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## Flu virus gets second wind, bringing more misery

Concerns raised that it could help bird flu mutate

By Kay Lazar  
GLOBE STAFF

The flu is walloping every corner of Massachusetts in an unusual second surge of the season, with people reporting flu-like symptoms at rates higher than any other winter peak since before COVID struck five years ago, according to state data.

Nationally, as well as across the state, flu peaked in early January, headed back down, and then abruptly spiked again. Now, federal data show respiratory illnesses are elevated nationwide and are continuing to climb, prompting some to worry influenza might even help the rapidly spreading bird flu virus to mutate and become more infectious among humans.

In Massachusetts, the latest numbers show that more than 10 percent of patients dragging themselves into doctors offices are suffering from fevers, coughs, and sore throats, classic flu symptoms. But because many don't end up getting tested, the actual rate of infections may be substantially higher, doctors said.

By comparison, usually about about 6 or 7 percent of doctor visits during the peak of flu season are linked to the virus, state data show.

"Its like a tsunami right now," said Dr. Sandeep Jubbil, an infectious diseases specialist at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester.

Jubbil noted that waste water surveillance for a large swath of Eastern Massachusetts shows COVID-19 and RSV, another respiratory virus, also peaked in early January but both have dropped significantly since then.

Even norovirus, that nasty stomach bug that seemed to be hitting nearly every family just a few weeks ago, is also starting to wane, the waste water numbers show.

But the flu virus is still on the way up. "It's keeping all the other respiratory viruses at bay," Jubbil said. "It's always a competition."

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## Cambridge opens door for housing by building up

By Andrew Brinker  
GLOBE STAFF

The Cambridge City Council on Monday night passed a dramatic overhaul of the city's land-use rules, broadly allowing buildings up to six stories in neighborhoods across the city.

The plan makes Cambridge one of the first cities in the state to eliminate single-family zoning, meaning there's no longer anyplace in the city where only single-family homes can be built. That has long been the standard in many communities, but has greatly constricted the construction of housing. That does not mean single-family homes are no longer allowed in those neighborhoods, but rather that something as tall as six stories could be built on nearly any lot.

Under the new policy, any lot in the city, whether it now has a small, pastel-colored row house or sprawling mansion on it, can be redeveloped into a four-story apartment building without needing special city approval. Developers can add an additional two stories by-right if 20 percent of the units in a project are set aside as affordable and the lot meets a minimum size requirement.

Supporters hope the change will generate thousands of new units over the next decade in what is already one of the most densely populated — and most expensive — cities in the country.

"I think that this will be a landmark moment, where the zoning map of Cambridge doesn't exactly look like a copy . . . of a redlining map, where the [most] affordable housing is not only in areas which also have more people of color and more multifamily housing in general, but our whole city is growing together."

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## Netanyahu warns on cease-fire

### A LOSS FOR FREEZE

A federal appeals court refused to halt a judge's order requiring the Trump administration to release billions of dollars in federal grants and loans.

States say the money remains frozen even after the judge blocked a sweeping pause. The Boston-based First US Circuit Court of Appeals turned back the administration's emergency appeal. **A6.**

### POPE SPEAKS OUT ON DEPORTATIONS

Pope Francis harshly criticized President Trump's policy of mass deportations and urged Catholics to reject anti-immigrant narratives in an unusually direct attack on the Trump administration.



### DATA MUST BE RESTORED

The Trump administration was ordered by a federal judge to restore some material that was purged from government websites under the president's executive orders on gender while a legal challenge from a physicians group proceeds. The judge said officials probably violated federal law in removing the scientific data.

### BANNON GUILTY

Steve Bannon, a longtime adviser to Trump, pleaded guilty in Manhattan criminal court to a single count of defrauding donors who sought to help build a wall at the southern border. **A6.**



### MUSK AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The president appeared with Elon Musk on Tuesday before signing an executive order to continue downsizing the federal workforce. "The people voted for major government reform and that's what the people are going to get," Musk said. "That's what democracy is all about." **A6.**

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## Researchers at a loss over 'assault on science'

By Chris Serres, Liz Kowalczyk, and Neena Hagen  
GLOBE STAFF

Dr. Celeste Royce was preparing to address a class of Harvard Medical School students last week when she learned, via email, that a study she wrote on endometriosis had vanished from a government website as part of a sweeping purge by the Trump administration of health research seen as promoting "gender ideology."

Stunned, Royce struggled to comprehend why a study about an often-painful condition afflicting nearly 1 in 10 women and girls had become a target. Then she found the likely reason: A brief mention of "trans and non-gender-conforming" people in the final paragraph of the study.

