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CELEBRATING TOM BRADY

With teammates from his illustrious career on hand, the GOAT was back in Foxborough on Wednesday night to be inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame. **C1.**



Overdose deaths from opiates down 10% in state

Rural areas, communities of color still hardest hit

By Jason Laughlin
GLOBE STAFF

The number of people who died in Massachusetts from opioid-related overdoses fell by 10 percent in 2023, the largest decrease in the state in more than a decade, according to newly released state data.

The news offered a hint of hope after two years of record-setting death rates.

However, the total number of deaths for the year, 2,125, was still the third highest since 2001 according to the Department of Public Health, which released the data Wednesday. Moreover, Suffolk County, home to Boston, the state's largest city, reported an 8.6 percent increase in deaths over the previous year, and the death rate among Black residents was at its highest in five years.

"We have so much more work to do," said Deirdre Calvert, director of the state's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services at a briefing Tuesday.

OVERDOSES, Page A8

Outdoor dining no longer hits spot for many restaurants

Owners say it's too costly in Boston to be worth it

By Diti Kohli
GLOBE STAFF

In 2020, Bostonians — locked in their houses, barred from offices, and home from schools — rushed to eat outdoors.

Doug Bacon remembers how that simple pleasure changed everything. When the COVID-19 pandemic first ravaged the city, the ability to serve customers al fresco was a saving grace for restaurants, including the seven Boston spots Bacon runs as the president of Red Paint Hospitality Group. Patios blossomed on quiet alleyways and empty streets as service moved outside. Outdoor dining kept money flowing, workers on payroll, and customers sane at a time when none of that seemed possible.

And seeing people sipping beer outside The Kenmore in the first pandemic summer made Bacon feel like things were almost normal.

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Beantown Pub on Tremont Street still has outdoor dining, but it's no longer a common sight, as it was in the early pandemic years.

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In the end, they can't be stopped

The Celtics nearly frittered away a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter but hung on to beat the Mavericks in Dallas on Wednesday to take a 3-0 lead in the Finals, and are now just one win away from their 18th title. No NBA team has ever overcome such a deficit. Game 4 is Friday. **C1.**

A watch party at TD Garden was a big hit with fans. **B1.**

Long a holdout, Mass. nears a ban on revenge porn

By Matt Stout
GLOBE STAFF

State lawmakers are poised to send legislation to Governor Maura Healey this week that would make Massachusetts the 49th state to outlaw so-called revenge porn, completing years of slow-moving debate that survivors say left them for too long without a way to seek justice.

The House unanimously accepted a compromise version of the bill Wednesday, and the Senate plans to vote Thursday to help put the state in line with the vast majority of the country. If signed into law, the measure would make it illegal for former partners and others to disseminate sexually explicit images of another person without consent, and would

leave South Carolina as the only state to not yet criminalize what's also called image-based sexual abuse.

"It's heartbreaking that it's taken this long for revenge porn to finally — almost — be on the books here," said Alex Hagerty, a former Abington selectman who has spoken publicly about a former partner posting an explicit video of him that he didn't consent to making and how it drove him to contemplate taking his own life.

"But we're at the finish line here, folks," said Hagerty. "God forbid someone falls victim to revenge porn in the future, but they won't have to go through the horror and grief that myself and other survivors went

REVENGE PORN, Page A8

For TV couple, a change in the weather

Noyeses go online with a vision of the future of forecasting

By Billy Baker
GLOBE STAFF

NORTH ANDOVER — "OK, let's see if we can do it in one take," Matt Noyes says as he starts the camera, picks up a small clicker, stands in front of a green screen, and transforms from a normal person into . . . a weatherman.

"Hi, friends, Matt Noyes here. Good to be with you at the Noyes' 1Degree Outside Weather Network," he says in that voice, that TV meteorologist voice, all those crisp inflections and gentle slides, confident and curious and just happy to be with you.

Maybe you've even heard it from Noyes himself during the 20 years he did the morning weather on NBC10 and

WEATHER, Page A9

Homeless and migrant families could be kicked out of shelters as soon as Sept. 29 under new policies of the Healey administration. **B1.**

Southern Baptists, the largest US Protestant denomination, voted to oppose in vitro fertilization, another focus for abortion foes. **A2.**

The Federal Reserve kept interest rates steady, waiting to be sure the fight against inflation is on track. **D1.**

Burn and crash

Thursday: Hot, breezy. High 81-86. Low 63-68.

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The Nation

Biden conviction saps GOP narrative

Verdict hollows fund-raising pitch for Trump

By Jonathan Swan and Maggie Haberman
NEW YORK TIMES

The moment had finally come. Late Tuesday morning, nearly five years after Republicans first went after Hunter Biden, the president's son could finally be called a convicted felon.

But Donald Trump and other Republicans did not seem to be relishing the opportunity. The early reaction to a jury's guilty verdict against Hunter Biden on three felony gun charges resembled a shriveling balloon.

"The Hunter Biden gun conviction is kinda dumb tbh," said one close Trump ally, Representative Matt Gaetz of Florida, in a post on the social platform X, using an abbreviation for "to be honest." Another Trump associate, Charlie Kirk, called it a "fake trial."

Many Trump allies had been secretly rooting for an acquittal. The talking points wrote themselves: It would have been yet more evidence that the US justice system was rigged in favor of the Bidens and against the Trumps. Tuesday's guilty verdict was inconvenient to that

White House mum on any commutation

By Peter Baker
NEW YORK TIMES

A White House spokesperson did not rule out on Wednesday the possibility that President Biden might commute the sentence of his son Hunter Biden, who was convicted on three federal felony counts for illegally purchasing a handgun during his addiction to crack cocaine.

The president declared flatly last week that he would not pardon his son if convicted, but did not address a commu-

tation, which would leave the guilty verdict intact but wipe out some or all of the punishment. Karine Jean-Pierre, the White House press secretary, told reporters Wednesday that she could not say whether the president might consider such an action.

"He was very clear, very upfront, obviously very definitive" in ruling out a pardon in an interview with ABC News, Jean-Pierre said aboard Air Force One as the president flew to Italy for a meeting of

the Group of Seven major industrial democracies. But as for a commutation, she added, "I just don't have anything beyond that."

Jean-Pierre said she had not spoken with the president about the matter yet and so her careful response may only reflect not wanting to go beyond her talking points, not an effort to leave the option open. Biden has not given any public indication that he would consider commuting his son's sentence.

sell government access for personal profit."

The president has not been charged with crimes, and House Republican leadership abandoned its effort to impeach Biden after it became clear that they lacked evidence of wrongdoing sufficient to impeach. Hunter Biden is facing another trial in September, on nine charges stemming from failure to pay \$1.4 million in taxes from 2016 through 2019.

Behind all this, Trump, who aggressively attacked Hunter Biden in the 2020 election, has changed his mind about the political value of doing so now, at least over the younger Biden's personal issues, according to people close to the former president.

In a meeting last year, Trump acknowledged privately to an associate that attacks against the president's son had the potential to backfire politically, according to a person who attended the meeting who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe a private conversation. Trump said Republicans needed to be careful, the person said, "not to go overboard" on the Hunter Biden attacks, especially on the drug addiction issue, because it could elicit sympathy and make people view the president as a caring father.

narrative.

Even more valuable would have been the fund-raising potential.

A person with knowledge of the Trump campaign's fund-raising plans, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said there had been discussions about how much an acquittal would help Trump, potentially raising tens of millions of additional dollars as they planned to cite it as more evidence the justice system was rigged. After Trump was convicted in Manhattan on 34 felony counts, his campaign raised record sums online, and some of his advisers

recognized that an acquittal of Biden's son had the potential to raise Trump far more cash than a conviction, the person said.

Prominent Republicans, including those in the Trump campaign, immediately minimized the three felony gun charges, complaining that the charges steered public attention away from unspecified crimes that they claimed President Biden has committed and a justice system that they insisted was still very much two-tiered.

It spoke volumes that the first reaction from the Trump camp did not come directly from Trump himself, who had

still not posted a word about the verdict hours after it landed. Instead, his campaign issued a statement that described the conviction as a "distraction."

"This trial has been nothing more than a distraction from the real crimes of the Biden Crime Family, which has raked in tens of millions of dollars from China, Russia, and Ukraine," said Karoline Leavitt, the Trump campaign's national press secretary. "Crooked Joe Biden's reign over the Biden Family Criminal Empire is all coming to an end on November 5, and never again will a Biden

DAILY BRIEFING

Site of Florida school shooting to be demolished

PARKLAND, Fla. — The three-story building where 17 people died in the 2018 mass shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School looms over campus behind a screened fence, a horrific and constant reminder to students, teachers, the victims' families, and passersby.

But now after serving as evidence at the murderer's trial, the building's destruction is set to start Thursday, as crews begin bringing it down piece by piece. Officials plan to complete the project before the school's 3,300 students return from summer vacation in August. Most were in elementary school when the shooting took place.

The victims' families have been invited to witness the first blows to the building and hammer off a piece. They have divergent views about the demolition.

"I want the building gone," said Lori Alhadeff, whose 14-year-old daughter, Alyssa, died there. Alhadeff was elected to the Broward County school board after the massacre and now serves as its chair.

"It's one more step in the healing process for me and my family," she said. "My son still goes to school there, and he has to walk past that building where his sister died."

But other parents, like Max Schachter and Tony Montalto, had hoped the building would be preserved. Over the last year, they, Alhadeff, and others have led Vice President Kamala Harris, members of Congress, police officers, and about 500 other invitees from around the country on tours of it. They mostly demonstrated how better safety measures like bullet-resistant windows, a better alarm system, and doors that lock from the inside could have saved lives.

Those who have taken the tour have called it a gut-wrenching time capsule of Feb. 14, 2018, with bullet-pocked walls and blood-stained floors. Textbooks and laptops sat open on desks, and wilted Valentine's Day flowers were scattered amid broken glass. Those objects have now been removed.

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PATH OF THE STORM — A man worked to clear debris from a flooded street in Hollywood, Fla., as dangerous flooding from a tropical disturbance inundated much of southern Florida on Wednesday. The storm system arrived at roughly the same time as the early June start of hurricane season.

Man accused of hijacking commuter bus in Atlanta charged with murder

ATLANTA — A man accused of hijacking a commuter bus in downtown Atlanta, fatally shooting one person and leading police on a chase through three counties, faces more than two dozen criminal charges, including murder.

Joseph Eric Grier, 39, was taken into custody Tuesday after police got the bus to stop in DeKalb County. He was booked early Wednesday and was being held without bond.

Police responded just after 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to a report of

gunfire on a bus and a possible hostage situation, authorities said. When an officer arrived and confronted the suspect, the man forced the bus driver to drive off, Atlanta Police Chief Darin Schierbaum said.

Television news helicopter

footage showed the bus striking multiple vehicles during the subsequent chase. The bus was miles away in DeKalb County, where news footage showed Grier being led from the bus in handcuffs.

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PORT REOPENED

— The container ship Dali, which slammed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge in March, sat docked at a slip at the Port of Baltimore on Wednesday, as officials marked the port's full reopening after the bridge collapse.

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Scaled-back plans underway for Fla. massacre memorial

ORLANDO, Fla. — Survivors and the families of victims of the Pulse nightclub massacre had hoped by now to have a permanent memorial in place for Wednesday's eighth anniversary of the attack by a gunman who killed 49 people at the gay-friendly Orlando club.

Instead, new, scaled-back plans are only now getting off the ground following a botched effort to build a multimillion-dollar memorial and museum by a private foundation that disbanded last year.

The city of Orlando purchased the nightclub property

last year for \$2 million, and it has since outlined more modest plans for a memorial. The original idea for a museum has been jettisoned, and last week city leaders formed an advisory board to help determine what the memorial will look like.

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Sunday marks the eighth anniversary of the Pulse nightclub massacre.

Southern Baptists condemn IVF use

Equate embryos with human life

By Ruth Graham
NEW YORK TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS — Southern Baptists, the country's largest Protestant denomination, voted Wednesday to oppose the use of in vitro fertilization. The vote was an indication that ordinary evangelicals are increasingly open to arguments that equate embryos with human life and that two years after the overturning of Roe v. Wade, "fetal personhood" may be the next front for the antiabortion movement.

More than 10,000 delegates, called "messengers," have gathered in Indianapolis for the denomination's annual meeting, which is closely watched as a barometer of evangelical sentiment on a variety of cultural and political issues. The vote Wednesday was the first time that attendees at the Southern Baptist meeting have addressed the ethics of in vitro fertilization directly. In 2021, the group passed a resolution declaring "unequivocally that abortion is murder."

The resolution proposed Wednesday called on Southern Baptists "to reaffirm the unconditional value and right to life of every human being, including those in an embryonic stage, and to only utilize reproductive technologies consistent with that affirmation, especially in the number of embryos generated in the IVF process."

It also exhorted them to "advocate for the government to restrain" actions inconsistent with the dignity of "every human being, which necessarily includes frozen embryonic human beings."

A vast majority of the delegates oppose abortion, but fertility treatments are widely used by evangelicals. Although the process of in vitro fertilization often results in the destruction of unused embryos, many Southern Baptists see that as fundamentally different from abortion because the goal of fertility treatments is to create new life.

Before the vote, messengers heard several emotional testimonies, some from Baptists who hoped to soften the language of the resolution, titled "On the Ethical Realities of Reproductive Technologies and the Dignity of the Human Embryo."

Zach Sahadac, a messenger from a church in Ohio, came to the microphone to share that he has a son born via in vitro fertilization and that his wife was pregnant with a second child by the same method.

"I have 10 embryos I love," Sahadac said. "I am for the sanctity of life and for the sanctity of embryos. I'm against the idea that this technology is so wicked that it cannot be employed."

Another messenger, Daniel Taylor from Michigan, spoke about his godson who was born through the procedure. "I thank God for IVF," he said.

With almost 13 million church members across the United States, the Southern Baptist Convention has long been a bellwether for American evangelicalism.

For the record

■ **Correction:** Because of a reporting error, a story about the conviction of former Massachusetts State Police captain Dana Pullman on federal racketeering and other charges was incorrect in some editions of Wednesday's Metro section. Pullman was convicted in 2022. The Globe regrets the error.

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The World

DAILY BRIEFING

Fire at foreign worker housing kills 49 in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY — At least 49 people were killed and dozens of others injured in Kuwait, the state news agency said, when a fire broke out Wednesday in a building that housed scores of low-income workers, many of them Indian nationals.

The fire began during the morning in a coastal area called Mangaf, about half an hour's drive from the center of the capital, Kuwait City.

Kuwaiti authorities have held the building owner for questioning as they investigate the cause of the fire and try to determine whether “any shortcoming or neglect” played a role, the state news agency reported. Authorities promised to begin a campaign to tackle building code violations. The public prosecutor's office also planned to inspect the site and interview survivors.

Speaking to journalists at the site of the fire, Sheikh Fahad Yusuf Al Sabah, Kuwait's deputy prime minister and interior minister, blamed “the greed of property owners” for the disaster and said that the owner of the company employing the workers would also be detained, Reuters reported.

NEW YORK TIMES

Three sentenced in fatal shooting of Dutch reporter

A Dutch court on Wednesday sentenced three men to decades in prison for the murder of renowned crime journalist Peter R. de Vries, whose slaying in broad daylight on an Amsterdam street rattled journalists and others across the Netherlands and Europe.

The three men included de Vries's killer, the getaway driver, and the organizer of the attack. They were identified only by their first names and initials in court: the shooter, Delano G., and his driver, Kamil E., were sentenced to 28 years in prison. Their client, Krystian M., was sentenced to more than 26 years.

The conviction represents the most significant to date in the murder of de Vries, who was gunned down in July 2021 outside a television studio in Amsterdam. De Vries, whose work had often landed him in the cross hairs of Amsterdam's criminal underworld, had reportedly been issued death threats over his involvement in a court case against one of Europe's most notorious drug lords, Ridouan Taghi.

NEW YORK TIMES

Shackleton's ship located off coast of Labrador

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland — The wreck of the last ship belonging to Sir Ernest Shackleton, the noted Irish-born British explorer of Antarctica, has been found off the coast of Labrador in Canada, 62 years after it went missing. The wreck was found by a team led by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

The Quest was found using sonar scans on Sunday evening, sitting on its keel under 1,280 feet of churning, frigid water, the society said. Its towering mast is lying broken beside it, likely cracked off as the vessel was sucked into the depths after it struck ice on May 5, 1962.

“We've done it the right way. It's not about anyone's ego, it's about telling great stories and celebrating some of the finest human attributes,” said John Geiger, the expedition leader.

Shackleton's death aboard the ship in 1922 marked the end of what historians consider the “heroic age” of Antarctic exploration. The explorer led three British expeditions to the Arctic, and he was in the early stages of a fourth when he died of a heart attack. He was 47.

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Blinken: Hamas proposal unworkable

Says late tweaks on cease-fire plan go too far

By Michael Crowley, Euan Ward, and Thomas Fuller
NEW YORK TIMES

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Wednesday that he would continue to press urgently for a cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip despite a counterproposal from Hamas that he said included unacceptable demands.

After more than eight months of war in Gaza, the proposed cease-fire deal follows an outline made public last month by President Biden and has the endorsement of the United Nations Security Council. But Israel and Hamas still appear to be far from reaching a deal.

“In the days ahead, we are going to push on an urgent basis,” Blinken said, “to try and close this deal.”

Speaking at a news conference in Doha, Qatar, alongside Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, who serves as both Qatar's prime minister and minister of foreign affairs, Blinken said that “a deal was on the table that was virtually identical” to one that Hamas put forward May 6.

But Hamas's response, he said, which was received by Egyptian and Qatari mediators and passed to American officials Tuesday, makes demands that “go beyond positions that it had previously taken and accepted.”

“Some of the changes are workable; some are not,” Blinken said. He declined to disclose details about the Hamas counterproposal but suggested that the group's changing demands called into question its negotiators' sincerity. At some point, he said, “you have to question whether they're proceeding in



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A displaced Palestinian girl sat in a damaged building in the al-Bureij refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip Wednesday.

good faith or not.”

An official briefed on the talks, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss diplomacy conducted out of public view, said Hamas wanted assurances from the United States and other mediators that a permanent cease-fire would be adhered to by Israel.

While Biden said the plan was drawn up by Israel, the Israeli government has yet to publicly accept it, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has insisted that he will not stop the war until he achieves his oft-stated goal of destroying Hamas's governing and military capabilities.

The proposed deal calls for

an immediate cease-fire in Gaza and then, after the release of some Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners, talks that could lead to a much longer or even permanent cease-fire, an Israeli withdrawal and the reconstruction of Gaza.

Blinken said the United States would unveil proposals “in the coming weeks” that it has been developing with partners in the region to address Gaza's governance, security, and reconstruction. He spoke on the last stop of a three-day tour of the Middle East, his eighth trip to the region since the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks on Israel.

As Blinken was departing the region, tensions were esca-

lating along Israel's northern border. On Wednesday, Hezbollah, the powerful Lebanese militia and political movement backed by Iran, launched 215 rockets into northern Israel in retaliation for an Israeli strike late Tuesday that killed a senior commander of Hezbollah.

The commander, Taleb Abdallah, also known as Abu Taleb, was among the highest-ranking members of Hezbollah to have been killed since Hezbollah mounted cross-border attacks in support of Hamas after its Oct. 7 attacks.

Hezbollah claimed attacks on a string of military bases, including on Mount Meron, an area housing a military radar sta-

tion that is about 5 miles south of the border. Hezbollah also claimed to have struck an arms factory belonging to Plasan, a manufacturer of armored vehicles used by the Israeli military.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the Hezbollah rocket barrages, the Israeli military said.

Hezbollah's rocket attacks have already forced thousands of Israelis to flee the border areas, and Israeli officials have threatened to pursue decisive military action in response to any severe attacks. The militia, for its part, has vowed to keep up the fight, raising concerns that the low-level conflict could grow into a larger war.

US expands sanctions on Russia as G7 leaders gather

Isolating Moscow trickier as China has stepped in

By David E. Sanger and Alan Rappeport
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration on Wednesday announced a series of new financial sanctions aimed at interrupting the fast-growing technological links between China and Russia that US officials believe are a broad effort to rebuild and modernize Russia's military during its war with Ukraine.

The actions were announced just as President Biden was leaving the country for a meeting in Italy of the Group of 7 major industrialized nations, where a renewed push to degrade the Russian economy will be at the top of his agenda.

The measures were coordinated by the Treasury, State, and Commerce departments and aimed to further isolate Russia from the global financial system

and cut off its ability to gain access to the technology that powers its military arsenal.

The effort has grown far more complicated in the past six or eight months after China, which had previously sat largely on the sidelines, stepped up its shipments of microchips, machine tools, optical systems for drones, and components for advanced weaponry, US officials said. But so far Beijing appears to have heeded Biden's warning against shipping weapons to Russia, even as the United States and NATO continue to arm Ukraine.

Although the measures expand the reach of the US sanctions program, the Biden administration has so far held back from imposing sanctions on Chinese or European banks that it believes are helping Russia. The new measures do not restrict banks from facilitating transactions related to Russia's energy exports, which the Biden administration has allowed to continue out of concern that restricting them could fuel inflation.

Announcing the sanctions, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said in a statement that “Russia's war economy is deeply isolated from the international financial system, leaving the Kremlin's military desperate for access to the outside world.”

At the heart of the measures is an expansion of “secondary” sanctions that give the United States the power to blacklist any bank around the world that does business with Russian financial institutions already facing sanctions. This is intended to deter smaller banks, especially in places like China, from helping Russia finance its war effort.

The Treasury Department also imposed restrictions on the stock exchange in Moscow in hopes of preventing foreign investors from propping up Russian defense companies. The sanctions hit several Chinese companies that are accused of helping Russia gain access to critical military equipment such as electronics, lasers, and drone components.

In addition to the Treasury



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President Biden arrived on Air Force One at Brindisi International Airport on Wednesday in Italy for a meeting of the Group of 7 nations.

Department's measures, the State Department imposed sanctions on about 100 entities, including companies “engaged in the development of Russia's future energy, metals, and mining production and export capacity.” And the Commerce Department announced its own set

of restrictions, banning US exports to certain addresses in Hong Kong that the United States says are used to set up shell companies to funnel banned goods to Russia.

Biden has tried before to choke off supplies and financing to Russia and overestimated the effects of that move. In March 2022, shortly after the war began, he announced an initial round of financial actions and declared, “As a result of these unprecedented sanctions, the ruble almost is immediately reduced to rubble.” It was not. After a brief dive, it recovered, and while today it is not as strong as it was a year ago, the Russian economy has been expanding because of the strength of war-related growth.

Much of that is thanks to China's effort. It has been buying Russian oil, often at a discount to world prices. And it has ramped up its sale of dual-use goods, especially the microelectronics and software needed to manufacture weapons systems, drones, and air defenses.

Ukraine says it shot down most of a Russian missile and drone barrage

By Andrew E. Kramer
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV — Ukraine said Wednesday that it had drawn on stocks of anti-aircraft missiles recently replenished by the United States and other allies to shoot down 29 of 30 missiles and exploding drones that Russia had fired at the country in an overnight barrage.

It was one of the better rates of interception by Ukraine so far during the war and underscored the impact of having fresh supplies of Western weaponry to bolster a war effort that had struggled mightily in recent months.

In Kyiv, authorities said they had shot down an entire volley of missiles and exploding drones aimed at the capital as the devices approached or

soared above the city. The aerial duel, between mostly Western-provided air defense systems and incoming Russian missiles, played out over the city shortly before 3 a.m.

Earlier in the year, Ukraine's air defense ammunition had run perilously low. Commanders at some batteries said their missiles were being rationed, allowing Russian missiles to streak in unimpeded. President Volodymyr Zelensky has repeatedly appealed for additional US-made Patriot air-defense systems.

Zelensky reiterated the request Wednesday when missiles or falling debris struck an apartment block in Kryvyi Rih, in central Ukraine, killing eight people and wounding 21 others. Those missiles were



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Ukrainian air defenses lit up the sky over Kyiv amid Russian drone and missile strikes early Wednesday.

fired after the initial wave early Wednesday.

The Biden administration has decided to give Ukraine one additional Patriot system, consisting of launchers, stocks

of missiles, and powerful radar antennas for finding targets. Other countries are also considering transferring Patriot launchers to Ukraine. Germany has organized the donation



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MOURNERS GATHER — Mourners comforted one another at the home of Malawi Vice President Saulos Chilima in Lilongwe, Malawi, on Wednesday. Chilima, who was killed in a plane crash on Monday along with nine other people, will be honored with a state funeral, according to Malawi's government.

Macron rails against extremes

Fears far left or right election win

By Roger Cohen
NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS — Declaring himself an “incorrigible optimist,” President Emmanuel Macron of France appealed on Wednesday to all French people “who reject the extremes” to vote for centrist parties in snap elections and so save the Republic from the bigotry of the far right and the antisemitism of the extreme left.

At a two-hour news conference, a third of it consisting of a speech by the president, Macron painted a somber picture of economic chaos, lawlessness, and a society where there would be “true French citizens and lesser ones” if Marine Le Pen's National Rally came to power.

“I do not intend to hand the keys of power to the extreme right in 2027,” Macron, who is term limited, vowed, alluding to the next presidential election.

Yet by dissolving the National Assembly and calling parliamentary elections starting 18 days from now, Macron has opened the possibility that he may have to hand over some of those keys in 2024. His gamble that the National Rally, which won more than double the vote of Macron's centrist alliance in European Parliament elections on Sunday, will not repeat that performance in a domestic vote is a high-risk one.

If the National Rally emerges as by far the largest party in the elections on June 30 and July 7, as polls currently indicate it will, Macron may be obliged to name a prime minister from Le Pen's party, probably its president, Jordan Bardella, 28.

Asked why he had rolled the dice, Macron said it was essential to have a “clarification,” a word he returned to multiple times. It would have shown disrespect for the will of the people, he insisted, if he had ignored the fact that “50 percent of French people voted for the extremes” in the European election — a reference to votes for far-right and far-left parties.

“You would have said, ‘This guy has lost it!’” he said.

Yet that is precisely what many French people have been saying over the past few days. Even members of his own party have expressed dismay over a leader who made a decision that was not dictated by any constitutional requirement and that has thrust the country into turmoil on the eve of the Olympic Games, which begin in Paris next month.

Macron said he would not quit under any circumstances, would not debate Le Pen, and would not himself campaign for the elections, a task he said would be led by Gabriel Attal, the prime minister. Of course, his disquisition on the priorities of the election was itself clearly a campaign speech.

Asked repeatedly if he would name Bardella prime minister if the National Rally triumphed, Macron refused to engage in “fictional” speculation and took refuge in a defiant optimism that for now seems more wishful than anchored in facts.

The outreach of Macron to what is left of the French center seemed heartfelt and was laced with the word “humility,” as well as promises of governing in a different way. But it could not obviate the fact that he has effectively eviscerated the center-right Republicans, who are in turmoil over whether to ally with the National Rally in the election, and, to a lesser degree, the center-left Socialist Party since coming to power in 2017.

He has replaced them with a party that is little more than a personal vehicle representing what is known as “la Macronie,” a collection of centrists whose chief shared characteristic is their fierce loyalty to the president.

Macron appealed to ecologists, to Socialists, to Social Democrats, to radicals, even to what is left of the Communist Party, to come together before or after the election and trace a new path forward for France.

Fleet of Russian warships reaches Cuban waters

Comes ahead of military exercises in the Caribbean

By Regina Garcia Cano and Gisela Salomon
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAVANA — A fleet of Russian warships reached Cuban waters on Wednesday ahead of planned military exercises in the Caribbean that some see as a projection of strength as tensions grow over Western support for Ukraine.

The fleet, made up of a frigate, a nuclear-powered submarine, an oil tanker, and a rescue tug, crossed into Havana Bay after drills in the Atlantic Ocean. The flagship frigate, adorned with the Russian and Cuban flags, was greeted by a 21-cannon salute.

Russian sailors aboard the frigate stood in military formation as they approached the island. Some Cuban residents stopped to take pictures of the arriving ships.

US officials expect the Russian ships to remain in the region through the summer and possibly also stop in Venezuela.

Russia is a longtime ally of Venezuela and Cuba, and its warships and aircraft have periodically made forays into the Caribbean. But this mission comes less

than two weeks after President Biden authorized Ukraine to use US-provided weapons to strike inside Russia to protect Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, prompting President Vladimir Putin to suggest his military could respond with “asymmetrical steps” elsewhere in the world.

“Most of all, the warships are a reminder to Washington that it is unpleasant when an adversary meddles in your near abroad,” said Benjamin Gedan, director of the Latin America Program at the Washington-based Wilson Center think tank, referring to the Western involvement in Russia's war in Ukraine.

“It also reminds Russia's friends in the region, including US antagonists Cuba and Venezuela, that Moscow is on their side,” he said.

Although the fleet includes a nuclear-powered submarine, a senior US administration official told the Associated Press that the intelligence community has determined no vessel is carrying nuclear weapons. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to provide details that had not been announced publicly, said Russia's deployments “pose no direct threat to the United States.”

Russian ships have occasionally docked in Havana since



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The Russian submarine Kazan, part of the naval detachment visiting Cuba, arrived at Havana's harbor on Wednesday.

2008, when a group of Russian vessels entered Cuban waters in what state media described as the first such visit in almost two decades. In 2015, a reconnaissance and communications ship arrived unannounced in Havana a day before the start of discussions between US and Cuban officials on the reopening of diplomatic relations.

A State Department spokesperson told the AP that Russia's port calls in Cuba are “routine naval visits,” while acknowledging its military exercises “have ratcheted up because of US sup-

port to Ukraine and exercise activity in support of our NATO allies.”

On Wednesday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov hosted his Cuban counterpart, Bruno Rodríguez, for talks in Moscow. Speaking to reporters after the talks, Lavrov thanked the Cuban authorities for their position on Ukraine.

“From the very beginning, Havana gave an assessment of what was happening outlining the absolutely correct, true reasons for what was unfolding [in Ukraine], and what was being

prepared by the West for many years,” Lavrov said.

Russian military and defense doctrine holds Latin America and the Caribbean in an important position, with the sphere seen as under US influence acting as a counterweight to Washington's activities in Europe, said Ryan Berg, director of the Americas Program at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

“While this is likely little more than provocation from Moscow, it sends a message about Russia's ability to project power into the Western Hemisphere with the help of its allies, and it will certainly keep the US military on high alert while they are in theater,” Berg said.

The timing of this year's mission may serve Russia's purposes, but it is also raising questions of whether Venezuela's government may use it as an opportunity to shore up President Nicolás Maduro's bid for a third term in the July 28 election.

Venezuela's chief opposition coalition is threatening the ruling party's decadeslong grip on power, and engineering a crisis built on simmering tensions with Guyana is among the scenarios that analysts believe Maduro's government could use to delay or cancel the vote.

Violent crimes are on the rise again in Karachi

58 dead this year; fears surge that city is regressing

By Zia ur-Rehman
NEW YORK TIMES

KARACHI — The terrifying stories are sprawled across local newspapers and recounted in hushed tones at tea stalls and bus stands: another day, another brutal death during an armed robbery in Karachi, Pakistan's largest city.

Last Wednesday, a car mechanic was shot dead by muggers trying to steal his phone. The day before, robbers in two separate incidents killed a secondhand shoe seller who refused to hand over his phone and a business-

man who had just withdrawn cash from a bank. A few days earlier, robbers killed a 27-year-old mechanical engineer, stealing his phone, cash, and motorcycle.

Across Karachi, Pakistan's economic powerhouse, the rate of violent crime has soared. That has created a sense that no place is safe in this metropolis of 20 million people and led many to worry that the city is returning to its violent, chaotic past. The country's president, Asif Ali Zardari, has called for a “large-scale operation” against the street criminals.

“The fear of mugging hangs over you every time you step outside,” said Shamim Ali, 43, a factory worker who said he was mugged twice in recent months. “Criminals operate with brazenness in broad daylight.”

The number of reported homicides, extortion attempts, and motorcycle thefts has nearly doubled this year compared with the same period last year, according to the government-backed Citizen-Police Liaison Committee. At least 58 people were killed in muggings in the first five months of 2024, nearly double the number in that period in 2023, police records show. Rights activists say the true toll of violent crime is most likely higher, as many victims are hesitant to report cases.

A major driver of the jump in crime, experts and police officials said, is Pakistan's economic crash, its worst in decades, with soaring debt, widening trade



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Police at a checkpoint in Karachi, where the number of reported homicides, extortion attempts, and motorcycle thefts has nearly doubled this year.

deficits, and record inflation. Another contributor: record-breaking floods in 2022 and other natural disasters that have sent tens of thousands of farmers to the city looking for work. Few have found it.

The despair has breathed new life into the city's criminal gangs, which have found recruits among the ballooning youth population, police officials said. Some of the muggings-turned-murders have also been linked to militant groups that have resurged elsewhere in the country in recent years, said Raja Umar Khattab, a senior official in the Karachi police's counterterrorism department.

Ali, the factory worker who has been the victim of two recent

muggings, said the latest had happened one day around 9 a.m. at his usual breakfast spot in a lower-income neighborhood. As he was having a cup of tea, four armed robbers barged inside.

“Hand over your phones and wallets, now!” the thieves yelled, warning the patrons not to resist, according to Ali. Within minutes, the robbers had taken valuables from the two dozen people there.

The surge in violence has knocked the city back in time to around a decade ago when armed wings of political parties, Taliban militants, and criminal gangs controlled large swaths of the city, their turf battles frequently spilling out onto the streets. TV news broadcasts were filled with reports of murders each night. Family members checked in with one another every day to make sure they had returned from work alive. Others barely left their homes.

A paramilitary-led operation starting in 2013 to flush out the militants restored order. Murders plummeted from around 3,100 in 2012 to 508 in 2020, according to police data.

Now, though, fear — and outrage — have returned. “The government seems to have abandoned Karachi's residents to the mercy of robbers,” said Syed Akhtar Hussain, 70. His 38-year-old son was fatally shot in January by robbers who accosted him while he was delivering food for a ride-hailing app.

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NAACP sues Va. school board for restoring Confederate names

Says the changes violate the rights of Black students

By Ben Finley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Virginia NAACP sued a county school board Tuesday over its reinstatement of Confederate military names to two schools, accusing it of embracing segregationist values and subjecting Black students to a racially discriminatory educational environment.

The school board in Shenandoah County voted 5-1 last month to revert the name of Mountain View High School

back to Stonewall Jackson High School, and that of Honey Run Elementary to Ashby Lee Elementary. The vote reversed a 2020 decision to remove the original names against a backdrop of nationwide protests over racial injustice.

The federal lawsuit states that Black students compose less than 3 percent of the school system's population. Plaintiffs include five students — identified by their initials and described as Black, white, and biracial — and their parents.

The NAACP wrote that students will be “required against their will to endorse the violent defense of slavery pursued by the Confederacy and the sym-

bolism that these images have in the modern White supremacist movement.”

For example, the lawsuit said, an incoming freshman who is Black would be forced to play sports as a member of the Stonewall Jackson “Generals.” And he or she would have to wear a uniform “adorned with a name and logo that symbolizes hatred, White supremacy, and massive resistance to integration.”

If the student doesn't fully participate in school sports or other activities, he or she may miss out on future opportunities, including playing college sports, according to the lawsuit, which was filed in US District

Court in Harrisonburg.

The NAACP alleges that the Confederate school names violate the students' First Amendment rights, which include the right “not to express a view with which a person disagrees.” It also cites the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, which “prohibits racial discrimination in state-supported institutions.”

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Intelligence Project, which maintains a database of more than 2,000 Confederate memorials nationwide, was not aware of another case of a school system restoring a Confederate name that was removed, senior research analyst

Rivka Maizlish said in May.

Overall, the trend of removing Confederate names and memorials has continued, even if it has slowed somewhat since 2020, she said, noting that the Army renamed nine installations named for Confederate leaders and removed a Confederate memorial from Arlington National Cemetery.

The school board members in Shenandoah County who had voted in May to restore the Confederate names said they were honoring popular community sentiment. They said the previous board members who had removed the names in 2020 had ignored the constituents and due process on the matter.

Elections in 2023 significantly changed the school board's makeup, with one board member writing in an op-ed for the Northern Virginia Daily that the results gave Shenandoah County “the first 100 percent conservative board since anyone can remember.”

That board member, Gloria Carlineo, said during a board meeting in May that opponents of the Confederate names should “stop bringing racism and prejudice into everything” because it “detracts from true cases of racism.”

During several hours of public comment, county residents spoke up on both sides of the issue.

House GOP pushes through contempt finding for Garland

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday to hold Attorney General Merrick Garland in contempt of Congress for refusing to turn over audio of President Biden's interview in his classified documents case, Republicans' latest and strongest rebuke of the Justice Department as partisan conflict over the rule of law animates the 2024 presidential campaign.

The 216-207 vote fell along party lines, with Republicans coalescing behind the contempt effort despite reservations among some of the party's more centrist members.

“We have to defend the Constitution. We have to defend the authority of Congress,” House Speaker Mike Johnson said at a press conference ahead of the vote. “We can't allow the Department of Justice and Executive Branch to hide information from Congress.”

Garland is now the third attorney general to be held in contempt of Congress. Yet it is unlikely that the Justice Department — which Garland oversees — will prosecute him. The White House's decision to exert executive privilege over the audio recording, shielding it from Congress, would make it exceedingly difficult to make a criminal case against Garland.

The White House and congressional Democrats have slammed Republicans' motives for pursuing contempt and dismissed their efforts to obtain the audio as purely political. They also pointed out that Representative Jim Jordan, the GOP chair of the House Judiciary Committee, defied his own congressional subpoena last session.

“This contempt resolution will do very little, other than smear the reputation of Merrick Garland, who will remain a good and decent public servant no matter what Republicans say about him today,” New York Representative Jerry Nadler, the top Democrat on Judiciary Committee, said during floor debate.

Garland has defended the Justice Department, saying officials have gone to extraordinary lengths to provide information

to the committees about Special Counsel Robert Hur's classified documents investigation, including a transcript of Biden's interview with him.

“There have been a series of unprecedented and frankly unfounded attacks on the Justice Department,” Garland said in a press conference last month. “This request, this effort to use contempt as a method of obtaining our sensitive law enforcement files is just most recent.”

Republicans were incensed when Hur declined to prosecute Biden over his handling of classified documents and quickly opened an investigation. GOP lawmakers — led by Jordan and Representative James Comer — sent a subpoena for audio of Hur's interviews with Biden during the spring. But the Justice Department only turned over some of the records, leaving out audio of the interview with the president.

On the last day to comply with the Republicans' subpoena for the audio, the White House blocked the release by invoking executive privilege. It said that Republicans in Congress only wanted the recordings “to chop them up” and use them for political purposes.

Administrations of both political parties have long held the position that officials who assert a president's claim of executive privilege can't be prosecuted for contempt of Congress, a Justice Department official told Republicans last month.

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Mace wins in S.C. despite McCarthy's opposition

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Representative Nancy Mace has won the Republican nomination after a tumultuous second term in South Carolina that saw her go from a critic to an ally of former president Donald Trump and make headlines for plenty of things off the House floor.

Mace defeated challengers Catherine Templeton and Bill Young in voting that ended Tuesday. She will face a Democratic opponent in the general election in the First District, which is the closest thing South Carolina has to a swing district

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VOICES HEARD — Senator Ron Wyden, Democrat of Oregon, spoke alongside advocates and abuse survivors during a Capitol Hill press conference on the release by his office of a years-long investigation into the use of taxpayer funds and abuse at youth residential treatment facilities.

in the Republican-dominated state.

Trump's endorsement — after he called her crazy and terrible in 2022 — is just one of many ways Mace has attracted a spotlight far greater than a typical second-term member of Congress. She's a regular on interview shows, often antagonizing the hosts. She calls for her party to moderate on abortion and marijuana but joined seven of the farthest right members to oust former House speaker Kevin McCarthy.

McCarthy threw his weight against Mace and the other defectors. His political action committee gave a \$10,000 contribution to Templeton, and the American Prosperity Alliance, where a McCarthy ally serves as a senior adviser, donated to a group called South Carolina Patriots PAC, which spent more than \$2.1 million against Mace.

Mace has said her positions and beliefs aren't erratic — she is just reflecting the values of the First District, which stretches from the centuries-old neighborhoods of Charleston down the coast to Beaufort County's booming freshly built neighborhoods of retirees moving to South Carolina from somewhere else.

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Trump-backed veteran takes nomination in Nevada

Sam Brown, an Army veteran who was the heavy favorite in the Nevada Republican primary race for Senate even before former president Donald Trump's last-minute endorsement, won the nomination on Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

He will face Senator Jacky Rosen, the state's Democratic incumbent, in one of the most closely watched Senate contests of the year.

With 89 percent of the vote counted, Brown had about 60 percent, lapping the crowded primary field. His closest rival, Jeff Gunter, a former US ambassador to Iceland, had about 15 percent. Jim Marchant, a former state assemblyman, was at roughly 7 percent, and Walter Grady, an Air Force veteran who goes by Tony, had 6 percent.

In his victory speech, delivered to ebullient supporters in a Reno hotel, Brown said he was focused on holding Rosen and President Biden accountable for their policies, and giving a beleaguered electorate something to hope for.

The victory was a redemption of sorts for Brown, who ran for the Senate in 2022 after moving to Reno from Dallas in 2018, but lost in the Republican

primary to Adam Laxalt, the state's former attorney general. This time, he was the pick of the Republican establishment from the start, and the National Republican Senatorial Committee backed him early.

NEW YORK TIMES

Poll: About half of adults approve of Trump conviction

NEW YORK — About half of US adults approve of Donald Trump's recent felony conviction, according to a poll from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The survey shows some potential vulnerabilities, along with some signs of resilience in his support, as Trump tries to become the first American with a felony record to win the presidency.

Less than five months before Election Day, the poll paints a picture of a nation with firmly entrenched opinions of the former Republican president. Overall views of Trump and Democratic President Biden remain unchanged since before the guilty verdict in Trump's New York criminal trial.

But the findings also suggest that Trump's conviction is one more weakness among disaffected Republicans. While most people in the United States have

heard about the conviction, political independents are less likely to be paying attention and more likely to have a neutral opinion of Trump's conviction, indicating that there may still be room for the campaigns to sway them.

Nancy Hauser, a 74-year-old independent from West Palm Beach, Fla., said she approves of Trump's conviction based on the little she followed of the trial. The verdict, she said, suggests that Trump may be willing to engage in criminal activity if he were back in the White House.

“I feel if you've been convicted of a crime, especially a felony, a serious crime, how can you run a country?” she said.

But she also has concerns about Biden, especially his age and leadership on the economy and the war in Israel.

“I'm not sure who I'm voting for,” Hauser said.

Overall, US adults are more likely to approve of Trump's conviction than they are to disapprove, according to a survey of 1,115 adults nationwide conducted over three days beginning a week after the verdict was delivered May 30, and before Biden's son Hunter was convicted in a federal gun case on Tuesday.

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Oklahoma Supreme Court dismisses Tulsa Race Massacre lawsuit

Survivors sought reparations for financial ruin

By Audra D.S. Burch
NEW YORK TIMES

A historic quest for justice by the last two known survivors of the Tulsa Race Massacre ended with a state court ruling Wednesday that dismissed their lawsuit.

The Oklahoma Supreme Court affirmed a lower court's dismissal of their lawsuit, the final legal stop for Lessie Benningfield Randle, 109, and Viola Ford Fletcher, 110.

