox News kid," I know this firsthand. The solution is not for conservatives to take a page out of the left's playbook and root out views we find disagreeable — this only further imperils conservative students by empowering universities to take harsh measures against those with unpopular opinions. Rather, we must stand firm on principle and set the precedent that free speech protections are absolute. Defending the free speech rights of those we disagree with can be hard — but only when freedom of speech protects everyone can we rest assured knowing it protects us.

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When certain ideas are off-limits, it's impossible for the scientific method — a university's primary fact-finding instrument — to function effectively.



Police line tape covered part of a campus map after police officers cleared a pro-Palestinian protest encampment at George Washington University on May 8, in Washington, D.C.

How to bring solar energy to low-income communities

By Joan Fitzgerald and Gregory King

A recent report revealed that 80 percent of existing energy infrastructure in Massachusetts is located in or within 1 mile of low-income communities, particularly communities of color. It isn't surprising — the same is true of many polluting land uses such as hazardous waste facilities, incinerators, and highways. This issue has come to a head in East Boston with a Conservation Law Foundation lawsuit on Monday arguing that the approval for an Ever-source electricity substation should be overturned. This is why the report by several advocacy groups recommends changes to the electricity infrastructure siting process so these environmental justice communities are not forced to bear the burden of providing energy. It is just as important that these communities get their fair share of the renewable energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

More than 4 million rooftop solar systems have been installed in the United States, with Massachusetts being one of the top five states. While this is a laudable achievement, policy to promote rooftop solar has mainly subsidized the wealthy who own their homes and can make the upfront investment. Installing solar on the rooftops of single-family homes is straightforward — get the subsidies, install the panels, and reap the benefits of generating your own electricity and selling the excess back to the utility.

Community solar has the potential to bring solar to environmental justice commu-

nities. It's a way for customers who rent or live in multifamily buildings not amenable to solar arrays, or who cannot afford the upfront costs to "subscribe" to the energy from a solar installation, to offset the power they use on a pay-as-you-go basis with no upfront costs. Community solar allows multiple parties to share the output (and benefits) of a large solar project.

But low- and moderate-income households are only a small percentage of those benefiting from community solar. In most projects, institutional, commercial, and resi-

Community solar allows multiple parties to share the output (and benefits) of a large solar project.

dential customers who can afford it dominate.

A couple of projects in Boston are seeking to change that.

The Boston Community Solar Cooperative was organized just after the Inflation Reduction Act passed in late 2022 to take advantage of the tax-subsidy provisions of the new law. It offers members the opportunity to earn or purchase an ownership share in the solar co-op. The co-op earns revenue from the sale of electricity at a rate lower than the local utility charges and shares it profits with members who are shareholders. The cooperative is currently developing a rooftop solar array at the site of the Dorchester Food Co-op and hopes to replicate the approach in other Boston neighbor-

hoods.

Another initiative is Solar Helping Ignite Neighborhood Economies, an initiative of Rare, an international conservation organization. The initiative is funded by the US Department of Energy's Community Power Accelerator Prize and a Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Equity Workforce Training Implementation grant. SHINE seeks to increase solar generation and electric vehicles in low-income communities, expand community solar to reduce utility bills, and recruit, train, and support residents of these

low 80 percent of the area median income or 200 percent of the federal poverty level. It also makes it easier to verify income, and it removes a key barrier to signing up for community solar by making it illegal for solar developers to perform screening credit checks on potential participants — thus removing another barrier to solar for lower-income residents.

Meanwhile, the Environmental Protection Agency's recently announced \$7 billion Solar for All program will deliver \$156 million to Massachusetts to fund solar projects, including community solar, in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Currently almost all the community solar projects in Massachusetts are located in rural areas and changes in state solar policy need to be made in order to incentivize community solar in urban areas. Adoption of Governor Maura Healey's Commission on Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting recommendations and updates to the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target program are critical to unleashing community solar systems that service all communities in Massachusetts.

To list these needed policy changes that connect environmental justice to community solar is to appreciate there is no single silver bullet that will achieve equity. That will require a change in our mentality, which in turn leads us to a suite of solutions.

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The politicization of climate change

Do the science

Bjorn Lomborg makes a strong case (“The world can’t afford to politicize climate change research,” Opinion, May 6) against politicizing climate change research. Global efforts to combat climate change are clearly insufficient. As global emissions continue to climb, we cannot afford to ignore any potential tool or methodology.

Those who believe that climate change is a crisis should not attempt to restrict efforts to the sole goal of carbon neutrality. This is as close-minded as those who deny climate change altogether. It is unclear whether any of the multitude of geoengineering proposals have merit, but the only way to find out is to do peer-reviewed research on each of them. In other words, do the science.

Science consists of hypothesizing, testing, analyzing, and learning. Rinse and repeat. We need more and better science to combat climate change. What we do not need are arbitrary restrictions.

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The fossil fuel industry’s playbook

The title of the op-ed, “The world can’t afford to politicize climate change research” is disingenuous. Its content is as false as arguing that smoking is not harmful in rooms with air purifiers. Ironically it supports the political playbook of the fossil fuel industry:

- We must continue using fossil fuels indefinitely.

- There are no proven technologies enabling us to reduce our dependence on these fuels by 85 percent (there are, but deployment is being aggressively blocked by the fossil fuel industry).

- Instead, to tackle the impact of human-accelerated climate warming, we should invest in mitigating, not eliminating, fossil fuels and pursue geoengineering interventions in complex geosystems with unknown consequences.

We will eventually need to remove carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere after reducing our uses of fossil fuels to the minimum. Today removal is very far from reaching the required capacity of removing multiple billions of tons of carbon dioxide annually. Research to determine which methods are scalable and affordable is justified.

Specifically, the idea of reproducing the effects of volcanic eruptions on temperature by releasing particulates and sulfur dioxide into the stratosphere is alarming. These very small particles will fall to earth, adding to those produced by the combustion of fossil fuels, which are already notorious sources of harm for human health and huge increases in the costs of health care. The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution concludes after looking at one ocean-based geoengineering approach: “But it’s important to remember that such approaches do not replace the need for immediate and major reductions in the use of fossil fuels that produce carbon dioxide in the first place.”

MARTYN ROETTER
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Cows grazed in a field near the coal-fueled Oak Grove Power Plant on April 29, in Robertson County, Texas.

Project 2025’s plan for climate change research

Bjorn Lomborg bases his claim that climate change research is politicized on the suspension of a single geoengineering experiment at Harvard. His rhetoric focuses on what he terms an “intense backlash” despite the many other complex dimensions of the project that were detailed in its final report.

Lomborg goes on to argue against himself by pointing out the ongoing political support for work in the same domain as the Harvard experiment. He notes that both the Obama and Biden administrations invested substantially in geoengineering research. Furthermore, geoengineering continues at many US universities, including the University of Chicago (where the original lead investigator of the Harvard experiment now works) and at Harvard, whose Solar Geoengineering Research Program is alive and well. Apparently, the politics of geoengineering are not so seriously suppressing important academic research.

If Lomborg had just one op-ed to give us about the politicization of climate research, he should have written how the Heritage Foundation’s Project 2025, a blueprint for a second Donald Trump term, proposes to stamp out climate research wherever it presently exists in the federal bureaucracy. Harvard’s solar geoengineering experiment is trifling in comparison to what conservative political ideologues have targeted for elimination if Trump is re-elected.

FREDERICK HEWETT
Cambridge

Climate change: What could possibly go wrong?

The op-ed “The world can’t afford to politicize climate change research” generated many comments on BostonGlobe.com. The following is an edited sample:

Thoughtful piece. Thus, Lomborg should prepare to be canceled by the climate activists more interested in protecting dogma than science. (MetroWstVu)

Climate change is truly the ultimate “all of us” issue. No one will win when downtown Boston floods so often that we give up on it, or when drought ruins crops with such frequency that famine becomes a part of everyone’s language. Since 1850, we’ve improved the average standard of living on earth by a staggering amount. The American economy produces 15 times the amount of wealth per person now as it did then. This growth has been fueled by the carbon economy in large part — fossil fuels. However, this long run of growth will end unless we can shift our economy to lower carbon options. A new study in the peer-reviewed journal Nature showed that by 2049, the global economy will shrink by 19 percent, and that climate-related losses will cost \$38 trillion annually. Again, this is the ultimate “all of us” issue. There are no winners if we destroy the systems that keep us alive, watered, breathing, and fed. Those who want to use these questions to pit us against each other are simply using the latest oil company tactics for stalling what needs to happen. (RealWhoFan)

Better to stop doing the thing that caused the problem in the first place. (Rather than muck everything up further.) Kind of like spraying fruit trees with poison to kill the bugs and then realizing the fruit has poison on it! (nathan666)

This seems like a good way to keep the fossil fuel industry up and running while potentially creating more problems. We need to swiftly move to other sources of energy and find newer, smarter ways to reduce our energy use. We also need to

seriously reduce our meat intake (methane, habitat loss, deforestation) and take a hard look at construction methods (concrete is a major emitter). There are several other steps we can take as well. So let’s not waste money and potentially add to our problems with this bioengineering idea. (gaylegil)

According to one study, fossil fuel use peaked in 2023. Before trying moon shot ideas, we should try the obvious (and safer) win/win/win ideas of reforestation and reversing desertification (see Allan Savory’s TED Talk). Of course direct extraction of CO2 from the atmosphere will work too, but it’s a little bit like reinventing the wheel when trees are already happy to do it. It will take some elbow grease and planning to do, but it’s the low-hanging fruit that makes the most sense. (cordgrass)

I’m not against studying geoengineering. But Lomborg and all of us need to be honest with ourselves: It is NOT a “solution.” It would be a very temporary reprieve (a year or maybe two of lower temps). A Band-Aid on a severed limb. (Maples Dad)

Is it worth it to continue research on geoengineering? Possibly. But this op-ed contains an enormous unsupported assertion: “Geoengineering is the only feasible way that humanity has ever identified to cut temperatures quickly.” Since this has never happened, it’s impossible to prove. Leaving aside argument by rhetoric, the promise of a completely unproven get-out-of-jail-free card does have appeal for the enormous economic interests whose business models are based on climate destruction. (Ben Lieberman)

Geoengineering the weather. What could possibly go wrong? Humanity has done such a grand job stewarding this planet, why not continue to alter it in some unknown direction and see what happens? This makes as much sense and has as many pitfalls as engineering babies. (Schneller)

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Encampment cleared, 10 arrested, MIT unrest goes on

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versities across the country.

A few hours later, Kornbluth posted a statement about her decision to dismantle the encampment, which she said represented an “unprecedented situation for our community.”

“The individuals present in the encampment at the time were given four separate warnings, in person, that they should depart or face arrest,” Kornbluth wrote. “The 10 who remained did not resist arrest and were peacefully escorted from the encampment by MIT police officers and taken off campus for booking.”

Kornbluth said the encampment had drawn protesters unaffiliated with MIT, raising concerns about campus safety.

“As president, my responsibility is to the whole community: to make sure that the campus is physically safe and functioning for *everyone*, that our shared spaces and resources are available for everyone, and that everyone feels free to express their views and do the work they came here to do,” she wrote. “As you will see, in numerous ways, the presence of the encampment increasingly made it impossible to meet all these obligations.”

An organizer of the encampment said protesters were prepared for police to arrive.

“They described this as underwhelming, but it’s underwhelming because we planned it to be that way,” said Quinn Perian, a sophomore and member of the group Jews for Ceasefire. “We knew they were going to come.”

With dozens of supporters looking on, the arrested protesters appeared Friday in Cambridge District Court, where most faced charges of trespassing, according to Jeffrey M. Feuer of the National Lawyers Guild. All of those arrested were students, he said.

During brief proceedings, the protesters appeared in small groups and were told that if they abide by any orders they receive from the university about their on-campus behavior, the charges will be dismissed by July 10,



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The MIT encampment was cleared early Friday. Later in the day, the only evidence that remained in the area of the protest was markings left by tents.

according to Middlesex Assistant District Attorney Anna Tailon.

The students were released from custody and met supporters outside the courtroom, where they were greeted with hugs and smiles.

In an interview, Feuer said the students were in leg irons while they were held in lockup. Several were barefoot, he said. Two of the students had their glasses taken away when they were arrested and only had them returned at the court after Feuer asked.

“All this for a trespassing charge,” he said.

The police sweep ended a nearly three-week occupation of a campus green by protesters who condemned Israeli’s war against Gaza, expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people, and called for MIT to cut research ties with the Israeli mili-

tary.

MIT’s protests, like those on campuses nationwide, gained momentum after the arrests at Columbia University of pro-Palestinian protesters about a month ago.

On Monday, an attempt by police to barricade and prevent students from entering the MIT encampment failed. Then, MIT cut off power to the encampment, and on Wednesday, the university began suspending pro-Palestinian student protesters.

With arrests Thursday and Friday, MIT joined Emerson College and Northeastern University as the third Boston-area college where police forcibly removed protesters from encampments.

An MIT alum named Kay who declined to provide her last name said she arrived at the camp at 4 a.m. to document the

police activity. She wept through a keffiyeh, a traditional Middle Eastern scarf, covering most of her face as she recounted watching officers tear down the tents.

“It’s very hard to watch [the police] destroy an entire community — all because MIT would not divest,” Kay said. “Why threaten students who aren’t resisting?”

Officers from Cambridge, MIT, and the State Police arrived on campus by midnight, and by 4 a.m. had assembled at the oval. A few minutes later, police told students they had 15 minutes to leave before they would begin to dismantle the site.

About 4:20 a.m., about 100 officers had encircled the encampment, blocking every entrance to the area near the Stratton Student Center and Kresge Auditorium as protesters near-

ly chanted, “Gaza has no food or water. Stop the killing, stop the slaughter.”

Officers began tearing down tents and arresting protesters at 4:25 a.m. About 20 officers moved through the encampment, while another 50 stood in front of the Kresge Auditorium. State Police assisted, but MIT officers made the arrests.

The sweep happened quickly and faced no resistance.

Officers led a few students out through the parking lot beside the auditorium, where several large buses and police vans were waiting.

Over the next hour, police removed tents, signs, and a field of Israeli flags amid chants from the steps to the student center and from the street.

By about 5:30 a.m., the campus was quiet again.

Later in the day at the protest outside Kornbluth’s home, a

number of MIT police officers guarded the front door and driveway while the students chanted:

“We are here with a very clear message for Sally and the rest of the administration: Drop the charges against students and our co-workers immediately!”

After about 15 minutes, the protesters left, promising: “We’ll be back.”

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Harvard protesters told they will be banned from campus

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where police early Friday morning cleared an encampment and arrested 10.

Similar scenes played out at campuses across the country over the last week; police also dismantled encampments early Friday at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Arizona.

University presidents are facing immense pressure from donors and conservative politicians to discipline students participating in pro-Palestinian advocacy, which critics say have contributed to a hostile environment on campus for Jewish students, and from faculty and staff, many of whom want college leaders to negotiate with students and find peaceful solutions.

College leaders are also concerned the encampments will disrupt commencement activities, since in many cases the demonstrations tend to be centrally located on campuses. In

April, police arrested about 200 protesters from encampments at Northeastern University and Emerson College, and some 130 protesters were arrested at the University of Massachusetts Amherst this week.

A spokesperson for Garber said he “regrets that the protesters have declined this opportunity by deciding to continue the encampment.”

Garber met with leaders of Harvard Out of Occupied Palestine on Wednesday evening after more than 350 faculty members signed an open letter calling on top administrators to meet with students. Since the protest began on April 24, the encampment has expanded into sections of Harvard Yard where graduation ceremonies are held. Harvard commencement activities begin on May 21.

Spokesperson Jonathan Swain said Garber “listened to the students’ perspectives on their concerns and goals.” He added the “conversation was not a negotiation of protesters’ demands.”

About 150 Harvard faculty members, alumni, students, and staffers signed a separate letter sent to Garber Thursday afternoon that said they “agree entirely with your statement that [the encampment] must end.”

Shortly after 1 a.m. Friday, Harvard Out of Occupied Palestine posted on Instagram that Garber said there would be mass suspensions if the encampment was not dismantled that night. If the tents came down immediately, Garber said, there would be opportunities for “more conversations,” the post said.

The protesters, however, did not acquiesce.

Elizabeth Ross, a Harvard graduate student who was suspended Friday morning, said at a press conference that student protesters presented Garber with four demands: Offer more transparency into university investments, phase out direct in-

vestments in weapons manufacturers, establish a center for Palestine studies, and reject donations from weapons manufacturers and those who have “harassed student protesters.”

“We told them we were willing to mutually work together on a reasonable timeline,” Ross said.

Lara Jirmanus, a physician, clinical instructor at Harvard Medical School, and member of the group Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine, told reporters Friday that one faculty and one staff member have also received disciplinary notices. Jirmanus, wearing her scrubs in solidarity with Gazan health workers, declined to provide further details.

“We have to be seriously thinking about how dangerous [a] precedent we are setting,” Jirmanus said of the suspensions, which she fears could “silence and threaten the future and the careers of these brave students that are really just trying to make sure we’re holding our democracy accountable.”

In his meeting with the protesters, which was also attended by Harvard College Dean Rakesh Khurana, and two faculty observers, Garber said Harvard “will not use the endowment as a political tool,” according to a spokesperson. He added the encampment “must end so that thousands of students can be recognized for their academic achievement at Harvard’s Commencement.”

“President Garber has made clear the University’s commitment to reasoned discussion of complex issues, including the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict,” Swain said. “However, as he said, ‘initiating these difficult and crucial conversations does not require, or justify, interfering with the educational environment and Harvard’s academic mission.’”

Garber on Friday also met in person on campus with Jona-



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Fifth year Harvard PhD candidate Elizabeth Ross hugged Harvard sophomore Kojo Acheampong after she spoke outside Harvard Yard. Both were suspended Friday.

than Greenblatt, president of the Anti-Defamation League, which has for months expressed concern about rising reports of antisemitism on college campuses. Greenblatt said they had a “very productive” discussion.

“We support the stance he has taken in indicating he will not negotiate with people in the encampment who are violating university code of conduct,” he said in a statement to the Globe. “We continue to look forward to working with Harvard as they will make sure that all students including Jewish and Israeli students feel valued and welcomed on campus.”

Shabbos Kestenbaum, a Harvard graduate student and one of six students suing the university for allegedly allowing a hostile environment for Jewish students to fester, said his experience as a Jewish student on campus since Oct. 7 has been “horrible.”

The suspension letters “are a natural outcome of their misbehavior,” he said. “Hopefully there will be an effort to combat antisemitism in a meaningful way.”

The protests here and around the country began in April, after more than 100 demonstrators were arrested at Columbia University. More than 2,800 protest-

ers have been arrested across the country since April 18, according to The New York Times.

The encampments represent an escalation of protests that began in the fall, after Hamas’s Oct. 7 attack on Israel that killed more than 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and claimed about 250 as hostages. Israel has conducted a retaliatory campaign in Gaza in which more than 34,000 people have died, according to Palestinian authorities, and has leveled broad swaths of the territory and pushed the territory to the brink of famine.

As an academic year dominated by conflict and controversy over the war and its fallout draws to a close, many students and faculty remain deeply troubled by their campus experiences. And at Harvard, it isn’t over yet.

“I think people are getting more and more anxious,” said Alison Frank Johnson, a history professor. “We all are 100 percent on board with [the idea that] universities don’t arrest their own students.”

Students rallying in Harvard Yard Friday afternoon unfurled banners from the windows of dormitories, and said they renamed the buildings in honor of

deceased Palestinians. A poster hanging from a tree read “Alan Garbage funds genocide,” with a drawing of a demonic-looking Garber sitting on a toilet, which many consider an antisemitic slur.

Kojo Acheampong, a sophomore studying computer science, was among those who were banned by Harvard Friday for refusing to leave the encampment.

He said some of his family members are upset about the suspension, but he was prepared as a student activist to face such consequences.

When asked if he is worried about being arrested — given what happened down the road at MIT overnight — Acheampong paused.

“I’m genuinely not worried,” he said, “because I know that we’re on the right side of history.”

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Turning pain into purpose



Ayanna Pressley and Denella James Clark are sisters in a sorority no one wants to join.

The congresswoman and the educator-activist are both women who have lost their mothers. Or, more precisely, women who have shared the experience of being principal caregivers to mothers who are terminally ill.

Pressley's mom, Sandy, died of leukemia in 2011; Clark's loss was more recent — her mother, Pastor Pearline James, died last year, from multiple myeloma.

As they supported each other in the process of grieving, Pressley and Clark thought of the many people — especially the many women — who act as caregivers to their loved ones in the final stages of their lives.

So this Mother's Day Weekend they are launching the Pressley-James Lovin' Gestures Fund, which will provide financial help to people providing care to terminally ill close relatives.

"This is really turning our pain into purpose," Pressley said. "It's taking our pain and turning it into something."

Pressley noted that more and more Americans are facing the prospect of caring for people close to them.

"At some point we'll need to be cared for or we'll care for someone," she noted. "Denella and I both count our mothers as the most formidable influences in our life. We lost them both to cancer."

Clark is CEO of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation, in which role she's raised millions of dollars for the performing arts high school in the Fenway. So maybe it isn't surprising that one of her strategies for coping with loss would be to set up a nonprofit.

Pressley and Clark are both powerful personalities who have been friends for years. They knew each other's mothers. And though they lost them more than a decade apart, they walked through both tragedies together.

"Ayanna would be on the floor of Congress all day and calling me at night because she knew the journey I was on," Clark said.

Pressley stressed that the fund is completely separate from her activities as an elected official, and that she will not be directly involved in any fund-raising.

But the plan for the fund is that it will give small grants to caregivers, which might be used for anything from helping with household expenses to paying for a spa day to ease some stress. All of which they hope to do with a minimum of bureaucracy or red tape.

To that end, the grantmaking is to be administered by the philanthropic organization Give Black Alliance, headed by Bithiah Carter.

Carter told me it's significant that two Black women came up with the idea of this venture. It's a recognition of the heavy load Black women often bear in support of their families.

"When we think about women and caregiving, it's like that's almost what we're just expected to do," Carter said. "But we're human, and we don't always have to be so strong. We have needs too. This fund is acknowledging that."

Clark and Pressley said they hope to raise \$250,000 for the fund by the end of the year. An advisory board, yet to be assembled, will select recipients and Give Black will make the grants. The program will be local in scope, at least for the time being.

"We're all members of this club of having no mothers," Carter said. "This is a wonderful example of our community creating a legacy we can all be proud of."

Pressley said the program won't be targeted to people at any particular income level.

"It won't be means-tested, because caregiving is one issue that does not discriminate," she said.

Both Clark and Pressley emphasized that caring for their terminally ill mothers wasn't primarily a burden; it was a privilege too — a chance to repay love and caring with love and caring. That's not to say that help wasn't welcome.

Pressley said she was inspired to do this, in part, by the way she saw communities rally to look after one another in the early days of the pandemic, organizing food drives and checking on neighbors.

"That said that even though people had struggles, they really wanted to care for their neighbors," she said. "We're just putting some infrastructure to it."

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Center stage at Somerville Porchfest: Guster

By Spencer Buell
GLOBE STAFF

Dave Rothfarb has played Somerville Porchfest many times over the years, so he knows the drill.

As soon as the city opened up registration for the annual festival — for which crowds roam the streets watching amateur musicians perform, for free, from their porches, driveways, and lawns — he put his Aberdeen Road apartment on the list.

His band drew a respectable crowd when it performed there last

Thinking it would be 'a fun thing to do,' indie band returns to play in neighborhood

year, and he was expecting the same this time around for his new project, a '90s and 2000s rock cover band called the Mixtape Misfits.

Then he got an email, with quite the proposition.

It came from someone claiming to be the manager for Guster, the Boston-bred gold record-winning indie rock band behind hits such as "Satel-

lite" and "Amsterdam."

Would he mind, the purported manager asked, if Guster played on his porch, too?

At first, he didn't buy it.

"My first impression was, like, this has gotta be a scam," said Rothfarb, a self-professed Guster fan who's seen them live several times. "But there were no suspicious links or anything."

Eventually, convinced the offer was legit, he agreed. Both bands agreed to keep the appearance to themselves for a while, to avoid generating too much buzz too far in advance.

Now, the secret's out.

Guster, the band announced this week, will in fact be taking the stage (well, porch) at 12 Aberdeen Road in Somerville, for a short set from 3:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The Mixtape Misfits will open, starting at 2 p.m.

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IN GOOD HANDS



SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF

Gautam Desai had some quality grandfather time with his 4-month-old granddaughter, Mila, at Carson Beach this week.

University of Vermont protest ends abruptly but peacefully

By Kevin Cullen
GLOBE STAFF

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The pro-Palestinian encampment on a small green adjacent to the student center at the University of Vermont disappeared this week almost as quickly as it appeared two weeks earlier, with little fanfare, and no arrests.

Like universities including Tufts and Brown, the UVM protesters left under their own volition, without being ousted by police as they recently were on campuses including the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, MIT in Cambridge, and Northeastern University in Boston.

The anticlimactic end mirrored what happened two days earlier at Vermont's Middlebury College, where students voluntarily removed tents after negotiating an agreement with college administrators.

In Burlington, protesters said they had no such agreement and instead dismantled their encampment as a "strategic decision," according to a statement Wednesday by UVM Students for Justice in Palestine, an organizer of the protest.

"While the encampment served as an immensely useful tactical escalation, the time has now come for us to pivot our energy," the statement said.

The protesters claimed victory



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Students attended a rally last week at the University of Vermont. The pro-Palestinian encampment there ended this week.

on two key demands of the administration: To disclose some details about how it invests its \$840 million endowment and to cancel this year's commencement speaker.

US ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield had been scheduled to speak at spring commencement ceremonies, but protesters argued that Thomas-Greenfield was an inappropriate choice because she had voted against UN resolutions calling for a cease-fire in Gaza.