"My jaw dropped," said Royce, a Harvard Medical School assistant professor. "It was a clear case of censorship."

Days earlier, Jaclyn White Hughto felt a similar shock when a federal agency ordered her to cease all research activities that promote "gender ideology." Hughto and her research team are conducting a long-running study of fatal drug overdoses, but the edict threw her into a panic because her study includes transgender people.

"Any study that uses the wrong words is

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### USAID



'It basically gave the entire industry a collective heart attack. We never envisioned that the federal government would

systematically not pay us.'

STEVE SCHMIDA, cofounder of Resonance Global

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## After stripping of USAID, disbelief and unpaid bills

By Nick Stoico  
GLOBE STAFF

When President Trump, on the first day of his second term, signed an executive order suspending all US foreign assistance programs for 90 days, Steve Schmida wasn't too worried.

The cofounder of a Vermont-based consulting firm and longtime contractor with the US Agency for International Development, Schmida felt the move could be "a little disruptive, but nothing catastrophic" for him and his staff at Resonance Global, which has worked around the world promoting economic growth and innovation, environmental sustainability, food security, and other projects.

In its 20 years, the firm had weathered similar pauses before, he noted.

But later that week, Schmida's team heard from a source inside USAID that the agency's accounting system had been shut down. That same day, the State Department issued a sweeping stop-work order on aid projects.

"It basically gave the entire industry a collective heart attack," he said. "We never envisioned that the federal government would systematically not pay us."

The Trump administration's decision to dismantle the independent agency, which

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## More than a game

The Bosse pickleball complex at the Natick Mall features four culinary concepts, including Bosse Enoteca, which allows you to eat behind glass while watching the players (or vice versa). **G1.**

A federal court dismissed a lawsuit over Massachusetts' automotive right-to-repair law, possibly paving the way for it to take effect. **B5.**

The state's highest court ruled that there were no serious issues with the declaration of a mistrial in the Karen Read case last summer, clearing a hurdle for the upcoming retrial. **B1.**

## Having a meltdown

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# The Nation



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**WHO’S A GOOD BOY?** Monty, a giant schnauzer from Connecticut, took home the coveted Best in Show award at the 149th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City on Tuesday. Monty, shown with handler Katie Bernardin, beat more than 2,500 dogs across 200 breeds during three days of competition. He is the first dog from the Working Group to win the top prize since 2004.

## Animal shelters offer Valentine’s Day sleepovers

Homeless pets sent to fosters with treats, toys

By Cathy Free  
WASHINGTON POST

For anyone without Valentine’s Day plans this year, Julie Castle has a suggestion: Dinner and a movie with a floppy-eared pup. Or perhaps a long nap on the sofa with a purring feline.

“This is an opportunity to have your very own sleepover with a pet, and if it doesn’t work out, you can kick them out in the morning,” said Castle, chief executive of the nonprofit Best Friends Animal Society.

But she hopes you’ll be smitten.

Her organization’s no-kill animal shelters across the United States will provide pet food, beds, litter boxes, toys, and heart-shaped treats during their first Valentine’s Day pet sleepover for homeless pets.

“Pets provide the purest form of love without any judgments,” she said. “Hopefully, temporary will turn into permanent, and you’ll find your own

true love on Valentine’s Day.”

Makena Yarbrough, senior director of Best Friends’ lifesaving centers, helped come up with the idea last year.

“We’ll send you home with a furry companion and all the supplies you’ll need,” Yarbrough said, noting that Best Friends centers are open seven days a week.

People in search of a perfect match can choose from about 465 cats and dogs at Best Friends shelters in Los Angeles, Houston, New York City, Bentonville, Ark., and Salt Lake City, and from hundreds more pets in Kanab, Utah, at the largest animal sanctuary in the United States.

“You can then bring the pet back or not bring them back,” Yarbrough said. “It’s an easy way for people to give fostering a try for a few days without a commitment.”

Adoption fees will be waived for anyone who decides to keep their sleepover companion, she said.

Michelle Logan, lifesaving programs senior director at Best Friends, said she’s hopeful that the sleepover idea will be as suc-



SARAH AUSE KICHAS/BEST FRIENDS

**Luke, a Best Friends Animal Society rescue cat, enjoyed playing with some Valentine’s Day wrappings.**

cessful as the Meet Your Soul Mutt speed-dating events the Bentonville center has sponsored.

This month, Arkansans can speed-date with adoptable dogs on Feb. 13, then extend the love with a Valentine’s Day sleepover, she said.