The women, who were small children at the time, argued that the destruction of what was then known as Black Wall Street and the massacre of up to 300 African Americans by a white mob amounted to an ongoing public nuisance, and they

sought reparations.

The ruling concludes the lawsuit that Randle and Fletcher filed in 2020. Last year, another survivor of the massacre, Hughes Van Ellis, the younger brother of Fletcher, died at 102.

The justices ruled that the plaintiffs' grievances, including any lingering economic and social impact of the massacre, “do not fall within the scope of our state's public nuisance statute” and do not support a claim for reparations.

“The continuing blight alleged within the Greenwood community born out of the Massacre implicates generational-societal inequities that can only be resolved by policymakers — not the courts,” the ruling states.

In the early part of the 20th century, the Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa was a cultural and economic success story that came to be known as Black



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The lawsuit was the final legal stop for Viola Ford Fletcher (pictured), 110, and Lessie Benningfield Randle, 109.

Wall Street. On May 31, 1921, a white mob gathered outside a county courthouse in Tulsa where a young Black man was being held over allegations that he had assaulted a young white woman.

White men deputized by the

civil officials assaulted the neighborhood from the ground and the sky. Within two days, Greenwood was no more: 35 city blocks were reduced to heaping ashes, up to 300 of its citizens were dead, and thousands were left homeless. The

attack erased generational wealth that had been built at a time of great racial oppression.

No person or entity was ever held responsible, and no survivors were compensated for their losses.

The lawsuit, filed under Oklahoma's public nuisance law, contends that the massacre's impact continues to be felt acutely more than a century later. Damario Solomon-Simmons, the lead lawyer for the survivors, said the city's enduring racial disparities, economic inequalities, and trauma among survivors and their descendants are evidence of the massacre's long reach.

State and local officials have argued that while the massacre was horrific, they should not be held accountable for events that happened in 1921.

The lawsuit named the Tulsa County sheriff, county commis-

sioners, and the Oklahoma Military Department, which administers the Oklahoma Army and Air National Guard, as defendants.

Judge Caroline Wall, a district court judge who had ruled in May 2022 that the case could proceed, dismissed it in July 2023 on procedural grounds. Lawyers for the city argued that “simply being connected to a historical event does not provide a person with unlimited rights to seek compensation from any project in any way related to that historical event.”

The following month, the Oklahoma Supreme Court agreed to hear an appeal of the lower court's dismissal. On April 2, Solomon-Simmons stood before the nine justices and asked that the case be allowed to proceed. Fletcher and Randle attended the proceeding.

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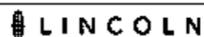
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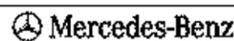
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Traffic resumes through Baltimore's busy shipping port

Expected return to normal after bridge collapse

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BALTIMORE — Authorities anticipate commercial shipping traffic through the Port of Baltimore will soon return to normal levels since the channel fully reopened earlier this week for the first time since the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.

“They are back open for business, ready to bring in the largest container ships that call there,” US Coast Guard Rear Admiral Shannon Gilreath said during a virtual press briefing

Tuesday afternoon.

Some shipping companies rerouted their cargo to other ports following the deadly bridge collapse in March. The disaster halted most maritime traffic through Baltimore's busy port as crews worked around the clock to clear an estimated 50,000 tons of fallen steel and concrete from the Patapsco River — a roughly \$100 million effort that involved federal, state, and local agencies, officials said.

Companies that steered clear of Baltimore during the cleanup efforts will likely come back now that the channel has been returned to its original depth and width, officials said. The city's port processes more cars and farm equipment than any

other in the country.

All that rerouted commercial traffic “belongs in Baltimore today,” US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said. “We have every indication that that is what is taking place, but we will be reinforcing that expectation as we speak with players up and down the supply chains.”

Crews were able to reopen portions of the deep-draft channel in phases, restoring some commercial traffic in recent weeks. Some cruise ships and large container ships have already passed through, officials said.

But thousands of longshoremen, truckers, and small business owners have seen their jobs impacted by the collapse and its economic ripple effects,

which extend well beyond the Baltimore region.

Officials estimated the salvage operations will cost up to \$75 million, while the Coast Guard response has cost \$24 million to date.

Rebuilding the bridge could cost nearly \$2 billion, officials have said. They hope it's completed by 2028.

The Biden administration approved \$60 million in immediate federal aid, which Buttigieg referred to as “a down payment on the work ahead.” All of that aid has been committed, said White House Deputy Chief of Staff Natalie Quillian.

President Biden has pledged that the federal government will cover the full cost of rebuilding the bridge, though offi-

cialists said the funding is still awaiting approval from Congress.

In a statement Tuesday, Biden praised the work of everyone involved in the recovery effort to date.

“Baltimore can count on us to stick with them every step of the way, and we will continue to have your back until the bridge is rebuilt,” he said.

The cargo ship Dali crashed into a critical support column of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in the early hours of March 26, collapsing the span and sending six members of a roadwork crew plunging to their deaths. The ship had lost power shortly after leaving Baltimore for Sri Lanka. A National Transportation Safety Board investigation

found it experienced power outages before starting its voyage, but the exact causes of the electrical issues have yet to be determined. The FBI is also conducting a criminal investigation into the circumstances leading up to the collapse.

The Dali remained stuck amid the wreckage for almost two months, with a massive steel truss draped across its damaged bow. On May 20, the ship was refloated and guided back to port. That allowed officials to open a channel that was 50 feet deep and 400 feet wide, big enough for most of the largest commercial vessels.

The full federal shipping channel is 700 feet wide. Officials said two-way traffic can resume now that it has reopened.

Long a holdout, Mass. nears a ban on revenge porn

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through. They now will have an avenue to hold their abusers accountable.”

Revenge porn is a form of abuse that advocates say follows survivors for years on social media and online, yet for decades carried no specific criminal penalties in Massachusetts.

Survivors have described only learning that an ex-partner had posted lewd photos of them when they saw them online. One woman described being a high school freshman more than 15 years ago when an upperclassman convinced her to send him naked pictures of herself, only to see them circulate throughout the school. But the district attorney's office told her at the time that it was her — not him — who could be charged with the dissemination of child pornography.

Lawmakers in dozens of states, plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam, have passed laws making it a crime in recent years, in some cases passing laws amid opposition from Hollywood film studios or lobbying by tech companies — and creating statutes that later withstood First Amendment challenges. New Jersey became the first state to criminalize revenge porn 20 years ago.

In Massachusetts, meanwhile, proposals floated for years around Beacon Hill, but only got serious traction two

years ago, when then-governor Charlie Baker took up the cause. The House passed language in May 2022, only to see the measure stall in the Senate, incensing survivors. The Senate later embraced its own version in the final days of the legislative session, but lawmakers gavelled out in January 2023 without a deal.

This session, the House and Senate both moved to pass similar bills before filing a compromise version late Tuesday.

Representative Alyson Sullivan-Almeida, an Abington Republican who knows Hagerty personally and sat on the committee that negotiated the final version of the legislation, apologized to survivors from the House floor, saying she was sorry it had taken so long for the Legislature to address the issue.

“While we have failed so many survivors for so many years, today that changes,” she said.

The bill now awaiting approval in the Senate would make it a crime to knowingly distribute sexually explicit video or images either with the intent to harass or intimidate the person, or to do so with “reckless disregard for the depicted person's lack of consent.” The law would also cover “visual material produced by digitization,” such as computer-generated images or deepfake pornography, that purports to portray someone committing a sexual act.

Those convicted would face



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Massachusetts is one of only two states that haven't criminalized revenge porn. South Carolina is the other one.

up to 2½ years in jail and a \$10,000 fine, while those guilty of second or subsequent offenses could face up to 10 years in prison and \$15,000 in penalties.

The 13-page bill would also expand the definition of abuse by adding “coercive control” to the statute, in effect making it illegal to limit a person's activities or isolate them from friends or family. It would also make it illegal to threaten or intimidate a family or household member by simply threatening to publish sexually explicit images of them

House Speaker Ron Mariano said the chambers long held

“different opinions of how it should be treated and how the perpetrators should be treated,” slowing the proposal. One Senate leader, for example, last year expressed concern about subjecting a first-time offender to potential jail time over what he said could be an “emotional” act.

Lawmakers also believed the state's current statute criminalizing criminal harassment allowed police to seek charges, said Representative Michael Day, the House chair of the judiciary committee. But that statute requires that prosecutors

prove someone engaged in a “knowing pattern of conduct or series of acts” — or three or more incidents, according to a 2005 Supreme Judicial Court ruling — to be charged. Survivors and advocates have long argued that it only takes a single image or video posted online to sabotage someone's life.

“Once it became clear to us that the [district attorneys] didn't agree with us, then we acted,” said Day, a Stoneham Democrat. “We heard a lot from survivors about the impacts both coercive control and revenge porn had on their lives.

We heard that. That was an element that pushed us over the finish line here.”

Aides to Healey said she would review the bill when it reaches her desk, but she voiced support for taking action.

“Governor Healey has long supported legislation to ban revenge porn and hold accountable those who would engage in abusive, coercive, and deeply harmful behavior,” said Karissa Hand, a Healey spokesperson.

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Overdose deaths from opiates down overall but not for every group

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“We really need to focus on the communities we're missing and the communities we're not able to reach.”

Prescription pills, heroin, and, more recently, fentanyl have contributed to opioid-related addiction and deaths. Overdose deaths began skyrocketing about a decade ago, state data show, as synthetic opioids such as fentanyl became more common. In 2022, a record 2,357 people died of overdoses.

Fentanyl was present in 90 percent of overdose victims who received toxicology tests last year, according to the new data. Xylazine, an animal tranquilizer also known as tranq, was present in 9 percent of those tested, an increase from 5 percent in 2022.

Those involved in combating the opioid crisis say the downward-trending numbers are a welcome change after consistently higher death tolls each year since 2019. And early signs indicate that decline may continue this year. DPH estimated fewer people died of opioid-related overdoses between January and March than during the same period last year.

Allyson Pinkhover, director of substance use services at Brockton Neighborhood Health Center, described having mixed emotions when she saw the state data. The number of deaths last year is discouraging, she said, but she couldn't help but express a “tiny sigh of relief” that there were some signs of improvement.

“You definitely have to take the small victories you get in this,” Pinkhover said, “because otherwise I think this work runs you into the ground.”

Seven of the state's 14 counties reported declines in opioid-related overdose deaths, while Dukes County had the same number in 2023 — 6 — as the year before. Of the six counties that reported increases, Suffolk had the largest, reporting 26 more deaths in 2023.

Nationally, opioid-related overdose deaths declined by 3.7 percent last year, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Calvert and Dr. Robbie Goldstein, the state's public health commissioner, said at the briefing that the decline last year suggests investments in harm-reduction strategies are working even as illegal drugs become increasingly lethal. Since 2023, DPH has distributed 196,500 kits of naloxone that reversed at least 4,639 overdoses. The state has also handed out more than 504,000 fentanyl test strips.

“Our drug checking program here in Massachusetts is second to none and allows us to understand the lethality of the drug supply,” Goldstein said.

SafeSpot, a call center where operators talk with people using drugs and contact emergency responders if the caller overdoses, has monitored more than 2,700 “use events” since 2023, according to its website, and intervened during 13 overdoses. The Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund has received \$180 million so far from opioid settle-



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Since 2023, the state has distributed 196,500 kits of naloxone, which is also known as Narcan.

ments, and has funded access to harm-reduction kits, sterile syringes, mobile outreach, and infectious disease screening and treatment.

Massachusetts committed \$700 million to substance-addiction prevention and treatment in its current fiscal year. The Healey administration has also publicly supported safe consumption sites, which would provide people with a place to use drugs under supervision. Studies show the sites can prevent deaths and reduce infectious diseases from spreading, but none have been established in the state.

Mobile programs are particularly important in the most rural communities, where the state data showed the rate of overdose deaths, 35.6 per 100,000 residents, was higher than anywhere else in Massachusetts,

said Julie Burns, chief executive of RIZE Massachusetts, a Boston nonprofit working to prevent overdoses. Mobile programs can provide naloxone, wound care, and medication in areas where access to care is in short supply.

“You bring the care to them,” she said. “With all of the stigma that people with substance use disorder have faced when accessing services, this can be a game changer.”

Mobile services are also critical to reaching communities of color, said Pinkhover, of the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center. Brockton's population is about 54 percent Black, according to the census, and her organization's mobile clinic has a more diverse patient base than brick and mortar facilities providing similar services for opioid-use disorders.

Mobile clinics reduce the

structural obstacles that make Black Americans less likely to access health care, she said.

“All of the things that are really set by structural racism are the things that are going to keep Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous people from getting care,” Pinkhover said.

Among the challenges, experts said, is a lack of health care workers who connect with their patients' backgrounds and cultural experiences.

“I think we need to increase our efforts . . . and be very intentional about diversifying the workforce across all levels,” said Alba Cruz-Davis, a public health consultant and member of the state's Public Health Council.

Despite initiatives to improve support and access to care for the state's communities of color, the decline in deaths last year was within the white population, Goldstein said. Overdoses among Black residents continued to rise. The rate of opioid-related deaths among Black men was 84 out of every 100,000, compared with 40.4 out of 100,000 for white men.

“This is yet another example of racism as a serious public health threat, and it reflects the decades of racism inherent to the war on drugs,” Goldstein said.

Goldstein noted in a presentation to the Public Health Council on Wednesday that Black and Hispanic residents accounted for a significantly higher proportion of opioid-related overdose deaths compared with their overall share of deaths in the state. Eight Native Americans

died last year due to opioids, but the population had the highest rate of opioid-related deaths per 100,000 out of all demographic groups in Massachusetts.

Dr. Michele David, a council member, internal medicine specialist, and chief of clinical quality and safety at MIT, said unequal treatment of Black patients at hospitals contributes to a reluctance to seek care for addiction.

“My patients [with substance disorders] do find that they are treated differently and that leads to their not trusting the system and not engaging the system, and making it more difficult for them to deal with their illness,” she said.

Leo Beletsky, professor of law and health sciences at Northeastern University and an addiction expert, said higher incarceration rates among Black men are a significant driver of overdoses. People who had been in prison are much more likely to overdose and die after their release, Beletsky said. Access to substance abuse treatment, including medication, also tends to be more difficult for Black Americans.

“The disparities between white and nonwhite communities are widening,” he said. “That's part of a larger pattern of health disparities.”

“The numbers may not be what we'd like them to be, but they still represent lives,” said Burns, of RIZE Massachusetts.

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Outdoor dining no longer hits spot for restaurants

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“It was magic,” he said. Somewhere along the way, the sidewalks lost that sparkle.

The number of outdoor dining patios in Boston has fallen dramatically these past four years, a Globe analysis of city data found. More than 400 restaurants erected tables in outdoor public spaces in 2021, compared with just 135 this season. And most are in well-to-do neighborhoods near downtown, rather than the residential enclaves where most people live.

In Back Bay, 22 restaurants are now serving diners at tables erected on public streets and sidewalks. In Dorchester, there are only six. Hyde Park, Mattapan, and West Roxbury have no outdoor dining in public areas.

It’s a worrying sign that a well-intentioned experiment will not have the staying power that many hoped.

Conversations about outdoor dining have been consumed by the drama in the North End, where Mayor Michelle Wu has forbidden most al fresco tables due to residents’ concerns about noise, trash, and traffic. Some restaurateurs have sued her, repeatedly, in return.

Fears abound, too, that the issues facing outdoor dining will add to the economic hardship plaguing restaurants, large and small, in the post-COVID economy. And the dwindling number of businesses taking part is a consequence, many said, of the program’s ever-changing and often expensive requirements.

Former mayor Martin J. Walsh first allowed al fresco seating so quickly in 2020 that rules governing architectural plans, disability accommodations, and annual fees were added two years later. Regulations have since evolved, again and again.

The rules address legitimate safety and accessibility concerns, Bacon said. But they can be onerous for businesses battered by the pandemic and post-COVID shifts in the economy.

“It became more difficult and expensive to have outdoor patio space than it used to be,” he added. “It just stopped making sense for a lot of people.”

The city hopes to turn back the clock with the promise of stability. In April, state legislation allowed communities, including Boston, to set concrete rules for outdoor dining, which was previously governed by pilot programs.

“Because there was no permanent structure for outdoor



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Lolita Back Bay’s patio was busy recently, but some city neighborhoods have no outdoor dining at all.

dining put in place at the state level, we just had to come up with whatever was going to work for that new season,” said Segun Idowu, Boston’s chief of economic opportunity and inclusion. “The lack of participation is based on previous experience, and that will not be the experience moving forward.”

Restaurants now pay a monthly fee of \$199 to operate outside, or \$399 if they serve alcohol, with clear requirements around size, buildout, and hours.

The clarifications may already be helping.

Fewer Boston restaurants opted for streetside patios this year than in 2023, when 144 businesses did so. But participation has risen slightly year-over-year in a handful of neighborhoods, including Allston, Brighton, Dorchester, South Boston, and the South End.

Any resurgence in outdoor dining could be a boon for Boston. Al fresco tables helped the city lean into its reputation as a European-style city, infusing neighborhoods with vibrancy. Tourists adore it, as do many residents, though some complain about congestion and lost parking.

Jeff Speck, an urban planner and author of “Walkable Cities,” added that dining on city streets

and sidewalks is an unmitigated good.

“It brings with it certain management and cleanup responsibilities,” he said. But “the impact on the city’s quality of life, attractiveness, and attraction, really, is an upside that you can’t put a price on.”

But pulling businesses back into the program could prove difficult. Some restaurants are not conducive to outdoor dining as the city springs back to life as usual. Streets that housed patios during the quiet days of the pandemic are clogged with traffic or construction. Pedestrians, sparse in the heyday of sidewalk dining, block the space between servers and seats.

Take the Fenway, for example. At its peak, the neighborhood boasted 18 streetside patios, with tables sprinkled into the thoroughfares surrounding Fenway Park. Now several bars have abandoned outdoor dining on public property, and only two patios remain.

Restaurateur David DuBois said he closed the streetside patio at Citizens Public House & Oyster Bar on Boylston Street after 2022 because it was impossible to bring back without spending thousands on jersey barriers and planters. (The restaurant still operates a smaller patio on property it controls.)

“It’s an evaluation of the specific property. Can you put a comfortable dining space out there?” DuBois said. “For Citizens, the answer was no.”

And many restaurants continue to struggle financially. COVID-era assistance programs have mostly ended, and a Febru-

‘Can you put a comfortable dining space out there? For Citizens, the answer was no.’

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Citizens Public House & Oyster Bar

ary survey from the industry trade group Mass Restaurant United found that 39 percent of restaurants in the state did not turn a profit in 2023. A third said they were a few bad storms or an equipment failure away from closing.

Outdoor dining can be yet another costly burden for businesses run by independent owners, women, or people of color, said Bessie King, co-owner of Villa Mexico Cafe in the Finan-

cial District. The cost of engineering plans, insurance, tables, and chairs (plus their storage in the offseason) can amount to five-figure costs for businesses on a shoestring budget.

City Hall now offers financial assistance to select restaurants to manage the costs of road barriers and engineering fees.

It’s a question of whether that will be enough. Communities of color have seen a notable decline in patio participation: Just one restaurant in Roxbury now serves customers streetside, down from seven in 2020. Thirty-one patios once populated East Boston. It only has seven now, too.

King, a first-generation Mexican American, has watched profits dwindle at her Mexican takeout place on Water Street. Fewer office workers frequent the central district for lunch; rent keeps rising. When she finished the outdoor dining application in April, the fee — \$1,791 for the season — came as a shock.

“It was unbelievable,” King said. “Where is that money going?”

(Idowu, the city economic chief, said the money from outdoor dining fees funnels back into the program, funding street cleaning, trash pickup, and other issues.)

To Colin Lynch, the chef-

owner behind Black Lamb in the South End, the price of labor is front of mind as well. The restaurant adds 25 seats on Tremont Street each summer, but those tables require additional staff.

Wages in leisure and hospitality have grown almost 30 percent nationwide within five years, but employees remain tough to find. An ongoing fight to raise the minimum wage for tipped workers to \$15 could also soon add new costs, and workers need to be paid whether customers show up or not.

“You make plans to be busier, so you hire extra staff, and then it’s raining all the time,” Lynch said.

What remains to be seen is how the evolving outdoor dining rules will impact neighborhoods left behind from the start. Mattapan, a majority-Black neighborhood that is among the poorest in Boston, has not seen a single streetside patio since the pandemic began. In Hyde Park, Essence Of Thyme Cafe and Rincon Caribeno put up tables on public space in 2020, though no businesses there have done so since.

Then there’s Chinatown. Mom-and-pop restaurants in the immigrant neighborhood saw business plummet well before COVID landed on US shores. Many eventually closed, leaving “for rent” signs and deadbolts on a flood of empty storefronts.

In 2020, only 13 restaurants in Chinatown and the Leather District — a restaurant-dense area — participated in outdoor dining. That figure fell to four this year. Most are bubble tea cafes or bars, rather than full-service restaurants.

Overcrowding is one factor in the populous and traffic-ridden enclave, said Jacqueline Church, a restaurant consultant who runs Boston Chinatown Food Tours. But businesses also rarely have the money to spend on patio equipment, or the wherewithal to apply. A lack of support from the city for restaurants in the Cantonese-speaking neighborhood only compounds the problem, she added.

“If you want to keep the texture and ambience that comes with mom-and-pop restaurants, we need to support them,” Church said. “That starts with lowering rents and offering resources. But why couldn’t outdoor dining play a role in that, too?”

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For TV couple now together online, a change in the weather

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NECN. And what he’s doing here, in this mostly empty office suite above a nail salon in a higher-end strip mall in North Andover, is basically what he did when he was on television. Three-ish minutes of highs and lows, the marine forecast, and what’s going on in the mountains, peppered with the folksy bits about when you should pack a sweater and what that water temperature is going to feel like if you take a dip.

But this is not TV. No, the 45-year-old quit his dream job as chief meteorologist at a big Boston station, the exact job he’d fantasized about as a kid in Haverhill, when he used to cut out weather maps from the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune and lie in bed delivering forecasts in his head. Instead, he left all that behind to start his own thing, a new thing, which is doing New England forecasts exclusively online. It’s called 1Degree Outside, and he’ll be the first to tell you it’s a huge risk, a keep-you-up-at-night-worrying sorta gamble. But he’s not the only one taking it, and he’s not the only one worrying in that bed.

“That was great,” Danielle Noyes says after her husband wraps up the forecast and loosens his tie. “Well done.”

She’s the other familiar face in this story, a Weymouth girl who vividly remembers her parents taking her to watch Hurricane Bob smash the shoreline when she was 7 years old, the moment she got hooked on the power of Mother Nature.

She’s 40 now, and another longtime veteran of Boston

morning weather. For a while, she was even Matt’s competitor when she was at WBZ. But then she moved to NBC10, they started dating, and one wedding and two children later, they had become something of a power couple in Boston television meteorology. That is until they started wondering if TV is still the best medium for forecasting.

Matt has long said that his goal as a meteorologist is to bring the best information to the greatest number of people. So when a poll came out in 2023 showing that fewer than half of people got their weather from TV, a light bulb went off.

There was also an alarm going off, the one that sounded at 2 a.m. for the 20 years that Matt did the morning weather.

“My body was feeling the effects of that alarm,” he says.

It had gotten so bad that he was puffing on an inhaler a half-dozen times a day and slipped a disk in his back on the air.

“People claim you get used to it, but a human body is not meant to get up in the middle of the night,” says Danielle, who did her own decade of morning weather. “You get home and if you sit down, you’re done. You have to keep moving until you put the kids to bed. Then you go to bed.”

The hours were taking a toll on their family — 6- and 5-year-old girls, as well as Matt’s 13-year-old son from a previous marriage — and so they began having serious conversations about what it meant to have their dream job. Was there a way they could still do the weather, still stand in front of a green screen and help an audience



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Working in North Andover, Danielle and Matt Noyes say their hours have greatly improved.

plan their lives? But do it on their terms, in a way that was better for their family and at a more reasonable hour?

On May 1, with a camera and green screen set up in their North Andover home, they officially launched 1Degree Outside. The two of them are the entire staff. And their budget is exclusively what’s in the family bank account.

The Globe launched its own weather team in March to delve into breaking storm coverage, daily and long-range forecasting, and the science behind weather patterns.

Three times a day, the couple takes turns delivering a traditional, TV-style forecast, which

is also available on YouTube, while the app and website, 1degreeoutside.com, provide their town-by-town forecasts, hour-by-hour for the next 24 hours, as well as a 14-day outlook. They also have specific forecasts for each Massachusetts state park. In addition, the company is offering private forecasts for companies with outdoor workers. Unlike algorithm-based weather apps, what they are pitching is a local forecast, crunched by actual meteorologists with years of experience with New England weather.

It’s a lot for two people, and Danielle still works part time as a meteorologist for NBC10 and NECN. But in its first month, the

site already has exceeded expectations, drawing 540,000 pageviews from 145,000 visitors, according to figures they provided.

Much of that initial momentum can be attributed to the social media followings they built up as TV personalities. But there is still a long way to go toward profitability, and they are well aware that most startups fail because they run out of money. They hope to sell advertising for the forecasting site but expect the bulk of their income will come from selling private forecasts to businesses that need more pinpoint weather information for an exact location, such as a school weighing a costly

snow day.

It’s a bold step. And the couple gave up a lot to take it. And the person most worried about it, Matt says, is his 13-year-old son.

“He was very nervous, and so I told him: I got my dream job once, and the chances of that happening were small. So I’m going to try to do that again, to plan on winning and have faith that everything will fall together,” Matt says.

And then his son gave him advice: He needed to go back to wearing a tie on the air. The “sweater dad” thing he was trying wasn’t working.

“And my son was right,” Matt says.

These days, Matt sleeps in until 4:30 a.m. before he puts on his suit and tie. Then he heads to an office suite they recently moved into and logs long hours at a computer screen full of weather data, while Danielle chips in, often filming her forecasts from the makeshift studio still set up at their house.

“I’ve never been afraid of hard work,” Matt says, as his off-air Haverhill accent slips in and the R’s disappear. He has a loud, barreling voice, but its tinged with the infectious optimism that long endeared him to viewers, and co-workers.

When he left NBC10, some of his colleagues made him a collage, which he keeps on his desk. In the center they wrote a wish for him: a sunny future with a high chance of sleep.

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State aid should focus on helping low-income students obtain college degrees

Massachusetts is getting closer to adopting free, universal community college. Senate President Karen Spilka champions the idea, and the Senate included funding for it in its version of the state budget, now in conference committee.

As Nate Mackinnon, executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, points out, “free” is a powerful incentive. When Massachusetts this year began offering free

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community college to students over 25, community colleges saw decades of declining enrollment reversed. There is certainly a legitimate public interest in helping students get degrees, since businesses across the state report labor shortages.

But before lawmakers approve free community college for all, they should answer some important questions: Will it accomplish the intended goal of educating more students who could not otherwise afford college? Are the state’s community colleges well-poised to serve an influx of students and shepherd them to graduation? And is this the best use of education funding versus, for instance, more investment in early childhood education?

The Senate would spend \$75.5 million making community college tuition- and fee-free for all students, on top of the existing program that offers free community college for students over 25 and nursing students. All students, regardless of their income, would be able to take advantage of the free tuition in the Senate’s proposal. It would also channel a \$1,200 stipend to students whose families make 125 percent or less of the median income in the state, to help them with college costs other than tuition.

This board has argued that any free college program should prioritize helping lower-income students and avoid incentivizing students to attend a college that is not the best educational fit simply because it is free. Others are raising similar questions. Eighteen advocacy groups focused on equity in education — including MassINC, the Education Trust, the Hildreth Institute, Latinos for Education, the Boston Foundation, and others — recently wrote to lawmakers raising concerns about the Senate proposal.

One question they raised is whether the stipend envisioned in the Senate bill would be adequate to help the lowest-income students, given costs of housing, food, and child care. A Hildreth Institute analysis finds the average cost to attend a Massachusetts community college is \$21,100, including tuition, books, housing, and other expenses. Hildreth’s analysis says a student from a family earning \$95,000 or less would get \$1,200 from the Senate program on top of aid they are already receiving and would pay an estimated \$11,800 out of pocket. A student from a family earning more than \$131,000 annually would get \$6,600 in additional aid and pay \$14,200 out of pocket.

In other words, the wealthier student would see a greater overall benefit.

The advocacy organizations put forth an alternate proposal that focuses on the neediest. Instead of paying tuition and fees for everyone, their plan would increase aid to lower-income students by doubling the size of their Pell grant and letting

them use the aid at any public college. Under this proposal, a student from a family earning less than \$69,000 could get an additional \$4,300 toward community college or \$5,000 for a state university above current aid. The advocates’ proposal is more expensive than the Senate’s, and their goal of doubling the Pell grant may not be an amount the state can afford. There may be other ways of structuring a program to ensure middle-income students who aren’t Pell-eligible get aid.

But the principle behind it — providing more aid to lower-income students, some aid to middle-income students, and little aid to higher-income students — is one that is progressive.

Allowing aid to follow the student would also alleviate concerns about whether free community college would incentivize students to attend a two-year college over a four-year college, even if that is not the best educational option for the student.

Other states have made free-college programs more flexible. Colorado, for example, just passed legislation covering tuition and fees for two years at all public colleges, including trade schools and two- and four-year schools, for students from families earning less than \$90,000.

If lawmakers are committed to universal free college, one option might be to scale up gradually. Boston, for example, launched a tuition-free community college program in 2016 for Pell-eligible students, then, in 2023, expanded eligibility to all Bostonians.

For any free college program to be worthwhile, students who start college must finish it. According to the Department of Higher Education, only around 26 percent of Massachusetts community college students earn a degree from that institution within six years, a number that has stayed consistent the last five years. Only 34 percent of students who enter a Massachusetts community college receive a degree from any US institution within six years. Although community college can be a less expensive path to a bachelor’s degree, only around 20 percent of community college students transfer to a four-year institution within four years. (Rates vary by institution. At Roxbury Community College, only 21 percent of the class that started in 2017 obtained any degree within six years compared to 43 percent at Greenfield Community College.)

Providing more financial aid may improve outcomes by alleviating financial barriers. However, adding an influx of students to community colleges could strain colleges’ resources. WBUR reported that with the influx of students over 25, community colleges are struggling to hire financial aid and enrollment officers. Mackinnon said community colleges struggle to hire faculty, largely because of low pay.

State-funded SUCCESS grants, which pay for services like advising and mentoring for students at risk of dropping out, have shown early promise. The Senate is proposing continuing those grants and creating a new \$10 million Student Persistence Fund to help low-income students pay for unforeseeable expenses.

Expanding funding for programs that provide students with advising, coaching, mentoring, or help accessing resources will be vital for any proposal to succeed, as will ensuring schools have money to scale up academic programs. There will also be a need for improved transfer pathways so students can more easily advance to a bachelor’s program, with support services available at four-year universities.

Ultimately, the point of any policy must not be to serve institutions but to serve the students who attend them. State resources are finite, and it is important policy makers use this money effectively to help as many students as possible obtain college degrees.

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Two verdicts and two very different pictures of America’s future

It’s a tale of two trials with very different endings: not for the defendants but for the rest of us.

The convictions of former president Donald Trump and Hunter Biden, son of President Biden, have many things in common. But differences in how the former and current presidents reacted to the verdicts cut to the heart of our body politic and speak volumes about the choice we face in November’s election.

First, the similarities. Both Trump’s conviction on 34 counts of falsifying business records to conceal his violation of campaign finance laws and Hunter Biden’s conviction on three counts of making a false statement to purchase a firearm put on full display the array of guardrails in place to prevent politicized prosecutions.

Allegations that either verdict is the result of the weaponization of the justice system by Democrats are belied by the fact that both cases went before grand juries — made up of Americans just like you and me — who decided whether there was sufficient evidence to bring an indictment.

In both cases, prosecutors had to deal with the political interference of congressional Republicans, led by Trump-aligned Representative Jim Jordan of Ohio, bent on portraying the Justice Department and the Manhattan district attorney’s office as anti-Trump attack machines.

In both cases, the defendants were able to, if they chose, seek plea deals — and in the case of the president’s son, his attorneys and federal prosecutors reached a deal that would have ultimately led to the gun charges

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being dismissed. But because of poor lawyering — namely the inability of either Biden’s attorneys or the prosecution to ferret out a potential constitutional problem with one of the terms of the agreement — the case went to trial instead.

Hunter Biden and Donald Trump were represented by well-known, highly experienced lawyers. Their cases were tried by juries — more Americans just like you and me. And in both cases the juries rendered guilty verdicts.

Importantly, both cases were clear examples of a criminal justice system that grants prominent, wealthy, and powerful defendants far more privileges than most other people would enjoy. Both men now have the opportunity to seek appeals of their convictions — appeals that, again due to their privilege, have a higher chance of being heard and adjudicated than those of most other defendants.

Here’s where the differences between these two cases matter in terms of the upcoming election: President Biden reacted as a father, an American, and as a president.

“I will accept the outcome of this case and will continue to respect the judicial process as Hunter considers an appeal,” President Biden said in a statement shortly after his son’s conviction Tuesday. “Jill and I will always be there for Hunter and the rest of our family with our love and support. Nothing will ever change that.”

Trump, conversely, acted like an autocratic baby after his own conviction. But it wasn’t just the anger and resentment that he expressed during his 30-minute rant outside a Manhattan courtroom that were problematic; it was the baseless attacks on prosecutors, judges, and the system itself as fraudulent and corrupt.

“Our witnesses were literally crucified by this man who looks like an angel, but he is really a devil,” Trump said of Justice Juan Merchan, who presided over the trial. And despite a court order preventing Trump from verbally attacking or otherwise intimidating witnesses, Trump called key prosecution witness and his former attorney Michael Cohen “a sleazebag.”

But the biggest difference between the current and former president is what each vowed would come next.

President Biden said he would not pardon his son. Trump, by contrast, promised his reelection would mean political payback.

“Look, when this election is over, based on what they’ve done, I would have every right to go after them, and it’s easy,” Trump said of Democrats in a Fox News interview earlier this month.

In an interview with Dr. Phil, Trump said “revenge does take time, I will say that. ... And sometimes revenge can be justified, Phil, I have to be honest. Sometimes it can.”

If Hunter Biden’s federal conviction wasn’t enough to quell Trump’s claim of one-sided politicized prosecution, nothing will be. But we already knew that — Trump’s outspoken plans to weaponize the Justice Department for his own political purposes predate even his own conviction.

“If I happen to be president and I see somebody who’s doing well and beating me very badly, I say, ‘Go down and indict them,’” Trump said in a CBS interview last year. “Mostly what that would be, you know, they would be out of business. They’d be out, they’d be out of the election.”

Don’t miss the implication that Trump believes that, if he wins in November, he could be elected a third time, Constitution be damned. But that is Trump’s brand: Destroying anything he believes stands in his way, even our democratic and justice systems. But don’t just take my word. Take his.

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INBOX

Readers weigh verdict in trial of Hunter Biden

Donald Trump and Biden's son are contrasting defendants

During the hush-money trial of former president Donald Trump, the judge had to issue a gag order — and went on to cite multiple violations of the order — to keep the defendant from making public criticisms of members of the court. Death threats from Trump supporters have followed his verbal attacks. After the jury found Trump guilty on 34 felony counts, he used harsh terms to accuse the full process of being rigged. Members of the jury did not wish to speak with the media, probably due to concerns about receiving death threats.

During the trial of Hunter Biden on three felony counts related to a gun purchase, the defendant did not criticize the legal process, and it was not necessary to correct his public behavior. President Biden expressed respect for the legal system reviewing his son. After Hunter Biden was found guilty on Tuesday, members of the jury spoke with the media, perhaps because there was no concern about Biden supporters sending death threats to them.

ROBERT DOYLE
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Scales of justice, calibrated

Either Hunter Biden and Donald Trump were both victims of miscarriages of justice or both were rightly convicted by a jury of their peers. There can be no other alternative.

BRIAN POMODORO
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Playing the Beau card

So many things that happen to the Bidens seem to get linked to the very unfortunate early death of Beau Biden from cancer, including the onset of Hunter's drug addiction. In her June 12 column ("For many, Hunter Biden's trial recalls the familiar sorrow of a loved one's addiction," Opinion), Renée Graham references testimony from family members that Hunter was "unmoored by the death of his brother, Beau, in 2015, and began using crack cocaine." However, Hunter was administratively discharged from the Navy in 2014 after testing positive for cocaine in 2013, before Beau had been diagnosed with cancer. It's conceivable that Beau's untimely death increased Hunter's use of controlled substances, but it certainly didn't start it.

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Antisemitism on campus is a painful reality, not a phantom claim

Re "ACLU lawyer who defended Nazis sees free speech retreat in America" by Joan Vennochi (Opinion, June 11): Antisemitism on campus is not a phantom claim intended to shut down debate. It's an all too obvious and painful reality. The Anti-Defamation League reported 916 antisemitic incidents on campus, including assaults, nationwide from Oct. 7, 2023, to May 15, a 375 percent increase compared with the same time frame a year ago.

We have cited rampant violations of student codes of conduct, making certain spaces unwelcome for students based upon their identity as Jews. Heated discourse that "hurts feelings" (in the words of former American Civil Liberties Union lawyer David Goldberger) is one thing, violating students' civil rights is another. Universities have an obligation to protect access to services and facilities for all, regardless of background. When a protester on my son's campus held up a sign declaring Jewish students were the "al-Qassam [Bridges] next targets," my son and other students reasonably wondered if they could be safe anywhere on campus.

Freedom of speech is a right and it must be protected. But those who push bigotry are not the only members of our society with rights. "The exchange of viewpoints and ... heated debate" is exactly what campus life should be about. Ensuring access to a safe and welcoming learning environment for everyone and ending the harassment of Jewish students is necessary for just such discourse to be possible.

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Insurer urges Mass. Senate to add curbs to House health care bill

Thanks to the Globe editorial board for highlighting high and rising health care costs as a significant concern for many Massachusetts residents ("Getting a grip on health care costs," May 30). We applaud the health care legislation the Massachusetts House passed last month for including important reforms to state oversight of providers, and we believe that as the Senate takes up the bill, legislators should consider additional policies to address high health care costs.

A new affordability standard for health plans during rate review is unlikely to be successful without additional tools to control spending. Remember, in Massachusetts, health plans are required to spend nearly 90 cents of every dollar on direct medical care for members. High and rising costs for hospital visits, doctors' appointments, and pharmaceuticals are fundamentally what drive insurance premiums. The Senate should take steps to address these issues.

The Massachusetts Health Policy Commission for years has recommended price caps for the most expensive hospital systems in the state, which use market dominance to demand higher reimbursement rates and draw significant patient volume. Last year, the HPC reported that at least \$3 billion of commercial health care spending was excessive, or double what Medicare would have paid for the same services. Similarly, the Senate should continue its focus on controlling pharmaceutical costs, which continue to increase at more than double the state's cost growth benchmark annually.

Health plans have a shared responsibility to promote affordability in our market, but we cannot get there alone. Expanding on the House bill could have a real impact on the underlying drivers of spending, which have made health care in Massachusetts both unaffordable and inaccessible to too many.

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Crude State Police investigator compromises Karen Read trial

Whether you believe Karen Read is guilty or innocent of murder in the death of her boyfriend, John O'Keefe, can we agree on this much: The crude, sexist, and vulgar gloating and Donald Trump-like locker-room talk dispersed via group text by Trooper Michael Proctor, the lead investigator on the case, should have no place in the Massachusetts State Police.

But it did and, so far, still does. While Proctor is under investigation for an unspecified violation of department policy, he remains on full duty. When asked via email for a response to Proctor's embarrassing testimony, officials in Governor Maura Healey's administration took a pass. "There is no comment right now because Trooper Proctor is a witness in an ongoing trial," a spokesperson for the State Police said. A spokesperson for Secretary of Public Safety Terrence Reidy also said it would be "inappropriate" for Reidy to comment, "given the ongoing criminal proceedings and the active [State Police] internal affairs investigation." Meanwhile, a spokesperson for Healey referred me to Reidy's nonresponse.

During testimony in Read's trial, Proctor copped to "unprofessional and regrettable comments" but said they had "zero impact" on the integrity of the investigation. He's wrong. Calling Read "a babe" and "a whack job" — not to the mention, the ultra-obscene "c" word — as well as joking about her bowel disease and about finding "no nudes so far" when he searched her phone does detract from the integrity of the investigation, and from the prosecution's case. The defense, which has worked hard from the outset to establish reasonable doubt through an elaborate conspiracy theory, got a big boost from Proctor's juvenile, tasteless, and amateurish approach to a murder investigation.

Read, 44, has been charged with second-degree murder in the death of O'Keefe, a Boston police officer. Prosecutors say she intentionally backed her vehicle into him after dropping him off at a party at the Canton home of another Boston police officer and then left him to die in the snow. Read said she's being framed and that O'Keefe was beaten at the house party, maybe bitten by a dog, and then left outside to die. The trial, which is being televised, is the talk of the town and has received national attention.

Read's defense team has focused on alleged investigative blunders by law enforcement officers and pushed the theory of pervasive police corruption. The spotlight on Proctor also comes as State Police try to move past a widespread overtime fraud scandal and corruption



GREG DERR/POOL

Massachusetts State Trooper Michael Proctor faced cross-examination by lawyer Alan Jackson on June 12 during Karen Read's murder trial.

Given that Proctor's texts went out to a network of trooper pals — and to his wife — what does that say about the overall handling of homicide investigations by the State Police?

charges involving the former president of the State Police union, as well as the union's former lobbyist.

With Proctor, more than the Read case is at stake. According to NBC10 Boston, Proctor, who works out of the Norfolk district attorney's office, is also the designated case officer for the 2023 murder case involving Brian Walshe, the Cohasset man who is charged with murdering and dismembering his wife, Ana Walsh. The defense lawyer in that case will no doubt be interested in any Proctor texts relating to that investigation.

Given that Proctor's texts went out to a network of trooper pals — and to his wife — what does that say about the overall handling of homicide investigations by the State Police? "Generally, the cultural norm and expectation (as well as long-standing policy) regarding homicide investigations and homicide investigators is that they share no information regarding the investigation with anyone who does not have a 'need to know — right to know,' and that includes other police officers and detectives not assigned to the investigation (and especial-

ly civilian friends)," Tom Nolan, a criminologist and former Boston police officer, said via email. Even when he was a lieutenant in the BPD, Nolan said he would never ask or expect to have information shared with him regarding a homicide investigation.

Nolan also pointed out that the BPD has "an actual homicide unit staffed by actual detectives who work in teams," while state troopers assigned to the offices of district attorneys are "essentially assigned there from the highway patrol." He said, "We are essentially seeing the effects of these differences playing out in the Read trial." For another example, Nolan points to a triple murder case in Waltham, about which author Susan Zalkind has written a book. That book documents the failures of investigators in the Middlesex DA's office to chase down leads in the 2011 murders of three men — a crime that could be linked to the Boston Marathon bombing.

In the Read case, Proctor's overt sexism and other offensive antics are an embarrassing sideshow that undercut the prosecution. Whatever the verdict, the question at the state level is whether Proctor's conduct will be written off as a matter of one bad apple communicating with a group of others — or viewed as part of a systemic problem that requires agency-wide change in culture, attitude, and policy. Sweeping reform has been promised before in the aftermath of previous scandals. But somehow no governor has ever made it happen.