The administration apparently did not bend on the protesters' oth-

er demands to divest from Israeli businesses and those with links to Israel, amnesty for student protesters who allegedly broke university rules, and to cut ties with Israeli academic institutions.

The group described the university's disclosure about investments as "limited," and pledged to continue to pressure UVM for full disclosure.

"We have demonstrated that power lies with the people," the group said.

While students took the encamp-

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State does not renew Wellpath contract

Cuts ties with controversial prison health care company

By Adam Piore
GLOBE STAFF

Massachusetts has decided not to renew its contract with Wellpath LLC, the controversial private equity-owned health care company that has provided medical services in the state's prisons for the last six years, the Massachusetts Department of Correction announced Friday.

The decision follows Globe reporting that highlighted persistent accusations of inadequate care and staffing in the state's prisons.

Instead, the department awarded a new five-year contract worth about \$770 million to VitalCore Health Strategies to provide health care services to the roughly 6,000 people incarcerated in the state's 10 correctional facilities. The Topeka, Kan.-based for-profit currently serves 80,000 incarcerated individuals in 136 facilities across 17 states.

"In correctional settings, the success of the rehabilitative mission relies on a system's ability to provide quality and compassionate care," Terrence Reidy, secretary of Public Safety and Security, said in a press release announcing the decision. "The Massachusetts Department of Correction's new partnership with VitalCore reflects their deep commitment to delivering holistic health care to incarcerated individuals."

The decision follows a concerted lobbying campaign by prisoner-rights advocates and the state's two US senators, who spent much of the bidding period highlighting Wellpath's troubling record. Critics have accused the company of, among other things, outright denials of care and inappropriate use of restraints and solitary confinement for people with mental health needs.

The lobbying campaign included a rally outside the State House during which former prisoners shared their stories and accused Wellpath LLC, owned by the private equity firm H.I.G., of denying them needed care. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, meanwhile, wrote a pair of letters to Wellpath

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Suspect indicted

An Oklahoma man has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston for allegedly throwing a pipe bomb onto the porch of the Satanic Temple in Salem last month. B2

Canton homeowners in Read trial take the stand

By Travis Andersen and Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

DEDHAM — Brian and Nicole Albert, who owned the Canton home where John O'Keefe was left outside in a blizzard in January 2022, testified Friday that O'Keefe had never come inside the house and that they only learned he had died when Nicole's sister burst through their bedroom door with the news.

"She was very upset," Brian Albert, a former Boston police officer, said of his sister-in-law, Jennifer McCabe. "Almost hysterical. She said something to the effect [of], 'John is dead.'"

Alberts both testify that Read and John O'Keefe 'never entered my house'

As the second week of the murder trial of Karen Read concluded in Norfolk Superior Court, the Alberts testified that while many friends and family members came back to their home on Fairview Road after gathering at a local bar, O'Keefe and Read did not, contradicting a central claim by Read's defense team.

"They never came into my home," Nicole Albert said.

Prosecutors allege that Read dropped O'Keefe, her boyfriend and a

Boston police officer, off at the house and then intentionally and drunkenly backed her SUV into him at high speed, knocking him to the ground before driving away and leaving him for dead. But Read's lawyers contend that O'Keefe was beaten inside the home after Read left before his body was dumped at the edge of the road.

On Friday, the Alberts told jurors they had gathered with friends and family at the Waterfall Bar & Grille on the night of Jan. 28, 2022.

Brian Albert testified that he and a friend, Brian Higgins, met earlier at a Canton bar called the Hillside, where they "had a drink and hung out" for a while before Nicole Albert told him that a group was at the Waterfall and invited him to come by.

Albert said he never recalled working directly with O'Keefe at the Boston Police Department, which at any given time has upwards of 2,000 sworn officers. Albert has since retired from the department.

"I knew him to be a friend of my brother Kevin's" and other relatives, he said. Brian Albert said he also

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A BRIDGE TOO LOW

A tractor-trailer got stuck under a bridge heading towards Storrow Drive in the early morning Friday, closing off the entrance for hours. The cargo had to be unloaded to another truck before it could be moved.



JFK mortgage note among items in auction

Had deal to pay father \$50,000 for Cape house

By Ava Berger
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

A mortgage note between John F. Kennedy and his father, Joseph P. Kennedy, for the former president's "Summer White House" on Cape Cod, is up for auction, according to Boston-based RR Auction.

"I promise to pay Joseph P. Kennedy of North Ocean Boulevard, Palm Beach, Florida, or order, the principal sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars, without interest," the one-page note reads.

In the note, signed on Jan. 2, 1957, the younger Kennedy agrees to pay his father back within five years for the purchase of a home on Irving Avenue in Hyannisport. During Kennedy's presidency, the home would be known as the "Summer White House."

The 9-bed, 6.5-bath home was built in 1925 and is now appraised at around \$3.7 million, according to Barnstable assessing records.

Kennedy spent much of his childhood at his parents' summer cottage in Hyannisport, according to RR Auction's description of the mortgage note. The Irving Avenue home is two doors down from that cottage.

Less than nine months after Kennedy signed the mortgage note, a handwritten note at the bottom of the document was added with the words, "Paid in Full," along with an unknown signature, according to Bobby Livingston, executive vice president at RR Auction.

"The old man got his money back," Livingston said.

The note is among more than 40 pieces of Kennedy memorabilia up for auction and is "drawing lots of attention," he said.

"John F. Kennedy, Jacqueline Kennedy, they were as close to a royal family that we had in

America," Livingston said. "To have the young president murdered with his beautiful wife next to him, it's just one of those emotional connections that people want to possess things that belonged to the president and Mrs. Kennedy."

The other items include signed photographs, a family-signed book, a cake knife from Kennedy's inaugural celebration, and original pages from his Peace Corps legislation, according to RR Auction.

Bidding on the items began April 26 and ends May 15, Livingston said. On Friday morning, the mortgage note had 14 bids, with the highest at \$3,999.

RR Auction has had "specialty Kennedy" memorabilia before, including Kennedy's diary from 1945 to 1946 which sold for more than \$700,000 in 2017, according to RR auction's website.

The mortgage note and other Kennedy items were given to RR Auction by multiple private collectors, Livingston said. Still

stapled to the original blue legal folder, the document is in "great condition," Livingston said.

At the time of the loan, Kennedy was serving in the Senate, three years before he launched a successful campaign for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination. His father, then 68, had been a movie mogul in Hollywood and started a liquor import business, according to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum's website.

The note "shows a fascinating dynamic" between the two men, and a "little mystery," Livingston said.

"Joe Kennedy was one of the richest men in the world at this point," Livingston said. "It's interesting to me that his father didn't just buy the house and wanted an actual signed note saying 'I'm gonna pay you back.'"

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Okla. man indicted for allegedly throwing pipe bomb in Salem

By Tonya Alanez
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An Oklahoma man has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Boston and will be brought to Massachusetts to face charges for allegedly throwing a pipe bomb onto the porch of the Satanic Temple in Salem last month, acting US Attorney Joshua S. Levy's office said Friday.

Sean Patrick Palmer, 49, was arrested in his home state on April 17. He has been detained since making an appearance in federal court in the Western District of Oklahoma. The judge there ordered Palmer's transfer to Massachusetts. A hearing for Palmer has not yet been scheduled in the US District Court in Boston.

The federal grand jury handed up its indictment Thursday charging Palmer, of Perkins, Okla., with one felony count of using an explosive to cause damage to a building used in interstate or foreign commerce.

According to court records, Palmer has not yet hired or been assigned an attorney.

The homemade explosive device was thrown at the Bridge Street building around 4:15 a.m. on April 8. No one was there at the time, police said.

A six-page handwritten note addressed "Dear Satanist" was

found in a nearby flower bed. It repeatedly referred to Elohim, a Hebrew name for God.

"Elohim now send me to smite Satan and I happy to obey," the note said. "And Elohim want me to contact you to tell you repent. Turn from sin. Elohim no like this place and plan to destroy it."

The device, made from a plastic pipe filled with a powder-like substance and covered in metal nails, fizzled out and scorched the front of the building that operates as a temple, headquarters, and an art gallery, according to the complaint. Investigators found DNA from a Caucasian male on the bomb.

Security cameras on the property captured images of a man wearing black pants, a black jacket, a black covering on his face, a tan-colored tactical vest, and gloves. The man can be seen igniting the bomb, throwing it toward the main entrance, and running away, the complaint said.

If convicted as charged, Palmer faces between five and 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000, Levy's office said.

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Bill Belichick adds to his roster of Nantucket homes

By Emily Sweeney
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Former New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick has long made himself home on Nantucket, and he recently acquired another house on the island.

Belichick closed on a \$4.8 million home on Fair Street on Wednesday, according to the Nantucket Current.

The downtown property was purchased by a limited liability company registered to William S. Belichick of Hingham, the Current reported.

According to town assessor records, the 2,854-square-foot single-family home was built in 1983.

Belichick typically spends the offseason at his compound in Sconset, on the eastern shore of the island. It's also where he was hunkered down during the 2020 NFL draft, when everyone had to work remotely because of the pandemic.

Belichick once said that throughout all his moves in the NFL — which included stints in Detroit, Denver, New York, and Cleveland — Nantucket was the

place he always came back to.

"But at the end of every one of those years I was here," Belichick said in a 2017 interview with N Magazine. "Nantucket has always been a constant."

Judging by this recent real estate purchase, Belichick's fondness for the island hasn't wavered.

"The island is spectacular," Belichick told N Magazine. "The people are great, fishing, bike paths, the lighthouses, the beach, the history — I mean it's got it all."

The home on Fair Street last sold for \$3.8 million in 2021.

A previous listing of the property on Fisher Real Estate's website includes more details about the home.

The home has a modern chef's kitchen with custom cabinets, cloud vein cut limestone countertops and top-of-the-line Sub-Zero, Wolf, and Bosch appliances, the listing states.

Upstairs there are three bedrooms and two full bathrooms.

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This day in history

Today is Friday, May 11, the 132nd day of 2024. There are 234 days left in the year.

► Birthdays: Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is 91. Rock singer Eric Burdon (the Animals; War) is 83. Actor Pam Ferris is 76. Former White House chief of staff John F. Kelly is 74. Actor Shohreh Aghdashloo is 72. Actor Frances Fisher is 72. Sports columnist Mike Lupica is 72. Actor Boyd Gaines is 71. Actor and former MTV VJ Martha Quinn is 65. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 60. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 56. Actor Nicky Katt is 54. Actor-singer Jonathan Jackson is 42. Rapper Ace Hood is 36. Latin singer Prince Royce is 35. Actor Annabelle Attanasio (TV: "Bull") is 31. Musician Howard Lawrence (Disclosure) is 30.
► In 1647, Peter Stuyvesant ar-

rived in New Amsterdam to become governor of New Netherland.

► In 1858, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

► In 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded during a banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

► In 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs.

► In 1946, the first CARE packages, sent by a consortium of American charities to provide relief to the hungry of postwar Europe, arrived at Le Havre, France.

► In 1953, a tornado devastated Waco, Texas, claiming 114 lives.

► In 1960, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires.

► In 1973, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

► In 1981, legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36 of acral lentiginous melanoma, a skin cancer that is rare but the most common type found among people of color.

► In 1996, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

► In 2010, Conservative leader David Cameron, at age 43, became Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years after Gordon Brown stepped

down and ended 13 years of Labour government.

► In 2020, Twitter announced that it would add a warning label to tweets containing disputed or misleading information about the coronavirus.

► In 2022, the Senate fell far short in a rushed effort toward enshrining Roe v. Wade abortion access as federal law, blocked by a Republican filibuster. The move came after a draft report from the Supreme Court overturning the 50-year-old ruling. (The 6-3 decision would be issued essentially as drafted the following month.)

► In 2023, Manhattan prosecutors said they would bring criminal charges against a man accused of using a deadly chokehold on an unruly passenger aboard a New York City subway train.

Lottery

FRIDAY MIDDAY 8-6-0-2

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EXACT ORDER
All 4 digits \$6,219
First or last 3 \$871
Any 2 digits \$75
Any 1 digit \$7

ANY ORDER
All 4 digits \$259
First 3 \$145
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Rhode Island **2899**

Judge won't reconvene jury after disputed verdict in N.H. abuse case

By Holly Ramer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. — The judge who oversaw a landmark trial over abuse at New Hampshire's youth detention center won't reconvene the jury but says he will consider other options to address the disputed \$38 million verdict.

David Meehan, who alleged he was repeatedly raped, beaten, and held in solitary confinement at the Youth Development Center in the 1990s, was awarded \$18 million in compensatory damages and \$20 million in enhanced damages on May 3. But the attorney general's office is seeking to reduce the award under a state law that allows claimants against the state to recover a maximum of \$475,000 per "incident."

Meehan's lawyers asked Judge Andrew Schulman on Tuesday to reconvene and poll the jury, arguing that multiple emails they received from distraught jurors showed that they misunderstood a question on the verdict form about the number of incidents for which the state was liable. But Schul-

man said Wednesday that recalling the jury would be inappropriate given that jurors have been exposed to "intense publicity and criticism of their verdict."

Jurors were unaware of the state law that caps damages at \$475,000 per incident. When asked on the verdict form how many incidents they found Meehan had proven, they wrote "one," but one juror has since told Meehan's lawyers that they meant "'one' incident/case of complex PTSD, as the result of 100+ episodes of abuse (physical, sexual, and emotional) that he sustained at the hands of the State's neglect and abuse of their own power."

Schulman, who plans to elaborate in a longer order, acknowledged that "the finding of 'one incident' was contrary to the weight of the evidence" and said he would entertain motions to set aside the verdict or order a new trial. But he said a better option might be a practice described in a 1985 New Hampshire Supreme Court order. In that case, the court found that a trial judge could

add damages to the original amount awarded by the jury if a defendant waives a new trial.

Meehan, 42, went to police in 2017 and sued the state three years later. Since then, 11 former state workers have been arrested, and more than 1,100 other former residents of what is now called the Sununu Youth Services Center have filed lawsuits alleging physical, sexual, and emotional abuse spanning six decades. Charges against one former worker, Frank Davis, were dropped Tuesday after the 82-year-old was found incompetent to stand trial.

Meehan's lawsuit was the first to go to trial. Over four weeks, his attorneys contended that the state encouraged a culture of abuse marked by pervasive brutality, corruption, and a code of silence.

The state portrayed Meehan as a violent child, troublemaking teenager, and delusional adult lying to get money. Defense attorneys also said the state was not liable for the conduct of rogue employees and that Meehan waited too long to sue.



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DUG IN — Adelaide Cusack, 6, sat in a hole in the sand at Carson Beach during an unseasonably warm afternoon earlier this week.

Everett soccer stadium bill clears first committee at State House

By Alison Kuznitz
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Legislation paving the way for a soccer stadium in Everett scored a favorable committee report, and while the bill's hometown sponsor is revved up about "getting everything going," the bill appears to be on the Senate backburner for at least this month.

Senator Sal DiDomenico's bill, which seeks to change the designation for a blighted land parcel along the Mystic River, advanced out of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies on April 25, about three weeks after its public hearing, and was shipped to the Senate Ways and Means Committee.

The land, currently occupied by a defunct power plant, is seen as a potential future home of Robert Kraft's New England Revolution, the Major League Soccer team that currently plays at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough.

Asked whether Senate Ways and Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues supports the bill and of any plans for the legislation, a spokesman indicated there's no immediate time window to take up the issue.

"The bill is currently being reviewed by Senate Ways and Means staff, but as the Committee's top priority is processing the expected 1,000+ amendments next week, and then preparing for the FY25 budget debate the following week, there's no timeline currently for further action on this legislation," Rodrigues spokesman Sean Fitzgerald said in a statement.

The House and Senate have previously endorsed language meant to spark stadium construction.

DiDomenico's bill looks to remove a 43-acre land parcel, situated partly in Boston and Everett, from its "designated port area" status "for the purpose of converting the parcel into a professional soccer stadium and a waterfront park." If approved, the bill would launch a multi-year permitting effort, including

transportation and environmental reviews from the state, on top of local zoning approval.

DiDomenico, an Everett Democrat, described the bill as a priority this week.

"We're actually working on right now trying to figure out timing out of it," DiDomenico said. "I know that I'm pushing hard for it. It's a bill that we want to see get done this session so we can start the process of getting the public engagement going and getting everything going."

Asked whether he's discussed the bill with Rodrigues, DiDomenico said, "I'm talking to everybody."

"This bill is similar to what we passed in the past," DiDomenico said. "Obviously, trying to find some space for it with the busy schedule that we have, and we have bond bills coming up too, so we're also trying to find a good time to do this."

Representative Jerry Parisella, co-chair of the Economic Development Committee, said the panel unanimously reported out the bill without making any revisions.

During an early April hearing, Parisella sought to ensure that surrounding communities, including Boston, would be included in planning conversations surrounding the potential stadium.

Parisella, a Democrat from Beverly, on Wednesday suggested lawmakers may need to explicitly outline that community input in a final version of the bill, though he emphasized municipalities would already have the opportunity to weigh in during the state's environmental review process. A spokesman for Boston Mayor Michelle Wu did not respond to a request for comment about the bill's favorable report.

"I think there might be some misconception that if this bill passes, suddenly there's a soccer stadium in Everett. There's still a long way for that to happen, including a pretty extensive environmental review," Parisella told the News Service. "It is a severe-

ly contaminated site, and from what I understand, there's limited options for development there, so it's possible this could be cleaned up and turned into a useful site."

Maggie Sullivan, senior attorney at the Conservation Law Foundation, has said the group opposes DiDomenico's bill and is concerned that removing the DPA status could harm the state's clean energy goals. At the hearing, Sullivan called "spot zoning," or creating zoning carveouts for a specific land parcel or developer, "bad planning."

Parisella said there's precedent to removing a DPA status, as he cited a successful waterfront restaurant in Beverly that was approved after a lengthy court battle.

Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria called CLF's accusation of spot zoning "totally wrong." Redeveloping part of the property could generate new tax revenues for Everett and bolster public transportation linking the city to Boston, DeMaria told the News Service Thursday.

"It's not spot zoning — it's actually allowing the community to be able to prosper," DeMaria said. "I think you have a lot of support on Beacon Hill. I think a lot of the leaders, and those in leadership on both sides, recognize and realize this is a parcel that has been shuttered, underutilized, blighted, contaminated, and needs to be redeveloped."

The land parcel under consideration, located across from Encore Boston Harbor, was purchased by Wynn Resorts several years ago. Chris Gordon, president of the company's development arm, told lawmakers he's unsure what will happen to the property without the zoning designation change.

"We have no plans to develop it. We have no plans to remediate it, and we do not plan to invest any more money," Gordon said at the hearing. "It is likely to sit there idle for years to come, blocking the economic development and reputational benefits that Everett has long pursued."

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Lawmakers eye post-election immigration shift

By Sam Doran

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Republican or Democrat, Beacon Hill lawmakers hoping for an assist from Washington on the ongoing migrant crisis are fixing their gaze on the other side of Election Day, with one Senate Republican saying he sees “a lot of election year politics” at play.

The federal government has thus far not provided immigration reforms or monetary aid to ease the burden on state government as Massachusetts and other states continue to house thousands of migrants in shelters and overflow sites.

Senate Ways and Means Chairman Michael Rodrigues, asked this week about the feds

stepping up to help Massachusetts with migrant funding, pointed ahead to the Nov. 5 election, now less than six months away.

“So we are hoping that post-election, the federal government will come to their senses. The fact that immigration is an issue controlled by the federal government, the fact that all of these legal asylum-seeking migrants came to Massachusetts is a result of federal policy. And we really think that the feds need to step up and support the policies that they implement,” Rodrigues, a Democrat from Westport, told reporters at a budget press briefing.

Republican Senator Peter Durant of Spencer thinks the

prevailing optimism about looking past November is less about who wins the White House or controls Congress than it is about putting campaign season in the rearview mirror.

“Well, I certainly think that there’s something to be said for the fact that it is a wedge issue. And that both sides have, let’s say, an incentive to go in the direction that they want to go in for November. And so, yeah, I think we’re looking at a lot of election-year politics,” Durant told the News Service on Thursday.

President Biden, along with Governor Maura Healey and other Beacon Hill leaders were in unison in February calling

for passage of a border security and immigration reform bill in the US Senate. The bill was blocked by an alliance of Senate Republicans and five progressive Democrats, including the Bay State’s two voices in the room, US senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey.

House Speaker Ronald Marano said in April that “we’re going to be stuck where we are today” barring some action in Washington like “a change in attitude in the Congress.”

“Either they shut the border down and make some adjustments of the border, or find us some money to help pay for this. It’s pretty simple,” the speaker told reporters last month.

State cuts ties with controversial prison health care company

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demanding the company respond to accusations that it was putting profits before prisoners.

Wellpath declined a request for comment on Friday. And VitalCore Health Strategies CEO Viola Riggan declined a request for an interview. In a statement, she suggested her company would do a better job.

“Our mission is to prioritize the dignity and health of all under custodial care by delivering the highest standards of quality medical and behavioral health care, guided by evidence-based and trauma-informed best practices that result in positive clinical experiences for incarcerated patients,” she wrote. “We share the same goals as the DOC to provide quality patient care, and we will demonstrate our passion for this work in our daily services.”

For now, some of Wellpath’s critics seemed inclined to give their replacement the benefit of the doubt.

“This new contractor selection reflects the Healey administration’s commitment to improve health care for people in state custody,” Warren said in a statement. “I’ll continue to monitor the performance of this new provider to ensure accountability.”

But some prisoner rights advocates were less enthusiastic.

“We hope that VitalCore can fill some of the critical gaps that we have seen under Wellpath, including delays in care, difficulty accessing off-site specialists, and chronic understaffing,” said Michael Horrell, director of the Healthcare and Disability Project at Prisoners’ Legal Services of Massachusetts. “But as long as we continue providing health care behind prison walls separate from integrated systems of care in the broader community, we will likely continue to see poor health outcomes for our aging incarcerated population.”

Marc Stern, an expert on prison health care and a professor at the University of Washington School of Public Health, said Wellpath and VitalCore are “more alike than they are different.”

“They’re all for-profits, which means their primary obligation is to shareholders,” said Stern, a correctional physician, whose former posts include regional medical director for the New York State Department of Corrections, and medical director for the Washington State Department of Corrections. “That doesn’t necessarily mean that they don’t care about patients, but they have an obligation to their shareholders.”

Wellpath’s tenure was marred by controversy. In November 2020, after documenting problems at prisons around the state, the state’s US attorney and the US Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division accused the Department of Correction and Wellpath of exposing

prisoners experiencing a mental health crisis “to conditions that harm them or place them at serious risk of harm.”

Reports from disability and prisoner advocates followed. In one survey of inmates in Massachusetts, 79 percent of respondents said they had a medical condition ignored by the staff and 80 percent complained of delayed care. In March, the Disability Law Center issued a report highlighting problems at Bridgewater State Hospital, the Department of Correction’s mental health hospital. Patients there, it said, experienced routine violence, were forced to breathe air contaminated with mold, and were illegally subjected to forced injections as a form of restraint.

Whether the quality of care improves under the new company will depend both on how the contract is written and the level of commitment those tapped to lead VitalCore’s efforts in Massachusetts feel toward the prisoners under their care, Stern said. Though data is limited, studies suggest that the amount of money allocated by states to pay for prison health care is less than would be paid out by Medicaid, “which is not the Cadillac of health care by any means,” said Stern. The profits taken by private contractors further reduce the pie.

VitalCore, which has approximately 2,200 employees and annual revenues of about \$300 million, also has a troubled record.

In 2021, Disability Rights Mississippi filed a federal lawsuit against VitalCore, the Department of Corrections and its commissioner, Burl Cain, on behalf of 31 incarcerated men and women in the state’s prisons alleging they had been denied treatment, medication, and medical equipment

Polly Tribble, executive director of Disability Rights Mississippi, said some patients were denied needed psychiatric medications and cited the case of a prisoner with an amputation who was denied care when the stump of his amputated leg became infected and he could no longer use his prosthetic leg.

A separate Delaware lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union alleges that the state’s former health services provider, Centene, hired unlicensed individuals to serve as nurses and deliberately understaffed the system to increase the profitability of its contract with the state. It accuses VitalCore, which took over, of failing to fix those problems.

“We acknowledge that we have gone into two states with pending litigation and are assisting them mitigating those issues,” Riggan said in a statement to the Globe.

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University of Vermont encampment ends

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ment down on the same day that the university scheduled disciplinary hearings for some student protesters, Adam White, a UVM spokesman, suggested the decision to end the protest rested with students alone.

“UVM strongly supports freedom of expression,” White said. “Though student demonstrators have not communicated their intentions to the administration, the university appreciates that students have made efforts to bring their demonstration closer to compliance with university policies.”

He declined to discuss how many students faced disciplinary hearings, and what they were charged with, saying, “Federal privacy rules prevent us from commenting on specific student conduct proceedings.”

In an interview a day before the encampment ended, James O’Malley, a UVM junior from Concord, said he was one of about roughly 20 students who had received notices to appear for disciplinary hearings connected to an encampment that at one point consisted of some 90 tents and 150 protesters.

O’Malley, 21, said those who received notices were accused of a variety of charges of violating university rules, including not producing their IDs when asked by campus police, trespassing, and inappropriate use of university grounds.

“It’s very arbitrary,” O’Malley said, noting that only a fraction of students who took part in the protest received disciplinary notices. “It seems very vindictive.”

Still, he said that when school officials talked to protesters at the encampment throughout the protest, the officials made it clear they did not want it to end with police breaking up the camp. Neither did the protesters, he said.

