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Teachers union split over war response

Internal critics say MTA should stay out of international affairs

By James Vaznis and Suchita Nayar
GLOBE STAFF

For nearly two decades, Laurie Garcia had been an active member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Then the union began wading into the Israel-Hamas war.

In December, the MTA's board of directors approved a cease-fire statement that equated Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu's military actions against Hamas to a "genocidal war" against Palestinians.

Then in March, a union task force held an anti-Palestinian racism webinar that Garcia and others considered one-sided and antisemitic, which organizers dispute.

Garcia's support for the MTA withered with each new action, as she and other Jewish members repeatedly raised concerns about antisemitism.

Fed up, Garcia left the union on March 31.

The division over the Israel-Hamas war is pitting members against one another in the state's largest teachers union. Many Jewish members say concerns they have raised about antisemitism are being disregarded by union leadership and that the union's involvement in international affairs goes beyond its core mission of fostering the best workplace conditions for educators and learning environments for students.

Meanwhile, members advocating on behalf of Palestinians said they are trying to bring greater awareness to their plight in the Middle

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Death renews concerns over illegal clinics

Immigrant advocates say underground care is a threat to the vulnerable

By Jeremy C. Fox
GLOBE STAFF

The death of an Everett mother of two and the hospitalization of another woman following illicit medical procedures inside a Somerville home have raised renewed concerns about the dangers of underground clinics and unlicensed practitioners, who often target communities of color.

Nicole L. Sandoval, known to friends as Nikki, died after Everett authorities received a 911 call just before midnight on May 9 reporting a 35-year-old woman experiencing "post procedure issues," according to the Everett Police Department's daily log and an online fund-raiser for Sandoval's family.



Nicole Sandoval died after undergoing an illicit procedure.

Nearly a third of Everett's residents are of Hispanic or Latino descent, according to US Census data. Sandoval's heritage is unknown.

Sandoval, who has been identified publicly only by a family representative, had undergone an illicit procedure earlier that day and was rushed to CHA Everett Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, the Middlesex district attorney's office said. While investigating Sandoval's death, authorities "learned that another woman had also

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At least **five hotels** and **one dormitory** that the state has tapped as homeless shelters also housed or employed sex offenders who have been convicted of crimes against children.

State placed children in same hotels as sex offenders

By Deirdre Fernandes and Stephanie Ebbert
GLOBE STAFF

Governor Maura Healey's administration has placed hundreds of homeless families, many of them migrants with young children, in hotels with registered sex offenders, suggesting the state failed to properly vet the sites in its haste to shelter a surge of families arriving from the US southern border,

a Boston Globe investigation found.

At least five of the hotels and one dormitory that the state has tapped as homeless shelters also housed or employed sex offenders who have been convicted of crimes against children, including child rape, indecent assault and battery on children, and child pornography.

For the past month, the state Exec-

utive Office of Housing and Livable Communities — the agency that oversees the program for sheltering homeless families — has rebuffed the Globe's requests for information about sex offenders in shelters. The Globe requested the information as part of an in-depth review because the agency's contracts require hotel providers to screen for sex offenders but not to bar

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OVER AND OUT



MATTHEW J. LEE/GLOBE STAFF

In a must-win Game 6 at TD Garden, the Bruins lost to the Panthers, 2-1, putting an end to Boston's season. Bruins captain Brad Marchand, who missed two games in the series after a punch from Florida's Sam Bennett, shook hands with the Panthers center after the game. **C1.**

'There is a unique moment of opportunity to keep our farms protected and thriving through testing and surveillance.'

PARDIS SABETI, *Broad Institute*

Low level of bird flu traces found in region's store-bought milk

Review indicates virus not present on N.E. farms

By Adam Piore
GLOBE STAFF

Fragments of a highly contagious virus that has killed hundreds of millions of birds around the globe and sickened dairy cows from Michigan to Texas have made their way into local milk, though experts say commercial milk supplies remain safe.

The inactivated remnants of H5N1 virus, also known as bird flu, were identified in one of 40 samples of milk purchased from 20 local grocery stores and analyzed by the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard on behalf of the Boston Globe.

Each milk sample was pas-

teurized, a heating process designed to kill pathogens that leaves behind inactive viral particles. It is rare for humans to become infected with H5N1.

In some ways, the preliminary results are reassuring, some public health experts said. More than three-quarters of the samples were processed in dairy plants in New England, and none produced a conclusively positive result. The one positive sample was processed in a state with a known outbreak of bird flu among its dairy cows.

"It's remarkable that New England is still clear of cases [on dairy farms] given how widespread H5N1 has become, but it's likely a matter of time before we are exposed," said Pardis Sabeti, the Broad Institute geneticist whose lab conducted the tests. "There is a unique mo-

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One round of sand is gone; Salisbury wants to try again

Town seeks \$1.75m to fix beach, make a long-term plan

By Ava Berger
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

SALISBURY — Residents and town officials in Salisbury are anxiously counting down the days to June 22. That's the opening of beach season, when thousands of renters and tourists will flock to the area to enjoy the coastline. But the problem on the north side of the beach is there's not enough sand to go around.

After nor'easters trampled the barri-

er beach in January and February, oceanside property owners on the north side of the beach spent \$600,000 in early March to build it back up for protection against impending storms. But within just three days, only half of the 15,000 tons of new sand was intact. By early April, almost all of the sand had scattered across the beach or into the Atlantic.

Nourishing the beach, again, before June 22 has become a top priority for the last Massachusetts coastal town on the North Shore before New Hampshire. Salisbury Beach spans 3.8 miles of coastline with private properties, including newer condos and older genera-

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Salisbury resident Mike Murphy lives across the street from the beach where erosion has occurred.

SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF

A state judge has ruled that South Carolina can continue to enforce a ban on nearly all abortions around six weeks after conception as an appeal continues on what exactly defines a heartbeat under the law. **A2.**

Trucks of humanitarian aid began moving ashore into the Gaza Strip through a temporary pier built by the US military. **A4.**

Hundreds of same-sex couples and their supporters gathered in the historic Arlington Street Church to commemorate their 20-year anniversaries. **B1.**

Moderna said that the European Patent Office has upheld the validity of one of its key patents, a victory in a continuing dispute with Pfizer and BioNTech over rival COVID-19 vaccines. **D1.**

Drip, dry



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The Nation

Justice Alito's house was flying an inverted flag

Symbol used by those claiming election stolen

By Jodi Kantor
NEW YORK TIMES

After the 2020 presidential election, as some Trump supporters falsely claimed that President Biden had stolen the office, many of them displayed a startling symbol outside their homes, on their cars and in online posts: an upside-down American flag.

One of the homes flying an inverted flag during that time was the residence of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, in Alexandria, Va., according to photographs and interviews with neighbors.

The upside-down flag was aloft on Jan. 17, 2021, the images showed. President Donald Trump's supporters, including some brandishing the same symbol, had rioted at the Capitol a lit-

tle over a week before. Biden's inauguration was three days away. Alarmed neighbors snapped photographs, some of which were recently obtained by The New York Times. Word of the flag filtered back to the court, people who worked there said in interviews.

While the flag was up, the court was still contending with whether to hear a 2020 election case, with Alito on the losing end of that decision. In coming weeks, the justices will rule on two climactic cases involving the storming of the Capitol on Jan. 6, including whether Trump has immunity for his actions. Their decisions will shape how accountable he can be held for trying to overturn the last presidential election and his chances for reelection in the upcoming one.

"I had no involvement whatsoever in the flying of the flag," Alito said in an emailed statement to the Times. "It was briefly placed by Mrs. Alito in response

to a neighbor's use of objectionable and personally insulting language on yard signs."

Judicial experts said in interviews that the flag was a clear violation of ethics rules, which seek to avoid even the appearance of bias, and could sow doubt about Alito's impartiality in cases related to the election and the Capitol riot.

The mere impression of political opinion can be a problem, the ethics experts said. "It might be his spouse or someone else living in his home, but he shouldn't have it in his yard as his message to the world," said Amanda Frost, a law professor at the University of Virginia.

This is "the equivalent of putting a 'Stop the Steal' sign in your yard, which is a problem if you're deciding election-related cases," she said.

Interviews show that the justice's wife, Martha-Ann Alito, had been in a dispute with another family on the block over an an-

ti-Trump sign on their lawn, but given the timing and the starkness of the symbol, neighbors interpreted the inverted flag as a political statement by the couple.

The long-standing ethics code for the lower courts, as well as the recent one adopted by the Supreme Court, stresses the need for judges to remain independent and avoid political statements or opinions on matters that could come before them.

"You always want to be proactive about the appearance of impartiality," Jeremy Fogel, a former federal judge and the director of the Berkeley Judicial Institute, said in an interview. "The best practice would be to make sure that nothing like that is in front of your house."

The court has also repeatedly warned its own employees against public displays of partisan views, according to guidelines circulated to the staff and reviewed by the Times. Displaying signs or bumper stickers is

not permitted, according to the court's internal rule book and a 2022 memo reiterating the ban on political activity.

Asked if these rules also apply to justices, the court declined to respond.

The exact duration that the flag flew outside the Alito residence is unclear. In an email from Jan. 18, 2021, reviewed by the Times, a neighbor wrote to a relative that the flag had been upside down for several days at that point.

In recent years, the quiet sanctuary of his street, with residents who are Republicans and Democrats, has tensed with conflict, neighbors said. Around the 2020 election, a family on the block displayed an anti-Trump sign with an expletive. It apparently offended Martha-Ann Alito and led to an escalating clash between her and the family, according to interviews.

Some residents have also bridled at the noise and intrusion

brought by protesters, who started showing up outside the Alito residence in 2022 after the Supreme Court overturned the federal right to abortion. Other neighbors have joined the demonstrators, whose intent was "to bring the protest to their personal lives because the decisions affect our personal lives," said Heather-Ann Irons, who came to the street to protest.

The half-dozen neighbors who saw the flag, or knew of it, requested anonymity because they said they did not want to add to the contentiousness on the block and feared reprisal. Last Saturday, May 11, protesters returned to the street, waving flags of their own ("Don't Tread on My Uterus") and using a megaphone to broadcast expletives at Alito, who was in Ohio giving a commencement address. Martha-Ann Alito appeared in a window, complaining to the Supreme Court security detail outside.

DAILY BRIEFING



JON SHAPLEY/HOUSTON CHRONICLE VIA AP

STORM DAMAGE IN HOUSTON — Streets in downtown Houston were littered with glass, insulation, and twisted metal debris on Friday after a violent series of thunderstorms ripped through the city and surrounding area the evening before. At least four people were killed, and hundreds of thousands of customers were without power — though officials said it would take time to know the full extent of the toll. The storm's path could be traced by the damage it left behind: swaths of shattered windows in high rises and parked cars, trees ripped up by the roots, or trunks bent almost horizontal. The storm toppled 10 power transmission towers throughout the region and cut power for 930,000 customers at its peak Thursday evening.



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NYC's fee for drivers faces legal fight

NEW YORK — New York's first-in-the-nation plan to levy a hefty toll on drivers entering much of traffic-choked Manhattan was the focus of a legal battle in federal court Friday.

A Manhattan judge heard arguments in a series of lawsuits from unionized public school teachers, local Republican officials, and other New Yorkers seeking to put stop the plan set to launch June 30.

Most drivers in private cars, locals and tourists alike, heading into Manhattan south of Central Park should expect to pay about \$15 during the daytime, with higher tolls for larger vehicles and lower rates for motorcycles and late-night entries into the city, according to the

proposal finalized in March. Those who aren't enrolled in a regional toll collection program will pay \$22.50.

Lawyers for lower Manhattan residents argued that the tolling scheme was given the green light by federal transportation officials without proper scrutiny. They said that before the toll is rolled out, more comprehensive environmental studies need to be done.

Lawyers for the Federal Highway Administration countered that New York transit officials had thoroughly analyzed the plan's consequences and presented sufficient details for how they would address any harmful effects.

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Memphis man sentenced for rape

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A Tennessee man was sentenced to 80 years in prison Friday for raping a woman a year before he was charged with kidnapping and killing a school teacher who was on an early morning run.

Cleotha Abston, whose history of criminal charges dates back to the 1990s when he was a juvenile, received 40 years in prison for aggravated rape, 20 years for aggravated kidnapping, and another 20 years for being a felon in possession of a weapon. The sentences will run consecutively, or one after the other, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge Lee Coffee ruled.

Abston, 40, was convicted April 12 of raping a woman

while holding her at gunpoint in September 2021. The victim said she had been raped after meeting Abston on a social dating site and agreeing to meet at his apartment. A jury found Abston covered the woman's face with a T-shirt, walked her outside the apartment, and raped her in the backseat of his girlfriend's vehicle.

Abston was not charged in the 2021 rape case until after being charged with snatching Eliza Fletcher from a street while she was jogging before dawn near the University of Memphis on Sept. 2, 2022, and forcing her into an SUV. Her body was found days later near a vacant duplex.

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New Mexico judge delays decision on Baldwin's indictment to next week

SANTA FE, N.M. — A New Mexico judge plans to rule next week on a grand jury indictment against Alec Baldwin in the fatal shooting on the set of "Rust," after hearing arguments Friday that the proceedings were unfair to the defendant.

The indictment in January charged Baldwin with involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on Oct. 21, 2021, at a movie ranch on the outskirts of Santa Fe.

Baldwin, a lead actor and co-

producer on the Western, has pleaded not guilty to the charge, which carries a maximum sentence of 1.5 years in prison. His attorneys argued during the virtual hearing on Friday that the grand jury received a one-sided presentation in bad faith from prosecutors who steered jurors away from exculpatory evidence and witnesses.

During rehearsal, Baldwin was pointing a gun at cinematographer Halyna Hutchins when the revolver went off, kill-

ing Hutchins and injuring Joel Souza, the director. Baldwin has maintained that he pulled back the gun's hammer, but not the trigger.

Baldwin's motion to dismiss the indictment argued that the grand jury received inaccurate and limited testimony about the revolver and safety protocols on movie sets.

Over more than two hours of arguments Friday, defense attorneys for Baldwin accused the special prosecutor of neglecting her responsibilities to ensure

impartiality and access to the defense's witnesses and evidence.

"The fix was in," said defense attorney Alex Spiro. "There were no (defense) witnesses there to testify. There was no evidence binder of the defense exhibits."

Special prosecutors say they followed grand jury protocols and accuse Baldwin of "shameless" attempts to escape culpability. A jury trial is scheduled for July.

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Judge allows 6-week abortion ban to stay in South Carolina

By Jeffrey Collins

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A state judge has ruled that South Carolina can continue to enforce a ban on nearly all abortions around six weeks after conception as an appeal continues on what exactly defines a heartbeat under the law.

Planned Parenthood had asked the law be set aside as courts parse through its wording, which includes alternate definitions of when cardiac activity starts, potentially extending the time after which abortions can no longer be performed under the 2023 law.

The law says abortions cannot be performed after an ultrasound can detect "cardiac activity, or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the fetal heart, within the gestational sac."

The definition is currently being interpreted to mean around six weeks after someone's last period. But what follows the "or" in the sentence could require that a heart has formed, and medical experts say that doesn't happen until around nine weeks.

The state Supreme Court itself noted the different definitions when it upheld the law last year, saying resolving them would be a question "for another day."

Circuit Judge Daniel Coble wrote in his ruling released late Thursday that the state's long-established legal precedent says that when there are disagreements on interpreting a law, judges need to give the most weight to the intent of lawmakers.

Six weeks was the standard cited by legislators, previous court rulings and even Planned Parenthood when it argued against the first version of the ban that was overturned by the state Supreme Court, Coble noted. A new justice and tweaks in the law led the high court to reverse itself and uphold the second version last August.

"This Court cannot locate one instance of legislative history indicating a time frame of any other period other than the six-week mark, much less nine weeks," Coble wrote, citing at least 20 times when lawmakers, including many Democrats in the Republican dominated General Assembly, called it a six-week ban during debates.

Coble's ruling against a temporary suspension of the law is far from the final say. Planned Parenthood is expected to appeal and argue that the different definitions of heartbeat mean the law is too vague to be constitutional.

For now, the ruling keeps in place the current situation in South Carolina banning abortions after six weeks, unless the

pregnancy was caused by rape or incest, the fetus likely won't survive outside the womb or the mother's health is at serious risk.

Planned Parenthood said in court papers that in the first five months after the new law took effect, three-quarters of women seeking abortions were turned away because their pregnancies were too far along, and 86% of those three-quarters could have had the procedure if the law allowed abortions up to nine weeks.

"Life will continue to be protected in South Carolina, and the governor will continue his fight to protect it," Republican Gov. Henry McMaster's spokesman, Brandon Charochak, said after Thursday's ruling.

Coble's ruling raised even more inconsistencies in the law's language that may become points of contention in later appeals. The law refers to a fetal heartbeat, but most experts consider a fertilized egg to be an embryo for about 10 weeks after conception before transitioning into a fetus.

"The only point of this line of argument that this Court is making is to illustrate that while Plaintiffs claim the definition of 'fetal heartbeat' clearly indicates the nine-week time frame, this definition is in fact ambiguous. If the definition were as clear as Plaintiffs claim, then this case would be far simpler than it is," Coble wrote.

Since the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022, ending a nationwide right to abortion, most Republican-controlled states have started enforcing new bans or restrictions, and most Democrat-dominated ones have sought to protect abortion access.

Currently, 14 states are enforcing bans on abortion at all stages of pregnancy, with limited exceptions, and South Carolina and two others have bans that kick in at or about six weeks into pregnancy.

The punctuation in South Carolina's law differs from other six-week bans, and provided an opening for the lawsuit filed by Taylor Shelton along with Planned Parenthood.

Shelton said she had sought medical attention for pain from her intrauterine device and was stunned to find out, just two days after missing her period, which she tracked regularly, that she was pregnant.

Because doctors in South Carolina were unsure how to define a heartbeat, couldn't be completely sure she was within six weeks, and could face criminal charges if the state determined they performed illegal abortions, she ended up in North Carolina, driving for hours to several appointments to undergo the procedure.



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The World



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Moscow launched attacks in the Kharkiv region in response to Ukrainian shelling in Russia, Putin told reporters.

Putin says Russia wants a buffer zone

Claims no plans to capture city of Kharkiv

By Illia Novikov
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday during a visit to China that Moscow's offensive in Ukraine's northeastern Kharkiv region aims to create a buffer zone but that there are no plans to capture the city.

The remarks were Putin's first on the offensive launched May 10, which opened a new front and displaced thousands of Ukrainians within days. Earlier Friday, a massive Ukrainian drone attack on the Russia-occupied Crimean Peninsula cut off power in the city of Sevastopol after an earlier attack damaged aircraft and fuel storage at an airbase.

In southern Russia, Russian authorities said a refinery was also set ablaze.

Moscow launched attacks in the Kharkiv region in response to Ukrainian shelling of Russia's Belgorod region, Putin told reporters while visiting the Chinese city of Harbin.

"I have said publicly that if it continues, we will be forced to create a security zone, a sanitary zone," he said. "That's what we are doing." Russian troops were "advancing daily according to plan," he said and added there were no plans for now to take the city of Kharkiv.

Ukrainian troops are fighting to halt Russian advances in the Kharkiv region that began late last week. In an effort to increase troop numbers, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed



UKRAINE EMERGENCY SERVICE/AFP

Rescuers evacuated an elderly civilian from Russian shelling in the Kharkiv region on Friday.

two laws Friday, allowing prisoners to join the army and increasing fines for draft dodgers fivefold. The controversial mobilization law goes into effect on Saturday.

Russia enlisted prisoners early in the war, and personnel shortages compelled the new measures. The legislation allows for "parole from serving a sentence and further enlistment for military service" for a specific period for some people charged with criminal offenses. It doesn't extend to those convicted of crimes against Ukraine's national security.

Penalties will be increased to 25,500 hryvnias (\$650) for citizens and 51,000 hryvnias (\$1,300) for civil servants and legal entities for ignoring draft notices or failing to update the draft board of their information. Fines were previously 5100 hryvnias (\$130) for citizens and 8500 hryvnias (\$215) for civil servants and legal entities.

Ukrainian authorities have evacuated around 8,000 civil-

ians from the recent flashpoint town of Vovchansk, 3 miles from the Russian border. The Russian army's usual tactic is to reduce towns and villages to ruins with aerial strikes before troops move in.

At least two people were killed and 19 were wounded in the Russian bombing of Kharkiv, regional chief Oleh Syniehubov said on his Telegram posting on Friday. Four of the wounded were in critical condition.

Russia's new offensive has "expanded the zone of active hostilities by almost 45 miles," in an effort to force Ukraine to spread its forces and use reserve troops, Ukraine's military chief, Colonel General Oleksandr Syrskyy, said Friday.

In the Kharkiv region, Russian forces have advanced 6 miles from the border, Zelenskyy said Friday.

Separately, speaking about Ukraine's upcoming peace conferences in Switzerland next month, Putin said it was a vain

attempt to enforce terms of a peaceful settlement on Russia and stressed that Russia wasn't invited to the meeting.

He said that Russia was ready for talks but shrugged off Zelenskyy's peace formula as wishful thinking. Any prospective peace talks should be based on a draft deal negotiated by Russia and Ukraine during their Istanbul talks in 2022, he said.

Ukraine meanwhile carried out drone raids on Crimea in an attempt to strike back during Moscow's offensive in northeastern Ukraine, which has piled pressure on outnumbered and outgunned Ukrainian forces awaiting delayed deliveries of crucial weapons and ammunition from Western partners.

A Ukrainian intelligence official confirmed to The Associated Press that the country's intelligence services struck Russia's military infrastructure sites in Novorossiysk, on the Black Sea coast, and in Russian-occupied city of Sevastopol. The official was not authorized to make public comments and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The operation, carried out by Ukraine-built drones, targeted Russian Black Sea Fleet vessels, the official said.

The Russian Defense Ministry said air defenses downed 51 Ukrainian drones over Crimea, 44 over the Krasnodar region of Russia, and six over the Belgorod region. Russian warplanes and patrol boats also destroyed six sea drones in the Black Sea, it said.

At least three fighter jets were destroyed in an earlier attack in Crimea a few days ago, according to satellite imagery of the airbase provided by Maxar Technologies.

Aid enters Gaza through US-built pier

Officials say more supplies are needed

By Victoria Kim
NEW YORK TIMES

Trucks of humanitarian aid began moving ashore into the Gaza Strip early Friday through a temporary pier built by the US military, the first supplies of aid to be sent into the enclave by sea in two months, but well short of what humanitarian groups say is needed to meet the staggering levels of hunger and deprivation.

A day earlier, the US military said it had anchored the floating pier and causeway to the beach in Gaza, a key step in completing a maritime aid corridor that the Pentagon announced in March. But US officials and international aid groups have said sea shipments can only supplement deliveries through land crossings, not replace them.

No US troops entered Gaza on Friday, the US military said, emphasizing that it was providing only logistical support for delivery of the supplies, which were donated by a number of countries and organizations.

The territory of 2.2 million civilians is more reliant than ever on humanitarian aid. The devastation after seven months of Israeli bombardment, strict Israeli inspections and restrictions on crossing points had already severely limited what can enter. And over the past week and a half, the flow of aid through the main land crossings in southern Gaza has been reduced nearly to a trickle since Israel began a military assault around the city of Rafah.

Israel has come under pressure from the Biden administration and other allies to do more to ease the entry of aid, with Secretary of State Antony Blinken warning this week that recent improvements in relief delivery were being undercut by the fighting in southern Gaza.

The supplies included in the initial deliveries were a fraction of the need in Gaza: food bars for 11,000 people, therapeutic food for 7,200 malnourished children, and hygiene kits for 30,000 people, according to the US Agency for International Development. The British government said it had sent 8,400 temporary shelters made up of plastic sheeting.

"More aid will follow in the coming weeks, but we know the maritime route is not the only answer," Prime Minister Rishi Sunak of Britain said.

It was not immediately clear

where in the enclave the aid would be delivered or when. The UN World Food Program said in a statement that it would handle logistics in Gaza for aid coming through the pier, including coordinating trucks, overseeing the loading of supplies, dispatching them to warehouses, and handing them over to "humanitarian partners."

Pentagon officials said they were initially aiming to deliver about 90 trucks of aid each day, increasing that to about 150 trucks when the operation reaches capacity. Some 500 trucks of commercial goods and aid arrived in Gaza each day before the war began last October.

One of Gaza's two main crossings for aid, in Rafah on the border with Egypt, has been closed since Israel began its military operation against Hamas fighters there. Israel shut down the second major crossing, at Kerem Shalom, after a Hamas rocket attack nearby killed four Israeli soldiers last week. That crossing has since reopened, Israel says, but little aid has passed through in recent days.

An aid group, World Central Kitchen, built a makeshift jetty in mid-March to deliver aid by sea to Gaza for the first time in nearly two decades. But those efforts came to an abrupt stop in early April after seven of the group's workers were killed in an Israeli strike.

Meanwhile, Israeli forces have recovered the bodies of three Israeli hostages who were taken captive as they fled a music festival during the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on Oct. 7, the Israeli military announced Friday.

Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, the Israeli military spokesperson, identified the bodies as those of Amit Buskila, Shani Louk, and Yitzhak Gelernter. He said Israeli troops had recovered the bodies during an operation in the Gaza Strip on Thursday night but did not say where they were found.

All three had attended the Tribe of Nova trance music festival Oct. 7, where at least 360 people were killed, Hagari said. During the attack, they fled the festival and headed toward Me-falsim, a kibbutz in southern Israel. Palestinian militants found them there, killed them, and brought their corpses back to Gaza, Hagari said.

The recovery of the remains highlighted the growing anxiety among relatives of hostages over how many of their loved ones are still alive after seven months of war in Gaza.

DAILY BRIEFING

French police shoot man who set fire to synagogue

PARIS — Police shot and killed a man in northern France on Friday after he set fire to a synagogue in the city of Rouen and attacked officers who tried to stop him, authorities said.

Nicolas Mayer-Rossignol, the mayor of Rouen, a city of about 110,000 people, told reporters that firefighters had brought the outbreak of flames under control and that no one other than the assailant had been harmed.

French authorities identified the assailant as a 24-year-old Algerian man who had ignored an order to leave the country. While his motives were not immediately clear, French authorities were treating the incident as an antisemitic act. Local prosecutors have opened an investigation into "religiously motivated arson" and assault.

Authorities in France have raised the alarm about a surge of

antisemitic incidents across the country in recent months.

The synagogue is in the historical center of Rouen, a short walk from the city's famed cathedral.

France is on high alert over the risk of terrorist attacks and other potential security threats, especially in the run-up to the Summer Olympics in Paris, which are set to start in July.

NEW YORK TIMES



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French police officers stood near the synagogue in Rouen where an arson suspect was shot and killed.

North Korea test-fires missiles

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired suspected short-range ballistic missiles off its east coast on Friday, South Korea's military said, a day after South Korea and the US flew powerful fighter jets in a joint drill that the North views as a major security threat.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the weapons launched from the North's east coast Wonsan region traveled about 185 miles before landing in the waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi said a

North Korean missile landed outside Japan's exclusive economic zone.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff statement called the launches "a clear provocation" that threatens peace on the Korean Peninsula. It said South Korea will maintain a firm readiness to repel potential aggressions by North Korea in conjunctions with the military alliance with the United States.

North Korea has extended its run of weapons testing in recent months as part of its efforts to modernize its arsenal.

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Vatican overhauls process for evaluating visions of Mary

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican on Friday overhauled its process for evaluating alleged visions of the Virgin Mary, weeping statues, and other seemingly supernatural phenomena that have marked church history, putting the brakes on making definitive declarations unless the event is obviously fabricated.

The Vatican's doctrine office revised norms first issued in 1978, arguing that they were no longer useful or viable in the internet age. Nowadays, word about apparitions or weeping Madonnas travels quickly and

can harm the faithful if hoaxers are trying to make money off people's beliefs or manipulate them, the Vatican said.

The new norms make clear that such an abuse of people's faith can be punishable canonically, saying, "The use of purported supernatural experiences or recognized mystical elements as a means of or a pretext for exerting control over people or carrying out abuses is to be considered of particular moral gravity."

The Catholic Church has had a long and controversial history of the faithful claiming

to have had visions of the Virgin Mary, of statues purportedly weeping tears of blood, and stigmata erupting on hands and feet mimicking the wounds of Christ.

When confirmed as authentic by church authorities, these otherwise inexplicable signs have led to a flourishing of the faith, with new religious vocations and conversions. That has been the case for the purported apparitions of Mary that turned Fatima, Portugal, and Lourdes, France, into enormously popular pilgrimage destinations.

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McCartney first British musician billionaire

LONDON — Paul McCartney is a billionaire Beatle.

According to figures released Friday, the former member of the Fab Four is the first British musician to be worth 1 billion pounds (\$1.27 billion).

The annual Sunday Times Rich List calculated that the wealth of the 81-year-old musician and his wife, Nancy Shevell, had grown by 50 million pounds since last year thanks to McCartney's 2023 "Got Back" tour, the rising value of his back catalogue, and Beyonce's cover of the Beatles' "Blackbird" on her "Cowboy Carter" album.

A "final" Beatles song, "Now and Then," was also released in November and topped music charts in the US, the UK, and other countries.

The newspaper estimated 50 million pounds of the couple's wealth is due to Shevell, daughter of the late US trucking tycoon Mike Shevell.

McCartney ranked 165th overall on the newspaper's list.

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Japan OKs joint custody in divorce for first time

By Mari Yamaguchi
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TOKYO — Japan's parliament on Friday passed a revision to the country's civil code that will allow divorced parents the option of joint child custody, a change that brings the nation in line with many other countries.

The revision, the first to custody rights in nearly 80 years, is to take effect by 2026. It will allow divorced parents to choose either dual or single custody while requiring them to cooperate in ensuring their children's rights and wellbeing.

Under the current law, child custody is granted to only one divorced parent, almost always the mother.

The change comes as divorces are increasing in Japan and a growing number of divorced fathers hope to stay in touch with their children. A number of high-profile allegations made by divorced foreign fathers who blamed their former partners for abducting their children and returning to Japan also encouraged the change.

The revision requires the sharing of child rearing costs by the parent who is not the main custodian. Currently, most divorced mothers, who often are part-time workers with low incomes, do not receive financial support from their former husbands.

In cases in which domestic violence or abuse by either parent is suspected, the other person will have sole custody, according to the revision.

Supporters of joint custody say it allows both divorced parents to play a role in child rearing. Opponents, including rights groups and some victims of domestic violence, have raised concern that the new system could make it harder for parents to cut ties with abusive spouses and that they may not be allowed a real say in custody decisions.

The concerns prompted some modifications to the legislation during parliamentary debate to require authorities to make sure the custody decision was not one-sided.

Either parent can make decisions about their children's daily activities, such as private lessons and meals, or emergency treatment.

The revision is to be reviewed after five years

Trump stumps in Minn. on day off from trial

ST. PAUL — Former president Donald Trump headed to Minnesota on a day off from his hush-money trial for a Republican fundraiser Friday night in a traditionally Democratic state that he boasts he can carry in November.

Trump will headline the state GOP's annual Lincoln Reagan dinner in St. Paul, which coincides with the party's state convention, after attending his son Barron's high school graduation in Florida. Trump attended the graduation Friday morning with his wife, Melania Trump, and her father, Viktor Knavs.

Trump will use part of the day granted by the trial judge for the graduation to campaign in Minnesota, a state he argues he can win in the November rematch with President Biden. No Republican presidential candidate has won Minnesota since Richard Nixon in 1972, but Trump came close to flipping the state in 2016, when he fell 1.5 percentage points short of Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Trump returned to Minnesota several times in 2020, when Biden beat him by more than 7 percentage points.

"I think this is something Trump wants to do. He believes this is a state he can win. We believe that's the case as well," David Hann, the chairman of the Republican Party of Minnesota, said.

Democratic US Senator Tina Smith of Minnesota, a Biden ally, said the Trump campaign is "grasping at straws" if it thinks he can win the state.

"The Biden campaign is going to work hard for every vote," Smith said. "We're going to engage with voters all over the state. But I think Minnesota voters are going to choose President Biden."

Trump's youngest son, Barron, graduated from the private Oxbridge Academy in West Palm Beach, Fla. The former president had long complained Judge Juan M. Merchan would not let him attend the graduation before Merchan agreed not to hold court Friday.

The dinner coincides with the party's state convention. Tickets started at \$500, ranging up to \$100,000 for a VIP table for 10 with three photo opportunities with Trump. Hann declined to say how much money he expects it will raise, but he anticipates a full house of around 1,400 people.

All the money from the dinner tickets will go to the state party, Hann said, though he added that some money from photo opportunities may go to the



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Former president Donald Trump (above right) and his wife, Melania, with her father, Viktor Knavs (left), attended the high school graduation of their son, Barron Trump (below), Friday.

Trump campaign.

Experts are split on whether Minnesota really will be competitive this time, given its history and the strong Democratic Party ground game in the state. But Hann said there's "great dissatisfaction with President Biden" in the state, noting that nearly 19 percent of Democratic voters in its Super Tuesday primary marked their ballots for "uncommitted." That was at least partly because of a protest-vote movement over Biden's handling of the Israel-Hamas war that has spread to several states.

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Pelosi attacker sentenced to 30 years in prison

SAN FRANCISCO — The man convicted of attempting to kidnap then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and attacking her husband a hammer was sentenced Friday to 30 years in prison.

Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley handed down the sentence for David DePape, 44, whom jurors found guilty last November of attempted kidnapping of a federal official and assault on the immediate family member of a federal official. Prosecutors had asked for a 40-year prison term.

DePape was given 20 years for one count and 30 years for another count. The sentences will run concurrently. He was also given credit for the 18 months that he's been in custody.

DePape admitted during trial testimony that he broke into the Pelosis' San Francisco home Oct. 28, 2022, intending to hold the speaker hostage and "break her kneecaps" if she lied to him. He also admitted to bludgeoning Paul Pelosi with a hammer after police showed up, saying his



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plan to end what he viewed as government corruption was unraveling.