Now it's Healey's job to try.

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City Council's police budget change was vetoed. It would have increased promotions of people of color.

By Ben Weber

The Boston Police Department has a problem in its supervisory ranks.

According to the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, only about 13 percent of sergeants (23 out of 178) and about 6 percent of lieutenants (3 out of 52) are people of color, despite the fact that nearly 40 percent of patrol officers are people of color. These numbers are evidence of systemic discrimination under both state and federal law. The cause is easy to identify — it's the written promotional exam.

My colleagues and I on the City Council tried to address this issue in the budget amendment package we passed by a 10-to-3 vote last week. We recommended moving \$3 million from the police budget, including \$1.8 million that would have been used for a promotional exam in the fall. The exam has been responsible for the lack of any meaningful diversity in the BPD's supervisory positions. The City Council used the budgeted money to fund other public safety priorities, such as \$1 million to the crime lab and \$500,000 for the Family Justice Center. The budget adjustments were vetoed by Mayor Michelle Wu.

A promotional exam in October would cement the discriminatory impact of the 2020 exam. Instead, my colleagues and I proposed a one-year delay of this test in order to promote diversity in the city's workforce. Our proposal was supported by the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. BPD should commit to a different promotional process in 2025.

A delay of the promotional exam would have allowed the police commissioner to pro-

mote officers of color in significant numbers and allowed the department to better reflect the community it serves, which has been shown to make police departments more effective.

Civil service laws require that the BPD create a list based on objective criteria from which to make promotions (even though the courts have held that a written exam is not

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required). The BPD has so far promoted officers who have scored 90 and above on the sergeants list. The delay would have allowed the promotion of those officers who just missed the 90 percent mark.

The Boston Police Department has insisted on using a written exam to rank candidates for promotions. While BPD has also occasionally used another components, such as an oral board, the written exam is historically guaranteed to ensure the largest score gaps based on race. This would be permissible if the written test bore a close relationship with the job, but as recent cases demonstrate, written tests should not have outsized weight in police promotional decisions because they fail to measure important charac-

teristics like leadership, oral communication skills, and past job performance.

Test score differences are not the result of differences in intelligence or study habits but instead are caused by myriad extraneous factors, including less experience taking standardized tests and test takers' own belief to perform well on the test.

Police Commissioner Michael Cox has said that the department is committed to administering another exam in October.

The commissioner would have us believe that his hands are tied by Massachusetts civil service laws. In a 2023 decision in Tatum v. Commonwealth, Superior Court Judge Douglas Wilkins ruled that the state was liable for discrimination through its development of the written exam statewide (which resulted in a \$40 million settlement). Wilkins wrote that civil service law does not require police departments to use an exam to produce a strict rank order list for promotions like the BPD has done for decades. The BPD could use the written exam as a hurdle (e.g., each officer who scores over an 80 moves on to the other components), consider prior job performance, or adopt expert recommendations to use score banding.

The First Circuit Court of Appeals held in 1972 that the BPD had discriminated against people of color in its hiring practices. The numbers in the supervisory ranks show that we haven't made enough progress since then. We can't keep doing the same thing for another 52 years and expect better results. Let's level the playing field for all of our public safety officers.

Ben Weber is a Boston City Councilor representing District 6, which includes Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury.

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Growing child care



Kendall Square is fine and all, but if you want to see really exciting innovation at work, head over to Mission Hill.

There, on the first floor of Longwood Apartments, a high-rise on Tremont Street, workers are sawing and hammering away, putting the finishing touches on an incubator that solves a bunch of bedeviling problems all at once.

Instead of tech startups, this incubator grows family child-care providers. Here, starting in July, three aspiring day care operators will each get their own space — complete with furniture, meals, and a beautiful, recently renovated playground — to host up to 28 children each day.

More importantly, they'll get the support they need to build thriving businesses.

It's all free at first; then, after three months, the child-care providers are expected to pay \$300 each per month. The hope is that they will be ready to go out on their own within two years, making space for three more operators to get up and running.

The incubator is being built by Nurtury Early Education, a nonprofit that provides both child care directly for some 300 children, and back-of-house support for 150 Greater Boston family day care providers, who look after more than 850 kids in their homes.

"Everything we're doing is designed to make more high-quality child care available for families," said Laura Perille, president of Nurtury.

But doing that has been incredibly difficult in recent years, she said, and particularly since the pandemic. Traditional day care centers struggle mightily to find enough staff, partly because wages in the sector are still quite low. Family day care — where providers host kids in their homes each day — is the one sector that is growing, but too many aspiring providers are stymied by a housing crisis that makes it hard to find affordable spaces suitable for hosting children.

"I went to 20 or 25 landlords to ask if they would let me have a family child care," said Julia Santo, one of three applicants to win a spot at the incubator. "Only a few said yes, but they wanted extra money."

Santo, 29, has been ready to start her own child care business for a long time, having spent years collecting experience and qualifications and ambition. But she was stymied by her inability to find a space where she could host kids, and, with a toddler to care for, daunted by the prospect of growing a business from scratch on her own.

"When I saw that Nurtury was offering space, not at my house, and help with expenses, I was like, how is this real?" she said, sitting at a table in one of the almost-complete classrooms.

It is real, though. And, remarkably, it is rare.

When they hit upon the idea of an incubator, Perille and her colleagues searched for examples elsewhere in the country and found none, apart from one in Connecticut that was only a little further along than they are.

That is confounding, given that an incubator like this creates so many winners. It grows the supply of day care providers for families desperately searching for safe, affordable options. And it creates entrepreneurs who can make good incomes — \$80,000 to \$100,000 annually before expenses — which moves their own families into the middle class and sends money back into their communities.

"I am coming in with a lot of hunger to learn how to run a business, not just to run it, but to be the best at it," said Santo.

Together with her husband's salary, the income from running her own day care will not only lift up Santo's immediate family, but help support her extended family, including her mother, and relatives who remain in the Dominican Republic, she said. And it makes it more likely she and her husband will be able to afford to buy a house sooner than they had expected. No more landlords saying no.

If this works, and there's every reason to expect it will, Nurtury hopes to expand the incubator model, and persuade like-minded operators across the state to open up their own versions.

The whole thing is so smart, and so obvious, and so necessary.

There will be a ribbon-cutting at the new incubator on Tuesday. May it be the first of many.

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Shelter departure notices planned

Families set to get 90-day exit notes starting in July

By Samantha J. Gross
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Homeless and migrant families living in the state's emergency shelter system could be kicked out as soon as Sept. 29 under new policies implemented by the Healey administration, officials announced Wednesday.

The first families to exit the emergency assistance program under the new policy, which limits shelter stays to nine consecutive months, will receive 90-day exit notices in person and by email beginning in July. The exact date has not been determined, officials said.

The policy will be implemented in stages so not all families would be affected immediately. To start, 150 families will be given notice each month.

Officials said there are about 4,000 families — about half of whom are migrants — who have been in shelter for nine months or more. While most families will have to leave after nine months, the policy allows for multiple 90-day extensions for certain individuals such as veterans, single parents of children with a

disability, or people who have made progress toward receiving a permit to work. It also builds in the option for those facing certain hardship to apply for a 120-day hardship waiver.

If families are denied extra time in shelter, they can appeal to the state.

A family's exit date will be determined based on their date of placement in an emergency shelter, and families will have the option to reapply, subject to the waitlist and other factors.

The new policies reflect the implementation of a law the Legislature passed in April setting a nine-month limit. The proposal was part of a

broader spending bill meant to buoy the strained shelter system through the end of the fiscal year, and help fund it into 2025.

The administration had to clarify the dates Wednesday after there was widespread confusion and concern among families and advocates over when the policy actually goes into effect.

Earlier this month, Healey administration officials said families could start getting kicked out of the emergency shelter system by Sept. 1, after receiving a 90-day notice to exit on June 1, information reflected on the state website.

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'I couldn't feel better right now, only if they were playing here.'

OLIVIA WOZNY



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Fans celebrated a Celtics basket during Game 3 as they watched the action remotely at TD Garden.

Celtics fans gather for uproarious Garden party

Despite team away, a sea of green for NBA Finals

By Lila Hempel-Edgers and Auzzy Byrdsell
GLOBE CORRESPONDENTS

They went to a Garden party dressed in their best Celtics green.

TD Garden hosted Boston's first-ever NBA Finals watch party Wednesday night for the Celtics' Game 3 against the Dallas Mavericks. With the Celts on the road, fans had their own home-court advantage, filling the seats and fixing their eyes on the Jumbotron to watch the game TV broadcast.

And what a party it was. As a massive Celtics' lead evaporated in the fourth quarter, the fans held tight. With the clock ticking down, they punched fists in the air with every point. The Celtics faithful rose to their feet, screaming support.

"I'm feeling [expletive] ecstatic right now," said Donna Shirasb, 19, from Newton.

Some fans hung over railings and jumped out of their seats.

"I couldn't feel better right now, only if they were playing here," said Olivia Wozny, 19, from Boston. "As long as we get a parade, we're happy."

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The Jumbotron rotated between several graphics, the most popular being a message instructing the crowd to make more noise.

"It feels like a real game," said Chad Noto, 22, from Hull.

The crowd roared as they watched Luka Doncic fall to the ground in the fourth quarter, with the Dallas star fouling out of the game. From there, a furious comeback by Dallas fizzled.

Thunderous cheering filled the arena as the Celtics approached 100 points.

"I [expletive] love this," said Mercedes Blanton, 40, from Auburn. "The crowd is amazing, it feels like a real game."

And in the end, the men in green delivered, with a pulse-pounding 106-99 victory.

The anticipation had built all night. Around 8 p.m., the Garden was a sea of green. Seats were packed with fans wearing Celtics jerseys and hats, many holding hot-dogs in one hand and a cup of beer in the other.

"With us being on fire, hopefully the world understands that Boston is on the map and that our voices are pushing them on," said Orlenia Nick, a Boston native who inherited his

Boston students meet with Netanyahu

Session blasted by pro-Palestinian protesters at MIT

By Lila Hempel-Edgers
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Six students from MIT, Harvard, and Boston University met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week as part of a delegation of American college students to discuss antisemitism at US universities, according to Netanyahu's office and the meeting's nonprofit organizer.

The meeting was an initiative of Olami, an organization that offers Jewish students international travel opportunities and on-campus programming. Talia Khan, a graduate student in mechanical engineering at MIT, said in the conversation with Netanyahu and Strategic Affairs Minister Ron Dermer allowed the delegation to discuss what they view as threats to the safety of Jewish students across the nation.

"We all felt very heard," said Khan, 26, a third-year graduate student and president of the MIT Israel Alliance. Netanyahu "definitely cares about and understands and is concerned about what's going on on campuses."

Netanyahu's decision to meet with the American students amid a wartime crisis appears to underscore Israel's concern about its reputation in the United States, particularly among young people, as the war enters its ninth month. The Gaza Health Ministry says more than 36,000 Gazans have died in the conflict, which was provoked by Hamas's brutal attacks in southern Israel last fall in which 1,200 people were killed and some 250 Israelis were taken hostage.

Younger Americans are more likely to sympathize with Palestinian people than with Israelis, according to a recent series of reports by the Pew Research Center, which also found the same group far more likely than older Americans to say Hamas's reasons for fighting Israel are valid. Jewish students on many campuses, particularly those who support Israel, have reported an uptick in antisemitic incidents and their own social isolation.

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What to know about the closure of Sumner Tunnel

By Emily Sweeney
GLOBE STAFF

The Sumner Tunnel has been closing on weekends to allow for repairs, and it will be closed for a month straight starting July 5. It's a critical artery for drivers, one that typically carries about 40,000 vehicles a day under the harbor from East Boston and into downtown. Here's what to know about when the tunnel is scheduled to be shut down this summer and where the detours are so you can steer clear of traffic headaches.

Where is the Sumner Tunnel, and where does it go?

The Sumner Tunnel, which was built in the 1930s, carries traffic on Route 1A south between East Boston and the North End of Boston. It takes drivers from Logan Airport to downtown Boston, Interstate 93, and points north. The adjacent Callahan Tunnel runs alongside the Sumner and carries traffic under the harbor in the opposite direction.

This summer's tunnel closures come on the heels of two years of weekend closures and a two-

month shutdown last summer to allow for much-needed repairs and upgrades. Last year's shutdown allowed for work on the ceiling, as well as the installation of lighting and fireproof wall panels, among other improvements.

When will the Sumner be closed?

Before the monthlong shutdown, the Sumner will be closed the weekends of June 14 and June 21, starting on Fridays at 11 p.m. and reopening on Mondays at 5 a.m., according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

The tunnel will be closed completely from July 5 to Aug. 5, which is half as long as originally planned, because of all the progress made this spring, officials said.

After the monthlong closure, MassDOT said there will be additional weekend closures, though the exact number will depend on the work completed by the contractor from July 5 to Aug. 5.

As it stands, the current schedule calls for Sumner closures on the weekends of Aug. 9, 16, and 23; Sept. 6, 13, 20, and 27; Oct. 4, 18, and

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ROLE-PLAYING, WITH PATIENTS AS HEROES

Fan Expo cosplayers dressed as superhero characters took the stairs to visit with a group of pediatric patients at Mass General for Children on Tuesday. Bradleigh Rhodes Rinaldi (right), dressed as Batgirl, embraced 5-year-old Noelle. Fan Expo will open Friday at the Hynes Convention Center.



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City Council approves \$1.5b budget for BPS

Concerns remain over enrollment, plan for facilities

By Niki Griswold
GLOBE STAFF

The Boston City Council on Wednesday voted 10-3 to pass Mayor Michelle Wu's proposed \$1.5 billion budget for Boston Public Schools for the next fiscal year, despite concerns about ongoing inequities in the district, the lack of a long-term facilities plan, and declining enrollment.

"We were concerned with persistent, underperforming metrics at BPS despite the district spending more than \$30,000 per pupil," said Councilor Brian Worrell, who chairs the Ways and Means Committee that oversees the budget process. "With that being said, I believe this is a bridge year for BPS, and one where they would need to prove progress on inclusion, transportation, and much more. I'm hopeful, hopeful to see progress."

Worrell emphasized that the council held months of hearings and meetings with BPS of-

ficials, and he received assurances from Superintendent Mary Skipper that the district will be commissioning several "robust external audits" on a range of issues, including performance and achievement among students of color, spending by the district's central office, and transportation. He also said the district committed to providing a more transparent view of its budget next year and involving the council earlier in the budget process.

But Councilors Liz Breadon, Julia Mejia, and Erin Murphy, who voted against the BPS budget, all delivered harsh criticism of the district, with particular concern about student literacy levels.

"How many decades are we going to allow our children to have to be learning in difficult and challenging times? We shouldn't allow that at all. It's the children who suffer, and we do have more than enough money to get this right," said Murphy.

Breadon slammed the district over what she said was a significant lack of transparency and accountability.

"We shouldn't have to drag

the answers out of BPS, the central office is a black box, and we have no idea how money is spent," said Breadon, who also criticized the district for not yet producing a robust facilities plan that lays out planned school closures, consolidations, and renovations. "We have 119 schools buildings in the city. Many of them are over 100 years old, and yet we don't have a five-year capital plan. And as someone said ... 'We're kicking the can down the road,' absolutely we're kicking the can down the road."

Other councilors acknowledged that many of the challenges facing the district are decades in the making, and expressed optimism over recent increased investments in mental health programs, Community Hub Schools, and Wu's Green New Deal for BPS, a \$2 billion plan to build or renovate environmentally-efficient buildings.

"I, like everyone else, was surprised when we had all this plan for closings and mergers and reconfigurations, and what's presented to us is actually a very slim list, [but] I actually do support the idea of under

promising and over delivering, because for too long, our students in our schools have been delivered false promises," said Council President Ruthzee Louijeune. "So I am encouraged that we are trying to look and start small and see where that takes us, because our students really do deserve the world."

Councilor Ed Flynn also expressed the need to give Skipper time to right-size the district.

"She's doing a good job under very difficult, challenging circumstances," said Flynn, who supported the budget but expressed concern about school safety.

In a statement, Wu expressed her gratitude to the council for their support of the BPS budget.

"I value our shared focus on working for Boston students and their families to have every possible opportunity," she said.

The City Council on Wednesday did not take action on the operating budget for the next fiscal year.

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This day in history

Today is Thursday, June 13, the 165th day of 2024. There are 201 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Actor Malcolm McDowell is 81. Former UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon is 80. Singer Dennis Locorriere is 75. Actor Richard Thomas is 73. Actor Jonathan Hogan is 73. Comedian Tim Allen is 71. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper is 67. TV anchor Hannah Storm is 62. Actor Lisa Vidal is 59. Singer David Gray is 56. Singer-musician Rivers Cuomo of Weezer is 54. Actor Steve-O is 50. Actor Chris Evans is 43. Singer Raz B is 39. Actor Kat Dennings is 38. Fashion designer and former actor Ashley Olsen is 38. Fashion designer and former actor Mary-Kate Olsen is 38. DJ/producer Gesaffelstein is 37. Actor Aaron Taylor-Johnson is 34.

► In 1942, a four-man Nazi sabotage team arrived on Long Island, N.Y., three days before a second four-man team landed in Florida. (All eight men were arrested after two members of the first group defected.) President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Office of Strategic Services, a precursor to the Central Intelligence Agency.

► In 1966, the Supreme Court ruled in *Miranda v. Arizona* that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent.

► In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson nominated Solicitor-General Thurgood Marshall to become the first Black justice on

the US Supreme Court. The Mystic River Bridge was rededicated as Maurice J. Tobin Memorial Bridge.

► In 1971, The New York Times began publishing excerpts of the Pentagon Papers, a secret study of America's involvement in Vietnam from 1945 to 1967 that had been leaked to the paper by military analyst Daniel Ellsberg.

► In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was recaptured following his escape three days earlier from a Tennessee prison.

► In 1983, the US space probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of Neptune.

► In 1997, a jury voted to give Timothy McVeigh the death penalty for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing.

► In 2005, a jury in Santa Maria, Calif., acquitted Michael Jackson of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at his Neverland ranch.

► In 2012, federal prosecutors dropped all charges against former Democratic vice-presidential candidate John Edwards after his corruption trial ended in a deadlocked jury.

► Last year, Donald Trump became the first former president to face a judge on federal charges as he pleaded not guilty in a Miami courtroom to felony counts that he hoarded classified documents and refused demands to give them back.

IRS commissioner warns of AI threats

In Mass. visit, Werfel highlighted surge in scams on the vulnerable

By Suchita Nayar
GLOBE STAFF

Financial scammers are harnessing the power of artificial intelligence to swindle millions of Americans, IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel warned in a visit to Massachusetts this week.

The agency is launching a campaign to protect individuals and organizations, a move that's being welcomed by local agencies.

In an interview Tuesday in Boston, Werfel highlighted a surge in scams aimed at the elderly using AI-generated voice clones of loved ones and spurious romantic liaisons on dating sites.

Tax experts have also seen an increase in fake social media campaigns offering enticingly high refunds to both individuals and small businesses. In addition, individuals with hefty tax bills are being scammed online by players who claim they can expunge such liability in return for the taxpayer's credit card and other sensitive information.

A decade ago, identity theft was the No. 1 source for financial scams. Now tax fraud is the top threat — graver in scale, complexity, and sophistication.

"It's a problem on the rise," said Werfel, who toured Internal Revenue Service offices in the state, including in Andover. "It warrants a tremendous amount of time and attention not just from the IRS but from other fed-

eral agencies that are further mobilizing their efforts to deal with it."

To that end, the agency launched a campaign this week in conjunction with the Department of Justice to increase awareness among taxpayers. It's particularly keen to reach "vulnerable populations" who are exploited way too often.

The campaign includes some basic pointers: The IRS will not call a taxpayer without prior notification by mail. When in doubt, call the IRS directly. Do not respond to calls, emails, and text messages from anyone claiming to be from the IRS, Medicare, or Social Security Administration; most likely, they are impersonators.

The agency also advises to never click on an email seeking account verification, to pay fees, or claim lottery winnings. And it recommends adult children work with their aging parents to keep them safe.

The IRS is "deeply concerned" about rackets geared toward those 65 and older. It has seen "more than several hundred thousand" suspicious tax returns involving this demographic alone since last year, Werfel said.

Swindlers have studied different ways to persuade senior citizens to give out their Social Security number, for instance. They've tested what works on the phone or in a text message.



MARK SCHIEFELBEIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel said Tuesday that the elderly are being targeted by AI scammers. The agency this week launched a campaign to increase taxpayer awareness.

Scammers are adept at exploiting victims' sense of protectiveness of their children and grandchildren by saying a relative is in need of money immediately.

By getting the word out, the IRS hopes to disrupt such con artists.

"We've to investigate, to demonstrate that there's a penalty or jail time for preying on the vulnerable," Werfel said.

A COVID-era tax benefit is still causing havoc — the Employee Retention Credit that gave small businesses a \$20,000 tax credit for each employee they retained during 2020-'21. A fraudulent scheme that targeted companies to make such claims went viral on social media. Most of these claims were faulty because they didn't meet requisite conditions.

"We're still getting thousands of these credit claims coming in every week, years after their period of eligibility," said Werfel, 53. It's an important reminder for the IRS to educate taxpayers about emergent risks pervasive on social media.

The US tax system is overly complicated and places too much stress on residents, breeding an environment in which scams can flourish, Werfel said. On his wish list is a simplified tax code, with easy to use digital services. He's asking Americans to consider the IRS their resource to help with problems.

"We've a lot of tools and ways in which we can work with you," he stressed. He highlighted clinics such as Voluntary Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly that run across the country from the IRS roster of community programs.

Local agencies say the heightened focus on scams is warranted.

"Older adults are especially vulnerable to financial scams and fraud," said Emily K. Shea, commissioner of Age Strong Commission for Boston, which is working with Boston Police and AARP on education and prevention drives.

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June 12 **3-10-19-26-33-37**

Jackpot: \$702,160; no winners

MEGA MILLIONS

June 11 **1-5-7-22-24**

Megaball 8, Megaplier 4

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Investigator: 'I got emotional' on Read

Proctor says texts unprofessional

By Tonya Alanez and Travis Andersen

GLOBE STAFF

Under withering cross examination on Wednesday, Michael Proctor, the lead State Police investigator in the Karen Read trial, testified in Norfolk Superior Court that "emotions got the best of me" when he sent crude and dehumanizing text messages about Read, including one that said he hoped she would kill herself.

Proctor told jurors in the Dedham courtroom that the messages he sent to fellow troopers and supervisors, friends and relatives referring to Read as a "whack job," a "nutbag," and a "retard," were regrettable and unprofessional, and he never anticipated them becoming public.

Read's defense lawyer, Alan Jackson, shamed Proctor for calling Read a vulgar term and for reducing her "to a punch line" when he made fun of her medical condition of Crohn's disease.

"Did you develop some sort of hatred for Ms. Read?" Jackson asked.

"We followed the facts of the evidence ... and yes, at times I got emotional," Proctor replied, adding that he said things he should not have.

That included his Feb. 4, 2022, text to his sister saying he hoped Read "kills herself," Proctor testified.

"My emotions got the best of me with that figure of speech," Proctor said.

He insisted Read was "absolutely not" treated differently from the other witnesses in the case.

Read, of Mansfield, is accused of backing her SUV into her boyfriend, Boston police officer John O'Keefe, and leaving him for dead in a blizzard in front of a friend's home in Canton.

Prosecutors say Read, 44, was intoxicated after consuming nine alcoholic drinks during a night of bar-hopping and intentionally rammed into O'Keefe after arguing with him early on Jan. 29, 2022.

Proctor's text messages, retrieved from iCloud data collected from his personal cellphone, also showed that within 16 hours of the discovery of O'Keefe's body, Proctor texted O'Keefe's name and identified him as the Boston police officer who had died. He told friends in a chat group that Read had "hit him with her car" and had "zero chance" of escaping charges, and



PHOTOS BY GREG DERR/THE PATRIOT LEDGER VIA AP, POOL

Michael Proctor, (top), the lead State Police investigator in the Karen Read trial, said that "emotions got the best of me" when he sent crude and dehumanizing text messages about Read, (right) to colleagues.



that they would be "serious charges."

Proctor also told the group that the owner of the home outside which O'Keefe's body was found was "a Boston cop too." Proctor did not disclose Brian Albert's name to the group but told them he "didn't do a thing wrong."

"You had this case nice and wrapped up, didn't you?" Jackson asked.

"Based on the evidence my office recovered that day," Proctor said.

"Was it cut and dry in your mind?" Jackson asked.

"Yes," Proctor said.

Proctor also testified that investigators at the scene initially suspected that O'Keefe might have been in a physical altercation.

Read's defense team says she's being framed and that O'Keefe entered Albert's home on Fairview Road and was fatally beaten before his body was planted on the lawn.

Proctor said O'Keefe had cuts on his eye and nose, and no inju-

ries below his neck, other than patterned scratches on his right arm.

"We saw his injuries and were kind of working through how these injuries occurred," Proctor said.

"Initially, we didn't know what we had," Proctor said.

Proctor confirmed that authorities initially suspected a physical altercation.

On Monday, Proctor told jurors he had never met Read or O'Keefe before but had been "loose acquaintances" over the course of about a decade with Julie and Chris Albert and their son through his sister. O'Keefe died in front of the home of Chris Albert's brother, Brian Albert.

Another Albert brother, Kevin, is a Canton police detective.

Read's lawyers have zeroed in on Proctor's ties with the Albert family to further their claims of an alleged conspiracy.

On Wednesday, Proctor further explained his relationship with the Alberts, including a drunken night with Kevin Albert

while on assignment on Cape Cod that resulted in Kevin Albert leaving his badge in Proctor's police cruiser and wondering if he had also left his firearm there.

Proctor denied having a conflict of interest while investigating the case but said he never mentioned his ties to the Alberts in any official reports.

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Cal and Owen Hammerstrand were among 23 sets of twins graduating from Pollard Middle School in Needham Wednesday.

‘An astounding, historic number’ Needham middle school graduates 23 sets of twins

By Ava Berger

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Tamatha Bibbo has been the principal at Pollard Middle School in Needham for 10 years. She has never graduated this many twins.

“Just the sheer number, the volume, and in comparison, typically we have between five and 10 sets of twins, but to have 23 ... it’s been so fun,” Bibbo said.

The 23 sets of twins, 46 students, make up a 10th of the 454-person eighth-grade class that graduated on Wednesday, Bibbo said. Technically, there are 47 twins in the graduating class, but one eighth grader does not have their twin at the school, Bibbo said.

In Needham, this community of twins has grown up together. Michele Fox, mother of twins Ethan and Harrison, said a group of 12 twins, including her sons, grew up together in Needham since they were infants. Beth Hammerstrand, Cal and Owen’s mom, said she’s been best friends with the mother of another set of twins since prenatal classes.

The 454 eighth graders crossed the stage in Needham in a ceremony filled with student performances and friends and family, Bibbo said.

“It was a fantastic day,” she said. “The student speeches were heartfelt, and it was a great conclusion to their middle school years.”

Cal and Owen Hammerstrand, both 14, are identical twins, but luckily Cal wears mostly red and Owen mostly blue. Owen also wears glasses, which the pair said helps their classmates, and even their close friends, to tell them apart.

“It was very unique,” Cal said of his middle school experience.



TAMATHA BIBBO

The twins of Pollard Middle School gathered recently for a group photo.

“I had multiple twins in some of my classes, and I even had six in one class.”

During April Fools’ Day, the identical twins decided to trick their classmates. The pair acted like they had switched classes, wearing the other twin’s classic color, but they stayed in their own classes.

“They totally got away with it,” said their mother, Beth.

For Cal and Owen, a twin is a built-in best friend. They play soccer and baseball together and even like to play the same positions. “Everything we do, we do together,” Cal said.

Twins Lukas and Sameer Patel received the Needham Exchange Club’s annual community service award at Wednesday’s ceremony. It was a recognition given to five students in the class who went “above and beyond”

on their 10 hour community service requirement, Bibbo said.

“We’re very committed to community service,” she said. “It’s important to learn how to give back.”

For Lukas and Sameer’s work, \$100 will be donated to Storytime Crafts, a nonprofit dedicated to inclusive childhood literacy opportunities.

This past week, some teachers were surprised to learn the exact number of twins in the graduating class, Bibbo said.

“We were aware that there were a lot of sets of twins, but we didn’t realize it was such a big deal,” Bibbo said. “A number of my teachers were shocked. ... It’s a fun surprise.”

She said the twins have not caused too much confusion in the classroom because they are not all identical. There are about

10 sets of identical twins.

The current graduating high school class has eight sets of twins, the largest number Bibbo remembers, she said.

“It is absolutely amazing, the coincidence of it all,” Fox said. “Every grade has a large number of twins, but this is an astounding, historic number.”

All but one set of the twins will go on to Needham High School together, Bibbo said.

Brayden Mahoney, 14, and his twin, Lauren, will continue to the high school together. Brayden couldn’t get away with an April Fools’ Day trick like that played by identical twins Cal and Owen, but he said having his twin sister in school is still “pretty cool.”

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Cambridge to pay ousted schools chief more than \$200,000

By Christopher Huffaker

GLOBE STAFF

Cambridge Public Schools will pay Superintendent Victoria Greer more than \$200,000 in severance after ending her contract early last month, according to a settlement agreement obtained by the Globe through a public records request.

Following a wave of public criticism, the Cambridge School Committee voted in May to sever its contract with Greer, about a year before it was due to expire. The district will pay Greer about \$205,000 in severance, one-third of which is not required by her contract, per the agreement. The severance is worth nine months of pay and does not include any payments for unused vacation or sick days.

In exchange, Greer agreed not to sue the district for anything other than a breach of the settlement agreement itself. The agreement waives claims of wrongful termination, defamation, and discrimination, among other claims.

The district terminated Greer’s contract without “good cause,” entitling her to six months of severance, and the district agreed to pay her an additional three months, or about \$68,000.

According to the agreement, the district terminated Greer’s employment on May 7, and she signed the agreement on May 20. Her last day is Aug. 5, 90 days after she was notified, but she will be on paid leave beginning June 30.

The agreement was also signed by Cambridge Mayor and School Committee Chair Denise Simmons and School Committee Vice-Chair Caroline Hunter, but their signatures are not dated.

The School Committee voted 5-2 to terminate Greer’s contract on May 29, more than three weeks after the agreement says she was terminated. The Harvard Crimson reported in April that the board had asked Greer to resign, and the committee held weeks of closed sessions before voting on her contract.

The School Committee offered no explanation for ending Greer’s contract early, but tensions had been growing for many months. Last summer, the committee rated her overall performance as “needs improvement,” after giving her a “proficient” rating a year earlier.

The board faulted her in the evaluation for inadequate communication, overreliance on top-down decisions, and problems with principal hiring — issues that appeared to continue into this school year. Parents publicly lambasted Greer for hiring Kathleen M. Smith as principal of the Graham and Parks School, an elementary school. Cambridge Public Schools earlier this year launched a review by an outside law firm into Smith’s leadership style following complaints from teachers and par-



Victoria Greer agreed not to sue the district in exchange for the severance.

ents.

Last summer, school leaders came under fire over the elimination of advanced math classes in middle school. After months of parent pushback, the district unveiled a plan to teach Algebra 1 to all eighth-grade students by 2025. A recent survey of students, families, and staff also indicated widespread discontent in Cambridge schools.

But Greer also tallied significant achievements in her three years as superintendent, including a reduction in chronically absent students, new literacy and math curriculums, lengthening the school day next fall by 30 minutes, and implementing universal preschool. And the district is nearly unique in the state in having academic achievement back to pre-pandemic levels.

With no public debate, the committee approved Greer’s departure after a closed-door executive session. None of the five who voted to fire her spoke publicly at the meeting about why they voted that way.

A day after the vote, Greer addressed her departure in an email to families.

“I leave the superintendency absent any regrets and immensely thankful that I was afforded this opportunity,” Greer said. “I am saddened to leave as I know there is much work to continue and I am confident that our school and district leaders will continue the great work that we started.”

In addition to the severance and release from claims, the settlement agreement accounts for Greer’s employment benefits: The district will pay out unused vacation days, buy back unused sick leave, pay its share of premiums for continuing health insurance through the end of 2024, and make a \$15,000 payment for an annual annuity purchase. The district agreed not to fight an unemployment benefits claim.

The School Committee has not announced who will fill Greer’s role while a search for a new superintendent takes place.

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Celtics fans gather for Garden’s first-ever NBA Finals watch party

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love for the Celtics from his late mother. Nick said the watch party showed the level of strength and respect fans have for the team and city. “We’re here to win,” he said.

To some, the iconic parquet floor looked empty, absent the courtside chairs that seat celebrities and superfans during home games.

“It’s definitely a weird experience seeing not as much stuff on the floor,” agreed Henry Pestana, 21, of Tewksbury, as he sat in his seat, awaiting the 8:30 p.m. tip-off. “But in terms of the amount of people here, it feels just as exciting as any other game I’ve been to.”

Just as it would during a home game, graphics filled the Jumbotron, and boos filled the arena as a photo of former Celtic Kyrie Irving was shown.

Pestana’s uncle, Brian Moorhouse, said the watch party brought more Celtics fans to the Garden than he had ever seen. Mavericks fans were scarce, Moorhouse said.

“I’m used to seeing some

‘The whole city’s here, everybody’s going to be going crazy.’

ROBERT LANGSTON, of Utah

more of the other team here,” said Moorhouse, 47. “I did see a Luca shirt, and I wanted to heckle him, but it didn’t feel right.”

The first two quarters brought a slew of performances from the Celtics dancers, and fans were entertained by everything from a child dance troupe to Lucky the Leprechaun and his trademark bowl-hat. At halftime, fans desperate for green popcorn headed for the concession stands while others stayed behind to watch a dance performance.

“We’re just getting started,” said Jacob Lincoln, 26. “We’re going to show our Celtics nation exactly who we’re about to be and what we’re about to do



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Fans celebrated the Celtics winning Game 3 at the TD Garden watch party.

in the playoffs.”

Lincoln sat with a group of his friends, cheering and clapping for the sake of celebrating. “There’s nothing better than coming to the Garden and be-

ing with a bunch of fans,” said Lincoln, of Marlborough.

Competition prizes included tickets to upcoming sports games.

Even before the doors

opened at 7:30 p.m., the party got off to an early start, with fans crowding streets around the Garden. Children painted the asphalt with colorful chalk and dribbled green basketballs.

Six-year-old Izaiyah Soto of Lynn waited for his turn with a basketball. “I hope Tatum dunks on Kyrie Irving,” said Soto, his curly black hair covered in green hairspray.

Halfway down Canal Street, Robert Langston stood in front of a Celtics merchandise tent with his friend. Donning a green jersey with “Tatum” scrawled across the back, Langston said Wednesday’s watch party would provide an environment he can’t get back home in Utah.

“The whole city’s here, everybody’s going to be going crazy,” said Langston, 40.

The watch party, planned by the team and the City of Boston, aimed to provide an affordable fan experience. Tickets were priced as low as \$18, a nod to the team’s quest to hoist an 18th Larry O’Brien Championship Trophy.

Another watch party, already sold out, will be held Friday night for Game 4.

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Migrant, homeless families in shelters to get exit notices

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Officials said the website will be updated with the new policy, a video to explain it, and an FAQ. Families will also receive a reminder email as they near their last days in shelter.

The state will also be putting up fliers, distributing packets, and training staff at the state's 211 call center to answer questions about the new policy.

The nine-month limit marks the first restrictions on the state's emergency shelter system for homeless families since the inception of Massachusetts' right-to-shelter law. Until recently, homeless families were guaranteed a roof over their heads, with no limitations, under the decades-old law, the only statewide so-called right-to-shelter requirement in the United States.

New York City, which has a similar shelter policy, imposes more stringent limits on how long newly arrived migrants may stay in emergency shelters: There, families with children are allowed to stay in shelters for a maximum of 60 days, though there are efforts to repeal that policy.

In Massachusetts, the migrant crisis has ratcheted up in recent months, costing the state millions of dollars as hundreds more people arrive in the state each month, fleeing violence and economic turmoil in their home countries, including Haiti and Venezuela.

House Speaker Ron Mariano on Tuesday called the state's approach "fair," noting it allows people to seek extensions while allowing the state to begin "the migration out of the shelters."

"They were on notice for a very long time that that was going to be the situation and now

it's come to fruition," the Quincy Democrat said of the limits. "It wasn't a surprise to me that the announcement came. So it shouldn't have been a surprise to anyone else."

As of June 6, Massachusetts was providing housing for 7,387 families in its emergency shelter system, including nearly 3,736 in hotels or motels. Roughly half of the families in the system — not counting hundreds more on a waitlist — entered the United States as migrants, refugees, or asylum seekers, according to state data.

According to state officials, the average stay in emergency shelter is nearly a year, at 362 days.

Healey has already imposed some limits on the shelter system, last year capping capacity at 7,500 families — the first restriction on how many people the state would house in the system. And on May 1, state officials began to limit stays in state-run overflow shelters to 30 days, requiring people to re-apply monthly and show they are also seeking work authorization, pursuing new housing, or taking other steps to stay in the rapidly expanding program.

Overflow shelters are separate from the state-run emergency shelter system, serving to temporarily house families on the waitlist to get into the larger system. As of last week, 798 families were on the waitlist. The nine-month rule could serve as "a motivator to get people out of hotels as quickly as possible," said Jeffrey Thielman, CEO of the International Institute of New England, which works to resettle new migrants. Since the start of the federal fiscal year last October, Thielman's organization has provided services, including access to



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

The Melnea A. Cass Recreational Complex in Roxbury was used as an emergency shelter,

federal cash assistance, to more than 11,000 people from Haiti — many of whom have been placed in apartments across the state, not state-run emergency shelters, Thielman said.

"Deadlines are helpful to agencies like ours that are serving people in shelters," he said. "We are all very aware that the taxpayers will not fund the emergency shelter system indefinitely and without any upper limits on costs."

Leah Bradley, executive director of the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, said while there are some concerns around how the new rules will affect families, they note the state has worked to beef up the HomeBASE voucher, a decade-old emergency housing assistance program that covers security deposits, rent, and furniture.

The Healey administration raised the benefit from \$20,000 to up to \$30,000 in rental assistance over two years with the possibility of a third year of help. And to help more families access the program faster, families considered to be "presumptively eligible" can access HomeBASE funds, while landlords can get a check equal to one month's rent if they lease to a HomeBASE tenant.

Over the last six months, 1,540 families have exited shelters: 197 in December, 209 in

January, 230 in February, 269 in March, 304 in April, and 331 in May, and more than 35 in June as expanded housing and job placement services have been funded by the state.

The new policy doesn't go far enough to protect those still living in shelter, said Andrea Park, a staff attorney and director of community-driven advocacy at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute.

She had unsuccessfully pushed an amendment that would start the nine-month clock on June 1 instead of having the policy take effect retroactively. Without a buffer or time to make use of the state's new resources, people are "terrified" that they will get the notice "any day now."

She said "in the absence of clear guidance," homeless and migrant families have turned to rumors and unreliable information.

"There still has not been any good answer as to what are people supposed to do," she said. "The question people will ask is, 'What happens to people who aren't ready?' There wasn't much of assurance there."

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What to expect with the Summer closures

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25; and Nov. 1, 8, and 15.

How can I avoid the gridlock?

MassDOT officials are urging travelers to plan ahead and to use public transportation whenever possible. The MBTA Blue Line will be free to ride in both directions, and gates will be open at all stations from Wonderland to Bowdoin.

The East Boston ferry will also be free when the Summer Tunnel is closed, as well as Chelsea bus Routes 111, 112, 114, 116, 117, and Silver Line 3, officials said.

If I have to drive, what are the detours?

Bottom line: Add additional travel time and be prepared for traffic and delays.

Drivers headed to Logan Airport and East Boston can continue using the Callahan Tunnel or the Ted Williams Tunnel.

Drivers traveling north to Maine, Portsmouth, N.H., or Newburyport should take Route 1A north to US-1 north. Drivers traveling south should take I-90 west/Ted Williams Tunnel to I-93 south, and those heading west should also take I-90 west/Ted Williams Tunnel.

Be aware that the ramp connecting the airport to the Ted Williams Tunnel will be closed periodically to minimize the backup on I-90. Vehicles traveling on Route 1A/I-90 westbound toward the Ted Williams Tunnel may also see one less through lane on I-90 westbound, officials said.

The following detour routes will be in place during the Summer Tunnel closures:

- Drivers from East Boston seeking to reach the downtown Boston area will be rerouted to I-90/Ted Williams Tunnel via Bennington Street and onto I-93.
- Drivers leaving Logan Air-

port seeking to reach the downtown Boston area will be rerouted to I-90/Ted Williams Tunnel and onto I-93.

• Drivers traveling along Route 1 south toward downtown Boston are encouraged to divert to Route 1A in Revere at the Bell Circle Rotary. Once on Route 1A, drivers will be rerouted to I-90/Ted Williams Tunnel and onto I-93.

• Drivers traveling along Route 1A south toward downtown Boston are encouraged to continue along Route 1A and will be rerouted to the Ted Williams Tunnel and onto I-93.

• When the Route 145 (Bennington Street) exit is closed, follow the local East Boston detour. Message boards and signs near the entrance of the Ted Williams Tunnel will guide drivers through the route.

• Drivers leaving Logan Airport and seeking to reach I-93 north should follow signs for Route 1A north to Bell Circle Rotary; follow signs to Route 16 to Route 1 south; proceed over Route 1/Tobin Bridge and follow signs to Rutherford Avenue, and then continue through Sullivan Square and onto I-93 north.

How can I find more information?

Drivers should check Mass511 for real time traffic updates.

MassDOT officials are also encouraging people to sign up to receive email alerts about the project. Anyone with questions or concerns can send an email to Summer100@dot.state.ma.us or call the construction hot line at 508-510-2920.

For more information on the Summer Tunnel project and the upcoming closures, visit mass.gov/summer-tunnel.

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Boston students meet with Netanyahu on antisemitism

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"The Israeli government had an interest in and also a need to hear firsthand from student leaders from campuses across North America about what's happening," said Rabbi David Markowitz, the executive vice president of Olami. "It was difficult, but it was empowering at the same time."

For Khan and around 20 other students from around the country who participated, the conversation was the highlight of a five-day trip in which the group met with Israeli soldiers and heard from survivors of the Oct. 7 attack. Khan said the connections she made have informed her plans to organize into the fall semester, when she expects tensions to rise.

"We want to bring more survivors to campuses," she said. "I'm looking forward to working together with Israelis and to sharing more information and sharing the truth."

Idan Gutkind, a recent Boston University graduate, said the meeting also gave students an opportunity to establish a direct line of communication to the Israeli government. Gutkind said Israeli officials pledged to advise students on their organizing efforts and supply them with information to combat pro-Palestinian protests.

"It's on their radar, and now they're going to start doing something about it," Gutkind said.

At MIT, pro-Palestinian protests drew widespread attention in recent months, culminating with an encampment on Kresge Lawn that ended when police cleared the demonstration and arrested students in the early morning hours of May 10. Students involved with the protests want MIT to end research projects that tie the university to the Israeli Ministry of Defense.

Khan said the protests left many Jewish students feeling unwelcome on campus, and interpreting certain slogans used by some pro-Palestinian protest-

ers as calls for violence against Israeli civilians. Some have turned to private donors, outside organizations, and now the Israeli government for support.