O’Malley considered the encampment a success, as the protest attracted support from organized labor, university staff and faculty, and elected officials who called on the university to grant amnesty to protesters



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Protesters (seen last week) claimed victory on two of their demands of the administration.

charged with violating university rules.

While university officials would not comment on their strategy in dealing with the encampment, such widespread political support for the protesters would likely figure into it.

There is a large, established Palestinian support network in the Burlington area, and Palestinian flags were common here long before the UVM encampment sprang up.

Wafic Faour, a Palestinian-American activist and organizer in Vermont, visited the encampment to encourage the students and remind them that they, like students before them who protested on issues like civil rights and the Vietnam War, are “on the right side of history.”

Vermont’s lieutenant governor, David Zuckerman, and 20 state lawmakers signed a letter last week urging UVM “not to engage in any police actions or disciplinary measures with peaceful protesters calling for action.” Five members of the Burlington City Council, all members of the Progressive Party, also issued a letter last week, saying they supported the student protest. The letter urged the university “to consider their ‘demands/requests’ seriously.”

While student protesters claimed victory, and university officials breathed a sigh of relief

that the encampment ended without scenes of disorder, many Jewish students on campus disputed that the protest was peaceful and respectful, saying it fostered antagonism toward them.

Halle Sisenwine, 22, a senior from Newton, said some of her friends had purposely not worn jewelry or clothing that would have identified themselves as Jewish.

Sisenwine said she tried to engage with some student protesters, and at one point was shoved violently by a woman who came from the encampment and confronted her.

“The people I talked to refused to listen to someone with a different opinion,” she said, adding that when she told Palestinian supporters that an Israeli friend, Yannai Kaminka, was killed by Hamas during the Oct. 7 attack on Israel, “they said he deserved it because he was in the IDF,” the Israel Defense Forces.

Sisenwine said UVM officials should have taken down the encampment as soon as it appeared, as officials at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire did.

“This camp was not as peaceful as they say it was,” she said.

Jewish students said the university’s hands-off approach to the encampment, and concessions made on the commencement speaker and financial dis-

closures, is part of an appeasement strategy that leaves them feeling vulnerable and not supported.

Tensions on campus predate the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas, and Israel’s subsequent attack on Gaza.

Last year, a federal investigation found that UVM did not take acts of antisemitism on campus seriously enough.

Pro-Palestinian students, meanwhile, complained that, weeks after the Oct. 7 Hamas attack, UVM president Suresh Garimella canceled a campus lecture by Mohammed El-Kurd, a Palestinian poet and activist. The shooting near campus of three Palestinian college students who were visiting Burlington for Thanksgiving heightened tensions.

Striking a balance between ensuring that pro-Palestinian students feel heard, and ensuring that Jewish students feel safe, has been difficult.

Last week, Garimella issued a statement saying, “There is no room at UVM for antisemitism, Islamophobia or any discrimination based on race, national origin or ancestry.”

UVM officials are now hoping commencement goes off smoothly next week, without more protests.

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Guster returns to old neighborhood to play Somerville Porchfest

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Guster, whose members met in 1991 while students at Tufts, didn’t choose the location at random. They lived just down the road, at 33 Aberdeen Road, in the 1990s, while they were beginning to make a name for themselves in the indie rock scene. (On Facebook this week, band members shared an old video that shows them hurling a couch off their old apartment’s porch).

Guster singer Ryan Miller, reached by phone Thursday, said the band’s members have always looked back at the three years they lived in Somerville fondly.

“Those were sort of like the fundamental, formative years of the band outside of college, when we were really just full time just being a band,” he said. “It’s very much part of our history, that street and that house.”

In their Aberdeen Road apartment — a four-bedroom that cost \$1600 back then — they lived and worked together full time, parked their touring van out front, and wrote much of their landmark album “Lost and Gone Forever” in its living

room.

They have since moved to spots around New England and New York, although their management office is still located just outside Davis Square.

Miller said he’s been kicking around the idea of playing Porchfest for years, and looks forward to roaming the streets with everyone else ahead of his band’s set.

“I’ve been hearing about Porchfest forever, and we had always kind of thought that this would be a fun thing to do if we could ever work it out,” he said. “I’ve never actually been to one, but I’m excited to check it out and run around.”

The appearance comes just in time to promote the band’s new album “Ooh La La,” its first in five years, which is out May 17. It comes less than two months after the band played to a packed house at the 5,000-seat MGM Fenway, a concert that included an off-Broadway style production that chronicled the group’s path to stardom.

It’ll be a more dialed down affair on Saturday. In keeping with the event’s DIY spirit, Rothfarb said the band isn’t bringing a



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Guster is returning to the neighborhood where they lived while students at Tufts and began their road to fame.

bunch of fancy equipment, and will simply perform using the Mixtape Misfits’ guitars, drums, and speakers.

“They don’t want to make it a big deal with a huge PA system or anything like that,” he said. “They want to keep it relatively chill.”

How chill it will be remains to be seen.

Aberdeen Road is not a particularly large street — especially for a band that has played

around the world, and which each summer hosts and headlines a three-day music festival in Portland, Maine. The band’s next stop on its US tour this year, two days after it plays Porchfest, is Carnegie Hall.

So Rothfarb said he is planning ahead, and this year secured a permit to close off the street to traffic for the show, to make sure there’s as much car-free standing room as possible.

Somerville officials appear to

have learned the news at the same time as Guster’s fans. The city “became aware yesterday that we have such a high-profile band signed up for Porchfest,” city spokesperson Denise Taylor said Wednesday, adding that they are working with the police “to develop a plan to make sure everyone is safe.”

Guster has a history of doing pop-up shows in unusual locations. When the band celebrated “Guster Day,” an official honor bestowed by then-Mayor Martin Walsh, it held impromptu busking concerts in places such as outside Twin Donuts in Allston and in the middle of Harvard Square (joined, of course, by Keytar Bear).

Every now and then, on their days off, the members do “dumpster sets,” wherein they set up in front of a random dumpster in a city, then tweet out the coordinates to fans, and then play for whoever shows up in time to see them.

This time, said Miller, “I thought we were just going to do it and not tell anyone, which is what we normally do,” Miller said. “I guess I was outvoted.”

The Somerville Arts Council,

which puts on the festival, was thrilled — if a little shocked — to learn of the surprise appearance. Rachel Strutt, its program manager, said Guster is the best-known band she can ever remember seeing on the Porchfest lineup.

“We’re honored and excited that a band as big as Guster wants to play here,” she said.

This year Strutt said organizers are expecting a record 400 bands will participate, in a lineup that will include a blend of purely home-grown talent, as well as appearances from some more established artists in the area, Berklee students, and others hoping to play for large audiences of strangers. She pointed out that one of them, a band called Pond Scum, has embraced the annual event so much the group released a live album recorded at last year’s festival, called “Porchfest.”

“I think the beauty of Porchfest is that anyone can play,” Strutt said.

Even Guster.

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Witness Brian Albert testified during the trial of Karen Read at Norfolk County Superior Court in Dedham Friday.

Read, O’Keefe ‘never entered my house,’ homeowners testify

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knew O’Keefe had decided to “step up” and raise his niece and nephew after their parents died.

“Although I didn’t know him well, I considered him to be a friend,” Brian Albert said of O’Keefe. “I considered him to be somebody that I could hang out with and have a good time with.”

At the bar, Albert said he spoke briefly with O’Keefe, who let him know his sergeant was leaving and joked that “I should try to get a job where he works.”

Brian Albert said he did not recall speaking to Read at the bar, where “everybody was in a great mood.” He said he had met her for the first time about a week before with O’Keefe.

Brian Albert said there was some talk at the bar about going to his brother’s pizza shop, but “for whatever reason, that didn’t happen.” His wife, Nicole, noted that their son, Brian Jr., was

turning 23 at midnight and mentioned to her sister and her brother-in-law that people could come by the house to wish him happy birthday, he said.

When he got to his home on Fairview Road, Brian Albert said he let their family dog, Chloe, outside in the backyard and then brought her upstairs. He said he then returned downstairs and gathered with everyone in the kitchen area.

“People were just sitting around having drinks,” listening to music, and “just talking, hanging out.”

He said he never saw or heard anything in front of the house to draw his attention outside and had never been told that Read and O’Keefe might be coming.

“John O’Keefe and Karen Read never entered my house,” he said.

Albert is slated to face questioning from Read’s lawyers on

Monday as the trial proceeds.

Earlier on Thursday, Nicole Albert testified under cross-examination. One of Read’s attorneys, Elizabeth Little, asked her if she noticed any tension between O’Keefe and Read. Prosecutors have said their relationship was rocky.

“I didn’t have really any interaction with them, but no I didn’t see anything,” Nicole Albert said.

She said she did not observe any signs of intoxication in Read but also didn’t speak to her.

Little later pressed Nicole Albert on why they did not go outside to help O’Keefe.

“We were sound asleep,” Nicole Albert said.

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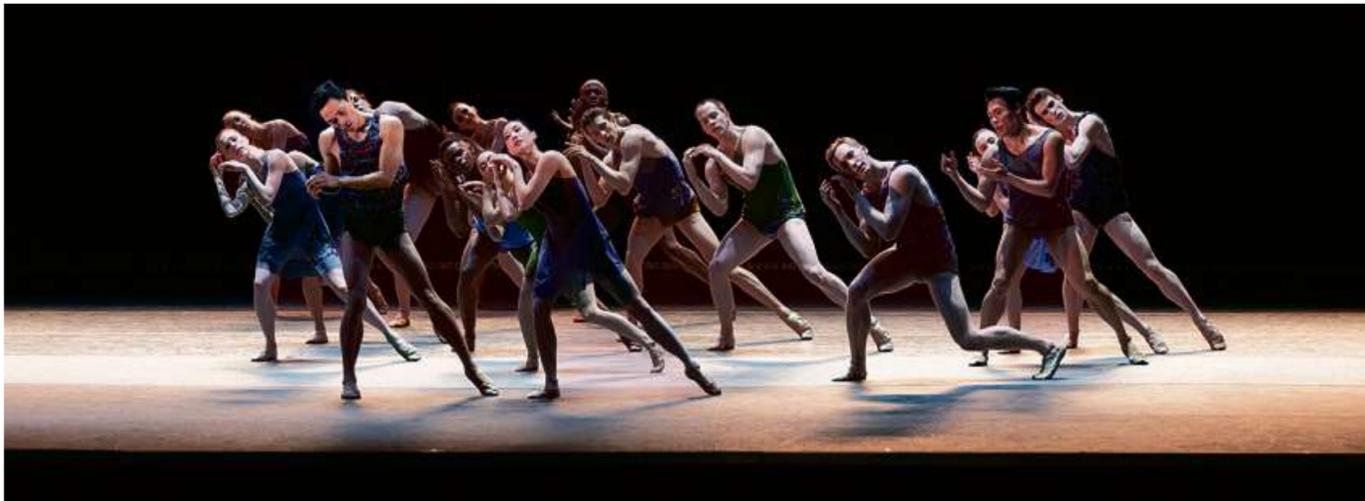
The final program of Boston Ballet's 2023-24 season is a warm-up for the company's tour to Paris, where it'll perform at the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées May 27-30. Two of the three pieces being performed as part of "Spring Experience," this weekend and next at the Citizens Bank Opera House, are on the Paris bill: William Forsythe's "Blake Works III (The Barre Project)" and Jiri Kylián's "Bella Figura." They'll be accompanied there by Jorma Elo's "Bach Cello Suites." Here in Boston, however, we get to see the world premiere of Ken Ossola's "The Space Between." Thursday the dancers looked sharp in all three works; they're ready for Paris.

A former dancer at Kylián's Netherlands Dans Theater, Ossola was in the original 1995 cast of "Bella Figura" and has staged that piece for Boston Ballet. He also created "Zoom In" for the "Process & Progress" program of the company's virtual 2020-21 season. "The Space Between" was inspired by the "non finito" works of Michelangelo, specifically the four "Prisoner" statues intended for the tomb of Pope Julius II. Ossola collaborated on the original score, "Toccata for Orchestra and Live Electronics," with music director Mischa Santora and jazz pianist and electronic artist Michael Cain.

At nearly 40 minutes, this is a major project. The Boston Ballet Orchestra starts it off with pizzicato strings and timpani; the brass chug over a steady ostinato, a syncopated melody develops, and the music settles into a kinetic groove. After eight minutes, the curtain rises on Lia Cirio and Jeffrey Cirio, both looking agitated and puzzled, perhaps wondering why they weren't finished.

Over the next half hour, the score intersperses climaxes with lyric interludes while hinting at Broadway, jazz, and film; a ticking wood block might mark the passage of time. It's pleasing to listen to but there's no apparent direction. That's true of the choreography as well. The nine men and seven women preen and gyrate as if trying to escape their marble confines. Duets ensue: María Alvarez and Paul Craig, Haley Schwan and Patrick Yocum, Abigail Merlis and John Lam, Seo Hye Han and Jeffrey Cirio, Lia Cirio and Daniel Rubin. Chyrstyn Fentroy has a languid solo, but nothing quite develops. Eventually the hypnotic electronic component of the score kicks in. "The Space Between" ends with all 16 dancers in a huddle, trying to writhe into existence, hardly any space between them. I wonder whether the piece couldn't use some tightening. It's certainly worth a second outing.

Boston Ballet premiered "Blake Works III (The Barre Project)" on 2022's "MINDscape" program. This time out, Forsythe has upped the number of dancers from six to seven. The barre appears in the background



Boston Ballet is in shape for Paris with 'Spring Experience'



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Top: Boston Ballet in Ken Ossola's "The Space Between." Above: Lia Cirio in William Forsythe's "Blake Works III (The Barre Project)"; Chisako Oga and Paul Craig in Jiri Kylián's "Bella Figura."

but doesn't feature in the angular, animated opening duet; to James Blake's meditative "Lindisfarne I," Schwan and Lawrence Rines Munro show off for themselves, each other, and the audience. Acrobatic solos accompany "Buzz and Kestrel"; Mykal Stromile shimmies along the barre, Sun Woo Lee caresses it, Ji Young Chae barely touches it. Lia Cirio careers out centerstage before remembering the title of the work.

A brief video segment shows three sections of a barre in close-up, with hands playing them like a keyboard. Then a dimly lit Cirio, her arms tossing and turning, makes the barre her pillow as she solos to the nocturnal "Lullaby for My Insomniac." The closer, to a throbbing, cowbell-laced "200 Press," brings on Daniel Durrett as all seven dancers follow Blake's instruction to "gather round the beat like a campfire"; amid the explosive solos,

there's a sinuous salsa turn for Cirio and Rines Munro. And we're reminded that what they do with the barre makes possible what they do without it.

Boston Ballet has presented "Bella Figura" five times in town now and taken it to New York and London, so the piece is part of the company's DNA. Its poster girls are the bare-chested pair in voluminous red skirts who, each pulling a black curtain from her side of the stage, meet in the center, kneel, and writhe in a slow-motion ecstasy of not quite touching each other, to the sublime Lento from Lukas Foss's neo-Baroque "Salomon Rossi Suite."

The rest of the music is actual Baroque, movements from Pergolesi (his "Stabat Mater"), Marcello, Vivaldi, and Torelli, all of it slow, almost penitential, accompanying Kylián's battle of the sexes. The piece begins with

seven of the nine dancers warming up in silence beneath a pair of nude mannequins in transparent coffins. To that same Foss Lento, Han struggles in the folds of a black curtain that seems to conceal an assailant while a cramped Lam, coiled upside down, tries to sort out his feet.

What follows is both quirky and mystifying. Schwan and Jeffrey Cirio find a curtain closing in on their duet; another curtain descends just as Lam seizes Han. Craig dog-walks a saluki-like Chisako Oga; then they change places. All nine dancers, wearing just those red skirts, sway chastely to the siciliana from a Torelli concerto grosso. The conclusion, to Pergolesi's "Quando corpus morietur," is a succession of ambivalent duets, with fires burning on both sides of the stage. Schwan and Yocum at least walk off hand in hand; Han and Jeffrey Cirio seem transfixed by the audi-

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"The Space Between," by Ken Ossola. "Blake Works III (The Barre Project)," by William Forsythe. "Bella Figura," by Jiri Kylián. Presented by Boston Ballet. At Citizens Bank Opera House, through May 19. Tickets \$25-\$185. 617-695-6955, www.bostonballet.org

ence as they exit. Kylián withholds the "Amen," so Lam and Lia Cirio, pulling each other's hunched shoulders down, finish the piece in silence before leaving. We're left to wonder.

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Debut novel transports readers to the root of one family's fractured relationships

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Juli Min's debut novel, "Shanghaianders," follows an affluent Shanghaiese family through the years — but backward, starting in 2040 — taking readers on a journey to explore the family's problems.

Min, a Harvard University graduate and the former editor in chief of The Shanghai Literary Review, says her work in the literary realm helped shape her voice and taste as a writer, reflected in the book's pages.

The Globe spoke with Min ahead of her appearance at Harvard Book Store on Monday, where she'll be talking about her new book with author Abue Rey Lescure.

How did your lived experiences shape the novel?

I've lived in Shanghai for about 10 years now, and it's a city that is incredibly inspiring to me. I moved there from New York and have had a variety of experiences over the course of a decade and met so many kinds of people who live across the whole spectrum of society. ... The whole project of the book, at its inception, was to capture something really unique about Shanghai — to write the city as a kind of character.

There are a handful of Massachu-

sets settings in "Shanghaianders." What inspired that choice?

I was in the Boston and Cambridge areas for both high school and college, and for me, it was a really formative time. Personally, that area represents a flourishing of independence and a period of life where I was on my own for the first time, so I wanted to give that to the characters. In the novel, there are three sisters; one of them goes to boarding school in Massachusetts and one of them goes to Harvard, so when the book opens, those girls are in their late teens and entering into adulthood. Boston, and in particular Cambridge, has a very intellectual, pompous, cosmopolitan slant because of the educational institutions and the culture of those places, and I thought it was quite fitting for this family, which was so wealthy and so well-educated, to have access to that American brand of excellence.

The novel begins in the year 2040 and trends backward in time until 2014. Why did you lay the plot out this way?

The backwards movement was a way to play with readers' expectations. When you meet the family, the mother and the father are essentially at a midpoint, mid-marriage crisis: They've been together for almost three decades, and they're on the brink of collapse as a

family. You see them and judge them a certain way, but as you move backwards in time, and you see how their children are and the impacts of their relationship and their family life on others that work for them in their household, I hope the thoughts, impressions, and attitudes of the reader are constantly being revised. I wasn't so much interested in the disintegration of a marriage as a process, I was much more interested in understanding why and how a marriage and a family gets to that point after decades. I wanted to try to understand and find the original source of love because marriage is hard and those sources of love and romance are essential to a lifelong relationship of any kind.

The perspectives of the characters and the point-of-view of the writing change chapter by chapter. What were you trying to achieve with that?

I really gave myself permission to play and experiment and do whatever I thought was necessary to tell the different stories of the characters. The two first-person narratives are from the perspectives of the family's private driver and the live-in nanny, and the family perspectives are in the third person. I wanted to create a greater sense of authenticity, poise, and intimacy for those characters who are so much on the outside and excluded. They don't have re-



The cover of "Shanghaianders," and its author, Juli Min.

curing themes, they each have their one chunky scene, and I wanted those to have as much resonance and to feel as alive as possible. They inhabit this incredibly wealthy and privileged space, but yet are invisible in so many ways, and the family barely acknowledged them in many situations. The family is a kind of a closed unit, like any family is really, and I wanted to create a sense of that world by connecting those narratives in the third person.

How did you use language and multilingualism as a literary tool in this novel?

Language is a kind of access key to a person, a culture, and a way of life, so there are some characters who have more and some who have less of those keys. That mixed linguistic experience is something I feel is very true to Shanghai, which is an incredibly inter-

national, multilingual city, with particularly entrenched ties with Japan and France, historically. On a thematic level, language can be exclusive and can result in a secret relationship or general ways in which we can be unknowable to another person. People say that in every language you are a different person, so that's something that I was touching upon through the use of those different languages and the ways in which you might use one language with another person. Language is a really powerful thing that represents a person and also shapes the contours of their lived experience.

Juli Min will speak about her book at Harvard Book Store in Cambridge on May 13 at 7 p.m.

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Eastern Conference semifinals: Panthers lead series, 2-1



Black and blue

Bruins get beaten down by Panthers

By **Jim McBride**
 GLOBE STAFF

No fisticuffs and no fireworks.

Just forecheck and fizzle. While every Black and Goldie from every corner of New England was expecting a flurry of haymakers and right crosses, all they were treated to was a Panthers power-play punch and relentless forecheck that resulted in a 6-2 win at TD Garden Friday.

Florida now owns a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series that continues Sunday, a game in which Boston could be without its captain and leading scorer, Brad Marchand, who exited Game 3 after two periods with an upper-body injury that likely was suffered in the opening minutes.

After starting quickly in the first games of the series, the Bruins fell back into their slow-start pattern, generating just three shots in the first period, which ended with Florida holding a 1-0 lead courtesy of Evan Rodrigues's second of the playoffs.

"We've had a couple of games where we started slow and we haven't generated much offense and we've got to get better," said Bruins coach Jim Montgomery. "I have to give the players a better plan. Florida was significant-

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Brad Marchand was sent to the ice early and although the Bruins captain played two periods, he did not play in the third because of an upper-body injury.

TARA SULLIVAN

Their best players are far from their best



More than half the game already had gone by when the Bruins decided to show up Friday night, the clock ticking down toward the five-minute mark of the second period when their slumbering offense finally put some sustained pressure on the Florida net.

Only minutes before, Jeremy Swayman had gone full split to make a daring glove save, his denial of a dangerous Florida two-on-one rush not only giving a dormant TD Garden crowd something to cheer about, but giving the other five players on the ice in black a reason to wake up.

But like everything that has gone wrong for the Bruins since their opening game victory in this second-round playoff series, the good stuff didn't last. Just seconds after Flori-

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As Florida's Anton Lundell celebrated teammate Vladimir Tarasenko's second-period goal, the Bruins fell behind, 2-0.

They can't seem to handle the Florida heat

KEVIN PAUL
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 ON HOCKEY

The Bruins are up against it now. Their captain, Brad Marchand, was hurting too much to play the third period Friday night, and could be missing in action again Sunday for Game 4 vs. the Panthers at the Garden.

Their power play, mighty good for the early stretch of the Round 1 series vs. Toronto, has morphed into a band of missing brothers. The swing-and-miss unit went 0 for 2 in Friday night's 6-2 loss on Causeway Street, and now have gone 0 for 11

over their last six playoff games. The Bruins penalty killers, often the glue that held things tight this season, got burned on 4 of 6 kills, and were at their worst when allowing back-to-back PP snipes to Vladimir Tarasenko and Carter Verhaeghe in the second period that gave the Panthers a 3-0 lead.

The Bruins last allowed four power-play goals in the same playoff game in 1992, Round 1 vs. Buffalo. In their century of doing business, they've never allowed more than four man-up tallies in the same playoff game.

Oh, and when the score reached 4-0 in the third period, it ran Florida's string of consecutive goals

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Bats leave Houck high and dry

He goes 7 innings, but Sox 1 for 9 with RISP

By **Alex Speier**
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Nationals 5 For five weeks, the Red Sox defied the threadbare state of their lineup. Though often without multiple middle-of-the-order anchors, the team enjoyed an unexpected array of contributions, scoring enough to sustain a surprising 18-13 record through May 1 while somehow ranking among the top third of MLB teams in run scoring.

But while lineup holes can be plugged and fissures can be spackled, such cover-ups are usually revealed by the withering scrutiny of 162 games. And this month, the Sox' offensive deficiencies have not only been exposed but magnified grotesquely.

On Friday, the Sox dropped to .500 by falling at Fenway to the Nationals, 5-1. Their offense repeatedly created oppor-

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BRIAN FLUHARTY/GETTY IMAGES

Tanner Houck avoided hard contact and lasted seven innings for the second time this season, but six hits and a walk led to three runs and a fourth loss.



NBA PLAYOFFS
CELTICS VS. CAVALIERS

Eastern Conference semifinals
 Series tied, 1-1
 Game 3: Saturday, 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Tatum's sub patterns among Celtic thoughts

By **Adam Himmelsbach**
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Jayson Tatum's rotation patterns varied throughout the regular season based on the Celtics' opponent and available roster. But by far the most common structure involved Tatum playing a six-minute stint at the start, in which he tended to feel out the game and get his teammates involved, with sparkling first-quarter scorer Jaylen Brown leading the way.

Tatum would then check out midway through the period and either sit until the second or return for the final few minutes.

The strategy resulted in him guiding the Celtics' second unit against the opponent's second unit for a good stretch of the second quarter.

The results were impossible to ignore. The second quarter was Tatum's highest-scoring and most effi-

►Cavaliers star Mitchell had some help in Game 2 victory. C2

cient period. He averaged 8.3 points on 52.8 percent shooting overall and 41.1 percent from the 3-point line.

Coach Joe Mazzulla has altered Tatum's sub patterns slightly since Kristaps Porzingis was sidelined with a calf strain, though. Over the last three games, Tatum has played the entire first quarter and returned to the court to start the second before getting a brief break a few minutes later.

Tatum, who averaged 30.1 points per game last season, has not reached the 30-point mark since a March 28 overtime loss to the Hawks. He also is unquestionably a man of routine. So perhaps Mazzulla will look for a way to get him back to

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NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS VS. CAVALIERS



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Donovan Mitchell made sure to get his teammates involved in the first half Thursday, which led to him scoring in the second.

Mitchell made Cavs dynamic

He added playmaking to normal hot scoring

By Khari Thompson
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This time, Donovan Mitchell got the help he needed.

The Cavaliers star had averaged 40.6 points and 29.3 shot attempts over the three games leading up to Cleveland's 118-94 blowout win over the Celtics at TD Garden in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals Thursday night.