The attack on Paul Pelosi, who was 82 at the time, was captured on police body camera video just days before the midterm elections and sent shockwaves through the political world.

Defense attorneys argued DePape was motivated by his political beliefs, not because he wanted to interfere with Nancy Pelosi's official duties as a member of Congress, making the charges against him invalid.

One of his attorneys, Angela Chuang, said during closing arguments that DePape was caught up in conspiracy theories.

At trial DePape, a Canadian who moved to the United States more than 20 years ago, testified that he believed news outlets re-

peatedly lied about former president Donald Trump. In rants posted on a blog and online forum that were taken down after his arrest, DePape echoed the baseless, right-wing QAnon conspiracy theory that claims a cabal of devil-worshipping pedophiles runs the US government.

DePape also told jurors he had planned to wear an inflatable unicorn costume and record his interrogation of the Democratic speaker, who was not at the home at the time of the attack, to upload it online.

Prosecutors said he had rope and zip ties with him, and detectives found body cameras, a computer, and a tablet.

Paul Pelosi also testified at the trial, recalling how he was awakened by a large man bursting into the bedroom and asking, "Where's Nancy?" He said

that when he responded that his wife was in Washington, DePape said he would tie him up while they waited for her.

"It was a tremendous sense of shock to recognize that somebody had broken into the house, and looking at him and looking at the hammer and the ties, I recognized that I was in serious danger, so I tried to stay as calm as possible," Pelosi told jurors.

DePape is also charged in state court with assault with a deadly weapon, elder abuse, residential burglary, and other felonies. Jury selection in that trial is expected to start Wednesday.

Paul Pelosi suffered two head wounds in the attack, including a skull fracture that was mended with plates and screws he will have for the rest of his life. His right arm and hand were also injured.

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First person arraigned in Arizona's fake elector case

PHOENIX — Attorney John Eastman pleaded not guilty on Friday to conspiracy, fraud, and forgery charges for his role in the effort to overturn Donald Trump's loss in Arizona to Joe Biden in the 2020 election.

Eastman, who devised a strategy to try to persuade Congress not to certify the election, is the first person charged in Arizona's fake elector case to be arraigned.

Eastman made a brief statement outside the courthouse, saying the charges against him should have never been filed.

"I had zero communications with the electors in Arizona [and] zero involvement in any of the election litigation in Arizona or legislative hearings. And I am confident that with the laws faithfully applied, I will be fully exonerated at the end of this process," Eastman said. He declined to make further comment.

Arraignments are scheduled May 21 for 12 other people charged in the case, including nine of the 11 Republicans who had submitted a document to Congress falsely declaring Trump had won Arizona.

The Arizona indictment said Eastman encouraged the GOP electors to cast their votes in December 2020, unsuccessfully pressured state lawmakers to change the election's outcome in Arizona, and told then-Vice President Mike Pence that he could reject Democratic electors in the counting of electoral votes in Congress on Jan. 6, 2021.

Trump himself was not charged in the Arizona case but was referred to as an unindicted co-conspirator.

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Teachers union split over response to Israel-Hamas war

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East and also provide educators with the information they need to teach about the issues in their classrooms. They contend the accusations of antisemitism are an attempt to shut down their advocacy.

Most recently, delegates at the MTA's annual meeting last month also were slated to take up a resolution that called on the union to divest all pension funds from businesses that "provide arms or other forms of military assistance to the state of Israel," but didn't reach that portion of the agenda.

The MTA is far from being alone in contending with differing viewpoints on the Israel-Hamas war among its members. The war was triggered by the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas that claimed 1,200 lives and 250 hostages, and caused thousands of injuries. The ongoing Israel counteroffensive has resulted in over 35,000 deaths and devastating destruction in Gaza and has fanned public discourse from Capitol Hill to college campuses and to peoples' homes.

For public schools across Massachusetts, the debate within the MTA can have immediate implications, potentially shaping how and what students are taught about the Arab-Israeli conflict, the political and personal views that enter the classrooms, and the comfort level of educators in guiding those lessons. One central question is whether the MTA should have any role in training teachers and

developing curriculum in this area.

Garcia said her decision to leave the MTA was "extremely difficult," but she now feels a sense of relief.

"We should not have to get involved in the international political arena and in geopolitical problems," said Garcia, a Spanish and English as a second language teacher at West Springfield High School. "Our resources, our time, and our energy should be focused on making our classrooms as strong as they possibly can be and educating our students in the best possible way."

Max Page, the union's president, said any suggestion the MTA's leadership is antisemitic is "ludicrous." Page is Jewish and a former president of his synagogue. His father fled Nazi Germany, and 18 family members lost their lives during the Holocaust.

"There's a real danger in our society today when we make sort of grand pronouncements about the essence of one person or another, and I just think that rarely helps develop a conversation," he said.

The MTA's actions represent a rare entry into international affairs for the state's largest teachers union, which previously had waded into the Iraq War and apartheid in South Africa. It comes as a more progressive and activist faction, which has been leading the union for the past decade, has been increasing advocacy around social justice issues. The MTA represents



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MTA President Max Page, seen at a 2022 event, said any suggestion the MTA's leadership is antisemitic is "ludicrous."

117,000 workers in most school districts and public colleges across Massachusetts.

Todd Bresler, a parent of two children who attend a public elementary school north of Boston, said he is worried the MTA is creating a breeding ground for antisemitism.

"They are trying to introduce inflammatory, divisive, and radicalized agendas into our classrooms," said Bresler, who is Jewish.

But Merrie Najimy, who moderated the webinar and is a former MTA president, said lessons on the plight of Palestinians fits into the broader mission of what educators are supposed to be doing.

"Our mission as educators is to prepare students to be citizens who can fight for justice and defend democracy and hu-

man rights here and around the world, and we do that by providing multiple perspectives and teaching them both how to build empathy for other people and to think critically about events in their communities, in their nation, and around the world," said Najimy, who is Lebanese and is an elementary school teacher in Concord.

The MTA first officially waded into the Israel-Hamas war on Nov. 4, when its executive board called for a cease-fire between Israel and Hamas.

Then in December, the MTA's much larger board of directors passed a separate cease-fire resolution that went further, directing the union's top leaders to urge the president of the National Education Association "to pressure President Biden to stop funding and sending weapons in

support of the Netanyahu government's genocidal war on the Palestinian people in Gaza." The board also approved a motion that called for developing curriculum resources about the history and current events in Israel and Occupied Palestine.

The backlash was swift. Several local affiliates publicly criticized the MTA's actions, including the Newton Teachers Association, which derided the December cease-fire motion as "antisemitic dog-whistling" and urged the MTA to retract it.

Public controversy erupted again in March when the union's antiracism task force held a webinar on anti-Palestinian racism to help educators teach about it. Many Jewish members urged the MTA to scrap the webinar.

According to a flyer for the event, the webinar explored such questions as: "What is anti-Palestinian discrimination? How does Palestine fit into the larger framework of colonialism and imperialism? What are Zionism, anti-Zionism and their histories? Why is anti-Zionism not anti-Semitism?"

Sarah Horsley, who belongs to Jewish Voices for Palestine and is a sociology lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Boston, said the webinar helped her to understand the Palestinian perspective.

"This perspective's too often missing from classrooms, congressional hearings, and mainstream media," she said. "As a college instructor and parent of an elementary school student, I'll draw upon key learnings

from this webinar to help my students — and my son — build empathy and think critically."

Criticisms persisted after the webinar. The Anti-Defamation League accused the webinar of reinforcing "antisemitic and anti-Israel falsehoods."

Those involved with the webinar defended its content.

"The claim the webinar was antisemitic is a piece of a broader international campaign to discredit advocates for Palestinians and Palestine itself," said Heike Schotten, who was a presenter during the webinar and is a political science professor at UMass Boston, noting there are scholarly works supporting that view.

The internal debate within the MTA has caught the attention of Beacon Hill. Last month, Senators Jason Lewis, who chairs the Joint Education Committee, and Rebecca Rausch sent Page a letter saying the MTA's recent actions "have been neither anti-racist nor supportive of productive dialogue or meaningful strides toward peace."

Brigitte Karns, an eighth-grade teacher in Marblehead, who is Jewish, urged the MTA to pull back from its current course.

"All we are interested in is defending the integrity of our classrooms," she said. "But the MTA is pushing teachers to teach students what to think rather than how to think."

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NRA considers successor to longtime leader Wayne LaPierre

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DALLAS — The National Rifle Association kicked off its annual meeting Friday in downtown Dallas, gathering for the first time in decades without Wayne LaPierre at the helm as board members prepare to elect his replacement.

Though beset by financial troubles and following a trial in which a jury found LaPierre mispent millions of the NRA's money, the group remains a political force. Upwards of 70,000 people are expected at the three-day event with a scheduled speech

by former President Donald Trump, seminars, receptions, and acres of guns and gear.

A board of directors meeting on Monday is expected to include elections of LaPierre's replacement and other officers.

"The immediate question is: Who leads the organization and what direction do they go in the post-Wayne LaPierre NRA?" asked Robert Spitzer, a professor emeritus at the State University of New York-Cortland who has written several books on gun policies.

LaPierre had led the NRA's day-to-day operations since

1991, acting as its face and becoming one of the country's most influential figures in shaping gun policy. A fiery proponent of gun rights, he once warned of "jack-booted government thugs" seizing guns and condemned gun-control advocates as "opportunists" who "exploit tragedy for gain."

Andrew Arulanandam, a top NRA lieutenant who served as LaPierre's spokesperson, has taken on his leadership roles on an interim basis.

Phillip Journey, a newly re-elected member of NRA's board, said he is among those trying to

elect new leadership with hopes that the organization will become more transparent.

"I want to reestablish the trust that the membership has lost in the current leadership and I think that we need to make the board understand that they can speak their mind and not be punished," said Journey, a Kansas judge, adding that the organization is "at a great crossroads."

As the NRA meeting opens in Dallas, it has been a year since a neo-Nazi opened fire at a mall in the Dallas suburb of Allen, killing eight people before a police

officer ended the rampage.

The organization's annual meeting last year in Indianapolis fell on the second anniversary of the mass shooting at a FedEx facility in the same city that left nine people dead, only days after mass shootings at a school in Nashville, Tennessee and a bank in Louisville, Kentucky.

At the 2023 meeting, top Republican hopefuls for the 2024 presidential race vowed to defend the Second Amendment at all costs.

In 2022, the NRA held its annual meeting in Texas just days after a gunman killed 19 stu-

dents and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde. Those taking the stage that year in Houston denounced the massacre while insisting further restrictions on access to firearms were not the answer.

One week after a gunman killed 26 people, mostly children, in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, LaPierre gave a defiant speech saying more gun laws weren't the answer and called for armed guards at schools. "The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," he said.

State placed children in same hotels as sex offenders

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them. After the Globe independently identified sex offenders and asked for comment, a spokesman said late Thursday that the agency is in the process of removing the individuals. None are migrants.

"The safety and wellbeing of the 7,500 families in Emergency Assistance shelter is a priority for our administration," said Kevin Connor, a spokesman for the housing agency. "We will continue to take all possible steps to ensure the safety of EA residents and carefully review any situation that comes before us to act quickly to protect families."

Advocates and some residents said they were shocked that the state placed vulnerable children among sex offenders. The Emergency Assistance program is specifically reserved for families with children and pregnant women who would otherwise be homeless.

About half the families now staying in Emergency Assistance hotels and shelters are newly arrived migrants, many of whom don't speak English and have traveled thousands of miles, fleeing violence and economic despair in their own countries.

"This shouldn't be happening," said Carline Desire, executive director of the Dorchester-based Association of Haitian Women, which works with shelter families. She noted that in some shelters, children are not always closely supervised by overwhelmed parents trying to find services.

"They need to get those sex offenders out," she said.

The hotels where the Globe identified sex offenders include the Comfort Inn in Rockland where a 26-year-old man allegedly raped a 15-year-old girl in March. Both are Haitian migrants who were living in the hotel. At the time, Healey sought to reassure the public that the state was screening migrants for criminal backgrounds.

"Everybody, including him, who enters our shelter locations



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The Comfort Inn in Rockland, where a 15-year-old was allegedly raped by a fellow migrant in March, is one of the hotels that was also home to a sex offender from Massachusetts.

is vetted," she told reporters in March.

But the Globe found that a registered sex offender had also been living at the hotel for more than two years before the incident — and had been working at the front desk until January.

After questioning from the Globe, a spokesman for the housing agency said that it checks shelter addresses against the Sex Offender Registry Board every six months so that providers can notify families and that the most recent check was done in March.

In 2019 — long before the surge of migration and homelessness prompted a rapid expansion of the family shelter system — a state audit found the agency was not routinely doing these checks. That audit also faulted the agency for failing to alert families in the shelters when there were sex offenders present.

The deepening migrant crisis has led the state to expand the family shelter system — at a total cost of nearly \$1 billion this year — and block out rooms at area hotels, some of which were already partially occupied.

Sex offenders lived or worked at hotels in Rockland, Saugus, Revere, Kingston, and North-

borough. A sixth sex offender was registered as of Thursday at a former dormitory at Salem State University that is now being used as a shelter. That Level 2 sex offender was convicted in 2012 of rape and abuse of a child and "unnatural acts and lascivious acts with a child under 16." The Globe identified him to the state on Thursday night. A spokesman said on Friday that he has since been removed.

The avid hotel in Revere, which was being partially used as a shelter until mid-February, was listed as the workplace of a Level 2 registered sex offender who pleaded guilty in 2010 to receiving child pornography and who had, according to an FBI press release, arranged to meet for sex with a 12-year-old boy. After the Globe asked police about his status on May 10, police reported that he is no longer employed there. Reached by phone, one of the hotel co-owners, Ketan Patel, said he could not comment on employment information.

It is unclear whether state officials had checked hotel addresses against the Sex Offender Registry Board before moving homeless and migrant families there. There is also no indica-

tion that families were informed that Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders — those deemed at moderate or high risk of reoffending — were living and working in these shelters.

The Globe has not identified any problems at these hotels resulting from their presence. The state noted that two of the sex offenders it confirmed were members of families in the Emergency Assistance program.

Day-to-day operations at shelters are usually managed by state-hired social service providers such as the Lynn Shelter Association and Centerboard Inc. These nonprofits staff the shelters and help families find services and stable housing. But in the past year, as the shelter system rapidly expanded, the state could not find enough providers. As a result, many families have been living in hotels with limited social services, staffed only by the National Guard, which Healey activated last summer after she declared the migrant crisis an emergency. There are currently 14 hotels overseen by the National Guard.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, which oversees the National Guard in Massachusetts, denied a Globe request for information about

sex offenders at shelters, saying it does not maintain such records.

In addition, the state housing agency has not responded to an April 18 public records request from the Globe seeking information on how many sex offenders have been identified by shelter providers.

The state agencies have also declined to provide the addresses of shelters, citing privacy and safety concerns, making it impossible to do a comprehensive search of sex offenders at all shelters. But through media reports, state and local records, and other documents, the Globe was able to identify the locations of 67 shelters and cross-check those addresses against the sex offender registry.

Both state officials and shelter providers have zealously guarded the privacy of shelter families, limiting public scrutiny of a massive taxpayer-funded endeavor.

At the Colonial Traveler Inn, one of several Route 1 roadside motels in Saugus being used as shelters, hotel staff refused to speak to a Globe reporter and said the hotel is private property. On a second visit, the reporter was ordered off the property and served with a "no trespass notice" from the Lynn Shelter Association, the provider running the shelter. Hotel staff declined to comment about the Level 3 sex offender living at the hotel who had been convicted of indecent assault and battery of child under 14 and rape and abuse of a child in Hampden Superior Court in 2005.

The Baymont Hotel in Kingston, where 95 homeless families have been placed, has been home to a man convicted in 2014 of repeatedly and indecently assaulting a girl under 14 years old, by forcing her to touch his penis and touching her vagina, according to court records.

Suzanne Giovanetti, chief executive officer of the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless, the provider at the Kingston shelter, noted that her organization is only responsible for the homeless families on Emergency Assistance. The hotel handles

rooms rented out to other residents and staff, she said.

"We have done everything we can as a shelter provider to ensure that all of our families are safe," Giovanetti said.

But Giovanetti declined to say whether the organization had informed the families there about the sex offender in residence or taken any precautions, such as posting a flier about the sex offender registry.

At the lobby of the Northborough Econo Lodge, there was no flier alerting guests to the presence of a Level 3 sex offender who was convicted in 1990 in Houston of rape of a child with force.

That hotel has no provider, though a coordinator for the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance assists homeless families there. Leah Bradley, the alliance's chief executive officer, defended the state's efforts to quickly find rooms to accommodate families who might otherwise have been homeless.

"The state kept kids from dying," said Bradley. "The state's choice was to immediately house families so children weren't sleeping on the street, so that babies who can't regulate their temperature wouldn't die. This was a value choice."

But advocates and residents said the state, providers, and hotels, should have done a better job informing families of the sex offenders at these shelters.

Terrence Flaherty, a Massachusetts resident who lives with his teenage daughters at the Comfort Inn in Rockland, said he never saw posters in the lobby informing families of the sex offender who lived or worked there or information on how to search the registry.

"These posters of sex offenders are hanging out at the police station, they should be here," Flaherty said. "There are a lot of kids here."

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Somerville death renews concerns over underground clinics

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undergone a medical procedure at the same location" and had been taken to a Boston hospital, where the Somerville resident remained Monday, prosecutors said.

The district attorney's office did not respond to a request for an update on the investigation and the Somerville woman's medical condition.

The fund-raising page for Sandoval's family said she "tragically passed away due to a bad procedure," leaving her husband, Oscar Vasquez, and two daughters: 3-year-old Sofia and 5-year-old Valentina. The page had raised more than \$4,000 by Friday morning.

Alex Train, chief operating officer for La Colaborativa, a Chelsea nonprofit, said immigrant communities are especially vulnerable to underground practitioners because newcomers to the country often are unable to access the conventional health care system due to cost, language barriers, or other factors.

"In our work as the largest Latinx-led, community-based organization in Massachusetts, we've come across a prevalence

of illegal medical operations, health care offices, and businesses that artfully deceive residents and complete procedures using unproven or unlicensed methods," Train said Thursday in a telephone interview.

At any given time, he said, there may be a handful of underground clinics operating in immigrant enclaves. The illicit practitioners choose "quiet residential neighborhoods and unsuspecting homes" with no outward signs of what's going on inside, and often they focus on providing abortions or on cosmetic surgery, Train said. Authorities have not said what kind of procedure led to Sandoval's death.

"At the heart of it is really just predatory, deceptive behavior that's driven by greed," Train said. "Many of the operators of these facilities are preying on newly arrived immigrants, as well as extremely vulnerable community members, including the LGBTQ community, who may possess limited health literacy, have a lack of health insurance coverage, and be unable to find culturally competent health care . . . with doctors that may speak their native language and be relatable."

Somerville City Council President Ben Ewen-Campen, who represents a ward near the home where the illegal procedures on the two women were allegedly performed, said he was not previously aware of illicit activity there or of broader issues with underground medical practices in the city.

"As a city councilor, I learned about this tragedy in the same way that everybody else did, and it's just . . . unthinkable," Ewen-Campen said in a phone interview. "This is on my commute home from day care every day — I go by this house. You would never know. It's unimaginable that something like this is happening, putting people's lives at risk, on a main street in Somerville."

Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne and Police Chief Charles Femino did not respond to voicemails seeking comment on Wednesday and Thursday.

In the wake of the death, a city spokesperson urged residents to seek care only from licensed medical professionals.

"The Commonwealth's Health and Human Services License Verification Site is a simple way to ensure your health is in good hands. If residents sus-

pect illegal medical activity, they are urged to call 911 and report it immediately," the spokesperson said.

Immigrants who are undocumented may have no way to access services from licensed practitioners. MassHealth, the state's insurance program for low-income residents, requires proof of immigration status to qualify for most of its programs.

Dr. Hugh M. Taylor, president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, said the operation of illicit medical facilities appears to be rare in the state, but the risks can be enormous.

"The problem is that any surgical procedure, even if it seems really minor, can go wrong," he said in a telephone interview. "An adequately trained physician, who's been through not just four years of medical school but more than three years of residency, has learned how to handle complications that ensue from any surgical procedure they might embark on."

Taylor, a board-certified family physician who has practiced medicine in Massachusetts since 1982, said anyone seeking medical care should put their trust only in trained and certified professionals and should pay atten-

tion to providers' credentials. Patients should also make sure that any procedure is performed in a setting that has all the proper equipment for emergency care if something goes awry.

Because illicit clinics operate out of public sight, it's impossible to count them, but unlicensed practitioners sometimes come to light when they are caught by police.

Just last month, also in Somerville, a 60-year-old man was charged with sexually assaulting two women and exposing himself while offering services as an unlicensed chiropractor out of his Cross Street home — about a mile from the house where Sandoval received the procedure that killed her.

In September, two people were arrested after police uncovered an unlicensed dental clinic in the back room of a convenience store in Milford.

A decade ago, 37-year-old Valentina Perez Tavaraz, who had no license as a doctor or a nurse, pleaded guilty to charges connected to cosmetic lip and buttock injections she sold inside her Dorchester home, according to the US attorney's office for Massachusetts.

In 2006, a man was charged

with manslaughter in the death of Fabiola B. DePaula, a 24-year-old Brazilian woman living in Framingham who died after a liposuction procedure conducted in the basement of a condominium that had been transformed into an illegal clinic. Luiz Carlos Ribeiro pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in DePaula's death in 2008 and received a three-year prison sentence.

Under Massachusetts law, the attorney general has criminal enforcement authority over unlicensed medical practices, but the power is rarely invoked, officials in the AG's office said this week.

The most recent use anyone could point to was nearly 20 years ago, when then-attorney general Thomas F. Reilly prosecuted Louise Wightman for fraudulently practicing as a licensed psychologist on the South Shore from 1998 to 2005.

Wightman was convicted in 2007 of posing as a psychologist, filing false health care claims, and larceny. A Suffolk Superior Court judge gave her a suspended sentence.

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Opinion

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I survived homelessness and am now graduating to a better life

By Timothy Scalona

At just 14 years old, I heard a knock at my home's front door. Deep in the throes of a video game, I paid the sound no mind until I heard screaming, arguing, and the frantic shuffling of cardboard boxes as movers packed up much of our belongings after the sheriff served us an eviction notice.

Before that day, I had no idea that a knock could throw my family of nine into homelessness. That it could rob us of the contents of our home that we couldn't take with us, rip us from our community, and land us in hotels, motels, and on the street.

In the years that followed, the word *home* completely disappeared from my vocabulary. Even as I dove into my textbooks, yearning for escape, I worried that I had no future. The challenges of homelessness were too great.

This month, however, I will graduate from law school. But I will have with me more than just a cap, gown, and a diploma: I will be carrying the memory of homelessness, poverty, and of the people I left behind.

Each day, thousands of individuals, families, and children are without stable shelter. These invisible, cast-out communities are largely shunned and forgotten by society. Instead of placing blame at the feet of policy makers who create and allow poverty to exist, our society prosecutes people who are homeless.

Across the United States, rental prices have risen to unprecedented levels. These housing costs have outpaced wages, leaving millions of people on the edge of homelessness. What few public alternatives there are to the rental market, in the form of public or subsidized housing opportunities, have yearslong wait-lists. Further, with little guarantee of emergency shelter, there is often no safety net available to catch people when they fall into homelessness.

Worse, many local policy makers have criminalized street homelessness, corralling people into prisons instead of placing them in homes or apartments. In fact, the Supreme Court is soon set to rule whether cities can arrest homeless people for sleeping or camping outside even when there is no shelter available. Under such hostile conditions, it's no surprise that there are few long-term survivors of homelessness and that the average life expectancy of a person experiencing homelessness is nearly 30 years less than someone who is housed.

But as I have learned in my time through and beyond homelessness and to the graduation stage, a better world is possible, one where homelessness is viewed not as natural law but as a consequence of our collective failure to care for the most vulnerable among us.

Toward this end, Congress must expand



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

The class of 2020 Suffolk University Law School graduation at Fenway Park, May 23, 2021.

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its funding for programs that improve access to safe and affordable housing. Members should invest in the Housing Choice Voucher program, which subsidizes market-rate housing for qualifying low-income persons, while enacting federal source-of-income discrimination protections to prevent landlords from refusing to rent on the basis of voucher status.

More broadly, Congress should strengthen public alternatives to private housing. Since 1999, with the passage of the Faircloth Amendment, Congress has capped the construction of federally subsidized public housing units. Further, after decades of inadequate federal funding, the number of

available public housing units has decreased, contributing to a wider housing shortage. By repealing the Faircloth Amendment and making strong investments in public housing, policy makers could reverse this trend and provide an accessible cushion for those who cannot access private rental housing.

Thinking more boldly, Congress should attack the very foundations of our commodified housing system. Members should launch a federal social housing pilot program, in which housing is developed that is guaranteed for everyone, not just for the poorest among us. Doing so would establish a universal safety net for those who find themselves at risk of homelessness, no matter their income level.

Where the federal government fails to take appropriate action, however, states and localities should step in to provide stop-gap solutions that mitigate the damage of the homelessness crisis. They should follow the example of Massachusetts and New York City, which provide emergency shelter guarantees to all families and all city residents respectively. But they should go further, ensuring that there is a right to emergency shelter for all adult individuals, families, and children to prevent the vicious cycle of homelessness before it begins.

Furthermore, states and localities should reject and repeal laws that criminalize sleeping, sitting, and even eating in public spaces. Instead of investing precious local funding into policing and arresting those experiencing homelessness for practices they need to do to survive, that same funding could be allocated to social service programs and much-needed housing development. The research is clear: Incarcerating people who are homeless does nothing to address the root causes of homelessness. It only exacerbates it.

My experience with homelessness robbed me of my childhood and threatened my future — but it did not steal my dreams of a world free of homelessness, poverty, and destitution.

I know that this can be done. But it won't be achieved by ignoring or criminalizing homeless people. Instead, policy makers must pursue strategic investments in housing, shelter programs, and supportive resources that recognize the humanity of our poor and homeless communities. Each of us has a right to survive, live, and thrive — and graduate to a better life.

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RENÉE LOTH

The much-published letter writer David English extols his craft

Careful readers of The New York Times Book Review will likely recognize the name of David English — as will readers of The New Yorker, GQ, and other publications famous and obscure. For 55 years, since he published his first letter in the Clinton (N.Y.) Courier, English has penned perhaps thousands of quirky, erudite, often humorous letters to the editor — with so much success that other readers gripe. “How

about creating a separate David English letter section, and one for readers who are not David English, like me?” an aggrieved Florida man wrote to the Times in 2022.

“What’s the story?” wrote another. “Does his cousin work in the back room?” Others rushed to his defense. “I vote for giving English his own regular column,” wrote a fan from New Haven. A professor (and admitted friend) from Stony Brook University put it succinctly:

“Without Gertrude Stein, he is all we have.”

I too had noticed the ubiquitous English, and I was especially curious since he hails from Massachusetts. Now 72, he said he finds the attention “embarrassing and flattering at the same time.” He humbly accepts the sobriquet “private intellectual.” And no, he doesn’t feel he was fated to a life of words because of his last name. “I was just drawn to verbal expression,” he said when I sleuthed him out.

We met at a McDonald’s in Acton, where he moved from Somerville about 5 years ago. He doesn’t have internet at home, so he ar-



RENÉE LOTH

Some published letters to the editor by David English.

rives at his “office” — a corner table in McDonald’s — every morning at 6:30 to spread out the newspapers and ponder. He has a shock of white hair and perfectly round eyeglasses that give him an owlish look. As we talk, he peppers his digressions with bon mots from James Thurber, Charles Schulz, Tom Stoppard, and Groucho Marx.

He’s a self-described magpie: He collects artifacts and ideas, somewhat indiscriminately. He owns 7,000 music CDs and loves The Beatles (“I was an acolyte by the couch on the first track of ‘Revolver’”) and Mozart. But he also defends Mozart’s rival Antonio Salieri, vilified in the movie “Amadeus.” “Salieri had the hard luck to be a competent journeyman in close proximity to a supernova,” he wrote in the Times in 2002.

His memory is prodigious: One recent letter, about hauling books in boxes, referenced Al Pacino’s job with a moving company. Editors at the Times needed to fact check, and English could tell them the date (1979) and publication (Playboy magazine) where he had first read about the odd jobs the actor held. He knows that Rupert Holmes, who wrote the earworm pop song “The Escape,” doesn’t actually like pina colodas, and that Paul Simon’s lyrics in “Baby Driver” refer to Simon’s father.

English was born in El Paso, Texas, but moved around as a child. He acquired his affinity for letters early, sending missives to his grandparents or friends he missed. His working life was equally peripatetic: He wanted to be a cartoonist and drew for the

University of Massachusetts Amherst Daily Collegian in the 1970s even though he didn’t attend college there. He worked in a bookstore, then he was an engineer at Boston’s TV 38. In those days the station aired Red Sox games, and when they were rained out, the station staff would show fare like the 1968 B-movie “Mars Needs Women.”

Unlike many letter-writers, English doesn’t tangle with others. “I got very angry at George Carlin once,” he admits, when the comic discouraged people from voting. “Voting isn’t a valentine,” he said, quoting the historian Rebecca Solnit. “It’s a move on a chessboard.” But mostly he isn’t trying to change minds. “You’re making a point, you’re working with language, it’s pleasurable on its own terms.”

Not surprisingly, English admires others who have mastered the epistolary form. He owns collections of letters from Thurber, Mozart, T.S. Eliot. “Letters are often very revealing,” he said. “The writer is at his ease; you often get playful prose.” He has advice for other aspiring letter-writers: “Read the journal for which it’s intended. Keep it as concise as possible. Try to say something distinctive.” As a former editor, these are tips I heartily endorse.

Personally, I read the letters pages in at least two newspapers every day. They are like mini op-eds: digestible opinion bonbons that enhance the civic — and civil — dialogue. Vetted by human editors, they are so much more thoughtful than anonymous hot takes on the comments page.

I often worry that writing letters of all kinds is a dying art form. But then I meet someone like David English, and I go find a stamp.

Renée Loth’s column appears regularly in the Globe.



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A composite image shows then-president Donald Trump and Joe Biden squaring off in a debate in November 2020 in Nashville.

READERS' FORUM

Biden, Trump, the media, the moderators, and the stakes

Washington Post's big lean toward Biden is in service to the fate of our democracy

Jeff Jacoby expressed grave concern about the reputation of The Washington Post being irretrievably sullied by its recommendation that President Biden do whatever it takes to beat Donald Trump in November ("A cynical Washington Post tells Biden: Nothing matters more than beating Trump," Opinion, May 15). As a devoted reader of his columns, I respect that he is as concerned about the threats to democracy posed by the left and the right.

The Post's position in this case, however, is based on the evident fact that Trump is devoted to tearing down the institutions and norms that preserve the right to free speech, the rule of law, and the peaceful transfer of power. Trump has kneecapped the true conservative thinkers in the GOP, and the party is now driven by sycophants willing to champion the purely authoritarian, self-serving, self-dealing whims of its leader. If you doubt this, please read the manifesto of the Project 2025 team. These are not some fringe thinkers working in the delusion of a fever dream. They define the actions Trump will take to indulge his megalomania and put the American experiment to an unnecessary stress test from which it may never recover.

The Post should be applauded for making its position and reasoning clear, not upbraided for abandoning the academic principles of journalism.

TOM STACEY
Milford

In Tom Stoppard's wonderful, whimsical-serious play, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," the characters caught outside of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" try to reason where they are. They try to use or-

dinary logic, but since they are seemingly outside of reality, ordinary logic does not apply.

In his May 15 column, Jeff Jacoby berates The Washington Post for being cynical in its willingness to support President Biden uncritically and oppose Donald Trump. Jacoby's critique appears logical. What he should recognize, however, is the danger that Trump is to our country and democratic system of government. That danger moves us beyond ordinary logic. The Post recognizes this, even if The New York Times and Jacoby do not. I say hooray for the Post.

GERALD M. "JERRY" TUCKMAN
Brookline

The Post stoops to pander

I suppose I could say it is Jeff Jacoby's fault that I canceled my subscription to The Washington Post.

His column about the Post's recent editorial giving the go-ahead to Democratic pandering in the interest of President Biden's being reelected needed my verification. So I read it, and sure enough, it unfortunately did just that.

I only know what I read and see. Oh, I will vote for Biden for sure, but the Post editorial board's supposing that pandering is OK (this time) makes me question whether its news reporting will be unbiased.

PETE NEUMANN
Newton

No matter Biden's heights, polls show a country bent on going low

Michelle Obama, then the first lady, famously said, "When they go low, we go high," referring to Donald Trump's bully-

ing tactics during the 2016 presidential campaign. The catchphrase was a message for Democrats to behave differently than someone who treats others with disdain. Unfortunately, adhering to this maxim in the era of Trump is a recipe for political suicide. To the MAGA minions, including many Republicans in Congress, civil discourse is a thing of the past.

Despite a robust economy with millions of new jobs created and unemployment rates at historic lows, the electorate — particularly in crucial swing states, according to a recent poll — seems unimpressed with President Biden's accomplishments. A record of consequential legislation has done little to offset this lack of enthusiasm.

Can it be that going low is paying dividends? Trump, fueled by lopsided media coverage of his relentless assaults on Biden's character and policies, is winning the messaging game. The time has come for the Biden camp to launch an overwhelming counteroffensive, complete with a highlight reel of Trump's personal and professional failings, or risk losing in November.

JIM PALADINO
Tampa

Set strict debate rules and, above all, hold the candidates to them

Donald Trump, who cannot follow the simple rules of a courtroom, is an unlikely person to be expected to follow debate decorum ("Biden, Trump agree to debates," Page A2, May 16). As for President Biden's offer to debate Trump, I would also hope that the terms Biden is demanding include the following: a pre-debate agreement that the candidates commit to accepting the results of the election, regardless of who wins, and that they encourage

all supporters to also peacefully accept the results; a requirement for the candidates to release 10 years of tax returns; insistence that both candidates follow the rules of the debate and accept moderators' instructions. Further, effective means should be in place to enforce the debate rules. If any candidate cannot abide by these rules, the debate should not be held, and if a candidate breaks the rules during the debate, the offending candidate should be escorted off the stage.