“We also have a ‘doggy day out’ program, where people who can’t have pets can take a

dog hiking or to the park, or just go sit outside a coffee shop,” Logan said, explaining that people can be with the animal for a few hours, a couple of nights, or forever.

Although the number of homeless pets is on the decline for the first time since 2020, about 6.3 million cats and dogs still enter shelters every year, according to the ASPCA.

Castle said that when she first started working at Best Friends 28 years ago, more than 17 million animals were euthanized every year in US shelters. Now that number is down to about 415,000, she said.

But it could be down to zero.

“Something powerful to think about is that roughly 7 million people are going to be acquiring a pet this year,” Castle said. “If just 6 percent of that number shifted to rescuing a homeless pet, we would solve the issue of 415,000 animals dying.”

A Valentine’s Day sleepover with a dog or a cat won’t entirely solve the problem, but it’s a start, she said.

“If someone takes an animal home and then decides to foster that pet or go for adoption, that helps free up space in the shelter to save more lives,” Castle said. “You’ll also be providing a home environment that is incredibly important to that animal.”

Chocolates and flowers are nice on Valentine’s Day, she added, “but we’re encouraging people to bring love home this year and see how much joy they’ll get out of it.”

### DAILY BRIEFING

#### FBI says it found more records on JFK assassination

DALLAS — The FBI on Tuesday said it discovered 2,400 records related to the assassination of former president John F. Kennedy as federal agencies work to comply with President Trump’s executive order last month to release thousands of files.

The FBI said it’s working to transfer the records to the National Archives and Records Administration to be included in the declassification process.

The federal government in the early 1990s mandated that all documents related to the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination be housed in a single collection at the National Archives. And while the vast majority of the collection — over 5 million records — has been made public, researchers estimate that 3,000 files haven’t been released, either in whole or in part.

The FBI did not say in its statement what kind of information the newly discovered files contain. The FBI in 2020 opened a Central Records Complex and began a years-long effort to ship, electronically inventory, and store closed case files from field offices across the country.

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#### Calif. man gets 4 years in prison for false threats

An 18-year-old man was sentenced Tuesday to four years in prison for making nearly 400 false bomb threats and threats of violence to religious institutions, schools, universities, and homes across the country, federal prosecutors said.

Alan W. Filion, of Lancaster, Calif., pleaded guilty in US District Court in Orlando, Fla., in November to four counts of interstate transmission of threats, also known as swatting.

The threatening calls Filion made would often cause large deployments of police officers to a targeted location, the Justice Department said in a news release. In some cases, officers would enter people’s homes with their weapons drawn and detain those inside. In January 2023, Filion wrote on social media that his swats had often led police to “drag the victim and their families out of the house cuff them and search the house for dead bodies.”

Investigators linked Filion to over 375 swatting calls, including one in Sanford, Fla., saying that he would commit a mass shooting at a mosque.

NEW YORK TIMES

#### SpaceX may get astronauts home a little sooner

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA’s two stranded astronauts may end up back on Earth a little sooner than planned.

The space agency announced Tuesday that SpaceX will switch capsules for upcoming astronaut flights in order to bring Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams home in mid-March instead of late March or April. That will shave a couple of weeks off their prolonged stay at the International Space Station, which hit the eight-month mark last week.

“Human spaceflight is full of unexpected challenges,” Steve Stich, NASA’s Commercial Crew Program manager, said.

The test pilots should have returned in June on Boeing’s Starliner capsule after what was to have been a weeklong stay. But the capsule had so much trouble getting to the space station that NASA decided to bring it back empty and reassigned the pair to SpaceX.

Then SpaceX delayed the launch of their replacements on a new capsule that needed more prepping, adding more time to Wilmore and Williams’s stay.

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## Most US students still behind in reading, math

Post-COVID issues persist, data show

By Annie Ma and Jocelyn Gecker  
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COMPTON, Calif. — Math is the subject sixth-grader Harmoni Knight finds hardest, but that’s changing.

In-class tutors and “data chats” at her middle school in Compton have made a dramatic difference, the 11-year-old said. She proudly pulled up a performance tracker at a tutoring session last week, displaying a column of perfect 100 percent scores on all her weekly quizzes from January.

Since the pandemic shuttered American classrooms, schools have poured federal and

local relief money into interventions like the ones in Harmoni’s classroom, hoping to help students catch up academically following COVID-19 disruptions.