The Cavaliers went 1-2 during that stretch, and the Celtics wiped them off the floor in Game 1 of this series because Cleveland's offensive production outside of Mitchell was lacking. He scored 33 points in that game, but the Cavs ended up with just 95.

Game 2 was a completely different story. The Cavaliers had their highest-scoring performance of the postseason as Mitchell distributed the ball and got his teammates going early. Mitchell had nearly as many assists (5) as shot attempts (6) at halftime.

He finished with 29 points on 10-for-19 shooting to go with eight assists against one turnover in an efficient and well-rounded performance.

"I just tried to find ways to manipulate the game," Mitchell said. "Obviously, they guarded me a little bit different, a little bit higher on the pick-and-rolls, so [Evan Mobley] was more open.

"Now they're attracting guys on the ball, they're trying to take away my transition buckets, so guys are open. Just trying to find ways to control the game in that way."

Mitchell still carried his share of the offensive load, scoring 23 of his 29 in the second half. He just approached things differ-

ently, according to Cleveland guard Caris LeVert.

"I told Don during the game that I think he did a great job of allowing everyone to get going early in the first half," LeVert said. "He did a great job of picking his spots in the second half and being the great player that he is.

"But I think that was all opened up with him sometimes just getting off the ball, letting it play second side, letting guys get downhill. I think it just opened it up for him when he wanted to pick his spots and just be Donovan Mitchell, and it was huge for us."

Mitchell tested the Celtics' pick-and-roll defense and showed that they need improvement in that area, coach Joe Mazzulla said. Mazzulla added that the Celtics must do more to make Mitchell uncomfortable when he doesn't have the ball.

There was a pick-and-pop play in the third quarter when Mitchell screened Sam Hauser, causing Hauser to switch onto him and Derrick White to switch onto Max Strus. Mitchell clapped his hands aggressively and called for the ball when he saw that he had Hauser on him. He lowered his shoulder, charged into the paint, and finished a 9-foot pullup through Hauser's contact for an and-1.

There was another possession in the fourth when Strus bumped Jaylen Brown, allowing Mitchell to get a step on him while curling to the top of the key. Tristan Thompson handed off the ball to Mitchell, who had enough space to bank in a three.

"Creating separation before the point of attack," Mazzulla said. "They're using off-ball to get him off there. So we've just got to be a little bit more physical with our off-ball.

"They got some of those that were communication. I think he hit one pick-and-roll

one, and then the rest of the threes came in just our miscommunication, our body position at times. Just kind of have to clean up those technical things of our individual defense."

Part of the issue, Brown said, was that Mitchell simply hit difficult shots, including a highlight-reel 28-foot buzzer-beater over Jayson Tatum to close out the third quarter.

The bulk of Mitchell's scoring came from beyond the arc. He went 5 for 6 from 3-point range in the second half.

"He made some tough shots tonight, some tough contested threes," Brown said. "We've got to be up, but he's a basketball player. We've got to have a little bit more alertness to him and we've just got to take that challenge.

"Tonight he got the best of us, made some tough baskets, felt free to get downhill. We've just got to keep making it tough."

Cleveland punished the Celtics inside the paint, where they were outscored, 60-44. The threat of Mitchell's outside scoring ability helped open things up inside even before his shot started falling. All five Cleveland starters scored in double figures.

Mitchell's willingness to create for others reinvigorated the Cavaliers offense and led to them shooting 54.7 percent from the field.

"I feel like [it's] his gravity," Mobley said. "Guys aren't really going to help off of him because they know he can shoot the ball, so that just opens up the paint for everyone else and our pick-and-roll on the second side.

"Max is a shooter as well. It just spaces the floor out, gets our spacing right, and just makes it easier for us."

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Brown fills Celtics' vocal leadership void

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his more familiar flow.

Over the past decade, Marcus Smart was usually the one to publicly hold the Celtics accountable when things went sour. When he was traded to the Grizzlies, there were questions about whether the Celtics had another voice to step into that role.

Brown seems to be embracing the responsibility. The Celtics haven't had a three-game losing streak all season, so there haven't been many moments that required someone to speak up. But Brown has been a willing voice during mild downturns.

Players acknowledged some flaws in Thursday's Game 2 loss to the Cavaliers, but certainly did not sound any alarms. Brown, meanwhile, called the performance "unacceptable" in three answers during his four-minute press conference.

When asked whether he shared a similar message to his teammates, he declined to provide details but made it clear that his voice had been heard.

"What was said, was said," Brown said. "Now, we just come out and make some adjustments and get ready to play some ball."

When the Heat poured in a franchise playoff-record 23 3-pointers in their stunning Game 2 first-round win, the Celtics mostly chalked it up to a slight lack of defensive intensity combined with some unsustainable shooting luck. They were mostly proven right, as they dominated the final three games of the series.

It remains to be seen whether this conference semifinal will follow a similar path, but there is at least some encouraging data for the Celtics. On Thursday night, the Cavaliers converted a blistering 26 of 42 contested field goal attempts (61.9 percent). The Celtics, meanwhile, made just 19 of 49 (38.9 percent).

Donovan Mitchell has been the best player in this series. His quiet first half Thursday was followed by a 23-point eruption in the second. Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said Cleveland freed up Mitchell with

Celtics vs. Cavaliers

Series tied, 1-1 Tuesday, May 7	
Thursday, May 9	
At Boston 120.....	Cleveland 95
Cleveland 118.....	at Boston 94
Schedule	
Sat., May 11 at Cleveland.....	8:30 p.m. (ABC)
Mon., May 13 at Cleveland.....	7 p.m. (TNT)
Wed., May 15 at Boston.....	7 p.m. (TNT)
*Fri., May 17 at Cleveland.....	TBA (ESPN)
*Sun., May 19 at Boston.....	TBA

* If necessary

Cavaliers 118, Celtics 94

Thursday night game at TD Garden, CLEVELAND										
	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pt	PPG		
Okoro.....	21	5-6	1-2	0-1	0	4	12	6.9		
Strus.....	40	5-10	0-0	2-6	1	3	12	9.3		
E.Mobley.....	33	9-15	2-2	1-10	5	4	21	14.4		
Garland.....	34	5-8	0-0	0-7	2	2	14	14.6		
Mitchell.....	39	10-19	4-6	0-7	8	2	29	29.2		
Niang.....	14	2-4	0-0	1-3	1	2	4	3.2		
LeVert.....	27	9-17	3-4	2-6	3	2	21	9.8		
Thompson.....	10	0-2	1-2	1-3	2	0	1	1.5		
Morris Sr.....	16	2-4	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	4.3		
Merrill.....	3	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0.1		
Jones.....	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0.0		
Totals.....	47-86	11-16	7-44	24	20	118				

FG%: .547, FT%: .688. 3-pt. goals: 13-28, .464 (Okoro 1-1, Strus 2-7, E.Mobley 1-2, Garland 4-5, Mitchell 5-7, Niang 0-1, LeVert 0-3, Morris Sr. 0-1, Merrill 0-1). Team rebounds: 10. Team turnovers: 12 (14 pts.). Blocks: 3 (E.Mobley 2, Thompson). Turnovers: 10 (Okoro 3, Garland 2, Mitchell, Niang, LeVert 3). Steals: 4 (Okoro, E.Mobley, Garland, Morris Sr.).

BOSTON										
	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pt	PPG		
Brown.....	31	7-17	5-5	0-4	1	2	19	23.0		
Tatum.....	38	7-17	9-11	0-7	6	3	25	22.1		
Horford.....	29	4-9	0-0	1-2	1	3	11	8.6		
Holiday.....	35	2-7	0-0	1-2	3	2	4	7.6		
White.....	30	3-11	3-4	0-4	5	3	10	19.6		
Hauser.....	9	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	2	2	5.5		
Kornet.....	12	0-1	3-4	2-3	0	0	3	2.7		
Pritchard.....	20	6-10	0-0	2-2	4	0	13	8.0		
Tillman.....	11	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	0	1.0		
Mykhailiuk.....	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0.0		
Queta.....	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0.7		
Springer.....	5	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	2.0		
Walsh.....	5	1-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	2	2.0		
Brissett.....	5	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	3	2.0		
Totals.....	33-80	20-24	6-31	22	15	94				

FG%: .413, FT%: .833. 3-pt. goals: 9-35, .229 (Brown 0-6, Tatum 2-5, Horford 3-7, Holiday 0-2, White 1-8, Hauser 0-1, Pritchard 1-4, Mykhailiuk 0-1, Brissett 1-1). Team rebounds: 10. Team turnovers: 7 (10 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Horford, White, Springer). Turnovers: 7 (Brown, Tatum, Horford, White, Mykhailiuk, Springer, Brissett). Steals: 5 (Tatum, Holiday 2, Pritchard, Tillman). Flagrant fouls: Tatum, 4/58/4th.

Cleveland..... 30 24 36 28 118
Boston..... 24 30 24 16 94

A - 19,156 (18,624). T - 2:14. Officials - John Goble, Bill Kennedy, Nick Buchert.

Perhaps it's just gamesmanship by the Cavaliers, but Allen is believed to be dealing with soreness rather than something more significant.

When Bickerstaff was asked what steps Allen would need to take before returning, he was generally vague and did not sound optimistic.

Allen, a former All-Star, averaged 16.5 points and 10.5 rebounds per game during the regular season.

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NBA NOTEBOOK

Pacers nail dagger late to top Knicks

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Andrew Nembhard made a 31-foot, tiebreaking 3-pointer with 16 seconds left, Tyrese Haliburton scored 35 points and the Indiana Pacers rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the banged-up and shorthanded New York Knicks, 111-106, on Friday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Indianapolis.

The Knicks still lead the best-of-seven series, 2-1, with Game 4 set for Sunday in Indianapolis. New York led by nine with 9:45 remaining and was in position to take a commanding 3-0 lead, but with Jalen Brunson slowed by a right foot injury, the Knicks couldn't hold on.

Nembhard scored only five points — all in the final minute — while Haliburton finished with his second straight playoff career high. Pascal Siakam added 26 points and seven rebounds, and Myles Turner had 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Donte DiVincenzo led the Knicks with 35 points, going 7 of 11 on 3-pointers. Brunson had 26 points and six rebounds, including a tying three with 42 seconds left, but he barely hit the rim on another 3-point try with 13 seconds to go.

Alec Burks, who came in having played one minute in the postseason, scored 14 points in 21 minutes for the Knicks, who played without starting forward OG Anunoby. It's unclear whether Anunoby can recover from his injured left hamstring to play Sunday, although he traveled with the team.

The Knicks had already lost All-Star Julius Randle and key contributors Bojan Bogdanovic and Mitchell Robinson to season-ending injuries.

Haliburton instigated the comeback after Indiana trailed 98-89 with 9:45 to play.

He completed a three-point play and then made back-to-back layups, cutting the deficit to two. Siakam tied the score at 99 with a 3-point play with 5:42 left and when DiVincenzo broke free on a fast break, Haliburton helped jar the ball loose. Siakam responded by making one of two free throws to give Indiana a 100-99 lead at the 5:42 mark.

The teams traded the lead four more times, and Brunson's 3 made it 106-all. Nembhard connected as the shot clock expired, the Pacers' defense got the stop it needed, and Aaron Nesmith closed it out with two free throws.

Nuggets respond

Jamal Murray rebounded from a rough start to the Western Conference semifinals with 24 points to lead the visiting Nuggets to a 117-90 romp in Game 3 that made the Timberwolves the last team to lose in the NBA playoffs.

Nikola Jokic, the three-time league MVP, had 24 points, 14 rebounds and 9 assists, Michael Porter Jr. scored 21 points and the Nuggets cut the Timberwolves' series lead to 2-1 on the strength of their 14-for-29 shooting from 3-point range.

Anthony Edwards had a quiet 19 points to lead the Wolves, who went just 10 for 32 from deep, even with a 4-for-5 effort from Karl-Anthony Towns. They failed to get Towns (14 points) enough shots, fumbled the ball too often in desperate attempts to drive to the basket, and simply played slower than they did in the first two games in Denver. Game 4 is in Minneapolis on Sunday night.



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Pacers guard Andrew Nembhard (left) draws a foul on Knicks guard Jalen Brunson in Game 3 Friday in Indianapolis.

NBA playoffs

Eastern Conference

NEW YORK VS. INDIANA

Knicks lead series, 2-1
Monday, May 6
At New York 121.....Indiana 117
Wednesday, May 8
At New York 130.....Indiana 121
Friday, May 10
At Indiana 111.....New York 106
Schedule
Sun., May 12 at Indiana.....3:30
Tue., May 14 at New York.....8
*Fri., May 17 at Indiana.....TBA
*Sun., May 19 at New York.....TBA

Western Conference

DENVER VS. MINNESOTA

Timberwolves lead series, 2-1
Saturday, May 4
Minnesota 106.....at Denver 99
Monday, May 6
Minnesota 106.....at Denver 80
Friday, May 10
Denver 117.....at Minnesota 90
Schedule
Sun., May 12 at Minnesota.....8
Tue., May 14 at Denver.....10:30
*Thu., May 16 at Minnesota.....8:30
*Sun., May 19 at Denver.....TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. DALLAS

Series tied at 1
Tuesday, May 7
At Oklahoma City 117.....Dallas 95
Thursday, May 9
Dallas 119.....at Oklahoma City 110
Schedule
Sat., May 11 at Dallas.....3:30
Mon., May 13 at Dallas.....9:30
Wed., May 15 at Oklahoma City.....9:30
*Sat., May 18 at Dallas.....8:30
*Mon., May 20 at Okla. City.....8:30
* If necessary

PACERS 111, KNICKS 106

NEW YORK										
	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pt			
Achiuwa.....	23	2-3	1-2	0-0	1	2	5			
Hart.....	16	4-7	1-2	0-18	4	5	10			
Hartenstein.....	39	3-4	0-0	4-8	5	2	6			
Brunson.....	38	10-26	4-7	0-0	6	2	26			
DiVincenzo.....	44	12-26	4-4	1-2	2	3	35			
McBride.....	29	3-8	2-2	1-2	2	1	8			
J.Sims.....	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Burks.....	21	4-6	4-5	0-4	1	2	14			
Totals.....	38-80	16-22	10-41	19	18	106				

FG%: .475, FT%: .727. 3-pt. goals: 14-27, .519 (Hart 1-1, Brunson 2-6, DiVincenzo 7-11, McBride 2-5, Burks 2-4). Team rebounds: 9. Team turnovers: 13 (13 pts.). Blocks: 6 (Achiuwa 3, Hartenstein, DiVincenzo, Burks). Turnovers: 13 (Achiuwa 2, Hart 4, Hartenstein, Brunson 5, DiVincenzo). Steals: 6 (Hart 2, Brunson, DiVincenzo, McBride, Burks). Flagrant fouls: Burks, 1/01/2nd.

INDIANA

	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pt			
Nesmith.....	31	9-14	7-9	3-7	1	5	26			
Turner.....	35	7-13	5-6	1-0	1	3	21			
Nembhard.....	31	2-8	0-0	1-5	6	5	5			
Haliburton.....	38	14-26	1-1	0-4	7	1	35			
Sheppard.....	16	1-5	0-0	1-4	1	1	2			
Toppin.....	19	1-4	0-0	1-1	3	1	2			
McConnell.....	19	3-10	0-0	0-3	1	6	6			
Jackson.....	13	2-3	0-0	0-2	0	4	4			
Totals.....	42-88	15-18	13-22	22	21	111				

FG%: .472, FT%: .833. 3-pt. goals: 12-32, .375 (Nesmith 2-3, Siakam 1-1, Turner 2-5, Nembhard 1-3, Haliburton 6-16, Sheppard 0-2, Toppin 0-1, McConnell 0-1). Team rebounds: 6. Team turnovers: 10 (12 pts.). Blocks: 6 (Siakam, Turner 3, Haliburton, Jackson). Turnovers: 10 (Siakam 3, Turner, Nembhard 2, Haliburton 2, Toppin, McConnell). Steals: 6 (Nesmith, Haliburton 2, Sheppard, Toppin, McConnell).
Totals..... 29 38 32 16 111
Indiana..... 29 34 22 26 111
A - 17,274 (18,165). T - 2:27. Officials - James Capers, Kevin Scott, Brent Barnaky.

MAVERICKS 119, THUNDER 110

Thursday night game at Dallas										
	Min	M-A	M-A	O-T	A	F	Pt		</	

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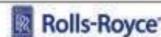


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Panthers 6, Bruins 2

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS, GAME 3
Friday, May 10, 2024, at TD Garden

	1	2	3	T
Florida	1	2	3	6
Boston	0	0	2	2

SUMMARY

1st period

Time	Team	Scoring summary	Status
8:04	Florida	Evan Rodrigues (2) Assist: Gustav Forsling	Florida, 1-0

Time	Team	Penalty detail
5:48	Boston	Pavel Zacha: 2 minutes for holding stick
16:18	Boston	Morgan Geekie: 2 minutes for interference

2nd period

Time	Team	Scoring summary	Status
16:14	Florida	Vladimir Tarasenko (2) POWER PLAY Assists: Sam Bennett, Oliver Ekman-Larsson	Florida, 2-0
17:14	Florida	Carter Verhaeghe (6) POWER PLAY Assists: Matthew Tkachuk, Aleksander Barkov	Florida, 3-0

Time	Team	Penalty detail
4:34	Florida	Anton Lundell: 2 minutes for holding stick
14:37	Boston	Mason Lohrei, double minor: 4 minutes for hi stick

3rd period

Time	Team	Scoring summary	Status
3:09	Florida	Brandon Montour (3) POWER PLAY Assists: Matthew Tkachuk, Aleksander Barkov	Florida, 4-0
5:01	Boston	Jakub Lauko (1) Assists: Jake DeBrusk, John Beecher	Florida, 4-1
8:31	Boston	Jake DeBrusk (5) Assists: Mason Lohrei, David Pastrnak	Florida, 4-2
18:36	Florida	Sam Reinhart (4) EMPTY NET Assists: Matthew Tkachuk, Brandon Montour	Florida, 5-2
19:09	Florida	Evan Rodrigues (3) POWER PLAY Assists: Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Eetu Luostarinen	Florida, 6-2

Time	Team	Penalty detail
2:07	Boston	Jakub Lauko: 2 minutes for interference on the goaltender
11:24	Florida	Niko Mikkola: 2 minutes for interference
19:00	Boston	Andrew Peeke: 2 minutes for cross check

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PANTHERS																
Player	G	A	+/-	SOG	MS	BLK	PIM	HT	Tk	Gv	Shf	TOI	PPTOI	SHTOI	EVTOI	FW-L
Barkov	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	1	1	29	20:26	6:00	128	12:58	9-10
Bennett	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	19	12:43	1:12	0:00	11:31	0-0
Bobrovsky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60:00	7:48	4:00	48:12	0-0
Ekblad	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	32	23:19	0:52	3:00	19:27	0-0
E-Larsson	0	2	-1	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	24	13:58	1:14	0:35	12:09	0-0
Forsling	0	1	+1	2	0	1	0	2	1	3	32	23:04	0:26	3:01	19:37	0-0
Kulikov	0	0	-1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	24	13:38	0:09	0:59	12:30	0-0
Lorentz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	14	8:01	0:00	0:00	8:01	0-2
Lundell	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	1	0	23	14:44	1:10	0:00	13:34	10-4
Luostarinen	0	1	-1	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	24	15:29	0:10	2:32	12:47	0-0
Mikkola	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	27	17:30	0:00	0:24	17:06	0-0
Montour	1	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	28	21:53	6:06	0:00	15:47	0-0	
Okposo	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	16	9:31	0:01	0:00	9:30	0-0
Reinhart	1	0	0	3	2	2	0	4	0	0	29	22:28	6:00	1:45	14:43	4-3
Rodrigues	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	22	14:17	1:52	0:00	12:25	2-0
Stenlund	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	20	12:41	0:00	2:11	10:30	5-6
Tarasenko	1	0	+1	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	24	15:14	1:36	0:00	13:38	0-0
Tkachuk	0	3	+1	5	1	1	0	5	1	2	23	18:07	6:15	0:05	11:47	2-0
Verhaeghe	1	0	-1	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	22	18:57	5:57	0:00	13:00	2-6
Goalie				SA	GA	Saves	Sv%	TOI	Rec.							
Bobrovsky				16	2	14	0.875	60:00	6-2-0							

BRUINS																
Player	G	A	+/-	SOG	MS	BLK	PIM	HT	Tk	Gv	Shf	TOI	PPTOI	SHTOI	EVTOI	FW-L
Beecher	0	1	+1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	23	13:21	0:00	2:58	10:23	7-11
Brazeau	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	18	13:01	0:57	0:00	12:04	0-0
Carlo	0	0	-1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	23	16:25	0:07	5:35	10:43	0-0
Coyle	0	0	-1	1	1	3	0	6	0	0	24	18:15	1:54	3:27	12:54	8-9
DeBrusk	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	6	0	0	25	17:50	1:28	3:02	13:20	0-0
Forbort	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	23	16:36	0:00	3:02	13:34	0-0
Frederic	0	0	-1	1	1	0	0	5	1	0	19	14:18	0:04	1:56	12:18	3-4
Geekie	0	0	+1	0	3	0	2	3	0	0	23	16:42	2:06	0:00	14:36	10-5
Lauko	1	0	+1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	18	10:17	0:00	0:09	10:08	0-1
Lindholm	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	26	21:12	0:16	4:46	16:10	0-0	
Lohrei	0	1	0	1	0	1	4	1	3	0	27	20:13	2:06	0:00	18:07	0-0
Marchand	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	15	10:51	1:12	2:02	7:37	0-1
Maroon	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	18	11:59	0:00	0:00	11:59	0-0
McAvoy	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	5	0	0	32	25:36	1:50	2:13	21:33	0-0
Pastrnak	0	1	+1	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	25	21:09	3:41	0:00	17:28	0-0
Peeke	0	0	+1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	23	16:28	0:00	0:00	16:28	0-0
Swayman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58:06	4:00	7:48	46:18	0-0	
Zacha	0	0	-1	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	24	16:47	2:08	2:02	12:37	3-1
vn Rmsdyk	0	0	-1	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	16	13:06	2:11	0:00	10:55	0-0
Goalie				SA	GA	Saves	Sv%	TOI	Rec.							
Swayman				32	5	27	0.844	58:06	5-4-0							

SHOTS ON GOAL				
	1	2	3	T
Florida	13	11	9	33
Boston	3	5	8	16

POWER PLAY			PPG	PPO
Florida			4	6
Boston			0	2

Attendance: 17,850 (101.6% of 17,565)
Time: 2:44
Referees: Dan O'Rourke, Francois St-Laurent. Linesmen: Shandor Alphonso, Jonny Murray.

Bruins black and blue after Panthers' rout in Game 3

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ly better than us and I got to come up with a better game plan.”

A second-period Bruins surge came to a bloody halt when Mason Lohrei was hit for a high-sticking double minor that opened a cut on Steven Lorentz's face.

Boston had killed 10 of Florida's first 11 power plays in the series, but Paul Maurice's club clicked with Lohrei in the box, scoring twice (Vladimir Tarasenko and Carter Verhaeghe) to take a commanding 3-0 lead into the third.

Call their first goal a tic-tac-Tarasenko special.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson started the play, passing to Sam Bennett, who fed Tarasenko at the circle where the Russian sniper went top shelf on Jeremy Swayman (27 saves).

The second was a backbreaker and eventual game-winner as Verhaeghe deflected a net-front feed from Matthew Tkachuk.

“I thought we were coming and unfortunately we got the high stick in a stick battle fighting for a puck and that really changed the game,” said Montgomery.

Jakub Lauko, last seen in the Spoked B in Game 2 of the Toronto series, tried to drag his teammates into the fight with a nice rush and finish, crashing into Sergei Bobrovsky with the help of defenseman Aaron Ekblad early in the third.

All he got for his troubles, however, was a minor for goalie interference that resulted in another Panther power-play goal, this one from Brandon Montour.

It was Florida's 10th straight goal in the series after Charlie Coyle's strike to open Game 2. The Bruins had never before given up 10 unanswered goals in the postseason.

“I was trying to get to the net and just ended up in the goalie,” said Lauko. “I don't know. I felt that the defenseman was holding me and kind of pushing me inside, so I don't know, what am I supposed to do to avoid it?”

The play did spark a surge from the Bruins, who cut the deficit to 4-2 with goals from Lauko and Jake DeBrusk.

With an extra attacker on because of a delayed penalty, Lauko wristed one from the dot over Bobrovsky's shoulder for his first career playoff goal.

DeBrusk then zipped a wrist-

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Marchand: Upper-body injury

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The Bruins lost their heart and soul Friday night when **Brad Marchand** was forced to exit the Game 3 loss to the Panthers early because of an upper-body injury.

Coach **Jim Montgomery** had no details other than that he expects an update on Saturday.

It wasn't clear when the Boston captain was hurt, but he took an awkward fall and was slow to get up and to the bench after a first-period collision with Florida's **Sam Bennett**.

Marchand labored on the bench and winced as he took deep breaths while consulting with a member of the club's medical staff. He took his normal workload — five-on-five, shorthanded, and power-play duty for the first two periods — though he was limited to 10:51 of ice time, well below his normal output.

Marchand, the Bruins' leading scorer in the playoffs with 10 points, did not come out for the third when Boston scored its only goals of the 6-2 loss that gave the Panthers a 2-1 series lead.

“Obviously we've always had a next-man up mentality and injuries happen throughout the playoffs and he's probably the toughest guy I know, so I don't doubt he'll do anything he can to get back in as soon as possible,” said **Jake DeBrusk**, who had a goal and an assist.

Brandon Carlo said it was a collective effort in the third to fill the void left by Marchand's absence.