MIMI ELMER
Cambridge

The debate over the debates

BostonGlobe.com readers posted more than 170 comments in reaction to James Pindell's May 15 news analysis, "Biden and Trump agree to a pair of debates. Is this for real? What you need to know." The following is an edited sample:

Prediction: Both parties will say their guy won. Another prediction: The debates will have zero effect on the election. The mainstream media make a big fuss about debates, like they're going to sway millions of voters. (NicksterNH)

Who actually sits down and watches these things? (kmc11b)

Uh, the Trump-Biden debates in 2020 had an audience of as many as 73 million people ... so that. (newsyoucanuse)

Should it actually occur, it won't be Lincoln-Douglas redux. Expect a festival of word porridge and preposterous lies. What a weird spectacle this whole thing is. About the only person Biden could beat is Trump, and about the only one Trump could beat is Biden. (ArapahoJoe)

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One round of sand is gone; Salisbury wants to try again

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tional beach homes, bordering much of the state-owned reservation. Salisbury Beach attracts swimmers, kayak-enthusiasts, and campers who take advantage of the area's 484 campsites.

"One of the messages today is that time is running out," Senate minority leader Bruce Tarr said in late April after a press conference introducing a new strategy for the beach.

Now, the town needs \$1.75 million from the state to start the new multiphase plan: adding about 120,000 cubic yards of sand then continuing with studies to map out a long-term strategy.

"This is a pivotal moment for us to demonstrate that the state can be proactive and can deal with the issue of erosion in a sustainable, cost-effective way," Tarr said. "To me, this issue is bigger than just Salisbury. This is about all of the other communities that are dealing with similar situations."

But some engineers question if all of this talk is simply wishful thinking.

"There's nothing wrong with putting sand on beaches; the problem is you're going to be doing it in perpetuity," said Mark Borrelli, a senior research fellow at the University of Massachusetts Boston and a senior scientist at the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown. "When you're a little kid and you build a little sand castle on the beach, you're waiting for the water to come in and destroy it. That's part of the fun. You know that's going to happen because it's sand, and sand is not gonna stop the ocean."

Borrelli said storms will only get "stronger and more frequent" as climate change wors-

ens, and that coastal planners need to look at the larger system and approach changes "with their eyes open."

Another option, which is taboo for many beachfront homeowners anywhere you'll find a beach, is the idea of "managed retreat" — allowing the shoreline to move inland, instead of attempting to hold the line with structural engineering. Developed areas can be abandoned or shifted inland out of harm's way.

"Instead of trying to overpower nature, we should give nature more space to play," said Balakrishnan Balachandran, executive director of the Sustainable Solutions Lab at UMass Boston. "The term 'managed retreat' lands on people as giving up. I prefer to think of it as facilitating spatial transitions."

That's how many locals in Salisbury feel. Diann May, 59, grew up in Salisbury, and before that, her dad grew up on the beach.

To lose the homes, "would be devastating," May said.

The only permanent solution to sea level rise is to increase the elevation of land, Borrelli said. "You can make a beach as wide as you want, but the water's still going to go up," Borrelli said.

While coastal experts have expressed doubts about Salisbury's new plan, the three people who presented the plan in April — Tarr; Neil Harrington, the Salisbury town manager; and Tom Hughes, an environmental consultant for Salisbury — argue it provides the best hope for a short-term solution.

The north side of the barrier beach, roughly between 370 North End Blvd. and 440 North End Blvd., has lost 40 percent of its volume since 2000, according to Hughes, with 17 percent disappearing in just the past three



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Representative Seth Moulton toured Salisbury Beach in March with Conservation Agent Adriane Marchand.

months.

"It gets more expensive, the longer we wait," Hughes said.

The \$600,000, cobbled together by residents to pay for sand dunes this winter, was a start, according to Hughes. But, he said, the multiphase sand replacement plan will "stabilize the situation" and give researchers time to complete more studies.

"We just need the state to help us because it's their land," said Michael Colburn, vice chair of the Salisbury Board of Selectman. "Pay for the sand to go on the beach."

Beach nourishment is not a new practice in Massachusetts. Since as early as 1898, Massachusetts has invested more than \$60 million to preserve beach communities, according to the National Beach Nourishment Database. Since 2007, Salisbury Beach has received more than \$2 million from the state for beach

nourishment, according to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.

With this in mind, the focus should be on the "cost-benefit ratio" of a plan with a set timescale, said Jim Chen, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Northeastern University. "Hard decisions have to be made."

Chen recommended, as a viable short-term solution, following the model used at nearby Plum Island in 2021, as well as in other Massachusetts coastal communities such as Falmouth. In those cases, sand was dredged from channels or underground pits that are part of or near the beach system. Salisbury is planning to import its sand.

Hughes said, however, that bringing sand into the beach is "the most cost-effective way" to protect the area as opposed to dredging or building a seawall. "Given everything that's at stake,

it's not only those homes, but the homes behind them, and the homes behind them."

Hughes also said he knows these projects are not a long-term fix. "They're big enough to provide some assurance, and still be there for a bit," he said. "It gives us enough time to pursue those other options."

Without funding from the state, not only will the beachfront homes be at risk, but also more than 40 percent of the tax base for the town, as well as the state highway, Route 1A, Tarr's office said at the April press conference.

On March 27, Representative Seth Moulton, who represents the area in Washington, assessed the damage on the beach and was clear — he did not have a solution.

"I've got to be honest, if you look right down here, it doesn't look promising," Moulton said pointing to a house on the beach

below the water line. "There's not much holding back the next storm."

But in one of the most historic beach communities in Massachusetts, residents stand firm on one point: Retreat is not an option. Over the past two years, they've bought and planted hundreds of bundles of dune grass to anchor shifting sand, and have installed fencing, said Tom Saab, president of Salisbury Beach Citizens for Change, the nonprofit that raised the money for the dune project.

Living near, visiting, and enjoying the beach is "America's pastime. Do you give up on all that?" Colburn, the Salisbury selectman, said. "The whole north shores of Massachusetts you just give up on? ... That's just a notion that can not even be thought of."

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Low level of bird flu traces found in N.E. store-bought milk

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ment of opportunity to keep our farms protected and thriving through testing and surveillance."

The goal of the Broad's tests was to determine if the virus was present on New England farms, which would place agricultural workers and those who consume locally bought unpasteurized milk products at risk of infection.

The results provide the first known evidence that the virus — at least in an inactive form — is now present in food products

consumed in New England. They also underscore the scope and persistence of the threat and highlight the changing nature of milk production in New England and nationally.

Last month, the FDA conducted its own testing of store-bought milk, purchasing 297 dairy samples including milk from 38 states. It found viral fragments in 20 percent of the samples. But the agency did not disclose where the milk was purchased. In a separate study, researchers from Ohio State and the University of Illinois purchased 150 samples in 10 states. More than a third tested positive.

The more the virus spreads, the greater the likelihood it will develop genetic changes that allow it to more easily infect mammals, including humans.

To find out if H5N1 was present in local supermarkets, Globe staffers fanned out across Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire earlier this week, heading for the dairy sections of Star Market, Stop & Shop, Cumberland Farms, Whole Foods, Traders Joe's, Shaws, Target, and a wide array of other stores.

They delivered the milk in coolers to Sabeti's lab in Cambridge's Kendall Square. After using specialized machines to extract any genetic material present and reproduce it 1 billion times, members of her lab then added fluorescent chemical particles that rendered any fragments of the H5N1 virus visible



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

Fatimah Albeez, a research associate with the Broad Institute's Sabeti lab, worked with milk samples purchased by Boston Globe journalists.

to a specialized camera, explained Elyse Stachler, a research scientist who led the genetic testing. Each sample underwent testing twice before technicians rendered their verdict. Some underwent a third test that was even more stringent.

Many experts worry that the virus may be far more widespread on the nation's dairy farms than currently known. Federal regulations now require H5N1 testing for cows slated to be transported across state lines. But otherwise most testing remains voluntary. To date, only about 30 people have been tested for the virus nationwide by state and local officials, federal officials said recently.

"The way that they're trying to find the virus on farms is woefully inadequate," said Jennifer Nuzzo, professor of epidemiology and director of the Pandemic Center at the Brown University School of Public Health. "Our current testing scheme is dangerous. We remain concerned about the potential for the virus to evolve, to gain the ability to infect humans more easily."

Dr. Catherine M. Brown, state epidemiologist and state public health veterinarian for the Massachusetts Department

of Public Health, said the discovery of viral fragments in the milk does not surprise her given the results of previous federal testing. Since the CDC has deemed the virus low risk to human health, monitoring its spread remains a "collaborative effort," that is still being led on the state level by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. To date, there have been no confirmed cases of H5N1 in the state in cows or humans.

The state's milk remains safe. The exception, she notes, is raw milk.

"Raw milk is a concern every single day, separate from H5N1, because it can and frequently does contain bacterial pathogens that cause severe disease and even occasionally death in people," she said.

Since arriving in the United States in late 2021, carried by migratory birds, the H5N1 virus has led to the deaths of tens of millions of birds and developed new mutations that have already allowed it to jump to mammals. In New England, scores of sea ducks, loons, and seagulls have littered the beaches along the North Shore in recent months, washing up in Nahant Beach, Salisbury, Newbury, Newbury-

port, Plum Island, and Manchester-by-the-Sea.

The USDA announced in March that cows had been infected for the first time on farms in Texas and Kansas and soon after reported that a farm worker had been infected in what is believed to be the first known case of a mammal infecting a human. (That worker, who had mild symptoms, has since recovered.)

Some experts say the low positivity rate of milk samples purchased by the Globe might result from the unique characteristics of the region's dairy industry, which may have, at least so far, protected our farms from broad exposure to the outbreak.

"The dairy industry in New England is very different than the dairy industry in the Southwest, California, and parts of the Midwest," said Jim Lowe, professor of food animal medicine and associate dean of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, and part of the team that tested milk samples purchased in 10 Western states.

In recent years, the national dairy industry has been subjected to brutal cost pressures, which have catalyzed an industrywide consolidation and the proliferation of large farms.

Since the early 1950s, the number of farms nationwide with dairy cattle has fallen from between 3 million and 4 million to about 24,000 today, said Andrew Novakovic, an agricultural economist at Cornell University.

Many of these farms are increasingly outsourcing the care of immature female calves, shipping them to specialized farms that raise them, he explained. When those cows mature into "springing heifers" — cows in the final weeks of pregnancy — they are returned to their farms of origin and reintroduced to their home herds as milking cows just before they give birth. The H5N1 virus developed the mutation that allows it to infect cows in Texas in December and is believed to have quietly spread from state to state, carried by the traveling heifers, experts say.

The practice of transporting heifers out of state, however, is rare in New England, because of a Yankee "can-do attitude" that frowns upon subcontracting the duty of raising young cows, said Eugene White, a professor of ambulatory medicine at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts.

New England has lost more than 10,000 dairy farms over the last 50 years. There are 480 dairy farms left in Vermont, 151 in Massachusetts, 83 in Connecticut, 129 in New Hampshire, five in Rhode Island, and 290 in Maine, according to Michael de Angelis, vice president of New England Dairy, an industry advocacy group.

As a result, the region has become increasingly reliant on milk from other states, with New England producing far less milk than its residents consume. The only region in the country with a comparable disparity between cows and people is the area around Miami, White said. That helps explain why some of the milk samples purchased in area stores were processed as far away as California, Colorado, and Minnesota, according to plant codes printed on most milk containers.

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Attendees applauded remarks Friday by the Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie of Arlington Street Church during the ceremony commemorating the day, 20 years ago, that same-sex marriage license applications became legally available in Massachusetts.

A CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Couples gather to commemorate SJC's landmark ruling going into effect

By Alexa Coultoff
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Twenty years ago, Jo Ann Whitehead and Bette Green officially sealed their relationship with a legal marriage in the garden behind their home in Jamaica Plain. That same day, Michael Horgan and Ed Balmelli toasted one another at their spontaneous marriage ceremony at the Boston Marriott.

Their marriages were among the first of what became countless ceremonies made possible by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's landmark 4-3 decision on Nov. 18, 2003 — in what is known as the Goodridge decision — which found that gay and lesbian couples had the legal, equal right to marry. The date of May 17, 2004 was the day same-sex marriage license applications became legally available.

And on Friday, hundreds of same-sex couples and their supporters gathered in the historic Arlington Street

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From left: Bette Jo Green and her spouse, Joann Whitehead, and Tracy O'Brien and her spouse, Michele Waters were two of the couples who were among the original plaintiffs in the Goodridge case.

“This is a natural variability that we’re seeing but just feels like it’s happening every weekend where it’s been dreary?”

ANDREW LOCONTO, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Norton

What’s up with it raining 5 of the last 6 weekends?

By Ken Mahan
GLOBE STAFF

This week’s weather gave us a deluge of rain on Thursday, but for the most part it’s been sunny skies with nice temperatures Friday included. It’s been feeling a lot like summer.

But why can’t we get such beautiful, sunny weather on the weekend?

The jet stream, ‘troughing,’ and zonal pressure are key to our weather pattern

There has been measurable precipitation 15 of the 19 weekends so far this year in Southern New England. Boston has seen measurable rainfall five of the last six weeks, narrowly escaping a system this past weekend. Every weekend in April delivered anywhere from a few rounds of sprinkles to showers. And now there’s the risk for a shower or two Saturday.

“It has been a wet calendar year to start, with more weekends than not having been wet,” said meteorologist Andrew Loconto, of the National Weather Service in Norton. So far, 2024 is the 11th wettest start of a year — in this case through May 17 — at 22.22 inches (with NWS records dating to

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A man protected himself from the rain on Kilby Street in Boston on April 3. Every weekend in April was wet, ranging from a few rounds of sprinkles to showers.

More trips out of state for Healey

Currently in Italy, governor went to N.Y., New Mexico

By Matt Stout
GLOBE STAFF

Governor Maura Healey twice left Massachusetts last month to attend a luncheon in New York and later, a four-day gathering with other Democratic governors in New Mexico — out-of-state trips her office did not disclose at the time she took them.

Healey’s office divulged the trips on Thursday in response to a public records request from the Globe seeking the Democrat’s daily calendar and other disclosures from April. That the trips were not previously announced is in keeping with Healey’s policy to not publicly disclose most of her out-of-state travel plans ahead of time.

Healey is currently in Italy, where she’s met with business leaders, had an audience with Pope Francis, and announced a new climate initiative during a summit at the Vatican.

Her office on Thursday included some details of her travel last month in her calendar, which shows Healey flew to New York and back to Massachusetts on April 10, when she attended the “Power 100” luncheon.

The event, held at The Modern at the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan, is a regular gathering of female leaders in media and other sectors. Aides to Healey said she was asked to provide remarks about artificial intelligence and how her administration is putting it to use in Massachusetts.

The lunch has long been hosted by Joanna Coles, the former chief content officer of Hearst Magazines who — just days after the event — was announced as one of the new leaders of the news website The Daily Beast.

Healey’s calendar shows she then flew on April 18 to Santa Fe for what a spokesperson said was an event held by the Democratic Governors Association, a partisan group. Healey returned on April 21, according to the records.

A separate ethics disclosure Healey filed shows that the DGA covered \$4,400 in costs for the summit at the El-

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Witness says Read cried, ‘There he is. There he is.’

Describes finding O’Keefe in snow

By Tonya Alanez
GLOBE STAFF

Snow was falling and visibility was low as the three women approached 34 Fairview Road during the frantic, early morning search in late January 2022 for John O’Keefe.

Karen Read, hysterical and screaming, instantly spotted her boyfriend’s body covered in snow in the yard of the Canton home, one of the women testified Friday at Read’s murder trial in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham.

“All of a sudden Karen starts screaming, ‘There he is. There he is,’” and pounded on the door to get out of the car, Jennifer McCabe said.

“I saw nothing,” McCabe said, but Read ran “straight to John.”

Read straddled O’Keefe, lifted his shirt, and then lifted her own shirt before she “lay on him,” McCabe said. The third woman, Kerry Roberts, brushed snow from O’Keefe’s face.

McCabe said for a moment she “completely just froze” because she couldn’t believe what she was seeing. She and Roberts made eye contact, and McCabe called 911, McCabe told jurors.

McCabe said Read “continued to run around screaming” after police arrived, saying: “Is he dead? Is he dead?” and “Could I have done this?” Read “stated that she hit him” to one paramedic, McCabe testified.

The testimony of McCabe, a crucial TRIAL, Page B3



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

CAR-LESS — Matthew Petersen of Brighton rode his homemade bicycle to City Hall Plaza on Friday, National Bike to Work Day. People were encouraged to ditch their cars and hop on a bike instead.

Three charged in drug-related Maine shooting

Officials say men are from Mass.

By Tonya Alanez
GLOBE STAFF

Three New Bedford men have been arrested in connection to a drug-related drive-by shooting in Saco, Maine, in February that led to an hours-long lockdown of the downtown and area schools, Maine law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Joshua “Mac” Estrada, 19, Yancarlos “Glizzy” Abrante, 20, and Jason “Ouda” Johnson-Rivera, 18, are each charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine and perpetrating a drive-by shooting, according to a statement issued by the US Attorney for the District of Maine.

According to a federal indictment handed up Wednesday, the three men allegedly had been trafficking cocaine in and around Saco and Biddeford since at least January 2024, the statement said.

During a drug dispute on Feb. 9, they fired at least five rounds from a 9mm handgun into another vehicle, according to Darci N. McElwee, Maine’s US attorney.

“This joint federal and local investigation reflects that if you come to Maine and engage in violence, particularly firearm violence, there will be a swift



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Students were released from school, following the police activity, outside Thornton Academy on Feb. 9 in Saco, Maine.

and coordinated response from every level of law enforcement,” McElwee’s statement said.

The daytime shooting, just before noon in the intersection of North and Elm streets, prompted authorities to issue a shelter-in-place warning and order at least six schools to go on lockdown.

Police said gunshots were exchanged between a red Dodge Charger and a gray Honda HR-V before they collided at the intersection. A school bus was involved in the crash but no students were injured.

Four people ran from the scene causing an extensive search by law enforcement, police said. One of the people appeared to have been shot in the

arm. “Brazen violent crime of this magnitude is not something the City of Saco is accustomed to, but when it happens, Maine law enforcement responds,” Chief Jack Clements, of the Saco Police Department, said in the statement.

In the immediate aftermath of the “brazen” shooting and during the “ensuing chaos,” FBI agents with the Southern Maine Gang Task Force hit the ground running, Jodi Cohen, the FBI’s special agent in charge of the Boston division (which includes all of Maine), said in the statement.

“We believe the three Massachusetts men we have in custody conspired with each other to

traffic cocaine and were the instigators of this drive-by shooting,” Cohen said. “Violent drug traffickers have a corrosive effect on our communities, and we want everyone to know that the FBI is committed to working with our law enforcement partners to help make Maine safer for the folks who live, work, and visit here.”

Before the indictment, Estrada was arrested May 6 in New Bedford via a criminal complaint. He was arraigned Thursday in federal court in Maine, McElwee said.

Abrante and Johnson-Rivera currently are in custody in Massachusetts on unrelated charges, McElwee said. They will be brought to Maine next week to be arraigned on the new charges, McElwee said.

If convicted as charged, each of the men faces a maximum of 20 years in prison on the drug charge and up to 25 years imprisonment on the shooting charge, McElwee said.

McElwee announced the arrests Thursday at a press briefing outside the Edward T. Gignoux US Courthouse in Portland. She was joined by Clements, fellow prosecutors, FBI and ATF agents, and acting US Marshal Kevin Neal.

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Teen slain at party remembered as ‘a quiet person’

By Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

The family of a teenage boy killed at a Northborough house party last weekend remembered him as “a quiet person” with many friends who loved cars, music, and soccer, according to his obituary.

Ygor Correia, 16, was born in Governador Valadares, Brazil, and was a sophomore at Milford High School, the obituary stated.

Correia is survived by his parents, a brother, and three sisters, along with several other relatives, many of whom live in Brazil, according to the obituary, which appeared in both English and Portuguese.

His family could not be reached for comment.

As of Thursday, an online campaign to help Correia’s family with funeral arrangements and return his body to Brazil had raised more than \$13,000.

“Any contribution, no matter how small, will be of great value so that we can provide a worthy goodbye to this dear young man,” Correia’s father, Leandro Correia, wrote on the fund-raising page. “May we comfort each other and honor the memory of this very special young man who unfortunately had his life taken away brutally.”

Correia died at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester after gunfire erupted around 2 a.m. Sunday at a mansion in Northborough.

The shooting happened at a birthday party that drew upward of 300 people, officials said. A 17-year-old who was wounded was treated at Marlborough Hospital and later released, officials said.

Three men were arrested on gun charges after the shooting. Two of the men — Wallisom Teixeira Da Silva, 20, of Hyde Park, and Arnaldo Nogueira Filho, 19, of Marlborough — have immigration detainers lodged against them, according to the Worcester district attorney’s office. Detainers, also known as immigration holds, are issued to people whom immigration officials have “probable cause to believe are removable non-citizens.”

Da Silva and Filho were arraigned Monday in Westborough District Court, along with Pedro Desouza-Passos, 27, of Rockland, on charges of illegal possession of an assault weapon and illegal possession of ammunition. Da Silva was also charged with carrying a fire-

arm without a license and possession of a firearm in a felony.

Da Silva, Desouza-Passos, and Filho were among five occupants of a silver Nissan with a New York registration that was at the Northborough home. A police sergeant found ammunition in two black purs-

YGOR CORREIA
Boy, 16, said to have had many friends and loved cars, music, and soccer.

es left on the back seat, where the three men had been sitting, according to a police report.

Filho lives in Marlborough with his mother and works at a landscaping company, according to his lawyer. His lawyer said his client has no criminal record and was in the “wrong place at the wrong time” on Sunday. The lawyer said Filho had no connection to ammunition that investigators found in the car that Filho, Da Silva, and Desouza-Passos were riding in when they were arrested, he said.

Prosecutors and police said Desouza-Passos has a criminal history and was arrested on a warrant.

A lawyer for Desouza-Passos said he has never been convicted of a crime and has worked for a solar company for the past six months. He lives in Rockland with his parents and has sole custody of a 2-year-old; the child’s mother lives in Brazil.

Da Silva was held without bail and is scheduled to return to court for a dangerousness hearing on May 20. Filho and Desouza-Passos were each held on \$25,000 bail and are due to appear for probable cause hearings on May 20.

In a statement, Milford Public Schools Superintendent Kevin McIntyre said it is “a terrible tragedy when a young person passes away under any circumstances.”

“This situation is particularly tragic because Ygor lost his life due to gun violence,” McIntyre said. “Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with his family and friends.”

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Stepmother of Harmony Montgomery is out of prison

By John R. Ellement
GLOBE STAFF

Kayla Montgomery, the estranged wife of Adam Montgomery, the New Hampshire man convicted of killing his 5-year-old daughter, has been released from prison three months after she testified against him at his murder trial.

Adam Montgomery was convicted in February of second-degree murder for fatally beating his daughter Harmony in 2019. He was sentenced last week to

serve between 56 years and life in prison.

Kayla Montgomery was the prosecution’s main witness at trial and described how she saw her husband repeatedly beat Harmony, how she listened to the girl moan as she slowly died, and how Adam Montgomery put her body into a duffel bag.

Kayla Montgomery pleaded guilty to two counts of perjury for lying to a grand jury about her whereabouts in the days before Harmony’s death. She was

sentenced to serve as long as seven years in prison, but the time was reduced in exchange for her testimony against her husband.

She was approved for release by the state Parole Board and freed by the state Department of Correction on Wednesday, officials said. She will be on parole until Nov. 3, 2028, although she can petition for early termination once she has served two-thirds of her remaining sentence without new arrests, officials said Friday.

Under state law, judges set a minimum and maximum sentence and each inmate can seek a parole hearing before completing the minimum sentence.

“If they have met the criteria of parole, then they are to be released once their minimum has been served. It is not an early release,” Jay Mackey, director of operations for the state’s Adult Parole Board, said by email.

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This day in history

Today is Saturday, May 18, the 139th day of 2024. There are 227 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Actor Priscilla Pointer is 100. Actor Candice Azzara is 83. Bluegrass singer-musician Rodney Dillard (The Dillards) is 82. Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is 78. Former Senator Tom Udall, Democrat of New Mexico, is 76. Country singer Joe Bonsall (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 76. Rock musician Rick Wakeman (Yes) is 75. Rock singer Mark Mothersbaugh (Devo) is 74. Actor James Stephens is 73. Country singer George Strait is 72. Actor Chow Yun-Fat is 69. International Tennis Hall of Famer Yannick Noah is 64. Rock singer-musician Page Hamilton is 64. Contemporary Christian musician Barry Graul (MercyMe) is 63. Contemporary Christian

singer Michael Tait is 58. Singer-actor Martika is 55. Comedian-writer Tina Fey is 54. Rock singer Jack Johnson is 49. Actor Allen Leech is 43. Christian singer Francesca Battistelli is 39.

►In 1652, Rhode Island became the first American colony to pass a law abolishing African slavery; however, the law was apparently never enforced.

►In 1896, the US Supreme Court, in Plessy v. Ferguson, endorsed “separate but equal” racial segregation, a concept renounced 58 years later by Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka.

►In 1910, Halley’s Comet passed by Earth, brushing it with its tail.

►In 1927, in America’s deadliest school attack, part of a schoolhouse in Bath Township, Mich., was blown up with explo-

sives planted by local farmer Andrew Kehoe, who then set off a bomb in his truck; the attacks killed 38 children and six adults, including Kehoe, who’d earlier killed his wife. (Authorities said Kehoe, who suffered financial difficulties, was seeking revenge for losing a township clerk election.)

►In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Tennessee Valley Authority.

►In 1934, Congress approved, and President Roosevelt signed, the so-called “Lindbergh Act,” providing for the death penalty in cases of interstate kidnapping.

►In 1973, Harvard law professor Archibald Cox was appointed Watergate special prosecutor by US Attorney General El-

liot Richardson.

►In 1980, the Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state exploded, leaving 57 people dead or missing.

►In 1981, the New York Native, a gay newspaper, carried a story concerning rumors of “an exotic new disease” among homosexuals; it was the first published report about what came to be known as AIDS.

►In 2013, French President Francois Hollande signed a law authorizing same-sex marriages and adoption by gay couples.

►In 2022, nearly 1,000 last-ditch Ukrainian fighters who had held out inside Mariupol’s pulverized steel plant surrendered, Russia said, as the battle that turned the city into a worldwide symbol of defiance and suffering drew toward a close.

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HOMELAND PRIDE — Mircilia Marcelles, 84, waved a flag during a Haitian Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday in Boston. City Council President Ruthzee Loujeune (not shown) was there to honor the history of the Haitian community in Boston.

Carlisle man charged with stealing \$7m in pandemic relief funds

By John R. Ellement
GLOBE STAFF

A Carlisle man allegedly fabricated corporate records to collect \$7 million in pandemic relief payments in Massachusetts and used some of that money to buy a luxury condo in New York City, federal prosecutors said Thursday.

Durgaprasad Rao, 65, appeared Thursday in US District Court in Boston, where he is charged with two counts of wire fraud in connection with an alleged scam he carried out from his home and an office in Bedford, according to Acting US Attorney Joshua Levy's office.

Rao was arrested Wednesday and has agreed to be held pending a detention hearing on Friday, according to court records.

At Friday's hearing, Magistrate Judge Paul G. Levenson found that conditions could be imposed on Rao to ensure his return to court. His release was "contingent upon the defendant posting appropriate security for

the properties identified on the record," court records state.

In addition to collecting Paycheck Protection Program payments for companies based in Massachusetts, Rao also allegedly applied for and received \$5.5 million for companies in Wisconsin and \$1.8 million for companies in Georgia, according to an affidavit filed by IRS Special Agent Miles Miller. In all, he applied for \$18 million in pandemic relief funds.

Federal prosecutors alleged that Rao not only succeeded in collecting millions in what were meant to be loans, he also was able to have considerable portions of the loans forgiven under pandemic relief regulations. He had \$1.7 million forgiven from his Massachusetts loan and the entire \$5.5 million forgiven from the Wisconsin payment, according to Miller's affidavit.

A request for loan forgiveness is pending in Georgia, according to Miller's affidavit.

In the affidavit, Miller said he analyzed corporate payroll and tax records for companies Rao controlled. For a company called Accelerated Engineering LLC, Rao claimed in his loan application to have 77 employees and a payroll of \$7.29 million in 2019. But for the same company, he reported zero payroll payments and zero income to the IRS, Miller wrote.

Rao used a similar tactic with a company called Upstream Global Services Inc. Rao's "assertions in the PPP loan application that UGS had 93 employees and a yearly payroll of approximately \$10,297,708.53 are false," Miller wrote.

It was not clear whether Rao will also be charged in Wisconsin and Georgia.

According to town records, Rao's home in Carlisle is assessed at \$1.7 million.

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CHARLES KRUPA/AP, POOL

Witness Jennifer McCabe described hearing Karen Read shout out her name, "Jen," while testifying Friday during Read's trial at Norfolk County Superior Court in Dedham.

McCabe testimony caps intense week

► **TRIAL**
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witness for the prosecution, capped an intense week in the high-profile case that has drawn national attention.

Read, 44, of Mansfield, is accused of drunkenly and intentionally backing her SUV into O'Keefe, a Boston police officer, while dropping him off at a late-night party at the Fairview home and leaving him for dead in January 2022.

Read's lawyers insist she's being framed and that O'Keefe entered the home, owned at the time by a fellow Boston police officer whose son was celebrating his 23rd birthday. McCabe's sister is the wife of that officer.

Her lawyers have alleged there was a coverup involving members of several law enforcement agencies. They say O'Keefe was beaten by someone else inside the home, bitten by a dog, and then left outside.

But McCabe, who had attended the birthday party after a night of drinking at a local bar, told jurors that O'Keefe never showed up.

After leaving the home with her husband, McCabe gave two women who were also at the house a ride to their homes. The snow was getting heavier as the McCabes made their way to their

own home in Canton.

There, she and her husband, Matthew, went to bed. She used her cellphone to research a basketball team her daughter had been asked to play on, and texted some family members, McCabe said.

She said she woke up the next day when O'Keefe's 14-year-old niece called at 4:53 a.m.

The niece said, "John didn't come home and Karen wanted to talk to me," McCabe testified. She said she could hear Read repeatedly screaming her name, "Jen," in the background.

McCabe said Read told her O'Keefe didn't come home, that they had gotten into a fight, and that she left him at the Waterfall bar.

McCabe said she told Read that they had seen Read's SUV outside of the party. Read said she did not remember going there and that she had a cracked taillight, McCabe said.

"Did I hit him? Could I have hit him?" McCabe said Read asked her. "She was just kind of all over the place. Just screaming."

Read insisted that they return to the Fairview Road home, McCabe said.

McCabe said the women were "just looking out the window, looking for John" while

Read screamed both women's names over and over and repeated "Could I have hit him? Did I hit him?"

While she was sitting in a police cruiser, Read grabbed the hands of McCabe and Roberts and asked them to pray with her, McCabe said.

Read asked, "What if he's dead?" and asked the women to promise they would take care of O'Keefe's niece and nephew, whom he had cared for since the death of their parents several years earlier, McCabe testified.

"At that point, she grabbed my hands and she said, 'Google hypothermia, Google how long it takes to die in the cold,'" McCabe said.

She said Read was screaming and her hands were shaking as McCabe entered the search term.

"The next thing I knew we were kind of moving because she wanted to see if they were working on him," McCabe said. "They were just putting him in the back of the ambulance."

The trial resumes Tuesday.

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CLOSE BY — A baby Hartmann's mountain zebra, born on April 24, nuzzled with his mother, Khumalo, at the Franklin Park Zoo on Friday. This foal is the first of this species to be born at the zoo.

New England's wet weekend weather appears to be on repeat

► **RAIN**
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1872).

First, let's back up to Thursday. A coastal low hovered just south of New England and brought bands of heavy rain across southeastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Parts of Rhode Island topped 6 inches of rain locally and Westport, Mass., exceeded 5 inches.

Typically after a strong low-pressure system passes nearby, high pressure generally pours in, bringing with it a "drying-out" period. And that's the case heading into this weekend — high pressure will slip into the region, but will interact with that same low-pressure system that is stalled in the North Atlantic come Saturday and introduce some cloud cover.

An onshore flow will interact with a piece of energy from a

separate system passing south as well that could introduce the chance for brief, scattered showers for the first half of the weekend.

The persistent rains Saturdays and Sundays have been a scheduling challenge for local high school sports teams and youth leagues that have seen game after game washed out. And with graduation season upon us — and Memorial Day holiday weekend fast approaching — the soggy weather is quickly becoming more of a spring nuisance.

So what gives?

There are a couple of contributing factors — with a little bit of bad luck thrown in.

The prevailing westerlies are winds that move west to east across the globe within the mid-latitudes, including the Lower 48 of the United States. They form the bottom layer of the jet

stream and move along in a wavy pattern, directing surface storms from west to east across the country.

The bending in the westerlies is because of geography — the sun heats differing terrains unevenly which results in varying air mass size and movement rates. The southward bends within the westerlies are also called "Rossby waves" and help set up high-pressure ridges and low-pressure troughs.

At times, when the westerlies bend drastically, wind speeds correspondingly slow down and the pattern may get "stuck," resulting in persistent storm tracks for extended periods of time. Think of trains on a track, taking the same path in intervals.

You can see the example below of the pattern that develops. Storms often live in the bottom (southern point) of the bends (or

troughs), allowing meteorologists to gauge storm frequency over a given location.