"We're facing a world struggle to fight slander against the Jewish people and the Jewish

'I find the idea that anyone would take . . . advice from Netanyahu . . . to be quite alarming.'

QUINN PERIAN, MIT junior and organizer for *Jews For Ceasefire*

state," Netanyahu said during the meeting, according to a statement issued by his office.

MIT declined to comment on individual student complaints, but a university spokesperson directed the Globe to President Sally Kornbluth's October statement in which she advised students to "please think carefully about the impact of your words on those around you."

MIT was one of many campuses across the country at which students set up pro-Palestinian encampments this spring. The penalties the university issued against the protesters were among the harshest of any institution in the state. As of June 6, 66 cases have been resolved or remain in various stages of the university's complaint resolution process under the faculty-led Committee on Discipline. Protest organizers say over 20 students were suspended after refusing to vacate the Kresge encampment in May.

Suspended students say they were effectively barred from campus, denied income from student jobs, and prevented from finishing their final exams and projects. Most were also told to vacate their university housing, and some were not able to

graduate as planned.

The Jewish student delegation's meeting with Netanyahu provoked a harsh rebuke from pro-Palestinian protesters on MIT's campus. Within 24 hours, an MIT student emailed an undergraduate subscription list with a link to a survey that listed a series of war crimes and asked questions like, "Do you think it's okay to meet with an individual (and be honored to do so) who has the aforementioned charges?" It also asked students if they would "be okay with the alleged war criminal interfering with campus affairs."

Quinn Perian, a junior at MIT and organizer for Jews For Ceasefire, a pro-Palestinian group of Jewish students, university staff, and faculty, said leaders of the pro-Palestinian movement on campus did not coordinate with the student who sent the email. But Perian, along with many of his Jewish peers, was appalled that Khan sought counsel from the prime minister.

"I find the idea that anyone would take any sort of advice from Netanyahu after his repeated literal war crimes and crimes against humanity to be quite alarming," Perian said.

Perian said most members of JFC have not seen evidence of the on-campus antisemitism that pro-Israel student groups report. He and several other pro-Palestinian protesters who identify as Jewish have been harassed and called "fake Jews" by members of the MIT Israel Alliance, and Perian said he no longer feels welcome at the university's Hillel.

"There is antisemitism on campus, there always has been, and it's not like it suddenly disappeared," Perian said. "It's really hard for a lot of people to talk about any of that with the way antisemitism is being weaponized for this very specific, political narrative."

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LEGAL NOTICES

(SEAL) COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
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ORDER OF NOTICE
TO: Michael W. McCue and Amy E. McCue
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 3901 et seq.:
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Federal Credit Union
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Mansfield, numbered 475 Williams Street, given by Michael W. McCue and Amy E. McCue to Chittenden Trust Co. d/b/a Mortgage Service Center, dated July 28, 2003, recorded or filed at Bristol County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 12548, Page 161, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 07/22/2024 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.
Witness, GORDON H. PIPER, Chief Justice of this Court on 6/5/2024
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

Legal Notice:
The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is seeking bids for an Invitation to Bid for six Retail Concession Locations within MBTA's Wellington Station in Medford, Massachusetts, and MBTA's Government Center and Roxbury Crossing Stations, and Chatham Row, along the public sidewalk in Boston, Massachusetts.
To obtain a copy of the Invitation to Bid and become a registered bidder, visit <https://www.mbtarealty.com/bid-docs/> or contact MBTA's designated representative: GreyStone Management Solutions
Attn: MBTA Retail Bid
20 Park Plaza, Suite 1120
Boston, Massachusetts 02116
Email: Procurement@mbtarealty.com
Responses are due no later than 1:00 pm on June 20, 2024 at the following address:
GreyStone Management Solutions
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Boston, MA 02116
MBTA reserves the right to reject any and all responses.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
DATE FILED: May 21, 2024

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON June 25, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2024-13. Petitioner/ Owner: Hussam & Estier Sayegh. Nature of Appeal/Petition: Variance and Amend prior Decision. Subject Matter: To obtain a height variance for an existing height violation and to amend the plan and decision obtained in ZBA Case 2022-44 to reflect the now existing conditions. Location and Zoning District: 42 Pine Vale Road; Residence A-4 Zoning District. Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved: § 4.11 and § 7.2. Specific Relief Sought: Petitioners' architect misinterpreted City of Waltham elevation rules and as a result, the addition was constructed 1.5 feet over height limit of 35 feet. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. MEMBERS: John Sergi, Mark Hickernell, Glenia Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. AQ24CO177CA
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Norfolk Probate and Family Court
35 Shawmut Rd. Canton, MA 02021 (781)830-1200

In the matter of: Maya Sophia Levy
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Maya Sophia Levy of Wellesley, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Maya Sophia Assioun.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Probate and Family Court before 10:00a.m. on the return day of 07/17/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Patricia Gorman First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 05, 2024
Colleen M. Brierley, Register of Probate

City of Watertown
Community Preservation Committee
Administration Building
149 Main Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

LEGAL NOTICE
The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) of the City of Watertown will hold a PUBLIC HEARING, Thursday, June 27, 2024, 7:00 PM in the City Hall, Lower Hearing Room. For meeting agenda and access information, visit <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/cpc>

On November 8, 2016, Watertown residents voted to adopt the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which allows cities and towns to raise funds through a surcharge on local real estate taxes to create a CPA Program. The Watertown Community Preservation Committee will report on its program through a public hearing as required by MGL Chapter 44B, CPA statute amendment. This hearing is an opportunity for the public to learn more about the CPA program and to identify needs, resources, and opportunities related to potential open space, outdoor recreation, community housing, and historic preservation projects.

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LivingArts

Sarah Ganz Blythe to lead Harvard Art Museums

By Malcolm Gay

GLOBE STAFF

Sarah Ganz Blythe, a longtime leader at the Rhode Island School of Design's RISD Museum, has been selected as the new Elizabeth and John Moors Cabot Director of the Harvard Art Museums, the university announced Wednesday.

Ganz Blythe, who currently serves as deputy director of exhibitions, education, and programs at the RISD Museum, will take over as director of the Harvard museums Aug. 12. She succeeds Martha Tedeschi, who is retiring at the end of the month after eight years directing the museums.

Interim provost John Manning said he was delighted Ganz Blythe had

agreed to come to Harvard.

"Sarah brings to her role not only great knowledge, creativity, judgment, and leadership experience, but also a deep commitment to teaching, learning, collaboration, and engagement with our Museums' extraordinary communities," he said in a statement. "Sarah's experience and leadership perspective will serve Harvard and the Museums well in this exciting time in their history."

Ganz Blythe, who served as interim director of the RISD Museum between 2020 and 2023, is no stranger to the Harvard Art Museums: She worked as a conservation intern while she was an undergraduate at Wellesley College. She also has served as a Visiting Com-



JOSEPHINE SITTENFELD

Sarah Ganz Blythe comes to Harvard Art Museums from the RISD Museum.

mittee member as recently as 2020.

"As a student, my experiences with the Harvard Art Museums revealed the

profound rewards of engaging deeply with and thinking expansively about art," Ganz Blythe said in a statement. "I am thrilled to return and have the opportunity to guide this dynamic institution as it collaborates with students, faculty, staff, artists, and community partners."

Ganz Blythe, who earned a PhD from the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, worked in educational and curatorial roles at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Modern Art before arriving at RISD. She also has taught classes at Brown University and RISD, publishing several books on the history of museums, artists, and other subjects.

"Sarah brings a breadth of perspective, built throughout an impressive career, to this important role at Harvard," interim president Alan M. Garber said in a statement. "Among her many strengths, her creativity in engaging students and her passion for teaching

ensure that the Museums will extend their excellence as an academic and cultural resource as they enter a new era."

As interim director at RISD Museum, Ganz Blythe is credited with leading the organization through the pandemic and emerging with a lively traveling exhibition program, increased acquisitions by underrepresented artists, a balanced budget, and reinvigorated attendance levels.

"Sarah listens with care and embraces differences of perspective, all the while seeking opportunities for integration and mutual regard," Robin Kelsey, dean of arts and humanities who was also a member of the search committee, said in a statement. "In this moment, I can think of no better person to lead the Harvard Art Museums."

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By Jacquinn Sinclair

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Mounting, vertiginous thoughts torment suburban mom Diana Goodman. One minute, she's talking to her son, Gabriel, about coming home too late and how she feared he might have died, and the next, she's making sandwiches on the floor. Diana, a wife and mother, has a bipolar diagnosis and the illness is worsening, in Front Porch Arts Collective and Central Square Theater's vibrant production of "Next to Normal" (through June 30), an emotional exploration of a family in crisis.

At the show's start, onesies, notebooks, rubber spatulas, sheet music, blankets, and more hang above the stage, hinting at what's in store. A two-level, very neat home by scenic designer Erik D. Diaz — a clever and fitting juxtaposition to the floating items — sits below.

The Tony Award and Pulitzer-Prize winning "Next to Normal" is a rock-infused musical written by Brian Yorkey (book and lyrics) with music by Tom Kitt that debuted off-Broadway in 2008 and had its Broadway premiere the next year at the Booth Theatre. The story pushes audiences to think about how mental illness affects those diagnosed and their loved ones.

A powerhouse ensemble with phenomenal voices makes this co-production electrifying. Sherée Marcelle stars as Diana, Anthony Pires Jr., as her husband, Dan, Cortlandt Barrett as their daughter, Natalie, and Diego Cintrón as son, Gabe. Ricardo "Ricky" Holguin stars as Drs. Madden and Fine, and Dashawn McClinton is Henry, Natalie's love interest.

Marcelle and Pires Jr. — who starred together in Central Square's "Ain't Misbehavin'" in 2022 — are excellent as the long-time couple weathering life's tempests. Marcelle's Diana wants very much for things to appear normal, and Pires Jr. works tirelessly for things to be normal. Pires Jr.'s Dan remembers when Diana was young, wild, and his, and can pinpoint exactly when things went awry. At every misstep, he calls



MAGGIE HALL

From left: Anthony Pires Jr., Sherée Marcelle, and Diego Cintrón in Central Square Theater and Front Porch Arts Collective's production of the musical "Next to Normal."

In 'Next to Normal,' a family grapples with mental illness

the doctor to adjust Diana's meds. But his belief that things can return to how they once were seems to overwhelm and stifle Diana.

"It's gonna be good, you'll see," Dan sings.

Superbly directed and paced by Front Porch's education director and associate producer, Pascale Florestal, with excellent execution by the creative team — from costuming to lighting and sound — the musical pulls viewers deep into the Goodmans' roller-coaster-like lives.

In this co-production, the Goodman family is Black, a choice that furthers The Front Porch's vision of delving into the intersection of race, culture, and economics through the lens of people of color. Notably, Black women seek mental health services

less often than white women and report mistreatment by health care professionals more often, according to Mass General Brigham's McLean Hospital and Kaiser Family Foundation data, respectively.

But race isn't the issue in the play. Mental health is, and Central Square Theater is hosting a series of "Central Conversations" this month that burrows into the play's subject and themes.

The show is hard to watch — not for a lack of beauty, but for an abundance of it. Yorkey's narrative is complicated and frightening, just like life, but many universal themes emerge. The Goodmans are reeling from a loss that's never confronted and talked about, and the weight of it chips away at Diana and ripples through-

out the family.

As a result, Pires Jr.'s Dan feels alone, their son Gabriel won't be ignored, and Barrett's academically over-achieving and piano-playing Natalie (a formidable vocal force) feels invisible and unloved by her mother.

When Natalie confronts her mother about her feelings, Diana sings, "I love you as much as I can." The truthful but heartbreaking admission made me wonder, just how much love is that?

Marcelle portrays Diana with great care. Diana's uncertainty about trusting her mind pricks the heart. She yearns to be well, to feel things, and to be present for herself and her family. When lucid, she is acutely aware of how her presence affects

STAGE REVIEW

NEXT TO NORMAL

Directed by Pascale Florestal. Book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey; music by Tom Kitt. Presented by Front Porch Arts Collective and Central Square Theater. Through June 30 at Central Square Theater, Cambridge. Tickets \$24-\$98. www.frontporchartarts.org

them.

There was sniffing and audible crying from showgoers as members of the Goodman tribe shared their point of view, one by one, onstage. Music from a rock band expertly led by voice and music director Katie Bickford complemented the characters' emotions.

A well-sung medley about medications, Natalie and Henry's shy sing-song greetings, and Diana's remembrance of visiting the mountains are some (of many) high points. Diana recalls feeling the magic of the mountains, the climbing and falling. Now, she feels like she's nowhere with a bunch of "blank and tranquil years."

Dan tries to tell her he understands what she's going through and how she's hurting, but her response stuns.

"It's like living on a cliff side, not knowing when you'll dive. Do you know, do you know? What it's like to die alive?"

A mental health journey isn't the typical musical fare, but Yorkey shared in an interview that when he and Kitt presented parts of the show as they developed it over the years, people would come up to them afterward to share their own stories. And that ultimately gets to the heart of theater: telling stories to connect with others and the world.

There's no big red bow to neatly tie up "Next to Normal." Diana's journey is ongoing. However, each of the family members eventually finds the courage to face their fears, strike out on their own, fall in love, and talk openly about the things and the people that haunt them.

Dig up your dirt for a new sculpture coming to the Greenway

By Maria Jose Gutierrez Chavez

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Virginia-based artist LaRissa Rogers wants your dirt — literally. Along with the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, she recently announced an Open Call for Soil, inviting anyone in Boston and beyond to contribute soil from spaces meaningful to them, for a sculpture planned for The Greenway's North End parks. The sculpture will engage with the story of Zipporah Potter Atkins, who was the first known Black landowner in Boston in 1670, at a time when most Africans were enslaved and women didn't own property. The piece will depict a house structure, and the soil will support its adobe-brick foundation.

Director and Curator of Public Art at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Audrey Lopez says she first approached Rogers in November 2021 at a BIPOC craft fair in Los Angeles. Rogers was selling photographic prints of a prior exhibition she'd done in Virginia featuring archival family photos and amaranth emerging from plinths of soil.

"I was really drawn to [her] approach to land, to soil," Lopez said in a Zoom interview, "that it could be something that both held grief and harmful histories, but also something that held the capacity for life; to generate new visions of what our relationship, and specifically Black and brown communities' relationship to land can be."

Three years later, their initial con-

versation is coming to fruition, not as a memorial, but as a catalyst for community building, as various non-linear histories connect with one another through soil.

Titled "Going to Ground," the sculpture will forefront soil as a "material that simultaneously holds these histories of liberation, of trauma, of everything," said Rogers, named one of Forbes 30 under 30 for art and style in 2024, in a Zoom interview. "It's so all-encompassing of everyone who has existed on it, who has touched it, who has been in proximity to it. It's kind of this living archive," one that also has the power to "produce beauty and life."

"Going to Ground" will depend on the collective contribution of materials and community participation. Participants are invited to dig up soil from a site that's important to them, such as their childhood home, with two delivery options.

Rogers plans to reconstruct a 2:3 ratio scaled version of Potter Atkins's house at the location of the original 1670 home, using archival documentation including research gathered by Historic New England, a historical rendering shared by the Loring Greenough House, and ledger and land plot records at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

The artwork will take the form of a house made of reinforced steel covered in soil from The Greenway, juxtaposing the soil sculpture against the urban landscape of its surroundings. The



LEE-DANIEL TRAN

Left: Contributors may drop off their soil at one of two soil boxes in downtown Boston. Right: Rendering of artist LaRissa Rogers's 2024 sculpture "Going to Ground."

foundation will be made of two layers of adobe brick, crafted with soil gathered from the open call and The Greenway, and made by community members who attend future brick-making events.

The sculpture will provide partial shade for passersby, adorned with scariification designs. (Rogers said she was influenced by the scene in Toni Morrison's "Beloved," which refers to scars from a whipping as a "chokecherry



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tree.") Casting the pattern onto the landscape, the sculpture serves as a sundial, marking the literal and metaphorical passage of time through its shadows, engaging in conversation with Potter Atkins's story, the site's past, and the personal histories of those who contribute soil.

"It's important to think about shadow casting and the afterlives," Rogers said. "Not only the afterlives of slavery,

but the afterlives of displacement and moving, the afterlives of these events that are literally not very far away from us, but have completely impacted and structured our entire society and the foundations of the country."

People wishing to participate may fill out a form to receive instructions on mailed and in-person contributions. Mailed contributions are open to Boston residents, as well as anyone in or outside the country, and will be addressed to Zipporah Potter Atkins. "It's kind of creating this link through space and time to Zipporah," said Lopez.

In-person participants will drop off their contributions to one of two "soil boxes" located in front of The Greenway's offices and City Hall Plaza.

"This is just a starting point for a larger conversation about Zipporah Potter Atkins's legacy," Lopez said. "I hope that it's just the beginning point to this larger community awareness and the collective dialogue about how can we honor her history, and how can we let her history inspire us to make change in the present."

The Greenway will be hosting a series of community events relating to "Going to Ground" this summer. To learn more, visit www.rosekennedygreenway.org/calendar/ or [@greenwaypublicart](https://www.instagram.com/greenwaypublicart) on Instagram.

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TV HIGHLIGHTS

Golf: US Open, 6:30 a.m., USA
Baseball: Phillies-Red Sox, 7:10 p.m., NESN
Stanley Cup Final: Panthers-Oilers, 8 p.m., ABC
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NBA FINALS GAME 3 | CELTICS 106, MAVERICKS 99

Celtics lead series, 3-0



DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Jayson Tatum threw down a two-handed dunk over the Mavericks' P.J. Washington during a 20-point first half in the Celtics' Game 3 win at Dallas.

Won to go

DAN SHAUGHNESSY

Start planning the parade



DALLAS — You can relax, Boston. It might happen here Friday, or maybe you'll have to wait until Monday on Causeway Street, but it's inevitable. The Celtics are going to raise their 18th championship banner.

Just try not to worry about your team letting a 21-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle to one in what

seemed the blink of an eye.

It wasn't as easy as it should have been, but the Celtics beat the Mavs again. Playing at American Airlines Center on Wednesday without tree-top Kristaps Porzingis, the Green Team took charge early in the fourth quarter, watched their big lead fizzle, then prevailed for a third straight game. The Celts rode the broad shoulders of the two Jays (Tatum had 31, Brown 30) to a 106-99 victory, taking a definitive 3-0 series lead in the NBA Finals.

We all know that no team in the history of the Association has recovered from a 3-0 deficit, so unless you think these Mavs are basketball's answer to the 2004

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BARRY CHIN/GLOBE STAFF

Luka Doncic tried to plead his case for a foul in the first quarter, and he got one in the fourth — fouling out with four minutes left.

Celtics beat Mavericks, close in on NBA title

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

DALLAS — Before the Celtics faced the Mavericks in Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday night, coach Joe Mazzulla was asked about the ways he uses his interest in ultimate fighting to lead or motivate this basketball team.

He said that when someone is in control of a fight, that is when they can be the most vulnerable.

"Like if you've ever been in a fight with someone and you think you're about to beat them, you usually get sucker-punched," Mazzulla said. "The closer you are to beating them up, the

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►Porzingis ruled out of Game 3 because of rare tendon injury. C5

Number of highlights for Brady

Hall of Fame night includes Patriots retiring QB's 12

By Nicole Yang
GLOBE STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — Wednesday night began with a song Patriots fans have grown to love.

Rapper Jay-Z took the stage at Gillette Stadium for a live performance of "Public Service Announcement," the same track that used to blast through the speakers when Tom Brady would take the field as a player. The song's opening lyric, "Allow me to reintroduce myself," became synonymous with Brady's pregame sequence. He'd run the length of the field, pump his fist upon reaching the end zone, and yell, "Let's go!"

This time, however, was different. Brady, dressed in a suit and tie, returned to Gillette Stadium not only for his induction into the Patriots Hall of Fame but also his jersey number retirement ceremony.

With help from a video narrated by astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson, Patriots owner Robert Kraft announced the franchise's plans to officially retire No. 12.

"There is only one iconic number that will always represent Tom Brady," Kraft told the packed Gillette Stadium crowd. "And tonight I promise that it will never be worn again."

Brady is the eighth Patriot to have his number retired, joining Gino Cappelletti (20), Mike Haynes (40), Steve Nelson

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JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

At the end of an emotional night, he donned his Patriots Hall of Fame jacket and announced: "I am Tom Brady, and I am a Patriot."

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Mainella gone
"Calling All Sports" host, sports radio pioneer, was 85. **C11**

Baseball

Closer Jansen seems out of place

PETER ABRAHAM

ON BASEBALL

Kenley Jansen is the baseball equivalent of putting a Rolls-Royce hood ornament on a 10-year-old Honda Civic. It makes no sense.

Jansen is one of the best closers in baseball history. He's a four-time All-Star with 430 saves and a gaudy strike-out rate. Only five pitchers have more saves and three of them are in the Hall of Fame.

Yet with the Red Sox, he's an expensive accessory.

Jansen had only 11 save chances through the first 68 games of the season and converted 10 of them. Five of those opportunities came in the first 24 days of the season. Since then, he's done a lot of sitting around and waiting.

"It's the best job in America, pitching once a week," manager Alex Cora said Wednesday before the Red Sox beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 8-6.

Cora wasn't necessarily joking. Be-



Jaiden Tripi/Getty Images
Kenley Jansen earned a hug from Connor Wong after his 10th save.

fore his rare save, Jansen's previous four appearances came after an average of 5½ days off. The Red Sox have only 14 saves in all.

When the Sox were in Chicago Sunday, Jansen told pitching coach Andrew Bailey he was good for six outs, shouting it across the clubhouse before the game.

"I have to pitch," he said.

He meant what he said. Jansen went two innings in a 6-4 victory, striking out five of the seven batters he faced. He had not pitched two innings since Aug. 13, 2021, while a member of the Dodgers. Before that, it was in 2018.

Cora is wary of using Jansen just to get work because that could burn him out for the next day. So the righthander compensates by throwing in the bullpen to stay sharp and working in the gym to keep his body ready.

"We have to be smarter," Cora said.

It has worked. Jansen's cutter has better action this season than last and opposing hitters have seen their OPS drop by 33 percent as a result. His earned run average of 2.91 is 0.72 runs lower than last season.

Jansen was an All-Star last season, and he's been better this year.

"I've stayed consistent with my work," said Jansen, who gave up a run Wednesday. "That's basically all I can do. Stay mentally ready and keep challenging myself to remain focused."

"I'm not making excuses. That's the

situation I'm in. You can't be selfish, but at the same time I want to pitch. Being a closer is hard sometimes because your opportunity is tied to the success of the team.

"Sometimes they need you four times in a week, sometimes you don't pitch for a week. Whatever it is, you need to stay sharp."

Cora has faith the Sox will get on a hot streak and lean on their closer.

"That's going to happen," the manager said. "We need to be patient."

Jansen is a mountain of a guy who's as friendly as it gets. He dotes on his wife and four children and chills out by playing the bass guitar. He's not sure where he will live when his baseball career is over, but he knows it will have a view of the ocean and plenty of sunshine. Los Angeles and Miami are the top choices.

But he has professional pride, too.

Jansen, 36, was seventh in career saves when the season started, three ahead of Craig Kimbrel. Now he's sixth, three behind Kimbrel.

Kimbrel made a smart move and

signed with the Orioles, a team on the rise. Jansen thought he had done the same thing when he agreed to a two-year contract with the Red Sox before the '23 season.

Instead he's a luxury item. In retrospect, the \$32 million invested in Jansen probably should have been used to improve other parts of the team.

The trade deadline is July 30, which roughly coincides with when Liam Hendriks should be ready to come off the injured list. It feels inevitable that Jansen will be sent to a contender and Hendriks will become the closer.

"My job my whole career is about the team result," Jansen said. "It's hard for me to be in this situation. But I can't control my destination or what happens. My focus is on today and being ready."

Maybe it really is the best job in America. Jansen would just like to do it a little more often.

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The Phillies' David Dahl got a good look at the scoreboard while playing a double off the wall.

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Abreu believes return from rehab stint near

By Julian McWilliams

GLOBE STAFF

Wilyer Abreu (ankle sprain) believes he is turning a corner in his rehab. He's progressing rapidly, according to manager **Alex Cora**.

Abreu began sprinting Saturday and started changing directions/cutting Wednesday. That is still a hurdle. But, overall, Abreu is certain he should return soon.

"I didn't think that it was anything serious," said the right fielder through a translator prior to Wednesday's 8-6 victory over the Phillies. "Obviously you need to give it some time to heal. But from the beginning, I never thought it would be, like, four weeks. Hopefully, within the next few days I'm going to start running the bases."

Abreu, who has been on the injured list since June 3 (retroactive June 2), hurt his ankle after slipping down the dugout steps at Fenway.

The freak accident came at an unfortunate time with **Tyler O'Neill** already on the injured list and several players already missing because of injuries.

Abreu was one of the Sox' best players, showing exceptional defense in right field to go along with a mature offensive approach, especially as a rookie.

It has helped Abreu find early results as he is slashing, .272/.344/.485 with an .829 OPS and six homers.

Abreu's injury isn't keeping him down.

"Accidents happen," said Abreu. "Obviously, I wasn't paying attention to where I was stepping. But those things happen. I'm just hoping I get back as soon as possible and like I never left."

Friday game time change

Friday's game against the Yankees was moved from 7:10 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The change was made as a courtesy to fans looking to watch the Celtics take on the Dallas Mavericks in Game 4 of the NBA Finals, which is scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m. at American Airlines Center in Dallas.

Fenway Park gates will open at 5 p.m. Season ticket-holders and Red Sox Nation members may enter Gate C starting at 4 p.m.

TD Garden will also host a watch party for

Game 4.

Crawford still good

Kutter Crawford put together a quality start, despite the Sox' 4-1 loss against the Phillies Tuesday. He yielded just two earned runs, both of which came on two **Kyle Schwarber** solo shots, while striking out eight in six innings.

"The fastball," said Cora on what stood out to him. "Obviously the first [homer] to [Schwarber], it is what it is. But he felt he had more carry on it. He made some mechanical adjustments throughout the week that he felt worked yesterday. At one point, I looked up at the board and he was at 85 percent strikes. The one walk put him in a bad spot, but he dotted a 2-2 pitch to [Bryce Harper]. Besides that, he was really good."

Crawford was given an extra couple of days rest. He was scheduled to start Sunday against the White Sox, but was pushed back to Tuesday's series opener to get Crawford back on track.

Crawford spent much of the offseason working on his lower body so he would be able to withstand the grind of the season. So far, he's sustained his endurance. But he's also learning to pitch without his best stuff, a key to being a starter in the majors.

"I think he has done it," said Cora. "I think he learned that he has a lot of weapons. Velocity is important with his four-seam fastball. But not that important. I think it's more about location because the carry is always there. So yesterday, the fastball was where it's supposed to be and he got some swings and misses."

Gonzalez to start rehab

Romy Gonzalez (hamstring strain) will begin a rehab assignment Thursday for Triple A Worcester in Buffalo. Gonzalez flew to Buffalo Wednesday night . . . **Triston Casas** (rib cage strain) has begun taking slight swings off a tee . . . Sox top pitching prospect **Luis Perales** is dealing with elbow inflammation. He will undergo an MRI.

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Hamilton's shot spurs Red Sox past Phillies

By Julian McWilliams

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Phillies 6
David Hamilton has found his groove. More so, his confidence.

The rookie infielder entered Wednesday's contest against the Phillies hitting .313 in June with a homer.

Nothing changed in the second game of a three-game set with Hamilton finishing 2 for 4, including a two-run shot in the Sox' 8-6 win at Fenway Park.

"It feels good," said Hamilton. "It feels like some of the work that I've been putting in is paying off."

Down, 4-0, to a Phillies team that came into Wednesday with the best record in baseball, the Sox chipped away beginning with a Jamie Westbrook sacri-

fice fly in the fourth inning against starter Christopher Sanchez.

They took their first lead during a five-run fifth inning explosion, highlighted by a two-run double from Emmanuel Valdez.

In the sixth, Hamilton cranked a two-run homer off Spencer Turnbull, giving the Sox an 8-4 lead.

"He got a fastball," said manager Alex Cora. "We talked about it before the game, he can hit the fastball. He's understanding what he needs to do. And the more he plays the better. The more confident he is."

Hamilton has multiple hits in five of his last six games, batting .385 with a 1.116 OPS over that span. Jarren Duran, who knows what it's like to be a rookie and struggle but ultimately find his footing, couldn't keep from smiling when he spoke about Hamilton.

"I love it," said Duran, who went 3 for 5 with a double, a run scored, and an RBI. "I mean, the guy works his butt off every single day. It's just like the behind-the-scenes stuff that nobody else sees, but we all see it. He's always been a really hard worker and it's starting to show."

"He's starting to realize 'Hey, man, I can be up here.' We all go through these bumps and bruises man where the big leagues will beat you up and spit you out and not even care."

Nick Pivetta walked four batters, a season high, while yielding four earned runs.

In the top of the third, Pivetta let out a huge exhale. It was one of those evenings for the Red Sox starter.

Pivetta had thrown 72 pitches and his eighth offering of the at-bat to Rafael Marchan prompted a deep breath.

Though Pivetta went on to strike out Marchan and induce

a ground out for the final out of the frame, much of the damage was already done.

The pitches Pivetta made didn't fool the Phillies. They laid off his four-seam fastball on the outer edges of the plate. They eliminated the fastball up, too, a weapon that Pivetta uses to draw swings and misses.

In the first inning, Pivetta walked leadoff batter Kyle Schwarber, and the the next batter, Nick Castellanos, stung a double to left field. Pivetta could have gotten out of the inning with minimal damage, but Bryce Harper ripped a low liner to first that Bobby Dalbec couldn't handle, leading to the first run of the contest.

Then, with one out in the inning, the Sox had a chance at a double play to end the inning. Second baseman Jamie Westbrook initiated the potential turn on Bryson Stott's ground-

er. But he flipped the ball to Hamilton instead of tossing it from a low three-quarter slot, giving Stott time to reach base safely while allowing another run to score.

The Phillies tagged Pivetta for two more runs in the third via a Whit Merrifield RBI single to right and a David Dahl double off the Green Monster that plated another run.

"Four walks," said Cora. "With his stuff he has to throw it over the plate, and he knows that. Tonight wasn't his night."

But it was the Sox' night offensively, earning their largest comeback victory of the season, registering 13 hits. Hamilton, once again, played a significant role.

"That was a good win," said Hamilton.

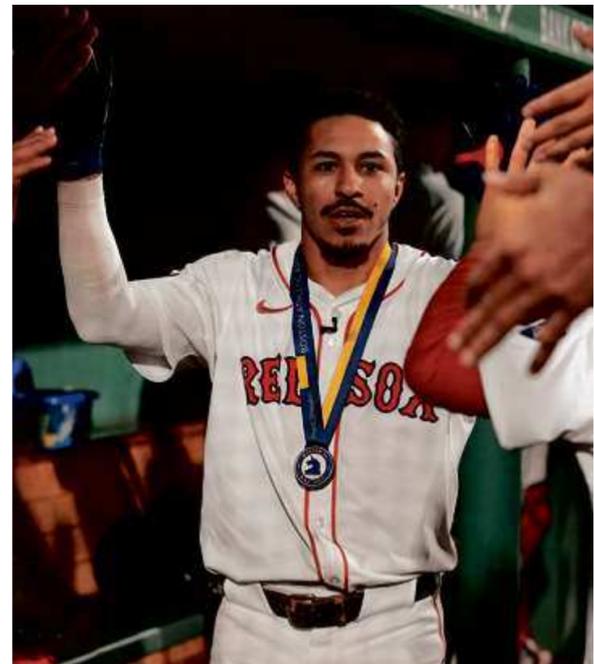
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Red Sox 8, Phillies 6

At Fenway Park		AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
PHILADELPHIA								
Schwarber dh	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	.241
Castellanos rf	4	2	2	0	1	0	2	.216
Harper 1b	4	1	2	1	1	1	2	.282
Bohm 3b	4	1	0	1	0	2	2	.286
Stott ss	4	1	1	2	1	2	2	.248
Merrifield 2b	3	0	1	1	2	0	1	.181
Dahl lf	5	0	1	1	0	0	3	.333
Marchan c	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Rojas cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	.232
Totals	35	6	9	6	7	8		
BOSTON								
Duran lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	3	.325
Refsnyder rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	.252
O'Neill dh	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	.252
Devers 3b	4	1	2	0	1	1	2	.282
Wong c	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	.329
Westbrook 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.143
Valdez ph-2b	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	.188
Dalbec 1b	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	.141
Hamilton ss	4	2	2	2	0	1	2	.296
Rafaela cf	3	1	2	0	1	0	2	.216
Totals	31	8	13	7	6	6		
Philadelphia	202	000	101	-	6	9	1	
Boston	000	152	00x	-	8	13	0	
E —Merrifield (3). LOB —Philadelphia 10, Boston 8. 2B —Castellanos (6), Harper (12), Stott (6), Dahl (2), Duran (18), Valdez (7). 3B —Castellanos (2), Devers (3). HR —Hamilton (4), off Turnbull. SF —Bohm, O'Neill, Westbrook. Runners left in scoring position —Philadelphia 5 (Castellanos, Bohm, Dahl, Rojas 2), Boston 5 (Refsnyder 2, Devers, Hamilton 2). RISP —Philadelphia 4 for 13, Boston 3 for 10. Runners moved up —Refsnyder. DP —Philadelphia 2.								
Philadelphia								
Pivetta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Duran	4	7	4	2	1	10	3	3.69
Ruiz L 1-1	1	3	2	2	0	1	13	2.93
Turnbull	1½	2	2	2	4	1	38	2.96
Dominguez	¾	0	0	0	0	1	11	4.76
Soto	1	1	0	0	1	22	5.12	
Boston								
Pivetta	4	6	4	4	4	93	3.88	
Boyer W 1-2	1	0	0	0	1	10	3.51	
Kelly	1	0	1	1	2	15	2.14	
Bernardino	1	1	0	0	1	18	0.99	
Slaten	1	1	0	0	0	16	2.76	
Jansen S 10	1	1	1	1	1	14	2.51	
Sánchez pitched to 3 batters in the 5th. Kelly pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Inherited runners scored —Ruiz 1-1, Dominguez 3-0, Bernardino 1-1. HBP —by Soto (Refsnyder). Balk —Jansen. WP —Sánchez, Turnbull, Bernardino. Umpires —Home, Derek Thomas; First, Alex Mackay; Second, Chris Conroy; Third, Brennan Miller. T —3:04. A —33,236 (37,755).								

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING	
PHILLIES	Schwarber walked. Castellanos doubled to left, Schwarber to third, Harper singled to right, Schwarber scored, Castellanos to third, Bohm struck out. Stott grounded into fielder's choice, second to short, Castellanos scored, Harper out. Merrifield popped out to short.
THIRD INNING	
PHILLIES	Harper walked. Bohm grounded into fielder's choice, short to second, Harper out. Stott walked, Bohm to second, Merrifield singled to right, Bohm scored, Stott to third. Dahl doubled to left, Stott scored, Merrifield to third. Marchan struck out. Rojas grounded out to second.
FOURTH INNING	
RED SOX	O'Neill grounded out to third. Devers tripled to right. Wong walked. Westbrook hit a sacrifice fly to right, Devers scored. Dalbec grounded into fielder's choice, short Stott to second, Wong out.
FIFTH INNING	
RED SOX	Hamilton singled to right. Rafaela singled to left. Hamilton to third. Rafaela to second. Duran hit an infield single to second, Hamilton scored, Rafaela to third. On second baseman's throwing error, Rafaela scored. Duran to second. Ruiz pitching. Refsnyder singled to left, Duran to third. O'Neill hit a sacrifice fly to left. Duran scored. Devers struck out. Wong singled to right, Refsnyder to third. Valdez, pinch-hitting for Westbrook, doubled to left, Refsnyder and Wong scored. Valdez was out advancing, center to short to catcher to third. Valdez out.
SIXTH INNING	
RED SOX	Dalbec walked. Hamilton homered to right, Dalbec scored. Rafaela grounded out to short. Duran doubled to left, Refsnyder grounded out to second, Duran out advancing, first to catcher.
SEVENTH INNING	
PHILLIES	Castellanos walked. Bernardino pitching. Harper lined out to third. On wild pitch, Castellanos to second, Bohm grounded out to short. Stott doubled to right, Castellanos scored. Merrifield walked. Dahl grounded out to first unassisted.
NINTH INNING	
PHILLIES	Harper hit a ground-rule double to left. On balk, Harper to third. Bohm hit a sacrifice fly to right, Harper scored. Stott struck out. Merrifield walked. Dahl flied out to right.



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David Hamilton's two-run homer in the sixth put the Red Sox up, 8-4, and earned the shortstop a medal lap in the dugout.

Baseball

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EAST							
New York	49	21	.700	—	8-8	8-2	W 4
Baltimore	45	22	.672	2½	17-6	8-2	W 6
Boston	34	34	.500	14	5-8	5-5	W 1
Toronto	33	35	.485	15	9-10	5-5	L 1
Tampa Bay	32	36	.471	16	10-17	4-6	L 1
CENTRAL							
Cleveland	43	23	.652	—	11-6	6-4	L 1
Kansas City	39	30	.565	5½	13-9	4-6	L 4
Minnesota	36	32	.529	8	15-11	4-6	W 1
Detroit	32	35	.478	11½	10-9	4-6	L 2
*Chicago	17	51	.250	27	5-19	2-8	L 3
WEST							
*Seattle	39	30	.565	—	14-5	7-3	W 3
*Texas	31	35	.470	6½	9-11	4-6	L 1
Houston	31	38	.449	8	15-12	5-5	L 1
*Los Angeles	25	41	.379	12½	5-7	4-6	L 1
Oakland	26	44	.371	13½	6-14	2-8	L 5

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	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
EAST							
Philadelphia	46	21	.687	—	12-6	7-3	L 1
Atlanta	35	30	.538	10	12-11	3-7	L 5
Washington	32	35	.478	14	11-10	6-4	W 5
New York	29	37	.439	16½	10-10	6-4	W 1
Miami	23	44	.343	23	5-13	3-7	L 1
CENTRAL							
Milwaukee	40	28	.588	—	16-8	5-5	W 1
Cincinnati	33	35	.485	7	7-6	8-2	W 1
Chicago	33	35	.485	7	8-15	5-5	W 1
St. Louis	32	34	.485	7	6-8	5-5	W 1
Pittsburgh	32	35	.478	7½	8-8	6-4	L 1
WEST							
*Los Angeles	42	26	.618	—	13-10	6-4	W 1
San Diego	37	35	.514	7	14-15	5-5	W 3
San Francisco	34	35	.493	8½	13-13	5-5	W 1
*Arizona	32	35	.478	9½	15-12	7-3	W 2
Colorado	24	44	.353	18	9-14	3-7	L 1

* — Not including late game

RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

At Boston 8	Philadelphia 6	At Cincinnati 4	Cleveland 2
At Minnesota 17	Colorado 9	At NY Mets 10	Miami 4
At Milwaukee 5	Toronto 4	At St. Louis 4	Pittsburgh 2
At San Francisco 5	Houston 3	NY Yankees 11	at Kansas City 5
At San Diego 5	Oakland 4	Chi. White Sox	at Seattle
At Baltimore 4	Atlanta 2	LA Angels	at Arizona
Washington 7	at Detroit 5	Texas	at LA Dodgers
Chi. Cubs 4	at Tampa Bay 3		

TUESDAY

Philadelphia 4	at Boston 1	NY Yankees 10	at Kansas City 1
At Baltimore 4	Atlanta 0	Toronto 3	at Milwaukee 0
Washington 5 (10 inn.)	at Detroit 4	At Seattle 4	Chi. White Sox 3
At Tampa Bay 5	Chi. Cubs 2	At Arizona 9	LA Angels 4
Cleveland 5	at Cincinnati 3	At San Diego 4	Oakland 3
Miami 4	at NY Mets 2	Houston 3	at San Francisco 1
Colorado 5	at Minnesota 4	At LA Dodgers 15	Texas 2
Pittsburgh 2	at St. Louis 1		

THURSDAY'S GAMES										
		2014		Team		2014 vs opp		Last 3 starts		
	Odds	W-L	ERA	rec.	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA

PHILADELPHIA AT BOSTON, 7:10 p.m.										
Nola (R)	Off	8-2	2.77	11-2	0-0	0.0	0.0	2-0	19.1	1.86
Houck (R)	Off	6-5	1.91	8-5	0-0	0.0	0.0	2-0	20.0	1.80

ATLANTA AT BALTIMORE, 1:05 p.m.										
López (R)	Off	3-2	1.85	7-4	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-1	16.2	2.70
Irvin (L)	Off	6-2	2.87	8-2	0-0	0.0	0.0	2-0	17.0	2.12

WASHINGTON AT DETROIT, 1:10 p.m.										
Gore (L)	Off	5-5	3.57	6-7	0-0	0.0	0.0	2-1	14.2	4.91
Mize (R)	Off	1-4	4.73	7-5	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-1	13.2	5.27

NY YANKEES AT KANSAS CITY, 2:10 p.m.										
Cortes (L)	Off	3-5	3.68	6-8	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-1	15.0	5.40
Marsh (R)	Off	5-3	4.05	8-3	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-2	17.0	7.41

PITTSBURGH AT ST. LOUIS, 2:15 p.m.										
Keller (R)	-110	8-3	3.16	9-4	0-0	0.0	0.0	3-0	18.2	0.96
Lynn (R)	-110	2-3	1.58	7-6	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-1	14.0	3.21

CHICAGO CUBS AT TAMPA BAY, 6:50 p.m.										
Steele (L)	Off	0-3	3.65	1-7	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-1	19.0	0.95
Bradley (R)	Off	1-4	5.17	2-4	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-2	13.1	6.75

MIAMI AT NY METS, 7:10 p.m.										
Muñoz (R)	Off	1-2	5.95	1-3	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-2	14.2	6.75
Severino (R)	Off	4-2	3.25	5-7	0-0	0.0	0.0	2-0	20.1	2.66

OAKLAND AT MINNESOTA, 7:40 p.m.										
Medina (R)	Off	0-1	5.23	0-2	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-1	10.1	5.23
Ryan (R)	Off	4-5	3.30	7-6	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-2	19.0	3.79

CHICAGO WHITE SOX AT SEATTLE, 9:40 p.m.										
Crochet (L)	Off	6-5	3.33	6-8	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-1	18.0	2.00
Castillo (R)	Off	5-7	3.35	7-7	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-1	18.0	3.50

LA ANGELS AT ARIZONA, 9:40 p.m.										
Canning (R)	Off	2-6	4.65	4-9	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-2	18.0	3.50
Pfaadt (R)	Off	2-5	4.60	5-8	0-0	0.0	0.0	0-2	18.1	6.38

TEXAS AT LA DODGERS, 10:10 p.m.										
Lorenzen (R)	Off	3-3	3.05	3-7	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-0	16.2	1.62
Yamamoto (R)	Off	6-2	3.00	8-5	0-0	0.0	0.0	1-1	18.0	2.50

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AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
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Through Tuesday's games					Through Tuesday's games				
BATTING					BATTING				
Witt, KC	AB	R	H	Avg.	Arreaz, SD	AB	R	H	Avg.
Soto, NYY	274	52	77	.316	Profar, SD	238	39	77	.324
Judge, NYY	243	52	75	.309	Ozuna, Atl	237	39	75	.316
Rutschman, Bal	259	35	78	.301	Ohtani, LAD	260	50	81	.312
Devers, Bos	240	26	71	.296	Betts, LAD	265	49	82	.309
Altuve, Hou	278	39	82	.295	Contreras, Mil	267	49	82	.307
Peña, Hou	260	35	76	.292	Winn, STL	197	22	60	.305
Alvarez, Hou	259	38	75	.290	Ohtani, LAD	198	20	60	.303
Paredes, TB	230	27	66	.287	Freeman, LAD	249	43	74	.297
Smith, Tex	203	32	58	.286	Smith, LAD	216	35	64	.296

HOME RUNS					HOME RUNS				
Judge, NYY	62	Ozuna, Atl	25	Hernández, LAD	17				
Henderson, Bal	21	Harper, Phi	18	Gorman, STL	15				
Tucker, Hou	19	Alonso, NYM	17	Marte, Ari	13				
Ramírez, Cle	18	Marte, Ari	17	Schwartz, Phi	13				
Soto, NYY	17	Tatis, SD	13	Tatis, SD	13				
Naylor, Cle	15	Morel, CHC	13						
Starlin, NYY	14								
Santander, Bal	14								

RUNS BATTED IN					RUNS BATTED IN				
Judge, NYY	62	Profar, SD	424	Ozuna, Atl	599				
Ramírez, Cle	53	Freeman, LAD	401	Harper, Phi	584				
Soto, NYY	53	Ozuna, Atl	584	Hernández, LAD	529				
Naylor, Cle	50	Bohm, Phi	51	Winn, STL	529				
Rutschman, Bal	49	Hernández, LAD	50	Freeman, LAD	46				
Witt, KC	48	Contreras, Mil	46	Profar, SD	46				
Henderson, Bal	46	Smith, LAD	45	Schwartz, Phi	45				
Pasquantino, KC	45	Cronenwelder, SD	45						

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE					ON-BASE PERCENTAGE				
Judge, NYY	.437	Profar, SD	.424	Ozuna, Atl	.424				
Soto, NYY	.426	Betts, LAD	.412	Ohtani, LAD	.412				
Tucker, Hou	.395	Freeman, LAD	.401	Harper, Phi	.399				
Smith, Tex	.378	Ozuna, Atl	.390	Ozuna, Atl	.390				
Henderson, Bal	.375	Harper, Phi	.390	Winn, STL	.390				
Guerrero, Tor	.375	Harper, Phi	.390	Freeman, LAD	.384				
Witt, KC	.371	Ohtani, LAD	.384	Smith, LAD	.372				
Devers, Bos	.369	Winkler, Wsh	.372	Smith, LAD	.364				
Paredes, TB	.369	Smith, LAD	.364	Arreaz, SD	.364				
Devers, Bos	.369								

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE					SLUGGING PERCENTAGE				
Judge, NYY	.719	Ozuna, Atl	.603	Ohtani, LAD	.581				
Henderson, Bal	.599	Ohtani, LAD	.581	Harper, Phi	.584				
Soto, NYY	.594	Harper, Phi	.584	Hernández, LAD	.525				
Tucker, Hou	.584	Hernández, LAD	.525	Ozuna, Atl	.524				
Witt, KC	.574	Profar, SD	.525	Betts, LAD	.509				
Devers, Bos	.574	Betts, LAD	.509	Ramírez, Cle	.506				
Devers, Bos	.574	Profar, SD	.506	Rooker, Oak	.502				
Ramírez, Cle	.574	Freeman, LAD	.500	Alvarez, Hou	.500				
Alvarez, Hou	.574	Marte, Ari	.500	Westburg, Bal	.498				
Westburg, Bal	.574	Tovar, Col	.491						

OPS					OPS				
Judge, NYY	1.149	Ozuna, Atl	.994	Ohtani, LAD	.951				
Soto, NYY	1.020	Ohtani, LAD	.951	Harper, Phi	.943				
Tucker, Hou	.979	Profar, SD	.925	Winn, STL	.919				
Henderson, Bal	.974	Freeman, LAD	.919	Betts, LAD	.917				
Witt, KC	.929	Betts, LAD	.917	Freeman, LAD	.899				
Devers, Bos	.915	Freeman, LAD	.899	Smith, LAD	.874				
Ramírez, Cle	.915	Hernández, LAD	.861	Marte, Ari	.846				
Alvarez, Hou	.878	Marte, Ari	.846	Contreras, Mil	.841				
Duran, Bos	.874	Contreras, Mil	.841						
Altuve, Hou	.874	Ohtani, LAD	.841						
Tucker, Hou	.874	Ozuna, Atl	.841						
Alvarez, Hou	.874	Tovar, Col	.836						
Tucker, Hou	.874	Hernández, LAD	.836						
Duran, Bos	.874	Betts, LAD	.836						
Altuve, Hou	.874	Tatis, SD	.836						
Altuve, Hou	.874	Marte, Ari	.836	</					

NBA FINALS GAME 3: CELTICS 106, MAVERICKS 99

Cousy is eager to see 18th banner go up

By Dan Shaughnessy
GLOBE STAFF

DALLAS — Going into Game 3 of the Finals Wednesday night, the Celtics were two wins away from their 18th championship, which would once again make them the winningest franchise in NBA history, and Bob Cousy has been watching intently from his longtime home in Worcester.