“It's definitely a huge [loss], but I will commend Pasta, Big Rig [**Pat Maroon**], and **Charlie [McAvoy]** — a lot of guys for stepping up, being more vocal in that third period,” said the defenseman. “I think we did a good job of generating some stuff and yeah, that's a key that they brought to the game for us for sure.”

There won't be a lot of time for Marchand to recuperate as the Bruins are set to skate Saturday and Game 4 is Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

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Jim Montgomery implored his Bruins to meet the Panthers' intensity, which they did in the third period, but it was too late.

Their best need to be better

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da finally pushed the Bruins out of their end, rookie defenseman Mason Lohrei, the heretofore darling of this postseason, was whistled for a high-stick double-minor penalty. With that, the final respectable phase of the game for the Bruins, the penalty kill, wilted along with the rest of the roster.

Two straight power-play goals later, the eighth and ninth straight for the Panthers since Game 2 of this series, and Florida was full steam ahead, on their way to flattening the Bruins in a 6-2 win and a 2-1 series advantage.

So many questions, but let's start here . . .

Where did Boston's best players go? Outside of Swayman, who continues to sparkle in net, and with a Friday night excusal for captain Brad Marchand, ruled out of the third period with an upper-body injury likely courtesy of a first-period collision with Sam Bennett, the Bruins aren't getting enough from their stars. David Pastrnak isn't shooting enough. Charlie McAvoy hasn't established a consistent presence, and continues to have too many turnovers. Top-line center Charlie Coyle has one goal these playoffs.

As much as coach Jim Montgomery absolved Swayman and Pastrnak in the ugly aftermath of Friday's blowout — "I

thought they were our two best players tonight," he said — this was not a night to be throwing bouquets. This was a night to tuck the chin and take the hit, which the coach also did.

"I don't think we're on top of our game. Our execution the last two games, the last two periods of last game and the first two periods tonight, just not been good enough," he said, adding, "that's my fault. I have to be better. We didn't play well enough, and I take responsibility."

For yet another night, as had happened so often throughout the seven-game opening round, the Bruins' engine failed to ignite in the game's early going. But as bad as the sputtering offense often looked against Toronto, it was exponentially worse Friday night, with the Panthers dominating every phase of the game. By the time the Panthers took advantage of a questionable interference call on Jakub Lauko and took a 4-0 lead early in the third period, they'd forced the Bruins into a new record of ignominy — surrendering an all-time playoff-worst 10th consecutive unanswered goal.

Only then did the Bruins respond with any real urgency — Lauko's score finally ended the scoreless skid — but nothing more than a classic case of too little, too late.

"Obviously, they're a good team, and you can see what

they do when you kind of take your foot off the gas, per se," forward Jake DeBrusk said. "I don't think that we've been our best throughout this series. . . . Obviously disappointment, you know, you want to win every game and it's one of those things that you feel the frustration. That's an easy word to say but I think it's a good thing to feel a little bit of it. You don't want to let it take over your mind."

How can the Bruins change the story? How can they stop the momentum of a Florida team barreling downhill at them since the second period of Game 2? They need every player who doesn't have "Swayman" stitched onto his sweater to show up on time Sunday. It's only Game 4, but it feels like a must-win.

Remember what Montgomery was saying prior to his team's previous must-win game, when they returned from Toronto having blown all of their 3-1 series for a win-or-go-home Game 7? Montgomery made a point of calling out his best scorer, insisting Pastrnak had to "step up." But easily forgotten in that declaration was what Montgomery said leading up to it: "Your best players need to be your best players this time of year. . . . they need to come through with some big-time plays and big-time moments."

They need Pastrnak to be the creative genius who answered

that Toronto bell with an overtime winner in Game 7.

They need McAvoy to stop turning over the puck in the middle of the ice, to be willing to let it fly at the offensive end instead of revving up for every shot like a batter in the on-deck circle.

They need to establish an offense, get out of their own zone, and stop depending on Swayman to bail them out.

They need to listen to the pleas of their crowd, reduced to chanting "shoot the puck" any time the Bruins touched it inside the blue line.

They need to stop the whiffs, misses, miscues, and mistakes.

They need to be more like Swayman, the unlucky goalie at the wrong end of a barrage that ended with the Panthers taking 17 more shots (33-16) than the Bruins.

Though it feels like forever ago, it's only been three games since Montgomery was moved to laud Swayman as "our best player in the series, it's not close," crediting the goalie after the Toronto series clincher for "his confidence and his swagger," that "permeated through the group. Took a while, but he got there."

Time for someone else to step up, too.

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They can't handle the Florida heat

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scored to 10, dating to Game 2 Wednesday night in Sunrise, Fla. It also established a franchise record for the Bruins; they never had given up more than nine straight goals in the same series.

All that considered, there was something even worse for the hobbled Spoked-B franchise to consider.

For two periods, when they cobbled together a mere eight shots on net, the Bruins were thoroughly denied the chance to generate a semblance of offense. The Panthers lived off their forechecking legs, their trademark, and the Bruins couldn't do anything to get out from under it.

Bruins defensemen often were denied the chance to start plays out of their own end. Forwards couldn't handle passes tossed along the sidewall, with Florida skaters repeatedly cutting plays short. The rare play that reached the neutral zone was promptly steered to no-man's land or transitioned the other way.

Postgame, coach Jim Montgomery said he needed to come up with a better game plan for his Bruins. That's what coaches say when they've seen their squad get dominated the way the Panthers overshadowed his charges in Game 3.

Short of hijacking the Panthers team bus, or stuffing Florida coach Paul Maurice inside a Dunkin's delivery truck, there

doesn't appear any way to thwart that kind of smothering attack.

"Puck management . . . obviously, when they're coming with that much speed and that amount of bodies, it's hard for any D-corps to break out," noted veteran forward Jake DeBrusk. "That's what they're so good at. Everyone talks about their forecheck for a reason."

The answer? "I think that if we manage the puck better through the neutral zone," added DeBrusk, "and even the offensive zone, if we're getting skin on guys, and play that in-your-face style that they play, I think that can give our defense that extra half a second to make a play. And then as wingers, we have to be outlets. We have to be in better position to chip pucks out and try to get in races that they might think twice.

"But I wouldn't bet on them changing their game, and I don't think we're going to change ours, either. We just need to try to slow them down as much as possible. It's obviously their biggest strength and we knew that coming in."

Jakub Lauko was among the few Bruins' forwards who flashed the requisite leg speed and willingness to at least match the pop in the Florida forecheck. He should be back in there for Game 4.

"I think we have to look at the video and play more north," said Lauko, offering his ideas on how to get by the relentless

forecheck. "We maybe had too many of those east-west plays. We need to be more straightforward, play more north, and be tight together and support each other."

From his view on the blue line, Brandon Carlo thinks the cure "just dumbs down" to winning more battles.

"From our standpoint as defensemen, that means getting to more pucks first," he added. "Move it to our guys as fast as possible . . . win your one-on-one battles."

"They're on top of us a lot. They're getting good sticks on pucks — that is one of their strong suits. We have to work our way around that, and I think we can."

It took the Bruins more than half the game, until around the 14-minute mark of the second period, finally to burrow into the Florida defense and establish some offensive presence.

And then, boom, the night went fully upside down when rookie defenseman Mason Lohrei lifted a high stick into the face of Steve Lorentz, appearing to knock out one of the forward's teeth. It absolutely took the teeth out of Boston's chance for a comeback.

Awarded a four-minute power play on Lohrei's infraction, the Panthers boosted their one-goal lead to 3-0, with the strikes by Tarasenko at 16:14 and then Verhaeghe 60 seconds later.

The night, and perhaps the series, was finished. It's the first time the Bruins have trailed in a

series this postseason.

Up until the Lohrei high stick, the Bruins had been vastly outplayed. But then, finally, they knitted together back-to-back strong shifts, nearly scored twice on Sergei Bobrovsky, and the Garden crowd showed some real life. The tying goal looked one shot or one Florida slip-up away.

But the errant Lohrei stick was devastating.

The Panthers truly dominated the night. They finished with a 33-16 shot advantage and a 64-44 lopsided lead in shot attempts. For the three games, they own a 224-132 advantage in shots attempts. That 92-shot differential represents 70 more shots than the Bruins — an indication of the territorial edge in the series.

Kyle Okposo and Tarasenko were the Panthers two big pickups at the trade deadline. In Game 2, Okposo delivered the big smash on Charlie McAvoy along the wall, McAvoy losing his stick, and the Panthers then scoring the key go-ahead goal.

And Tarasenko, acquired from Ottawa, supplied the 2-0 jaw-breaker in Game 3, nailing his sizzling wrister from the left wing circle to the far side — a sniper's strike.

Right now, the Panthers have it all going on, and the Bruins quickly need to turn 'em off.

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NHL playoffs

Eastern Conference

NY RANGERS VS. CAROLINA	
Rangers lead series, 3-0	
Sunday, May 5	
At NY Rangers 4.....	Carolina 3
Tuesday, May 7	
At NY Rangers 4.....	Carolina 3 (2OT)
Thursday, May 9	
NY Rangers 3.....	at Carolina 2 (OT)
Schedule	
Sat., May 11 at Carolina.....	7
*Mon., May 13 at NY Rangers.....	7
*Thu., May 16 at Carolina.....	TBA
*Sat., May 18 at NY Rangers.....	TBA

Western Conference

DALLAS VS. COLORADO	
Series tied at 1	
Tuesday, May 7	
Colorado 4.....	at Dallas 3 (OT)
Thursday, May 9	
At Dallas 5.....	Colorado 3
Schedule	
Sat., May 11 at Colorado.....	10
Mon., May 13 at Colorado.....	TBA
Wed., May 15 at Dallas.....	8
*Fri., May 17 at Colorado.....	TBA
*Sun., May 19 at Dallas.....	TBA
VANCOUVER VS. EDMONTON	
Canucks lead series, 1-0	
Wednesday, May 8	
At Vancouver 5.....	Edmonton 4
Friday, May 10	
Edmonton.....	at Vancouver
Schedule	
Sun., May 12 at Edmonton.....	9:30
Tue., May 14 at Edmonton.....	9:30
*Thu., May 16 at Vancouver.....	TBA
*Sat., May 18 at Edmonton.....	TBA
*Mon., May 20 at Vancouver.....	TBA

* If necessary

STARS 5, AVALANCHE 3

Thursday night game	
Colorado.....	3
Dallas.....	1
First period — 1. Dallas, Heiskanen 2 (Hintz, Robertson), 14:46 (pp). Penalties — , Col. served by Parisse (too many men on ice), 11:18. MacKinnon, Col (delay of game), 13:53. Marchment, Dal (tripping), 17:05.	
Second period — 2. Dallas, Hintz 2 (Lundkvist, Marchment), 1:57. 3. Dallas, Heiskanen 3 (Jamborn, Hintz), 15:54 (pp). 4. Dallas, Seguin 1 (Harley), 18:05. Penalties — Manson, Col (delay of game), 7:14. Walker, Col (slashing), 15:32. Hintz, Dal (holding), 16:44.	
Third period — 5. Colorado, Kiviranta 1 (Manson, Colton), 4:06. 6. Colorado, Duhaime 1 (Cogliandro, Colorado, Nichushkin 9 (Lehkonen, Mittelstadt), 16:16. 8. Dallas, Lindell 1 (Hintz, Tanev), 19:39 (en). Penalties — Kiviranta, Col (interference), 1:39. Marchment, Dal (embellishment), 1:39. , Col. served by Colton (too many men on ice), 5:09. Johnston, Dal (hi stick), 17:05. Shots on goal — Colorado 9-9-13 — 31. Dallas 9-15-7 — 31.	
Power plays — Colorado 0-3; Dallas 2-5. Goals — Colorado: Nichushkin 9 (2:10, shots-26 saves). Dallas, Oettinger 5-4-0 (31 shots-28 saves). Referees — Francis Charron, Frederick L'Ecuyer. Linesmen — Ryan Daisly, Devin Berg. A — 18,532 (18,532). T — 241.	

RANGERS 3, HURRICANES 2

Thursday night game	
NY Rangers.....	3
Carolina.....	2
First period — 1. Carolina, Guentzel 4 (Orlov, Svechnikov, Col). Penalties — NVR, served by Cuyille (too many men on ice), 2:00. Wennberg, NVR (holding), 5:18. Svechnikov, Car (embellishment), 5:18. Orlov, Car (roughing), 11:25. Kotkaniemi, Car (roughing), 11:25. Goodrow, NVR (roughing), 11:25. Vesey, NVR (roughing), 11:25. Guentzel, Car (hi stick), 13:14.	
Second period — 2. NY Rangers, Kreider 4 (Zibangajd), 8:30. Penalties — Martino, Car (tripping), 1:07. Panarin, NVR (hooking), 2:10. Skjei, Car (interference), 4:26. Fox, NVR (lifting), 7:39. Roslovic, NVR (hooking), 10:57.	
Third period — 3. NY Rangers, Lafreniere 3 (Panarin, Trocheck), 6:25. 4. Carolina, Svechnikov 2 (Aho, Skjei). Penalties — DeAngelo, Car (slashing), 9:12. Schneider, NVR (cross check), 11:38.	
Overtime — 5. NY Rangers, Panarin 4 (Trocheck, Lafreniere), 1:43. Penalties — None. Shots on goal — NY Rangers 7-11-6-1 — 25. Carolina 17-20-9-1 — 47.	
Power plays — NY Rangers 0-4; Carolina 0-5. Goals — NY Rangers, Shesterkin 7-0-0 (47 shots-45 saves). Carolina, Kochetkov 0-1-0 (25 shots-22 saves). Referees — Graham Skillerter, Chris Rooney. Linesmen — James Tobias, Matt MacPherson. A — 18,959 (18,680). T — 258.	

POSTSEASON LEADERS

Not including Friday's games			
SCORING			
	G	A	Pts.
McDavid, Edm.....	1	12	13
Draisaitl, Edm.....	5	7	12
Trocheck, NVR.....	5	7	12
Makar, Col.....	3	9	12
Zibangajd, NVR.....	3	9	12
MacKinnon, Col.....	3	9	11
Rantanen, Col.....	2	9	11
Hyman, Edm.....	9	1	10
Nichushkin, Col.....	9	1	10
Barkov, Fla.....	4	6	10
Tkachuk, Fla.....	4	6	10
Marchand, Bos.....	3	7	10
Bouchard, Edm.....	1	9	10
Lehkonen, Col.....	5	4	9
Verhaeghe, Fla.....	5	4	9
Panarin, NVR.....	4	5	9
Lafreniere, NVR.....	3	6	9
Aho, Car.....	2	7	9
Johnston, Dal.....	5	3	8
Guentzel, Car.....	4	4	8
Jarvis, Car.....	4	4	8

GOALS			
	GP	G	A
Hyman, Edm.....	6	9	9
Nichushkin, Col.....	7	9	5
Stamkos, TB.....	5	5	5
Draisaitl, Edm.....	6	5	5
Lehkonen, Col.....	7	5	5
Trocheck, NVR.....	7	5	5
Verhaeghe, Fla.....	7	5	5
Johnston, Dal.....	9	5	4
Kempe, LA.....	5	4	4
Barkov, Fla.....	7	4	4
Boeser, Van.....	7	4	4
Kreider, NVR.....	7	4	4
Panarin, NVR.....	7	4	4
Tkachuk, Fla.....	7	4	4
Guentzel, Car.....	8	4	4
Jarvis, Car.....	8	4	4
DeBrusk, Bos.....	4	3	3
Nylander, Tor.....	4	3	3
Connor, Wpg.....	5	3	3
Hagel, TB.....	5	3	3
Morrissey, Wpg.....	5	3	3
Eichel, VGK.....	7	3	3
Joshua, Van.....	7	3	3
Lafreniere, NVR.....	7	3	3

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Nelly Korda shot a second-round 66 and is four back.

SportsLog

Korda quest for 6th win in row alive

Nelly Korda has no intention of letting anyone run away with the Cognizant Founders Cup and end her bid to become the first player to win six straight LPGA Tour tournaments. Hear that **Rose Zhang** and **Madelene Sagstrom**. Faced with a 10-stroke deficit starting her second round Friday in the event that honors the tour's founding members, Korda shot a bogey-free 6-under-par 66 in cold, damp conditions to move into third place, four shots behind leaders Zhang and Sagstrom with 36 holes to play at Clifton, N.J. The round matched the best of the day, which Sagstrom established less than an hour earlier in the afternoon. Zhang, who tied Sagstrom's tournament record with a 63 Thursday, had a 68 playing in the morning. The 20-year-old Zhang and the 31-year-old Swede, who are tied at 13-under 131 on the Upper Montclair Country Club, each have won once on the LPGA Tour. After failing to win in her first start, the 25-year-old Korda has done nothing but win, with her current run of five tying Hall of Famers **Nancy Lopez** and **Annika Sorenstam** for the tour record.

Schauffele leads

Xander Schauffele shot a 4-under-par 67 after opening with a 64, leaving him at 11-under 131 and four shots ahead of **Rory McIlroy** and **Jason Day** heading into the weekend at the Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, N.C.

MEN'S HOCKEY

US falls to Sweden

The United States lost to Sweden, 5-2, in its opening match at the ice hockey world championship at Prague. **Joel Eriksson Ek** scored twice and added an assist, and star defenseman **Victor Hedman** had a goal and an assist for Sweden. **Zach Werenski** and **Brock Nelson** scored for the Americans in the Group B game. After the preliminary round, the top four in each group advances to the quarterfinals.

WNBA

Toronto in league

The WNBA is heading to Toronto. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reported the women's professional basketball league has awarded a franchise to the Kilmer Group for May 2026.

COLLEGES

ACC suit on hold

The Atlantic Coast Conference's lawsuit against member school Florida State has come to a temporary halt. North Carolina Chief Business Court Judge **Louis Bledsoe III** handed down a ruling that puts a stay on all discovery and further court-related work on the case while FSU appeals to the North Carolina Supreme Court. The school is appealing Bledsoe's earlier ruling that denied the school's motion to dismiss the case. Florida State is challenging the conference's exit fees and the validity of a grant-of-rights agreement that binds league members together through their media rights.

TENNIS

Djokovic takes hit

Novak Djokovic needed medical attention after getting knocked on the head by a water bottle after a win at the Italian Open. A child was leaning over the railing to hand Djokovic a notebook for a signature and an aluminum-type water bottle fell out of the child's backpack and hit him on the top of his head.

Baseball

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Duran graduates to everyday fixture

By Alex Speier
GLOBE STAFF

On a Red Sox roster that has been subject to constant shuffling, **Jarren Duran** has emerged as a constant.

On Friday, he was in the team's lineup for the 38th straight game this year, with 36 of those appearances coming in the leadoff spot. The automatic inking of his name on the scorecard represents a new stage in his development.

A year ago, the outfielder might have been on the bench with a lefthander on the hill (albeit Nationals southpaw **Patrick Corbin** has considerable reverse splits).

This year, the Sox have challenged Duran to produce regardless of a pitcher's handedness. So far, he's largely answered the call.

Duran, who went 1 for 5 in Friday's 5-1 home loss, was 1 for 4 against Nationals lefties, leaving him with a .279 average and .404 OBP against lefties this season. Though that production has come without power (one extra-base hit off lefties thanks to an approach geared for liners to the middle of the field and opposite field), the Sox are thrilled with his ability to contribute every day on both sides of the ball.

"The guy is doing everything. He's playing well," said Sox manager **Alex Cora**. "He's not hitting homers, but he's getting on base, stealing bases. He's been good for us putting pressure on the opposition, playing good defense, hanging in there against lefties, posting every day."

The Sox were particularly excited about Duran's in-game adjustments against **Chris Sale**, a left-on-left nightmare, in Atlanta on Wednesday. Duran struck out twice on a total of six pitches in his first two plate appearances, flailing against Sale's sliders.

A year ago, Duran — notoriously hard on himself — might have found it difficult to adjust. But in Atlanta, Red Sox assistant hitting coach **Ben Rosenthal** sug-

gested Duran look up and away to avoid chasing sliders that would drop below the zone. Duran responded by lining an up-and-away slider to right for a single on the first pitch of his third at-bat.

The Sox believe Duran has benefited from a consistent spot in the lineup. The certainty of being back on the field regardless of his performance the previous day has allowed him to better compartmentalize a bad game or at-bat, in the process allowing him to make better game-to-game and in-game adjustments.

"[Being hard on himself] is part of his DNA. He's learning how to manage that," said Rosenthal. "He's turning into a pro — a legitimate, everyday pro. He's so much better at conversing during the game and talking, even if he gets mad and gets out."

"I tell him every day, 'Dude, if this is our bad, the [performance] floor has risen.' It's outstanding."

Yet Rosenthal believes Duran's performance to date — a .264/.333/.409 line — represents a solid baseline, as opposed to a five-tool ceiling in which he taps into more power, with a recent 11-game run (.311/.392/.556 with seven extra-base hits) offering a reminder of even greater possibility.

"To me, this is still the floor," said Rosenthal. "I think we're getting closer to seeing some of the ceiling."

Bello on tap Sunday

Righthander **Brayan Bello**, out since April 21 because of soreness in his right lat, is expected to return from the injured list Sunday against the Nationals. While Bello's command was spotty in a rehab start in Double A Portland on Tuesday, he worked comfortably with a 95-97 m.p.h. sinker and felt fine using his full mix over a 52-pitch start that lasted 2½ innings.

"If he's ready to pitch in the big leagues, he's pitching in the big leagues. That's the way I see it. That's the way

we're talking," said Cora. "He's trending in the right direction and there's a good chance he'll pitch Sunday."

No surgery for Yoshida

Masataka Yoshida received a third opinion on his left thumb strain that agreed with the first two: The designated hitter won't need surgery to address an issue he incurred on a swing against the Cubs on April 28. That said, the 30-year-old, hitting .275/.348/.388 this year, won't be back anytime soon.

"No surgery, so that's good news," said Cora. "Now we've just got to wait. Obviously [he'll get] treatment and see how he feels in a few weeks. We'll go from there."

Cora said Yoshida, who was wearing a hard plastic guard protecting the base of his thumb, is unlikely to swing a bat for the next few weeks. That reality suggests Yoshida will be sidelined through at least mid-June, and perhaps later.

"I don't want to put a timeline [on his return]," said Cora. "At least we know at one point he's going to be available and he's going to be able to help us."

Whitlock faces friendly fire

Righthander **Garrett Whitlock** threw three simulated innings of live batting practice against teammates at Fenway Park on Friday. The team will make a determination Saturday about whether his next step will be a minor league rehab outing . . . With the lefthanded Corbin on the mound, the Sox started **Romy Gonzalez** at shortstop, allowing them to put **Ceddanne Rafaela** in center — just the second time in the team's last 18 games that Rafaela has started at his best defensive position . . . **Triston Casas** is feeling better in his recovery from torn rib cartilage, but has yet to commence rehab activities.

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Trailing 3-0, Connor Wong got the Red Sox on the scoreboard when he raced home on a Garrett Cooper double off the Wall in the fourth inning.

Bats leave Houck high and dry vs. Nationals

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tunities but failed to capitalize on them, going 1 for 9 with five strikeouts with runners in scoring position.

In their last 27 plate appearances with runners in scoring position, the Sox have failed to score. They've been held to one or no runs 12 times this year, and four times in the last seven contests — a stretch in which the team has gone 1-6 to fall to 19-19.

"It's part of the game. But to be a winning team, you do need to deliver in those situations," said first baseman **Garrett Cooper**. "Sometimes, guys are pressing a bit much with guys on base and that's part of it. It's just something you've got to take a deep breath and calm down and treat it like any other at-bat if nobody was on. . . . It's just [part of] the ups and downs [of a season]. The downs can feel a little bit worse."

Friday's offensive outage proved particularly frustrating given that it wasted another strong outing by **Tanner Houck**. The righthander ultimately logged seven innings (his seventh outing this year of at least six innings, tied for the MLB lead) in which he allowed just three runs on six hits, walked one, and struck out four.

Though ultimately solid, an early stumble proved costly. Houck felt slightly

off in his delivery at the start of the game, drifting down the mound with his lead leg instead of planting firmly to set his direction towards the plate. His pitches in the first half of his outing thus lacked finish, and the Nationals capitalized with a pair of rallies that began with two outs and the bases empty.

Keibert Ruiz kicked off a two-run Washington rally in the second by lining the eighth pitch of the at-bat for a two-out single to right. An Eddie Rosario double down the right-field line put runners on second and third.

With Sox second baseman **Vaughn Grissom** stationed up the middle, both runners scored when **Trey Lipscomb** bounced a single through the wide-open right side of the infield to put Washington ahead, 2-0.

The Nationals again staged a two-out rally in the third. **A Luis Garcia Jr.** double off the Wall preceded a **Joey Meneses** 12-hopper through the vacated right side of the infield, putting Washington ahead, 3-0.

In the span of two innings, the Nationals collected as many hits (3) with two outs and runners in scoring position against Houck as he'd allowed in his first seven starts combined.

"Chalk it up as finding a hole, seeing-eye singles," said Houck (3-4, 2.24 ERA).

"Try not to beat yourself up too much about it, but it definitely stings."

The Sox briefly awakened from their offensive lethargy in the fourth against Nationals starter **Patrick Corbin**, who entered with a 6.45 ERA. Catcher **Connor Wong** dropped a one-out bunt single, then scored from first on a two-out double by **Cooper** to make it 3-1.

One inning later, the Sox hinted at an interest in completely eradicating their deficit when **Ceddanne Rafaela** and **Jarren Duran** opened the inning with consecutive infield singles. With the tying run on base, and the top of the lineup facing **Corbin** (1-3, 5.91) for a third time, the Sox had their chance.

They flubbed it. **Rob Refsnyder** flied to right, with **Rafaela** advancing to third. **Tyler O'Neill** — with a chance to produce a run by simply putting the ball in play — struck out looking on a backdoor cutter, and **Rafael Devers's** fielder's choice groundout ended both the threat and **Corbin's** five-inning outing.