That's what has been happening over New England for the first 20 weeks of this year. There are multiple troughs along the westerlies, which is normal, but the pattern has set up shop over the region, with systems parading toward the Northeast in consistent intervals of five to eight days, unfortunately lining up to bring cloudy and rainy weather over the area most weekends this year.

"March was stuck in troughing, which tends to invite more storminess to Southern New England," Loconto said.

The westerlies are the underbelly of the jet stream. And there have been some positive signs of the jet stream balancing out a touch (or becoming "zonal"), which is typical when spring temperature swings begin to sta-

bilize the deeper we head into the season. Though, we're not out of the woods yet.

This weekend, for instance, a system will track through the Carolinas and mid-Atlantic, keeping the majority of rainfall well south of New England.

However, next weekend the jet stream may not be positioned as favorable. Remember, the bright colors generally indicate the presence of storms and the corresponding west to east storm track.

Another factor involves a strong surface high-pressure system over the cooler North Atlantic that helps place a boundary along the Northeast coast — this pushes west against the jet stream. This influence tends to keep the jet stream crossing northeasterly over New England.

"El Niño conditions didn't help anything either, with a fa-

vored track of storms coming through the mid-Atlantic into Southern New England, which left us with a more wet winter," Loconto explained. "This is a natural variability that we're seeing but just feels like it's happening every weekend where it's been dreary." El Niño is a climate pattern marked by warmer-than-normal ocean temperatures in the Eastern Pacific that affect weather globally.

But with warming continuing as we push through May and a further switch from El Niño to a neutral state of ENSO (the El Niño-Southern Oscillation) — when neither El Niño or La Niña are in control — the jet stream and westerlies' speed and location will change, allowing New Englanders to finally enjoy some nice weekend weather.

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Same-sex couples celebrate their legal right to marriage

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Church to commemorate their 20-year anniversary, celebrating their own vows but also the work of advocates and lawyers who defended their rights before the state's highest court. More than 10,000 same-sex couples married in Massachusetts in the four years following the Goodridge decision.

"When the day came and it was legal, we said 'We're going to get married right now,'" said Green, 82, adding that she and Whitehead had been engaged for decades before their legal rights would be recognized.

Horgan and Balmelli met at a Christmas party in 1994. But when word came a decade later that they could legally marry, they planned out their wedding in a matter of weeks, and sprung for food stations and a DJ in lieu of a wedding cake.

"We didn't know that we were actually going to be able to get married," Horgan said. The pair was one of three Boston plaintiffs in the Goodridge case to get married that day.

Friday's anniversary celebration, titled "Twenty Years of the Freedom to Marry," was sponsored by GLAD Legal Advocates & Defenders, Arlington Street Church, MassEquality, Centerline Liberties, and The History Project.

Marc Solomon, a longtime same-sex marriage advocate who as executive director of MassEquality ran the campaign to defend the Goodridge decision, emceed the speaking session that included remarks by Governor Maura Healey, the Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie of

the Arlington Street Church, former governor Deval Patrick, and several other community leaders and advocates. Healey's remarks were delivered in a pre-recorded video as she was traveling in Italy on Friday.

"It all started here in Massachusetts and together we've built a movement of couples, allies, and advocates who realize that there is this opportunity to marry and hold onto it," Solomon said.

The Arlington Street Church, part of the Unitarian Universalist Society, has a deep-rooted history in supporting LGBTQ+ advocacy. It hosted the nation's first prom for LGBTQ youth in 1981, and the wedding of one of the Goodridge plaintiff couples in 2004.

David Wilson and Rob Compton, the plaintiff couple that married there, stood up in front of the attendees at the ceremony Friday as Wilson recounted the moments leading up to their marriage, almost to the exact minute 20 years prior.

He told attendees he remembers his son, Scott, standing at the back of the church and talking to his grandsons, who carried the rings down the aisle. Scott had told the boys to "hold the rings in one hand, and each other in the other hand," Wilson said. As he listened to his son speak to the ring bearers, the long anticipated moment became real.

"I could feel my legs starting to shake," Wilson said.

As an interracial same-sex couple, Wilson said the challenges the couple faced leading up to the moment, and after-



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Mary Bonauto, the senior director of civil rights and legal strategies for GLAD and the key litigator for the Goodridge case, spoke in a pre-recorded video during Friday's celebration.

ward, were tough.

But as they exited the church that morning through the aisle, a moment documented by news reporters and photographers, their marriage was all that mattered to them. The Boston Gay Men's chorus sang "Everything Possible," Wilson and Compton had exchanged rings and vows, and cheers erupted.

After the telling of the story Friday, similar cheers echoed throughout the Georgian-style church. Wilson and Compton, like many other speakers, received a standing ovation.

Mary Bonauto, the senior di-

rector of civil rights and legal strategies for GLAD, was the key litigator for the Goodridge case, and she spoke in a pre-recorded video speech.

Bonauto was instrumental to the success of many of the plaintiffs' marriages (Wilson referred to Bonauto as his "hero" and told the crowd how she sobbed in the first row of their wedding.)

"What people long thought was impossible, including in our own community, has now been the law in Massachusetts for 20 years," Bonauto said.

"In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we treasure our

plaintiffs of the Goodridge case, for their courage and commitment, and for showing the world what love and justice look like for same-sex couples."

Patrick, addressing the crowd, said, "Here's to the lawyers and the paralegals and their exceptionally brave fights to exemplify that the Constitution means nothing unless and until somebody stands up in court somewhere and gives it life. 'Justice is not in limited supply to a portion of some at the expense of others.'"

The Goodridge decision kicked off a movement that spread across the country, and

led to the 2015 US Supreme Court decision that same-sex couples across the nation had the same legal right to marry as different-sex couples.

"I'm proud that Massachusetts was the first state in America where you can marry whomever you love," Patrick said. "And I'm proud that the power of that example has reverberated across the country."

Though Friday was a celebratory occasion, many leaders and advocates pointed to hardships that still fester in the LGBTQ+ equality movement, including challenges transgender people face in receiving health care, and obstacles same-sex parents face in accessing child care.

The Goodridge win was "not the endpoint of our movement," said Ben Klein, senior director of litigation and HIV law at GLAD. "We have work to do, even here in Massachusetts."

While attendees headed to the reception, Horgan and Balmelli headed out the church doors to return to their home in Jamaica Plain and gear up for the rest of their anniversary weekend.

The two were happy with the energy at the event, but also spoke to the challenges for their community that need to be addressed.

"Today with everything that's going on, you have to be cognizant of people's rights," Horgan said. "You have to pay attention and guard the rights that we've won."

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Governor Maura Healey spoke Wednesday during an address at a summit organized by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences at the Vatican.

Healey discloses recent travels to New York and New Mexico

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dorado Hotel & Spa. Healey wrote she would “facilitate interstate relationships” with other governors at the four-day event and participate in a series of “solutions-oriented policy conversations.”

Healey in March had initially refused to disclose where she had gone during an out-of-state trip the previous month, saying it was for “personal” travel. At the time, she said that while she intended to share information publicly about “work-related travel,” she would not for her private trips.

She reversed herself days later, acknowledging she had taken a four-day trip to Puerto Rico with her partner. Her aides also said that going forward she would disclose the location of her out-of-state trips, including personal ones, after the fact.

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According to a Globe tally. Democratic Governors Association confabs are among the most frequent reasons she has left, having now attended at least six of the organization’s gatherings in Florida, Colorado, and elsewhere.

She also has taken on a new leadership role for the organization, serving as chair of its Women Governors Fund, a fund-raising effort that targets helping elect Democratic women to gov-

ernor’s offices.

Healey last year said she would no longer publicly disclose when she planned to leave Massachusetts, citing unspecified security concerns. A regional neo-Nazi group has twice demonstrated outside her Arlington home where she lives with her partner, who has two children. Healey, the first woman and openly gay governor elected in Massachusetts history, later denounced the group for “trying to scare people.”

At the time, her decision to not divulge when she was leaving the state marked a major break from her own past practice and that of her predecessors.

But the approach hasn’t been universal. Her office, for instance, announced she would travel to Italy for the climate change summit in late April — a day after she returned from New Mexico.

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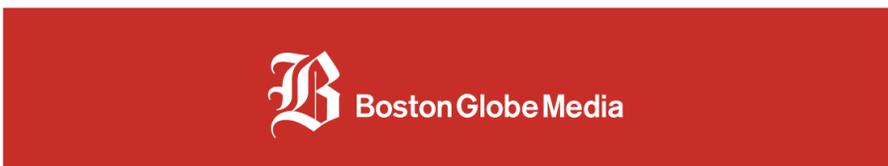
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LivingArts

Artist Jonathan Yeo addresses the reaction to his official portrait of King Charles III

By Brooke Hauser
GLOBE STAFF

Say what you will about Jonathan Yeo's official, royal portrait of King Charles III, but it's got people talking. Since the British artist unveiled the artwork Tuesday at Buckingham Palace in London, it's caused quite the ruckus, especially online, garnering both praise and pans. While some are celebrating the portrait as a fresh and vibrant departure from tradition, others say the king looks "demonic," "satanic," and "like he's in hell."

The larger-than-life oil painting (approximately 8.5 feet by 6.5 feet framed) portrays Charles III wearing the Welsh Guards uniform, hands resting on the hilt of his sword and a monarch butterfly alighting on his shoulder.

Oh, yes, and it's red — very, very red. Think canned crushed tomatoes, or the lacquered sole of a Louboutin; a scarlet sunset, or that scene in "Carrie." OK, it's not *that* kind of red, but still, it's red; at some angles, and in some light, it's almost pinkish, which initially worried the artist.

"Are people going to call this 'The Pink Portrait'?" Yeo recalls thinking. "Obviously I got *that* wrong." (For those wondering, he used several thin layers of red paint, including Michael Harding's Alizarin Crimson, as well as some blue to achieve both transparency and depth.)

Speaking from his London studio Friday morning by Zoom, Yeo said he expected a multitude of interpretations of the portrait, which is the first since the king's coronation last May, but that the sheer scale of the response has been "surreal." The day after the unveiling, he was in a long meeting for the National Portrait Gallery when his daughters, 17 and 20, started messaging him. "They're sort of avid TikTok users and were sending me more and more ridiculous memes and conspiracy theories" about satanism and devil worship, he said. "By the time I got out some six hours later, it had just gone a bit crazy."

Like the general public, the press is divided. In a breathless (and hilarious) appreciation in the San Francisco Chronicle, arts writer Tony Bravo rattled off a list of associations the work called to mind, from Mark Rothko's 1969 painting "Untitled (Red)" to "Han Solo frozen in carbon in 'The Empire Strikes Back'" to blood platelets to "that time I broke a lava lamp."

Jonathan Jones of The Guardian



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What's red, red, and red all over?

called the work "a masterpiece of shallowness," while Globe-turned-Washington Post art critic Sebastian Smee dismissed Yeo as "a celebrity portraitist of the most bland and unoriginal kind" — his past subjects include Nicole Kidman, Idris Elba, and Cara Delevingne — and described the King Charles III portrait as "a handy example" of "straightforwardly bad art."

For the record, "I think Jonathan Yeo's portrait of King Charles is a very nice painting," Michael Frank, curator-in-chief of the Museum of Bad Art in Dorchester, wrote in an email to the Globe. "Unfortunately, the King decided to wear his red uniform that perfectly matched the wallpaper ... Consequently, his head appears to be disembodied like the Great and Powerful Wizard of Oz."

Yeo has been taking all the feedback in stride — on Instagram, he even invited commenters to share their own "outlandish interpretation" in the comments in exchange for a copy of "The Da Vinci Code." (After wrapping up interviews for the day, he planned to disappear with some old friends to have a drink, decompress, and "play poker for 24 hours.")

"You *want* people to talk about art," said the painter, who speaks in rapid-fire bursts. He added that in an age of image-saturation, "something as old as the hills as an oil portrait, to



PHOTOS (ABOVE AND BELOW) COURTESY OF JONATHAN YEO

Top: Artist Jonathan Yeo and King Charles III stand in front of Yeo's portrait of the king as it is unveiled in the blue drawing room at Buckingham Palace on May 14, 2024 in London. **Above:** Installation view of some of Yeo's other portraits. **Right:** Yeo's portrait "Duchess of Cornwall."

be such a lively topic of conversation, is a lovely thing."

"The only thing that you *don't* want," he said, "is for people to walk past it without paying any attention."

A self-taught artist, Yeo first paint-



ed Camilla, formerly the Duchess of Cornwall, around 10 years ago and has gotten to know the royal couple

over time, he said.

In 2020, Drapers' Company, the City of London livery company that's collected royal portraits for centuries, commissioned a portrait of the then-Prince of Wales, and over the next few years, he and Yeo had four sessions: at Charles III's Gloucestershire country house, Highgrove House, as well as at Clarence House near Buckingham Palace. "Obviously, I knew him a bit before and had been aware of what he looked like most of my life," Yeo said. "Really, the sittings were to kind of try to tune into *who* he was, and try and get the sense of this more private personality."

A lot happened in the span of those years: The last sitting was before Charles III announced his cancer diagnosis, and after the death of Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022. "Obviously, his mom had died, and he changed jobs, and that was a big deal," Yeo said, adding of the royals: "You definitely sense that they're in this very strange bubble — a goldfish bowl — where everyone's waiting for them to do something wrong."

"The way Kate [Middleton], the Princess of Wales, was treated, was horrible," Yeo continued, referring to the media frenzy that surrounded an altered photo of the royal family, and Middleton's own consequent announcement she was battling cancer. "It felt really wrong at the time and got worse when you realized [what] she was going through. That also made me a bit worried because effectively that whole drama was over a royal portrait, of sorts."

Yeo said he thinks the portrait of Charles III, which eventually will live among other royals at London's Drapers' Hall, speaks to the dissonance of being a king and a human being, with all the vulnerability that entails. "I just wanted to get away from that sense of the traditional royal portrait, which is all about power, exuding power, and that's not what the royalty is anymore," he said. "It's a paradox, really, that's not so much about them as how we think about them. We know they're real people ... but at the same time, we want to buy into the mysticism a bit, the fairy tale."

Of all the responses to the portrait so far, it was the immediate reaction of Queen Camilla that, perhaps, made the biggest impression on the artist. "People are always polite about what they say, but they can't disguise how they're reacting with their expressions."

When the king saw the finished portrait, "he was taking it all in for a second, and then a gentle smile started to appear, so I thought, 'OK, phew, that's promising,'" Yeo said.

"But it was when [Camilla] looked at it and smiled straight away, I thought, 'OK, *phew!* That's the important one.'"

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Global Cinema Film Festival of Boston returns

By Henry Bova
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Years before the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Ukrainian documentary filmmaker Alisa Kovalenko had a very different project in mind.

Her initial vision was to follow a group of five teenagers in the Donbas region of Ukraine as they prepared for an expedition to the Himalayas, escaping their war-torn home, if only for a brief moment.

However, as she kept filming and the conflict intensified, she realized that her project, "We Will Not Fade Away," was now about preserving memories of a past Ukraine.

"When we made a rough cut before [the] full-scale invasion, I realized that what I filmed is actually the last document of the world which is not existing anymore," said Kovalenko in a recent phone interview with the Globe. She describes her film as a "capsule of time of this world."

That cinematic capsule received its New England premiere Friday at the Global Cinema Film Festival of Boston, which showcases documentary films from around the world and runs through May 21. The Himalayan expedition is still present (the film's subjects were



able to go post-pandemic), but it takes a backseat to showing pre-war Ukraine, where life mostly carries on, over an ominous real-life soundtrack of shelling and military vehicles.

Though Kovalenko did not attend the premiere — she hasn't left Ukraine in two years, and even served on the frontlines of the Volunteer Army for four months — she's hopeful that sharing these human stories will help American viewers will think more deeply about what's happening in her country.

"I hope that audiences in the United States can find lots of universal things to feel connected with our characters," she said.



STRANGER FILMS SALES PHOTOS

Among the offerings is "We Will Not Fade Away" (above), a documentary by filmmaker Alisa Kovalenko (left) that follows five Ukrainian teenagers in the years just prior to Russia's 2022 invasion.

From the start, she knew she wanted to document the lives of teens, saying that the young people who live in the Donbas region personify hope in such dark times.

"It doesn't matter in which town you grow up, if you have this inner light inside yourself, you can illuminate this darkness," she said.

Raouf Jacob, executive director and program chair of the Global Cinema Film Festival, said Kovalenko's documentary fits into the themes of resilience, identity, heritage, and activism the festival wants to spotlight with this year's lineup.

"Ukraine dominated headlines the first year of the war, and then after that, it kind of faded away," he said. "We want to give an opportunity for filmmakers to tell their own stories."

Also showing will be directors Daniel McCabe's Ugandan grasshopper trapping team

documentary," Grasshopper Republic," and Lee Chang-jun's "A Mother, Youngsoon," centered on a North Korean defector living in South Korea.

Kovalenko says creating documentaries instead of serving on her country's frontlines brings on complicated feelings of guilt and sorrow. Completing this film took an emotional toll on her, and she's weighing returning to the frontlines following her next two projects.

Still, "Documentary film is more than just about cinema or your artistic ambitions," she said. "It's about sharing something important. You can touch other people, people who are very far away from your reality."

For more information about the film festival, including screening times and ticket prices, visit worldwidecinema-frames.com.

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Museum of Science to host podcast live taping with Jack Antonoff

By Henry Bova
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Jack Antonoff has a busy day in Boston planned for next month.

Ahead of a Bleachers concert at MGM Music Hall June 10, the band's frontman — and 10-time Grammy-winning producer behind Taylor Swift, Lana Del Rey, and more stars — will appear at the Museum of Science earlier in the day for a live taping of the podcast "Sing for Science."

Beginning at 1 p.m., Antonoff (inset) will join host Matt Whyte and David Kaiser, a theoretical physicist and MIT professor, to discuss the concept of time, including topics like whether or not it comes from human biology or deeper physics principles.

"Broader questions like these bridge the gap between everyday human experience and incredibly complex science," Whyte said in a press release. "That Jack Antonoff, one of the busiest and most important figures in music today, is drawn to this topic speaks volumes about science's capacity to engage us."

"Sing for Science," the Talkhouse-produced show on Apple's top-10 music interview podcast charts, pairs musicians with experts for conversations centered around an artist's par-

ticular interests or songs that touch on scientific concepts. In this case, the chat ties into lyrics from the Bleachers song "The Waiter," where Antonoff sings about "the notion that time's gonna stop."

The event is part of the Museum of Science's ongoing partnership with the podcast.

This past week, the museum hosted a conversation featuring Talking Heads frontman David Byrne and Patrik Svensson, author of "The Book of Eels," for a chat about the many mysteries surrounding our knowledge of eels, from how they reproduce to their unique migration habits.

"This conversation between Jack Antonoff and David Kaiser, two incredible minds, will delve into the nature of time and celebrate the work of one of today's most singular talents," said James Monroe, creative director of programming of the Centers for Public Science Learning at the Museum of Science. "We are grateful to our partners at 'Sing for Science,' Jack, and David for supporting the work of the Center for Space Sciences through this fascinating and one-of-a-kind discussion."

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Golf: PGA Championship, 10 a.m., ESPN, and 1 p.m., CBS
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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS GAME 6: PANTHERS 2, BRUINS 1

Eastern conference semifinals: Panthers win series, 4-2



Deep-sixed

Bruins lose game, series on late goal

By Jim McBride
 GLOBE STAFF

Gentlemen, start your summers.

The Bruins' season ended Friday night when the Panthers deep-sixed them, 2-1, in Game 6 of a second-round Stanley Cup series.

It was Florida's sixth straight playoff win at TD Garden and the second straight season the Panthers ended Boston's post-season ride in its home building.

On a night that seemed destined for an overtime thriller, Gustav Forsling spoiled the suspense when he snuck a rebound past Jeremy Swayman's blocker with 1:33 left as Florida sealed the game and the set, 4-2.

Anton Lundell landed the original shot and Forsling, the trailer, buried the leftover.

"Didn't see it. I wish I would have put the rebound in a better spot," said Swayman, who was partially screened by defenseman Parker Wotherspoon. "I didn't see the release of the second shot and there was a hole there obviously. Unacceptable."

The goal spoiled yet another brilliant performance from Swayman (26 saves), who embraced and then seized the opportunity to prove he was a bona fide No. 1 workhorse goalie during the playoff run.

Though eligible for arbitration for a second straight summer, it seems likely the Bruins will make locking Swayman into a long-term deal will be manage-

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MATTHEW J. LEE/GLOBE STAFF

Brandon Carlo (center) comforts Jeremy Swayman after the Bruins were eliminated by the Panthers, 2-1, in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

TARA SULLIVAN

Even Marchand's return wasn't enough



The Bruins won Game 5 in Florida without him, so motivated to push this playoff series back to Boston that even the faintest hope he could be back on the ice proved enough to stave off elimination for at least one more night.

They won one game for him, but in the end, couldn't win one more game with him. And the truth is, with or without Brad Marchand, these Bruins just didn't have the mettle to hang with the big, bad Panthers come playoff time.

So no, in the end, the captain's spirited return from concussion protocol wasn't enough to save

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MATTHEW J. LEE/GLOBE STAFF

Carter Verhaeghe enjoyed the Panthers' third-period goal off the stick of Gustav Forsling.

KEVIN PAUL DUPONT
 ON HOCKEY

It was a territorial disadvantage

In the end, the accumulated weight of it all, the unremitting persistence of the Panthers to keep shooting and shooting more and shooting till the lights went out, ultimately Friday night brought the Bruins' season to end.

Gustav Forsling delivered the final blow, his goal late in the third period polishing off the Bruins, 2-1, and clinching the best-of-seven series, 4-2.

But the dismantling came over the course of 11 days, the Panthers shift after shift creating scoring chances, eventually turning chances into goals, and finally turning it all into their second trip in as many years to the Eastern Conference finals (Game 1 Wednesday vs. the Rangers at

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Unwanted in St. Louis, O'Neill found a home

PETER ABRAHAM
 ON BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS — Tyler O'Neill made his major league debut with the St. Louis Cardinals in 2018 and had his first hit at Busch Stadium. His first home run came a day later. He was married here, had his first child here, and made some lifelong friends here.

Then he was glad to leave here.

Baseball works that way sometimes. Goals are achieved, precious memories pile up, then the game reminds you that it's really a business.

O'Neill looked like a player

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the Cardinals would build around in 2021. He had a .912 OPS, hit 34 homers, won a Gold Glove in left field, and finished eighth in the National League Most Valuable Player voting. The Cardinals had a 17-game win streak in September that season, with O'Neill hitting seven homers and driving in 21 runs.

His reward? The Cardinals wouldn't budge from their salary offer of \$3.4 million. O'Neill and his agents sought \$4.15 million, and the sides went to arbitration.

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Scottie Scheffler did some stretching while he was detained, birdied his first hole, and is among the leaders.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Scheffler shoots 66 after being arrested

By Doug Ferguson
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Scottie Scheffler was in handcuffs before dawn in the back of a police car. His warm-up routine began in a jail cell. And some six hours later, Scheffler signed for a 5-under-par 66 and was right in the mix Friday at the PGA Championship.

Xander Schauffele, fresh off his record start of 62, was not letting up in a bid to end two years without a win by capturing his first major. He had to settle for pars over his last seven holes for a 68 and was at 12-un-

der 130, one shot ahead of Collin Morikawa.

Morikawa birdied five in a row down the stretch only to end with a bogey for a 65. Tiger Woods had two triple bogeys and missed the cut.

They all were mere footnotes on a day that was beyond belief.

"I feel like my head is still spinning," Scheffler said.

The world's No. 1 player and Masters champion was driving to Valhalla about 6 a.m. when he ran into traffic, unaware police were investigating a pedestrian — John Mills, who worked for a

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PGA NOTEBOOK

Woods will miss the cut after a 77

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — **Tiger Woods** will miss the cut at the PGA Championship after making two triple-bogeys over the first four holes Friday on the way to 6-over-par 77.

Woods finished the second round at Valhalla, the site of his 2000 title, at 7-over 149 and left the course tied for 136th place. The top 70 and ties move to the weekend. When Woods walked off the 18th green, he was eight shots behind the projected cut line.

This will be the fifth time Woods has missed the cut at the PGA, and the first since 2019. It will mark his 13th missed cut at a major since he turned pro in 1997.

After shooting 1-over-par 72 on the first day, Woods said he was feeling stronger and needed more real-life rounds.

But any hope that he'd get more action in this weekend faded quickly.

On the par-4 second, he tried to flop a shot over a bunker from a patch of rain-soaked rough near the green, but the ball went into the sand. He picked the next shot out of the sand, over the green, and into another bunker and made 7.

It was a similar scene on the par-4 fourth, which is playing the fifth-easiest this week.

On that one, he tried to finesse a shot just over a greenside bunker, but it hit the top and rolled back in. His first try to get out hit the top of the trap and rolled back in again. That led to another 7 to close a three-hole stretch he played in 7 over.

From there, the only question was whether he would break 80 and avoid his worst score ever at the PGA. That remains a 9-over 79 at Southern Hills in 2022.

His worst score at a major came last month when he shot 82 in the third round of the Masters, en route to finishing last among those who made the cut.

This will be the fifth cut Woods has missed to go with two withdrawals since he captured the Masters in 2019 for his 15th career major. That doesn't include the seven majors he skipped completely since the start of 2021, when he shattered bones in his right leg and ankle in a car wreck.

Rahm misses cut, too

A historically low cut line led to early exits for some big names.

Jon Rahm's run of 18 straight made cuts in majors ended when he posted a 1-over-par 72 that left him at even par, one shot outside the projected outline of 1 under, which will be the lowest at the PGA and just the third time in major championship history the cut was in red figures.

Rahm hadn't missed a weekend at a major since the 2019 PGA. In the interim, he's captured a pair of them — the 2021 US Open and the 2023 Masters — while stamping himself as one of the best players in the world. Not so much in 2024. He finished a distant 45th at Augusta National, when he failed to break par in any round.

Ludvig Aberg, who was briefly tied with world No. 1 **Scottie Scheffler**

on Sunday at the Masters before Scheffler pulled away, wasn't quite as sharp after trading Georgia pines for Kentucky bluegrass.

Aberg was even through two rounds, his chance to play on likely undone by a double bogey at the par-4 12th.

Reigning US Open champion **Wyndham Clark** (4 over) and two-time PGA winner **Phil Mickelson** (4 over) also left Valhalla early. So did **Michael Block**, who put together a captivating underdog story by finishing 15th last year at Oak Hill.

He couldn't muster the same magic this time around after a 2-over-par 73 pushed him to 7 over for the tournament and a trip back home to Arroyo Trabuco Golf Club, where he is the head pro.

A few of the 21 club pros in the field will likely stick around: **Jeremy Wells** (2 under) and **Braden Shattuck** (1 under) are locked in, and **Kyle Mendoza** (even) has a shot with three holes to play early Saturday morning after the second round was suspended by darkness.

Hometown hero

Louisville native **Justin Thomas** leaned on some advice from buddy **Keegan Bradley** to help navigate two emotional rounds and reach the weekend in solid shape at 6 under, six back of leader **Xander Schauffele**.

Thomas, a two-time PGA champion, knew this week could be difficult, with a lot of demands on his time. He asked Bradley, a New England native, how he handled the 2022 US Open at The Country Club in Brookline.

Bradley, the 2011 PGA winner, surprisingly suggested Thomas try to relax and soak in a unique moment in his career.

"I feel like [that] is kind of opposite of what you hear from some people," Thomas said.

So Thomas did, and it might have helped as he posted a relatively stress-free 4-under-par 67.

"I feel like I've never had this many people actually rooting for me," Thomas said. "So I'm going to enjoy it for all it's worth, because it's been fun."

He's aces

Sebastian Soderberg made it to the weekend after shooting a 4-under-par 67 that moved him to 2 under for the tournament, firmly inside the cutline.

The highlight of the Swede's round came at the 169-yard, par-3 eighth when his tee shot hit a little right of the hole, bounced a couple of times, and then dropped for a hole-in-one.

The shot was the 49th ace in 106 editions of the PGA and the fourth in four visits to Valhalla.

Thrice as nice

Min Woo Lee's 5-under-par 66 vaulted him to 4 under for the tournament. And he didn't really need his putter to cooperate much to help.

Lee holed out from off the green for birdie three times, chipping in twice and draining a pitch from 35 yards out on the par-4 16th.



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Amid a bizarre day, Xander Schauffele fired 68 to take the clubhouse lead with Round 2 suspended by darkness.

Scheffler shoots 66 — after his arrest

► **PGA**
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vendor at the tournament — being struck and killed by a shuttle bus near the entrance.

Scheffler was arrested for failing to follow police instructions. The arrest report indicated a Louisville Metro police officer was dragged to the ground as Scheffler's car drove by, causing swelling and abrasions on the officer's left wrist. Scheffler said it was a "chaotic situation" and he never intended to disregard the police instructions. "A big misunderstanding," he said.

"I can't imagine what they're going through. I feel for them," he said of the victim's family. "My situation will get handled."

Scheffler was handcuffed and taken into custody. The winner of a Masters green jacket posed for a mug shot wearing orange jail garb. He could see from the holding cell video of his arrest on ESPN. His heart was racing and his body was shaking.

"I did spend some time stretching in a jail cell. That was a first for me," Scheffler said. "I was just sitting there waiting and I started going through my warm-up. I felt like there was a chance I may be able to still come out here and play. I started going through my routine and I tried to get my heart rate down as much as I could today."



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Scottie Scheffler's booking photo taken after he was brought into custody before the second round.

"I was fortunate to be able to make it back out and play some golf today."

Not just any golf. He hit a wedge to 3 feet for birdie on his first hole. He was solid from tee-to-green, made a few putts, and had a round that ranked among his best under the circumstances.

"As far as best rounds of my career, I would say it was pretty good," Scheffler said. "I definitely never imagined ever going to jail, and I definitely never imagined going to jail the morning before one of my tee times for sure."

The long day — there was a delay of 1 hour, 20 minutes because of the accident — finally ended in darkness with 18 players still to finish. They were to return Saturday morning. The cut, though not final, would be a PGA Championship record of at least 1 under par.

Valhalla is soft and defenseless, and hardly any wind made it even easier.

Schauffele stalled at the end, making his first bogey on the par-3 11th hole. He lost one good birdie chance on the par-5 18th when he

had mud on his golf ball, which explained why a good swing produced a wild hook into the hay.

"We're pro golfers, we're not professional mud readers," Schauffele said. "I felt like I made a really nice pass at it . . . and I look up and my ball's just duck-hooking across the property."

Morikawa challenged at the Masters and is back for more, and while his swing helps him keep the ball in front of him, it's his putting that is making him believe he can be there at the end.

"I know I still have it in me, and that's what's exciting," he said.

Scheffler was at 133 with Bryson DeChambeau (65), Thomas Detry (67), and Mark Hubbard, who had three bogeys and three birdies over his last seven holes in a round of 68.

Hubbard got some attention early Friday with a post to X that referenced Scheffler's police report, including a listed weight of 170 pounds.

"Scottie's bigger than me, there's no way he's 170," Hubbard said after his round. "Like, I got to get in the gym and stop eating so much of my kids' leftover mac and cheese."

But then he turned serious, as so many other players did, expressing shock over seeing Scheffler in handcuffs and sadness for Mills, the 69-year-old victim.

"I thought the saddest part was that the whole thing was about Scottie getting arrested and all that — and like I said, I'm glad he's doing OK and everything — but I mean, someone died this morning, and we were out there on the course. I bet 90 percent of the people out here don't even know that happened."

"That's not Scottie's fault at all, but that was the real tragedy today."

Austin Eckroat, who won his first PGA Tour title earlier this year at the Cognizant Classic, got out of his car in traffic and walked the rest of the way. His wife took the car and later returned. He fashioned another 67 and was in the group at 8-under 134.

The only normalcy was the golf. Schauffele is still going strong. Morikawa keeps moving closer to the form that brought him two majors. And Scheffler still looks like the player to beat.

"I've kept myself in the tournament now with a pretty chaotic day, so I'm going to go from here and focus on getting some rest and recovery and get ready for a grind the last two days," Scheffler said.



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It didn't take long for golf fans to alter their outfits before attending the second round Friday.

THE PREAKNESS

Derby winner Mystik Dan is horse to beat with rain in forecast

By Stephen Whyno

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BALTIMORE — His father was a mudder. His mother was a mudder. Yes, this horse loves the slop.

No, Mystik Dan doesn't need a sloppy track — or "Seinfeld" character Cosmo Kramer's comedic endorsement — in the Preakness on Saturday because the Kentucky Derby winner has raced and thrived in all kinds of conditions. But after initial favorite Muth was scratched mid-week and with rain in the forecast potentially mucking up the dirt, Mystik Dan looks like the horse to beat in the second leg of the Triple Crown.

To win, he'll have to contend with Bob Baffert-trained Imagination, Brad Cox's Catching Freedom, and others in the field of eight.

"It's not a given: We've got to run a good race," Mystik Dan trainer Kenny McPeck said Thursday. "It's still not an easy race. There's no guarantees, and it's a very humbling sport, but right now we've got everything in line."

All eyes are on Mystik Dan after winning May 4 in the Derby's first three-way photo finish since 1947, back when horse racing was the sport of kings and captured national attention more than a few times a year. A victory Saturday would bring absurd hype if a Triple Crown is on the line June 8 in the Bel-



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After the narrowest of victories at the Kentucky Derby, Mystik Dan's team is hoping for a wet, sloppy course for Saturday's running of the Preakness.

mont Stakes, which is being held at historic Saratoga Race Course in upstate New York for the first time.

That's three weeks away and far from the minds of those around Mystik Dan, who are focused on putting all the pieces in place for another strong race in the Preakness. And while McPeck insists he is not worried about the weather because he cannot control it, exercise rider and two-time Preakness winner

Robby Albarado is "doing a rain dance all this week" because Mystik Dan blew away the competition in the mud in the Southwest Stakes on Feb. 3.