“I’m 95 [expletive] years old with one foot in the grave and I can barely move,” Cousy said over the phone after Game 2. “I know I’m in overtime. So everything in your life becomes more meaningful. And one of the last things I want to be able to see is for the Celtics to hang up banner No. 18.”

Cousy was the NBA’s first superstar and the league MVP when the Celtics won their first championship in 1957. A 13-time All-Star, he won six rings, and the Celtics were in the middle of winning eight straight when he retired after they beat the Lakers in the 1963 Finals.

Other than 85-year-old Satch Sanders, who did not come on board until 1960, all of the men who were with Cousy at the beginning of the Celtic dynasty are gone. Red Auerbach died in 2006. Bill Russell died two summers ago. Sam Jones, Tommy Heinsohn, K.C. Jones, and John Havlicek have all died since 2019.

Cousy is enjoying these playoffs. “I will take great pride in seeing this,” he said. “This puts us back ahead of the Lakers. To have been a part of that is as good a legacy as I could hope for.”

He has no doubt about the Celtics beating the Mavericks in the Finals.

“Dallas will be sky-high for Game 3 and they may win that one, but I think the Celtics will be on the golf courses of the world by the end of next week,” said Cousy. “I’m saying this series will be four, maybe five games.”

Cousy won an NCAA championship as a player at Holy Cross in 1947 and took the NBA by storm as a rookie for Auerbach in 1950-51. He was “Mr. Basketball,” and stayed in the game as a coach (NBA and NCAA) and television analyst for more than a half-century. He is hardly “current” and acknowledges, “Today’s player is so much better,” but he still has a keen eye for what’s happening on the court.

“The Celtics have exposed Kyrie Irving as not quite a superstar,” said Cousy. “He has been severely subdued. They’re not even trapping him a lot. They’re doing it one-on-one. Kyrie’s working his ass off and they’re still stopping most of his stuff.”

“He’s no longer in the superstar category. You’ve got to function in the playoffs to determine where you are in the hierarchy.”

“There’s an increase in intensity in the playoffs. You’ve got to have experienced this. The playoffs format is so much different, and I remember that so vividly. You had to work so much harder.”

“During the season, it’s like playing in the schoolyard, up and down, up and down. There are periods when you can turn up the intensity when it’s needed, but generally you don’t approach the game that way. So mediocre talent functions better and better talent functions more effectively during the season.”

“But once the playoffs begin, you have to understand the severity and difficulty and full intensity you get. Some of the things you depend on during the year just don’t apply in the playoffs. There’s the pressure you put on yourself as well as the pressure the defense applies to you.”

“Dallas’s strengths are [Luka] Doncic and Kyrie. And they have to be at

their best, but their strengths go against the Celtics’ defensive strength. Doncic looks like a truck driver, but he’s an amazing athlete and gets it done. The Celtics have taken away his quick 3-pointer and he’s pretty much relying on the step-back. And that’s the shot the Celtics want him to take because that’s not a dangerous shot.

“I think [Dallas coach Jason] Kidd’s remarks pregame about [Jaylen] Brown being better than [Jayson] Tatum were meant to throw them off. Tatum’s facing extreme trapping every minute of the playoffs and that’s taken the quick three away from him. The second he gets the ball, he’s double-teamed, so he shouldn’t be looking for his own opportunities. Everyone’s looking for him to score 30-something points, but he’s fulfilling his role.”

“The Celtics’ backcourt defense with [Jrue] Holiday and [Derrick] White is as good as anyone in the league. I can’t tell you how pleased I am with both of those guys.”

“They really got lucky in getting Holiday. I can’t believe the Milwaukee people let that kid go. He’s a player. He takes what the game gives him and doesn’t force anything. In Game 2, because of the focus on Tatum, Holiday wound up with open shots and he made them and took it to the basket.”

Cousy said White’s late-game chase-down block of a P.J. Washington breakaway reminded him of Russell’s legendary block of St. Louis’s Jack Coleman late in Boston’s double-overtime (first championship) win over the Hawks in 1957.

“Tommy always said Russell’s block was the most athletic thing he’d ever seen,” recalled Cousy. “White’s play wasn’t quite akin to that, but it was great. He came from behind and was in a difficult position and evidently he has not only amazing timing but he’s more of a leaper than any of us give him credit for.”

“He’s extremely athletic, and that’s a bonus. We didn’t know we were getting that from him, and [San Antonio boss Gregg] Popovich has got to be feeling badly every day of his life that he let that kid go.”

How does Cousy feel about the Celtics’ 35-year-old coach, Joe Mazzulla?

“For a guy who hasn’t had coaching experience, I guess I would give him an A,” said Cousy. “Last month I was blaming him for their mental instability. Now his body language is better and he’s calling his timeouts when he’s supposed to.”

“The biggest thing a coach does in this league is stop a run when the other team gets going. Arnold would certainly do that, even if it meant getting thrown out of a game or coming close to taking a swing at the ref.”

The Cooz couldn’t resist one last critique voiced by fans of a certain age.

“I still am not on board with the [expletive] 3-pointer,” he said. “I just can’t accept it as a coach’s first priority. I can accept it as a second or third option.”

“If you’re wide open and there’s no other option, that’s fine, but to look for it as your first option ... I’ll go to my grave disagreeing with that.”

“It’s what the Celtics do, but they’ve got so much strength everywhere, they overcome it. It hasn’t been a factor in terms of losing the games, but it’s probably made the games closer than they would have been if they attacked the [expletive] basket first.”

“All the coaches pretty much do it, so I can’t fault this guy. And the Celtics probably have the best group doing it.”

“But the minute I see it go up quickly, I still say, ‘Don’t take that!’

“And then ‘boom.’ It goes in.”

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Jayson Tatum made a point of driving hard to the basket, finishing with 14 points inside the restricted area.

Celtics one win from NBA title

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closer you are to losing.”

When the fourth quarter began, the Celtics were about as close as they could possibly get to finishing off the Mavericks. They led by 21 points, and it would not take much more. But it turned out that the Celtics did not have much more.

They scored just 2 points over the first 8 minutes, 4.5 seconds of the fourth, an unfathomable drought on the biggest stage of all. But the Mavericks’ run stalled when star guard Luka Doncic fouled out with 4:12 remaining, and the Celtics eventually escaped with a 106-99 win to take a commanding 3-0 series lead.

They will have a chance to complete the sweep and one of the most dominant playoff runs in NBA history when they play Game 4 here on Friday night.

Jayson Tatum had 31 points and Jaylen Brown added 30 for the Celtics, who were without center Kristaps Porzingis (ankle).

Kyrie Irving had 35 points to lead Dallas and Doncic added 27, but his absence in the game’s defining moments may have been fateful.

About an hour before the game it was announced that Porzingis had been ruled out due to the left ankle injury he suffered in Game 2. With his status for the rest of the series uncertain, it seemed that Dallas at least had some hope.

Then the Mavericks started the game with a loud surge, racing to a 13-point lead that gave their crowd energy and hope. But the Celtics regained control.

They led, 71-65, when they blew the game open with a 20-5 surge that was mostly crafted while Tatum was on the bench. Tatum returned for the fourth with the Celtics leading, 91-70, and the rest of the night figured to be a formality.

But then Boston was held scoreless for the first 4 minutes, 16 seconds, until Brown hit a turnaround jumper that made it 93-82. But things would only get worse from there, with yet another lengthy drought.

The Mavericks pulled within 93-90 after three free throws by Irving with 6:11 left, but failed to capitalize on multiple chances to pull closer. With 4:12 left, Brown broke free on a fast-break and was fouled by Doncic, who fouled out on the play.

Dallas unsuccessfully challenged the call, and it was forced to try to complete a historic comeback without its superstar. The Mavericks pulled within 93-92 on an Irving basket before the Celtics dunked and Brown 18-footer. With the Celtics leading, 102-98, P.J. Washington and Irving missed 3-pointers that would have made it a one-point game, and Derrick White stretched the lead to 104-98 with two free throws with 22 seconds left.

Observations from the game:

■ In the first quarter the Mavericks seemed determined to test the Celtics’ rim protection with Porzingis out. Dallas rushed into the lane time and again and had great success. Twenty of its 31 first-quarter points came in the paint, and it made 11 of 15 2-pointers overall.

That surge helped the Mavericks race to a 25-12 lead, their largest of this series. But little has rattled the Celtics this season, and they charged right back behind Tatum. In the first half, the All-Star forward was as aggressive as he has been during these playoffs. He sometimes hesitates on his 3-point shot, even when he is open, but he was direct and purposeful in the first half, from long range and by finding lanes to the rim.

Celtics vs. Mavericks

Celtics lead series, 3-0
(All games on ABC)
Thursday, June 6

At Boston 107.....Dallas 89
Sunday, June 9

At Boston 105.....Dallas 98
Wednesday, June 12

Boston 106.....at Dallas 99
Schedule

Friday at Dallas.....8:30 p.m.
*Monday at Boston.....8:30 p.m.
*Thursday, June 20, at Dallas.....8:30 p.m.
*Sunday, June 23, at Boston.....8 p.m.

* If necessary

He had 6 points in the Celtics’ 11-0 surge that catapulted them back into the game, and he went to halftime with 20 points on 7-of-15 shooting. No other Celtic attempted more than seven shots.

■ Mazzulla has harped all season and throughout these playoffs about the importance of ending quarters authoritatively. The end of the first was nearly perfect for Boston. Doncic fired up a 3-pointer with about 38 seconds left. It was too early, because it put a two-for-one in play for the Celtics. The shot missed and the Celtics rushed upcourt and got a pull-up three from Sam Hauser with 28.2 seconds to play.

Doncic once again took a step-back 3-pointer a touch too early, and Tatum leaked out for a dunk just before the buzzer. It was a massive swing that brought the Celtics within 32-31 after one quarter. The Mavericks also attacked too quickly at the end of the second quarter, setting up another two-for-one. This one was set in motion by a turnover, but the Celtics were unable to capitalize.

■ With 7:57 left in the second quarter, Doncic had his shot in the paint knocked away and out of bounds. The official ruled that the Mavericks had retained possession, but White rushed toward the bench and urged the Celtics to challenge the call.

“Jrue [Holiday] fouled him!” he yelled. “Jrue fouled him!”

Officials sometimes allow some extra contact and then give the offensive team the ball as a kind of compromise. But when the review cameras are watching, it’s easier to police this approach. The Celtics challenged the call and won, because the ball had indeed gone out off of Doncic.

■ Just like, well, every other team this season, the Mavericks have hunted perceived mismatches against Hauser. But he continues to hold his own. In the second quarter, Brown had a spectacu-

lar blocked shot on a Maxi Kleber 3-pointer, but that was set in motion about 10 seconds earlier when Hauser face-guarded Doncic and pushed him almost to midcourt before he could finally get possession with the shot clock running down. Oh, Hauser was 3 for 3 from the 3-point line in the first half, too.

■ When Mavericks coach Jason Kidd was asked before the game about how he expected the Celtics to adjust their scheme with Porzingis out, he did not mention backup center Luke Kornet but said it would not surprise him to see third-string big man Xavier Tillman.

Kidd was prescient, as Tillman was Boston’s first sub in the opening quarter. Mazzulla was probably looking for a big more capable of switching on the perimeter against the Mavericks’ talented guards. Tillman fouled Dereck Lively on a 3-point play moments after checking in, but otherwise held up well defensively, giving Mazzulla exactly what he was seeking.

Tillman did well keeping Doncic in front of him without fouling and gobbled up some rebounds. He even drilled a huge 3-pointer from the right corner that gave Boston its largest lead, 78-65.

■ One has to wonder whether the TD Garden crowd really does get to Irving. He looked like a different player back home in Game 3. For most of the second quarter he was actually the Mavericks’ lone source of real offense. He made all three of his 3-point attempts and scored 11 of the Mavericks’ 20 second-quarter points. Dallas desperately needed the surge, too, because during one stretch it went about four minutes without a point.

■ The Celtics have been very good when Tatum is on the bench this season, but things haven’t gone as smoothly without him during these playoffs. But with 3:50 left in the third quarter, they may have crafted one of their defining moments of this season when Tatum went to the bench with Boston leading, 71-65. The Celtics closed the quarter with a punishing 14-5 run that was punctuated by Brown’s thunderous one-handed slam with seven seconds left. Tatum returned for the fourth well-rested, with his team up by 15 points.

■ Kidd’s big adjustment was giving veteran guard Tim Hardaway Jr. a look. The gamble didn’t pay off, however. Hardaway was 0 for 4 and scoreless through three quarters.

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Celtics 106, Mavericks 99

NBA FINALS, GAME 3
Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at American Airlines Center, Dallas

	TIME	FGM-A	3PM-A	FTM-A	OREB	DREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	+/-	PTS
Boston														
Jaylen Brown.....	F 41:28	12-22	2-9	4-5	1	7	8	8	1	0	3	3	+13	30
Jayson Tatum.....	F 41:50	11-26	4-13	5-5	0	6	6	5	0	1	2	2	-4	31
Al Horford.....	C 36:47	3-6	2-5	0-0	0	5	5	2	1	2	2	1	-2	8
Jrue Holiday.....	G 41:35	4-9	1-3	0-0	3	1	4	5	0	1	0	4	+3	9
Derrick White.....	G 41:36	4-10	4-9	4-4	0	5	5	4	2	0	1	4	+3	16
Payton Pritchard.....	11:11	0-4	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	-1	0
Xavier Tillman.....	11:13	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	3	4	0	2	0	1	2	+9	3
Sam Hauser.....	14:20	3-4	3-4	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	+16	9
Totals.....		38-82	17-46	13-14	6	30	36	26	6	4	9	19		106
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														12 pts.

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Dallas														
Derrick Jones Jr.....	F 15:47	1-2	0-1	0-0	1	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	-6	2
PJ Washington.....	F 38:50	3-9	3-6	4-6	1	7	8	2	0	0	2	3	0	13
Daniel Gafford.....	C 16:17	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	2	-11	6
Luka Doncic.....	G 37:44	11-27	1-7	4-4	0	6	6	6	0	1	3	6	+9	27
Kyrie Irving.....	G 45:16	13-28	4-6	5-5	0	3	3	2	0	0	2	3	-3	35
Jaden Hardy.....	3:48	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dereck Lively II.....	29:59	5-6	0-0	1-1	3	10	13	1	0	2	0	0	+6	11
Maxi Kleber.....	8:04	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-13	0
Danté Exum.....	2:35	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-4	2
Josh Green.....	22:14	1-2	1-1	0-0	1	2	3	2	0	1	0	2	+3	3
Tim Hardaway Jr.....	19:26	0-5	0-3	0-0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	-16	0
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Boston	30	20	35	21	— 106
Dallas	31	20	19	29	— 99

Attendance: 20,311 (105.3% of 19,200). Time of game: 2:21. Officials: Marc Davis, James Capers, Kevin Scott.



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After starting the series on fire, the Celtics’ Kristaps Porzingis was left watching a Game 3 victory from the sideline with a left leg injury.

NBA FINALS GAME 3: CELTICS 106, MAVERICKS 99

Porzingis misses game, but could return later in series

By Khari Thompson
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DALLAS — Celtics center Kristaps Porzingis missed Wednesday night's Game 3 of the NBA Finals with a left posterior tibialis dislocation.

Coach Joe Mazzulla said Porzingis's status is still day to day as he deals with the injury, which is unrelated to the calf strain that caused him to miss more than a month this post-season.

Mazzulla said the decision was left to the team's medical staff.

"He didn't look right. That was it," Mazzulla said. "I wasn't involved in it. Like you said, it was out of his hands, up to the medical team. They watched him kind of go through some testing and they said it didn't feel right, so you're not playing."

The Celtics are used to playing without Porzingis, but his rim protection is one aspect that they'll miss, according to Mavericks coach Jason Kidd.

"For us, understanding what KP does at the rim with the shot blocking or changing shots," Kidd said. "So we have to be aggressive when we take the ball and understand their smalls are pretty good at blocking shots, too. We have to account for who is at the rim."

Mazzulla did not rule out

Porzingis returning later in the series.

"Yeah, listen, it's tough," Mazzulla said. "I've appreciated just his approach. Throughout the whole playoffs, like I said, he's never missed any meeting, he's always been out there, done everything he can to play.

"Sometimes it's an unfortunate situation. It's nothing that he can do. Definitely feel for him, but appreciate kind of where he's at. I trust that he'll do everything he can to get ready for the next game."

Tough love

Legendary NBA player and executive Jerry West died Wednesday.

West, whom the NBA's logo was modeled after, was beloved in his home state of West Virginia.

Mazzulla, who played at West Virginia University, recalled a phone call from West that changed his life.

It was a stern message, but one that was meant to uplift the future Celtics coach.

"My junior year in college, I wasn't living up to anyone's standard," Mazzulla said. "I got a call. It's Jerry. A lot of expletives, but he basically told me I was an [expletive] and had the opportunity to be great at something. Just let me have it for like 10, 15 minutes. I thought it was one of the most impactful phone calls that I

had really in my life."

The phone call wasn't the only time West called out Mazzulla.

"Stayed at his house once and overslept for UCLA open gym," Mazzulla said. "Went down for breakfast and got another [chewing out] because I wasn't being competitive enough.

"The thing I remember about him is he had a tough way of showing that he loved you, but he was super, super competitive and he really, really cared about you. He showed it in a way that kind of spoke to my language. He'll be missed, and praying for the family."

Staying alert

The Celtics had the opportunity to land a proverbial knock-out punch in Game 3.

No team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit in the NBA playoffs.

Even with that, the Celtics couldn't afford to take things lightly, according to Mazzulla.

"If you've ever been in a fight with someone and you think you're about to beat 'em, you usually get sucker punched," Mazzulla said. "The closer you are to beating them up, the closer you are to losing."

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The Mavericks threw everything at Jayson Tatum, who still led the Celtics with 31 points.

When game got tight, they refused to fold

GARY WASHBURN
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DALLAS — When it appeared the Celtics would allow their old skeletons to resurrect, choking on the biggest stage with a 21-point lead against a tired and beleaguered team, they found enough to not only avoid embarrassment but retake command behind their two superstars.

It doesn't really matter if Jaylen Brown or Jayson Tatum wins MVP of these Finals, a series the Celtics now lead, 3-0, it matters that they weren't afraid of the moment, they dismissed previous poor possessions and turnovers, dismissed their history and past painful late-game breakdowns, to secure the biggest win in their Boston tenure.

The Celtics are one win from their decade-long goal of returning to basketball glory, and the duo of Brown and Tatum were critical to securing a 106-99 win at American Airlines Center on Wednesday night, scoring 8 of Boston's 13 points in the final 3 minutes, 8 seconds after a disheartening dry spell.

Boston was held to 2 points in nearly eight minutes, watching 91-70 lead whittle down to 93-92 after a Kyrie Irving jumper. Two years ago, with a chance to take a 3-1 lead against the Warriors, the Celtics wasted a 4-point lead in the final five minutes and never won another game.

They were worn down by a more experienced team, a team that knew how to flourish in those clutch moments. It's taken several more experiences since that series for the Celtics to master late-game execution and honestly, they still haven't completely.

"You just alluded to it, that we've been in that situation," Tatum said. "We've been in a close game where we were up, and we almost went up, 3-1, and then they tied it. And experience is the best teacher. We learned from our mistakes. We learned from a team at the time that was better than us, that had been there and been over that hump and mentally tougher at the time.

"We've grown from that, we really have. It was on display tonight."

But the Celtics have proven with close wins against the Cavaliers, Pacers, and now the Mavericks that they are resilient. Brown began the game-sealing surge with a putback of a Tatum miss for a 3-point lead with 3:08 left.

Derrick White, the always reliable one, offered more cushion with a critical 3-pointer. Tatum and Brown then sensed vulnerability. Luka Dončić had fouled out. The Mavericks were clinging to Irving and his disappointing complements to make plays. Tatum padded the lead with a spinning move off Josh Green for a two-handed dunk.

And finally with the Celtics hanging on to a 2-point lead, Brown drove lefthanded, stopped, and then popped a midrange jumper in the face of Tim Hardaway Jr.

With Kristaps Porzingis out and the Celtics

needing dominant offensive games from their cornerstones, they combined for 61 points on 23-for-49 shooting.

Brown scored 24 of the Celtics' 56 second-half points. He was magnificent in stretches, and even completed a late-third-quarter run with a hammer dunk and then a growl near the Mavericks' bench. The Celtics have been the better team throughout this series and Brown's second half punctuated their prowess with his best game of the series.

"I mean, how can I explain Jaylen?" Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said. "The guy just has a growth mind-set. He just wants to get better. He yearns to get better. He's not afraid to face his weaknesses on the court. So when you have that type of mind-set, you're just going to be able to take on every situation that the game brings you. He puts himself in every single situation that he sees in a game. He uses six, seven, eight coaches a day, and every situation on both ends of the floor, he puts himself in that.

"And that's how you have to grow, is to become vulnerable and on the things that make you uncomfortable, and he does that."

There has been doubt about the Celtics' road to these NBA Finals because they played shorthanded opponents in a conference that was weakened overall by injuries. This series was supposed to be the ultimate challenge, facing a MVP candidate in Dončić and the dazzling Irving.

They were expected to wilt when the Mavericks punched first, taking an early 13-point lead. But because of experience, because of their learned ability to never panic and never crack — even though the fourth quarter was hairy — the Celtics prevailed because they are the best collective team in the NBA.

Dončić and Irving had little help, and that boost that was supposed to come from the Dallas supporting cast because they were at home only came in spurts. The Celtics got buckets from White, a rare 3-pointer from little-used Xavier Tillman, and a couple of key defensive plays from Sam Hauser.

They are battering the Mavericks with their depth, and when it counts their maligned but indispensable pair delivered when it mattered most. They have grown up in front of our eyes, and after the victory they embraced at center court, shared words and some smiles. The journey is nearly over, and they have proven ready for the moment.

"Just, you know, showing the emotions of the game," Tatum said. "Two guys that were excited, tired, that you know, after the game, we just — we're not necessarily saying like one more or anything like that. We are just saying, however long it takes. Nobody is relaxed. Nobody is satisfied. Just at that moment, you know, just told him I was proud of him and he said the same thing; that we've got to keep fighting. We can't relax."

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OK, we can start planning parade

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Red Sox (Luka Dončić as Curt Schilling?), you can make arrangements for the parade.

The Celtics are 15-2 in these playoffs and will take a 10-game winning streak into Friday's Game 4 in Texas. They are on the cusp of completing one of the most dominant seasons in NBA history. This will be Boston's 18th championship, putting the C's back ahead of the Lakers and their 17, and perhaps only the second time the Celtics have swept an NBA Finals. (Bill Russell and Co. did it to the Minneapolis Lakers in 1959.)

It's almost official, Celtic fans: Seven years after Danny Ainge drafted Tatum to pair with Brown, the Jays are finally going to win a championship. They've been to the conference finals five times. This is their second NBA Finals. Now is their time.

When Game 3 was over, Tatum and Brown embraced on the court.

"I told him I was proud of him and he said the same thing," reported Tatum.

Game 3 was played on the 13th anniversary of Dallas's lone NBA championship, when Dallas coach Jason Kidd was a veteran guard for coach Rick

Carlisle, and the 40th anniversary of Boston's Game 7 victory over the Lakers in 1984 (a.k.a. Cedric Maxwell's "Hop on my back!" game).

The Celtics trailed, 25-12, in the first quarter, cut it to 1 by intermission, then seemingly blew it open with a hail of threes late in the third. An emphatic Darryl Dawkins-like drive and slam by Brown in the closing seconds of the quarter made it 85-70 after three, and Boston's lead swelled to 21 one minute in the fourth.

Incredibly, it was down to 93-92 with three and a half minutes left. Fortunately for Boston, Dončić (27 points) fouled out (via a blocking foul on Brown) with 4:12 left. Kidd challenged the play, but the call was upheld.

"We couldn't play physical," complained Dončić. "I don't know . . . six fouls in the NBA Finals . . . C'mon man. Better than that."

It was only the fourth time in Dončić's NBA career that he fouled out of a game.

There was considerable pregame conversation regarding the shooting slumps of superstars Irving and Tatum. Irving endured two stink bombs in Boston, missing all eight of his threes, averaging a mere 14 points, and shooting 35 per-

cent. Tatum shot 32 percent in the two games at home.

When Celtic coach Joe Mazzulla was asked if we are seeing the best version of JT, the ever-combative coach asked the reporter if he lived in Brazil or America. When the reporter stated Brazil, Mazzulla said, "That's probably why you asked that question. None of the American ones did. They look at the lens differently . . . In America, nothing is ever good enough."

OK. Swell, coach.

Tatum responded with a 13-point first quarter, his best of the series, and 20 in the first half.

On the other side, Kyrie came into the game unusually humble and contrite, telling reporters, "It's my fault. I'm taking accountability for not playing particularly well."

He scored the first bucket of the night, 14 seconds in. Dallas went up, 9-2, and Mazzulla needed a timeout inside two minutes of play. The Celtics started 1 for 7 from three, and Xavier Tillman came in to replace Al Horford. Boston trailed by 13. It felt like they might be routed.

Not so. Sam Hauser came off the pine to hit a couple of threes and Tatum went off for 13, including a cherry-pick sneakaway, as Boston closed the first quarter with an 18-6 run to cut it to 31-30.

The Celtics led, 91-70, when Dallas went on a 22-2 run, capped on a basket by Kyrie. Unfortunately for Dallas, Dončić was gone. Boston's lead proved simply too big to fail.

"You were going to expect a run from them because they had a 19-point [third] quarter," said Mazzulla. "And just the type of shots they take alone, you knew they were going to make some kind of run."

"It's not over till it's over. We just got to believe," said Yogi Berra. "Like I always say, it's first to four. We're going to stay together. We lose together, we win together."

Message to Celtic fans: There's still time to catch a flight to Dallas-Fort Worth and score tickets to Game 4. The Big D's resale market should be pretty reasonable.

Pack your brooms.

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Xavier Tillman hit a 3-pointer and blocked a pair of shots, including one on Mavericks star Luka Dončić.

Brady's Foxborough Fete one for the ages

CHRISTOPHER L. GASPER



FOXBOROUGH — Tom Brady's Foxborough Fete was like his career — long, distinguished, packed with numerous moments to cherish, and an experience you wish you could bottle up and preserve to relive whenever the mood strikes.

Our sports-blessed region hasn't experienced a celebration of an athlete on this scale since Larry Bird Night at the old Boston Garden on Feb. 4, 1993. Red Sox legend David Ortiz enjoyed a classy and heartfelt pregame number retirement ceremony prior to a 2017 Red Sox victory over the Los Angeles Angels at Fenway Park.

Instead of chants of "Larry, Larry, Larry," the chants were the familiar "Brady, Brady, Brady" Wednesday night. The festivities were the sports legend version of the show "This is Your Life," and not only for the TB12 but for the fans who marked milestones in their own lives through his exploits.

"This evening marks a monumental moment in my life. It's a celebration of playing 20 years in New England, playing for you. I truly wish I had more time. I wish I had more time to give you all," said Brady.

As the Celtics chased a championship in the NBA Finals, which would be the 13th championship in the major four pro sports for Boston since the 2002 calendar year, the face that launched Titledown was being venerated.

NBC's Mike Tirico, the presenter for Brady-palooza, said, "Tonight is not a roast. It's a toast." This was light years from the ribald roast of Brady that aired on Netflix last month.

It was one last chance to clink glasses and get

drunk on the nostalgia of the greatest dynasty in NFL history and the man most responsible for it. One last sip of the championship champagne and bearing witness to the greatest quarterback of all-time.

Well, Ty Law took issue with that description of the seven-time Super Bowl winner and patron saint of Patriots football.

"You're not just the greatest QB, you are the greatest football player to ever lace them up," said Law. "Do not just categorize this guy as just a quarterback. Congratulations to the GOAT."

Duly noted, Ty.

The highlights were two football savants saluting Brady in archival/close friend Peyton Manning and legendary Patriots coach Bill Belichick.

Manning came out after a star-studded opponents' video montage featuring Charles Woodson, Ray Lewis, Eli Manning, Jason Taylor, Ed Reed, Michael Strahan, Richard Sherman, and Patrick Mahomes to play the role Magic Johnson did at Bird's ceremony.

It was the 18-12 overture one more time. The genuine affection, admiration, and the bond the two rivals/close friends share was touching as they reminisced about a rivalry that defined NFL football. Manning talked about how former Colts coach Tony Dungy used to instruct him to try to leave as little time as possible left on the clock for fear of Brady.

"That was our mentality when we played him.

We wanted to score to win the game, but we didn't want to leave him any time," said Manning. "When he did get the ball, I was praying on the sidelines, and I never prayed on the sidelines. I'm like, Tom has so many Super Bowls, just let me have one. That's what a great player he was."

Brady returned the accolades for his analog, saying he used to watch every Colts game at the

end of the season.

"I never could've been the type of player that I was without having someone like Peyton that I aspired to be like," said Brady. "I looked at him as the gold-standard of quarterbacking, and I still do."

At 9:04 p.m., Belichick took the stage to a rousing and sustained standing ovation, returning publicly to Gillette Stadium for the first time since his awkward farewell press conference after mutually parting ways with the team in January.

"Such a warm welcome. I can't tell you how much it means to me to come back here and see Patriots fans. Thank you," offered a heartfelt Hoodie.

Belichick then proceeded to offer the praise to Brady he was stingy with during the quarterback's career when they were partners in pro football's long-running success story, posting 19 consecutive winning seasons, reaching 13 AFC title games, and nine Super Bowls.

"He was the model for consistency and dependability and always doing the right thing," said Belichick. "He was such a great model for all of us. The opportunity to meet with him twice a week — it was a little bit more earlier in his career — were some of the best days I had as a coach. I wanted to make sure I was as well-prepared as he was."

"Honestly, that was a high bar. His determination and relentless pursuit of excellence were just beyond anything I've seen from any other player at that position."

Brady returned the favor in his remarks.

"To coach Belichick, thank you for your tireless commitment to developing me," said Brady. "It wasn't me. It wasn't you. It was us."

The master of ceremonies for Bird's number retirement tribute was also an NBC broadcaster, the great Bob Costas. The legendary broadcaster offered a paean to Bird that applies to Brady.

"He had the ability to lift his game to an even higher level just when his team needed it the most," said Costas of Bird. "That is what defines greatness in any athlete, not just the ability to pile up number but the ability to come through in the clutch and under pressure."

That was the very essence of Brady, the secret sauce of his seven Super Bowl victories.

No game was out of reach, no deficit was insurmountable, no outcome was impossible. Brady always made his teammates and fans believe and filled the opposing team and its fans with dread.

"We always felt we had a chance to win as long as you were the man under center," said Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

There were laughs, tears, and loud cheers throughout the night. Playing the role of Cedric Maxwell, Randy Moss was overcome with emotion by his reception from the Foxborough Faithful.

The Patriots spared no excess in the more than three-hour tribute, with helicopters whisking participants in and out. There was even a cosmos-inspired video encomium narrated by famed astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson detailing the astronomical odds Brady overcame to go from pick No. 199 to the greatest of all-time.

The show opened with a live performance by Jay-Z of Brady's beloved entrance song that played when he took the field in Foxborough, the rapper's "Public Service Announcement," which is an interlude on his "The Black Album."

To quote another rapper, Kanye West, the night was time to "bow in the presence of greatness" — a celebration of a greatness we aren't likely to see again soon.

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Patriots roll out the red carpet for QB

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FOXBOROUGH — The Patriots literally rolled out the red carpet Wednesday to welcome guests to Gillette Stadium for Tom Brady's Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Teammates, family, and friends traveled to the Patriots' home turf to pay homage to Brady, the legendary quarterback who many referred to as an even better person. The carpet was buzzing with excitement and joy as players reconnected, some for the first time in years.

The most common response from players when asked why it was important to them to be on hand?

"Because he's the GOAT."

"I mean, there's only one guy who can really make everybody gravitate back," former cornerback Aqib Talib said. "I'm just excited to see Tom get inducted. Man, of course he was going to get into that. But just to be able to be a part of it is bringing back a lot of memories, being here in Foxborough, so it's a good time."

Aside from the Patriots, celebrities in attendance included Boston comedian Bill Burr and musician Jon Bon Jovi.

Patriots owner Robert Kraft spent a significant amount of time on the carpet, talking with the media and posing for photos with his wife, Dana Blumberg, and Brady. Kraft stressed the impact Brady had on his teammates over the two decades he spent as a Patriot.

"There are a few people who came from overseas, but people came from all over America. People who played with him because he was someone when he went in the huddle and spoke, he made average people better and brought out the best at the same time," Kraft said. "It's because there's no other human being I've met like him."

Brady's parents, Tom Sr. and Galynn, were some of the most sought-after guests on the carpet. Galynn wore a silver "12" pendant, and was beaming as Tom Sr. spoke about the "sol-enn" drive to the stadium.

"We were driving down these roads so many times over the last few years," Tom Sr. said. "It's really kind of coming to an end right here, the joy that we've had, the highs and the lows, friendships. The sight is almost incomprehensible to me."

Wide receiver Julian Edelman spent 12 seasons with the Patriots, and 11 of those overlapped with Brady.

"He gives you time, he gives you energy," Edelman said. "He's a genuine person. Anyone that meets him, you just feel his aura, that's a really genuine person that is sweet and loving. He's a killer in between the lines but he's always been a stand-up dude."

Rob Gronkowski was the last person to walk the carpet, and aside from some oversized reflective white sunglasses, the tight end didn't arrive with his usual flair for the dramatic.

"We're here to just enjoy what he has brought to us over the last 20 years, what he has brought to my life, what he's brought to everyone's life here. And that's just excellence," Gronkowski said.

Rosevelt Colvin played for the Bears before coming to New England, and the linebacker said he had questions when he arrived.

"As an opponent, I always wondered what it was about him that made him who he was," Colvin said.

Colvin went on to share his favorite memory with Brady, saying the pair had a little back and forth about how far the QB could throw the ball into the net. Colvin won, and the next day, Brady gave him 100 \$1 bills.

There was a sea of red Patriots Hall of Fame jackets on the carpet, including one worn by Matt Light, who protected Brady as his left tackle.

"It's just a great opportunity for all of us to thank him, be a part of this day with him," Light said. "And for him, team was everything."

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Tom Brady acknowledged the crowd of more than 60,000 that came out to celebrate his storied career.



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With a combined 14 Super Bowl rings, Patriots champions (from left) Rob Gronkowski, Julian Edelman, and Tom Brady were reunited.

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(57), John Hannah (73), Bruce Armstrong (78), Jim Lee Hunt (79), and Bob Dee (89). The quarterback is the first to have his number retired since Armstrong in 2001.

Kraft also announced plans to build a 12-foot bronze statue of Brady, which will be revealed later this year outside of the Patriots Hall of Fame.

Brady's family and over a hundred of his former teammates attended the festivities, which featured musical acts, video montages, roundtable discussions, speeches, and fireworks over the course of three hours.

Throughout the night, select groups of players and coaches took the stage. First it was Ty Law, Devin McCourty, Willie McGinest, and Vince Wilfork sharing memories of facing Brady in practice.

Then, Drew Bledsoe, Matt Cassel, Brian Hoyer, and Josh McDaniels discussed their experiences working with Brady in the quarterback room.

Bledsoe, who also participated in the "Greatest Roast of All Time: Tom Brady," continued to crack a few jokes.

"You were the worst backup

quarterback in the history of the NFL," Bledsoe said. "You never understood that when I got healthy, you're supposed to go sit the hell down."

The final group of players featuring Julian Edelman, Rob Gronkowski, Randy Moss, and Wes Welker was by far the most popular, with Moss garnering an extended ovation that brought him to tears.

Only one non-teammate took the stage, as Peyton Manning spoke about his longtime rivalry-turned-friendship with Brady. When the crowd welcomed him with cheers, Manning quipped, "They like me here because I always lost here." (Manning was 2-8 in regular-season and playoff games at Gillette Stadium.)

"Tom pretty much got me most of the time we played," Manning said. "The hardest thing about playing against Tom Brady was if you were down by a field goal or even 4 points, and you were driving to possibly win the game on a two-minute drive — I remember [former Colts] coach [Tony] Dungy would always say, 'Peyton, we want you to score to take the lead, but only do it with about six seconds left. We don't want Tom to have any time left.'"

The crowd wasn't as friendly — booing loudly — when the jumbotron showed Manning's younger brother Eli relaying a message. Several of Brady's famous defensive foes — Ed Reed, Charles Woodson, Jason Taylor, Ray Lewis, Michael Strahan, and Richard Sherman — also sent prerecorded videos, but the crowd reserved its loudest boos for Patrick Mahomes.

The night featured plenty of other smiles, laughs, and tears.

But the strongest emotions reigned at the end of the evening, when coach Bill Belichick and then Brady delivered lengthy speeches. Upon taking the stage, Belichick received a nearly two-minute long standing ovation, one that he tried to curtail to no avail. Brady, meanwhile, stepped up to the podium to the tune of "Bra-dy, Bra-dy" chants.

Any sort of lingering frostiness between Brady and Belichick seems to have long been squashed, as the two have effusively sung each other's praises in the years following their split in 2020. That trend continued Wednesday night.

"Thank you for all that you've done for us," Belichick told Brady. "Thank you for all you've

done for me. Thank you for the example and model that you've been for all of us on a daily basis for 20 years. You're unbelievable. Congratulations."

"Thank you for your tireless commitment to push me to be my very best," Brady said in return. "It wasn't me. It wasn't you. It was us. Our hard work, our love of the game, that's what it was all about."

"Let me make this crystal clear: There is no coach in the world I would rather play for than Bill Belichick."

During his speech, Brady thanked his family, friends, coaches, teammates (specifically his offensive linemen), support staffs, the communities of San Mateo, Calif., and the University of Michigan, his trainer and business partner Alex Guerrero, the Kraft family, Patriots fans, and Edelman because he joked that Edelman paid him \$10,000 to mention him by name.

And in his final remarks, Brady didn't mince his words.

"I am Tom Brady," he said, holding back tears. "And I am a Patriot."

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Improvements afoot for returning Gonzalez, cornerbacks

By Christopher Price

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FOXBOROUGH — When it comes to slowing the NFL's best receivers, the Patriots cornerbacks hope their hot feet

PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK can help get the job done.