The Sox once again threatened against the Washington bullpen in the sixth, loading the bases with two outs. But they proved unable to capitalize when Duran looked at a called third strike from lefthander **Robert Garcia**.

"We get really good at bats, we get guys on and then it goes [dotted pitch],

Nationals 5, Red Sox 1

At Fenway Park		AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Washington		4	0	0	0	0	2	.287
Young cf		4	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Abrams ss		4	1	1	0	0	1	.318
Garcia Jr. 2b		4	0	1	0	0	1	.219
Meneses 1b		4	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Winker dh		4	0	0	0	0	2	.150
Ruiz c		4	2	2	0	0	0	.159
Rosario lf		2	1	2	2	0	0	.250
Lipscomb 3b		4	0	2	1	0	0	.350
Robles rf		4	0	2	1	0	0	.333
Totals		34	5	8	4	2	8	

Boston		AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Duran lf-ef		5	0	1	0	0	2	.264
Refsnyder dh		3	0	0	0	2	1	.325
O'Neill rf-ff		5	0	1	0	0	3	.279
Devers 3b		3	0	0	0	1	1	.280
Wong c		4	1	2	0	0	0	.360
Grissom 2b		4	0	1	0	0	1	.143
Cooper 1b		3	0	1	0	0	0	.130
a-Smith ph-1b		1	0	0	0	0	0	.190
Gonzalez ss		2	0	1	0	0	0	.300
b-Abreu ph-rf		1	0	1	1	0	0	.283
Rafaela cf-ss		3	0	1	0	1	1	.215
Totals		34	1	9	1	5	9	

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Boston000	100	000	-	1	9	1

a-grounded out for Cooper in 8th, b-walked for R.Gonzalez in 6th. E-Wong (2). LOB—Washington 5, Boston 11. 2B—Garcia Jr. (10), Rosario (3), O'Neill (6), Cooper (3), Abreu (9). HR—SB—Young (13), Rosario (5), Lipscomb (7), Robles (3). Runners left in scoring position—Washington 2 (Young, Meneses), Boston 6 (Duran 2, O'Neill 2, Devers, Gonzalez). RISP—Washington 4 for 8, Boston 1 for 9. Runners moved up—Abrams, Refsnyder. GDP—O'Neill. DP—Washington 1 (Lipscomb, Garcia Jr., Meneses).

Washington		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Corbin W 1-3		5	7	1	1	1	4	86	5.91
Law		½	1	0	0	2	0	15	3.38
Garcia		½	0	0	0	0	1	6	5.23
Harvey		1	0	0	0	1	1	15	2.53
Flores		1	0	0	0	0	0	10	0.47
JBarnes		1	1	0	0	1	3	24	1.00

Boston		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Houck L 3-4		7	6	3	3	1	4	95	2.24
Bernardino		1	0	0	0	0	1	8	0.57
Jansen		1	2	2	2	1	3	22	3.09

Inherited runners scored—Garcia 3-0. HBP—by Houck (Young). WP—Jansen. Umpires—Home, Chris Conroy; First, Brennan Miller; Second, Brian O'Nora; Third, Derek Thomas. T—2:26. A—31,313 (37,755).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

SECOND INNING
NATIONALS — Meneses grounded out, second baseman Grissom to first baseman Cooper. Winker lined out to center fielder Rafaela. Ruiz singled to right. Ed.Rosario doubled to right. Ruiz to third. Lipscomb singled to right. Ruiz scored. Ed.Rosario scored. Lipscomb stole second. Robles singled to left. Lipscomb to third. Lipscomb was out advancing, right fielder O'Neill to catcher Wong. Lipscomb out.

THIRD INNING
NATIONALS — Young was out bunting, third baseman Devers to first baseman Cooper. Abrams grounded out, second baseman Grissom to first baseman Cooper. Garcia Jr. doubled to left. Meneses singled to right. Garcia Jr. scored. Winker grounded out, second baseman Grissom to first baseman Cooper.

FOURTH INNING
RED SOX — Devers grounded out, second baseman Garcia Jr. to first baseman Meneses. Wong hit an infield single to third. Grissom struck out. Cooper doubled to left. Wong scored. R.Gonzalez grounded out, shortstop Abrams to first baseman Meneses.

NINTH INNING
NATIONALS — Smith in as first baseman. Jansen pitching. Winker struck out. Ruiz struck out. Ed.Rosario singled to right. Ed.Rosario stole second. On throwing error by catcher Wong, Ed.Rosario to third. Lipscomb walked on four pitches. On Jansen's wild pitch, Ed.Rosario scored. Lipscomb to second. Robles singled to left. Lipscomb scored. Robles stole second. Young struck out.



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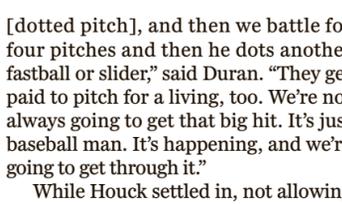
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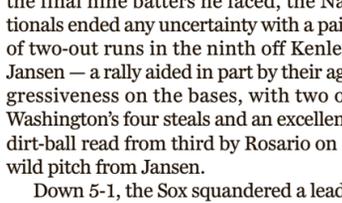
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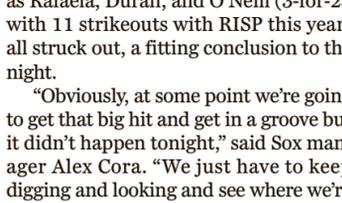
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Down 5-1, the Sox squandered a lead-off double in the ninth by **Wilner Abreu**, as **Rafaela**, **Duran**, and **O'Neill** (3-for-23 with 11 strikeouts with RISP this year) all struck out, a fitting conclusion to the night.

"Obviously, at some point we're going to get that big hit and get in a groove but it didn't happen tonight," said Sox manager **Alex Cora**. "We just have to keep digging and looking and see where we're failing. Hopefully we can find it tomorrow."

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Baseball



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The Rays' Randy Arozarena beats the tag by Yankees first baseman Anthony Rizzo on a pickoff attempt.

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Baltimore	25	12	.676	—	6-1	8-2	W 2
New York	26	14	.650	½	7-7	7-3	W 1
Boston	19	19	.500	6½	0-3	4-6	L 3
Tampa Bay	19	20	.487	7	3-5	6-4	L 2
Toronto	17	21	.447	8½	5-5	4-6	L 1
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Cleveland	24	15	.615	—	6-4	5-5	L 2
Minnesota	23	15	.605	½	12-7	8-2	W 3
*Kansas City	23	16	.590	1	8-5	6-4	W 2
Detroit	19	19	.500	4½	10-6	3-7	L 2
Chicago	11	28	.282	13	4-18	5-5	W 3
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Texas	22	18	.550	—	8-9	6-4	L 1
*Seattle	20	18	.526	1	4-2	5-5	L 2
*Oakland	18	21	.462	3½	3-4	6-4	L 1
Houston	14	24	.368	7	5-5	5-5	W 2
*Los Angeles	14	24	.368	7	0-0	4-6	L 1

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Philadelphia	27	12	.692	—	4-3	8-2	W 1
Atlanta	23	12	.657	2	9-4	5-5	W 3
Washington	19	18	.514	7	5-2	6-4	W 1
New York	18	19	.486	8	2-2	4-6	L 1
Miami	10	30	.250	17½	1-10	4-6	L 4
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Milwaukee	23	15	.605	—	10-5	6-4	W 2
Chicago	23	16	.590	½	2-1	5-5	W 1
Pittsburgh	17	22	.436	6½	3-3	3-7	L 3
*Cincinnati	16	21	.432	6½	1-2	1-9	L 8
St. Louis	15	23	.395	8	0-5	2-8	L 6
WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
*Los Angeles	26	13	.667	—	7-4	8-2	W 7
*San Diego	20	20	.500	6½	10-9	6-4	W 1
Arizona	18	21	.462	8	9-8	5-5	L 1
*San Francisco	17	22	.436	9	8-9	3-7	L 1
Colorado	10	28	.263	15½	5-9	3-7	W 2

* — Not including late game

RESULTS

FRIDAY							
Washington 5	at Boston 1	At Chi. White Sox 6	Cleveland 3				
Chi. Cubs 7	at Pittsburgh 2	At Milwaukee 11	St. Louis 2				
Houston 5	at Detroit 2	At Colorado 4	Texas 2				
NY Yankees 2	at Tampa Bay 0	Kansas City 4	at LA Angels				
At Baltimore 4	Arizona 2	LA Dodgers	at San Diego				
Minnesota 3	at Toronto 2	Oakland	at Seattle				
Atlanta 4	at NY Mets 2	Cincinnati	at San Francisco				
Philadelphia 8	at Miami 2						

THURSDAY							
Arizona 5	at Cincinnati 4	At Chi. White Sox 3	Cleveland 2				
At Minnesota 11	Seattle 1	At Milwaukee 7	St. Louis 1				
At Colorado 9	San Francisco 1	Kansas City 10	at LA Angels 4				
Houston 4	at NY Yankees 3						

SATURDAY'S GAMES

	2024		2023 vs. opp.		Last 3 starts	
	Odds	W-L ERA	W-L	IP ERA	W-L	IP ERA
WASHINGTON AT BOSTON, 1:00 p.m.						
Irvin (R)	+130	2-3 3.72	2-5 0-0	0.0 0.00	1-2 15.2	4.60
Criswell (R)	-150	2-1 1.74	4-0 0-0	0.0 0.00	2-0 14.1	0.63
MINNESOTA AT TORONTO, 3:07 p.m.						
Woods Richardson (R)	+135	1-0 1.74	4-0 0-0	0.0 0.00	0-0 14.2	1.84
Gausman (R)	-180	2-3 3.78	3-4 1-0	10.0 6.30	2-1 19.0	0.47
ARIZONA AT BALTIMORE, 4:05 p.m.						
Nelson (R)	+150	2-2 5.23	2-3 0-0	0.0 0.00	2-0 13.0	3.46
Means (L)	-180	1-0 0.00	1-0 0-0	0.0 0.00	1-0 7.0	0.00
CHI. CUBS AT PITTSBURGH, 4:05 p.m.						
Steele (L)	-115	0-0 0.96	0-2 0-0	0.0 0.00	0-0 9.1	0.96
Skenes (R)	-105	—	—	—	—	—
ATLANTA AT NY METS, 4:10 p.m.						
Fried (L)	-160	2-1 4.23	5-2 1-0	5.0 0.00	1-1 22.0	1.64
Scott (R)	+135	0-0 1.35	0-1 0-0	0.0 0.00	0-0 6.0	1.35
NY YANKEES AT TAMPA BAY, 4:10 p.m.						
Cortes (L)	-125	1-3 3.72	3-5 0-0	4.1 12.46	0-2 19.1	4.19
Litell (R)	+105	1-2 3.00	3-4 0-0	0.0 0.00	0-2 18.0	4.00
PHILADELPHIA AT MIAMI, 4:10 p.m.						
Walker (R)	Off	2-0 6.39	2-0 0-0	0.0 0.00	2-0 12.2	6.39
Luzardo (L)	Off	0-2 6.58	1-4 1-0	6.0 4.50	0-1 15.2	8.04
HOUSTON AT DETROIT, 6:10 p.m.						
Javier (R)	+110	2-0 1.54	2-2 1-0	6.0 1.50	2-0 17.1	2.08
Skubal (L)	-130	4-0 1.90	5-2 0-0	0.0 0.00	2-0 19.0	1.42
CLEVELAND AT CHI. WHITE SOX, 7:10 p.m.						
McKenzie (R)	-160	2-2 3.97	5-2 0-0	0.0 0.00	0-0 16.0	2.81
Clevinger (R)	+135	0-1 13.50	0-1 1-0	6.0 3.00	0-1 2.0	13.50
CINCINNATI AT SAN FRANCISCO, 7:15 p.m.						
Lodolo (L)	Off	3-1 2.79	4-1 0-0	0.0 0.00	1-1 17.0	4.24
Black (R)	Off	0-1 10.38	0-1 0-0	0.0 0.00	0-1 4.1	10.38
ST. LOUIS AT MILWAUKEE, 7:15 p.m.						
Gibson (R)	Off	4-0 2.79	3-4 0-0	5.0 3.60	1-0 19.0	1.89
Peralta (R)	Off	3-1 3.49	6-1 1-1	11.1 5.56	1-1 15.0	6.00
TEXAS AT COLORADO, 8:10 p.m.						
Heaney (L)	Off	4-0 4.50	1-6 1-0	6.0 0.00	0-2 19.0	2.84
Feltner (R)	Off	1-3 5.54	2-5 0-0	0.0 0.00	0-1 17.2	6.11
LA DODGERS AT SAN DIEGO, 8:40 p.m.						
Paxton (L)	Off	4-0 3.06	5-1 1-0	6.0 1.50	2-0 16.1	3.31
Waldron (R)	Off	1-4 5.82	1-6 0-0	0.0 0.00	1-2 15.0	7.20
KANSAS CITY AT LA ANGELS, 9:38 p.m.						
Ragans (L)	Off	2-2 3.38	4-4 0-1	4.0 6.75	2-0 17.2	2.04
Anderson (L)	Off	2-4 2.74	2-5 1-0	10.1 6.10	0-2 17.1	4.67
OAKLAND AT SEATTLE, 9:40 p.m.						
TBA	Off	—	—	—	—	—
Miller (R)	Off	3-2 2.61	5-2 1-0	12.0 0.75	0-1 17.0	3.71

NOTEBOOK

Elite prospect Skenes set for Pirates debut

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paul Skenes thought he was ready for the majors months ago. Turns out, life doesn't work like that. Or at least the Pirates didn't want it to work like that for perhaps the best pitching prospect in a generation. "You can't just show up in spring training and throw seven innings, even if I feel like I can," Skenes said.

Instead, the Pirates opted to bring the top overall pick in last year's draft along slowly in hopes of protecting the 21-year-old's right arm that regularly delivers fastballs that reach triple digits. The buildup at Triple A Indianapolis was gradual and deliberate. Skenes understood the assignment. He embraced it as best he could across seven almost uniformly dominant starts in which he posted a 0.99 ERA, doing his best to push the wondering about when "the call" would come out of his mind.

It worked. Maybe too well. Skenes was actually napping Wednesday when manager **Miguel Perez** tried to break the news Skenes was going to Pittsburgh. Perez, who's notoriously creative in finding ways to let his players know they're moving up, opted to take a more direct approach with Skenes. Fitting for a franchise eager for the future to arrive as fast as possible.

"He says, 'Are you really going to make me look for another pitcher on Saturday?'" Skenes said. "I'm like, 'I don't know, am I?'" He says, "Yeah, you are. You're going to the show."

The conversation lasted two minutes. Less than 48 sometimes frantic hours later, Skenes walked into a clubhouse at PNC Park on Friday that had a stall featuring his name and the number "30." Skenes will make his first major league start Saturday against the Cubs in perhaps the most anticipated pitching debut since former Washington star **Stephen Strasburg** struck out 14 Pirates in 2009.

Skenes, who turned 7 that night, has no recollection of it. Then again, life has come at him so fast of late that keeping track can be difficult.

Former Padre Burroughs dies at 43

Sean Burroughs, a third baseman who played parts of seven seasons in the major leagues and won a gold medal during the 2000 Olympics, died Thursday. He was 43.

According to ESPN, he collapsed after dropping his son off at Little League practice. The Long Beach (Calif.) Little League announced Burroughs's death in an Instagram post Friday. Burroughs won back-to-back Little League World Series with Long Beach in 1992 and 1993 before returning to coach.

The son of 1974 American League MVP **Jeff Burroughs** was drafted No. 9 overall by the Padres in 1998. He made his major league debut in 2002, recorded the first walkoff hit at Petco Park in 2004, and was traded to the Rays in 2005. By 2007 he was out of baseball and battling addiction, but he made a comeback with the Diamondbacks in 2011 and briefly played with the Twins in 2012.

In 528 MLB games he hit .278 with 12 home runs and 143 RBIs.

Yankees slip past Rays

Clarke Schmidt allowed five hits in 6⅓ innings, **Anthony Rizzo** homered and drove in two runs, and the Yankees beat the Rays, 2-0, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Schmidt (4-1) struck out six and walked two as he extended his season-opening run of allowing three or fewer runs to eight starts.

Yankees closer **Clayton Kershaw** had a stressful ninth inning. He walked two batters with one out and struck out **Isaac Paredes** looking before pinch hitter **Austin Shenton** singled to load the bases. Holmes then struck out **Jonny DeLuca** to secure his 12th save in 13 chances and complete a six-hitter.

Rizzo had a fourth-inning RBI single and connected on a first-pitch homer against **Shawn Armstrong** leading off the ninth to help the Yankees win for the sixth time in seven games.

Rays starter **Taj Bradley** (0-1) gave up one run, four hits and struck out seven over six innings in his season debut. The righthander had been on the 15-day injured list with a right pectoral strain.

YANKEES 2, RAYS 0

NY YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Volpe ss	5	0	1	0	0	3	.255
Soto rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.325
Judge cf	2	1	0	0	2	0	.233
Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.250
Stanton dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.229
Rizzo 1b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.265
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.209
Trevino c	4	0	2	0	0	0	.290
Berti 3b	4	0	2	0	0	1	.300
Totals	35	2	9	2	2	9	

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Diaz 1b	3	0	2	0	1	1	.237
Arozarena lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.143
JLowe rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.308
Paredes 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.293
HaRamirez dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.285
Shenton ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.189
Siri pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.170
DeLuca cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.292
Palacios 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.282
Caballero ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	.258
Jackson c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.091
Totals	29	0	6	0	4	11	

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E—JLowe (1). LOB—NY Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 6. HR—Rizzo (7), off Armstrong. SB—Berti (2), Palacios (6), Caballero (15). CS—Paredes (1), Caballero (6). DP—NY Yankees 1.

NY Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Schmidt W 4-1	6⅓	5	0	0	2	6	2.95
Burdí	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Weaver	1	0	0	0	2	2	5.59
Holmes S 12	1	1	0	0	2	3	0.00

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradley L 0-1	6	4	1	1	2	7	1.50
Kelly	⅓	2	0	0	0	1	3.68
Clevinger	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.98
Adam	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.59
Armstrong	1	3	1	1	0	0	3.38

Inherited runners scored—Burdí 1-0, Clevinger 2-0. NP—Schmidt 87, Burdí 3, Weaver 12, Holmes 34, Bradley 93, Kelly 16, Clevinger 7, Adam 12, Armstrong 17. Umpires—Home, Junior Valentine; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, Quinn Wolcott. T—2:39. A—18,041 (25,025).

ASTROS 5, TIGERS 2

HOUSTON	AB
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KEN MCGAGH FOR THE GLOBE

BC High's Mason Cleary (center), a 6-foot-5-inch senior captain, ranks as the Eagles' leader in kills, digs, and aces.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

BC High gets boost from heavy-hitting Cleary brothers

By AJ Traub
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At the start of the delayed 2021 spring season, BC High boys' volleyball coach James Chen had concerns about a relaunch following the last season of 2020 due to the pandemic.

By the end of the first tryout, Chen was ready to dub Mason Cleary, then an incoming freshman, as the team's "next big thing." Not only has the 6-foot-5-inch Cleary emerged as the top option and helped lead the sixth-ranked Eagles to a 13-2 record, but he is putting his brother, Ben, on an even higher trajectory as the duo provides a 1-2 punch by the pins in Cadigan Gym.

Mason and Ben started playing volleyball three years ago, inspired by older sister Breann, who led Boston Latin to the state semifinals in 2019. Both played the middle, Mason as a freshman at BC High and Ben as a seventh-grader on Boston Latin's junior varsity.

Now headlining a senior class of nine, Mason leads the Eagles in kills (198, hitting .296), digs (188), aces (28), and passing (2.26/3, covering most of the court), adding 42 blocks. He molded his game by playing at every opportunity, including clubs like SMASH.

Chen's 2022 gambit of putting his sophomore core at their future positions to add early experience is paying off as well. The team went 7-10 with Mason sliding to the outside, James Shriver switching from opposite to outside, and Grayson Kamadeu moving from middle to opposite.

"I went all in. Three sophomores starting on the pins," said Chen. "It's going to be a learning year, a season of growing pains, but bite the bullet now and hope for the junior and senior year."

The ensuing season, Cleary, Shriver, and Kamadeu became captains. It was evident how much they had improved, leading the Eagles to a 13-7 season and a first-round tournament victory for the first time in program history.

It was also the first time Ben, who had transferred in as a freshman, got a taste of what his brother was capable of doing when he wasn't facing the other top players in the state.

"Seeing him play against high school players, many of them don't play club," Ben said. "Wow he's really good. He crushed the ball down the line or on a hard cross, it's like 'Wow.'"

Though BC High was swept in its 2023 season opener at North Quincy, it was a match that solidified Ben's decision to join his big brother.

"It was my first ever high school game in front of 300 fans," Ben said. "[Mason] was constantly telling me 'Keep on going,' encouraged me all the way. That game really set the tone for how my high school would go."

A 6-1 sophomore, Ben is the No. 2 outside option for the Eagles with 125 kills, adding 134 digs and 20 blocks. His advantage: Mason, a Globe All-Scholastic, is always there to push him and teach him all the things Mason wished he had learned sooner. A quick study, Ben always does his part by eagerly watching film with his brother.

"I can definitely [hold] him to higher standards," Mason said of Ben. "Not just because he started early, but as his brother I'm allowed to push him."

Ben's emergence as another prolific hitter has been crucial for the Eagles, especially when opponents key on Mason. Their presence on the court together often helps open

Globe Top 20

Table with 3 columns: No., Rec., Last. Lists top 20 teams in various sports categories like Baseball, Tennis, Lacrosse, etc.

a lane for the other. "Ben's able to elevate his game, trying to follow in his brother's footsteps," Chen said. "Mason is always helping him out, teaching him things that he had to figure out on his own. I think it's elevating Ben's game faster."

Mason has worked on being able to crush an accurate spike as often as possible. But with his brother getting creative on those times when he faces a block, Mason is also learning from Ben.

"He likes to use his hands and throw it over the net. Can't say I can do it very effectively," Mason said. "I've tried some of the stuff he does, throw it to the corners. Corners are always open on defense. Court vision is one of the things I've learned from him."

With wins over ranked teams like No. 7 Milford and No. 9 Wayland, and the program's second-ever conference title (and first in the Catholic Conference since its inception in 2019) in hand, the Eagles believe the tournament semifinals are within reach.

"It's very gratifying, all our hard work is paying off," Shriver said. "We have played and competed with strong teams. It gives everyone the expectation we can do well in the playoffs this year."

Added Mason: "We can really do this, we can go 18-2. Everyone's believing in it. We want to go far."

Set points

At Wednesday's volleyball committee meeting, members expect the MIAA will adopt new national federation rules. Among them: there is no longer a penalty for changing jersey numbers when a uniform is damaged, and the ability to substitute a libero replacement during an injury timeout.

Last week, Latin Academy reached its highest ever MIAA power ranking at No. 11. The future is even brighter on Townsend Street, with the crew that entered Friday 9-5 led by a young core.

Sophomore hitter Teddy Stylianopoulos is already a three-year starter after playing JV in seventh grade. He and freshman libero Tri Duong lead a strong passing system that allows the team to make the most of its offense.

"We had 45 kids try out. A lot of it is frankly due to Teddy," said Latin Academy coach Nick Mone. "He has recruited kids to play volleyball, he set a good tone in our program, both with his leadership on and off the court."

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Schools

Large table listing school sports results across various categories: Baseball, Tennis, Lacrosse, Soccer, etc. Includes team names and scores.

Golf

PGA: WELLS FARGO. At Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, USA. Yards: 7,558; par: 71. Second Round results.

PGA: MYRTLE BEACH. At Dunes Golf & Beach Club, USA. Yards: 7,347; par: 71. Second Round results.

LPGA: FOUNDERS CUP. At Upper Montclair Country Club, USA. Yards: 6,536; par: 72. Second Round results.

ATLANTIC DIVISION. Hartford def. Providence 3-1. Hershey 2, Lehigh Valley 1.

PACIFIC DIVISION. Vancouver 10, 3, 2, 18. Colton 11, 3, 3, 18. Austin 11, 4, 4, 16.

WESTERN CONFERENCE. Real Salt Lake 11, 6, 3, 21. Minnesota 10, 6, 2, 20. LA Galaxy 11, 5, 4, 19.

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Scoreboard

Scoreboard table showing game results for various sports on different days of the week (SAT, SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI).

Home games shaded. For updated scores: bostonglobe.com/sports. Radio: Red Sox, WEEI-FM 93.7; Bruins, Celtics, and Revolution, WBZ-FM 98.5.

ON THE AIR

AUTO RACING. 1:30 p.m. Xfinity: Crown Royal Purple Bag 200 FS1. 3 p.m. IndyCar: Sionsio Grand Prix NBC.

BASEBALL

4:10 p.m. Atlanta at NY Mets FS1. 4:10 p.m. Washington at Boston NESN. 7:15 p.m. St. Louis at Milwaukee Fox.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

11:30 a.m. Harvard at Yale NESN+.

NBA PLAYOFFS

3:30 p.m. Oklahoma City at Dallas ABC. 8:30 p.m. Boston at Cleveland ABC.

BOXING

10 p.m. Lightweights: Lomachenko vs. Kambosos ESPN.

FISHING

7:30 a.m. Minn Kota Bassmaster Elite FS1.

PRO FOOTBALL

1 p.m. UFL: Memphis at Arlington ESPN. 4 p.m. UFL: St. Louis at Birmingham Fox.

GOLF

1 p.m. PGA: Wells Fargo Championship Golf. 3 p.m. PGA: Myrtle Beach Classic Golf.

MEN'S HOCKEY

2 p.m. World Championships: US vs. Germany NHL.