"This colt, the only time he ran on an off track, he excelled," assistant trainer Ray Bryner said. "It takes other horses' races away from them. Usually if you've got a mudder, they don't get slowed down much, whereas a lot of horses, they don't take to kickback that well."

They don't feel as sure-footed in it, and they slip and slide a little bit."

Mystik Dan slipped into the favorite role after Muth, also trained by Baffert, who is looking for his record-extending ninth Preakness victory, was ruled out Wednesday for spiking a fever. Baffert said Friday Imagination is "going to have to step it up" to win.

Muth was expected to go out to the lead and set the pace for the others to follow, and Cox acknowledged his absence doesn't necessarily help Catching Freedom, whose style is to come from behind as a closer.

"[Muth] was going to be right there, if not on the lead," Brad's son and Catching Freedom assistant trainer Blake Cox said. "It changes the pace scenario, and we're going to need a setup to come running and hopefully some other people send out of [the gate quickly] and we can get a setup."

It might benefit Mystik Dan, with jockey Brian Hernandez Jr. looking to again stalk the leaders from the inside and get another ground-saving trip along the rail.

"Brian's a very talented, talented rider," said Albarado, who won the Preakness for McPeck in 2020 with filly Swiss Skydiver and anticipates Hernandez taking a similar path. "He'll have a couple audibles just in case something happens."

The 1.19-mile distance may be just what Mystik Dan needs after almost being caught at the wire by hard-charging Sierra Leone and Forever Young in the Kentucky Derby, which is another quarter of a mile longer.

NBC Sports' Britney Eurlon liked Mystik Dan's chances all along, seeing consistent improvement from him race to race. Her upset pick is Chad Brown-trained Tuscan Gold.

"He knows how to win with a horse that did not run in the Kentucky Derby, and I know this horse is lightly raced," Eurlon said. "He really fits the profile."

Brown has won the Preakness twice — Cloud Computing in 2017 and Early Voting in 2022 — and finished second once over the past seven years with a non-Derby horse. Butch Reid has his first Triple Crown starter in Uncle Heavy, who also was not at Churchill Downs.

The last horse to win the Preakness after falling short in the Derby was War of Will in 1919. Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas will try to replicate that with Just Steel and is also saddling Seize the Grey and figures the latter would perform better if it's sloppy, while hoping it is not.

"I would prefer a dry track for both of them or at least a drying-out track," the 88-year-old Lukas said. "I don't care for the mud."

NBA playoffs

Mazzulla's message has really taken hold

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

Celtics coach **Joe Mazzulla** has urged his players all season to be prepared for wins to look different every night. His point is that the team needs to be nimble, and sometimes a role or responsibility could be reduced even though the player had not done anything wrong to merit a reduction.

Some games might call for a string of **Kristaps Porzingis** post-ups. Some might call for **Derrick White** to be the primary option hunting cross-matches. It is important that no one's feelings get hurt in the process.

The Celtics have embraced Mazzulla's mantra, particularly as they began to see its effectiveness.

"You can only be as good as your players are willing to be and willing to accept," Mazzulla said. "And so the guys . . . they've always been open-minded. They've always wanted to be coached. They've always understood what it takes to win."

"It just takes time to go through different processes. So we can't get to any point unless the guys are willing to do it and willing to do it together."



DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Joe Mazzulla impresses on the Celtics to keep an open mind.

To help get to this comfortable space, Mazzulla spent much of the season studying the rest of the NBA with his players. They looked at what causes one team to win and another to lose. They looked at why teams call timeouts or decide to keep playing. They looked at what sparks a big run, as well as the most effective way to stop it.

He believes all of this information helped his players approach their own situation with more of an open mind.

"What are the keys toward winning a game?" Mazzulla said. "A lot of the times throughout the year, we wouldn't just watch ourselves,

we would watch a segment of a whole other game and say, 'Hey, here's what's going on around the league. Here are the trends.'"

"So I think just building an awareness to the game itself. So many times I think, especially in the NBA, you just get so caught up as, like, a horse with blinders, worried about your own team and your own game that you don't realize that, like, 'Hey, there's a lot of stuff going on around the league that we can learn from.'"

"And the guys have been really coachable and they've learned and that allows us to pull from those situations."

Mazzulla said seeing the game through these wider lens-

es has helped his team become comfortable figuring out various outcomes over the course of a game. If things start to veer off course, there is never confusion on the Celtics bench.

"I think the value comes from not having an expectation," he said. "I think that's the key to really anything. You go into something thinking it's supposed to go a certain way, then your mind and your body is clouded by what is necessary to do in that moment."

"And so the one thing this team has done a good job of this season is not playing with any expectations. If they're winning by a lot, you're losing by a lot, it doesn't really matter."

No word on Porzingis

Mazzulla did not have an update Friday on the progress of Porzingis, who has been sidelined since straining his right calf April 28 during the opening-round series against the Heat.

Porzingis went through a light shooting workout at the morning shootaround prior to Game 4 of the conference semifinals against the Cavaliers last Monday, but the team has given no specific timeline for his return.

Backup center **Luke Kornet** averaged 5.2 points and 4.2 rebounds while shooting 69.2 percent from the floor in an expanded role against Cleveland.

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Celtics vs. NY/Indiana

Schedule	
Tuesday at Boston.....	8 (ESPN/ESPN2)
Thursday at Boston.....	8 (ESPN)
Saturday at NY/Ind.....	8:30 (ABC)
Mon., May 27 at NY/Ind.....	8 (ESPN/ESPN2)
*Wed., May 29 at Boston.....	8 (ESPN)
*Fri., May 31 at NY/Ind.....	8 (ESPN)
*Sun., June 2 at Boston.....	8 (ESPN)
*if necessary	

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NBA playoffs

Eastern Conference

NEW YORK VS. INDIANA	
Series tied, 3-3	
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
Sunday, May 12	
At Indiana 121.....	New York 89
Tuesday, May 14	
At New York 121.....	Indiana 91
Friday, May 17	
At Indiana 116.....	New York 103
Schedule	
Sunday at New York.....	3:30

Western Conference

DENVER VS. MINNESOTA	
Series tied at 3	
Saturday, May 4	
Minnesota 106.....	at Denver 99
Monday, May 6	
Minnesota 106.....	at Denver 80
Friday, May 10	
Denver 117.....	at Minnesota 90
Sunday, May 12	
Denver 115.....	at Minnesota 107
Tuesday, May 14	
At Denver 112.....	Minnesota 97
Thursday, May 16	
At Minnesota 115.....	Denver 70
Schedule	
Sunday at Denver.....	8

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. DALLAS

Mavericks lead series, 3-2	
Tuesday, May 7	
At Oklahoma City 117.....	Dallas 95
Thursday, May 9	
Dallas 119.....	at Oklahoma City 110
Saturday, May 11	
At Dallas 105.....	Oklahoma City 101
Monday, May 13	
Oklahoma City 100.....	at Dallas 96
Wednesday, May 15	
Dallas 104.....	at Oklahoma City 92
Schedule	
Saturday at Dallas.....	8
*Monday at Oklahoma City.....	8:30
* If necessary	

PACERS 116, KNICKS 103

NEW YORK										
	Min	M-A	FG	FT	Reb	O-T	A	F	Pt	
Hart.....	31	2-8	0-0	4-8	3	2	5			
DiVincenzo.....	39	6-14	2-3	1-4	2	2	17			
Hartenstein.....	33	1-3	2-2	3-7	6	2	4			
McBride.....	35	8-12	0-0	0-2	1	2	20			
Brunson.....	38	11-26	6-9	0-1	5	2	31			
Achiuwa.....	26	5-8	2-5	4-8	0	3	12			
Burks.....	25	2-8	6-7	1-3	1	1	11			
Milton.....	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
J.Sims.....	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	0	0			
Jeffries.....	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Diakite.....	3	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	0			
Totals.....	36-82	18-26	13-35	20	15	103				
FG%: .439, FT%: .692, 3-pt. goals: 13-34, .382 (Hart 1-4, DiVincenzo 3-8, McBride 4-5, Brunson 3-8, Achiuwa 0-1, Burks 1-5, Jeffries 1-1, Diakite 0-1). Blocks: 5 (Hart, DiVincenzo, Achiuwa 2, J.Sims). Turnovers: 7 (Hart 2, Hartenstein, McBride 3, Brunson). Steals: 6 (DiVincenzo 2, Hartenstein, McBride, Achiuwa 2).										
INDIANA										
	Min	M-A	FG	FT	Reb	O-T	A	F	Pt	
Nesmith.....	31	4-8	0-1	3-6	4	4	8			
Siakam.....	31	11-21	3-4	3-7	5	2	26			
Turner.....	31	6-10	4-5	3-8	3	3	17			
Haliburton.....	32	6-12	0-0	0-6	9	0	15			
Nembhard.....	38	6-12	0-0	2-6	6	4	15			
McConnell.....	16	7-13	1-1	1-2	4	1	15			
Toppin.....	18	5-6	0-0	0-4	1	1	11			
Sheppard.....	19	1-3	1-2	1-4	0	2	4			
L.Jackson.....	12	2-2	0-0	1-3	3	3	4			
McDermott.....	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Smith.....	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
K.Brown.....	3	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	1	0			
Walker.....	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Totals.....	49-91	9-13	14-47	35	21	116				
FG%: .538, FT%: .692, 3-pt. goals: 9-26, .346 (Nesmith 0-4, Siakam 0-2, Turner 1-3, Haliburton 3-8, McBride 3-4, Mitchell 0-5, Jeffries 1-2, Sheppard 1-2). Blocks: 8 (Turner 2, Haliburton 2, Nembhard, L.Jackson 3). Turnovers: 8 (Nesmith, Siakam, Turner, Haliburton, McConnell, Toppin, Sheppard, Smith). Steals: 3 (Siakam 2, McConnell). Technicals: Nembhard, 12:00/3rd.										
New York..... 30 21 24 28 - 103										
Indiana..... 29 32 27 28 - 116										
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POSTSEASON LEADERS

Not including yesterday's game			
SCORING			
	FG	FT	PPG
Brunson, NY.....	134	83	33.9
Embiid, Phi.....	59	67	33.0
Edwards, Min.....	107	57	30.2
Maxey, Phi.....	66	25	29.8
Mitchell, Cle.....	107	53	29.6
Tatum, Bos.....	97	60	29.6
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC.....	120	58	28.2
REBOUNDS			
	Off.	Def.	Tot.
Davis, LAL.....	15	63	78
Jokic, Den.....	37	105	142
Hart, NY.....	30	104	134
Portis, MIL.....	16	52	68
Gobert, Min.....	27	73	100
Valanciunas, NO.....	18	26	44
Embiid, Phi.....	19	46	65
Tatum, Bos.....	6	98	104
Jokic, Dal.....	12	94	106



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Pascal Siakam (43) had 25 points and seven rebounds for the Pacers, who had their backs against the wall in Game 6.

NBA NOTEBOOK

Pacers force Game 7 on Sunday at MSG

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pascal Siakam had 25 points and seven rebounds, Myles Turner added 17 points and eight rebounds, and the Pacers turned the tables on the Knicks with a 116-103 victory on Friday night in Indianapolis to even the Eastern Conference semifinals, 3-3.

The decisive Game 7 will be played Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

Indiana entered the game determined to match New York's intensity and physical rebounding style after a 30-point blow-out loss in Game 5. The Pacers outworked New York for a 44-37 rebounding edge and even held a slight 14-13 advantage on the offensive end after getting dominated on the glass in Game 5.

Tyrese Haliburton and Andrew Nembhard each scored 15 points, with Nembhard pulling down six rebounds and dishing out six assists as Indiana kept its perfect postseason home record intact at 6-0. Haliburton had nine assists.

Jalen Brunson again led the severely shorthanded Knicks by scoring 31 points on 11-of-26 shooting after missing his final 11 shots in the first half. Deuce McBride added 20 points and Donte DiVincenzo had 17, but Josh Hart left in the fourth quarter with what the Knicks said was abdominal soreness.

The Knicks have lost nine straight playoff games at Indiana but are now heading back to the Garden, where they have played dramatically better.

It didn't take the Pacers long to show this contest would be different. They outthrust New York early, scooping up loose balls and turning them into quick points as they took a 42-41 lead on Haliburton's second 3-pointer of the game. The ensuing 16-7 run helped the Pacers take a 61-48 halftime lead and they never trailed again.

It was the third straight

game decided by double digits after the first three were all single-point margins.

New York again played without four key players because of injuries — forwards **OG Anunoby**, **Bojan Bogdanovic**, and **Julius Randle**, and backup center **Mitchell Robinson**. Only Anunoby, who injured his left hamstring in the second half of Game 2 and hasn't played since, appears to have a chance to return Sunday.

Doncic improves tact

A kinder, gentler **Luka Doncic** has the Mavericks in the same place they were in the first round, headed home with a chance to clinch a playoff series in Game 6.

The difference is the smile on the face of the 25-year-old superstar, replacing the scowl that often accompanies his complaints toward officials over their calls, or non-calls.

Doncic focused on other things in his third career 30-point playoff triple-double, leading the Mavericks to a 104-92 victory in Game 5 that put Western Conference No. 1 seed Oklahoma City on the brink of elimination.

Dallas can advance to the West finals for the second time in three seasons with a victory Saturday night at home, where the fifth-seeded Mavericks beat the Clippers for a 4-2 series win two weeks ago.

Now, the Mavericks will see if Doncic can keep his focus off the officials again.

"I'm not going to sit up here and complain about him when you get on the refs, like the refs are perfect. I got to give my brother a little benefit of the doubt," co-star **Kyrie Irving** said. "But I think he found a healthy balance where he was just really focused on getting us going offensively and making the right plays and making sure we kept our foot on the gas pedal."

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Baseball

Bello battered in ineffective start

By Julian McWilliams

GLOBE STAFF

Cardinals 10 ST. LOUIS — Brayan Bello snatched his glove off his left hand with two outs in the fifth inning Friday evening.

The Cardinals were in launch mode against the righthander, scoring four runs on three homers. The fifth didn't have the sound of fireworks echoing throughout Busch Stadium following a trip around the bases, but the RBI single by Paul Goldschmidt that finished Bello's night was another boom in the Cardinals' 10-6 victory over the Red Sox.

"His changeup wasn't good today," said Sox manager Alex Cora. "It was tough for him to get swings and misses. I felt like the slider was better than the changeup, but he grinded through it."

The Red Sox have lost 10 of their last 14 games, including three in a row, to fall below .500 at 22-23. Their 10 runs allowed Friday tied a season worst, and St. Louis's 10 runs matched the best of the season from what had been the National League's lowest-scoring team.

Bello, in his second start since returning from the injured list, was roughed up in just 4⅓ innings of the series opener. While he didn't walk a batter, he lacked command, needing 100 pitches in what was his shortest start of this young season.

"It was a bad outing," said Bello. "The team did everything they could to score runs and give me run support, but I wasn't able to make the adjustment tonight and it was a bad outing for me."

Lars Nootbaar started the party in the first, pummeling an outside-corner changeup for a two-run shot to center.

The Sox tied it in the top of the second on a single (Tyler O'Neill), double (Dom Smith), and David Hamilton two-run triple, only for Nolan Gorman to



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Brayan Bello threw 100 pitches on Friday night, but failed to finish the fifth inning of the loss to the Cardinals.

crush a Bello sinker in the heart of the plate 407 feet in the bottom half.

"The changeup wasn't there today," added Bello, agreeing with Cora. "But the slider helped me out a little bit today. I felt good about that."

"They fouled off a lot of pitches," said Cora. "It's just his second start coming from the [injured list], but not having his best pitch kind of put him in a bad spot today because they kept fouling off pitches. [Nolan] Arenado had a long at-bat there. The lefties did a good job throughout the night, kind of like staying to the big side of the field too.

"So this is a tough one. He'll turn the

page and be ready for the next one."

A Rafael Devers solo shot in the third tied it again. An Alec Burleson solo shot in the fourth made it 4-3, Cardinals.

St. Louis, however, didn't stop hitting when Bello left. Masyn Winn slugged a two-run homer against reliever Cam Booser in the sixth. The four homers surrendered by the Sox tied a season worst; they also allowed four to Baltimore April 11.

The Sox pulled within 7-5 with two runs in the seventh, highlighted by a Connor Wong RBI double, but Burleson and Iván Herrera singled home runs to

make it 9-5, Cardinals, in the eighth. Wong tied a career high in hits by going 4 for 5 with a double and an RBI.

The teams traded single runs in their last ups to cap the scoring. Between them, they scored in 11 of the 17 half-innings in the game.

"We did OK offensively, but at the end, we were 3 for 12 with runners in scoring position," said Cora. "But the at-bats are getting better which is a positive out of the game."

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Whitlock shut down, will have sore elbow tested

By Julian McWilliams

GLOBE STAFF

ST. LOUIS — The Red Sox have shut down **Garrett Whitlock** indefinitely with right elbow soreness, manager **Alex Cora** announced Friday ahead of the series opener against the Cardinals at Busch Stadium.

Whitlock, on the injured list since April 16 due to an oblique strain, pitched 4⅓ shutout innings in a rehab start for Triple A Worcester on Wednesday. He made it through the outing without incident, but felt tightness and soreness Thursday at Fenway.

"He's back home," said Cora, who said the starter will undergo more testing this weekend. "We'll gather more information and see where we are."

In Wednesday's rehab start, Whitlock allowed just two hits, walked one, and struck out five. He threw 40 of 61 pitches for strikes, and opened the game throwing a 94-95 m.p.h. sinker.

The Sox planned to reinstate Whitlock from the injured list during this road trip, likely pitching him against

the Rays next week and thus giving **Tanner Houck** an extra day of rest. (Houck threw 112 pitches on Wednesday.) Instead, Houck will stay on his regular schedule and start Monday.

This is not the first time Whitlock has experienced elbow issues. He underwent Tommy John surgery in 2019 when he was a part of the Yankees organization, and went on the injured list twice last season — in April because of elbow neuritis, and in July because of elbow inflammation.

"It's more about the last few years than anything else," said Cora, asked how deflating it is to lose Whitlock again so close to his return. "But one thing about this kid is he's resilient. He's strong. He's been through worse. So hopefully, it's nothing, but we have to wait and see. In the meantime, we'll stay the course with the same guys in the rotation."

Durability, trust for Duran

Jarren Duran has gone from survival mode to hunter. He's employed a leg kick at the plate of late instead of a toe tap, and is also standing taller instead of crouched.

"I felt like I was really getting stuck

with with my toe tap," said Duran. "I was getting stuck straight upward and backward. I had no ability to move forward to be athletic. So I talked to our hitting coaches and [Cora] . . . they were just telling me to go out there and be an athlete. They were OK with me doing it."

Duran saw immediate results, pounding two doubles and a homer against the Rays on Thursday. The Sox allowing him to implement his current set up is another example of their trust in Duran and his growth as a player.

It wasn't too long ago that Duran had a similar approach. He hit a combined eight homers during his first two years in the minors. Yet following the lost 2020 season, Duran began to tap into some power, belting 16 homers for the WooSox in 2021.

Duran stood tall at the plate, employing a similar high leg kick and low hands. Almost as though he was selling out for power. Yet that approach and set up at the plate wasn't transferable.

Pitchers would consistently suffocate Duran at the top of the zone with velocity and expand away with break-

ing pitches. He hit just .215 in his first taste of the big leagues, striking out at a 35.7 percent clip.

When Duran was sent down, Cora made his message clear to one of the Sox' top prospects: A big move like that wouldn't cut it at the big-league level. If he wanted to get back to the majors, he would have to utilize the left side of the field and his speed more. That the power would come, but Duran would have to first learn how to survive in the batter's box against big leaguers.

After another down season in 2022, it finally clicked for Duran the following season. He bought in to the approach, and saw results, batting .295/.346/.482 (.828 OPS) with eight homers in 102 games. This season, the Sox have had him playing every game, a challenge from Cora that Duran relishes. Experience is vital.

"I love it. It makes me feel like they can count on me," said Duran. "I'm taking pride in being able to make my mark every game."

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Cardinals 10, Red Sox 6

		At Busch Stadium, St. Louis						
		AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
BOSTON	Duran cf	3	0	1	1	2	0	.273
	Abreu rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.264
	a-Refsnyder ph-1f	2	1	1	0	0	1	.333
	Wong c	5	0	4	1	0	0	.362
	Devers 3b	5	1	1	2	0	0	.285
	O'Neill lf-rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.254
	Smith 1b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.190
	Cooper dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.184
	Grissom 2b	3	1	1	0	1	2	.159
	Hamilton ss	4	1	2	2	0	0	.226
	Totals	37	6	12	6	4	4	

		St. Louis						
		AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
ST. LOUIS	Donovan lf	5	2	2	0	0	1	.232
	Nootbaar rf	3	3	1	2	2	0	.209
	Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	2	1	1	1	.213
	Arenado 3b	5	0	3	1	0	0	.268
	Burleson dh	5	1	2	2	0	0	.286
	Herrera c	4	1	2	1	0	1	.286
	Gorman 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.193	
	Winn ss	4	1	1	2	0	0	.280
	Siani cf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.219
	Totals	38	10	14	6	6	6	

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St. Louis.....210 112 21x — 10 14 1
a-struck out for Abreu in 7th. E—Grissom (1), King (1).
LOB—Boston 8, St. Louis 7. 2B—Wong (5), Smith (3), Hamilton (2), Donovan (2). 3B—Hamilton (1). HR—Devers (7), off Gibson, Nootbaar (4), off Bello, Burleson (5), off Bello, Gorman (6), off Bello, Winn (1), off Booser. SB—Duran (10).
Runners left in scoring position—Boston 5 (Abreu 2, Devers 2, Hamilton), St. Louis 3 (Burleson 2, Winn). RISP—Bostons 3 for 12. St. Louis 5 for 11. Runners moved up—Duran, Nootbaar, GIDP—Abreu, Devers, Burleson. DP—Boston 1 (Grissom-Hamilton, Smith); St. Louis 2 (Winn, Goldschmidt), (Gorman, Winn, Goldschmidt).
Boston
Bello 1-4-2 IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Booser 7 5 2 0 0 1 101 3.96
Anderson 2 4 3 3 3 1 59 4.98
St. Louis
Gibson W 3-2 IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Romero 1 1 0 0 0 1 15 1.21
Kittridge 1 1 0 0 1 0 25 2.55
King 1 2 1 0 0 12 3.90

Gibson pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. Inherited runners scored—Booser 1-0, Romero 2-2. Umpires—Home, Clint VonDrak; First, Mark Wegner; Second, Bruce Dreckman; Third, Jeremie Rehak. T—2:52. A—37,961 (44,383).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING
CARDINALS — Donovan hit a ground-rule double to left. Nootbaar homered to center on a 2-1 count, Donovan scored. Goldschmidt struck out. Arenado singled to center. Burleson grounded into a double play, second baseman Grissom to shortstop Hamilton to first baseman Smith, Arenado out.

SECOND INNING
RED SOX — O'Neill singled to center. Smith doubled to left, O'Neill to third. Cooper struck out. Grissom struck out. Hamilton tripled to right, O'Neill scored. Smith scored. Duran walked. Duran stole second. Abreu filed out to center fielder Siani.

CARDINALS — Herrera lined out to shortstop Hamilton. Gorman homered to center on a 1-1 count. Grissom struck out, second baseman Grissom to first baseman Smith. Siani filed out to right fielder Abreu.

THIRD INNING
RED SOX — Wong grounded out, third baseman Arenado to first baseman Goldschmidt. Devers homered to center on a 0-1 count. O'Neill filed out to center fielder Siani. Smith grounded out, first baseman Goldschmidt to pitcher Gibson.

CARDINALS — Burleson homered to left on a 2-2 count. Herrera struck out. Gorman struck out. Winn grounded out, second baseman Grissom to first baseman Smith.

FIFTH INNING
CARDINALS — Siani grounded out, first baseman Smith to pitcher Bello. Donovan to third, Goldschmidt singled to center, Donovan scored. Booser pitching. Arenado singled to center, Goldschmidt to third. Burleson filed out to left fielder O'Neill.

CARDINALS — Herrera singled to left. Gorman filed out to center fielder Duran. Winn homered to left on a 1-2 count, Herrera scored. Siani struck out. Donovan fouled out to first baseman Smith.

SEVENTH INNING
RED SOX — Grissom walked on a full count. Hamilton doubled to left, Grissom to third. Romero pitching. Duran grounded out, shortstop Winn to first baseman Goldschmidt. Grissom scored. Hamilton to third. Refsnyder pinch-hitting for Abreu. Refsnyder struck out. Wong doubled to right, Hamilton scored. Devers grounded out, shortstop Winn to first baseman Goldschmidt.

CARDINALS — Refsnyder in as left fielder. O'Neill in as right fielder. Anderson pitching. Nootbaar walked on a full count. Goldschmidt singled to center, Nootbaar to second. Arenado filed out to left fielder Refsnyder. Burleson singled to center, Nootbaar scored, Goldschmidt to third. Herrera singled to center, Goldschmidt scored. Burleson to third. Gorman struck out. Winn grounded into fielder's choice, third baseman Devers to second baseman Grissom, Herrera out.

EIGHTH INNING
CARDINALS — Siani grounded out, first baseman Smith to pitcher Anderson. Donovan grounded out, second baseman Grissom to first baseman Smith. Nootbaar walked on a full count. Goldschmidt walked on a full count, Nootbaar to second. Arenado singled to center, Nootbaar scored, Goldschmidt to third. Burleson fouled out to third baseman Devers.

NINTH INNING
RED SOX — King pitching. Duran grounded out, pitcher King to first baseman Goldschmidt. Refsnyder hit an infield single to shortstop. On pitcher King's throwing error, Refsnyder to second. Wong singled to center, Refsnyder to third. Devers grounded into fielder's choice, pitcher King to shortstop Winn. Refsnyder scored, Wong out. O'Neill lined out to center fielder Siani.



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Jarren Duran couldn't quite get to this sixth-inning home run by Cardinals rookie Masyn Winn.

No longer wanted by Cardinals, O'Neill found a home with Sox

► ON BASEBALL

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The hearing was held over video conference. O'Neill spent five painful hours in a hotel room hearing his own team deride his abilities and potential.

"It's very eye opening, I would say. Very eye opening," O'Neill said. "Obviously that's an experience I'd like to leave in the past."

The Cardinals won the hearing. For the sake of \$750,000, they fractured a relationship.

Injuries led to a poor 2022 season. Cardinals manager Oli Marmol then accused O'Neill of making a lazy turn around third base when he was thrown out at the plate the following April during a game against the Braves.

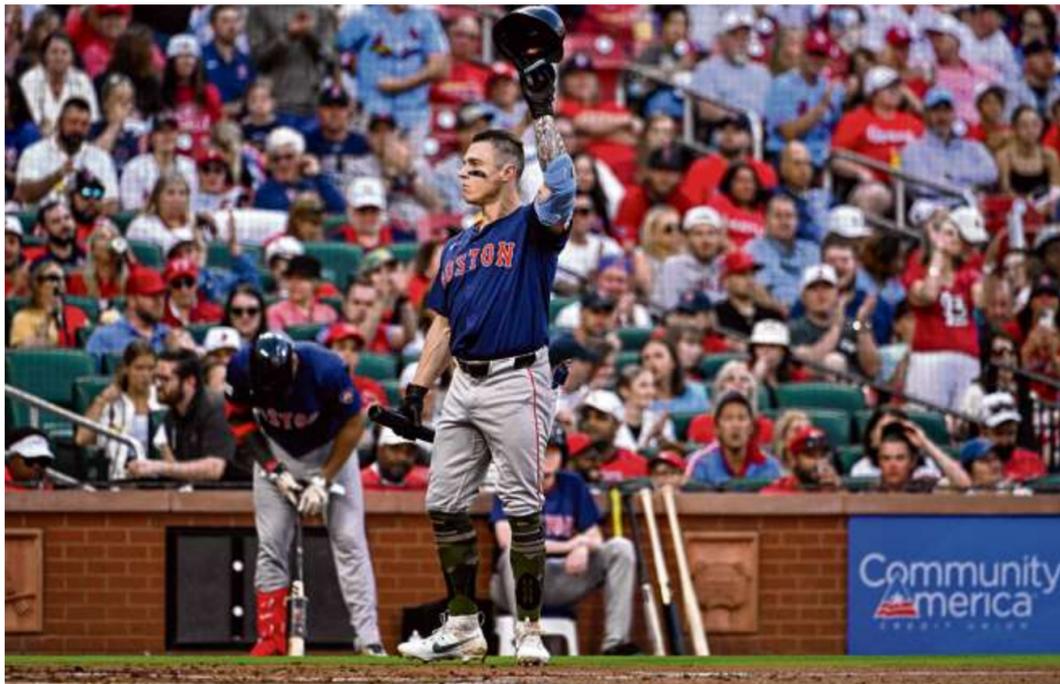
"We've got a lot of guys playing really hard and that's not our style of play, as far as the effort rounding the bag there," Marmol said. "It's unacceptable."

In a passionate baseball town like St. Louis, it was a lit match tossed into a pile of dry leaves.

At the time, O'Neill was dealing with sore legs after playing for Canada in the World Baseball Classic. It's worth noting that right fielder Ronald Acuña Jr. made a perfect one-hop throw to the plate.

At that point, it was only a matter of how and when O'Neill would leave the Cardinals. It came in December, when they sold low and traded him to the Sox for two minor league pitchers.

"Crazy couple of years over here,



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Tyler O'Neill, who had expected an offseason trade, returned to St. Louis with 10 home runs for the Red Sox.

man," O'Neill said.

On Friday, with eight members of the St. Louis media in a tight semicircle around him, O'Neill was magnanimous. He said he was "nothing but grateful"

for his time with the Cardinals and "how special" the fans are.

But nearly every comment was tinged with a reminder that O'Neill was happy to be with the Red Sox.

"It all ended up for the best and I'm really, really thankful for where I landed," O'Neill said. "I landed in Boston and on my feet, and nothing but thankful for those guys for a fresh start.

"The communication — the front office, the management, the staff, everyone over there — has been awesome. It's been really, really awesome to be able to communicate with those guys and just coexist on a day-to-day basis. I really feel like that helped me find my footing here and allowed me to be me."

O'Neill has been about what the Red Sox have expected. He leads the team in home runs (10) and strikeouts (47) and plays a solid left field. O'Neill enjoys playing for the Red Sox, but he'll be a free agent after the season and will draw from his experiences to make a decision.

O'Neill led off the second inning Friday. The crowd noticed and their applause grew louder as he walked to the plate. O'Neill took off his helmet, waved it to the fans, then tapped it on his chest.

Catcher Ivan Herrera, a former teammate, did his part by stepping out from behind the plate so O'Neill could enjoy the reception a bit longer.

O'Neill then slapped the first pitch he saw into center field for a single. He ran by the Cardinals dugout on his way to first base without a glance.

He finished 1 for 5 with two long outs on fly balls in a 10-6 Cardinals win. He'll be back in the lineup Saturday.

The homecoming is over. Back to business.

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Baseball



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Paul Skenes, who turns 22 on May 29, struck out his first seven batters (and 11 total), including the side in the first, in six no-hit innings as the Pirates beat the Cubs, 9-3.