According to **Christian Gonzalez**, hot feet will play a sizable role in the success or failure of the coverage. It's one of the fundamental teaching points being hammered home to the defensive backs: Hot feet equal quick feet.

"It's very important," Gonzalez said after Wednesday's final mandatory

minicamp workout. "You want to keep your feet hot. We talk about it in the DB room, keeping your feet hot. Keep everything fast-twitch. You don't want to lose a step in the offseason. You want to gain a step in the offseason, that just gives you the momentum to get through training camp and into the season."

The cornerbacks hope their hot feet can chill some of the best receivers in the league in 2024 — a group that's scheduled to include Cincinnati's **Tee Higgins** and **Ja'Marr Chase**, Miami's **Tyreek Hill** and **Jaylen Waddle**, Houston's **Stefon Diggs**, Arizona rookie **Mar-**

vin Harrison Jr., the Rams' **Puka Nacua** and **Cooper Kupp**, and San Francisco's **Brandon Aiyuk** and **Deebo Samuel**.

And while the Patriots will continue to preach the gospel of team defense — the pass rush will work in concert with the coverage — it'll be up to corners like Gonzalez and veteran **Jonathan Jones** to joust with those receivers.

Gonzalez is ready to return after playing only three-plus games as a rookie. While he flashed positively at times, he suffered a labrum injury in Week 4 that ended his year.

Now, the 6-foot-1-inch, 205-pounder says he's "feeling good" and can't wait

to get back to game action.

"Feels great," he said. "It feels amazing to be out here with the guys again and come out here and learn and get back into it."

Happy ending

Minicamp ended on a high note for the offense, and quarterback **Drake Maye** in particular. The rookie delivered a pair of impressive throws to wide receivers to put a capper on his day, the first to **Kayshon Boutte** and the second to **Ja'Lynn Polk**, who won a battle for a 50-50 ball against corner **Mikey Victor** for a touchdown. The latter set

off a wild celebration.

"End of the game, I'm putting myself in those situations," Polk said. "Like I will in the regular season."

Maye took the bulk of the second-team reps, following **Jacoby Brissett** and ahead of **Bailey Zappe** and **Joe Milton**. Asked if he intends to carry four quarterbacks into training camp next month, Mayo said, "Absolutely. That's how I see it right now. We'll have these conversations as the week progresses, but that's how I see it right now."

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Clark's Olympic moment will come, in due time

TARA SULLIVAN



With no shortage of opinions on Caitlin Clark and the roster snub heard 'round the world, I humbly submit another: Her time is now, that is undeniable. But her time also will come, and that is important to remember.

Both can be true at once. Yes, Clark has arrived. Check any statistic to prove it — ratings, merchandise sales, attendance figures, sports talk conversations on radio, on television, online, and in print, crossover discussions on news channels and non-sports outlets. But Clark, all of 22 years old and barely out of college, has far from peaked.

That is why both can be true: Her time is now, but her Olympic time is not.

And that's OK.

If you somehow missed the supposed "snub" that continues to erupt into endless debate, Clark was left off the US women's basketball roster for the Olympics next month in Paris. Reactions range from this being the most egregious decision in the history of American Olympic team building to this being the most sensible decision based on the makeup and history of the most dominant team in red, white, and blue.

Of course, the reality is somewhere in the middle, and you can count me closer to the latter than the former. While Clark certainly would draw the eyeballs of a fan base that can be alarmingly rabid at times — loyal, it seems, only to her — and would no doubt draw more media coverage in Paris from American and international outlets alike, that is not the criteria for making an Olympic team.

It's about merit, and thanks to a WNBA that gets deeper in talent every year, it's not surprising that there were 12 players in front of Clark whose résumés, both singularly and in concert with each other, outweighed hers.

Throw in her level of exhaustion: She has barely stopped since the 2023-24 college season at Iowa began, playing through the regular season, Big Ten tournament, and NCAA Tournament and then the start of her pro career. Add in league schedulers giving her Indiana Fever team 11 games in the first 20 days and Clark absolutely could use a break. Over-the-line hard fouls aside (we see you, Chenedy Carter), Clark has struggled with the WNBA's physicality, and that only gets worse in the international basketball world.

But when nuance and reason don't move the needle the way outrage and anger do, that reality barely stands a chance of being heard. Unless, perhaps, you try listening to Clark herself.

Here she was, speaking to the Hartford Courant, after her Fever lost to the Sun Tuesday night: "To the women who were selected, you look at that roster and that roster is really talented. I hope the conversation is about those 12 and them having the opportunity that most people don't get in their lifetime. I'll be cheering for them; I'll be rooting for them. I

hope they go out and win gold."

And here she was Sunday, her first chance to confirm and comment on reports she would not be part of Team USA's attempt for an unprecedented eighth straight gold medal:

"I'm excited for the girls that are on the team. I know it's the most competitive team in the world, and I know it could have gone either way of me being on the team or me not being on the team. I'm excited for them. Going to be rooting them on to win gold. I was a kid that grew up watching the Olympics. It'll be fun to watch them."

Barring injury or something else unforeseen, Clark's Olympic time will come later, almost certainly in Los Angeles in 2028. Delayed does not mean denied. Her Olympic time will come, just as her improved physicality will come, just as a better assist-to-turnover ratio will come, just as WNBA titles, All-Star selections, and scoring titles might come.

Clark's basketball life is barely out of its toddler years, with high school and college behind her, the pros and top-level international ball still ahead of her.

Again, to her credit, she is willing to wait, and ready to work.

"I think it just gives you something to work for," Clark told reporters. "It's a dream. Hopefully one day I can be there. I think it's just a little more motivation. You remember that. Hopefully, when four years comes back, I can be there."

In other words, she'll earn her way in with her game, not with her popularity. And that reflects true growth for women's sports.

As we continue to live at this amazing intersection of investment and support of women's sports, watching the PWHL, the NWSL, the WNBA et al, we see decades of work paying off, recognizing how the collective effort by women and for women forced change.

It was always a two-pronged effort — compete against each other on the fields of play, but once off them, work together to grow the games. Through it all, women didn't have the luxury of choice, expected to always be on the same side, to push together to build an audience, to make the game better for the next generation.

It's been wonderful to watch, from the inception of Title IX to now, how that growth continues. But prioritizing that over building a winner? That's an insult to the competitive essence of sports.

As selection committee chair Jen Rizzotti told the Associated Press: "It would be irresponsible for us to talk about [Clark] in a way other than how she would impact the play of the team. Because it wasn't the purview of our committee to decide how many people would watch or how many people would root for the United States. It was our purview to create the best team we could for [coach] Cheryl [Reeves]."

Four years from now, that team almost surely will include Caitlin Clark. I'm willing to wait. She's willing to wait. Team USA is willing to wait. Are you?

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DEBEE TLUMACKI FOR THE GLOBE

Hudson's Liv Connolly (right) met Marissa Kelly at third base during Hudson's victory.

MIAA SOFTBALL SEMIFINALS

Alvarez does it all for Case

By Cam Kerry
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

From the release of the pitch, you could hear a pin drop. Once freshman Lila Alvarez slapped a fifth-inning single through the left side to score senior Lily Picard, the dugout of the Joseph Case softball team exploded with delirious cheers.

Alvarez helped herself, and that was all the run support she'd end up needing.

Alvarez spun a gem, fanning 11 batters in a two-hitter as top-seeded Case opened fourth-seeded Advanced Math & Science, 2-0, in the Division 4 semifinals at UMass Dartmouth. The reigning champion Cardinals (22-1) will look to defend their title, taking on No. 2 Tyngsborough (22-2) in the championship on Friday at 3 p.m. at UMass Amherst.

Alvarez pounded curveballs with great success, missing bats and keeping hitters off balance with a dynamic changeup. Her composure never wavered, not getting too high after sitting down seven of the first nine hitters on strikes.

"She hasn't batted an eye, she handled it," said Joseph Case coach Shannon Silva. "She plays better under pressure. The bigger the game, the bigger the moment, the better she does."

"As soon as I step into the circle, I lock in," said Alvarez. "I know what I need to do."

The Cardinals pushed across both of their runs in the fifth. Picard, who played a stellar defensive game at shortstop, kicked things off with a beautiful single to center field.

Sophomore right fielder Madi-lynn Botelho laid down a bunt, which the catcher air-mailed into right field. After a lengthy protest, it was ruled that the ball hit the bat after the bunt was laid down, but it was not a double hit, as the bat was a part of the field of play.

With Picard on third and Botelho on second, Alvarez did the rest, hitting ninth on a roster where 10 players own a batting average of .400 or above.

"She has been doing a really good job lately of putting that ball on the ground and that was exactly what we needed," said Silva. **Tyngsborough 8, Pittsfield 3** — Staring at a fifth-inning opportunity with one out, the bases loaded, and her team leading 3-2, Madison Mical changed her approach at the plate.

The senior, who had grounded out and struck out in her first two at-bats, decided in her third plate appearance to take the first pitch to see the ball better.

The move paid off. Mical's two-run single on an 0-2 count sparked a four-run outburst as second-seeded Tyngsborough (22-1) held on for a semifinal win over third-seeded Pittsfield (20-4) at Worcester State.

"It took patience," Mical said. "It took a lot to come back and reset my mentality. With the score like that, it was a lot, but it felt great."

This will mark Tyngsborough's first trip to the state final since winning the Division 2 championship in 2021. The Tigers will face top-seeded Joseph Case in Friday's 3 p.m. final at UMass Amherst.

"I feel like we're a fighting

team, we don't give up," said Tyngsborough coach April Eringis-Leonard. "From the start of our season they've been saying they just want to go far in the tournament."

Sophomore Kiley Hogan, who struck out four in a complete-game effort on the mound, helped her cause with run-scoring doubles in her first two plate appearances.

Division 3 State

Hudson 6, Apponequet 4 — The third-seeded Hawks (18-6) plated a pair of runs in the top of the seventh inning to outlast second-seeded Apponequet in a state semifinal victory at UMass Dartmouth.

Hudson will face the winner of No. 1 Dighton-Rehoboth and No. 4 Norton in the championship Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at UMass Amherst.

"When we're up and high with energy, we have the best time," said Hudson's Liv Connolly. "I think that when we play our best, when we're up with energy."

Senior Alyssa Davis kickedstart the seventh with a double to left. After O'Malley came through, senior captain Audrey Lenox muscled a double over the right fielder's head for an insurance run.

Lenox let out a triumphant roar on top of second base.

"We've got some fire in our girls, for sure," said Hudson coach Laura Bowen. "Our third baseman, Liv Connolly, is the heart of the fire."

Globe correspondents Cam Kerry reported from Dartmouth, AJ Traub from Worcester.

MIAA GIRLS' TENNIS TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

NDA wins battle of Hingham

By Sofia Garrett
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

In its toughest matchup of the Division 2 tournament thus far, top-seeded top-seeded Notre Dame Academy-Hingham was eager to face off against No. 4 Hingham. After a narrow 3-2 victory over No. 9 Milton in the quarterfinals, the Cougars were looking for a decisive win — and they achieved that, producing a 5-0 semifinal sweep in well under two hours at Hanover High.

NDA's singles players swiftly secured the win, with Amelia Maw delivering the final punch at first singles over Hingham's Sam Ruddick. After a competitive 4-3 opening to the first set, Maw rallied to take the final two games and win, 6-3. Ruddick came out hot in the second set, breaking Maw to go up 2-0. But NDA's senior captain battled back to narrow the gap to 4-3, and eventually claim the set 6-4.

"I just focused on moving on from the point before, just hitting each shot, not focusing on what already happened, and going forward, just focusing on each individual point," Maw said. "That was helpful."

Vivienne LaGrassa notched the first victory, 6-1, 6-1, at third singles, followed by Sophia Lirio (6-2, 6-4) at second singles for the undefeated Cougars (19-0).

Despite securing the win, NDA battled to claim first and second doubles victories over the Harbortwomen (18-4). Starting down 1-2 in both second sets, the tandems of Clara Healey and Skye Bunge (6-4, 7-5) and Molly Duni-gan and Julia Walsh (6-1, 6-4) got the job done.

The Cougars will take on No. 2



JONATHAN WIGGS/GLOBE STAFF

Amelia Maw of Notre Dame Academy (Hingham) battled to win at No. 1 singles, sending the Cougars into the Division 2 final.

Longmeadow (21-0) in the Division 2 final. The undefeated foes have yet to face this season.

Division 3 State

Pembroke 2, Newburyport 2 (suspended) — The semifinal between the third-seeded Titans (19-2) and second-seeded Clippers (17-4) was suspended in progress because of a rules mishap. The match, which was held at Sharon High, is currently tied 2-2. Pembroke received straight-set victories from sophomore Nicole Makarewicz at first singles (6-1, 6-2) and junior Ruth Dannison at second singles (6-2, 6-1), and Newburyport earned wins by Lauren Brennan and Janie Turgeon at first doubles (6-3, 6-2) and Delaney Woekel and Elsie DeGrano at second doubles (6-2, 6-0). At third singles, Pembroke's Emma Gerlach claimed the first set 7-6, before Newburyport's Bridgette Mellet answered back by winning the second set 6-4. To determine the third set, Gerlach and Mellet played a 10-point super tiebreaker, which Gerlach won, 10-7. However, MIAA tournament rules state that if the match is still in question, a full third set must be played, render-

ing Gerlach's tiebreak victory invalid. The final set between Gerlach and Mellet will be played Thursday at 2 p.m. in Sharon.

Division 4 State

Hamilton-Wenham 4, Hopedale 1 — Powered by the dominance of Emma Jani at first singles (6-1, 6-0) and Naomi Provost at second singles (6-0, 6-0), the top-seeded Generals (18-2) stormed past the fourth-seeded Blue Raiders (17-3) in the semifinals at Robinson Elementary School in Westford. Despite returning just two starters from last year's D4 title-winning squad, the win clinched the Generals' third straight trip to the championship match, where they will take on No. 3 Lynnfield on Saturday at MIT.

Lynnfield 3, Manchester Essex 2 — In a deciding third singles match that lasted over three hours, senior Maddie Sieve buckled down to win, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, to lift the third-seeded Pioneers (16-6) over the second-seeded Hornets (18-4) in a semifinal at St. John's Prep in Danvers.

Correspondent Sofia Garrett reported from Hanover. Matty Wasserman contributed.

Panthers' Barkov back at practice ahead of Game 3

By Alanis Thames
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNRISE, Fla. — Paul Maurice was in a much better mood Wednesday.

The Florida Panthers coach admitted the previous day that he was "grumpy" after Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final, despite a dominant victory over the Edmonton Oilers that gave his team a 2-0 series lead.

That was mostly because of the unknown status of Aleksander Barkov, Florida's captain who was knocked out of the game midway through the third period after Edmonton forward Leon Draisaitl hit him in the head.

Barkov, who is tied with Matthew Tkachuk with a team-leading 19 points in the postseason, practiced with the team Wednesday morning ahead of Florida's trip to Edmonton for Game 3.

"It's the drive of my mood, right?" Maurice said. "You go through that fear . . . Nobody wants to lose their captain. And you don't know if you have or not for a block of time, and then you find out there's a good chance you're not going to [lose him], and you're in a much better mood."

Maurice said the team will make a final decision about Barkov's status before Thursday night's game, but the star "felt better."

Barkov, who won the Selke Trophy as the league's top defensive forward, is a big reason for Florida's lockdown defense, winning 57.3 percent of his faceoffs in the regular season and 53.4 percent in the playoffs.

"He's a huge part of our team and a huge piece of our game," said veteran Kyle Okposo.

Barkov had a pair of assists in Game 1 but hasn't scored a goal in the series. Neither has Tkachuk, who has five goals and 14 assists in the playoffs.

Tkachuk being without a point hasn't been a problem for the Panthers, whose depth has emerged as one of their biggest assets. Center Evan Rodrigues leads the series with three goals; young center Anton Lundell is emerging as a formidable two-way player; and Niko Mikola had the tying goal in Game 2 as the Panthers rallied.

"Nobody gets here on their stars," Maurice said. "They drive the bus — we would all agree with that. They're the key pieces. But I don't think any team gets to this point without the 20 guys you're dressing. At some point, they have to be the difference."

The 30-year-old Rodrigues, who had played in just 16 postseason games before this season, scored twice in Florida's comeback victory, including the winner early in the third period.

Maurice added that it has been needed in a series like this, where both teams' top two lines are so good that they almost "cancel each other out."

"Over all the minutes you play, your elite players have to be great all the time," he said. "But there's going to be a block of time for each player on your roster, and he will be the difference in that block of time for whether you win or lose. And in a couple games in these playoffs, it's been Evan's time, and he's made the most of it."

The Oilers, who have just one goal — a fluky one — through two games, hope they will be able to fix the power play that has gone 0 for 7 and get things going offensively.

"They're doing a great job of making it tough on us," Connor McDavid said. "But with that being said, the power play has been together for a long time and we've been great at what we do. We usually solve penalty kills, and I would expect us to figure this one out, too."

Stanley Cup Final

FLORIDA VS. EDMONTON

Panthers lead series, 2-0

Saturday, June 8

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US OPEN

At Pinehurst No. 2, greens No. 1 concern

By Doug Ferguson ASSOCIATED PRESS

PINEHURST, N.C. — Pebble Beach has the Pacific Ocean. Oakmont is the brute with its church pew bunkers. Pinehurst No. 2 has the ce-ral bowls turned upside down.

The greens at Pinehurst No. 2 are the signa-ture of this Donald Ross course that hosts the 124th US Open starting on Thursday. They go by any variety of names — upside-down cereal bowls, inverted saucers, turtlebacks or domes.

Whatever they're called, they are universally regarded as daunting, particularly for a US Open already known as the toughest test in golf.

"You hit it on the green, the hole is not done," defending champion Wyndham Clark said.

He played when he arrived on Monday and was amazed at how firm and fast they already were, calling them "borderline" in terms of fairness. And this was still three days out from the opening tee shot on Thurs-day.

Perhaps that's why in three previous US Opens at Pine-hurst No. 2, a total of four play-ers finished the championship under par. One was Payne Stewart, thanks to that famous 15-foot par putt on the final hole to beat Phil Mickelson in 1999 at 1 under par.

Martin Kaymer took advantage of the rain-softened conditions and brilliant golf to win in 2014 at 9 under, with Rickie Fowler and Erik Compton eight shots behind and the only other players in red numbers for the week.

"I'd say in general, I think the best players play aggressively off the tee and conservatively into the greens. I think this course is basically that strategy — just on steroids," Viktor Hovland said. "I think having a shorter club in is very im-portant. But then into the greens you've got to



ALEX SLITZ/GETTY IMAGES

Jordan Spieth is known to work some magic around even the toughest greens.

play very, very conservatively. I think just hitting the greens itself is of high value."

There have been plenty of illustrations of that.

Jordan Spieth was practicing to the right of the par-3 ninth green on Wednesday afternoon, aiming toward a coaster the size of a golf hole on the left side. He pitched it hard, well past the hole to the top of a small ridge so that it would roll back toward his target. And it did just that, but it was a foot too far to the left and before long had run all the way off the green.

"This is one you putt," Spieth told Sam Burns. Instead of walking over to his bag for a putter, Spieth used the lefthanded putter of alternate Josh Radcliff and gave it a whack.

It can be hard to keep track of golf balls, especially when a practice group has four players, with balls rolling all over the place, some of them winding up off the green.

Such is the nature of Pine-hurst No. 2. And while the course is more than a decade re-moved from its restoration pro-ject that returned sandy areas with native plans instead of thick rough, it's the greens that

give the course its character. And then it's up to the USGA to make con-ditions so demanding that only the most highly skilled players can handle them. Such is the essence of the US Open.

John Bodenhamer, the chief championships officer at the USGA who is in charge of setting up the course, said 2014 data showed 70 per-cent of the players hit the fairway, but only 56 percent hit the green.

"It is all about these magnificent upside-down cereal bowl putting greens," Bodenhamer said. "They are difficult to hit, and we need to get the right firm and fast conditions around them."

And when players miss the greens — from the fairways, sometimes from putts that roll off the crowned edges — there are options.

"I was joking with my caddie, 'We should probably get our putter checked.' I've never swung so hard on my putter for nine holes, just trying to get up and down the mounds," PGA champion Xander Schauffele said. "There's cer-tain spots where you feel like you have to hit it really hard. You hit it too hard, you putt it off the other side of the green.

"Leaving yourself in a really good position is AI," he said. "But even when you do leave your-self in a good position, the hole is not over yet. It's sort of half the battle."

Clark won last year at Los Angeles Country Club with a score of 10-under-par 270. That week also started with Schauffele and Fowler setting a US Open record of 62 in the opening round some 10 minutes apart.

No one expects that kind of scoring this week. Bryson DeChambeau, who studied phys-ics at SMU, cited Boo Weekley, who barely stud-ied at all during his brief time at Abraham Bald-win Agriculture College.

"Pinehurst is no joke. This is a ball-striker's paradise," DeChambeau said. "You have to hit it in the middle of the greens. And this is a Boo Weekley quote, but the center of the green never moves. So I'll try to focus on that this week."

There is more trouble than just the greens. The sandy areas — "sandscapes" is what they are called in these parts — have wiregrass bush-es the size of basketballs speckled across the ter-rain. Hit in there and hope — it could be a clean lie, it could be trouble.

"It's a walk up that fairway of a bit of anxiety, because they don't know what they're going to get," Bodenhamer said. "The randomness . . . it's not just 5-inch, green, lush rough. It can be something gnarly, wiregrass, or it can be a per-fect sandy lie. I think you're going to see some players walk to their golf ball and be unhappy, and others are going to be thrilled.

"We think that is pretty cool, and we think that is exactly what Donald Ross intended."

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At Autotron Rosmalen, s-Hertogenbo- sch, Netherlands

Men's singles

Table with columns for Player, Score. Includes Gjs Brouwer, def. Grieksp Mannario (5), 6-3, 6-3; Tallon Andriks (6), def. Mackenzie McDonald, 6-3, 7-6 (5); Ugo Humbert (3), def. Arthur Fils, 6-3, 7-6 (1).

Women's singles

Table with columns for Player, Score. Includes Bianca Andreescu, def. Yue Yuan (7), 6-4, 6-4; Greet Minnen, def. Donna Ve- kic (7), 6-1, 0-6, 7-5; Naomi Osaka, def. Suzan Lamens, 6-2, 6-2.

ROTHESAY OPEN

At The City of Nottingham Tennis Centre, Nottingham, England

Women's singles

Table with columns for Player, Score. Includes Kimberly Birrell, def. Lucrezia Stefan- ini, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-4; Diane Parry, def. Darja Saville, 6-4, 6-1; Katie Boulter (3), def. Rebecca Marino, 6-4, 6-3; Karolina Pliskova (6), def. Heather Watson, 6-4, 6-4.

Latest line

Table with columns for Favorite, Line, Underdog, Line. Includes NHL, MLB, NESN, FS1.

Transactions

Baseball: Chi. White Sox: CF Duke Ellis sent to minors. P Shane Bieber returned recalled player. LF Andrew Benintendi drafted from minors rehab. LF Andrew Benintendi removed from 10-day IL. LA Dodgers: 3B Miguel Vargas sent to minors. 2B Cavan Biggio traded. Miami: P Emmanuel Ramirez sent to minors. P JT Chargois recalled from 60-day IL. P JT Chargois recalled from minors rehab. Minnesota: P Louie Varland sent to minors. P Diego Castillo designated for assignment. P Jay Jackson purchased from minors. Seattle: P Jhonathan Diaz sent to minors. P Brett De Lenclos called up from minors. Washington: 3B Trey Lipscomb called up from minors. LF Joey Gallo placed on 10-day IL.

AHL Calder Cup

SEMIFINALS (BEST OF 7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Hershey def. Cleveland 4-3

May 30: Hershey 5, Cleveland 4

June 1: Hershey 3, Cleveland 2

June 4: Hershey 6, Cleveland 2

June 6: Cleveland 3, Hershey 2

June 10: Cleveland 3, Hershey 2

June 6: Milwaukee 7, Coaches 2

June 8: Coaches 5, Milwaukee 1

June 4: Coaches 3, Milwaukee 2

June 6: Milwaukee 7, Coaches 2

June 8: Coaches 5, Milwaukee 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Seattle at Dallas.....7

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 87.....at Atlanta 68

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FRI DAY'S GAMES

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BRACKET 2

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Kentucky vs. NC State.....7

Texas A&M vs. Florida.....2

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns for Team, GC, W, D, L, Pts. Includes Miami, Cincinnati, NYFC, NY Red Bulls, Charlotte, Toronto, Columbus, Philadelphia, Nashville, D.C. United, Orlando, Montreal, Atlanta, Washington, New England.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns for Team, GP, W, D, L, Pts. Includes Real Salt Lake, LAFC, Minnesota, LA Galaxy, Vancouver, Austin, Houston, Colorado, Portland, Seattle, St. Louis, Sporting KC, Dallas, San Jose.

LEADERS

GOALS

Table with columns for Player, Team, Goals. Includes Cristian Arango, Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez, Denis Bouanga, Daniel Gazdag, Dejan Joveljic, Lewis Morgan, Rafael Navarro, Federico Bernardeschi, Andres Gomez, Robin Lo, Cristian Espinoza, Mateusz Kluch, Phil, Jared Stroud, Evander, Joseph Rosales.

ASSISTS

Table with columns for Player, Team, Assists. Includes Lionel Messi, Luciano Acosta, Cristian Arango, Robin Lo, Cristian Espinoza, Mateusz Kluch, Phil, Jared Stroud, Evander, Joseph Rosales, Kristijan Kaliterna, Hugo Lloris, Roman Burki, Roman Celentano, Brad Stuver, Drake Callender, Sean Johnson, Patrick Schulte, Yohel Takaoka, Joe Willis.

NWSL

GP W D L Pts.

Table with columns for Team, GP, W, D, L, Pts. Includes Kansas City, Orlando, Washington, Portland, NJ/NY Gotham, Chicago, Louisville, North Carolina, San Diego, Bay FC, Houston, Angel City, Seattle, Utah.

LEADERS

GOALS

Table with columns for Player, Team, Goals. Includes Sophia Smith, Barbara Banda, Termya Chawinga, Ouleymata Sarr, Claire Emshie, Angela Callender, Bia Zanerotto, Ella Stevens, Allison Schlegel, Diana Ordonez, Uchenna Kanu, Croiz Bethune, Sophia Smith, Ji So-Yun, Vanessa DiBernardo, Temwa Dibawinga, Bia Zanerotto, Trinity Rodman, Hina Sugita, Shelby Hogan, Ashley Sanchez, Yasmine Ryan, Jane Campbell, Shelley Hogan, Ad Franch, Mandy Haught, Casey Murphy, Aubrey Kingsbury, Drake Callender, Anna Moorhouse, Katie Lund, Laurel Ivory.

US Open tee times

1ST HOLE

6:45 a.m.: Carter Jenkins, Logan McAllister, Michael McGowan; 6:56 a.m.: a-Parker Bell, a-Frederik Kjettrup, Christopher Petefish; 7:07 a.m.: Max Greyserman, Casey Jarvis, Omar Morales; 7:18 a.m.: Corey Conners, Emilee Grillo, Stephan Jaeger; 7:29 a.m.: Sergio Garcia, Ryo Ishikawa, Francesco Molinari; 7:40 a.m.: Brooks Koepka, Collin Morikawa, Justin Thomas; 7:51 a.m.: Rickie Fowler, Adam Hadwin, Phil Mickelson; 8:02 a.m.: Nicolai Højgaard, Min Woo Lee, Sahithi Theegala; 8:13 a.m.: Sungjae Im, Si Woo Kim, Matthieu Pavon; 8:24 a.m.: Nico Echavarria, Robert Rock, a-Neal Shipley; 8:35 a.m.: Stewart Hagedstad, Takumi Kanaya, Mac Meissner; 8:46 a.m.: Jim Herman, a-Bryan Kim, Isaiah Salinda; 8:57 a.m.: a-Colin Prater, Charlie Reiter, Carson Schaake; 12:30 p.m.: Brandon Robinson Thompson, Jason Scrivener, Brendan Valdes; 12:41 p.m.: Sam Bairstow, Santiago De La Fuente, Eugenio Lopez-Chacarra; 12:52 p.m.: Christiaan Bezuidenhout, Kurt Kitayama, Taylor Moore; 1:03 p.m.: Jason Day, Harris English, Tom Kim; 1:14 p.m.: Rory McIlroy, Xander Schauffele, Scottie Scheffler; 1:25 p.m.: Wyndham Clark, Nick Dunlap, Brian Harman; 1:36 p.m.: Hideki Matsuyama, Jordan Spieth, Jackson Suber; 1:47 p.m.: Keegan Bradley, Martin Kaymer, Shane Lowry; 1:58 p.m.: Akshay Bhatia, Eric Cole, Erik van Rooyen; 2:09 p.m.: Alex Noren, Taylor Pendrith, Brendon Todd; 2:20 p.m.: a-Jackson Buchanan, Brian Campbell, Thomas Detry; 2:31 p.m.: a-Gun- nar Broin, Maxwell Moldovan, Taisei Shimizu; 2:42 p.m.: John Chin, Sung Kang, Riki Kawamoto.

10TH HOLE

6:45 a.m.: Rico Hoey, Matteo Manassero, Tom McKibbin; 6:56 a.m.: Dean Burmester, Rikuya Hoshino, Seamus Power; 7:07 a.m.: S.H Kim, Justin Lower, Tim Widing; 7:18 a.m.: Sam Burns, Lucas Glover, Cameron Smith; 7:29 a.m.: Matt Fitzpatrick, Tiger Woods, Will Zalatoris; 7:40 a.m.: Patrick Cantlay, Russell Henley, Matt Kuchar; 7:51 a.m.: Ludvig Aberg, Tony Finau, Dustin Johnson; 8:02 a.m.: Daniel Berger, Ryan Fox, David Puig; 8:24 a.m.: Byeong Hun An, Samuel Bennett, Edoardo Molinari; 8:35 a.m.: Cam Davis, Austin Eckroat, Adrian Meronik; 8:46 a.m.: Zac Blair, Aaron Rai, Davis Thompson; 8:57 a.m.: Willie Mack, Richard Mansell, Ashton McCulloch; 12:30 p.m.: Grant Forrest, Greyson Sigg, Wells Williams; 12:41 p.m.: Ches- son Hadley, Mark Hubbard, Adam Svensson; 12:52 p.m.: Beau Hossler, Victor Perez, Adam Schenk; 1:03 p.m.: Mackenzie Hughes, Robert MacIntyre, Nick Taylor; 1:14 p.m.: Tommy Fleetwood, Tyrrell Hatton, Tom Hoge; 1:25 p.m.: Bryson DeChambeau, Max Homa, Viktor Hovland; 1:36 p.m.: Peter Malnati, J.T. Poston, Sepp Straka; 1:47 p.m.: Jake Knapp, Gordon Sargent, Cameron Young; 1:58 p.m.: Billy Horschel, Chris Kirk, Adam Scott; 2:09 p.m.: Benjamin James, Ben Kohles, Denny McCarthy; 2:20 p.m.: Frankie Capan, a-Luke Clanton, Andrew Svoboda; 2:31 p.m.: Harry Higgs, Hiroshi Jai, Brandon Wu; 2:42 p.m.: Ot- to Black, Chris Naegel, Joey Vrzich.

10TH HOLE

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SportsLog

Bruins welcome back Leach as assistant

The Bruins did some staff juggling Wednes- day, most notably welcoming Jay Leach back to the organization as an assistant coach. In addi- tion, longtime assistant Joe Sacco has been promoted to associate coach and assistant John McLean has been shifted to the development staff, where he will serve as a skating and skills coach. Leach served as the Providence Bruins coach from 2017-21, compiling a 136-77-26 re- cord. "Jay was a very successful coach with the Providence Bruins where he greatly impacted our player development system, and he also brings valuable experience as an assistant coach from the Seattle Kraken," general manager Don Sweeney said in a statement. "We be- lieve Jay will integrate quickly and complement our current staff as he comes back to the Bruins to work with our defense corps."

JIM MCBRIDE

RODGERS ABSENCE NOT BIG

Aaron Rodgers's absence is no big deal as far as Robert Saleh and the Jets are concerned.

SOCCER

Messi says Miami will be "my last club"

Lionel Messi said Inter Miami will be "my last club." The 36-year-old World Cup champi- on isn't thinking about joining an Argentine club to write the last chapter of playing career. "I think Inter Miami is going to be my last club. Today I think it is going to be my last club," the Argentina captain said in an ESPN interview. Messi is preparing with his national team to compete in the Copa America in the United States. Argentina is the defending champion.

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CADOGAN, Bridget (Oâ€™Connor)

ALLEN, Evelyn (Andelman)



Of Chestnut Hill, MA passed away on June 12, 2024 at the age of 93. She was born to Coleman & Etta Andelman in Cambridge, MA.

Evelyn graduated from Framingham State Teachers College and devoted her career to students across several elementary and preschools in Brookline. She was a dedicated member of Temple Beth Avodah for 57 years and a resident at The Towers of Chestnut Hill, where she enjoyed working in the library and engaging in the community.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband Murray L. Allen, with whom she shared a loving 30 year marriage. Loving mother of Roberta Rodgers and Susan Allen; beloved grandmother of Madeline, Isabel, Galia and Micah; dear sister of Frances Nigberg and the late Melvin Andelman, Edith Paster and Janet Hartman. Also survived by her many nieces and nephews.

Her family would like to thank Dr. Johanna Klein and The Residence at Boylston Place for the care and compassion they showed Evelyn.

Services at Temple Beth Avodah, 45 Puddingstone Lane, Newton, MA on Friday, June 14 at 2:00pm. Interment to follow at Mishkan Tefilah Memorial Park, Centre St., West Roxbury.

Memorial Observance Friday only at The Towers, 250 Hammond Pond Pkwy, Chestnut Hill from 5-8pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Evelyn's memory to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund at Temple Beth Avodah or to the charity of your choice.

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www.levinechapel.com

BLANCHARD, Janice D. (Wright)

Of Melrose, June 10, 2024, age 96. Wife of the late Donald Blanchard. Visitation at Robinson Funeral Home, MELROSE, on Friday, June 14, from 4 to 7pm. Funeral Service at Melrose Highlands Congregational Church, 355 Franklin St., Melrose, on Saturday, at 9am. www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com

BRASS, Norma (Kazer)



Of South Easton, on June 11, 2024. Beloved wife for 56 years to her high school sweetheart, David Brass. Daughter of the late Irving and Ida Kazer. Devoted and loving mother of Scott and his wife Susan and Jill and her husband Stephen. Cherished Nana of Ally and Shelby Brass and Ella and Evan Kramer.

Norma grew up in Brockton, MA and graduated from American International College. She taught third grade until settling into her favorite role of Mom. Norma could often be found power walking, baking her highly coveted chocolate chip cookies or scoping out the latest fashion for herself and others. Nothing gave her greater joy than spending time spoiling her grandchildren.

Funeral Service on Friday, June 14, 2024, at noon at Temple Sinai, 25 Canton St., Sharon, MA. Interment to follow at Sharon Memorial Park.

Following services family and friends are invited to the home of Jill and Stephen Kramer until 6 pm. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in her memory may be made to Jewish National Fund, www.jnf.org

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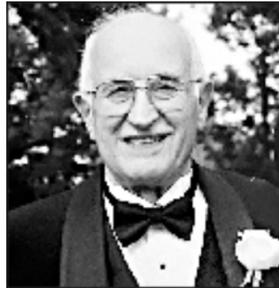
CADOGAN, Bridget (O'Connor)



Passed away on June 10, 2024. Bridget was born in Moycullen, County Galway, Ireland, January, 1926, to Matthew (Sonny) and Catherine (Thornton) O'Connor. Beloved wife of the late John Cadogan, who predeceased her by 19 years. She is survived by her children, John (Rosanna) Cadogan, Mary (David) Cornell, Catherine Abbott, Eileen (Bryan) Mello, Patricia (John) McDougall, Sheila Cadogan, Claire Cadogan and Anne (William) Thompson. Grandmother to Elizabeth (Jack) Glaze, Kathleen and Patrick Mello, Sean (Amanda), Connor, and Mairead McDougall, Daniel and Bridget Cornell, Carolyn (Dan) Roberts, Matthew and Michael Abbott, Christopher, Kaleigh and Brendan Cadogan, William, John, Benjamin and James Thompson; and great-grandmother to Ronan, Kierah, Fionnuala, Maeve and Lillian. She was the dear sister of Joseph (Maura) O'Connor (Galway), Margaret (Joseph) Kelley, Frank (Bridie) O'Connor and Christopher O'Connor, all of Boston and Anthony (Bridie) O'Connor (London) and sister-in-law, of Frances O'Connor (Boston) and Mary O'Connor (Galway). She was predeceased by siblings, Mary and Matthew (Boston), Thomas (London), James and Michael O'Connor (Galway) and Kathleen Crawley (London). She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews in the U.S., Ireland, England and Australia. The family would also like to thank Donna, Jackie and Janette for their care and companionship these past few years. Visiting Hours in the William J. Gormley Funeral Home, 2055 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Friday, June 14, from 4 to 7p.m. Funeral from the funeral home on Saturday, June 15, at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Theresa Church, at 10:30 a.m. To Livestream the Funeral Mass, please go to stthereseparishboston.com Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, gormleyfuneral.com

William J. Gormley Funeral Service
617-323-8600

COTRAN, Rafic S.



Age 96, a resident of Bedford, NH, formerly of Chelmsford, passed away peacefully, on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at Bowman Place, Bedford, NH, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of the late Joan S. (Higgins) Cotran with whom he shared 60 years of marriage until her passing in 2020. He was born on October 19, 1927, in Haifa, Palestine and was the son of the late Suliman and Fadwa (Khoury) Cotran. He leaves three children, Steven of Greenland, NH and his wife, Lorena, Ronald of Merrimack, NH and his wife, Janice and Jeffrey of Townsend, MA and his wife, Giovana; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his younger sister, Salwa Melka of Montreal; and many nieces and nephews. Rafic was predeceased by his brothers, Tewfik, Shafic and Ramzi. Visiting Hours will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 9 - 11 am, at the Blake Chelmsford Funeral Home, 24 Worthen St., CHELMSFORD. His Funeral Service will be held in the funeral home at 11 am. Interment to follow, at 1:00 pm, at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St., Peabody. Kindly gather at the cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in his name to The Alzheimer's Association. For complete obituary, directions and online condolences please visit chelmsfordfuneralhome.com and find us on Facebook.

DEVANNEY, Constance "Conny"

See Enhanced Listing

RYAN, Mary K. ESQ.

Well-known Boston Attorney

Mary K. Ryan Esq., age 74 of Needham and Wellfleet, MA, formerly of Newton, MA, died early

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at North Hill Needham in Needham, MA, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Boston, MA, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary (McGovern) Ryan.

Mary grew up in South Boston, a place always dear to her heart and attended Catholic grade school there and high school at Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Brighton. A History major at Tufts University, Mary also spent much time and energy there with people involved in theater and stagecraft. After a couple of years of fringe theater jobs in Boston and working at a Dunkin Donuts downtown, she decided law school was a better option.

She graduated magna cum laude in 1977 from Boston College Law School, where she was selected a member of the Order of the Coif for academic achievement. After graduation, Mary served as law clerk and then chief law clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court and as law clerk to the Honorable Ruth I. Abrams, former associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

Mary proceeded to Nutter McClellan & Fish and made that her career. Her practice included substantial trial and appellate cases in the state and federal courts, particularly in environmental litigation, as well as administrative hearings and proceedings. In retirement, she was senior of Counsel in the firm's Litigation Department and a member of the Development, Land Use and Permitting practice group.

Mary was considered an expert in federal and state hazardous waste litigation, including Superfund cases and related insurance and land use issues. She was one of the lead trial lawyers for AVX Corporation in the New Bedford Harbor PCB litigation and lead counsel in several related matters.

Mary loved to read, particularly

murder mysteries and would watch just about any show on television in which the actors spoke with British accents. She was passionately devoted to Harry Potter and many evenings at her Cape Cod house would end with her bringing out one or another of the old Harry Potter videotapes and offering to share the treasure.

Mary lived in Newton for decades but Cape Cod always had a special appeal. She eventually bought land and designed her own home in Wellfleet. She loved to swim, particularly in the kettle ponds on the outer Cape and until recent years, was an active hiker, kayaker and sometime cyclist. She enjoyed gardening in Wellfleet and seeking out pieces of depression glassware.

Mary was a trailblazer for women in the Boston legal community and as a Partner at Nutter, she was a mentor to many young women lawyers. Among other accomplishments, she was later elected president of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts.

Throughout her professional life, Mary was dedicated to the notion that the law should be available and work for everyone. She worked hard for people who did not have the mental or physical ability to access the law and the courts. In recent years, she spent considerable time and effort trying to assist migrants seeking sanctuary in this country, particularly minors sent across the southern border on their own. She was active for many years on the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration and co-chaired the association's Working Group on Unaccompanied Minor Immigrants. Mary recently completed terms serving on the American Bar Association's Board of Governors and as a member of the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

Among her leadership roles, Mary was a past president of the Boston Bar Association. She also served for many years on the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's Access to Justice Commission. She was a board member of the Real Estate Bar Association of Massachusetts and the founding co-chair of its Environmental Committee.

Over the course of her career, Mary



received numerous accolades for her professional accomplishments, including the American Bar Association's John H. Pickering Award of Achievement, the Boston Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award, the Pinnacle award of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the St. Thomas More Award from Boston College Law School. Mary is survived by her four brothers and their wives, John and Maryanne Ryan of Westford, MA, Thomas and Katherine Ryan of Scituate, MA, Robert and Dianne Ryan of Exeter, NH and Joseph Ryan and Jeanne Miyasaka of Phoenix, AZ; four nieces, Theresa Colen, Patrice Dolan, Jennifer Ryan and Elizabeth Roller; and two nephews, Jason and Colin Ryan; as well as several great-nieces and nephews and many friends.

She was the aunt of the late John Ryan who died March 14, 2019.

Visiting Hours: Mary's Visiting Hours will be Friday, June 14, 2024, from 4 to 8pm. Funeral Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 8am, from the Dolan Funeral Home, 106 Middlesex Street, N. CHELMSFORD, MA, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, at 9am, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., N. Chelmsford, MA. Burial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Boston, MA. Donations may be made in her memory to the Boston Bar Foundation, the official charity of the Boston Bar Association, whose aim is to promote justice by facilitating access to legal counsel for indigent individuals and under-served communities. Donations can be mailed to 16 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

Arrangements by Dolan Funeral Home, CHELMSFORD, MA
978-251-4041 Guestbook at www.dolanfuneralhome.com

DEVANNEY, Constance "Conny"

A life of Art, Music and Love

Constance Ann Devanney (Cawley), was born on the fourth day of the fourth month of 1944 in Montclair, New Jersey to parents, Charles Michael Cawley and Ruth Walsh Cawley; and brother Charles. On June 7, 2024, Conny peacefully passed away, surrounded by family and friends, at Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

Conny spent her early years in New Jersey before heading north to study at Emmanuel College in Boston. There, her life of art and music came into full focus. And what a life it was!

Conny began her vocal career during the explosive Boston music scene of the 1960s. She became lead singer for the psychedelic rock band "Ill Wind", living a bohemian life on a tugboat in Boston harbor with former husband, John "Jack" W. Devanney, III.

During the '70s, she worked with famed Boston promoter Don Law, booking bands such as Aerosmith and the J. Geils Band. Conny formed her first company, CoCo Booking, soon after.