PRO HOCKEY

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4 p.m. UFC Fight Night prelims ESPN. 7 p.m. Heavyweights: Lewis vs. Nascimento ESPN.

MOTORCYCLE RACING

8:30 a.m. MotoGP: Grand Prix de France TruTV. 8 p.m. AMA Supercross final USA.

RODEO

8 p.m. PBR: Eliminations, Fort Worth CBSN.

RUGBY

11:55 p.m. NRL: New Zealand at Sydney FS2.

MEN'S SOCCER

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

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DELANEY, Jeannette A. (Jutras)



Age 95, entered into eternal life peacefully on May 5, 2024. Jeannette grew up in Lawrence, raised her family in Dorchester and has lived in Weymouth for many years. Mrs. Delaney worked and retired from M.I.B. in Westwood. Beloved wife of the late Robert J. Delaney. Devoted and beloved mother of Robert and his wife, Linda of Frenchville, Maine, Michael Delaney and his wife, Margaret of Weymouth and the late James Delaney. Mother-in-law of Ann Delaney of Hanover. Beloved sister of Gerry Jutras of New Boston, New Hampshire and the late Leo Jutras. Loving grandmother of Katelyn, Sean, Colleen, Patrick, Bridget and Lillian. Great-grandmother to Elora and Tommaso. Funeral Service at the Clancy-Lucid Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., WEYMOUTH, on Tuesday, May 14, at 11 am. Visiting Hours on Monday, from 4 until 8 pm. Burial in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree. For messages and directions, see clancy-lucid.com

MANN, Susan (Corning)



Passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on April 26, 2024.

Born in Stamford, CT on July 25, 1927, Sue was the daughter of Valerie Ebbets and Edward Parsons Corning of Shippan Point. A graduate of the Low-Heywood School and Sweet Briar College, Sue married C. Stuart Whitla (Skip) in 1950 and raised their three children in Syracuse, NY and Wellesley, MA. She married Henry L. Mann in 1985 and lived for many years in Upton and Shrewsbury, MA. She later lived in Walpole and Medfield, MA.

Sue was a lifelong sailor, gardener, award-winning floral designer, tennis and golf player and skier. She was an active member of the Stamford Yacht Club in Stamford, CT; Stage Harbor Yacht Club in Chatham, MA; Wellesley Country Club in Wellesley, MA; the Junior League of Boston; the Altar Guild at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Wellesley, MA; and the garden clubs of the Junior League, Wellesley and Upton. Sue and Henry were parishioners of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Dover, MA.

Sue enjoyed spending summers on the beach in Chatham and later, winters on the golf course in Naples, FL. Nothing brought her more joy, though than spending time with her grandchildren, whether she was teaching them about gardening or the proper golf and tennis swing; marveling at their musical and artistic talents or their athletic prowess; sailing alongside them on Whisper, the Herreshoff 12-1/2 sailboat built by her son, Stuart; or simply engaging them in conversation, always the one to ask the questions, listen carefully to their answers and provide thoughtful counsel. As her family's North Star, Sue demonstrated steadfast resilience and faith; elegance without pretension; and always, grace and kindness with a warm smile and a twinkle in her eye. Sue was the infinitely proud, actively curious, fully engaged and endlessly devoted matriarch of her eternally grateful family.

Sue was predeceased by her beloved husband Henry; her son, C. Stuart Whitla, Jr.; and her stepson, James Mann. She is survived by her daughter Betsy Graziano and husband, Tom of Norfolk, MA; son, Douglas Whitla and wife, Ann of Medfield, MA; daughter-in-law, Karen Aveson and husband, Steven of Bristol, RI; grandchildren, Benjamin Whitla and wife, Tara of Maplewood, NJ, Alison Bourgault and husband, Bryan of Portsmouth, RI, Matthew Graziano and wife, Megan of Gloucester, MA, Andrew Graziano and wife, Anabell of Marietta, GA, Alexander Graziano and wife, Tiffany of Sugar Hill, NH, Stuart Whitla of Charlotte, NC, and Lane Whitla of Medfield, MA; and ten great-grandchildren. Sue is also survived by her stepchildren, Seth Mann of Newfane, VT, Peter Mann and wife, Barbara of Pomfret, CT, Patty Fishback and husband, John of New Smyrna, FL, Debbie Coreil of Lake Mary, FL, Wendy Gibbons and husband, Tim of Powell, OH; ten step-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

A private Burial will be followed by a Service of remembrance and celebration at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 18 Springdale Ave., Dover, MA on Saturday, June 8, at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in memory of Sue be made to The Thomas Upham House Activities Fund, 519 Main St., Medfield, MA 02052.

RICH, Barbara

A 100 year old, Los Angeles, California born, resident of Bellflower, passed away on April 30, 2024. Per her request, no service will be held.

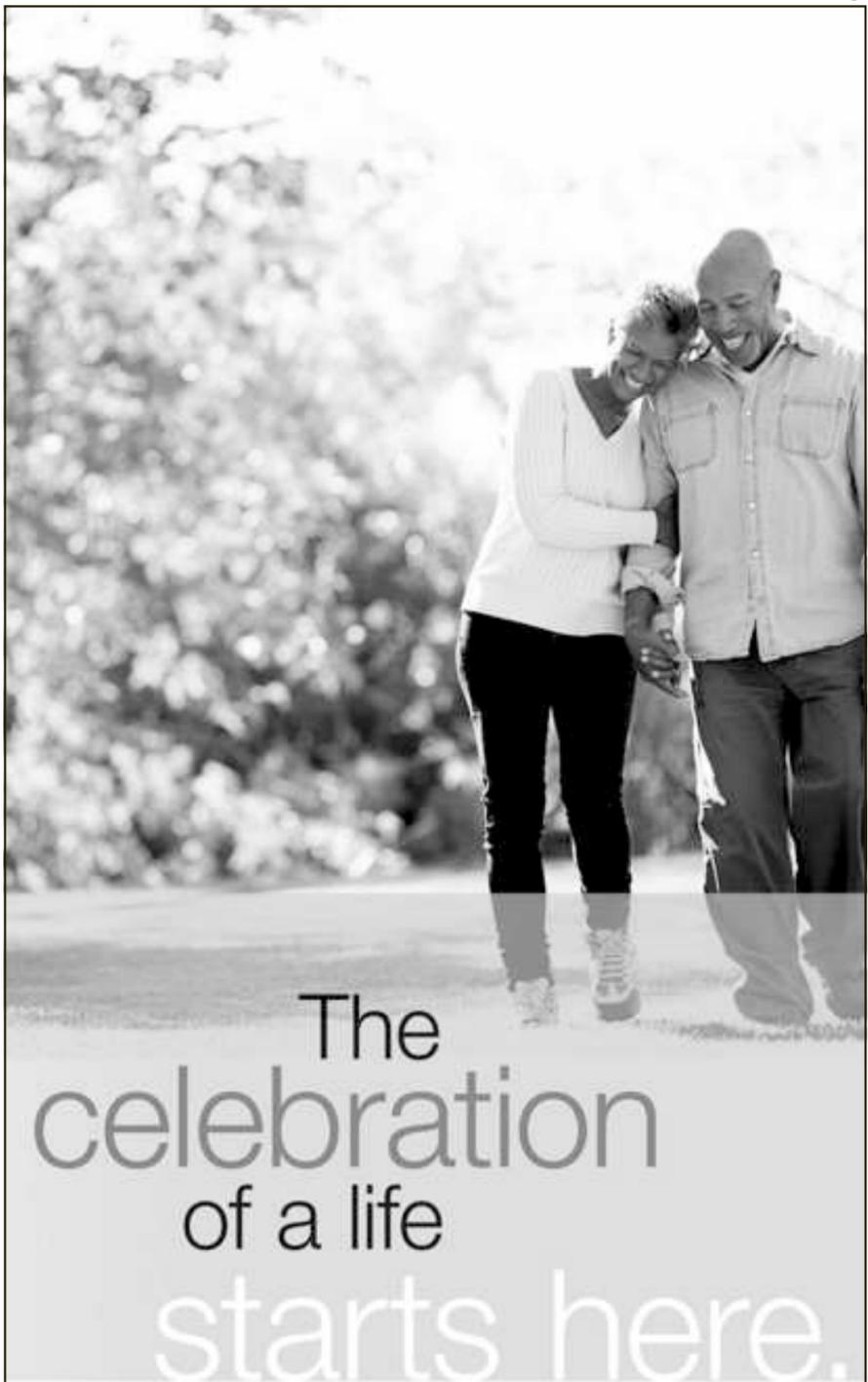
Predeceased by her husband, Warren R. Rich. She is survived by her son, Ken Rich; she is also survived by other relatives.

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WHOLEY, Joanne Marie (Ronca)



Joanne, age 67, of Bloomfield, CT, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, after a long illness. She was the loving wife of the late Kevin A. Wholey, who passed away unexpectedly last October. Daughter of the late William M. Ronca and the late Marie A. (LaFreniere) Ronca. She was born in Medford, MA on August 13, 1956 and was raised in Medford. Joanne graduated from Medford High School, class of 1974, where she made several lifelong friends. She attended several colleges, graduating from North Adams State College in 1978 and had a diverse career, including waitress, singer, social worker, dog groomer and human resources administrator. Her life's journey brought her to Florida twice, but she could never tolerate the summers. This was fortunate, or else she would never have met her husband, Kevin. He was the love of her life and her best friend for over 30 years of marriage. Together, they made their home in Bloomfield CT, where they took joy in the raising of their many springer spaniels, a beagle, a rescue whippet and two rescue horses they had over the past years. Joanne found her true calling as a counselor. With Kevin's support, she attained her Master's Degree in Psychology from the University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford. For the past 17 plus years, she had a private practice, where she specialized in mood disorders, trauma, pet loss and bereavement. She also specialized in equine facilitated therapy. When not working, they enjoyed traveling to far off places like Alaska, Africa, Europe and Iceland. They also enjoyed heading down to New York City to catch a Broadway show and see the sights or up to the beaches of Maine. Joanne was a rabid UConn women's basketball fan. She and Kevin enjoyed attending games and rooting for "the girls". They travelled to many NCAA tournaments to root for their adopted team. Joanne is survived by her brother, William Ronca and his wife, Marybeth (Godfrey) Ronca of Casco, ME; her sister-in-law, Maryellen (Wholey) Halibozek and her husband, Stanley Halibozek of West Hartford, CT; brother-in-laws, Brien John Wholey and his wife, Julia (Herbst) Wholey of Canton, CT and Timothy Gerard Wholey of Boston, MA and Neal Thomas Wholey of Colchester, CT. Joanne also has several nieces, Alexandra (Ronca) Gunther of Charlestown, MA, Elizabeth Ronca of Newburyport, MA and Jessica Ronca of Beverly, MA; and a nephew, Mark Halibozek of East Hampton, CT; Nina Wholey of Canton, CT and Eryn Wholey of Colchester, CT; as well as great-nieces, Indigo and Mina Gunther of Charlestown, MA. Joanne also leaves behind her two springer spaniels, Harry and Elsa; and her horse, Rupert. A joint Celebration of Joanne's and Kevin's Lives will be held on Saturday, May 18, at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT. Visiting Hours will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, followed by interment at the Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Ave., West Hartford. Both the Ronca and Wholey families appreciate and thank all the friends and loved ones who have expressed their sympathy and kind words over Joanne and Kevin's passing. They ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in their names to the Connecticut Humane Society. Online expressions of sympathy may be made, at www.molloyfuneralhome.com



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DOHERTY, Brian P.



Retired, Medford Police Officer of 32 years. Of Medford, passed away surrounded by his loving family, on Wednesday, May 8, 2024. He was 76 years old.

Born in Medford, he was the son of the late MPD Sgt. Francis P. and Evelyn T. (MacLean) Doherty. Beloved husband of 50 years to Jane M. (Ward) Doherty. Devoted father of Derek Doherty of Medford and David Doherty and his wife, Stephanie of Wilmington. Loving grandfather of Madalyn Anne and Brian Robert Doherty. Cherished brother of Alan Doherty and his wife, Jane, Maureen Fowler and her late husband, Daniel C., Patricia Cashman and her husband, Steve and the late Thomas K Doherty. Dear brother-in-law of Nancy Natale and her husband, Ed of Methuen, the late William F. Ward, Jr. and Cathleen R. Ward. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Brian was a proud U.S. Marine and a veteran of The Vietnam War. Calling Hours will be held in the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway, (Powder House Sq.), on Sunday, May 12, from 2:00PM to 5:00PM. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Words of remembrances will be held on Sunday, at 4:30PM. Interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Brian's name to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516. Late U.S Marine, Vietnam War. To leave a message of condolence please visit www.dohertyfuneralservice.com

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Obituaries

Moorhead C. Kennedy Jr., 93, captive in Iran hostage crisis

By Harrison Smith

WASHINGTON POST

As Iranian students gathered outside the US Embassy in Tehran, chanting “Death to America” and carrying posters of Islamic revolutionary Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Moorhead C. Kennedy Jr. was in his second-floor office there.

“I remember standing in a window and looking down on all the noise and anti-American anger,” he recalled much later. “And I wondered to myself what it would be like to die.”

Later that morning, on Nov. 4, 1979, demonstrators breached the compound’s walls, seized the embassy, and took dozens of Americans hostage. Mr. Kennedy, the mission’s third-ranking diplomat, had been planning to celebrate his 49th birthday the next day. Instead he spent it in captivity, blindfolded and tied to a chair at the outset of a 444-day ordeal that would hobble the Carter administration, transfix the nation, and leave lasting scars for the 52 hostages and their families.

“I don’t think any of us will recover totally” from the crisis, he told *The New York Times* in 2003.

Mr. Kennedy, who died May 3 at 93, was one of the best-known captives, partly because his wife, Louisa Livingston Kennedy, became an eloquent spokeswoman for the hostages’ families, giving frequent interviews as a founder of the Family Liaison Action Group, or FLAG.

While she appeared on television and met with world leaders — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Pope John Paul II — her husband endured mock executions in Tehran.

He returned home with post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as a determination to transform his life. Retiring from a two-decade career in the Foreign Service, he became a writer and educator, lecturing and leading seminars and role-playing games while seeking to help teenagers and college students develop problem-solving skills and better understand foreign cultures.

“When you’ve been through a death-threatening experience, you are suddenly confronted with your real self,” he told *The Times*. “Most of us go through life chasing after a person who never really exists: our idea of ourself.”

A Princeton- and Harvard-educated diplomat with a specialty in economics, Mr. Kennedy was halfway through a three-month assignment in Tehran when a Marine came charging down the embassy hallway, shouting about a “break-in” at the compound.

Demonstrators had been protesting the Carter administration’s decision to allow Iran’s deposed monarch, the shah, to enter the United States for cancer treatment.

The building had been briefly occupied earlier in the year, and Mr. Kennedy initially believed that the latest intrusion would be similarly short.

Then he saw what he remembered as “a sea of fanatical faces.” He and other staffers went to an embassy vault room, shredding government documents before they were taken into custo-



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Moorhead Kennedy waved while deplaning at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on Jan. 27, 1981.

dy.

Mr. Kennedy was moved with some of the hostages to an elegant home in the suburbs, where he was barred from talking and was interrogated for just a few minutes — his captors seemed to lose interest when they realized his focus was economics — and was able to pass the time reading books and magazines.

Within a month, he said, he and other hostages were brought back to the embassy. The captives were terrorized by men in white masks who barged in and ordered the group to line up in their underwear, prodding them with automatic rifles.

“Gradually, like a cancer vic-

tim, you develop a numbness to the presence of death,” he said.

Daily routines offered a comfort. Mr. Kennedy recalled that he found stability and a kind of therapeutic relief through sweeping the floors and putting up family pictures whenever he was moved to a new location, and he said he scrubbed his toilet so carefully that even his captors began to use it.

When hostage negotiations were completed — a breakthrough that followed the death of the shah, Iraq’s invasion of Iran, and Carter’s loss to Ronald Reagan in the 1980 presidential election — Mr. Kennedy and the other captives were “stacked like cordwood” in buses and taken to

hattan until 1983, when Mr. Kennedy, an Episcopalian, clashed with church leaders and peace activists over his refusal to embrace calls for a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze.

The oldest of four children, Moorhead Cowell Kennedy Jr. was born in Manhattan on Nov. 5, 1930. His mother was a teacher and his father was a banker who became president of the New York branch of Goodwill Industries.

Mr. Kennedy, who was known to friends and family as Mike, spent summers on Mount Desert Island in Maine and graduated in 1948 from Groton, a private boarding school in Massachusetts.

He received a bachelor’s degree in Oriental studies from Princeton University in 1952, deepened his interest in the Middle East while assisting on an archeological dig in Iran, and served a stint in the Army in West Germany, taking advantage of his proximity to northern Africa to spend his military vacations in Algeria, where he worked on his Arabic.

After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1959 with a specialty in Islamic law, he joined the Foreign Service, with postings in Yemen, Greece, Lebanon, and Chile. He served as the first director of the State Department’s Office of Investment Affairs while in Washington in the early 1970s.

Aside from his time in Tehran, Mr. Kennedy was accompanied overseas by his wife, Louisa, whom he married in 1955. The couple retired to Mount Desert Island, where Mr. Kennedy designed an expansive hilltop garden, complete with large stones that he arranged with help from a backhoe.

“Whatever trauma he had in captivity, he kind of worked it out as a gardener,” his son Mark said. “That was his sanctuary.”

Mr. Kennedy died at an assisted-living center in Bar Harbor, Maine, according to his son, who said the cause was complications from dementia. His wife died in 2007. He later found a companion in Ellen Kappes, a Mount Desert Island artist. She died in 2022.

In addition to his son Mark, of Oak Park, Calif., Mr. Kennedy leaves three sons, Philip of Rye, N.Y., Andrew of Washington, and Duncan of San Francisco; a sister; and 10 grandchildren.



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Mr. Thompson (middle row, center) with bandmates Wayne Kramer, Fred “Sonic” Smith, Michael Davis, and Robin Tyner.

Dennis Thompson, MC5’s intense drummer, at 75

By John Yoon

NEW YORK TIMES

Dennis Thompson, the drummer whose thunderous, hard-hitting style powered the proto-punk sound of the loud, outspoken, and highly influential Detroit rock band MC5, died Thursday in Taylor, Mich. He was 75.

He died in a rehabilitation facility while recovering from a recent heart attack, his son, Chris McNulty, said.

Mr. Thompson was the last surviving member of MC5, a band that was politically outspoken and aligned with the countercultural left, supporting the anti-Vietnam War movement and protests against racism. The band will be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in October.

Musically, MC5 was known as one of the forefathers of punk rock, starting with the breakout 1969 live album, “Kick Out the Jams.” The group’s song of the same name was its best-known, covered by Henry Rollins and Bad Brains, *The Presidents of the United States of America*, and *Rage Against the Machine*.

When Mr. Thompson joined MC5, short for Motor City Five, in 1966 at 17 years old, his intense playing style earned him his nickname “Machine Gun” from his bandmates for how ferociously he played the drums. He played that way because the group could not afford to connect a microphone to his drums in its early days.

“The amps were turned up to 10, so he basically just had to hit the drums as hard as he possibly could to be heard,” McNulty said.

Born Dennis Tomich in Detroit on Sept. 7, 1948, Mr. Thompson grew up in a musical family. His parents, John Tomich and Leona Hicov, were musicians, as was his older brother, who sang and played the guitar, McNulty said. He started playing drums at age 4, joining his brother’s band and performing in local bars as a teenager.

When he joined MC5, Mr. Thompson replaced the original drummer of the band, which had been formed in 1965 in Lincoln Park, a Detroit suburb. He graduated from Lincoln Park High School in 1966 and began attending Wayne State University to study mechanical engineering, but never completed his degree, McNulty said.

While he liked engineering, which he viewed as stable, he loved music, even though it was “chancy,” Mr. Thompson said in a 2020 interview. “I chose fun.”

“I loved the band, I loved the music,” he said. “I wasn’t doing math at 4 years old, right? I was playing drums.”

In 1969, Mr. Thompson fathered McNulty with Kathleen Casey, to whom he was married for about five years.

He joined the band along with two guitarists, Wayne Kramer and Fred (Sonic) Smith, singer Rob Tyner, and bassist Michael Davis. John Sinclair, an activist who founded an organization allied with the Black Panthers called the White Panther Party, managed the band.

The band started playing in Veterans of Foreign Wars halls, sock hops, and graduation parties, then signed with Elektra Records in 1968. After “Kick Out the Jams,” recorded live at Detroit’s Grande Ballroom in 1968, MC5 released two subsequent albums: “Back in the USA” and “High Time.”

MC5’s use of profanity in lyrics caused problems throughout its tenure. The band’s conflict with a major department store that refused to stock its first album led Elektra to drop the group in 1969.

As Mr. Thompson rode through the life of MC5, he was uneasy with the incendiary image that the band took on, he told *The Detroit Free Press* in 2003.

“I can see it was beneficial because of the notoriety. It was powerful stuff, and that media notoriety helped make us a household word,” he said. “But at same time it was ending our career. It was killing us.”

Though not a major commercial success before breaking up in 1972, the group left a legacy that grew over time, and it was revered by later bands. Dave Grohl, the Nirvana drummer and Foo Fighters frontman, once joined Pearl Jam onstage just to play tambourine to “Kick Out the Jams.”

“Dennis would tell you that they weren’t the most commercially successful band, but they’re one of the most influential bands,” McNulty said. “All of them, especially Dennis, were very proud of that.”

In addition to his son, Mr. Thompson is survived by his sister, Donna, McNulty said.

Jimmy Johnson, 86; Hall of Fame defensive back made All-Decade team of the 1970s

By Barry Wilner

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive back Jimmy Johnson, a three-time All-Pro and member of the All-Decade Team of the 1970s, has died. He was 86.

Mr. Johnson’s family told the Pro Football Hall of Fame that he died on Wednesday night at home in the San Francisco area after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Johnson, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1994, played his entire 16-year pro career with San Francisco. He appeared in 213 games, more than any other 49ers player at the time of his retirement.

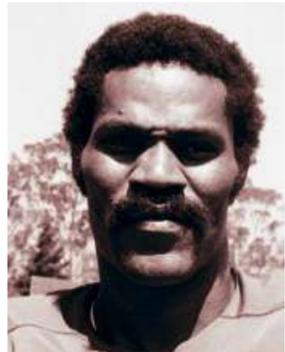
“Jimmy Johnson was extraordinarily athletically talented,” Hall of Fame president Jim Porter said. “The 49ers enjoyed the luxury of using him on offense and defense early in his career to fill team needs. Once he settled in at left cornerback, he flourished. The notion that a ‘lock-

down’ cornerback could cut the field in half for the opposition was true with Jimmy. Only rarely would other teams’ quarterbacks even look his direction, and more often than not regretted the decision if they challenged him.”

The 49ers drafted Mr. Johnson sixth overall in 1961 out of UCLA — the Chargers of the upstart AFL took him in the fourth round of that league’s draft — and he became a starter almost immediately as a cornerback. He had five interceptions as a rookie.

But he was so versatile that the Niners used Mr. Johnson on offense in 1962, when he made 34 receptions for 627 yards and scored four touchdowns.

Preventing such stats was his forte, however, and by 1964 Mr. Johnson was a fixture on the corner. He remained there until retiring after the 1976 season, to-



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Mr. Johnson played his entire 16-year pro career with the San Francisco 49ers.

taling 47 interceptions, returning two for scores, and earning a reputation as a stingy cover man with a nose for the ball.

“Jimmy embodied the essence of what it meant to be a 49er,” the team said in a statement. “He was the ultimate gen-

tleman and will be remembered for his humility, kindness and loveable demeanor.”

In 1971, in the midst of a three-year run as an All-Pro, Mr. Johnson won the George Halas Award for courageous play.

“You have to be worked on, cornered in, and cornered out to become as good as you can be,” Mr. Johnson said when he entered the Hall of Fame. “So actually I feel standing here today that I never reached that level, I never reached as good a football player as I could be. But thanks to God and inner talent I was able to present a picture to those individuals who were voting for the Hall of Fame, and my longevity and the level of game that I played from my rookie season to my last. That on this wondrous year of 1994 I’ve been given the opportunity, the glorious opportunity, to become a member of the most wonderful society: The National Football League Hall of

Fame.”

It reached the point when Mr. Johnson was at his peak that opponents rarely threw his way. He was Deion Sanders long before “Prime Time” hit the NFL.

“Jim doesn’t receive much publicity because the opposition avoids him as much as possible,” San Francisco quarterback John Brodie once said. “Talk to veteran quarterbacks like John Unitas and Bart Starr and they’ll tell you they call few pass patterns in Jimmy’s area. The only reason Johnson doesn’t lead the league in interceptions is he doesn’t get the chance.”

The brother of Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson, Mr. Johnson played two ways at UCLA. He was a wingback on offense and a defensive back, while competing in track as a hurdler and broad jumper.

His brother was Mr. Johnson’s presenter for enshrinement in the Canton, Ohio, hall.

“Rafer Johnson is in fact my hero and that is an amazing thing in itself,” Mr. Johnson said that day. “Most young men growing up usually have a hero in another town, another city, another country, and they will write to this individual, receive an autographed photo, and then tack that photo up on the wall and worship that photo, play for that photo and get inspiration from that photo. No such problem for me.

“I had a brother living with me on a day-to-day basis that I was able to talk to, ask the pertinent questions, get the pertinent feedback, and get corrected in my direction, if needed. I must say I must give brother Rafer credit for everything that I have accomplished in the field of athletics. And I just wish that we could split this trophy, this bust of myself, right down the middle because he surely deserves half of it.”

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Ginkgo Bioworks to slash labor costs, jobs

By Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

After lackluster first-quarter earnings, Ginkgo Bioworks said it will slash labor expenses by at least 25 percent, which will include an unspecified number of job cuts.