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
New York	31	15	.674	—	8-8	8-2	W 5
Baltimore	28	14	.667	1	7-2	7-3	W 2
Tampa Bay	24	22	.522	7	8-7	6-4	W 3
Boston	22	23	.489	8½	1-6	3-7	L 3
Toronto	19	24	.442	10½	6-7	4-6	L 2

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Cleveland	28	17	.622	—	8-5	5-5	W 1
Kansas City	27	19	.587	1½	8-5	6-4	W 1
Minnesota	24	20	.545	3½	12-8	4-6	L 4
Detroit	22	22	.500	5½	10-6	4-6	W 1
Chicago	14	31	.311	14	5-19	6-4	L 1

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Seattle	24	21	.533	—	6-3	5-5	L 1
Texas	23	23	.500	1½	8-10	3-7	L 1
Houston	20	25	.444	4	9-5	8-2	W 6
Oakland	19	28	.404	6	4-10	2-8	L 6
Los Angeles	17	28	.378	7	1-0	5-5	W 2

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Philadelphia	32	14	.696	—	9-5	7-3	W 1
Atlanta	26	15	.634	3½	10-5	6-4	L 2
Washington	20	23	.465	10½	5-3	4-6	L 3
New York	20	24	.455	11	4-7	4-6	L 1
Miami	14	32	.304	18	3-11	4-6	W 3

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Milwaukee	26	18	.591	—	13-7	6-4	L 1
Chicago	25	21	.543	2	4-4	4-6	L 2
Pittsburgh	21	25	.457	6	6-6	4-6	W 2
*Cincinnati	19	25	.432	7	1-2	3-7	W 1
St. Louis	19	25	.432	7	1-6	4-6	W 1

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
*Los Angeles	29	17	.630	—	10-7	6-4	L 2
San Diego	23	24	.489	6½	12-13	5-5	W 1
Arizona	21	24	.467	7½	9-8	6-4	L 1
*San Francisco	20	25	.444	8½	9-11	5-5	W 1
*Colorado	15	28	.349	12½	8-9	7-3	W 7

RESULTS

FRIDAY							
At St. Louis 10	Boston 6	San Diego 3	at Atlanta 1				
Pittsburgh 9	at Chi. Cubs 3	At Kansas City 6	Oakland 2				
At Philadelphia 4	Washington 2	LA Angels 9	at Texas 3				
At NY Yankees 4	Chi. White Sox 2	At Houston 5	Milwaukee 4				
At Baltimore 9	Seattle 2	Detroit 13	at Arizona 0				
Tampa Bay 4	at Toronto 3	Cincinnati 7	at LA Dodgers 2				
At Cleveland 3	Minnesota 2	Colorado	at San Francisco 0				
At Miami 8	NY Mets 0						

THURSDAY							
Tampa Bay 7	at Boston 5	Pittsburgh 5	at Chi. Cubs 4				
NY Yankees 5	at Minnesota 0	At Houston 8	Oakland 1				
NY Mets 6 (11 inn.)	at Philadelphia 5	Cincinnati 7	at LA Dodgers 2				

SATURDAY'S GAMES

.....2024.....	Team2023 vs. opp.....	Last 3 starts.....
Odds	W-L	IP	ERA
BOSTON AT ST. LOUIS, 7:15 p.m.			
Crawford (R)	-120	2-2	2.24
Mikolas (L)	+100	3-1	6.59
CHI. WHITE SOX AT NY YANKEES, 1:05 p.m.			
Keller (R)	+230	0-1	2.84
Gil (R)	-280	4-1	2.51
PITTSBURGH AT CHI. CUBS, 2:20 p.m.			
Falter (L)	Off	2-2	4.15
Imanaga (L)	Off	5-0	0.96
TAMPA BAY AT TORONTO, 3:07 p.m.			
Eflin (R)	+115	3-4	3.91
Gausman (R)	-135	2-3	4.95
COLORADO AT SAN FRANCISCO, 4:05 p.m.			
Bloch (L)	+165	1-1	3.00
Harrison (L)	-195	3-1	3.42
SEATTLE AT BALTIMORE, 4:05 p.m.			
Castillo (R)	Off	4-5	3.31
Burnes (R)	Off	3-2	2.68
NY METS AT MIAMI, 4:10 p.m.			
Severino (R)	-135	2-2	3.00
Garrett (L)	+115	0-0	8.44
WASHINGTON AT PHILADELPHIA, 6:05 p.m.			
Gore (L)	+150	2-4	3.38
Sánchez (L)	-180	2-3	3.43
MINNESOTA AT CLEVELAND, 6:10 p.m.			
Ober (R)	Off	4-1	3.77
Allen (L)	Off	4-2	5.56
MILWAUKEE AT HOUSTON, 7:10 p.m.			
Wilson (R)	+130	2-1	2.65
Verlander (R)	-150	2-1	3.38
OAKLAND AT KANSAS CITY, 7:10 p.m.			
Stripling (R)	+155	1-7	4.98
Lugo (R)	-185	6-1	1.66
LA ANGELS AT TEXAS, 7:15 p.m.			
Sandoval (L)	+115	2-6	5.00
Ureña (R)	-135	1-3	3.62
SAN DIEGO AT ATLANTA, 7:15 p.m.			
Darvish (R)	+105	3-1	2.43
Elder (R)	-125	1-1	4.79
DETROIT AT ARIZONA, 8:10 p.m.			
Flaherty (R)	+130	0-3	3.88
Gallen (R)	-150	5-2	2.86
CINCINNATI AT LA DODGERS, 9:10 p.m.			
Ashcraft (R)	+185	3-2	4.12
Buehler (R)	-225	0-1	7.36

NOTEBOOK

Rays' win almost perfect

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Tyler Alexander took a perfect game bid into the eighth inning before **Danny Jansen** blooped an opposite-field, one-out single, and the Rays hung on to beat the Blue Jays, 4-3, Friday night in Toronto.

Richie Palacios hit a two-run home run as the Rays built a 4-0 lead and hung on for their 10th win in 14 games.

Alexander retired his first 22 batters before Jansen hit a 1-0 change-up near the low, outside corner off the end of his bat. The ball landed cleanly 206 feet from the plate, between right fielder **Josh Lowe** and Palacios at second.

Pirates' Skenes stellar

Pirates righthander **Paul Skenes** struck out 11, including the first seven batters he faced, over six no-hit innings in his second major league start before **Christopher Morel** singled against **Carmen Mlodzinski** in the seventh for the Cubs' first hit of the game in a 9-3 loss to Pittsburgh at Wrigley Field. Skenes, 21, was selected by Pittsburgh No. 1 overall in last year's amateur draft.

He helped LSU win the national championship and agreed to a contract and a \$9.2 million signing bonus with the Pirates. . . . **Aaron Judge** and **Giancarlo Stanton** homered, **Nestor Cortes** won for the first time in 5½ weeks and the Yankees beat the White Sox, 4-2, in New York for their fifth straight victory. . . . **Zach Neto** and **Taylor Ward** homered, **Tyler Anderson** pitched two-hit ball over seven innings and the Los Angeles Angels beat the host Rangers, 9-3, giving **Ron Washington** a victory in his first game as a visiting manager in Texas. Washington is the winningest manager in Rangers' history with his 664 wins from 2007-14, and took them to their first two World Series in 2010 and 2011. This is his first managerial job since. . . . Giants outfielder **Jung Hoo Lee** will have season-ending surgery in the next few weeks and miss the rest of the season after dislocating his left shoulder while crashing into an outfield wall Sunday vs. Cincinnati. Lee was leaping to try catching a drive from Cincinnati's **Jeimer Candelario** when he hit the wall in right-center field.

Ohtani has a day

Shohei Ohtani, the Japanese two-way superstar was honored at Los Angeles City Hall on Friday and presented with a city council resolution that declared May 17 as Shohei Ohtani Day for the duration of his Dodgers career. Ohtani signed a record \$700 million, 10-year contract with the team in December, after spending six years in Anaheim with the Angels. . . . Former outfielder **Nelson Cruz** was hired by Major League Baseball as a special adviser for baseball operations. The seventh-time All-Star, who turns 44 on July 1, will focus mainly on Latin American topics that include the Dominican Republic and increasing player relations.

YANKEES 4, WHITE SOX 2

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Pham cf	5	1	3	0	0	1	.338
Vaughn 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.213
Jiménez dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.217
DeJong ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.242
Sheets ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.236
Lopez pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Benintendi cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.195
Julks rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Mendick 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Maldonado c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.097
Lee ph	1	0	0	0	1	1	.305
Remillard 2b-ss	2	1	0	0	2	1	.313
Totals	35	2	8	2	2	10	

NY YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Volpe ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.272
Soto rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.301
Judge cf	1	2	1	1	3	0	.267
Verdugo lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.250
Stanton dh	4	1	2	0	2	0	.250
Rizzo 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.256
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.224
Wells c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Trevino ph-c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.288
Cabrera 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.256
Totals	32	4	9	4	3	8	

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 NY Yankees.....100 201 00x — 4 9 1
E—Cabrera (4), **LOB**—Chi. White Sox 8, NY Yankees 7; **2B**—Pham (5), Sheets (12), Julks (1), Soto (9), Verdugo (9), Stanton (7), **HR**—Judge (12), off Cleveland, Stanton (10), off Banks. **SB**—Pham (2), Remillard (1). **DP**—Chi. White Sox 1.
Chi. White Sox IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cleveland L 0-2 4½ 3 3 3 2 2 5.56
 Banks 2 2 1 1 0 2 5.49
 Wilson ½ 0 0 0 1 1 3.00
 Hill ½ 2 0 0 0 0 2.40
NY Yankees IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Cortes W 2-4 7 5 1 0 1 6 3.56
 Hamilton ½ 3 1 1 0 1 2.18
 Ferguson ½ 0 0 0 0 1 5.74
 Holmes S 13 1 0 0 0 1 2 0.00
Inherited runners-scored—Banks 2-0, Wilson 1-0, Ferguson 2-0, **IBB**—off Cleveland (Judge), **Balk**—Wilson. **PB**—Maldonado. **NP**—Cleveland 7, Banks 30, Wilson 14, Hill 7, Cortes 93, Hamilton 18, Ferguson 6, Holmes 18. **Umpires**—Home, Laz Diaz; First, Mike Estabrook; Second, Eric Bachus; Third, Tripp Gibson. **T**—2:40. **A**—46,025 (46,537).

RAYS 4, BLUE JAYS 3

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Diaz 1b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.251
Jlowe rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.263
Arozarena lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.161
Aranda dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.231
Palacios 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.259
Rosario ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.299
Rortved c	4	1	0	0	0	2	.286
DeLuca cf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.306
Totals	34	4	8	3	9		

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Springer rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.196
Bichette cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Turner dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Janson c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.149
Schneider lf-2b	3	1	2	0	0	1	.260
Varsho cf-1f	3	1	1	0	0	0	.211
Kiner-Falefa 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.263
Vogelbach ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.108
Kiermaier pr-cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.225
Clement 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Biggio ph-3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.205
Totals	31	3	11	3	0	5	

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 Toronto.....020 007 020 — 4 2 2
E—Diaz (3), Guerrero Jr. 2 (3), **LOB**—Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 1; **2B**—Arozarena (5), **HR**—Palacios (4), off Bassitt, Schneider (5), off Alexander. **DP**—Tampa Bay 1; Toronto 2.
Tampa Bay IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Alexander W 2-2 7½ 3 3 3 0 4 5.17
 ManRodriguez ½ 1 0 0 0 0 0 3.38
 Fairbanks S 4 1 0 0 0 0 1 5.73
Toronto IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Bassitt L 3-6 5½ 5 3 3 3 5 5.03
 Pop ½ 2 0 0 0 1 2.45
 Cabrera 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2.25
 Swanson 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 12.54
 Pearson 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 4.80
Pop pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. Inherited runners-scored—ManRodriguez 1-1, Cabrera 2-0, **WP**—Pop. **NP**—Alexander 105, ManRodriguez 6, Fairbanks 6, Bassitt 103, Pop 18, Cabrera 6, Swanson 10, Pearson 9. **Umpires**—Home, Dan Merzel; First, Mark Carlson; Second, Stu Scheurwater; Third, Jordan Baker. **T**—2:40. **A**—32,640 (49,286).

GUARDIANS 3, TWINS 2

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Julien 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Farmer ph-2b	1	0	1	0	0		

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS GAME 6: PANTHERS 2, BRUINS 1

DeBrusk much healthier for playoff run

By Jim McBride
GLOBE STAFF

Jake DeBrusk bounced back from a subpar regular season to lead the Bruins in postseason scoring with 5 goals and 11 points after earning the primary assist on **Pavel Zacha's** goal in Boston's season-ending 2-1 loss to the Panthers Friday night at TD Garden.

DeBrusk revealed after the game he had been hampered by a broken left hand suffered before the team's bye week in late January.

"I mean it was a rough regular season. I was dealing with some injuries, broke my hand probably right before bye week, so I missed a game," said DeBrusk, who had 19 goals and 40 points in 80 games. "Actually didn't really heal probably until about a week out of playoffs. So, I knew my playoffs were going to be better. I could shoot the puck."

"It was my bottom hand. So, the medical staff did a great job of making sure I was ready to play and all that stuff."

"That there were some things that are going on this year, which makes it frustrating not being able to do that. And just feeling limited, to be honest with you. I tried to play through it. I thought that I could help the team out in different ways, whether it was penalty killing or stuff like that, but I knew I was going to have a good playoffs."

DeBrusk, an unrestricted free agent, said he really hasn't had time to think about what's next.

"I've been busy . . . I've been playing, so I mean we just ended," he said. "So yeah, that's something that hasn't even crossed my mind to be honest. I'm just

Panthers vs. Bruins

Florida wins series, 4-2

Monday, May 6
Boston 5.....at Florida 1

Wednesday, May 8
At Florida 6.....Boston 1

Friday, May 10
Florida 6.....at Boston 2

Sunday, May 12
Florida 3.....at Boston 2

Tuesday, May 14
Boston 2.....at Florida 1

Friday, May 17
Florida 2.....at Boston 1

disappointed right now."

Frederic's game grows

It was quietly a breakout postseason for **Trent Frederic**, who hadn't registered a point in his two previous appearances.

In 14 games, the rugged right wing had three goals and 5 points, including an assist on defenseman **Charlie McAvoy's** winner in Game 5. Frederic was scoreless in Game 6 in 13:31 of ice time.

"I'm really proud of his development for him," **Jim Montgomery** said of Frederic. "He's an unreal kid and human being, and to see him take the steps of owning the ice in the [playoffs], it's the first time he's doing it. And you can see his confidence on the ice."

"The goals he sets up, the McAvoy goal, I don't think he ever would have thought of doing that two weeks ago, never mind two years ago."

The 6-foot-3-inch, 220-pound Frederic was a physical presence as well. He was quick to land a hit but also to jump in the fray when he saw a teammate in need.



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John Beecher couldn't get around **Brandon Montour** and take advantage of an out-of-position **Sergei Bobrovsky**.

Frederic said a growing belief in himself allowed him to thrive.

"It's when you have that confidence in feeling that 'OK, I can go out and make a play, I can go out and score a goal,' I tell myself that way more than it happens, but the thought of that, to think that and you want the puck, it starts coming to you," he said. "And when you get it, you want to make a play with it. In my earlier days, you didn't want it in certain situations because you don't want to mess up. That's all you're worried about. I think Monty does a good job of that."

"Everyone makes mistakes out there. It's just that you want to make as few as possible. But you always want to make plays."

"It's the mind-set of 'I'm going to make a play,' not 'I'm going to [mess] this game up.'"

Lauko out of lineup

Brad Marchand's return to the lineup up front meant **Jakub Lauko** was a healthy scratch . . . The Bruins kept their same defensive corps: McAvoy, **Hampus Lindholm**, **Brandon Carlo**, **Ma-**

Wotherspoon . . . Panthers coach **Paul Maurice** tinkered with his fourth line, inserting **Ryan Lomberg** and **Nick Cousins** and removing **Steven Lorentz** and **Kyle Okposo** . . . The Banner Captain for Game 6 was goalie **Tim Thomas**, the 2011 Stanley Cup champion and Conn Smythe Trophy winner . . . Sign of the night: "I chose Game 6 over prom! Go Bruins" . . . Song of the night: "All Nighter," by **Tiesto**.

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The Bruins skated off the TD Garden ice toward their dressing room and into an offseason of uncertainty.

Bruins lose game, series on late goal

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ment's top priority. "Jeremy Swayman was terrific," coach **Jim Montgomery** said. "Night in, night out he gave us an opportunity to win every night making sensational saves. His competitiveness was something that our players and I thought our team and our bench fed off of."

Jake DeBrusk said the room's message to Swayman after the loss was a simple one: "Don't blame yourself."

"A lot of guys have a lot of respect for him in this room," DeBrusk said. "[He] got us to this point, pretty much won us the Toronto series, kept us in that and then extended this series for us. So, I know goalies feel like every mistake's a goal, but sometimes it's not even a mistake. And he covered for a lot of ours. So, I think what guys are saying is, 'Just keep your head up, man, you're a stud. [You] really took your game up in the playoffs and to be proud of that.'"

The suddenness of it all stung DeBrusk, who set up the Bruins' only goal with a ridiculous backhand sloop pass that sprung **Pavel Zacha** on a breakaway.

"That always sucks," DeBrusk said. "As soon as they scored that one [to go ahead], obviously there's time left and everything, but it just kind of gives you a dagger and then you see

they're going to celebrate. So, it sucks. There's no easy way to take that, obviously, but you move on."

The Bruins were boosted by the return of captain **Brad Marchand** from a concussion he suffered when the winger was clobbered by a right jab to the jaw by Florida's **Sam Bennett** in Game 3, forcing him to miss Games 4 and 5. From the second his blades touched the ice as he led his teammates out, to the announcement of the starting lineups, and consistently throughout the first game, Marchand was showered with applause.

A love fest for the Little Ball of Hate, if you will.

"Yeah, it was huge. We were telling him to calm him down before warmups because we knew he was going to be flying around out there, but it's massive," DeBrusk said. "I can't say enough about that guy."

Boston fed off the energy of Marchand and the crowd and dominated for stretches of the first period, finally grabbing the lead in the final minute.

Wotherspoon banked a backhand off the glass that DeBrusk crinkled at his own blue line and hit a streaking Zacha with a blind backhand pass in the neutral zone. The snakebitten center cruised in on Panthers goalie **Sergei Bobrovsky** (22 saves) and got the Russian to commit before floating

a backhand to the top shelf with just 52 seconds left in the period.

The Bruins showed flashes of over the second and third periods, but never matched the intensity level of the first as the Panthers methodically took charge and kept the ice tilted in their favor over the final 40 minutes.

"In the second period I thought they pushed, and we didn't push back hard enough," Montgomery said.

Florida got the equalizer on an unfortunate Boston bounce.

DeBrusk laid out for a nice shot block at the top of the slot on **Carter Verhaeghe**, but the puck ricocheted right to **Lundell**, who wristed it past Swayman for his second of the playoffs at 12:44 of the second period.

The teams traded chances in the third, with Swayman and Bobrovsky deflecting everything in sight until Forsling found the tiniest opening.

"Obviously disappointing. Obviously would've liked and expected a different result. It's hard losing in that fashion last minute," Marchand said. "It just shows how much of a game of inches it is and they're a great team. You can't discredit them at all. We battled hard, but we still thought we had more, and we expected better."

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Panthers 2, Bruins 1

EASTERN CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS, GAME 6
Friday, May 17, 2024, at TD Garden

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

SUMMARY

1st period

Time	Team	Scoring summary	Status
19:07	Boston	Pavel Zacha (1) Assists: Jake DeBrusk , Parker Wotherspoon	Boston, 1-0
Time	Team	Penalty detail	
3:38	Florida	Aaron Ekblad : 2 minutes for hooking	
16:18	Boston	Parker Wotherspoon : 2 minutes for embellishment	
16:18	Florida	Carter Verhaeghe : 2 minutes for interference	

2nd period

Time	Team	Scoring summary	Status
12:44	Florida	Anton Lundell (2) Assist: Carter Verhaeghe	Tied, 1-1
Time	Team	Penalty detail	
1:17	Boston	, served by Morgan Geekie : 2 minutes for too many men on ice	
14:22	Boston	Charlie Coyle : 2 minutes for interference	

3rd period

Time	Team	Scoring summary	Status
18:27	Florida	Gustav Forsling (2) Assists: Anton Lundell , Matthew Tkachuk	Florida, 2-1
Time	Team	Penalty detail	
13:56	Boston	Charlie McAvoy : 2 minutes for roughing	
15:34	Florida	Evan Rodrigues : 2 minutes for tripping	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PANTHERS																		
Player	G	A	+/-	SOG	MS	Blk	PIM	Ht	Tk	Gv	Shf	TOI	PPTOI	SHTOI	EVTOI	FW-L		
Barkov	0	0	-1	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	30	22:52	4:12	1:44	16:56	7-10		
Bennett	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	25	14:12	1:26	0:18	12:28	0-0		
Bobrovsky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59:58	5:38	3:38	50:42	0-0			
Cousins	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	14	7:51	0:00	0:00	7:51	0-0		
Ekblad	0	0	-1	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	30	23:16	0:03	0:53	22:20	0-0		
Ekman-Larsson	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	24	13:50	0:30	0:57	12:23	0-0		
Forsling	2	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	31	25:16	0:02	1:56	23:18	0-0		
Kulikov	0	0	+1	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	24	11:06	0:00	1:44	9:22	0-0		
Lundberg	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	5:39	0:00	0:00	5:39	0-0		
Lundell	2	1	+2	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	25	16:50	1:17	0:36	14:57	8-10		
Luostarinen	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	23	12:23	0:00	1:27	10:56	1-2		
Mikkola	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	1	0	28	18:34	0:00	1:51	16:43	0-0		
Montour	0	0	+2	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	28	22:41	5:05	0:00	17:36	0-0		
Reinhart	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	5:39	0:00	0:00	5:39	0-0		
Rodrigues	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	22	13:33	1:25	0:00	12:08	0-1		
Stenlund	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	15	8:03	0:00	1:12	6:51	3-5		
Tarasenko	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	21	14:06	1:18	0:00	12:48	0-0		
Tkachuk	0	1	+1	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	25	19:36	4:21	0:00	15:15	0-0		
Verhaeghe	0	0	+1	2	0	2	2	2	0	3	23	21:25	4:18	0:00	17:07	1-4		
Goalie																		
Bobrovsky								23	GA	1	Saves	22	Sv%	0.957	TOI	59:58	Rec	8-3-0

BRUINS																		
Player	G	A	+/-	SOG	MS	Blk	PIM	Ht	Tk	Gv	Shf	TOI	PPTOI	SHTOI	EVTOI	FW-L		
Beecher	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	8:49	0:00	1:20	7:29	4-4		
Brazeau	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	20	10:40	0:39	0:00	10:01	0-0		
Carlo	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	26	15:53	0:00	3:04	12:49	0-0		
Coyle	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	3	0	1	29	20:36	2:36	2:24	15:36	13-5		
DeBrusk	0	1	-1	3	0	5	0	5	0	0	29	21:19	2:36	1:12	17:31	0-0		
Frederic	0	0	-1	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	23	13:31	0:00	0:10	13:21	2-0		
Geekie	0	0	-2	2	0	0	0	5	0	1	25	16:16	1:02	0:00	15:14	9-9		
Heinen	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	22	13:06	0:00	1:40	11:26	0-0		
Lindholm	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	33	22:34	0:00	2:35	19:59	0-0		
Lohrei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	15:29	1:13	0:00	14:16	0-0		
Marchand	0	0	+1	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	28	20:06	2:33	2:16	15:17	0-0		
Maroon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	7:07	0:00	0:00	7:07	0-0		
McAvoy	0	0	-1	3	1	1	2	3	0	1	32	26:42	2:25	1:36	22:41	0-0		
Pastrnak	0	0	-1	5	1	0	0	3	0	2	25	22:12	2:59	0:07	19:06	0-1		
Peeke	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	22	17:08	0:00	1:38	15:30	0-0		
Swayman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58:30	3:38	5:38	49:14	0-0		
Wotherspoon	0	1	-1	0	0	4	2	2	0	1	24	17:07	0:00	2:25	14:42	0-0		
Zacha	1	0	+1	2	1	2	0	3	1	0	28	16:34	1:02	2:05	13:27	12-6		
van Riemsdyk	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	12	8:21	1:05	0:00	7:16	0-0		
Goalie																		
Swayman								28	GA	2	Saves	26	Sv%	0.929	TOI	58:30	Rec	6-6-0

SHOTS ON GOAL				
	1	2	3	T
Florida	8</			

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS GAME 6: PANTHERS 2, BRUINS 1

Marchand's uplifting return not enough

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the Bruins' season Friday night, wasn't enough to avoid the same nightmare finish that punctuated last season's shocking disappointment, this time in Game 6 instead of Game 7, this time in the second round instead of the first, but once again, a loss to the dreaded Panthers on TD Garden ice.

The captain returned, but the Bruins still ended up on the wrong end of a 2-1 decision, finalized when Gustav Forsling's rebound snuck in past Jeremy Swayman's short side with 1:33 left in the game. It was the sixth straight playoff win for Florida in Boston.

"Just a tough way to lose," he said. "I thought we had more to give."

He gave them one more game, reinforcing everything they already knew about him.

From a series that started with three straight lopsided games, this one sure turned into a slugfest, the games getting more physical and tighter with each passing night. In other words, just the type of action Marchand so desperately wanted to be in. The Game 3 collision with Sam Bennett that kept him out of that third period and the next two games felt like an eternity, even as the captain did all he could to help his teammates. He traveled to Florida, talked guys up with a pre-game speech, and stood by them just the way they did him, when they hung his jersey in



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Brad Marchand, back in the Bruins lineup after missing Game 5, took a heavy hit in Game 6.

his locker room stall for the entirety of that Tuesday night game.

He'd fought the doctors the entire way, revealing he only went to the bench in Game 3 because he was told he had no choice.

"I definitely pushed it to come back and maybe wasn't up front about how I felt," he said, "but it's hard to sit out and make the decision to sit out. The only reason I got pulled out of that game and the only reason I was in protocol was be-

cause doctors forced me into it."

It was only by Friday morning that he was cleared to play, ultimately logging 19:55 of ice time, all the while helping the Bruins jump out of the gate with some energy and pace.

"Brad Marchand coming back was a huge lift," coach Jim Montgomery said.

Marchand just couldn't imagine not being out there.

"You know, you work your entire life to be in a position to be in this position, and to go all the way, you need to be willing

to sacrifice things and you know, I don't mind playing hurt," he said. "I don't care what it is. To be out there with the guys in an elimination game, you want to be there with the guys. You want to go through it together. You know we've built something all year and you want to be part of whether you win or you lose. You want to be in there and in the fight with the guys and experience every moment because you never know when you're going to get it again."

Of all the growth the Bruins showed this season, coming off last year's President's Trophy campaign with low to middling expectations given the retirements of Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci, Marchand may have grown the most. Not so much as a player, though he's matured so much over the years it's hard to remember the guy who once got in trouble for licking opponents. As a leader, Marchand grew into his captaincy with every game this season. It's the way that evolution shaped him as a leader that will be remembered, growing into his captaincy with each passing month of the season.

"We wouldn't be here without him, and individuals in this locker room wouldn't have excelled as much as they did without him," goalie Jeremy Swayman said. "And it takes a team, but it takes a true leader, and he's a true leader through and through. And he's a brother to me, but I thank him every day in a way that — just what he does, how he carries himself, makes his craft his priority. And it shows. He gets so many great results, and he's a dominant player in this league for a reason, so that's someone I'll always look up to and am grateful to play with."

Marchand wasn't in the sequence that led to the Bruins opening goal scored just before the first period expired — the glory belonged all to Pavel Zacha, Jake DeBrusk and Parker Wotherspoon. From the pass

Wotherspoon sent off the boards to DeBrusk, to the cross-ice beauty DeBrusk put on Zacha's stick, the sequence was hockey poetry in motion, captured in the end by Zacha, who danced the puck along his stick just long enough for a perfect backhand shot past the glove of Sergei Bobrovsky.

Yet he was the aftermath of the goal that told a story of Bruins' leadership in motion.

There was Marchand, the first one to reach Zacha with a hug, as excited for his teammate's first career playoff goal as he has been for any of his 56 postseason scores, most in Bruins history.

On an emotion-filled Bruins night, it was his return that vibrated beneath it all, thrumming inside TD Garden well before the game even started. He thrilled the home crowd from the moment he followed Swayman onto the ice for warm-ups, and by the time the public address announcer introduced Marchand as a starter, TD Garden shook under the weight of 18,000 dancing fans.

"That ovation at the beginning of the game says it all," Montgomery said.

Why wouldn't they cheer? As Montgomery had put it earlier that morning, "He's our leader, he's our captain, he's our heart and soul."

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It was a territorial disadvantage all series

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Madison Square Garden).

The Panthers in Game 6 fired 70 times toward Jeremy Swayman and the Bruins mustered 53 in the direction of Sergei Bobrovsky. Overall, the sizzling Sunrisers accumulated a massive 440-278 advantage in shot attempts across the six games — a perfect and damning measure of their advantage in puck possession and territorial advantage.

Stronger, more determined and flat-out feistier than the Bruins, the Panthers also finished with a vast advantage in their number of power plays (28-16) as well as a 6-1 scoring edge in power-play goals. Other than their Game 1 blowout win (5-1), the Bruins could not work with any breathing room.

"We didn't finish . . . outside of Game 1, did we score more than two goals?" said coach Jim Montgomery. "My head's all spinning right now, so I don't know. We didn't score [enough]. But it's not the only thing . . . there's several other elements of the series, you know, the territorial O-zone time they had over us. It has compounding effects. I thought we started the game off great, and it got away from us in the second period."

A slight bit of subtext there: the Bruins jumped to a 4-0 shot lead early in the first, but then didn't register their next shot (Jake DeBrusk, 17:44) for approximately 13 minutes. One of



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The Bruins' (left to right) Jake DeBrusk, Morgan Geekie, and Parker Wotherspoon failed to clear a puck, and Carter Verhaeghe poked it free to help set up the Panthers' tying goal.

their two failed power plays came early in the first and the only shot over the two minutes belonged to . . . the Panthers. A microcosm of the series. Even on the power play, what should be gold, the Bruins had tin hands.

"The [Panthers] played well, especially [Games 2 through 5]," said center Pavel Zacha, whose goal late in the first wasn't rubbed out until Anton Lundell scored 12:44 into the second. "Today was a little bit better . . . and we had pretty good starts the last two games. But we missed that early in the

series . . . I don't know if that is physical or mental, but it kind of made a difference over the course of the series."

It all took a toll on the Bruins offense. Constantly struggling to generate shots, while the opposition kept firing away, made it harder to finish the meager attempts the Bruins were able to generate.

In Game 2, the Bruins landed only 15 shots on net, then only 16 in Game 3, and 18 in Game 4. No surprise they were outscored, 15-5.

"If you're only getting 18 or 20 shots on goal, the percentag-

es play a role there," added Zacha. "You can't expect to score four or five goals in a game when you have 18 shots. When you have 30 or 40 like they did in a lot of games, it's a bigger chance you'll score more and create more. It kind of wears you down in the defensive zone a lot . . . playing defense is way more tiring. That is something they did for sure better than us."

Another season came to a halt, the Bruins still with only one Cup title (2011) since 1972. They swapped out a lot parts this season (including retirements of mainstays Patrice

Bergeron and David Krejci), and in some ways over-achieved. They sent the Maple Leafs packing yet again in Game 7 of the first round, and will head off to the summer now with that little bit of solace.

The Bruins finished 10 wins short of a Cup, making them distant also-rans. They also ended up losing six straight postseason games on home ice to the Panthers, dating to Round 1 last season. Their worst stretch on home ice was against the Devils, who beat them in seven straight on Causeway Street, a stretch that spanned the playoff years 1994-2003. The earlier of those series was played in the old Garden.

"I thanked them and it was an honor to coach them because of the hard work and the competitiveness that they brought throughout the year," said Montgomery, noting what he shared with his charges after the loss. That as the biggest thing that I wanted to get across . . . you're never happy when you don't win your last game of the year."

The added regret for this iteration of the Bruins, in a season they celebrated their rich 100-year history, was they simply didn't have the skill and will to make more out of what proved to be their exit round.

They have work to do in the offseason, lots of it, and it will have to begin with finding more bodies who can do the most fundamental job of all — put pucks in the net.

Berube next coach up in Cup-starved Toronto

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Fresh off a loss to the Bruins in the first round of the playoffs, the Maple Leafs hired the coach who beat Boston in the 2019 Stanley Cup Finals.

Toronto brought **Coach Craig Berube** aboard as coach Friday, bringing in someone with Cup-winning experience to try to end the longest championship drought in the most intense hockey market in the NHL. The Maple Leafs have not won since 1967, when the league had just six teams.

Team president **Brendan Shanahan** and general manager **Brad Treliving** moved quickly to hire Berube as the replacement for **Sheldon Keefe**, who was fired after another early playoff exit, this one a seven-game loss to the Bruins in the first round. The Leafs lost in the first round for the fourth time in five years under Keefe, a stretch in which they won just one series.

Berube, 58, led the Blues to the playoffs five times in seven seasons, winning five series. St. Louis, which promoted Berube midseason on the way to winning the only title in franchise history, fired him in December.

This is his third NHL head-coaching job after two seasons in Philadelphia from 2013-15.

Berube is the third coach for the Maple Leafs since the organization put together the core group of **Auston Matthews**, **Mitch Marner**, **William Nylander**, and **John Tavares**, following Keefe and **Mike Babcock**.

Affectionately nicknamed "Chief" based on being of First Nations descent, Berube moved into coaching after playing 1,143 games in the league from 1987-2003. That included half a season with the Maple Leafs in 1991-92 before being dealt to Calgary in the nine-player trade that landed **Doug Gilmour** from the Flames.

Canucks better late

J.T. Miller scored with 33 seconds remaining to lead the host Canucks to a 3-2 Game 5 victory over the Oilers late Thursday night that put them a win away from the Western Conference finals.

Carson Soucy and **Phillip Di Giuseppe** both scored in their returns to the lineup for Vancouver, which will try to wrap up the series Saturday in Edmonton. Rookie **Arturs Silovs** made 21 saves for the Canucks.

Soucy sat out Game 4 while serving a suspension. The defenseman was suspended by the NHL for cross-checking Edmonton star **Connor McDavid** after the final horn in Game 3.

Evander Kane and **Mattias Janmark** scored for the Oilers, who got 32 saves from **Calvin Pickard**.

Leon Draisaitl picked up an assist on Kane's goal, giving him at least a point in each of Edmonton's 10 playoff games. Draisaitl has eight goals and 13 assists in

the postseason.

Hintz out again

The Stars were without center **Roope Hintz** for a second straight game because of an upper-body injury Friday night when they played Game 6 of their second-round series with the Avalanche in Denver. Dallas led Colorado, 3-2, in the series and was trying advance to the Western Conference Final for the second year in a row with a win.

Hintz left Monday's Game 4 victory after blocking a shot in the first period. Earlier in the game, he went down hard when he was cross-checked by **Nathan MacKinnon**. In 11 postseason games, Hintz has 6 points (2 goals, 4 assists).

Colorado was missing center **Yakov Trenin**, who plays a big role on the penalty kill, because of an upper-body injury he suffered in the team's Game 5 win. Trenin's classified as day to day, Avalanche coach **Jared Bednar** said.