In the '80s, Conny and dear friend, Elena Matthews had the brilliant idea to organize estate sales for the grand old homes of the North Shore. Thus began their company Salemakers, which became well-known for sales with style, quality and fair value.

Always ready for a challenge, she

and Elena unexpectedly opened a wholesale fish business in the '90s. Neither had any experience, but figuring things out on the fly was their specialty and they soon had a thriving enterprise.

All the while, Conny continued to explore her artistic creativity, producing many beautiful works. She often collaborated with and was inspired by good friend and noted Marblehead artist, Mary Jo McConnell.

And, of course, Conny always sang, performing with several jazz and swing bands, sometimes at the very venue she'd delivered fish earlier that day. Bands such as Samoset Jazz, TKO, Artie Cronk and the Dixie Jazz Kings and pianist, Jeff Lass became like family. She's been quoted as saying that she felt she was a good singer, not a great singer. But "what I do better than a great singer is, I have a good time!" Anyone who was lucky enough to see her perform can attest to that.

Conny will be remembered as a free spirit whose life was imbued with music, art, laughter, impeccable style and a pinch (or more) of mischief and stubbornness. Accompanied by a long line of unforgettable canine companions, she sashayed through life with family and good friends.

Those who have preceded her in death include her parents, several aunts and uncles, including Sr. Marie Constance Walsh; and her beloved



big brother, Charles and sister-in-law, Julie. Left to remember Conny are family including, nephew, Michael and his wife, Carol; and children, Charlie and Emma; niece, Maureen and her husband, Michael; and children, Julia and Tommy; cousins and close friends, including Elena Matthews, Mary Jo McConnell and Todd Flannery.

Her family wishes to thank the staff at The Residence at Vinnin Square, where Conny most recently resided. We also sincerely thank Beth Burrige and Ellen Graham for their compassion and care.

Services for Conny will be held in Camden, Maine later this summer, with interment at Sea View Cemetery among the family she loved.

"See you later, alligator. In a while, crocodile."

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DOLBEN, Donald Custis

Neighbor, bicyclist and Chairman of the Dolben Company

Passed away peacefully at home, June 8, 2024, following a week-long inpouring of visits and messages of admiration and gratitude from family and friends, near and far. He was a beloved exemplar, showing throughout his life what he meant when he said: "Be bold. Steady at the helm. Don't do it if it isn't fun." And, as a blessing: "Peace." Don was born May 12, 1937 in Somerville, MA, the third child of Alfred H. and Lucile E. Dolben. Don joined the family real estate business in 1961 and remained active there until his death. Stewardship, performance, and loyalty: to clients, residents, and employees, are the core values Don embodied and passed down through the generations. His vision and leadership transformed The Dolben Company, Inc. from a small brokerage, appraisal and management business serving commercial properties in downtown Boston, to the regional developer and manager of multi-family communities that it is today. His integrity and commitment to stewardship led to lasting relationships with investors in the ventures he sponsored. As a leader on non-profit boards, Don championed teamwork, fundraising and the achievement of possibilities often unimaginable to others. He served as President of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board (1976), Director of UST Corp., the holding company of U.S. Trust, Trustee of Suffolk Franklin Savings Bank and Mutual Savings Bank, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Fisher College and of the Northfield Mount Hermon School and Board Member of the Appalachian Mountain Club, where he was Development Committee Chair for many years, including for AMC's Maine Woods Capital Campaign. Don was a devoted husband and father with his first wife, Trina, until she died in 1985; and with his second wife,

Martha, since 1986. With his young family, while growing the Dolben real estate business, he engaged as a leader in the Boy Scouts, on the Vestry as Senior Warden at Church of the Good Shepherd and community service, Town Meeting, FinCom member, in Reading, MA. From childhood, he knew the joys of Camp Belknap, NH and became a lifelong advocate of summer camp. He took to hiking the White Mountains and eventually summited all 48 of the 4,000-foot peaks. He also bicycled across America with his two daughters in 1986. With his grown family and ever-growing circle of friends, Don continued to create group hikes, long bike rides and travel adventures. We remember with joy many hikes including the Haute Route and Berner Oberland in Switzerland and in the Lake District, England and many biking journeys, including around Tasmania and along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Don helped organize summer vespers services on Bridgewater Hill, New Hampshire. Across decades, he always seemed ready to open his wine cellar for a big house party or for a gathering of his tennis buddies of many years. For the last 38 years, Don provided all manner of support to Martha in her work as co-founder of the 1060 Women's Studio and Guesswork Partners Press and as long-time Chair and Executive Director of African Food and Peace Foundation. His passing is mourned in Uganda, at the campus of Uganda Rural Development and Training Programme, where he is honored as a pillar of hope and transformation.

Don attended Reading High School, Reading, MA, Class of 1954. During college, Don spent one year at MIT, where he bonded with brothers at Phi Delta Theta, friendships he always cherished. He graduated with a B.S. from Tufts University in 1958. Don was predeceased by his first wife, Catherine (Trina) Kirmayer; his sister, Jane



Dolben Zimberg; his brother, David H. Dolben; and his daughter, Victoria (Tory) K. Dolben. He is survived by his wife, Martha Harris Pritchard Dolben; his sister-in-law, Virginia Kirmayer Slayton; and his children, Andrew Kirmayer Dolben (Mary), Deane Howland Dolben (Lacey), Catherine Jane Dolben and Zakary Danforth Pritchard. He is survived by eight grandchildren, Elizabeth Anne Dolben, Margaret Cameron Smith (Andy), Joseph Howland Dolben (Samantha), David Andrew Dolben, Daniel Bruce Dolben (Jessica), Matthew Kirmayer Dolben (Tyler), Teaghan Costello (Meghan), Drexel Costello; and one great-grandchild, Melody Cameron Smith.

A Memorial Service will be held at Church of the Good Shepherd, 95 Woburn Street, Reading, MA, June 20, 2024, at 11:00 AM. Private interment will be at Bridgewater Old Home Cemetery, Bridgewater, NH, this summer.

For 26 years, Don rode with Team Dolben in the Pan Mass Challenge (PMC), raising funds for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Recently, he regretted that he was not registered for this year's ride. In lieu of flowers, we invite you to consider donating to Team Dolben's 2024 PMC effort, at <https://egifts.pmc.org/TD0064/> or to the charity or summer camp of your choice. Arrangements under the direction of the Douglass, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home, READING, MA. For online guestbook and directions, visit www.douglassfuneralhome.com

WARNER, Dr. Andrew Simon

Trusted Gastroenterologist, Devoted Husband and Father

Dr. Andrew Simon Warner, Chief Emeritus of Gastroenterology at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center, compassionate and deeply loved physician, nationally recognized specialist in inflammatory bowel disease, mentor of countless gastroenterology fellows and staff and cherished husband and father, died June 10, 2024, at his home in Carlisle, MA, of pancreatic cancer. He was 62.

Born in Newark, New Jersey, as the son of Richard Warner and the late Rochelle (Roth) Warner, Dr. Warner grew up in Framingham, MA, graduating from Framingham South High School in 1979. He then attended Skidmore College, where he was a biology-psychology major and elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He graduated in 1983 and went on to the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University to earn his M.D. degree in 1987. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the Mount Auburn Hospital/Harvard Medical School in Cambridge from 1987 until 1990 and a fellowship in Gastroenterology at the Lahey Clinic from 1990-1992. He started on staff as a gastroenterologist at Lahey in 1992. In 1999, he became Chief of Gastroenterology, becoming one of the youngest department chairs in Lahey's history. It was a position he maintained for the next 25 years.

As Chief, Dr. Warner expanded the Lahey gastroenterology department into its current state of excellence, displaying extraordinary leadership skills and always advocating for those in his department. Lahey gastroenterology became a prominent referral center, with patients traveling from all over the Northeast to be seen. Working on the cutting edge of clinical research and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease, he

became a nationally recognized authority on Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis as well as a highly skilled endoscopist, having performed over 50,000 procedures. He was sought after and loved by his patients, some of whom were under his care for over 30 years. Dr. Warner also oversaw several major projects in the department, including building a new state-of-the-art endoscopy center and a dedicated Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center.

Dr. Warner had many other career accomplishments. He was a successful author, publishing 100 Questions on Inflammatory Bowel Disease, which has sold over 100,000 copies. Dr. Warner was honored by his beloved Skidmore College with the Distinguished Achievement Award, in recognition for translating his Skidmore experience into a lifetime of outstanding achievement in professional work. He was also elected chair of the American Medical Group Association's Public Policy Committee and made numerous presentations to the U.S. Congress. Establishing himself as one of the nation's leading advocates for patient-centric care, he revolutionized a new approach to health care policy. He firmly believed that "every physician should be a patient advocate, because the patient comes first."

Dr. Warner was a devoted physician, one who truly cared about his patients as well as his staff. He touched the lives of many patients, trainees, staff, nurses and colleagues. As a mentor and confidant, he was always supportive and had an open door for those who needed to sit and talk. He had a great sense of humor and will always be remembered for his dry wit and eagerness to share a joke. He leaves a great legacy in the medical field.

Dr. Warner shared 30 years of marriage with the love of his life, Dr.



Ann Schragger Warner, whom he met at Lahey's staff orientation on the day they both became staff physicians. The couple settled in Carlisle and had two sons. Dr. Warner had an unparalleled dedication to his family as a loving husband and father. A devoted golf enthusiast, he also enjoyed long walks in the countryside, especially with his beloved golden retrievers. He and his family also enjoyed traveling and especially treasured their multiple trips to Nantucket, Florida, the Caribbean and the Maine coast.

Dr. Warner is survived by his wife, Dr. Ann Schragger Warner; and their two sons, David of Carlisle, MA and Jacob "Jake" of New York, NY. He is also survived by his father, Richard Warner; his sister, Suzanne Warner; and his brother-in-law, Brad Abernathy, all of Boca Raton, FL.

Relatives, colleagues and friends will gather for a Memorial Service and Reception in Celebration of Andy's Life at the Nashawtuc Country Club, 1861 Sudbury Road, Concord, on Friday, June 14, beginning at 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers, please consider giving a gift in memory of Dr. Warner to the Lahey Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Center or the Lahey Endoscopy Center, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805.

Arrangements are entrusted to Dee Funeral Home & Cremation Service of CONCORD. To share a remembrance or to offer a condolence in his online guestbook, please visit www.DeeFuneralHome.com

DOLBEN, Donald Custis

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FLICKINGER, Sally M. (Flanagan)



Of Hudson, NH, formerly of Lynnfield, and Chatham, MA passed away on June 9, 2024. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry S. "Flick" Flickinger. Loving mother of Henry S. "Hank" Flickinger, Jr. and his wife, Bridget of Lyme, NH; Holly M.F. Weiss and Keith M. Cianfrani of The Villages, FL, Richard S. "Sandy" Flickinger and his wife, Sarah of Magnolia, MA and Susan B. Flickinger O'Leary and her husband, Robert of Hudson, NH. She was the sister of the late Carl P. (Pat) Flanagan, Jr. and his late wife, Patricia. She was the adoring grandmother of Sarah Flickinger and Joel Knutsson of Maine, Michael and Tori Flickinger of MT, Andrew and Taylor Flickinger of RI, Keely and Brian Vaughan of NH, Patrick Fillo of NH, Cole and Halie Flickinger of NH, William and Rachel Fillo of NH, Theresa and Corey Maitz of PA, Thomas "Blake" and Cydney Weiss of PA, Henry "Brook" Weiss of CT and Paige Weiss of PA, Cormac Flickinger of IL, Colbi Flickinger of IL and Zaira O'Leary of NH and Zailyn O'Leary of NH. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Adeline "Addie" Flickinger and Louis Vaughan. A Private Graveside Service for family was held at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. Arrangements were in the care of the McDonald Funeral Home, WAKEFIELD. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, Help Fight RA, 8815 Conroy Windermere Rd., Suite 309, Orlando, FL 32835. For obit/guestbook, www.mcdonaldfs.com

HUGHES, William F.



Of Reading, formerly of Charlestown, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. He was the beloved husband for 55 years of the late Janice A. (Ricci) Hughes. William was the loving son of the late William F. Hughes, Jr. and the late Catherine E. (Shannon) Hughes. Bill grew up in Charlestown and graduated from Cathedral High School. He volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1956, was stationed in Germany and would be honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. William enrolled at Bentley College, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. From there, Bill enjoyed his years working at State Street Bank and Trust, where he would ascend to the Executive team at the age of 30 and later, promoted to President of State Street Bank Realty. Bill would marry the love of his life, Janice, in 1964 and move to Reading to raise their family. He was the devoted father of William Hughes and his wife, Anna, Susan Surabian and her husband, Ronald and Christopher Hughes and his wife, Kimberly. Cherished "Pa" of nine grandchildren, whom he loved with all his heart, William and Caroline Hughes, Thomas, Elizabeth and Kathryn Surabian and Alexandra, Ava, Olivia and Brendan Hughes. Bill is the loving brother of Lorraine Keaney and her late husband, Edward, Geraldine Goggin and her late husband, John, Kathleen Village and her husband, Christopher, and Carolyn Kenney and her husband, Bernard. Funeral from the Doherty-Barile Family Home, 11 Linden St., READING, Saturday, June 15, at 9:30am, followed by a Funeral Mass Celebrating Bill's Eternal Life in St. Athanasius Church, 300 Haverhill St., Reading, at 10:30am. Family and friends are cordially invited to gather and share memories with Bill's family on Friday, June 14, from 4 to 7pm, in the funeral home. Parking attendants and elevator are available. Interment in Wood End Cemetery, Reading. For directions or to send a memorial condolence, www.barilefuneral.com or www.facebook.com/BarileFamilyFuneralHome

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MAGUIRE, Anna Mary (DiGiovanni)

Of Belmont, June 10, 2024. She was predeceased by her daughter, Cynthia Boccaccio; her sister, Mary DeStefano; and her brothers, Vincent, Guy, Louis, Rocco, Silvio, Anthony, Joseph and Charles DiGiovanni. She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas J.; and her sons, Thomas J., Jr. and his wife, Jeannine, Robert G. and his wife, Lyslei. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Meghan Signorile (James), Leah Fleming (Matt) Adam Boccaccio (Sarah) and Grace Maguire; her great-grandchildren, Abigail, Madison and Braelyn Chase and Jade and Conner Boccaccio; as well as many nieces and nephews. A Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM, in the MacDonald Rockwell & MacDonald Funeral Home, at 270 Main St., WATERTOWN, followed by Funeral Mass in the Church of St. Joseph, 130 Common St., Belmont, at 10 AM. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Anna's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 320 Nevada St., #201, Newton, MA 02460 or at www.alz.org

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RYAN, Mary K. ESQ.

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SPACK, Edward B.

Of Madison, Maine, formerly of Brockton and Boston, MA, May 30, 2024. Beloved husband of Lauretta (Brown) Spack. Father of the late Brenda Spack and William (Bill) Spack. Son of the late Max and Sarah Spack. Brother of the late Rona Thalheimer. He leaves behind his daughter-in-law, Angela Spack of Sebring, Florida; and his two grandchildren, Hunter and Emily Spack also of Sebring, Florida. Brother-in-law to William "Bill" and Emma Jean Brown of Falls Church, Virginia and Joseph and Linda Dineen of Dedham, Massachusetts. Uncle to Attorney Gail Thalheimer. Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ed was born and raised in Mattapan. After graduating high school, Ed entered the Air Force. After being honorably discharged from the service, Ed worked in sales until his retirement. Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 14, at Sharon Memorial Park in the Chapel, at 1:00.

STUKENBORG, Margaret ("Peggy")



Of Arlington, MA, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2024. Born November 3, 1945, to the late James and Margaret (Ward) O'Keefe, Peggy lived most of her life in Dorchester and Arlington, MA. Peggy worked as a nurse for many years. Peggy is the beloved wife of the late Richard Stukenborg. Loving mother of Brian and wife Kelly of Weymouth and Paul and wife Laura of Guilderland, NY. Devoted grandmother of Maeve, Shane, Timothy, and Samantha. Sister of James O'Keefe, Anne Carney, Kathy Plett and predeceased by siblings, Michael O'Keefe, Robert O'Keefe, and William O'Keefe. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Keefe Funeral Home, 5 Chestnut St., ARLINGTON, on Monday, June 17th, at 10:30 am, followed by her Funeral Mass in St. Camillus' Church, 1185 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, at 11:30 am. Burial in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting Hours Sunday, June 16th, from 2-5 pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Camillus' Church, 1185 Concord Turnpike, Arlington, MA 02476 or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation to support finding a cure for Parkinson's at <https://www.michaeljfox.org/> For obituary, directions or to send a message of condolence, please visit www.keefefuneralhome.com

SULLIVAN, Robert P.

Of Marlborough, MA, passed on June 10, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eileen; his three children Melinda, Barry and Paul; and predeceased by his son, Robert, Jr. They also have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Robert was an esteemed string instrument performer and he performed all over the world. He was also the Guitar Chair at New England Conservatory for 30 years Calling Hours for Robert will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 4pm to 7pm, at Tighe Hamilton Regional Funeral Home, 50 Central Street, HUDSON, MA. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at 1pm, at Tighe Hamilton Regional Funeral Home. For a full obituary and to offer online condolences, visit www.tighehamilton.com

Obituaries

Jerry West, one of greatest NBA players of the backcourt; at 86

By Bruce Weber
NEW YORK TIMES

Jerry West, who emerged from West Virginia coal country to become one of basketball's greatest players, a signature figure in the history of the Los Angeles Lakers and a literal icon of the sport — his is the silhouette on the logo of the NBA, died Wednesday. He was 86.

The Los Angeles Clippers announced his death but provided no details. Mr. West was a consultant for the team in recent years.

For four decades, first as a player and later as a scout, a coach, and an executive, Mr. West played a formidable role in the evolution of the NBA in general and the Lakers in particular, beginning in 1960 when the team moved from Minneapolis to Los Angeles and he was its first draft choice.

He won championships with several generations of Laker teams and Laker stars and was an all-star in each of his 14 seasons. But except for his longtime teammate, the great forward Elgin Baylor, who retired without a championship, there may have never been a greater player who suffered the persistent close-but-no-cigar frustration that followed Mr. West for the bulk of his career on the court.

During his tenure, the Lakers buzzed almost perpetually around the championship, but Mr. West had the misfortune to play while the Boston Celtics, with Bill Russell at center, were at the height of their indomitability — they beat the Lakers in the finals six times.

It wasn't until the Lakers ac-

quired their own giant, Wilt Chamberlain, that they triumphed, but even that took four seasons — and a seventh defeat in the finals to the New York Knicks in 1970 — to accomplish.

The 1971-72 Lakers won 69 games, a record at the time — the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls won 72, and the 2015-16 Golden State Warriors won 73 — including a streak of 33 in a row that remains unequalled. When they avenged their loss to the Knicks, winning the 1972 championship, Mr. West spoke after the last game with a colossal sense of relief, recalling that his thirst for the ultimate victory began before he entered the pros. In 1959, his junior year at West Virginia University, his team made it to the national finals against California, only to lose by a single point.

"The last time I won a championship was in the 12th grade," Mr. West said after he scored 23 points as the Lakers beat the Knicks 114-100 to capture the series in five games. He added: "This is a fantastic feeling."

As the Lakers general manager, Mr. West succeeded more often. He led a team that included Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, and James Worthy to a championship in 1985 — sweet revenge against the Celtics at last — and again in 1987 and 1988.

In 2000, as executive vice president (his role was as a super-general manager, with the authority over personnel), he won again, having acquired Kobe Bryant in a trade and signed Shaquille O'Neal as a free agent. Mr. West left the Lakers after that season, but the team built largely on his watch won two more championships in a row.

As a long-armed, sharpshooting guard, Mr. West, who played from 1960-74, is on anyone's short list of the finest backcourt players in the history of the game. At 6-foot-2 or 6-foot-3 and well under 200 pounds, he wasn't especially big, even by the standards of the day: His great contemporaries Oscar Robertson, John Havlicek, and, a bit later, Walt Frazier were taller, brawnier men adept at posting up opposing guards. (Havlicek also played forward.)

But Mr. West, who routinely played through injuries — his nose was reportedly broken nine times — was a quick and powerful leaper with a lightning right-handed release, all of which allowed him to get his shot away against taller, stronger defenders.

Mr. West led the NBA in scoring in the 1969-70 season with 31.2 points per game; he scored more than 30 points per game in four seasons; and he averaged 27 points during the regular season for his career, the eighth-highest in NBA history and third-highest at the time of his retirement (behind Chamberlain and Baylor).

But he was even better in the playoffs, when he averaged more than 30 points a game seven times, including 40.6 in 1964.

In the 1969 finals against the Celtics, he averaged 37.9 points, including 42 in the final game, in

which he also had 13 rebounds and 12 assists and led a fourth-quarter comeback that fell, heartbreakingly, a bucket short. He was named the MVP for the series, still the only time a losing player has been the finals' MVP. Afterward, the Celtics were agog with praise.

Bill Russell called Mr. West "the greatest player in the game," and Red Auerbach, the renowned coach who was then the Celtics' general manager, called Mr. West's performance in a losing cause one of the most brilliant he'd ever seen.

"The guy I felt sorry for in those playoffs was Jerry West," John Havlicek told writer Terry Pluto for his book "Tall Tales: The Glory Years of the NBA." (2000). "He was so great, and he was absolutely devastated. As we came off the court, I went up to Jerry and I said, 'I love you and I just hope you get a championship. You deserve it as much as anyone who has ever played this game.' He was too emotionally spent to say anything, but you could feel his absolute and total dejection over losing."

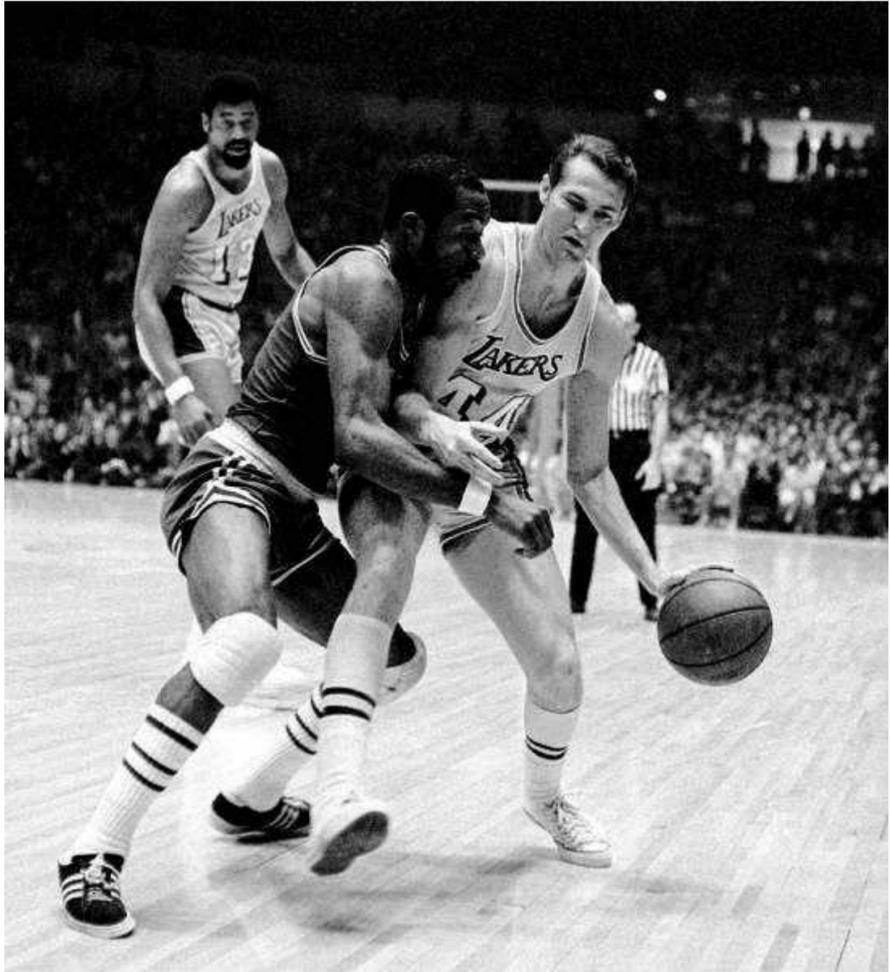
Jerry Alan West was born in Chelyan, W.Va., on May 28, 1938, and lived in several towns in the area southeast of Charleston along the Kanawha River, including Cabin Creek, the derivation of one of his later nicknames: Zeke from Cabin Creek. (With the Lakers, he was also known as Mr. Outside — Elgin Baylor was Mr. Inside — and Mr. Clutch.)

Mr. West was the fifth of six children of Howard and Cecile Sue (Creasey) West. His mother was a store clerk, and his father was a machine operator for an oil company and worked in the electrical shop at a coal mine. A fierce union man, the elder West was portrayed in a 1960 article in The Saturday Evening Post, while Jerry was starring for West Virginia, as "a salty man of strong convictions" who was "inclined to brag more about his front porch — 'biggest front porch in town, wouldn't trade it for a pair o' Missouri mules' — than about his All-American son."

Jerry West, who grew up shy and introverted — "an intelligent, intense, complicated young man of 21," the Post wrote — was most affected by what he later said was a chilly household and the death of an older brother, David, in the Korean War. In a harshly introspective memoir, "West by West: My Charmed, Tormented Life" (2011, with Jonathan Coleman), Mr. West spoke of being beaten by his father and "raised in a home, a series of them actually, that was spotless but where I never learned what love was."

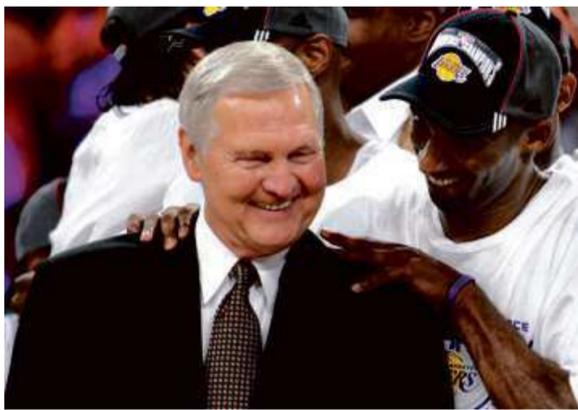
Over three years at West Virginia University, he averaged nearly 25 points per game, grabbing more than 13 rebounds per game. He was twice named player of the year in what was then the Southern Conference; he was paired in the backcourt with Oscar Robertson on the gold medal-winning 1960 US Olympic team.

In his 14 pro seasons, Mr.



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Mr. West attempted to drive against Boston's Emmette Bryant in the opening game of the NBA championship playoffs in Los Angeles in 1969. He was named the MVP of the series.



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In 2008, Kobe Bryant congratulated Mr. West after the Lakers beat the San Antonio Spurs in the playoffs.

West was named to the all-NBA first team 11 times. But injuries finally caught up with him. "With my different noses, my wife has been married to nine different guys," he said. He missed the 1971 playoffs with a torn knee ligament and agonized through his final season with a persistent abdominal strain.

He had had salary squabbles with Jack Kent Cooke, the Lakers' owner, and after saying he would play a 15th year, he decided on retirement shortly before the 1974-75 season, a move that exacerbated an already strained relationship.

Even though the two men rarely saw eye-to-eye, Cooke hired Mr. West as the Lakers' head coach in 1976.

In his first season as head coach, Mr. West led the Lakers to

the NBA's best record, 53-29, with Abdul-Jabbar as the league's MVP, but they lost in the playoffs to the eventual champions, the Portland Trail Blazers, led by Bill Walton, who died last month. Two years later, Los Angeles once again lost to the eventual champs, the Seattle SuperSonics.

Mr. West's won-lost record over three seasons as coach was 145-101, a creditable résumé, especially given that he'd had no previous coaching experience at any level. But it was not a rewarding experience.

In a 2010 biography of Mr. West, Roland Lazenby wrote that "West is certain that talent supersedes coaching in the business of basketball," and even though Cooke sold the team after the 1979 season and the new owner, Jerry Buss, wanted Mr. West to

stay on, he didn't care for being on the bench. Mr. West did, however, have an interest in player evaluation and in having an executive role on the team, and in 1982, following a season that had brought the Lakers, led by Abdul-Jabbar and Johnson, their second title in three years, Buss named him general manager.

Mr. West was an active team builder. His draft picks included several players who became Laker stalwarts: James Worthy (No. 1 overall in 1982, ahead of Dominique Wilkins), A.C. Green in the first round in 1985, and, to replace Abdul-Jabbar, who retired after 20 years as the game's dominant player, Vlade Divac in the first round in 1989.

When Johnson retired in 1991 after revealing that he had tested positive for HIV, West sought to create another one-two punch on the order of Abdul-Jabbar and Johnson or Chamberlain and West. In the space of a week in 1996, he finally managed it, trading Divac to the Charlotte Hornets for a recent draftee just out of high school — Bryant — and signing a big man who had recently become a free agent, O'Neal. The result: Over 20 seasons, from 1982-2002, the Lakers won five championships.

Mr. West's first marriage, to Martha Jane Kane, ended in divorce. He married Karen Bua in 1978. Mr. West had five sons: David, Mark, Michael, Ryan, and Jonnie. Complete information on his survivors was not immediately available.

Remembered

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ZAGARELLA, Barbara A. (Schoenfeld)



Of Revere, formerly of East Boston, June 9, 2024. Devoted wife of the late Salvatore A. Zagarella; and the loving mother of Avis Surette and the late Paul Zagarella. She was the dear sister of the late Pauline Rigione. Beloved daughter of the late Marie P. "Lena" Burke (Caggiano) and Paul Schoenfeld. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Visitation from the Ernest P. Caggiano and Son Funeral Home, 147 Winthrop St., WINTHROP, on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, followed by a Funeral Service in the funeral home at 11:00 AM. Services will conclude with the entombment in the Holy Cross Mausoleum in Malden. For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianofuneralhome.com

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Guy Mainella, host of 'Calling All Sports'

By Chad Finn
GLOBE STAFF

Guy Mainella, a sports radio pioneer who hosted the popular nightly show "Calling All Sports" on WBZ-AM for most of the 1970s, died Monday evening. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Mainella had suffered from Parkinson's disease for the last 20 years, according to his son, Scott. He lived in Scarborough, Maine, for the past 15 years with his wife, Carole, who was his primary caregiver. He is survived by Carole, Scott, and his daughters, Lisa and Lauri.

Mr. Mainella, a Wisconsin native who went to high school in Alaska and was an accomplished baseball pitcher, joined WBZ-AM on the news side in the mid-1960s. On July 15, 1969, his son's 8th birthday, he debuted "Calling All Sports" as its sole host.

It was not the first sports radio program in the country — Bill Mazer at WNBC in New York is credited with starting the genre in 1964 — but it was a new format in Boston. Mr. Mainella's timing couldn't have been better, with Bobby Orr and the Bruins about to capture the region's hearts.

"Calling All Sports" ran for 90 minutes on Tuesday through Fri-

days beginning at 6:30, and at 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Mr. Mainella — who also had stints on Celtics radio and television broadcasts — developed an easy rapport with guests and callers alike.

He was drawn to interesting characters, his son said. Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee occasionally filled in while Mr. Mainella was on vacation.

"I remember one classic interview where Howard Cosell and [ABC Sports president] Rooney Arledge were sitting out by a swimming pool in Palm Springs," said Scott Mainella. "My dad asked him some question or something that got him upset and he walked away from the interview for a few minutes and then came back to it. I think my dad got a kick out of that, Cosell being Cosell."

Unlike in the take-driven, antagonistic sports shows of today, Mr. Mainella conversed with his callers, sometimes keeping them on the line for several minutes.

"I think he enjoyed the hell out of it," his son said. "I just think he brought a lot of smiles and a lot of laughs to so many people, the way he conducted himself on that show and the way he allowed people to speak their minds and interact."

Mr. Mainella left WBZ in 1978, two years after he moved away from sports to general talk radio at the station. He was replaced on "Calling All Sports" by Bob Lobel and Upton Bell.

"When I first came to Boston as the Patriots general manager, Guy was the first one to interview me," Bell said on Tuesday. "He was very good, straight to the point, whether something was good or bad. He was a sophisticated host who could do everything. In his time, he was one of the best to ever do it."

"Loved him on the radio," said Lobel. "That was a [WBZ] lineup that couldn't be better. Him, Gerry Williams, Larry Glick. Guy was the embodiment of a thinking man's sports host. His humor and style were sensational and at a time when we all listened to such unique programming. He was a true unicorn."

Scott Mainella said that while his dad loved his time being a radio host — which also included a stint with Glenn Ordway at WRKO in the '80s — his interests extended well beyond sports.

"My dad had a yearning for knowledge," he said. "He was a voracious reader with a curiosity about everything. He'd read Carl Sagan, Buckminster Fuller,



PAUL CONNELL/GLOBE STAFF/FILE/1973

Mr. Mainella started "Calling All Sports" in 1969. He developed an easy rapport with guests and callers alike.

James Michener, anything that he thought would interest him."

Mr. Mainella was declared legally blind in his mid-60s, but still could read. When his eyes got even worse, he found joy in listening to audio books.

He also was a successful entrepreneur. Mr. Mainella invented a solar panel to heat domestic hot water in the late '70s, and owned video vending machines with VHS tapes. He and Carole ran a company with a product he

created that could be used by emergency workers to cut rings off people in distress.

"He came from lower-middle-class beginnings and helped out his brothers and sisters and a lot of people in need," said Scott Mainella. "A good soul with a great sense of humor and an always curious mind. That's how I hope people remember him."

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Federal Reserve holds interest rates steady

Many expect just one cut by year's end; officials still seek clarity on inflation risks

By Rachel Siegel
WASHINGTON POST

The Federal Reserve kept interest rates steady on Wednesday, as officials hold out for more confidence that their fight against inflation is still on track. The move, which was widely expected, came on the heels of fresh data showing inflation cooled in May. After a

bumpy start to the year, the report brought a welcome dose of encouragement, beating analysts' expectations and lifting financial markets. And even though Fed officials still don't know exactly when they'll cut interest rates for the first time in years, they seem to be getting closer. A fresh set of economic projections

showed the median number of Fed officials expect just one cut by the end of 2024. But there's clearly debate within the central bank's 19-member policy-making body: Eight officials penciled in two cuts, and four expect no cuts at all. In a sharp pivot from just a few months ago, no one expected three cuts. Policymakers were also slightly more pessimistic than they had been on inflation and now expect their preferred inflation gauge to end the year at 2.6 percent, up from 2.4 percent. They held

Progress 'may be a lot slower than we saw at the end of last year.'

CHRISTOPHER WALLER
Fed governor

forecasts for overall growth (2.1 percent) and the unemployment rate (4 percent) steady. "The economic outlook is uncertain,

and the [Fed] remains highly attentive to inflation risks," officials wrote in a statement. The Fed has been putting the economy under pressure through higher interest rates since March 2022, trying to control prices that grew at the fastest pace in four decades. The latest snapshot from the Bureau of Labor Statistics earlier Wednesday showed prices rose 3.3 percent in the year ending in May and that prices were flat month over month. **INFLATION, Page D4**



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Apple bets on trustworthy AI. Musk isn't so sure.

The response to Apple's powerful new artificial intelligence features for the iPhone, announced Monday, has been quite telling. The moves into AI, and Apple's partnership with ChatGPT creator OpenAI, have infuriated Elon Musk — but hardly anybody else. Apple's stock has surged since Tuesday.

There is a lesson here, and nobody needs to learn it more quickly than Apple's longtime rival Microsoft, which has been OpenAI's biggest backer.

A few weeks ago, Recall, Microsoft's AI system for Windows computers, was also savaged by Musk as a menace to privacy. But that time, Musk was joined by a flock of angry critics that have forced Microsoft into a defensive crouch.

Chalk it up to experience. For years, critics say, Microsoft has often treated security as an afterthought. But at Apple, it's an obsession. So as the company rolls out its new features, collectively called Apple Intelligence, people are prepared to trust them, at least for now.

Like Microsoft's Recall, Apple Intelligence uses AI to try to understand all the information on your device. But while Recall enables a user to easily find emails or photos, the Apple system purports to do vastly more.

For instance, it can rewrite your emails to make them more polite or more formal or less furious. Or it can generate original images based on photos of friends and family members. Tell it you want a picture of your son atop Mount Everest, and it'll generate the scene using stored photos of your child and a little digital creativity.

Perhaps most impressive is its ability to perform complex tasks by bringing together information stored across multiple apps.

Here's an example from Monday's demo. Imagine you've got a late-evening business meeting. Can you still make it to your child's school play? You

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ASSEMBLING A MINI-CITY



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Clockwise from top left: An open area called The Park at Assembly Row; a graphic sign; a row of retail stores; and Gio, the giraffe, in front of the LEGO store. The complex offers substantial office space, retail opportunities, and over 1,500 apartments.

By Christopher Gavin
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

There was really only one reason, once upon a time, to venture off to the stretch of Somerville between Interstate 93 and the shores of the Mystic River, as Matthew McLaughlin puts it. "You would never go down there unless you're looking for trouble, basically," said McLaughlin, a city councilor and life-long Somerville local.

If memory serves, McLaughlin recalls, there was the strip shopping mall housed in the former

Ten years after opening, the massive Assembly Row complex is transforming its corner of Somerville

Ford Motor Co. assembly plant, the billiards hall, a Papa Gino's, a gym, and not much else.

But ask McLaughlin (or anyone, really) about the draw and lure of Assembly Square now, and there's no short answer.

"I went down there yesterday with my son and I was playing at a park and people were speaking three different languages that I could hear," McLaughlin said. "To see like a vibrant, diverse community when nothing existed and growing up in the city and having it always had been just a giant concrete slab, it's pretty amaz-

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J&J talc settlement includes a payout of \$14.5m for Mass.

By Steven Porter
GLOBE STAFF

If a judge signs off on Johnson & Johnson's new \$700 million nationwide settlement over its talcum powder products, Massachusetts can expect a payout of about \$14.5 million, while Rhode Island will get nearly \$7 million and New Hampshire will get just shy of \$6 million.

The three states were among 43 that reached the agreement to resolve allegations related to how the company marketed the baby powder and body powder products, which have been blamed for allegedly causing cancer.

"This settlement marks a significant victory for consumer protection and public health," said New Hampshire Attorney General John M. For-

mella on Tuesday, adding that the litigation is holding Johnson & Johnson accountable "for their deceptive marketing practices."

"For decades, Johnson & Johnson prioritized its own financial profit and risked the health and safety of consumers, including vulnerable infants and children, by deceiving consumers about the purity of its products," Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell said in a press release. "I am proud to join this multistate settlement, which will stop the company from continuing its harmful practices and protect consumers both in Massachusetts and nationwide."

"The nearly \$7 million Rhode Island will receive in settlement proceeds is a direct conse-

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'Johnson & Johnson prioritized its own financial profit and risked the health and safety of consumers...'

MASS. AG ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL

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NIKE LOSES EU TRADEMARK CASE OVER 'FOOTWARE'



Nike lost the European Union trademark rights to “footware” in a dispute over the use of a capitalized version of the word that pitched it against German sports gear rival Puma. The European Union’s General Court upheld Puma’s earlier victory at an EU trademark appeals panel, which voided a trademark application from Nike’s innovation unit for the label. The spat follows a complaint by Puma, which, among other arguments, claimed that Nike’s use of the word could lead to an interpretation of it as a type of software or technology for the feet. Wednesday’s ruling can be appealed to the EU’s Court of Justice, the bloc’s top tribunal. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

DELIVERIES

FEDEX TO CUT UP TO 2,000 WORKERS IN EUROPE

FedEx plans to cut as many as 2,000 jobs in Europe, the latest move by the package-delivery giant to streamline its global workforce and rein in costs. The courier plans to remove and consolidate roles across its back-office and commercial operations, according to a statement Wednesday. The changes won’t impact customers or delivery service, FedEx said. The plan will generate annual savings of up to \$175 million beginning in fiscal 2027, FedEx said. The company anticipates pretax costs of as much as \$375 million from severance and related expenses from the layoffs. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

INTERNATIONAL

NEW TOKYO APARTMENT BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED BECAUSE IT BLOCKS VIEW OF MT. FUJI

A newly constructed residential building in suburban Tokyo will be pulled down the month before the apartments were due to be handed over to buyers, after incensed locals complained the structure blocked their views of Mt. Fuji. The 10-story apartment building on Fujimi Street — which translates to ‘Fuji view’ — in the suburb of Kunitachi is composed of 18 housing units, which range in price from around \$445,000 to \$636,000, according to the builder Sekisui House Ltd. The firm issued an apology on Tuesday saying the building has a “significant impact” on the landscape. “We concluded that the view from Fujimi Street should take priority. We have voluntarily decided to cancel the project,” it said in a statement on its website. The company will compensate buyers’ costs and help arrange other housing for them if necessary, a spokesperson told Bloomberg News. Views of Mt. Fuji, a Unesco World Heritage Site, are a real estate selling point in Japan. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



WORKPLACE

YOUNGER WORKERS ARE STRUGGLING

Younger employees are reporting more struggles at work while older colleagues are doing better, according to a recent study. Only 31 percent of workers younger than 35 said they were thriving at work last year, according to a new annual report on the global workforce from Gallup. That’s down from 35 percent the previous year, the data show. In contrast, 36 percent of workers 35 and older said they’re thriving, an increase of 1 percentage point from the previous year. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

AIRLINES

SECOND INVESTOR WANTS SHAKEUP AT SOUTHWEST



A second major Southwest Airlines investor has joined the call for a shakeup in the carrier’s board and executive leadership team, upping the pressure for change. Artisan Partners Limited Partnership, Southwest’s ninth-largest shareholder, urged the board in a letter on Wednesday to “reconstitute itself and upgrade company leadership” in order to fairly assess the path forward for the airline. It joins activist Elliott Investment Management, which on Monday publicly disclosed a \$1.9 billion stake in the airline and demanded new leadership and a revamp of Southwest’s business to better compete with other airlines. Artisan’s letter came hours after Southwest chief executive Bob Jordan said he would resist Elliott’s call to step down as the company considers a variety of changes to improve its performance. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT

SONY TO RELEASE FAMILY-FRIENDLY GAMES

Sony’s PlayStation has become famous for releasing bleak, bloody games such as The Last of Us and God of War. But this fall, the gaming giant is going in a different direction — betting big on family-friendly games. Later this year, PlayStation will publish two marquee titles: Astro Bot, a colorful platformer, and LEGO Horizon Adventures, an adaptation of the sci-fi Horizon series that transforms the robot dinosaurs into Lego constructions. Astro Bot will be exclusive to PlayStation 5, while LEGO Horizon Adventures will also come to PCs and to the Nintendo’s Switch. It’s a stark contrast from previous holiday seasons, during which the console manufacturer typically spends hundreds of millions of dollars on big exclusives such as Spider-Man and Ghost of Tsushima that tell adult-focused stories. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

HEALTH INSURANCE

MICHIGAN’S LARGEST INSURER TO DROP COVERAGE OF EXPENSIVE WEIGHT-LOSS DRUGS

Weight-loss drugs from Novo Nordisk and Eli Lilly will lose coverage under many plans run by Michigan’s largest health insurer as companies grapple with whether the drugs are worth the cost. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will drop coverage of GLP-1 obesity drugs in fully insured large group commercial plans starting in January, a spokesperson said, citing consideration of their “efficacy, safety and access, and cost.” The insurer didn’t immediately respond to questions about how many patients will be affected or what the potential safety concerns were. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



CRYPTOCURRENCY

TERRAFORM LABS TO PAY BILLIONS TO RESOLVE SEC SUIT

Terraform Labs will pay \$4.47 billion to resolve a US Securities and Exchange Commission lawsuit over the firm’s 2022 collapse, which wiped out \$40 billion in investor assets and shook the cryptocurrency world. The SEC on Wednesday asked a federal judge in New York to approve the settlement. The deal was reached after a jury in April found Terraform and cofounder Do Kwon liable for fraud following a two-week civil trial. Kwon still faces a criminal case over the sale of the firm’s UST stablecoin. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

TRAVEL

HOTELS CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH WORKER SHORTAGES AS SUMMER ARRIVES



Amid robust travel demand, the US hospitality industry will continue to struggle to attract workers this summer. More than 75 percent of hotels say they’re experiencing staffing shortages, according to the results of the latest survey conducted by the American Hotel and Lodging Association, a hotel advocacy group with more than 32,000 members. Of those, 13 percent say the shortage is severe. The AHLA surveyed 456 hoteliers during the week of May 16-24. The results, released on June 10, reflect only slight improvement over the same month last year, when 82 percent indicated a staffing shortage. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

TRANSPORTATION

COMMUTER BUS SERVICE HIT HARD BY PANDEMIC FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY

Bus company Coach USA, owner of the Megabus brand and commuter bus lines connecting New York and New Jersey, filed for bankruptcy, saying it was unable to recover from a decline in ridership brought on by the pandemic. The company owes creditors between \$100 million and \$500 million, according to its Chapter 11 petition filed Tuesday in Wilmington, Del. Ridership has partially recovered, but last year was only about 45 percent of prepandemic levels. Private equity firm Variant Equity Advisors purchased Coach USA from British bus company Stagecoach Group in April 2019, less than a year before Coach USA’s business was decimated by the pandemic. Commuter ridership declined 90 percent in 2020, according to court papers, and the company turned to COVID relief funding to help stay afloat. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

SEC sues hedge fund for secret payments

By Tom Schoenberg and Austin Weinstein
BLOOMBERG NEWS

A sweeping US probe of activist short sellers has yielded its first notable punishment, while offering a rare glimpse into controversial collaborations between bearish researchers and hedge funds that place big bets against companies.