Total revenue in the first quarter of 2024 was \$38 million, down from \$81 million for the same period last year, a decrease of 53 percent, according to the Boston-based cell programming and biosecurity company.

Firm declines to give number of cuts as 1st-quarter revenue drops 53%

The firm also lowered its predicted full-year revenue to a range of \$170 million to \$190 million, down about 20 percent from its previously predicted range of \$215 million to \$235 million.

"Ginkgo is an increasingly important part of the biotech ecosystem, and we are taking decisive action to keep it that way," said Jason

Kelly, the firm's cofounder and chief executive. He said he was disappointed in the revenues for the quarter and that "this trend needs to change."

Ginkgo had 1,218 employees at the end of last year, according to filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. The firm declined to say how many jobs it

planned to cut.

Ginkgo originally started as a synthetic biology business in 2008. In recent years, it has tried to expand its biosecurity business, which got started during the COVID pandemic, into monitoring wastewater for pathogens. Ginkgo became publicly traded in 2021 after merging with a special purpose acquisition company.

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At business event, Clark unveils push for child care

Initiative aims to urge Congress to boost funding

By Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

After failing to move a GOP-led Congress last year to re-up federal assistance for child-care centers, US Representative Katherine Clark is turning to the business community for help in making her case.

Clark, who as House minority whip is one of the highest ranking Democrats in Congress, announced a new "Affordable Child Care Agenda" on Friday at the annual meeting of Associated Industries of Massachusetts. Clark's initiative includes a website in which she is enlisting businesses and residents to sign on as "citizen cosponsors," calling on Congress to make child care more affordable and accessible, and to improve wages for child-care workers. AIM agreed to be one of the first such citizens cosponsors, and presented Clark with the inaugural AIM Frances Perkins Award in recognition of her work for gender equity and caregiver support for the workforce.

"We know the business community is absolutely critical to reimagining our care system," Clark said in an interview. "This is a national crisis that certainly hits home in my district and across the Commonwealth."

Clark, working with Senators Bernie Sanders and Patty Murray, tried to pass legislation in Washington last year that would have set aside some \$16 billion a year for child care, essentially to keep the industry from falling off a funding cliff as federal subsidies tied to COVID-19 pandemic relief ran out last September. Clark said the effort was rebuffed by Republican lawmakers.

Now, classrooms and centers are starting to shut down as the money runs out in states that did not allocate additional funding to make up for the loss of federal subsidies. Massachusetts has continued to use state funds, including money from the so-called millionaires tax that was passed by voters in 2022, to supply what are known as C3 grants for the industry. Clark said her home state is among 11 states that have kept pandemic-era funding alive, but the majority of states have not.

By launching an online petition and advocacy initiative, Clark said she hopes to put public pressure on Congress to act, and release more federal money to sustain a vital sector to the economy.

"We are in the middle of a paradigm shift that really started with the pandemic exposing the fragility of this system and making the connection that this is not a luxury item or something that is nice to have, it is such a critical piece of our ... economic infrastructure," Clark said. "What we are trying to do here is build that political will and give voice to what is very real support for child care."

Clark spoke at the first annual meeting in which a woman is the CEO of AIM, a statewide business group. The timing is not coincidental. Newly elevated CEO Brooke Thomson wanted to honor Clark's advocacy with an award named after Frances Perkins, a Massachusetts native who became the first woman to serve in a presidential cabinet when she joined Franklin D. Roosevelt's administration as labor secretary; Perkins and Thomson are both Mount Holyoke College alumni.

Thomson said the number one challenge for her members is finding enough workers to fill vacant positions, and inadequate child care is making that harder.

"We were already under capacity, pre-COVID," said Thomson, a single mom with two kids. "The industry was decimated. It's still having a hard time coming back. ... It's having an impact on workers' ability to show up, it's having an impact on workers' ability to come back to the office in person, and it's having an impact on mental health."

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Representative Katherine Clark



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Unionized Harvard Book Store employees, who negotiated a new contract in 2022, are asking for higher pay.

Union dispute bubbles up at Harvard Book Store

By Diti Kohli
GLOBE STAFF

Unionized staff at the Harvard Book Store have filed an unfair labor charge against the owners of the Cambridge institution and launched a public campaign for higher pay, just two months after the business scrapped plans for a second location in the Prudential Center.

It's the latest in a growing wave of union activism at colleges, coffee shops, and other small businesses around Greater Boston as workers push for higher pay and protections after the pandemic.

The roughly 30 workers at the store — which sits across the street from Harvard's brick-walled Yard, but is not affiliated with the university — allege that management, and Book Store owner John Henry, have refused to bargain with them in good faith and disclose financial information about spending on the store's abandoned Back Bay expansion. (Henry also owns The Boston Globe.)

In an e-mail to the Globe, part-owner Jeff Meyersohn disputes those claims, saying the workers are paid well above industry standards — indeed nearly all the store's gross profits are spent on

Complaint comes two months after management canceled 2nd location

pay — and that the company has shared all documents it has with the union. The scuttled Back Bay store, he said, was being funded separately and had no impact on worker pay.

The National Labor Relations Board has not yet assessed the complaint, which is a fairly common tactic used by unions in labor disputes.

Three Book Store employees told the Globe that management in recent bargaining sessions declined to institute raises for union workers — all of whom make below \$20 an hour — beyond annual cost-of-living raises in their contract. They requested a \$22.50 hourly wage floor, and were denied. (Minimum wage in Massachusetts is \$15 an hour.)

"We have asked how HBS could afford two years of rent on an empty 29,000 square foot retail space, but cannot afford to pay us a living wage," the Harvard Book Store Union wrote in an on-going petition. "We are still waiting for answers. We are still waiting for a living wage."

In an e-mail Thursday, Meyersohn added that the Book Store is

suffering "operating losses" as-is, which are "entirely subsidized by ownership." Workers negotiated a new contract in 2022 which included annual 50-cent-per-hour raises, and currently earn "50 percent more than the industry benchmark (as a percentage of store revenue)."

"Most other bookstores would be forced to close their doors at this point," he wrote, noting that the store already shared available financial information with the union.

The Pru location, Meyersohn wrote, was an effort to balance the books, to leverage the business' existing infrastructure to bring in more sales and reduce losses. He and Henry said in February that they were not opening the Prudential location because of "considerable" economic challenges after the pandemic.

"It was an attempt to make the business sustainable," he wrote. "Once we realized that this particular project was not going to accomplish this goal, we canceled it."

Henry first bought into the Harvard Book Store in December

2021. His arrival was soon followed by the living wage campaign, the Book Store union's first public effort since it launched and affiliated with the United Auto Workers in 1993.

Rachel Schneck, an 11-year employee at the Book Store, said she and many other workers there believed the Prudential location would usher in higher wages and improved conditions for employees — the fulfillment of the Henrys' promise to support and invest in the Book Store after several financially challenging years.

They said that they began hiring for jobs, expanding web services, and planning the design of the upcoming Pru storefront for over a year, while maintaining operations at the Massachusetts Avenue location. In the meantime, the size of the staff shrunk considerably and wages increased only slightly.

"The Book Store is a cultural center, an icon of Boston and Cambridge," Schneck said. "The people who run it want to stay and build their careers, and the store suffers when we can't maintain that level of staffing and expertise."

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Cape Cinema in Dennis going on hiatus while it deals with financial shortfall

By John R. Ellement
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Cape Cinema in Dennis is going on hiatus, closing its doors Sunday while the nonprofit searches for ways to improve its finances amid declining attendance and revenue losses, according to the president of the nonprofit.

President of the board of directors Eric A. Hart said Tuesday that the theater, a summer mainstay on the Cape, needs to raise \$100,000 to ensure it can continue to operate this year. Hart has scheduled a public meeting at the theater for May 18 to ask the community how best to achieve that goal.

"It's a combination of many things that cause us to feel like we needed to hold our operation, reorganize, raise money, and hopefully get restarted again in a month or two," said Hart. "We want to work our way through this process and

hopefully in the end come out on the positive side."

The theater will host a live show with musician Teddy Thompson on Thursday and a screening of Metropolitan Opera's performance of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" on Saturday. Then the 371-seat art house theater will close until organizers figure out a way to pay the bills, Hart said.

Issues plaguing theaters nationwide have affected the small art house cinema in Dennis. Recent strikes by writers and actors have reduced the number of suitable films, and attendance declines have sharply reduced revenues. Cape Cinema, like other movie venues, has not fully recovered from the economic upheaval of the COVID era.

Hart owned the theater for 37 years before becoming president of the board of directors. The only other theaters offer-

ing art house films on the Cape are located in Chatham and Provincetown, he said.

In the past, Cape Cinema could expect strong attendance during the summer which would make up for lower revenues in the off season. "But now you are talking income that is probably half of what it was four or five years ago," he said.

Cape Cinema now has just two full-time employees and two volunteers — down from 8-10 full-time and part-time employees in years past. In the near term, Cape Cinema will need more volunteers to ensure its financial survival, he said.

"We're going to have to find more sustainable things to do in ways to raise money, in ways to keep this place viable," Hart said. "It's a daunting task."

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LAWRENCE – FAP No. STP-0034(014)X Intersection Improvements at Merrimack Street and South Broadway (Route 28) (609509)	\$1,413,000.00
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MONTAGUE – FAP No. STP(BR-OFF)-003S(734)X Bridge Replacement, M-28-026, South Street Over Sawmill River (609427)

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BY: **Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT**
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Highway Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
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Target to limit availability of Pride Month collection

Target will limit the availability of its 2024 Pride Month collection after last year's conservative blowback over its LGBTQ+ themed merchandise.

The retailer said in a Thursday fact sheet that it plans to offer a collection of products including adult clothing and "home and food and beverage items" to celebrate Pride Month this June. It will be available online and in select stores "based on historical sales performance," Target said.

Target has carried Pride-themed merchandise in its stores for years, but last year it announced plans to pull back some items after the company was swept up in a culture war that saw some conservative commentators accusing the company of profiteering on a political issue and selling inappropriate products for children.

Workers faced threats from angry customers over the issue, while others boycotted the company. Stores in at least five states had to be evacuated after they received bomb threats.

WASHINGTON POST

Moderna says FDA delaying RSV vaccine approval

US regulators' decision on whether to approve Moderna's vaccine for RSV has been delayed due to "administrative constraints" at the Food and Drug Administration, as the company works to get its second product to market.

The FDA hasn't informed Moderna of any issues related to vaccine safety, efficacy, or quality that would prevent approval, Moderna said Friday in a statement. The agency is now working to conclude its review of the vaccine by the end of May, the company said. A decision had been expected by May 12.

Moderna's sales have fallen drastically as the market fades for Covid shots. The company has looked to the RSV vaccine as an entry into another promising area. RSV shots from GSK and Pfizer that gained US clearance last year generated about \$2.4 billion in combined sales, with GSK leading the market.

The FDA didn't ask for any major changes to Moderna's license application or issue a continuing response letter, which would have indicated that it wouldn't be approved in its current form, said Michael Yee, a Jefferies analyst.

If Moderna's shot were approved by the end of May, the company would still be able to participate in a meeting of government vaccine advisers scheduled for late June that would be required for a recommendation for use, Myles Minter, an analyst with William Blair, said in note.

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Novavax soars on Sanofi vaccine licensing deal

Novavax shares surged more than 98 percent Friday after the company signed a \$1.2 billion licensing agreement with Sanofi that includes commercializing a combined COVID-19 and flu shot.

Novavax will receive \$500 million in upfront payments as well as a further \$700 million if all development, regulatory, and launch milestones are met, according to a statement Friday. Novavax, which will receive tiered royalties on any vaccine sales, said Sanofi is also taking a minority equity stake of about 5 percent in the US company.

The pact links two big players in the vaccine world that both missed out on the rush to develop and commercialize COVID shots quickly during the pandemic. Amid various setbacks, Sanofi and Novavax ceded tens of billions of dollars in sales to nimbler messenger-RNA developers including the Pfizer-BioNTech alliance and Moderna.

Now, Sanofi will have the rights to drive sales of Novavax's COVID-19 shot worldwide from next year, except for in India, Japan, and South Korea, where Novavax already has advance purchasing agreements. The French drugmaker also has the sole license to use Novavax's protein-based COVID shot in combination with its flu shot, which it said will offer patients "enhanced convenience and protection against two serious respiratory viruses."

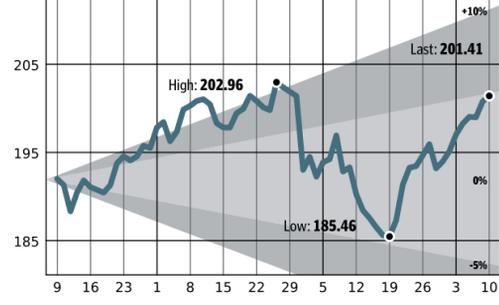
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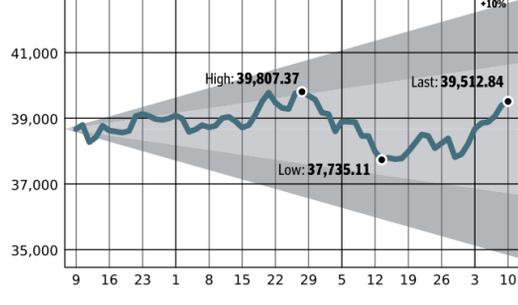
Markets

Markets close week on up note

NEW YORK — US stocks coasted to the close of another winning week on Friday. The S&P 500 has climbed back within 0.6% of its record on revived hopes that the Federal Reserve may deliver cuts to interest rates this year. A flood of stronger-than-expected reports on profits from big US companies has also helped support the market. In the bond market, Treasury yields rose following a discouraging preliminary report from the University of Michigan. It suggested sentiment among US consumers is weakening by much more than economists expected, and the drop was large enough to be "statistically significant and brings sentiment to its lowest reading in about six months," according to Joanne Hsu, director of the survey of consumers. Potentially even more discouraging is that US consumers were forecasting inflation of 3.5% in the upcoming year, up from their forecast of 3.2% a month earlier. If such expectations spiral higher, the fear is that it could lead to a vicious cycle that worsens inflation. It highlights how some companies have recently been describing increasing struggles among their customers, particularly their lower-income ones.

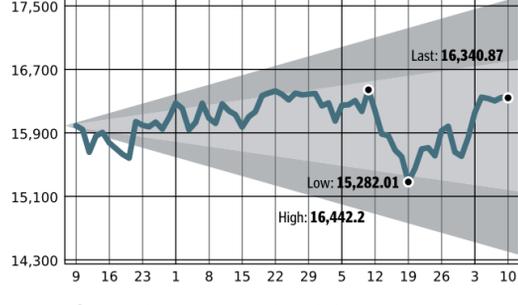
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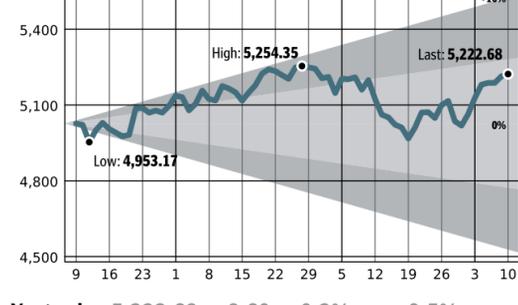
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SUNDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 54-59 Cloudy and continued cool with a shower or two in the area. LOW 45-50 Clear and cool as high pressure builds into the area. Winds SSW 6-12 mph.

MONDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 61-66 High pressure offshore will provide a milder southwest flow. Winds SSW 8-16 mph. LOW 51-56 Cloudy and not as chilly with a shower or two. Winds SW 10-20 mph.

TUESDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 67-72 Cloudy and warmer with clouds and a couple of showers crossing the area. Winds SSW 8-16 mph. LOW 54-59 Low pressure passing south will cause clouds and periods of rain. Winds SW 8-16 mph.

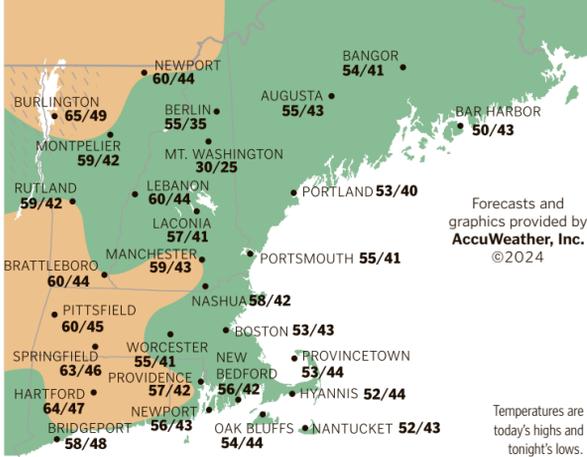
WEDNESDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 59-64 Rain in the morning; otherwise, clouds linger into the afternoon. Winds NE 6-12 mph. LOW 49-54 High pressure building from the northwest will provide some clearing. Winds NNE 10-20 mph.

New England forecast

TODAY: Clouds giving way to sun in the west and south and cloudy skies in the north. Showers will arrive in the west later tonight.

TOMORROW: Cloudy skies will be the rule on Mother's Day and it will be cool with a shower or two. It will be mainly dry at night.

EXTENDED: Milder with clouds and sun across the south and mostly cloudy skies elsewhere. There will be an afternoon shower west and north.



Cities Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami, etc.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low 54°/48° Sunrise 5:26 a.m. Sunset 7:55 p.m. Moonrise 7:50 a.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday) Weather Cloudy Visibility 100 miles Wind east at 7 m.p.h. High/low temperature 33/25 Snow depth at 5 p.m. 0.0"

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday) Yesterday 0.00" Month to date 1.33" Year to date 21.52"

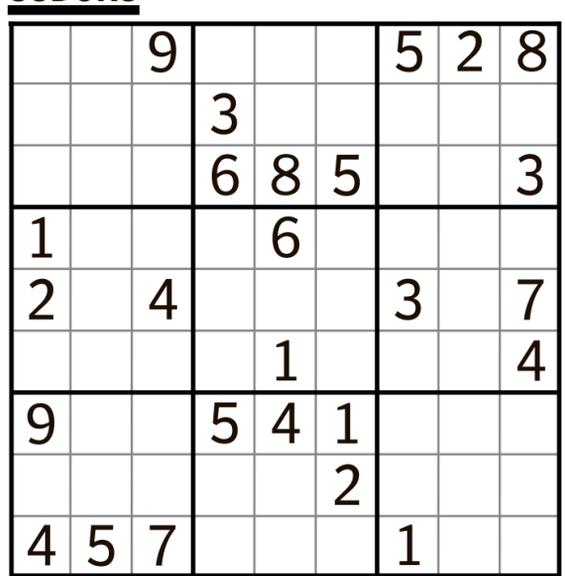
Table with 4 columns: Tides, High tides, A.M., P.M. Lists tide times for Boston, Gloucester, etc.

New England marine forecast

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DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART South dealer — N-S vulnerable North ♠ A J 6 ♥ K 9 4 3 ♦ K 8 6 ♣ 6 5 2

West ♠ 10 8 5 2 ♥ 8 6 5 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ K 7 3 East ♠ K 7 3 ♥ 7 ♦ A 10 9 5 2 ♣ J 10 9 8

South ♠ Q 9 4 ♥ A Q J 10 2 ♦ Q J ♣ A Q 4

South 1♥ West Pass North 3♥ East Pass 4♥ All Pass Opening lead — ♠ 2

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 11, 2024: You are highly creative. You're also independent and like to march to your own drum.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Tread carefully when dealing with family members today, because people are touchy and their feelings might be easily hurt. (Especially female family relatives.)

late to a particular possession, something that you own. Maybe you don't want to lend something to someone. Maybe there is a dispute about ownership. Tonight: Maintain your possessions. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be mindful. The Moon is in your sign and it is at odds with Mars, which is at the top of your chart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It's important to know that you are high-viz today, which means that people notice you more than usual. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, this is the classic day for an argument in public.

residential moves, will test your patience when dealing with people. This is a challenge that is in your life at the moment. Demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: Cooperate. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're an intelligent sign, and many of you are geeks and scientists, which means you might challenge others today or feel challenged in daily conversations with others.

ZIPPY "Clean Machine" by Bill Griffith



ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT

Voters again show that they prefer 'SNL' cast members of a certain vintage

Most of the original "Saturday Night Live" players continue to stay afloat in the Globe's bracket competition for the best cast member since the beginning of the show in 1975. After Round 2, the survivors include Gilda Radner, Jane Curtin, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, plus season-two addition Bill Murray. Radner and Aykroyd beat two other original castmates — Chevy Chase and Garrett Morris, respectively — while Laraine Newman was eliminated in Round 1.

Some observations: 1. I was surprised to see that Murray, who got 65.1 percent of the vote, was so clearly preferred to Mike Myers in their face-off. There is obviously a bias toward the early cast members, who were on the show when it had countercultural cachet and are often romanticized — but still. Myers was intensely creative during his seven-season run, from 1989 to 1995. He killed in almost all of the many original sketches he developed, as Dieter in "Sprockets" and as the owner of the store "All Things Scottish." In the start of the DIY-era, "Wayne's World" was perfectly of its time, and Myers's Wayne and his sidekick, Dana Carvey's Garth, were endlessly endearing. Myers's Linda Richman deservedly became a sensation and remains one of the best recurring characters in the series' history.

I liked Murray and his dry humor on "SNL," and I still do my own version of Nick the Lounge Singer. But Myers seemed to have a bottomless well of material and the kind of nutty, singular imagination that the show is made for. Without considering their post-"SNL" careers, I'd have gone with Mr. Mike instead of this Mr. Bill. Fortunately, the masterful Carvey is going strong, having beaten Jimmy Fallon



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In Round 2, only one half of the "Wayne's World" tandem (Mike Myers, left, and Dana Carvey) survived.

with 81.7 percent of the vote.

2. In this round, I found it particularly difficult to choose between Maya Rudolph and Cecily Strong. They were both prolific and excellent contributors during their long runs on the show — Rudolph with nine seasons and Strong with 11. There's Rudolph as Donatella Versace ("GET OUT"), but then there's Strong as a deranged Jeanine Piro. There's Rudolph as Beyoncé, but then there's Strong's product-pitching porn star. Obviously, though, one of them had to go, and it was Strong. I suspect that's partly due to Rudolph's likability factor, which is formidable and certainly plays a role in our selections.

3. I'm delighted to see some of the others from Rudolph's era still in the running. From about 2000 to about 2013, "SNL" was chock full of extraordinary talent, including surviving contenders Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, and Kristen Wiig, as well as those who just lost the second round — Fred Armisen, Bill Hader, Rachel Dratch, and Andy Samberg.

I fully understand the power that comes with being part of the show's first cast. Those comics got to define the essence of "SNL," and by extension some of the modes of contemporary comedy, and they are legendary at this point. But I was consistently blown away by the folks from the 2000s, whose brand of humor was less tethered to their specific moment in time. After rewatching old sketches on YouTube, I'd even say that their work has aged better than that of the pioneers. I know, it's blasphemous.

There's a good reason she didn't respond

I spend some time on an online forum and come across interesting folks from time to time. It's almost always just online, and just a comment and a response or two, or just likes/dislikes.

Early this year, someone responded and we went back and forth. We exchanged some semi-personal information, and she mentioned she was quite close geographically. We switched to a more personal messaging service, and I asked for a face pic. She demurred and sent a body shot instead. The picture was hot, and I responded with a similar faceless picture of me. We kept exchanging faceless pictures.

Things were heating up, and I sent a face picture. She stopped communicating. I waited for a couple of days and asked if she was OK and said I was worried. She said she was busy and needed time to think. We soon stopped messaging.

I was wondering about her, and a few days later looked at all her pictures. A small tattoo in one picture at the back of her neck now looked very familiar. Looking at her body more closely made me realize who she was, and I knew why she stopped communicating.

We have had no family events recently, but my parents and relatives are bound to host events this spring and summer and I cannot avoid her forever. The cousins and their wives and families are bound to be invited, and it is going to be awkward. Should I reach out to her and talk to her and try to laugh it away or just pretend I do not know it was her when I meet her?

RED-FACED IN BOSTON

A. I'm thinking of the "30 Rock" episode where Liz Lemon goes on a date with a perfect guy, until she asks, "Why do you have a picture of my great aunt on your coffee table?" and he's like, "Your great aunt? No, that's my grandmother's cousin." Then they stare at each other and decide the date is over.

I don't know whether you realized this was a cousin or a cousin's spouse (I assume the latter would be a different problem). If it were me, at the next family event I'd say, "It's so great to see you!" Then I'd move on.

She doesn't know you ID'd her, right?

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN



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in person. If someone strikes your fancy on a dating website or whatever these forums are, after a few exchanges, you need to meet in person.

ASH

If you know a few events are coming up that she'd likely attend, it might be best to make other plans for them, and start going back when this isn't so fresh. Definitely don't bring it up. If she wanted to talk through it, she wouldn't have ghosted you. I can't imagine what could be gained by forcing that out into the open.

BONE COLD

Whatever the situation — female cousin, male cousin's wife, or whatever else it may be — think about it: Neither one of you really wants the rest of the family to know about your sexting shenanigans with each other or a complete stranger. Just pretend you don't know it's her.

THE-BLOG-CONSIGLIERIE

You Boston people seem to all be related? That's ridiculous. I grew up on the North Shore and didn't experience this. What area of Boston are you referencing? I live in Maryland now and it's not much different here, Mere. It's a rat race, but the drivers are actually worse.

TALKISCHEAP2

^I grew up on the North Shore too, and I laughed at Mere's observation because it's true! If not distantly related, everyone at least went to school with everyone else's cousin or whatever.

STRIPEYCAT

Say nothing, no nodding, no winking. Show up late and leave early. If you think people are close in Boston, try down here in Rhode Island. We all know a guy.

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