NHL playoffs

Eastern Conference

NY RANGERS VS. CAROLINA	
Rangers win series, 4-2	
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)
Saturday, May 11	
At Carolina 4.....	NY Rangers 3
Monday, May 13	
Carolina 4.....	at NY Rangers 1
Thursday, May 16	
NY Rangers 5.....	at Carolina 3

Western Conference

DALLAS VS. COLORADO	
Stars lead series, 3-2	
Tuesday, May 7	
Colorado 4.....	at Dallas 3 (OT)
Thursday, May 9	
At Dallas 5.....	Colorado 3
Saturday, May 11	
Dallas 4.....	at Colorado 1
Monday, May 13	
Dallas 5.....	at Colorado 1
Wednesday, May 15	
Colorado 5.....	at Dallas 3
Friday, May 17	
Dallas.....	at Colorado
Schedule	
*Sunday at Dallas.....	TBA

VANCOUVER VS. EDMONTON	
Canucks lead series, 3-2	
Wednesday, May 8	
At Vancouver 5.....	Edmonton 4
Friday, May 10	
Edmonton 4.....	at Vancouver 3 (OT)
Sunday, May 12	
Vancouver 4.....	at Edmonton 3
Tuesday, May 14	
At Edmonton 3.....	Vancouver 2
Thursday, May 16	
At Vancouver 3.....	Edmonton 2
Schedule	
Saturday at Edmonton.....	8
*Monday at Vancouver.....	TBA

* If necessary

CANUCKS 3, OILERS 2	
Thursday night game	
Edmonton.....	2 0 0 - 2
Vancouver.....	1 1 1 - 3
First period — 1. Edmonton, Kane 3 (Draisaitl, Desharnais), 4:34. 2. Vancouver, Soucy 1, 17:27. 3. Edmonton, Janmark 1 (Brown, Kulak), 17:50. Penalties — Suter, Van (interference on the goaltender), 0:45; Hughes, Van (delay of game), 9:02; Cole, Van (holding), 13:40; Hyman, Edm (holding stick), 14:07; Janmark, Edm (embellishment), 20:00; Myers, Van (roughing), 20:00.	
Second period — 4. Vancouver, Di Giuseppe 1, 5:14. Penalties — Foegele, Edm (interference), 2:34; Kane, Edm (slashing), 8:49; EliasPetterson, Van (charging), 10:02; Joshua, Van (interference), 14:23.	
Third period — 5. Vancouver, Miller 3 (Lindholm, EliasPetterson), 19:27. Penalties — Kulak, Edm (tripping), 3:47.	
Shots on goal — Edmonton 11-4-8 — 23. Vancouver 11-17-7 — 35.	
Power plays — Edmonton 0-5; Vancouver 0-4.	
Goalies — Edmonton, Pickard 1-1-0 (35 shots-32 saves). Vancouver, Silovs 5-3-0 (23 shots-21 saves).	
Referees — Dan O'Rourke, Francois SztLaurent. Linesmen — James Tobias, Matt MacPherson. A — 19,052 (18,910). T — 2:39.	

RANGERS 5, HURRICANES 3	
Thursday night game	
NY Rangers.....	0 1 4 - 5
Carolina.....	1 2 0 - 3
First period — 1. Carolina, Nedelko 4 (Martinook, Orlov), 18:38. Penalties — None.	
Second period — 2. Carolina, Jarvis 5 (Aho, Svechnikov), 4:38 (pp). 3. NY Rangers, Trocheck 6 (Panarin), 5:29. 4. Carolina, Aho 4 (Svechnikov, Slavins), 9:23. Penalties — Martinook, Car (hi stick), 2:04; Kreider, NYR (cross check), 2:47.	
Third period — 5. NY Rangers, Kreider 5 (Zibanejad, Roslovic), 6:43. 6. NY Rangers, Kreider 6 (Panarin, Trocheck), 11:54 (pp). 7. NY Rangers, Kreider 7 (Lindgren, Roslovic), 15:41. 8. NY Rangers, Goodrow 3 (Miller), 19:11 (en). Penalties — Staal, Car (cross check), 10:58.	
Shots on goal — NY Rangers 3-11-10 — 24. Carolina 8-12-16 — 36.	
Goalies — NY Rangers 1-2; Carolina 1-1. 36 shots-33 saves). NY Rangers, Shesterkin 8-2-0 (36 shots-19 saves). Carolina, Andersen 6-4-0 (23 shots-19 saves).	
Referees — Francis Charron, Steven Kozari. Linesmen — Devin Berg, Ryan Daisly. A — 19,124 (18,680). T — 2:32.	

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

Outdoor setting a boon indoors

By AJ Traub
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

When Greater Lowell boys' volleyball coach Nate Howe ventured to the Pailin courts at Clemente Park in Lowell to see his players compete in a tournament, he expected them to dominate.

Instead, it was a foursome of older gentlemen who put the match away. They didn't overpower his team's athletic core, but racked up points with plays like dumps, tips, and sets over the net to weak spots that counted just the same as powerful kills.

Located in the Cambodia Town area of Lowell, the gravel courts reward finesse, and it's been the supplemental education that is leading Lowell-area teams to thrive indoors.

"It really taught me how to hit different angles, how to play smart," said junior middle Justin Tejeda, who forms a trio with Greater Lowell classmates Luis Carrasquillo and George Robles. "People there have been playing for years. You can't just go hit the ball, you have to be smart with it."

Entering Friday's matches, Greater Lowell (15-1) has clinched Commonwealth Athletic Conference title, and is on pace for its best finish in program history. Before its straight-set loss to Methuen, Lowell (15-3) again was a contender in the Merrimack Valley Conference. Lowell Catholic (11-5) and Innovation Academy (9-8) are also having good seasons.

When he was in fifth grade, Lowell setter Tyrell Lout started accompanying his father to the courts, making connections with others and joining pickup games. Lout's entire family is Cambodian, and he is proud to bring this style of play to his high school team.

"Along the way they taught me how to be scrappy and move around with the ball," the senior said. "When it comes to setting at the park, it mostly originated from Cambodia, how they carry the set a little longer than usual to get a perfect set."

Indoors, players cannot hold the ball when setting. But the technique of setting lower, closer to the body, can be advantageous. It gives the setter more time to choose where to pass, and makes it harder for a defense to read. Carrasquillo has improved his setting

from playing at Pailin. "Setting outdoors improves the way you set indoor," Carrasquillo said. "Outdoors, you have to adjust to the ball when it's windy, and hard to see when it's sunny. When you go indoors and the ball doesn't move around as much, it becomes easier."

Playing year-round with Robles and Carrasquillo, Tejeda's game has blossomed.

He is already up to 235 kills and 126 digs, after 121 and 38 numbers, respectively, last season. He is so prolific that Howe has to get creative to give him opportunities because opponents try to plan for him.

"A big part of it for him is he can pass, set, serve," Howe said. "Those are skills he learned at Pailin. It forces you to be an all-around player. He's always been able to jump high and swing, but being at Pailin taught him about ball placement."

Lout has played with his Lowell teammates at the Pailin courts, developing chemistry. The senior has a wealth of classmates to set at the net, including Ceazar Joseph, Cody Fitzpatrick, Ayden Ruom, Dennis Seng, and Walter Palacio.

Coach Paul McCarthy said the team's strength is their depth, and that Lout is the "great setter" who is "like the shepherd that keeps the sheep in line."

The three top Massachusetts teams have been jockeying for position in the Bay State Conference, and this past week showed clearly Newton North is the team to beat.

North traveled to Needham and Natick, dispatching both while dropping just one set.

Middles Peter Reale and Sam Huang have been efficient, libero Brady Dwyer has been key in the passing game, and three-rotation setter Joaquin Cuevas-Torres has shined alongside star Adam Christianson.

Said coach Nile Fox, "We want to go into the postseason strong, and we want to go because it's wide open right now."

Though Needham has lost both matches to Newton North, coach Dave Powell doesn't think the issue is matchup-based.

"They were just really consistent. I thought we weren't," he said.

SportsLog US men advance in hockey

Brady Tkachuk scored a goal and added three assists, Cole Caufield scored twice, and the United States clinched a playoff-round berth with a 4-1 win over Poland in preliminary-round play Friday at the men's world hockey championships at Prague. Michigan State goalie Trey Augustine stopped 20 shots, including all 11 he faced in a scoreless first period. Michael Kesselring also scored for the Americans, who improved to 3-1-1 and moved into second place in the Group B standings. John Murray, who has Polish roots and is from Lancaster, Pa., stopped 53 shots to keep the score tight. The Americans close preliminary-round play facing Kazakhstan on Sunday and Latvia on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S GOLF Thitikul takes lead

Attaya Thitikul birdied five of the final seven holes in a round of 7-under-par 65 to grab the halfway lead in the Mihuho Americas Open at Jersey City, N.J., with top-ranked Nelly Korda in contention one week after having her LPGA record-tying five tournament winning streak halted. Thitikul, 21, had a bogey-free round at Liberty National and was two shots ahead of first-round leader So Mi Lee and three in front of a group led by Korda.

INDY 500 Crash halts practice

Nolan Siegel brought the Indianapolis 500 practice to a halt when the 19-year-old rookie spun coming out of Turn 2 and hit the outside wall, sending his Dale Coyne Racing entry flying through the air before it landed on its side. Once Siegel's battered car came to a rest, he immediately radioed to his team that he was OK. The wreck on Fast Friday, when teams got a horsepower boost they will use for qualifying this weekend, came after Marcavist Ericsson and Linus Lundqvist were involved in separate crashes Thursday.

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Scoreboard

Scoreboard table showing game results for various sports including Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, and Hockey.

Home games shaded. For updated scores: bostonglobe.com/sports

ON THE AIR

1:30 p.m. NASCAR Truck: Wright Brand 250 FS1

BASEBALL
1 p.m. Chicago White Sox at NY Yankees MLB
4 p.m. Triple A: Scranton/WB at Worcester NESN+

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
1 p.m. Stony Brook at Northeastern NESN+

PRO BASKETBALL
1 p.m. WNBA: Indiana at New York ABC
3 p.m. WNBA: Los Angeles at Las Vegas ABC

PRO FOOTBALL
1 p.m. UFL: Northern Arizona at Massachusetts NESN
4 p.m. UFL: Memphis at Michigan Fox

GOLF
10 a.m. PGA Championship ESPN
1 p.m. PGA Championship CBS

GYMNASTICS
7 p.m. USGA: US Classic CNBC

NHL PLAYOFFS
8 p.m. Vancouver at Edmonton ESPN

HORSE RACING
12:30 p.m. America's Day at the Races FS2
1:30 p.m. Preakness undercard CNBC

RODEO
9 p.m. PBR World Finals CBSSN

RUGBY
10 a.m. Premiership: Sale at Saracens FS2
7 p.m. NRL: Carolina at Los Angeles FS2

WOMEN'S SOCCER
7:30 a.m. SPFL: St. Mirren at Celtic CBSSN
1:45 p.m. MLS: Atlanta at Nashville Fox

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
4:30 p.m. PVF: Grand Rapids at Omaha CBSSN

WOMEN'S SOCCER
7:30 p.m. NWSL: Louisville at Kansas City Ion

TENNIS
11 a.m. Italian Open (women's final) Tennis

TRACK AND FIELD
3 p.m. Los Angeles Grand Prix NBC

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
4:30 p.m. PVF: Grand Rapids at Omaha CBSSN

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Latest line

NBA Saturday
Favorite Pts. Underdog
At Dallas.....4Oklahoma City

NHL
Favorite Line Underdog Line
At Edmonton...195 Vancouver...4165

Transactions

BASEBALL
Chicago Cubs: P Porter Hodge called up from minors. P Colten Brewer placed on 15-day IL.
NY Yankees: SS Braden Shewmaker sent to minors. LF Corey Julks recalled from minors. LF Rafael Ortega outrighted to minors. 2B Danny Mendick recalled from minors rehab. 3B Bryan Barnes placed on 10-day IL. 2B Danny Mendick removed from 10-day IL.
Houston: P Parker Mushinski recalled from minors.
San Francisco: 3B Casey Schmitt sent to minors.
Washington: 3B Trey Lipscomb sent to minors. LF Joey Gallo recalled from minors rehab. LF Joey Gallo removed from 10-day IL.
Atlanta: LB Bralen Trice signed/draft choice.
Chicago: DE Austin Booker signed/draft choice.
Houston: S Calen Bullock Jr. signed/draft choice.
Kansas City: RB La'Mical Perine cut.
Seattle: G Christian Haynes signed/draft choice.
New Jersey: LW Kurtis MacDermid contract extended.

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At Foro Italico, Rome
Men's singles
Alexander Zverev (3), def. Nicolas Jarry (21), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Sun master Mystics

DeWanna Bonner had 22 points and 6 of Connecticut's 14 steals, DiJonai Carrington added 21 points and the Sun used a big fourth quarter to beat the Washington Mystics, 84-77, at Uncasville, Conn. Connecticut has won 10 of the last 11 regular-season meetings with Washington. Connecticut trailed, 62-56, with 8:18 left in the fourth quarter before scoring the next 15 points to take a 71-62 lead.

Remembered

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READING
JACK, James A.

WINTHROP

CHEVALIER, Jane L. (Harvey)

OUT OF STATE

CHARTIENITZ, Jacquelyn Esposito “Jackie”

Loving mother, sister and nana of Medford, MA and Smithfield, RI, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, May 14, following a short illness.

Jackie was an incredibly loving mother of Jessica L. Mencunas and her husband, Rob. Adoring and deeply proud nana of Cameron and Gracie. Beloved sister of Joanne Goodreau of Malden, MA, Edward Esposito of Winchester, MA, Dorothy “Doty” Tringali of Billerica, MA, Lucille Johnson of FL, Michael Esposito and his wife, Tina of Andover MA and the late Joseph Esposito. Additionally, Jackie was an aunt, great-aunt and friend to all who knew her. Jackie was also a loving nana to her two grandpups, Callie and Minnie.

Known for her beautiful smile and great sense of humor, the presence she brought to this world is unmatched. Jackie will be greatly missed but fondly remembered by her loving family and dear friends.

A private Celebration of Life will be planned at a later date. For messages of condolence www.andersonwinfield.net. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jackie’s memory to any of the following charities that she held dear, www.stjude.org St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital www.mspea.org MSPCA www.savetheelephants.org Save the Elephants www.vintagepetrescue.org Vintage Pet Rescue

CHEVALIER, Jane L. (Harvey)

Of Winthrop, May 14, 2024. Cherished daughter of the late Ruth M. (Underwood) and George K. “Keith” Harvey. Devoted mother of the late Wade Stallings and the late Deborah Chevalier. Adored grandmother of Taylor Stallings of PA. Dear sister of Linda Beddeos and her husband, Frederic of Newburyport, Carolyn Nickerson of Winthrop, Richard Nichols and his wife, Donna of Lawrence and the late Loraine Allen. Jane was the mother-in-law of Lorraine Stallings. Jane worked as a bookkeeper at Rice, Heard and Bigelow Financial Group in Boston. She was the past Treasurer of the Margaret Winthrop Rebekah Lodge #153 of Winthrop and had been awarded the title of “Noble Grand” of the lodge. Visiting Hours in the Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home, 210 Winthrop St., WINTHROP, on Monday, May 20, from 10AM-12PM, followed by a funeral Service in the funeral home beginning at 12PM. Relatives and friends are invited, Interment in Winthrop Cemetery (Belle Isle Section). For guestbook and directions please visit www.mauricekirbyfh.com.

JACK, James A.



 Of Peabody, formerly of Reading, May 14, 2024. Beloved husband of Katherine M. (Quinn) Jack. Devoted father of Brian A. Jack and his wife, Margaret of Watertown CT, Kevin J. Jack and his wife, Anne of Reading, Maureen K. Primrose and her husband, Scott of Allendale, NJ, Kenneth E. Jack of Woburn and Bonnie E. McCulloch and her husband, George of Bedford. Cherished brother of Nola Bennett and her husband, Jack of Plum Island, the late Douglass Jack and his wife, Jane of Windham, NH and the late Heather Jack. Loving grandfather of ten and loving great-grandfather of two. A Visitation will be held at the Douglass, Edgerly and Bessom Funeral Home, 25 Sanborn St. (corner of Woburn St.), READING, on Wednesday, May 22, from 9:00 to 10:30am, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Athanasius Church, 300 Haverhill St., Reading, at 11:00am. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Charles Lawn Cemetery in Reading. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, www.give.michaeljfox.org in James’s memory. James was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. www.douglassfuneralhome.com

OHMSTEDE, Margaret B. (Cawley)



Of Duxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain, passed away peacefully at home, on May 13, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. Margaret was the beloved daughter of the late Winifred and Patrick Cawley. She spent 50 wonderful years with her devoted husband, Karl Ohmstede, until his death in 2017. Margaret leaves her son, Karl Ohmstede and his wife, Laura (Whyte) of Duxbury; her sister, Sr. Veronica Cawley, MMM; and her sisters-in-law, Mary Cawley and Kay Cawley. Margaret was predeceased by her sisters, Mary Riley, Kathleen Cawley, Winifred Cawley, Patricia Cawley Rabbit and Ann Cawley. She was also predeceased by her brothers, James, John, Thomas and Richard. She is survived by many nieces and nephews and friends. Services for Margaret will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at the Holy Family Church in Duxbury, at 10am.

Announcements

SHEET METAL WORKERS’ LOCAL UNION 17

Mourns the loss of retired member Robert Foster, who passed away on March 3, 2024. He was a member of Local 17 for 58 years.

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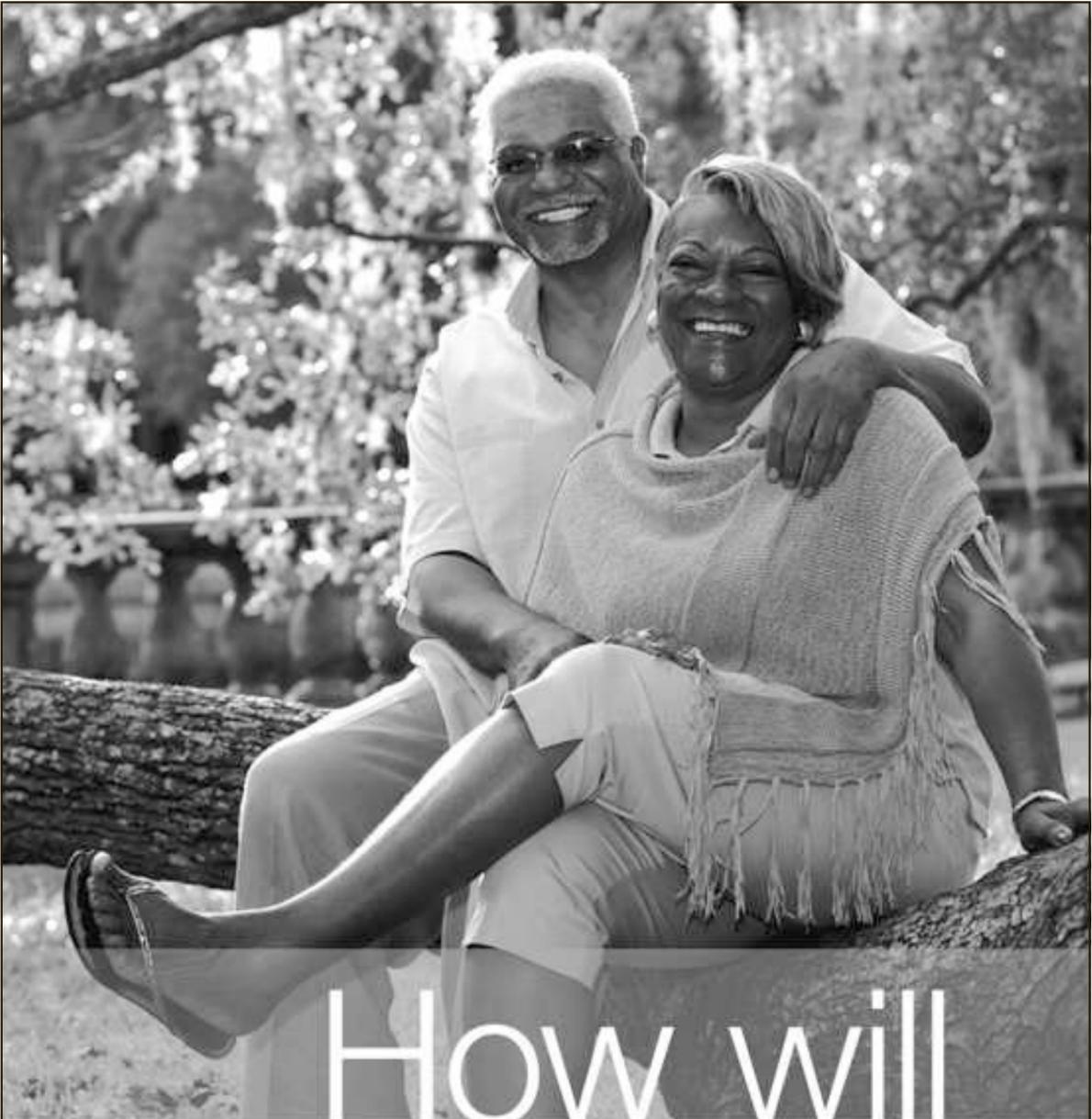
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Obituaries

Katherine Porter, 82, painter of intuitive expressionism and spontaneity

By Will Heinrich

NEW YORK TIMES

Katherine Porter, a painter who carried an intuitive, dreamy, vividly colored branch of expressionism into the 21st century, died April 22 at her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was 82.

LewAllen Galleries in Santa Fe, which represents her, said the cause was a heart attack.

Ms. Porter used a standard, if slightly idiosyncratic, vocabulary of early modernist abstraction: thick, freely floating steps, curves and spirals; triangles, squares and a plethora of circles; occasional incursions into meaning and representation, like snippets of writing, depictions of barbed wire or shapes that evoke buildings, weather or pointed arch windows; and stormy collisions of these elements that seemed to have overflowed onto the canvas under their own power.

What was distinctive about Ms. Porter's version was its large scale, its unmistakably unfiltered quality and its color.

Unlike the figurative expressionists, who altered colors to heighten their emotional effects, or the purely abstract expressionists, for whom colors had meaning only on canvas, Ms. Porter had a palette that was entirely personal, making contact with the natural world just long enough to spirit viewers back into her own psychology.

In "Fire, Water, Sun and Moon," a 1979 canvas more than 11 feet long that belongs to the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, a diagonal wave of curling blue

lines shoots across the frame while a small yellow sun in the upper right corner shines in vain against a troubled pink sky. Pink sky and blue waves spark a sense of recognition — but toppling gold and lavender towers above the wave, and a thrumming black circle beneath, transform the scene from an external place to an interior vision.

"New York Number," at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, is divided into red, white, orange and black quarters that support a vibrant, mosaiclike rectangular procession of little dashes in roughly the colors of the larger sections, with the addition of light blue. It doesn't quite harmonize, but it isn't distinctly dissonant either. Instead, the piece conveys a lingering emotional turmoil.

A recent retrospective at LewAllen Galleries, filled with smoky oranges, cloudy blues and unexpected grays, was titled "Brilliance of Spontaneity Untamed." The gallery credited those words to a remark made by Pablo Picasso scholar Lydia Csato Gasman.

Of course, spontaneity isn't for everyone. Ms. Porter's work drew mixed notices from critics.

Writing in The New York Times in 1983, John Russell described her as "a one-woman fireworks display." But "like most fireworks displays," he added, "she has a limited formal repertory." Thomas Lawson, writing in Artforum in 1981, blamed her for "conveniently forgetting to include the hard kernel of radical thought" that had originally motivated the expressionist



KATHERINE PORTER VIA LEWALLEN GALLERIES

Painter Katherine Porter, in an undated photo, moved to Boston in 1967 for a time and taught at area schools.

techniques she adopted.

What was beyond doubt was Ms. Porter's devotion to her approach. After describing her, in New York magazine in 1987, as "someone who has never tempered a brushstroke or bothered

to suppress a wayward impulse," Kay Larson went on to suggest that Ms. Porter had, "by sheer endurance and grit, turned her art's weaknesses into a kind of signature."

Katherine Louanne Pavlis was

born on Sept. 11, 1941, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to John Pavlis, who was vice president of his father's office furniture factory, and Evelyn (Fawcett) Pavlis, who by 1944 was raising three small children.

John Pavlis was killed while serving in the Navy in World War II. Evelyn Pavlis later married Jack Greedy.

Ms. Porter was married twice, first to Stephen Porter, a sculptor and a nephew of painter Fairfield Porter, and then to Mark Dietrich, a carpenter. They separated, and he died a few years later. She is survived by a brother, Ned Greedy, and a sister, Karen Pavlis Sielaff.

In 1963, Katherine Pavlis graduated from Colorado College, where she studied art with painter Bernard Arnest, first heard about abstract expressionism and pop art, and, as she recalled in a recent video interview, learned to be "free" in her work.

At Boston University, where she spent her junior year, her experience was the opposite: She followed rigorous courses on anatomy and perspective with Walter Murch and Conger Metcalf.

"We painted eggs for a semester in Conger Metcalf's class — drew them and then painted them," she recalled.

While her first husband pursued an MFA at Cornell University, Ms. Porter worked the night shift at a bowling alley and sewed Naugahyde at a furniture factory. She eventually found a job teaching grade school.

After moving alone to Boston in 1967, she continued teaching, working at the Storefront Learn-

ing Center in the South End neighborhood and at a Quaker school in Cambridge. She also befriended art dealers Joan Sonabend and Phyllis Rosen, who helped her get a National Endowment for the Arts grant in 1972. They also connected her with New York gallerist David McKee, who began showing her work in 1974.

By then she had sold her first painting, to dealer and painter Betty Parsons, whom she met through another painter, Aline Porter, her mother-in-law.

Ms. Porter was awarded honorary doctorates by Colby College and Bowdoin College in Maine, and her paintings appeared in the Whitney Biennial in 1973 and 1981. In New York, in addition to McKee, Sydney Janis and Andre Emmerich showed her work. It has been collected by the Whitney Museum, the Guggenheim, the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

After moving to Boston, Ms. Porter lived a peripatetic life. In 1976 she moved to Belfast, Maine, where she converted a former hardware store into a studio and lived above it. She also spent nearly a decade in Montreal, with summers in Nova Scotia; visited the Galápagos Islands with her first husband and Buenos Aires, Argentina, with her second; made annual trips to Provence, France; returned to Maine; used a rented loft in New York as a home base for visiting-artist work nearby; and, just last year, relocated to Santa Fe in hopes that the weather would help her arthritis.

Rick Mackey, 71; part of Iditarod-winning family

By Mark Thiessen

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANCHORAGE — Rick Mackey, the winner of the 1983 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, has died of lung cancer, his daughter told the Associated Press Wednesday. Mr. Mackey, who died Monday, was 71.

The Mackey name is closely tied to the history of the Iditarod, the grueling race that takes mushers and their dog teams 1,000 miles across the Alaska wilderness to the finish line on the Bering Sea coast. Rick's father, Dick, won the race in 1978, and his late brother Lance won an unprecedented four straight championships from 2007 through 2010.

Rick Mackey was diagnosed with lung cancer two weeks after his brother died of cancer in September 2022, according to Rick Mackey's daughter, Brenda Mackey.

All three Mackeys won their first Iditarod in their sixth attempts, and all wore the bib No. 13.

"It felt pretty profound, hon-

estly, that my dad died on (May) 13th," Brenda Mackey said. "You know, it seemed pretty fitting."

Rick Mackey was born in Concord, N.H., on May 1, 1953, and moved with family to Alaska in 1959.

Before the first Iditarod in 1973, Brenda said her father asked Dick Mackey for a dog. "My grandpa got him a dog, and then he got two more dogs," she said. Soon, they were spending weekends at sled dog races — Rick racing on Saturdays in junior events and Dick Mackey in adult races on Sundays.

Rick met his future wife, Patti, at a 1973 community gathering to prepare Dick Mackey to run in the first Iditarod.

Their love and the start of what is now the world's most famous sled dog race have been intertwined from the start. She and Rick handled dogs at the start of the 1974 Iditarod. He ran his first race a year later.

"We were both very good with dogs, so it was a pretty good match," Patti Mackey said.

They married in 1977. Bren-

da was born a year later, and son Roland was born in 1996.

When not racing, Rick and Patti Mackey ran their own kennel and bred dogs. Not only does she consider her husband the best musher, but he was also an "incredible" trainer, she said.

"This man could train a dog team, he just had a real rapport with those dogs," Patti Mackey said. Her husband twice won the Iditarod's Humanitarian Award for exceptional dog care.

"All through our life, we've been fortunate enough to be able to have that kind of lifestyle and bring our children up in an environment that not too many people get the privilege" of experiencing, she said.

Rick Mackey participated in 22 Iditarods between 1975 and 2004, notching 13 top 10 finishes, including coming in second in 1994 behind four-time champion Martin Buser.

Mackey is one of six mushers who have won both of the 1,000-mile sled dog races in North America, the Iditarod and the now-defunct Yukon Quest Inter-

national Sled Race between Alaska and Canada. Lance Mackey also is among those six.

In the 1999 Iditarod, "All My Children" actress Susan Lucci won an auction to be an Iditarider, or the person who rides in a musher's sled during the ceremonial start in Anchorage, and rode in Rick Mackey's sled for the 11-mile leisurely jaunt through the streets of Alaska's largest city.

Rick Mackey's greatest accomplishment was his family, his wife said.

"He loved dogs, he loved racing, but bottom line, nothing else mattered more than his children and me," she said. "He was just very kind."

His racing career slowed down as he aged, and he and Patti took school district jobs in Nenana, a community about 60 miles southwest of Fairbanks. He led the maintenance and custodians for 17 years before retiring.

The family is tentatively planning services for Memorial Day weekend.



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Mr. Gossage said his approach sometimes borrowed from boxing promoters Bob Arum and Don King.

Eddie Gossage, head of Texas Motor Speedway, 65

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — Eddie Gossage, the longtime head of Texas Motor Speedway and an old-school promoter mentored by stock car racing's pioneers, has died, Speedway Motorsports announced Thursday night. He was 65.

Mr. Gossage stepped down three years ago after 25 years as president of the track in Fort Worth, Texas. In all, Mr. Gossage spent 32 years working for Speedway Motorsports, learning the art of selling tickets, packing grandstands, and turning races into must-see spectacles from company founder Bruton Smith and longtime executive Humpy Wheeler.

"There was nothing too crazy for Eddie," IndyCar team owner Bobby Rahal said Friday. "There was nothing too extreme for Eddie in terms of promotions at the races. He was a promoter. You don't see that often anymore. Most people, yeah, they rent the track out and that's it, and then complain about not enough spectators coming or something. He was a promoter."

Mr. Gossage had worked for Miller Brewing Co. in motor-sports management before joining Speedway Motorsports in 1989. He was still a young public relations director three years later when, during a news conference to promote NASCAR's first nighttime All-Star race — appropriately billed "One Hot Night" — one of his stunts literally set Smith's hair on fire.

Smith was tasked with throwing a giant light switch rigged by Mr. Gossage to highlight the speedway's new lighting system. But it shorted out, and sparks flew, and Mr. Gossage once recalled, "I thought I was headed for the unemployment line for sure."

"But for some reason, Bruton kept me around," Mr. Gossage said several years ago, "and it wasn't long after that he gave me an opportunity I could have only dreamed of."

Smith had begun buying land in North Texas, and he sent Mr. Gossage from Charlotte to Fort Worth in 1995 to oversee the project as general manager. Texas Motor Speedway opened two years later for its first NASCAR race, and soon it became one of the premier entertainment facilities in the country, along with a centerpiece of the Speedway Motorsports portfolio.

The 1,500-acre complex includes the 1.5-mile superspeedway, 194 luxury suites, 76 condominiums, a nine-story Speedway Club, office space and the 11,000-seat Texas Motor Speedway Dirt Track.

When he announced his retirement in 2021, Mr. Gossage said his approach sometimes borrowed from boxing promoters Bob Arum and Don King — and that his ideas were sometimes outrageous. But his intentions were always for the best interest of the fans, the racing and the speedway, and that is why so many remembered him so fondly on Friday.

"Eddie Gossage was a consummate promoter whose outside-the-box ideas helped engage fans across the country," NASCAR said in a statement Friday. "He was truly passionate about motorsports and always looking for the next great idea to bring new fans to the sport and keep them entertained at the racetrack."

Funeral arrangements were pending. Survivors include Mr. Gossage's wife, Melinda, a daughter, son, and three grandchildren.

Robert Dennard, inventor who changed computing; 91

By Steve Lohr

NEW YORK TIMES

Robert H. Dennard, an engineer who invented the silicon memory technology that plays an indispensable role in every smartphone, laptop, and tablet computer, died April 23 in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. He was 91.

The cause of death, at a hospital, was a bacterial infection, said his daughter, Holly Dennard.

Robert Dennard's pioneering work began at IBM in the 1960s, when the equipment to hold and store computer data was expensive, hulking — often room-size machines — and slow. He was studying the emerging field of microelectronics, which used silicon-based transistors to store digital bits of information.

In 1966, Dr. Dennard invented a way to store one digital bit on one transistor — a technology called dynamic random-access memory, or DRAM, which holds the information as an electrical charge that slowly fades over time and must be refreshed periodically.

His discovery opened the door to previously unimaginable improvement in data capacity, with lower costs and higher speeds, all using tiny silicon chips.

DRAM has been the basis of steady progress in the decades since. High-speed, high-capacity

memory chips hold and quickly shuttle data to a computer's microprocessor, which converts it into text, sound, and images. Streaming videos on YouTube, playing music on Spotify or Apple Music and using AI chatbots like ChatGPT depend on them.

"DRAM has made much of modern computing possible," said John Hennessy, chair of Alphabet, Google's parent company.

Dr. Dennard also devised a concept that has served as a road map for future advances in microelectronics. Debuted in an initial paper in 1972, and fleshed out in another two years later, he described the physics that would allow transistors to shrink and become more powerful and less costly, even as the energy each one consumed would remain almost constant.

The principle, known as Dr. Dennard scaling, was complementary to a prediction made in 1965 by Gordon Moore, who went on to co-found Intel. Moore claimed that the number of transistors that could be crammed onto a silicon chip could be doubled about every two years — and that computing power and speed would accelerate on that trajectory. His prediction became known as Moore's Law.

Moore's Law concerned the density of transistors on a chip,

whereas Dennard scaling mainly concerned power consumption, and by 2005, it reached its limits: Transistors had become so tiny, they began to leak electrons, causing chips to heat up and consume more energy.

But Dr. Dennard's approach to identifying challenges in the technology, researchers say, has had a lasting impact on chip development.

"Everybody in semiconductors studied his principles to get where we are today," said Lisa Su, CEO of Advanced Micro Devices, a large chipmaker, and a former colleague of Dennard's at IBM.

Robert Dennard was born Sept. 5, 1932, in Terrell, Texas, the youngest of four children. His father, Buford Dennard, was a dairy farmer, and his mother, Loma Dennard, was a homemaker who also worked in a school cafeteria.