But a new analysis of state and national test scores shows the average student remains half a grade level behind pre-pandemic achievement in both reading and math. In reading, especially, students are even further behind than they were in 2022, the analysis shows.

Compton is an outlier, making some of the biggest two-year gains in both subjects among high-poverty districts. And there are other bright spots, along with evidence that interventions like tutoring and summer programs are working.

The Education Recovery Scorecard analysis by researchers at Harvard, Stanford, and Dartmouth allows year-to-year

comparisons across states and districts, providing the most comprehensive picture yet of how American students are performing since COVID-19 first disrupted learning.

The most recent data are based on tests taken in spring 2024. By then, the worst of the pandemic was long past, but schools were still dealing with mental health issues and high absenteeism — not to mention students who’d had crucial learning interrupted.

“The losses are not just due to what happened during the 2020 to 2021 school year, but the aftershocks that have hit schools in the years since,” said Tom Kane, a Harvard economist who worked on the scorecard.

In some cases, the analysis shows school districts are struggling, even though their students may have posted decent



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**A tutor helped students at Benjamin O. Davis Middle School in Compton, Calif.**

results on state tests. That’s because each state adopts its own assessments, and those aren’t comparable to each other. Those differences can make it impossible to tell whether students are performing better because of their progress, or

whether those shifts are because the tests themselves are changing, or the state has lowered its standards for proficiency. For example, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Florida seem to have relaxed their proficiency cutoff in math and reading in the last two years, Kane said, citing the analysis.

The scorecard accounts for differing state tests and provides one national standard.

Higher-income districts have made significantly more progress than lower-income districts, with the top 10 percent of high-income districts four times more likely to have recovered in both math and reading compared with the poorest 10 percent. And recovery within districts remains divided by race and class, especially in math scores. Test score gaps grew by both race and income.

## DOGE cuts \$900m from agency that tracks students’ academic progress

By Collin Binkley and Bianca Vázquez Toness  
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WASHINGTON — A federal research office that tracks the progress of America’s students is being hit with almost \$900 million in cuts after Elon Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency found no need for much of its work.

It’s unclear to what degree the Education Department’s Institute of Education Sciences will continue to exist after Musk’s team slashed scores of contracts. Industry groups said at least 169 contracts were suddenly terminated Monday, accounting for much of the institute’s work.

The Education Department

did not immediately share details on the cuts. Madison Biedermann, an agency spokesperson, said the action will not affect the institute’s primary work, including the NAEP assessment, known as the nation’s report card, and the College Scorecard, a database of university costs and outcomes.

Advocates for students raised

alarms the cuts could hurt the accountability of America’s education system, leaving the nation in the dark about schools’ effectiveness. Historically, achievement gaps have shown low-income students and students of color falling behind their peers.

The cuts are counterproductive and destructive, said Rachel Dinkes, chief executive of the

Knowledge Alliance, a coalition of education research firms.

“Cutting out at the knees the one independent agency that helps improve student outcomes is ridiculous,” Dinkes said. “Education is the economic engine that fuels the US economy, and everything they cut is what helps make our education system better.”



# The World

## Somali troops battle reemerging Islamic State

### Puntland soldiers fight with little Western support

**By Katharine Houreld**  
WASHINGTON POST

BALIDHIDIN, Somalia — The dead Islamic State fighter was sprawled out on the ridge, blood stains darkening in the sun, as a line of heavily armed Somali soldiers snaked down the mountainside to a fortified cave, their camouflage uniforms marking a new front line in the fight against the global terrorist group.

The Somali branch has become the Islamic State's new operational and financial hub, according to US Africa Command, also known as Africom, and local officials estimate as many as 1,000 militants are under its command. Large numbers of foreign fighters have flowed into Somalia, establishing a formidable force that now threatens Western targets. The group has also become a key source of funding for other Islamic State affiliates around the world, which have killed thousands of people, including US soldiers, according to UN investigators.

The struggle to contain this rising threat has fallen to forces in Puntland, a remote, semiautonomous region in one of the world's poorest, weakest nations.

More than a month into their largest offensive against the group, Puntland officials say, they have captured about 50 Islamic State outposts and small bases and killed more than 150 fighters, nearly all of them foreign.

On Feb. 1, President Trump ordered the first airstrike of his presidency against senior Islamic State commanders in northern Somalia. A US intelligence official, speaking like others in this story on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters, said the strike targeted a cell responsible for planning external attacks, including against American interests and their allies.

Beyond the strike, the Trump administration has not detailed its plans for Somalia. Africom said it was unable to comment on future policy.