The Securities and Exchange Commission fined affiliated money managers Anson Funds Management and Anson Advisors Inc. a total of \$2.25 million on Tuesday, accusing them of hiding payments to an unidentified publisher of bearish research. A hedge fund they oversaw generated more than \$4 million in gains in late 2018 by collaborating with the outsider on the negative reports and social media posts, the SEC said.

Anson secretly paid the researcher \$1.1 million after their publication in September and October of that year, according to the SEC. The regulator says the payment was made through a third party.

The SEC didn’t identify the researcher, who the agency said publicly criticized Namaste Technologies and India Globalization Capital in September and October of that year. The months and targeted companies line up with bearish postings at the time by famed short-seller Andrew Left’s Citron Research.

Left, who wasn’t accused of wrongdoing by the regulator, declined to comment. Anson didn’t admit or deny the SEC’s allegations in settling.

A wide-ranging US effort to examine relationships between hedge funds and skeptical researchers began rattling the industry three years ago as investigators set out to gather information on dozens of money managers and activists, as well as transactions involving more than 50 stocks. At the time, peo-

ple with knowledge of the inquiries said authorities were looking for evidence that short sellers were working together to improperly drive down stocks.

Anson was among the lesser-known names said to be facing scrutiny at the time.

The bearish takes on both companies were ultimately borne out, Anson said in a statement shared by Moez Kassam, the firm’s founder and principal. Shares of the companies, which later changed their names, now trade below their prices at the time. Spokespeople for the companies didn’t respond to messages seeking comment after normal business hours.

“Anson’s involvement not only benefited our own investors but also the broader market,” the firm said in the statement. “The SEC made no allegations that Anson ever disseminated any false or misleading information into the market, engaged in inappropriate trading or in any way breached its fiduciary duty to its investors.”

That echoes other defenders of short-seller practices who say they should be celebrated for helping to police markets, rather than vilified for knocking down overpriced stocks.

Still, the SEC faulted Anson for omitting key details in its communications with prospective investors. The agency said the firm should have disclosed that it worked with activist researchers and paid them a share of its profits.

“Anson Funds inaccurately recorded these payments as payments to the third-party intermediary for such research services and in doing so violated the Advisers Act books and records provisions,” the SEC said in an order. “Further, by failing to implement its written policies regarding the accuracy of records, Anson Funds violated the Advisers Act compliance rule.”

Musk sued for harassment by former SpaceX workers

By Josh Eidelson
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Fired SpaceX engineers have filed a lawsuit against Elon Musk for sexual harassment and retaliation in California state court, escalating their multi-front legal battle with the billionaire chief executive and his aerospace company.

“Musk knowingly and purposefully created an unwelcome hostile work environment based upon his conduct of interjecting into the workplace vile sexual photographs, memes, and commentary that demeaned women and/or the LGBTQ+ community,” the eight former employees, who have also been pursuing a US labor board case against the company, said in their Wednesday filing. The plaintiffs are alleging that some of them then experienced harassing comments from other coworkers that “mimicked Musk’s posts” from Twitter and “created a wildly uncomfortable hostile work environment.”

After Musk publicly mocked misconduct allegations against him, the workers collaborated on an open letter in 2022 raising concerns about his behavior and the company’s culture, and allege they were fired in retaliation. Their filing says they have reason to believe Musk personally made the decision to terminate them in retaliation for that activism. When a human resources official suggested conducting an investigation first, Musk replied “I don’t care — fire them,” the complaint alleges.

SpaceX and Musk did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the lawsuit. SpaceX has previously denied wrongdoing and said that the fired employees violated policies. It also said Musk was not involved in their terminations.

This suit against Musk fol-

lows earlier complaints from the same employees to the US National Labor Relations Board that said SpaceX illegally retaliated against them. NLRB prosecutors agreed, but SpaceX sued in January claiming the agency’s structure was unconstitutional. An appeals court injunction has put the labor board case on hold.

Separately, on Tuesday The Wall Street Journal reported allegations that Musk made sexual advances to women at SpaceX, including a former intern he had sex with. SpaceX president Gwynne Shotwell was quoted in the story accusing the Journal of presenting “untruths, mischaracterizations, and revisionist history,” and saying “Elon is one of the best humans I know.”

The NLRB lacks authority to hold individual people liable, but the new state court lawsuit names Musk personally as a defendant, citing what it calls his “maniacal control over personnel decisions at his businesses” and his public comments, such as joking on Twitter, regarding a misconduct allegation, “if you touch my wiener, you can have a horse.” Musk has denied wrongdoing.

The lawsuit also alleges that SpaceX executives including Musk and Shotwell participated in a video “that mocks and makes light of sexual misconduct and banter,” including a scene in which an employee demonstrated the “correct” way to spank a coworker.

“We need to pursue whatever avenues we can to continue advancing our claims,” plaintiff Tom Moline, who worked on SpaceX’s Dragon program, said in an interview. “Even Elon, with all his wealth and power, is not above being held accountable, right?”

EU hits EVs from China with extra tariffs

By Melissa Eddy
NEW YORK TIMES

BERLIN — The European Union said Wednesday that it would impose additional tariffs of up to 38 percent on electric vehicles imported from China into the bloc, in what EU leaders called an effort to protect the region's manufacturers from unfair competition.

The move, a month after President Biden quadrupled US tariffs on Chinese electric vehicles to 100 percent, opens another front in escalating trade tensions with China amid growing fears about a glut of Chinese green tech goods flooding global markets.

The actions by the European Union and the United States also reflect the challenges that traditional automakers in Europe and the United States face from up-and-coming Chinese companies founded with a focus on electric vehicles and much lower cost bases than their rivals in the West.

But unlike US carmakers, several of their European counterparts are deeply entwined in the Chinese market and their cars produced there will also be subject to the higher tariffs. They have criticized the European Union's move to increase duties from 10 percent, fearing retaliation from China, as well as an increase in prices across the market and a drop in demand for battery-powered cars.

The increases announced Wednesday, which come on top of the existing 10 percent duties, are preliminary and will take effect July 4. They range from 17.4 per-



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Electric vehicles bound for Europe at the Port of Taicang in China.

cent to 38.1 percent for three of the leading Chinese manufacturers, BYD, Geely, and SAIC. The tariffs were calculated based on the level of cooperation with European officials, who have spent the past few months investigating the level of support from the Chinese government for these companies.

Other automakers producing electric vehicles in China, including European companies with factories or joint ventures there, face a tariff of 21 percent or 38.1 percent, the EU said. Those rates also depend on their cooperation with the investigation.

The European Union defended the action, saying in a statement that an investigation started Oct. 4 had found that the electric-vehicle

supply chain in China "benefits heavily from unfair subsidies in China, and that the influx of subsidized Chinese imports at artificially low prices therefore presents a threat of clearly foreseeable and imminent injury to EU industry."

China denounced the tariffs as lacking "factual and legal basis" that amounted to "weaponizing economic and trade issues," said He Yadong, a spokesperson for the Commerce Ministry.

"This is not in line with the consensus reached by Chinese and European leaders on strengthening cooperation, and will affect the atmosphere of bilateral economic and trade cooperation between China and Europe," He said.

The European Commission,

the EU's executive branch, opened the investigation to determine whether the Chinese government was effectively subsidizing its production of electric cars and sending them to Europe at prices that undercut European competitors.

The automotive sector provides nearly 13 million jobs across the 27-nation bloc, the world's second-largest market for electric vehicles after China. Imports of electric cars from China last year reached \$11.5 billion, up from \$1.6 billion in 2020.

About 37 percent of all electric vehicles imported to Europe come from China, including cars made by Tesla, BMW, and Dacia, owned by Renault. Chinese brands account for 19 percent of the European market for EVs. Their numbers have been growing steadily, according to a study by Rhodium Group.

Europe is open to engaging with Chinese officials to resolve the dispute, said senior EU communications officials, who insisted that the bloc was not looking to introduce higher tariffs for the sake of it, but was moving to defend its nations' industry.

Tesla, which produces its Model 3 and Model Y in Shanghai for the European market, petitioned for duties on its cars to be calculated individually, the EU officials said. Other companies seeking an individual review have nine months to submit their petition, although none had done so by the time of the announcement Wednesday.

Assembly Row a city within a city

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Ten years ago, the first phase of the mixed-use development known as Assembly Row — one last echo of the old Ford plant — opened its doors. It was the initial chapter in the growth of Somerville's newest neighborhood and the first leg of a transformation that shows no signs of stopping.

In the core of Assembly Square, known as Assembly Row, Maryland-based developer Federal Realty Investment Trust has built, essentially, a city within a city.

Across 40 acres, there's 800,000 square feet of street-level retail space, 1,522 apartments and condos, and 1.1 million square feet of offices including a huge building for Mass General Brigham and the North American headquarters of global shoe and apparel brand Puma. Every year, about 8 million retail customers come through Assembly Row, and 2,400 people call the place home.

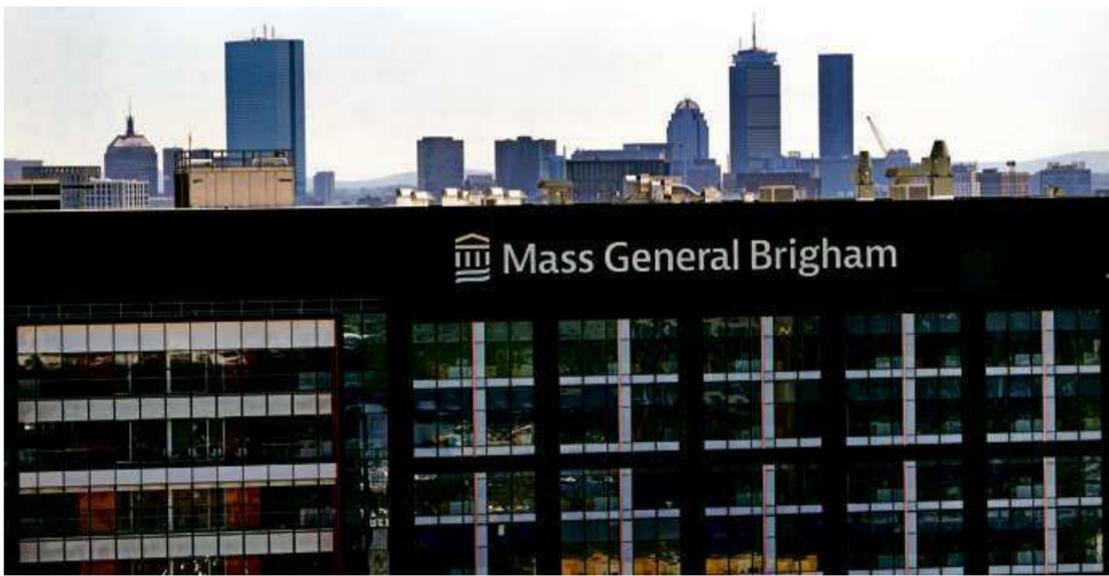
The complex also generates substantial new tax revenue for Somerville, said Thomas Galligani, the city's executive director of strategic planning and community development — more than \$60 million in total since opening.

He credits Assembly for having proved "commercial development is viable" in the city, which has seen the share of its tax base generated by commercial property rise to 33 percent — up from 26 percent — since 2015. The cash influx has allowed the city to invest in infrastructure, from roads to sewers, for the first time in decades and in its public amenities, such as the \$14 million renovation of the West Branch Library, completed in 2021, Galligani said.

"Assembly, more than any other place in the region, I think, has really epitomized the opportunity for transformation and the reality of transformation," Galligani said. "It's become transformative for the city as well, in terms of the ability for us to pay the bills and to invest in the things that our residents want us to invest in."

And it's not just Assembly Row. Next door, along Middlesex Avenue, rising steel frames and glass facades overlooking I-93 promise to bring more lab space to a growing biotech and life sciences cluster, with projects in the works from developers BioMed Realty, Greystar, and DivcoWest. Even the 11-acre Home Depot site sold last year for \$142 million to a developer with bigger plans there.

All of it means the evolution of this corner of Somerville may still



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play out for another two to three decades, said Patrick McMahon, senior vice president of regional development at Federal Realty.

"The first 10 years has really just been a focus on opening these first several phases and standing up the neighborhood," McMahon said. "I think that more of our time is going to be evolving what's already been built and making sure that we're sustaining this place as a true, authentic neighborhood versus building new, [although] building will remain very much part of what we do over the next 20 years."

In May 2014, Assembly Row started small, at least compared with what's there now: 300,000 square feet of outlet stores and restaurants, 100,000 square feet of office space, and 450 apartments, along with the 6-acre public park that runs parallel to the Mystic. A few months later, the MBTA's Assembly Station on the Orange Line opened — an addition developers say has helped significantly to attract tenants and companies.

Gradually, growth continued south, with a second phase adding 572 more apartments and condos, a 158-room hotel, and more retail. Phase three finished in 2022, with a 500-unit residential building, a 275,000-square-foot office building, and 60,000 more square feet of street-level shopping.

But perhaps the biggest win came in 2016, when Partners HealthCare — now Mass General Brigham — chose Assembly for its 13-story, 825,000-square-foot headquarters office and approximately 4,200 employees.

"That for us was a huge shot in

the arm because while we were getting small, cool tech companies to lease that building and quickly, this really validated Assembly, really validated Somerville as an office destination," McMahon said.

Puma followed, opting to consolidate two Boston-area offices into a headquarters at Assembly. The 150,000-square-foot office opened for 450 employees in 2021.

Lately, the development around Assembly has been more oriented towards life science. In July, developer Greystar expects to open a 465,000-square-foot life sciences facility at 74 Middlesex Ave. — between Assembly Row and I-93 — while DivcoWest has city permits for a 19-story life science tower up the road, a permit it recently asked the city to extend. Life science giant BioMed Realty is building 1.5 million square feet of lab and office space on Foley Street, with plans to open next year. And Greystar has submitted plans to the city for another 1.2 million square feet of lab space and a 200-room hotel on Cummings Street.

"We do think that there's going to be a special life science cluster here," said Matt DeNoble, Greystar's senior director of life science investment management. "It has all the elements."

Assembly's rising science corridor comes, however, as new lab projects across Greater Boston open without tenants and with supply outpacing demand amidst slowing investment in the life-science sector. (Greystar has so far not secured a tenant for the new Middlesex Avenue complex.)

It's something that the firm and other developers around Assembly are watching closely — and Federal Realty has held off on breaking ground on a lab project at Assembly — but those are mainly short-term concerns, Galligani said.

"I think in the next two years, that's going to be our immediate challenge: How do we work with our property owners to get that space built and turn it from an empty space into a place that's teeming with people and workers and vitality?" Galligani said.

"I think you'd be crazy not to think that these are great places with strong long-term prospects."

There's also plenty beyond lab space that may come to the rest of the neighborhood. Federal Realty still has permits to build more than 1 million square feet at Assembly Row — potential next phases that will be dictated by market demands, according to McMahon.

The city is also working on a master plan it hopes to finalize later this year, followed by a rezoning process that could someday allow for vertical, denser growth. Galligani looks at a strip known as the "Marketplace" — with chain retailers such as Ashley Furniture, T.J. Maxx, and Trader Joe's — and sees potential. By his estimation, a decade in, Assembly is only about one-third done.

"There's still a lot of surface parking lots. There's still a lot of ... big box retail — a real suburban context in half of Assembly," Galligani said.

"We're just at the beginning, believe it or not," he said.

The mixed-use complex's biggest win came in 2016 when Mass General Brigham chose the area for its headquarters. Somerville is looking forward to continued growth at Assembly Row, which generates substantial tax revenue for the city.

Student loan bills to drop, but there's a hiccup

By Stacy Cowley
NEW YORK TIMES

On July 1, millions of federal student loan borrowers will see their monthly bills drop — some by as much as half — as the Biden administration's new income-driven payment plan, known as SAVE, takes full effect.

But first, the government and its four loan servicers have to resolve a major hiccup.

Starting next month, borrowers enrolled in the SAVE plan with only undergraduate loans will have their monthly payments capped at 5 percent of their discretionary income, down from the current 10 percent limit. (Graduate school loan payments will remain at a maximum of 10 percent, while people with a mix of undergrad and graduate loans will have a weighted payment.)

The loan servicers are relying on the Education Department to send them the new loan amounts for every borrower. But the department has not yet finished making calculations, according to three people familiar with the process, who asked for anonymity because they are not authorized to speak about the issue publicly.

To buy time, the department instructed its servicers to place borrowers with payments due in early July into an administrative forbearance for the month, which means no payment from them will be required.

More than 8 million borrowers have enrolled in the SAVE plan. Many received notices this month saying that their account had been placed into forbearance, sparking widespread surprise and confusion.

"I was freaking out a little bit," said Iván Barragán, who got a letter from his servicer, MOHELA, last week. "I thought I had done something wrong. Then I quickly went on Twitter and saw that a bunch of people were also getting the notices."

The letter he received from MOHELA did not say why his account status had been changed. He got an explanation only after he contacted the company, which sent back a note saying that the one-month forbearance was a timeout so his payment rate could be recalculated. (A MOHELA spokesperson directed questions about the issue to the Education Department.)

Vanessa Harmoush, a spokesperson for the Education Department, confirmed the recalculation delay.

"We look forward to providing millions of borrowers with lower monthly payments," she said. "Some borrowers may be placed in a brief processing forbearance to ensure they can access the full benefits of the SAVE plan and that their new payment amounts are accurate."

These forbearances will count as a qualifying month of payment for borrowers on SAVE and other plans that lead to loan forgiveness after a set number of payments, Harmoush said. (People on SAVE can have their remaining loan balances eliminated after 10 to 20 years of monthly payments.)

That's a relief for Barragán, who works as an administrator for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. He is pursuing Public Service Loan Forgiveness, a program that discharges the remaining loan balance for government and nonprofit workers after a decade of qualifying payments.

For such borrowers, this month becomes essentially a freebie; they can pay nothing and still get credit. Barragán, who recently married, plans to put the \$430 he'll save toward a planned wedding celebration.

The process of essentially restarting the \$1.6 trillion federal student loan payment system last fall — after a three-year pause prompted by the economic turmoil that accompanied the coronavirus pandemic — has been turbulent.

The Biden administration has worked to overhaul the system with new rules and a plethora of fixes for long-troubled loan forgiveness programs. Those efforts have led to the elimination of \$167 billion in debt for nearly 5 million borrowers; the SAVE payment plan allowed more than 4 million low-income borrowers to qualify for \$0 monthly payments.

But making so many changes so quickly has been challenging, and glitches and errors — some affecting hundreds of thousands of people — have been common.



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The Boeing 737 MAX 9 airliner is pictured at the company's factory in Renton, Wash.

Boeing says it didn't violate deal with Justice Dept.

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BLOOMBERG NEWS

Boeing Co. told the US Justice Department that it disagrees with a government finding that the aircraft maker failed to live up to a compliance agreement put in place following two fatal plane crashes half a decade ago, according to people familiar with the matter.

Boeing issued its response on Wednesday to the Justice Department's determination last month that the company breached a 2021 deferred-prosecution agreement, according to the people, who asked not to be identified discussing a sensitive matter.

Additional details of Boeing's response weren't immediately clear. The Justice Department declined to comment.

"We'll decline to comment on any specific communications with the Justice Department, however we continue to engage transparently with the Department, as we have throughout the term of the agreement," Boeing said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the Federal Aviation Administration will maintain its stepped-up oversight of Boeing Co. that the agency began after a fuselage panel blew off a 737 Max in January, the agency's top official plans to tell US lawmakers.

The agency will continue to place more of its inspectors at Boeing's facilities and those of key supplier Spirit AeroSystems Holdings Inc. "for the foreseeable future," FAA Administrator Michael Whitaker said in written testimony prepared for a Senate hearing on Thursday that was seen by Bloomberg.

The FAA will also keep closer tabs on other aerospace manufacturers with more "active, in-person oversight" to supplement the agency's audits, Whitaker said.

In response to the Jan. 5 accident, "the FAA changed its oversight approach and those changes are permanent," Whitaker plans to tell lawmakers. Reuters reported Whitaker's

prepared remarks earlier on Wednesday.

Additional in-person inspections are one of several actions the agency has taken after a fuselage panel blew off a 737 Max shortly after takeoff in early January. The incident led to a series of revelations of quality and manufacturing lapses in Boeing's factories, fueling the planemaker's biggest crisis in years.

Boeing said last month it honored the terms of the agreement with the Justice Department, which was reached in the waning days of the Trump administration following deadly 737 Max crashes in 2018 and 2019.

The Justice Department now has until July 7 to determine what, if any, punishment Boeing should face, which could include criminal charges or hashing out a new agreement with additional conditions.

Family members of crash victims, along with their lawyers, have been pressing the department to tear up the existing agreement, file charges against Boeing, and take the company to trial.

The Justice Department disclosed in a court filing last month that it believed Boeing failed to live up to its promises to improve transparency with its regulators.

If the government stands by its position that Boeing breached the terms of the agreement, it will likely tear the deal up, exposing Boeing to at least one criminal count of deceiving its primary regulator, the Federal Aviation Administration.

However, Justice Department officials told the families during a meeting last month that current or former company executives are unlikely to be prosecuted, as the five-year deadline for bringing criminal charges would likely doom any prosecution effort.

Family members suggested criminal charges could be brought against Dennis Muilenburg, Boeing's former CEO, who insisted to the public that the company's 737 Max jet was safe prior to the crash of Ethiopian Airlines flight 302, which killed 157 people.

Fed holds interest rates steady

►INFLATION

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month for the first time in two years. A narrower measure of inflation that strips out volatile categories such as food and energy also came in slower than it has for months.

Consumer prices in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton area increased 0.6 percent for the two months ending in May 2024. The rise was attributed to higher prices for shelter that outweighed lower prices for food and energy.

The inflation report was released just hours before Fed leaders wrapped up their two-day policy meeting, but officials weren't expected to react right away. They haven't changed their benchmark interest rate since July, instead leaving borrowing costs between 5.25 and 5.5 percent — the steepest rate in more than 20 years.

When the year started, the central bank was looking at three rate cuts in 2024. But because inflation came in hotter than expected from January to March, analysts had been betting on only one or two cuts. The Fed doesn't set policy based on individual reports, but it had been itching for this kind of encouraging data to feel confident that inflation won't reignite if officials start to cut.

Part of the Fed's challenge is understanding why inflation is falling slower than it did last year — and confronting the limits of monetary policy in slowing the entire economy. Officials have made major progress since inflation peaked at an annual rate of 9.1 percent two years ago. But much of that drop has to do with healing supply chains and falling energy prices, which helped tame consumer prices on anything from couches to gasoline.

Crucially, housing costs continue to be a main driver of overall inflation, as has been the case for more than a year. A key rent gauge carried on a streak of rising 0.4 percent over the previous month. Overall shelter costs were up 5.4 percent over the previous year. Many real-time measures of rent costs show rents



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Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell spoke at a press conference following a Monetary Policy Committee meeting at the Federal Reserve in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday.

easing considerably, or even falling. But those shifts have taken way longer than expected to show up in official data, frustrating Fed officials and economists who fear the rental figures are keeping overall inflation artificially high.

Medical care costs also rose slightly more in May than in April. Costs for prescription drugs rose 2.1 percent, and hospital services increased 0.5 percent.

Yet energy costs index fell 2 percent over the month, led by a 3.6 percent drop in the gas index. Airfare also fell 3.6 percent, following a 0.8-percent decrease in April.

Key to leaders' assessment is whether they think inflation is steadily falling, or whether the unwanted surprises from the beginning of the year signal something more lasting and worrisome. Some economists speculate that seasonal glitches that often interfere with January data — for example, the resetting of annual insurance costs — seeped into the entire first quarter and interfered with the central bank's read on inflation.

But others wonder whether price increases are simply sticking. Last month, Fed governor Christopher Waller said progress "may be a lot slower than we saw

at the end of last year," when inflation came down markedly.

"Whatever the factors were in the first three months, they haven't completely disappeared," Waller said at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "There might be something much more fundamental going on than seasonal. I don't know exactly what that would be. We're still all trying to figure out what it is."

Still, even with inflation too high, the economy is roaring. Employers added a whopping 272,000 jobs in May. Wages continue to outpace inflation, and there's no recession in sight. Yet the sting of high prices has still left businesses, workers, and families with the sense that the economy isn't working for them.

That disconnect is proving to be a major issue for President Biden's reelection campaign, as he tries to tout the economic turnaround since the depths of the pandemic. In a statement Wednesday, Biden said the report showed "welcome progress" but noted "many families are feeling squeezed by the cost of living." He touted his administration's moves to address costs for housing, prescription drugs, and groceries.

Former president Donald Trump, meanwhile, has seized

on high inflation and subsequent interest rate hikes to argue Americans are suffering under the weight of steep mortgage rates and sticker shock for the basics, even though economists estimate many of his proposals would send inflation higher.

For its part, the Fed tries hard to steer clear of politics, and it stakes much of its reputation on an independence from the rest of Washington. But if officials still need a few more months to feel comfortable cutting rates, they could end up making an initial move right before the election. This week, top Democrats on the Senate and House budget committees called for the Fed to lower rates, raising concerns that holding out could jeopardize the strong job market.

Officials insist they will make decisions only as the data unfolds.

"It's hard enough to get the economics right here," Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said last month. "These are difficult things, and if, if we were to take on a whole, another, set of factors and use that as a new filter, it would reduce the likelihood we'd actually get the economics right."

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Musk scoffs as Apple bets on secure AI

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could figure it out on your own. But a device with Apple Intelligence can do it for you.

Just ask your iPhone or Mac if you can get to the play on time. It'll find your daughter's email giving the time and location of the play; check your calendar for the location and time of the meeting; and use the mapping app to find the fastest route home, based on the likely traffic at that time of day. Up comes an estimated arrival time.

Most Apple Intelligence work will happen on the user's phone or computer. But if there's a task requiring more computer power, Apple has created its own private cloud-based AI system and intensive security features. For instance, data sent to this private cloud is never shared with anyone else and is deleted from the cloud after use. Everything's encrypted, of course. And in a really bold move for Apple, the software for the cloud system will be made available for inspection by cybersecurity analysts to confirm that it works as

advertised.

There's one more feature, the one that has freaked out Musk. Apple users will be able to send requests to OpenAI, the firm that Musk cofounded but no longer trusts. Musk said that if access to OpenAI is built into Apple's software, he'll ban Apple devices from his companies X (formerly Twitter), Tesla, and SpaceX. Apple responded that nothing is sent to OpenAI automatically. Instead, users can choose whether to use the OpenAI feature.

It seems unlikely that Musk would follow through on his threat. But this is the guy who fired some 80 percent of the workforce at Twitter after he bought it, so all bets are off.

Apart from Musk, security pros seem willing to give Apple Intelligence a chance. By contrast, critics were calling Microsoft Recall a security nightmare from day one. Sure enough, they soon found relatively simple ways to hack it. One of them, Kevin Beaumont, called it "the biggest security setback in a decade."



DAVID PAUL MORRIS/BLOOMBERG

Tim Cook, chief executive of Apple, during its Worldwide Developers Conference in Cupertino, Calif., on Monday.

And that's saying something, because it's been a lousy decade for data security at Microsoft. Just last year, hackers allegedly working for China broke into Microsoft's cloud-based email services and stole thousands of sensitive US government messages.

A federal report issued in March found obvious blunders like not retiring old encryption keys, a standard practice at other cloud companies. The attackers used a key generated in 2016, which should have been discarded years earlier.

Lapses like these explain the instant backlash against Recall. Maybe Microsoft has gotten the

message. Last week it announced that Recall will be switched off by default, so users can decide for themselves whether to trust it.

Apple will never satisfy Musk's objections, short of crippling its new AI features, but that won't happen. Sales of iPhones fell 10 percent last quarter, as consumers ran out of good reasons to upgrade. But this could be it. Apple Intelligence could transform AI from a toy to a tool. It's up to Apple to ensure it's a tool we can trust.

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Markets

Hopes on inflation boost stocks

Stocks climbed Wednesday following a surprisingly encouraging update on inflation. The Fed indicated Wednesday that most of its policy makers are forecasting one or two cuts to interest rates at some point this year. They also raised their forecasts for the number of cuts in 2025. The S&P 500 added 0.9 percent to its all-time high set a day earlier. The Nasdaq Composite also built on its own record and jumped 1.5 percent, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average lagged the market with a dip of 35 points, or 0.1 percent. Homebuilder D.R. Horton climbed 3 percent. Builders FirstSource, which sells vinyl windows, custom millwork, and other building materials, jumped 5.3 percent. Oracle helped lead Wall Street higher with a leap of 13.3 percent even though it reported weaker profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected. Financial analysts pointed to strong bookings, including contracts related to artificial-intelligence training. Nvidia gained 3.5 percent. The chip company has become the poster child of the AI rush, and its total market value has topped \$3 trillion. Apple rose 2.9 percent. Its stock has been jumping the last two days after getting a cool initial reception to the announcement of several AI-related offerings coming to its operating systems. In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.32 percent from 4.40 percent late Tuesday and from 4.60 percent a couple weeks ago. The two-year Treasury yield, which more closely tracks expectations for the Fed, slumped to 4.75 percent from 4.83 percent late Tuesday. Yields had been down even more earlier in the day.

Due to production issues, the Globe is not running the stock charts in today's edition.

J&J talc settlement includes \$14.5m for Mass.

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quence of Johnson & Johnson's alleged misrepresentations of the safety of their product," Rhode Island Attorney General Peter F. Neronha said in a statement.

The company, which will not admit any wrongdoing as part of the settlement, has agreed to a permanent halt on manufacturing, marketing, and promotion in the United States of any products covered by the agreement. That includes all powder products that contain the mineral talc, including Johnson's Baby Powder and Johnson's Johnson's Shower to Shower powder.

Newer products are made with cornstarch instead.

Johnson & Johnson, which has maintained that its products are safe, is still facing other litigation over the talc-based products it sold for more than 100 years. After it stopped using talc in its products for North American consumers in 2020, the company announced it would stop using the substance in its products sold worldwide in 2023.

Formella said the multi-state settlement sends a message that businesses must prioritize product safety.

"This is a testament to the power of collective action and the commitment of state attor-

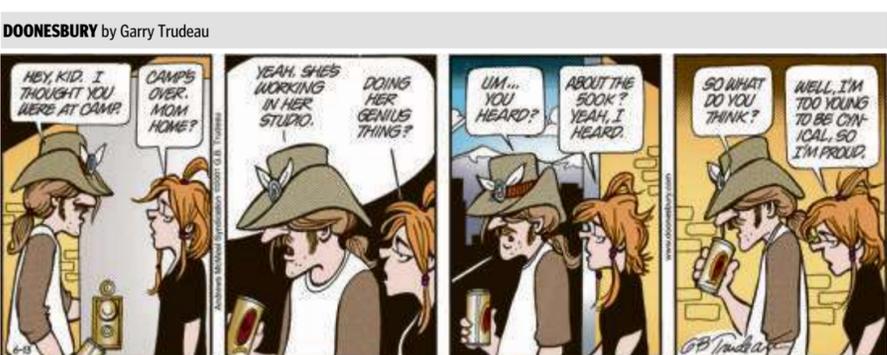
neys general to safeguarding the interests of the public," he added.

The multi-state settlement was led by Texas, Florida, and North Carolina, and joined by Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Court filings indicate the settlement funds that New Hampshire receives will be placed in a consumer protection escrow account, which the attorney general's office uses to fund the Consumer Protection & Antitrust Bureau.

Thanks to a change lawmakers wrote into the state's budget last year, that escrow account's capacity will increase from \$5 million to \$6 million on July 1. Any excess funds are to be deposited in the state's general fund.

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UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

DON'T BLOW IT, BUTTERFINGERS! BY LYNN WATSON AND JR WILLARD | EDITED BY TAYLOR JOHNSON

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tennis serve that touches the net
 - 4 ___-and-tell
 - 8 Harpoon, e.g.
 - 13 Rowing implement
 - 14 A pop
 - 15 Artemis' twin brother
 - 16 Film FX used in the second "Star Wars" trilogy
 - 17 "___-Hero" (2022 Taylor Swift single)
 - 18 Brit's cry of surprise
 - 19 "Fantastic Four" actress Jessica
 - 21 Archenemy
 - 23 "Drop the chew toy, Spot!"
 - 25 Ebbs
 - 29 Baby sheep
 - 30 Chromosome component
 - 31 Sales agent, for short
 - 32 1955 Vladimir Nabokov novel
 - 34 Performs in a play
 - 35 Mine find
 - 36 October birthstone
 - 37 Coffee beverage sometimes topped with foam art
 - 39 ___ class (cycling session)
 - 40 Sloth, for one
 - 41 Pedigree competitor
 - 42 On cloud nine
 - 44 Last word in many a fairy tale
 - 45 Understands
 - 46 Wild party
- DOWN**
- 1 In the area
 - 2 "Bald" bird
 - 3 *Reservations owned by Native peoples
 - 4 Arabian or South China
 - 5 *Villain portrayed by Anthony Hopkins in a 1991 horror/crime film
 - 6 Eightsome
 - 7 Sudden impulse
 - 8 Puts together, as film
 - 9 Grace under pressure
 - 10 Common shade tree
 - 11 Taproom order
 - 12 "Ted Lasso" character ___ Kent
 - 15 *Voting method for a citizen living abroad
 - 20 To no ___

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- 22 Upright
- 24 CPR pro
- 26 *Make a mistake ... and what the answers to the starred clues do, in two ways?
- 27 Hair-raising
- 28 Pay out
- 30 Meowers in Mexico
- 32 The hare, in a fabled race
- 33 Offer one's two cents
- 38 Is ___ (probably will)
- 41 Malia Obama's sister
- 41 Meeting plans
- 43 ___ Vegas
- 48 King or queen, in chess
- 49 Woody's abode
- 50 Thin cables
- 51 Knight's ride
- 53 "Rugrats" voice actress Strong
- 55 Networking connections
- 56 Key document?
- 57 Air pump letters
- 59 Aliens, briefly

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt 6-13-24

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- CLUE ACROSS ANSWER**
- 1. Atomic number 29 EOPCRP
 - 5. Feed on, nibble RGEAZ
 - 6. ___ station NTRIA
 - 7. Bud REIDFN
- CLUE DOWN ANSWER**
- 1. Young swan NYTCEG
 - 2. ___ of Paris LSRPAET
 - 3. Raise EEVTELA
 - 4. Hocked DANEPW
- CLUE:** The area that makes up the ___ is about 500 miles east to west and 2,000 miles north to south.
- BONUS**
- How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.
- Send comments to TCA - 660 W. Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60654 or DLHoyt@HoytInteractiveMedia.com

Boston's forecast

Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., Noon, 6 P.M.), Forecast (Sun, Partly Cloudy, Rain), High/Low (81-86, 79-84, 62-67), and Description (Sunny to partly cloudy, heavy thunderstorm, etc.).

New England forecast

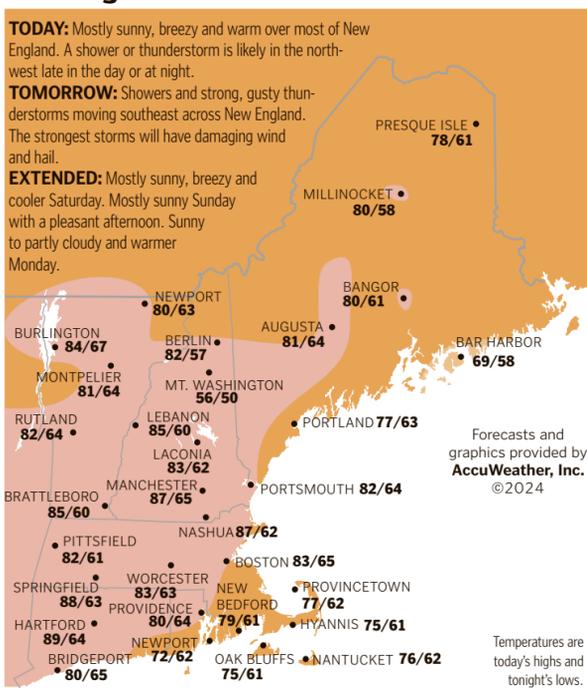


Table of forecast high and low temperatures and conditions for various cities including Atlanta, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, etc.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, June 13, 2024

You have a wild streak. You live according to your own rules, and you don't like routine. This year is the final year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means you're completing things. Take inventory of your life. Focus on being compassionate, loving and giving.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

This might be a challenging day dealing with co-workers, customers and issues related to your job. Likewise, with respect to your health, you might have problems with your teeth or aching joints. No fun! Fortunately, your communication skills are excellent. Tonight: Work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Dealing with children might be a challenge today. You might have increased responsibilities with them or demanding issues. Likewise, romance might be difficult. In fact, most social situations will feel awkward or stiff because it's hard to go with the flow today. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Be patient with family members

today, especially authority figures or older family members. In fact, this is a challenging day talking to anyone who is older, more experienced or in a position of influence. Don't ask for permission or approval. Wait for another day. Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Today it's easy to fall into worry mode, which is something I do myself. But worry is primarily a habit. And remember what Mark Twain said, "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened." Admittedly, today is a bit of a dour day. It happens. Tonight: Discussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Money worries might be a problem today. You might feel a financial squeeze, as so many of us do. You might be concerned about payments or covering some particular costs. Perhaps the hoped-for help from another source is disappointing. Tonight: Check your possessions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with stern Saturn. This can make you feel lonely, isolated and cut off from others. In fact, you might send out signals unconsciously to people that you want to

Almanac

Table with 2 columns: Yesterday's high/low (74°/59°), Sunrise (5:07 a.m.), Sunset (8:22 p.m.), Moonrise (12:05 p.m.).

Table for Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday) showing Weather (Cloudy), Visibility (60 miles), Wind (west at 12 m.p.h.), High/low temperature (49/42), Snow depth at 5 p.m. (0.0").

Table for 24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday) showing Yesterday (0.00"), Month to date (0.27"), Year to date (25.28").

Table for Tides showing Boston high (4:55), Gloucester high (4:55), Hyannis Port high (6:05), etc.

Table for New England marine forecast showing Boston Harbor (SW 7-14 kts), East Cape (SW 10-20 kts), etc.

AccuWeather

Table with 3 columns: Time (6 A.M., Noon, 6 P.M.), Forecast (Sun, Partly Cloudy, Rain), High/Low (71-76, 77-82, 63-68), and Description (Pleasant with sunshine, Partly sunny; breezy, etc.).

Allergies

Table for Allergies showing Trees (High), Weeds (Low), Grass (Moderate), Mold (N.A.).

Eastern Massachusetts air quality



For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

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. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North ♠ A J ♡ Q 10 3 ♢ A 10 9 8 5 2 ♣ J 10

West ♠ K 8 5 ♡ A 9 7 6 2 ♢ 7 4 ♣ 6 3 2

East ♠ Q 7 4 2 ♡ K J ♢ K 3 ♣ 9 8 7 5 4

South 1 ♣ Pass 1 NT(!) Pass 3 NT All Pass Opening lead — ♡ 6

Since Wendy, my club's feminist, arrived, she and Cy the Cynic have had one argument — lasting about five years. Wendy says men are like commercials; you can't believe a word they say. Cy maintains that it's possible to understand women if you know how — but nobody knows how.

The two were today's East-West in a penny game, and Wendy led a heart against 3NT. Dummy played the 10, and Cy took the jack and king. Wendy followed with the nine. The Cynic next led the nine of clubs. South won, lost a diamond finesse and had nine tricks.

"Thank you, partner," Wendy growled. "My nine of hearts was suit preference, suggesting an entry in spades, the high-ranking suit."

"I think Cy sometimes has a mental block," I told Wendy in the lounge later. "The man has a chauvinist's block," Wendy sniffed. "He won't send a woman to get a job done."

To beat 3NT, Cy leads the queen of spades at Trick Three. A low spade won't do. Cy can create an entry to Wendy's hearts.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K 8 5 ♡ A 9 7 6 2 ♢ 7 4 ♣ 6 3 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond one heart and he bids one spade. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: Though a chance for game exists — your partner might have as many as 18 points — the odds do not favor that, and you lack a satisfactory second bid anyway. Pass. Partner's (opener's) minimum bid in a new suit is not forcing, and one spade should be a reasonable contract.

ZIPPY "Greenland is Huge!"



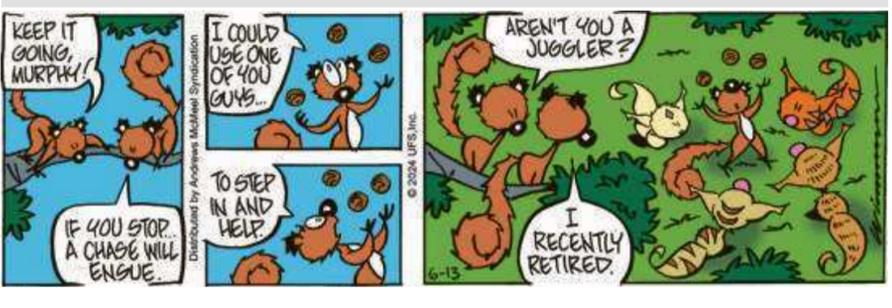
ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.