The family moved east when Robert was a small child, and he began his education in a one-room schoolhouse near Carthage, Texas. The family later moved to Irving, then a small town, when his father got a job with a fertilizer company there.

Growing up, Robert developed an appreciation for the arts, reading the H.G. Wells stories and Ogden Nash poems that his oldest sister, Evangelina, had left behind when she departed

Texas to be an Army nurse during World War II. In an oral history interview for the Computer History Museum in 2009, he recalled listening countless times to an album of Sigmund Romberg operettas. "She left me behind some really good things to start off some kind of intellectual career," he said of his sister.

In high school, he was a good student, especially in math and English, and had planned to go to a nearby junior college. But his aptitude for music offered a different path. He played the E-flat bass in his high school band, and when the director of the Southern Methodist University band visited, he offered Dennard a scholarship.

"That was my opportunity," Dr. Dennard recalled.

Though music was his entry point, he earned undergraduate and master's degrees in electrical engineering at the university. He later received a doctorate from the Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University.

In 1958, Dr. Dennard was hired by IBM, where he spent his entire career until retiring in 2014.

In addition to his daughter and his wife, Robert Dennard is survived by another daughter, Amy Dennard, and four grandchildren. His son, Robert H. Dennard Jr., died in 1998.

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Mass. employers cut jobs for second month

Slipping numbers indicate economy continues to slow as interest rates stay high

By Larry Edelman
GLOBE COLUMNIST

Massachusetts lost jobs for the second straight month in April, the first back-to-back decline since the pandemic hit in the spring of 2020 — and fresh evidence the economy is slowing in the face of high interest rates.

Employers cut 500 jobs last month, according to US Labor Department data released on Friday. That followed a loss of 4,100 jobs in March.

The unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.9 percent, a full percentage point below the national average. The state's low jobless rate isn't entirely good news because it's driven more by a limited pool of workers than aggressive hiring.

Job growth has moderated nationally as well, as the Federal Reserve leans on the highest interest rates in more than two decades to restrain rising consumer prices. Inflation cooled substantially last year but remains above the central bank's 2 percent target.

Fed officials say they need more proof that inflation is moving closer to the target before cut-

ting rates.

The state's latest job data are "consistent with a weaker national economy being affected by Fed policy and local labor market constraints due to demographics," said Alan Clayton-Matthews, senior contributing editor for MassBenchmarks, an economics research collaboration between the UMass Donahue Institute and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

MassBenchmarks reported earlier this month that the state's economy advanced an annualized 1.8 percent in the first three months of the year, down from 3 percent in the final three months of 2023. The national slowdown was more pronounced, with growth dropping to 1.6 percent from 3.4 percent.

Looking at Massachusetts figures through April, employers added about 25 percent fewer jobs on average than in the first four months of last year.

Job losses last month were led by the leisure and hospitality sector, which shed 1,900 workers. Manufacturing lost 600 jobs, while the financial

sector cut 500 jobs. Gains in other sectors, including health and education services, weren't enough to offset the declines.

The state's labor force — the number of people with a job or looking for one — increased by more than 12,000 to 3.77 million, the highest since August.

The labor force has shrunk by nearly 53,000 since February 2020 amid retirements and workers leaving the state.

Clayton-Matthews cautioned that drawing conclusions from a couple of months of state-level data is risky. That's because the numbers are prone to more significant revisions than national data due to smaller sample sizes.

While the economy remains on solid ground, Clayton-Matthews said, changes can happen quickly.

"When the economy does turn, it can turn pretty sharply," he said.

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Moody's gives Boston AAA credit rating in new report

But points to trouble spots ahead that could possibly hurt revenue

By Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

As Mayor Michelle Wu pushes to change the city's tax structure in anticipation of a declining office market, a major credit rating agency affirmed this week that Boston's finances remain in great shape — at least for now.

As it has for more than a decade, Moody's Ratings gave Boston the highest possible credit grade, AAA, in a new report; Moody's cites Boston's diversified economy and prudent fiscal management. But the report also outlines potential trouble spots ahead, chiefly due to widespread adoption of hybrid and remote work and the related decline in the city's office market, which makes up 16 percent of its assessed tax base. Moody's said it's likely the total value of taxable commercial real estate in Boston could fall next year for the first time since 2010. That, in turn, could hurt tax revenue.

How city officials should respond is a matter of much debate lately.

The Wu administration is seeking approval from the City Council and the state Legislature to raise the tax rate it charges on commercial buildings for five years to mitigate the potential hit to homeowners and apartment landlords. Boston's commercial tax rate is already two-and-a-half times the residential rate, but Wu's plan could increase that multiple to nearly three times. City officials say the overall tax bills for many commercial properties would still decline under this scenario, while business groups say this is the wrong time to be raising rates on office buildings and their tenants.

The Moody's report stays neutral on Wu's plan — good news for the mayor and her chief financial officer, Ashley Groffenberger.

"They note it's more of a political challenge than a fiscal challenge for us," Groffenberger said. "We view it as a positive that they note it, but they don't view it as good or bad."

Senior analyst Nicholas Lehman, the report's lead author, said city officials face a tough balancing act between adding to the already high cost of living — a significant residential tax hike could hit as soon as 2025, an election year, if Wu's plan isn't adopted — and pushing more of the tax burden onto commercial landlords and businesses, many of whom are still struggling after the pandemic.

"At the end of the day, the more tools you have to address a challenge, the better," Lehman said. "By [filing] the home rule petition, they're adding a tool to the toolbox to address the issue. From a credit perspective, that's a good thing."

However, Lehman's report pointed to two other bills before the Legislature that could also help with budgeting: One that would allow City Hall to raise local hotel and meals taxes and another that could place a fee on the proceeds of real estate sales over \$1 million.

And Lehman noted there are other tools to address what he calls a "manageable challenge," including dipping into the city's \$1.2 billion rainy day fund or paring back expenses.

That's exactly what critics such as the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, a business-backed budget watchdog, and the Greater Boston Real Estate Board have been saying.

Marty Walz, the research bureau's interim president, pointed to Boston's high personnel costs and education costs in particular that Moody's cited as "credit challenges." Her group recently released its own report with a list of potential alternatives that include cutting expenses and using some of the city's savings.

"This is saying there's not one path to addressing this potential problem," Walz said of the Moody's report. "It means the mayor has got a fair amount of flexibility. So does the city council. [But] a clear-eyed view would suggest there's trouble on the horizon and we should not be satisfied with where we are today."

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Massport is responsible for Logan Airport (above), Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport, among other properties.

A familiar face is among two finalists for Massport CEO

By Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

A selection committee for the Massachusetts Port Authority has narrowed down the search for its new CEO to two candidates: New York City Transit president Rich Davey and Eulois Cleckley, CEO of the transportation department for Miami-Dade County.

Massport board chair Patricia Jacobs presented both names during a board meeting on Thursday, with a goal of prompting the full board to pick one at a meeting next week. The winner will replace Lisa Wieland, who left in November to be New England president at National Grid; she earned nearly \$400,000 a year leading Massport. Since Wieland's departure, Massport has been run by Ed Freni, the port authority's aviation director, on an interim basis.

Davey would be a familiar face to many in Boston: He led the MBTA before becoming then-governor Deval Patrick's transportation secretary, a role he held from 2011 through 2014. (In that role, he also chaired Massport's

board.) In 2015, he led the Boston 2024 effort to bring the Summer Olympics to the city. He also worked as a partner at Boston Consulting Group from 2017 through 2022 before becoming president of New York City Transit roughly two years ago.

As with Davey, Cleckley has extensive experience in transportation. Cleckley held key transportation jobs in Washington, D.C., and Denver before taking over the Miami-Dade County Department of Transportation and Public Works, which oversees the largest transit system in Florida.

Massport hired search firm Isaacson, Miller in October to help with the search, which was conducted by Jacobs along with board members Warren Fields and Sean O'Brien. Jacobs said the "comprehensive national search" focused on "leaders with deep experience in managing large enterprises" with transportation and capital-intensive projects, along with economic development and community engagement. Dozens of candidates were screened in January, February, and March. Ul-

timately, 10 candidates were invited for first round interviews in late March, Jacobs said; five were women and six were people of color. "We feel very good about the diversity aspects," Jacobs said.

The list was eventually narrowed down to three candidates, including one woman and one person of color (a reference to Cleckley), before the selection committee presented the two finalists to Massport's board on Thursday.

Massport is by far the largest quasi-public authority in the state, with responsibility for Logan Airport, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport, along with cargo and cruise ship terminals in South Boston and a number of nearby development parcels. The authority employs nearly 1,300 people, with as many as 20,000 employed by tenants at Massport facilities. Its annual revenue totals about \$1 billion, with the vast majority coming from aviation.

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Moderna wins battle in vaccine patent dispute

By Jonathan Saltzman
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Moderna said Friday that the European Patent Office has upheld the validity of one of its key patents, a victory in a continuing dispute with Pfizer and BioNTech over rival COVID-19 vaccines.

Cambridge-based Moderna has been fighting Pfizer and BioNTech in the courts over the partners' COVID shot, called Comirnaty. Moderna sued them in 2022 for allegedly copying its messenger RNA technology.

Pfizer and BioNTech, its German business partner, filed a countersuit, alleging that Moderna's patent was invalid.

Comirnaty and Moderna's vaccine, Spikevax, generated billions of dollars during the pandemic. But revenues have plunged as the health threat receded and there was tepid interest in booster shots.



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Cambridge-based Moderna has been in a continuing dispute with Pfizer and BioNTech over rival COVID-19 vaccines.

"We are pleased that the European Patent Office decided to maintain the validity of Moderna's EP949 patent, one of the key patents currently asserted against Pfizer and BioNTech in various European national courts," Moderna said in a state-

ment to the Globe.

Moderna said it expected that Pfizer-BioNTech will appeal the decision. New York-based Pfizer told Reuters that it was disappointed in the decision and would consider all legal options.

"Irrespective of the outcome of this legal matter, we will continue to manufacture and supply the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine," Pfizer said in a statement to Reuters.

The oral decision was handed down on Thursday, according to the Financial Times, which was the first to report the matter.

A written decision is expected to be published in the coming months.

Moderna's stock was largely unchanged on Friday, rising 0.17 percent to close at \$132.90.

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SWANSEA – FAP No. HSI-003S(351)X Improvements on Route 6 (Grand Army of the Republic Highway) at Gardeners Neck Road (608563)	\$6,163,000.00
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.	PROJECT VALUE
HOPEDALE-UPTON-GRAFTON – FAP No. NHP(NHS)-003S(731)X Resurfacing and Related Work on Route 140 (612098)	\$5,761,000.00
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BY: Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Highway Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division
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Shareholders at Boeing OK \$32.8m for top executive

Boeing shareholders on Friday approved CEO David Calhoun's \$32.8 million compensation and heard leaders explain what the troubled aircraft maker is doing to improve the quality and safety of its planes after a door plug blew off a Boeing 737 Max jetliner in January.

Calhoun said the company is finishing a 90-day plan for fixing its manufacturing problems — a report the Federal Aviation Administration demanded after the door-plug blowout.

The CEO added that the company is still working to complete an acquisition of key supplier Spirit AeroSystems, but he gave no deadline for completion. Spirit makes fuselages for Max jets and has been a source of manufacturing flaws.

The shareholder meeting was conducted online and heavily scripted. A moderator posed a handful of shareholder questions, which Calhoun and Steven Mollenkopf, the new chairman of Boeing's Board of Directors, fielded by seeming to read their answers. None of the questions were too pointed.

Shareholders approved an advisory measure on executive compensation and rejected shareholder resolutions dealing with subjects such as pay gaps for women and people of color.

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Mercedes employees in Ala. reject union bid

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Workers at two Mercedes-Benz factories near Tuscaloosa, Ala., voted overwhelmingly against joining the United Auto Workers on Friday, a setback in the union's drive to organize plants in the historically nonunion South.

The workers voted 56 percent against the union, according to tallies released by the National Labor Relations Board, which ran the election.

The NLRB's final tally showed a vote of 2,642 to 2,045 workers against the union. A total of 5,075 voters were eligible to vote at an auto assembly plant and a battery factory in and near Vance, Ala., the board said.

The NLRB said both sides have five business days to file objections to the election. The union must wait a year before seeking another vote.

The voting at the two Mercedes factories comes a month after the UAW scored a breakthrough victory at Volkswagen's assembly factory in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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OpenAI and Reddit OK partnership

Reddit forged a partnership with OpenAI that will bring its content to the chatbot ChatGPT and other products, while also helping the social media company add new artificial intelligence features to its forums.

Shares of Reddit, which had their initial public offering in March, were up 10 percent on Friday.

The agreement "will enable OpenAI's AI tools to better understand and showcase Reddit content, especially on recent topics," the companies said Thursday in a joint statement. The deal allows OpenAI to display Reddit's content and train AI systems on its partner's data.

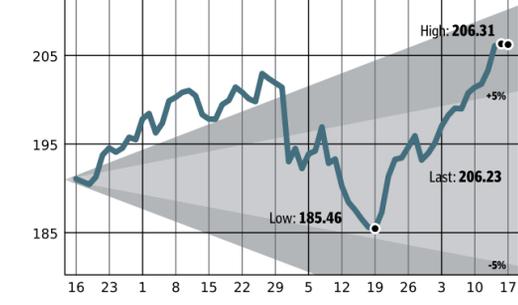
Reddit will also offer its users new AI-based tools built on models created by OpenAI, which will place ads on its partner's site. Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

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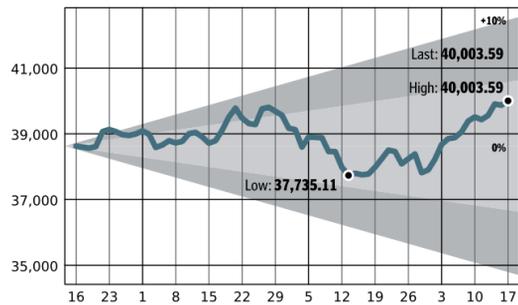
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TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	100.29	+1.37	+1.4	113.6
Boston Scientific (BSX)	74.65	+0.10	+0.1	109.7
Analog Devices (ADI)	214.08	-0.04	-0.0	106.2
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GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	162.62	-3.78	-2.3	44.6
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Eversource (ES)	60.96	-0.50	-0.8	21.4
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Entegris Inc (ENTG)	129.50	-1.07	-0.8	19.5
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	149.40	-1.82	-1.2	18.9
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	75.02	+0.07	+0.1	17.5
Akamai (AKAM)	95.21	-1.66	-1.7	14.5
Dynatrace Inc (DT)	48.10	-0.37	-0.8	14.2

Markets

Winning week for US stock indexes

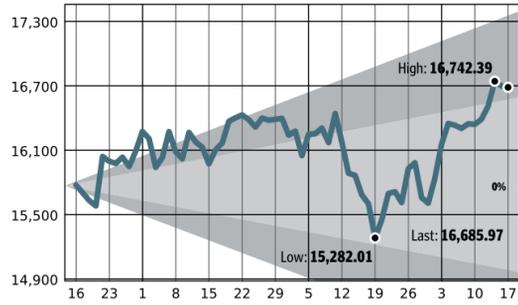
The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished a day above the 40,000 level for the first time on Friday as US stock indexes drifted around their records while closing out their latest winning week. The Dow rose 134.21 points, or 0.3%, to 40,003.59, a day after briefly topping the 40,000 level for the first time. It and other indexes on Wall Street have been climbing since the autumn of 2022 as the US economy and corporate profits have managed to hold up despite high inflation, the punishing effects of high interest rates and worries about a recession that seemed inevitable but hasn't arrived. The S&P 500, which is the much more important index for Wall Street and most retirement savers, added 6.17 points, or 0.1%, to 5,303.27. It finished just 0.1% shy of its record set on Wednesday and closed out a fourth straight week of gains. The Nasdaq composite slipped 12.35 points, or 0.1%, to 16,685.97. Despite the placid movements for indexes, some feverish action was roiling underneath. Reddit jumped 10% after announcing that a partnership where OpenAI will bring the social-media company's content to ChatGPT and become an advertising partner, among other things. Wall Street's frenzy around artificial-intelligence technology has continued to build despite some warnings of a potential bubble.

DOW JONES industrial average



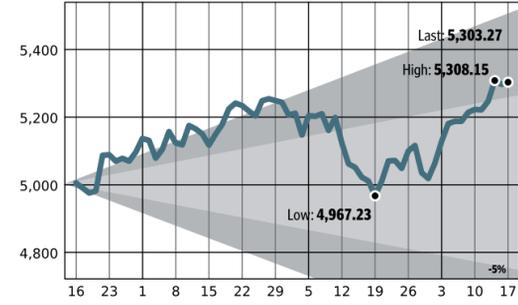
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NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 16,685.97 ▼ 12.35 ▼ 0.1% ▲ YTD 11.2%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 5,303.27 ▲ 6.17 ▲ 0.1% ▲ YTD 11.2%

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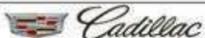
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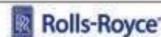


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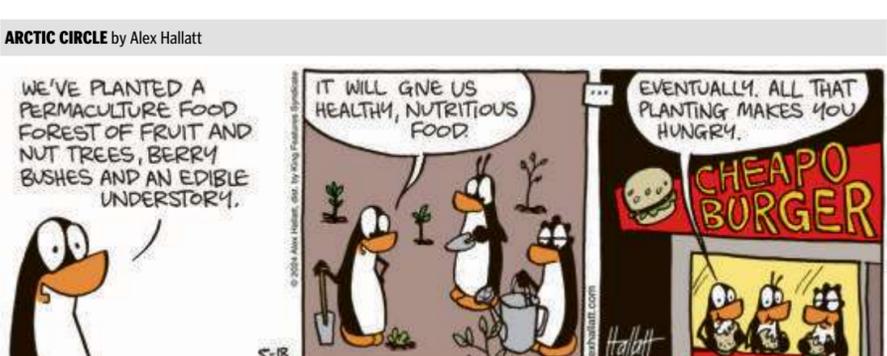
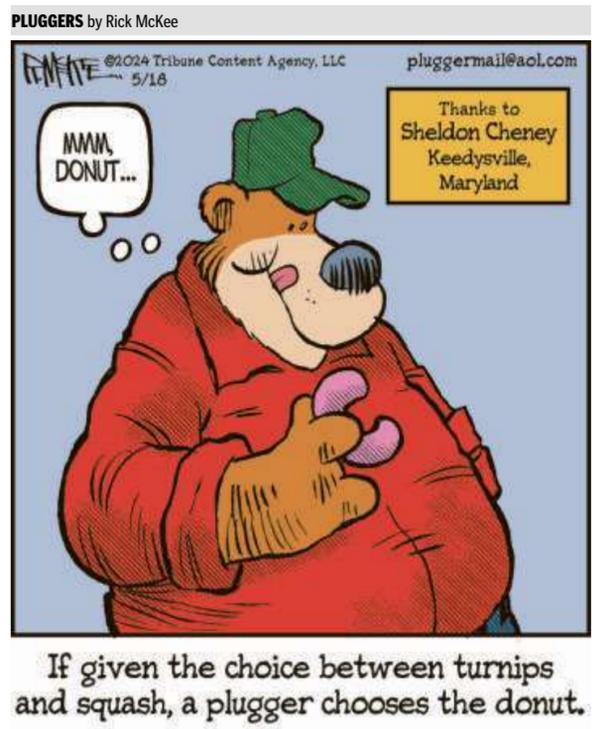
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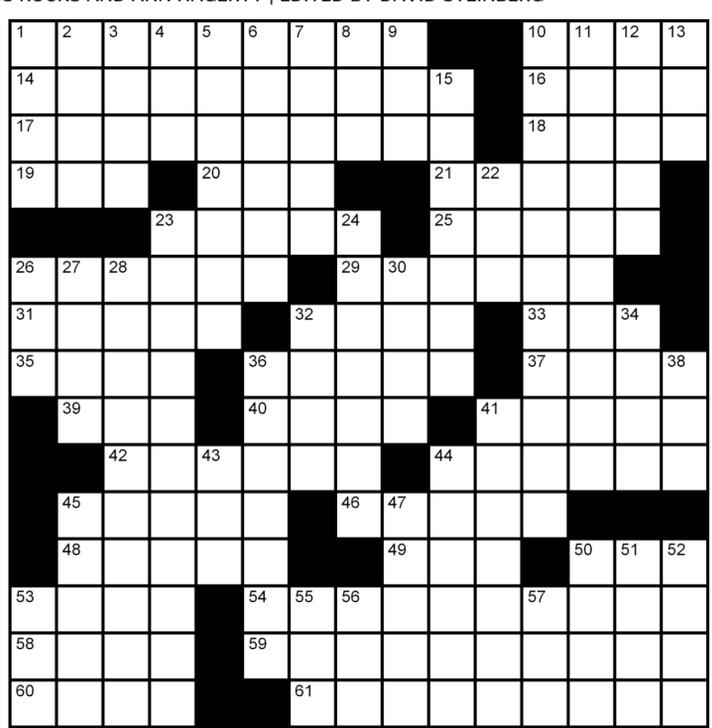




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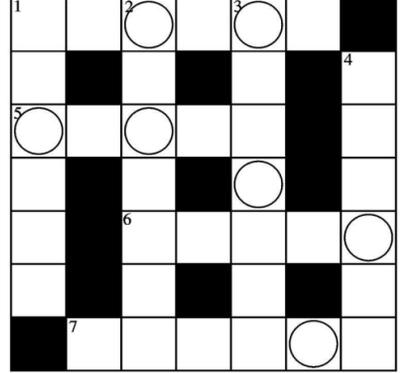
- ACROSS**
- 1 Egyptian queen who branded herself the "new Isis"
 - 10 Classy bloke
 - 14 UB40 bop whose title is sung before "you make me feel so fine"
 - 16 Iconic lab assistant
 - 17 Nemesis of the angel on your shoulder?
 - 18 Yea or nay, say
 - 19 Featherly accessory
 - 20 Iowa college
 - 21 Through line
 - 23 Curves in a road
 - 25 Egg-shaped tomatoes
 - 26 1986 sci-fi sequel, or beings in the movie
 - 29 Tidy up
 - 31 Try to get attention from, cat-style
 - 32 Business such as REI
 - 33 Mutual _____
 - 35 Periods of time
 - 36 Baby deer
 - 37 "Better Call _____"
 - 39 Winter hrs. in Tijuana
 - 40 Europe's youngest mountain range
 - 41 Nature-based religion
 - 42 Groom-to-be
 - 44 Messy spot on a farm
 - 45 Tangy taco topper
 - 46 Request from a toddler who's been swung into the air
 - 48 An old one dies hard
 - 49 "Uhh ..."
 - 50 Accurate, to a texter (despite the missing "e")
- DOWN**
- 1 Baby's bed
 - 2 Famed car collector
 - 3 Poet _____ St. Vincent Millay
 - 4 Unrefined metal
 - 5 "I have to go 150 _____ or nothing at all" (Patti LaBelle)
 - 6 They're so extra!
 - 7 Professional jacket material
 - 8 Edge of a glass
 - 9 12 months, in Sao Paulo
 - 10 Plea to the universe
 - 11 Self-centered sorts
 - 12 Musical symbols
 - 13 Uno, due, _____
 - 15 Catches in a snare
 - 22 Like a steam bath
 - 23 Hip-hop trio with the album "Paul's Boutique"
 - 24 Stir-fry staple
 - 26 Bonobo, e.g.
 - 27 Onodora game with costumes
 - 28 "Someone set me up!"



- 30 They're much longer than 35-Across
- 32 Derivative subj.
- 34 It could carry air or a tear
- 36 Extreme enthusiast
- 38 Create, as groundwork
- 41 Certain Nintendo controller
- 43 "_____ the only one?"
- 44 Polite "Huh?"
- 45 Butter maker
- 47 Comedy or drama, e.g.
- 50 Panang curry's cuisine
- 51 Toothy garden tool
- 52 Some Indigenous Coloradans
- 53 Apt rhyme of "Ahh ..."
- 55 Half-_____ (coffee request)
- 56 Pirate's cry
- 57 Cinematic cable channel

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- CLUE ACROSS ANSWER**
- 1. Notable to many MAUOFS
 - 5. Thick DSEEN
 - 6. Passageway SILAE
 - 7. Instant _____ RALEPY
- CLUE DOWN ANSWER**
- 1. Move restlessly DTEGIF
 - 2. Order NAMTEDA
 - 3. Cooking _____ STILNEU
 - 4. Infrequently RYAELR
- DOUBLE BONUS**
- The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.
- How to play
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Boston's forecast

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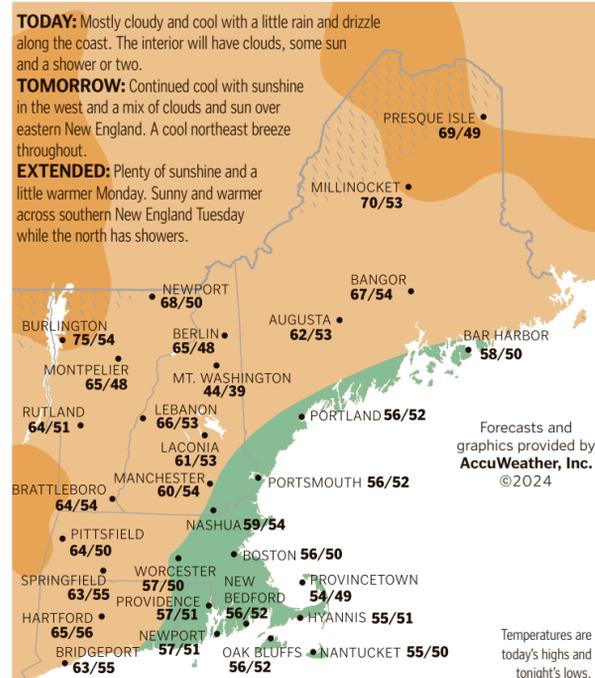
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Tides

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New England marine forecast

Table with 4 columns: Location, Wind, Seas, Temp.

Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow.

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You are passionate and care deeply about everything around you. You have a strong sense of justice and will defend the rights of others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Unexpected and surprising events might make you a tiny bit richer today. You might find money. (Admittedly, you might lose money.)

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is the perfect day to shop for wardrobe items for yourself. You might buy something unusual and perhaps a bit daring.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You might feel restless today. Nevertheless, it's a wonderful day to meditate or ponder profound ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Today you might meet someone unusual who is thrilling, stimulating and interesting. They might be creative or artistic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Something might happen today that makes you look really good to important people - parents, bosses, teachers and VIPs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Sudden opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. If so,

act quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Likewise, you might have an unexpected chance to get further training.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Keep your pockets open, because gifts, goodies and favors from others can come your way today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Keep an open mind today and be friendly. You might meet a real character - someone who is unusual, avant-garde or perhaps scientific.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your health might get a marvelous boost today. Or perhaps you will get a promotion at work.

Quite likely, a pet will be a source of joy. Perhaps a work-related romance will begin.

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Sudden romance might begin today. This is the classic day for love at first sight.

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SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

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BY FRANK STEWART
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Cy the Cynic defines self-restraint as the ability to resist temptation until something better comes along.

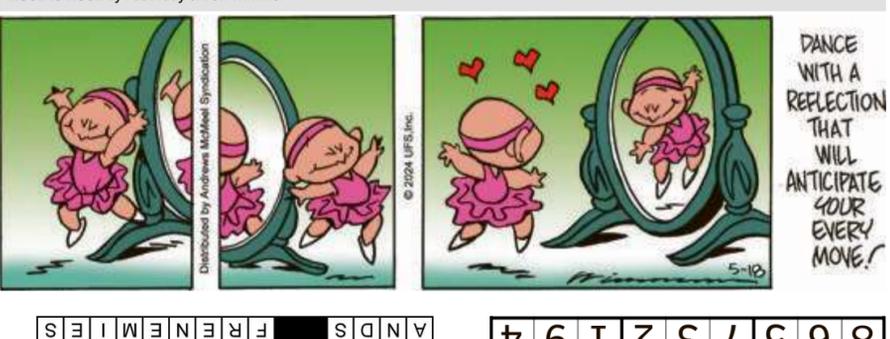
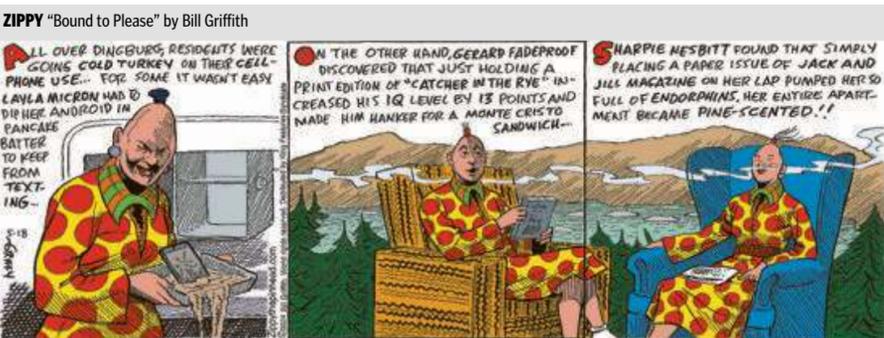
At today's four hearts, declarer wins the first club with the king and counts possible losers.

If South leads a trump at the second trick, East wins and returns a club, setting up the defenders' club trick.

South must lead a spade to the queen at Trick Two, gaining time. East takes the king and returns a club.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K 9 5 4 ♥ A 4 ♦ 10 8 6 2 ♣ 9 7 3.

ANSWER: Partner has a strong hand. For all he knows, you have zilch; you would have bid one spade on nothing.



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



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Ari Shapiro, a host of NPR's 'All Things Considered,' will give reality TV a try.

Ari Shapiro to host new season of 'The Mole'

If you listen to an NPR station, you have probably heard Ari Shapiro's voice. He has been one of the hosts of 'All Things Considered' since 2015, and before that he was an international correspondent and a White House correspondent.

Now Shapiro is taking on another side gig, in reality TV. He'll be the host of the next season of 'The Mole,' which returns to Netflix on June 28 and will be set in Malaysia.

On the show, contestants try to perform tasks, while one of them secretly tries to undermine them. Amusingly, Shapiro unsuccessfully applied to be a contestant for the second season of 'The Mole' more than 20 years ago, when it was on ABC and hosted by Anderson Cooper.

'I love the sense of adventure,' Shapiro said about his long attraction to the show in an interview with Entertainment Weekly. 'I love that it takes place in interesting settings. Each episode takes you to a new location. I love that it doesn't seem unnecessarily cruel, that there's teamwork and puzzles and it always felt like fun.'

Concerned about wife's mental health

LOVE LETTERS

BY MEREDITH GOLDSTEIN

Q. I have been married for 15 years. We have two kids, a house, an entire life. Our marriage has been mostly happy throughout the years. My wife has some mental health issues that are getting severe. When I met her, I was aware that she had PTSD and was on medication for anxiety and depression.

Her condition is getting much worse, though. She now has physical ailments (digestion problems, odd pains and rashes, erratic physical functioning like numbness) and delusions. The delusions are bad and getting worse. Some of them are delusions of grandeur. Sometimes they are delusions about conspiracies against her.

The delusions make it hard to relate to her or even know what is going on with her. I cannot tell her that she is wrong, so I basically go along with the delusions. Some of them involve me. She will think I am evil at times or that I have been captured and am being used to attack her. She will go through stretches where she doesn't feel safe around me and gets really jumpy when I do things for her.

Obviously this is a huge strain on the entire family. We can't make plans because we have no idea what state she will be in at any given time. I never know how to approach her or what will set off a fight or an episode.

I don't want to leave her. I do believe in "in sickness and in health" and know she is really sick right now. I would not walk away if she were getting cancer treatment or if she had dementia or Alzheimer's.

I wound up speaking with Kirsten W. Bolton, program director of Appleton, a residential treatment program for people with psychotic disorders. (For those who don't know, McLean is a psychiatric hospital close to Boston.)

Before I get into what Bolton told me, please know that her thoughts are general ones. She can't diagnose a person or give specifics about a case after hearing about a letter sent to an advice column.

She did have some thoughts. 1. She said that in a case like this, get a second opinion. If you need help with that (finding and affording it), we can talk more via email, but she said "there are clinicians out there who don't really get great training when it comes to treating and identifying psychosis."

2. She said to take very good notes about everything that happens at home. Log all thoughts and changes. You'll be doing this for you, your kids, the medical professionals who want to help, and your wife. It's easier to get the right assistance if you can give specifics.

3. You can call your wife's care team and give them information. Bolton explained that there's nothing wrong with letting them know when she says something concerning, upsetting, or threatening ... because they need to be in the loop.

If you feel like you're in an emergency situation, treat it that way, she said. Be surrounded. Bolton mentioned 911, but she also said 988 is designed to help people in crisis. This relates to her point about taking notes, by the way, because when help arrives, you'll want records.

I asked how to talk to a spouse about this when they might not trust the people around them. She gave an example of how to frame the conversation, centering loved ones. "I need our kids to be safe. And I would hope that you would agree that our children need to be safe, and that we need to have a healthy, happy household. And that isn't happening right now, right? I'm worried that whatever is happening is getting in the way. How can we partner together to seek help to make this situation better?"

I also asked what a person could read for help. Bolton recommended a book: "I Am Not Sick I Don't Need Help!: How to Help Someone Accept Treatment" by Xavier Amador. Bolton said there's a method in the book designed to help loved ones communicate about all of this.

I want to add — with no expertise — that caregiving is complicated. If you're overwhelmed by the state of things and worried about safety, make a plan for next steps. Let others in your life know you need support. Talk to your therapist about what this could look like.

As for staying vs. leaving, it sounds like getting the right help has to happen first. That'll make it easier, I think, to make decisions you can feel OK about.

MEREDITH

READERS RESPOND:

I am not sure who her therapy team consists of or why they can't diagnose her, but I think I'd treat this as a medical problem and start seeing medical doctors instead of therapists. ASH

It's great that you won't "leave her" but please know that there is a difference between abandoning her and "staying married." JSMUS

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