For decades, Washington has sought to prop up the government in Mogadishu, but Somalia remains a fractured state. Political divisions have hampered the fight to claw back swaths of the south from the Al Qaeda-aligned militant group al-Shabab and, more recently, allowed the Islamic State to establish a foothold in the north.

The Islamic State in Somalia broke away from al-Shabab in 2015; its secretive, henna-bearded leader, Abdulkadir Mumin, is now the Islamic State's global caliph, the US military says.



CAROLYN VAN HOUTEN/WASHINGTON POST

**Soldiers with the Puntland Defense Forces in Somalia's semiautonomous Puntland region walked back from a cave where Islamic State fighters lived until recently being flushed out.**

Unlike its rivals in al-Shabab, the Islamic State has not focused on conquering territory in Somalia; its aspirations are larger. Burrowed into the Miskad mountains, on the very tip of the Horn of Africa, it has built an international terrorism hub.

In its early days, the Somali branch received money from Iraq and Syria, but soon found its own revenue streams, raking in millions of dollars each year

by extorting local businesses. Those who resisted were fire-bombed.

Before long, al-Karrar, the group's regional financial office, had established a nerve center, funneling money to militants across multiple regions, in countries ranging from Turkey to South Africa, according to US and UN officials. A January 2023 raid by US Special Forces on a cave complex in northern Soma-

lia killed Islamic State financier Bilal al-Sudani. He had sent cash to Islamic State-Khorasan, the Afghan branch responsible for the 2021 Kabul airport bombing that killed 13 US soldiers and at least 170 Afghans.

The new military counteroffensive, launched on Jan. 2, was delayed while Puntland tried to negotiate support from international partners, including the United States. But the political

transition in Washington hamstrung talks, according to Puntland security officials, and Trump's pause on foreign funding has complicated them further.

An Africom official said the Pentagon was monitoring the operation but not providing any support. Puntland says it also gets no help from the Somali state, which is Africom's main point of contact.

Isolated but determined, Puntland drew up plans to go after the militants in their mountain redoubts. But the Islamic State struck first.

In the early hours of New Year's Eve, the Somali branch sent 12 suicide bombers into the town of Dharjaale. They targeted military vehicles and blew up a cluster of nearby homes where top military and political figures were resting.

"Our men in the truck — we only found their bones," said Mohamed Abdulhakim Salad, who witnessed the attack.

None of the attackers were Somali. There were four Tanzanians, two Moroccans, and two Saudis alongside an Ethiopian, a Libyan, a Tunisian, and a Yemeni, the Islamic State said in a statement.

Puntland soldiers and logistics convoys have been targeted dozens of times by drones, a tactic commonly used by militants in Syria and Iraq but new to Somalia.

## Russia frees US prisoner after talks with Trump envoy

### Teacher had been detained since '21 on pot charges

**By Chris Megerian and Eric Tucker**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Marc Fogel, an American teacher who the United States deemed wrongfully detained by Russia, has been released and returned to Washington in what the White House described as a diplomatic thaw that could advance negotiations to end the war in Ukraine.

Steve Witkoff, a special envoy for President Trump, left Russia with Fogel, a history teacher from Pennsylvania, and brought him to the White House, where Trump greeted him.

"I feel like the luckiest man on Earth right now," Fogel said at the White House as he stood next to Trump with an American

flag draped around his shoulders.

Fogel, who was expected to be reunited with his family by the end of the day, said he would forever be indebted to Trump.

Trump said another American would be released on Wednesday, though he declined to name the person or say what country, only saying it was someone "very special."

Fogel was arrested in August 2021 and was serving a 14-year prison sentence. His family and supporters said he had been traveling with medically prescribed marijuana, and he was designated by President Joe Biden's administration as wrongfully detained in December.

Michael Waltz, Trump's national security adviser, said the United States and Russia negotiated an exchange to ensure Fogel's release.He did not say what the United States side of the bargain entailed. Previous



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**President Trump greeted Marc Fogel as he arrived at the White House in Washington on Tuesday .**

negotiations have occasionally involved reciprocal releases of Russians.

Waltz said the development was "a sign we are moving in the right direction to end the brutal and terrible war in Ukraine." Trump, a Republican, has prom-

ised to find a way to end the conflict.

Trump also has talked about having a good relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. Last month, Trump said his adminis-

tration was having "very serious" conversations with Russia about the war.

Speaking to a group of reporters at the White House on Tuesday, Trump said: "We were treated very nicely by Russia, actually. I hope that's the beginning of a relationship where we can end that war."

Asked whether the United States had given up anything in return, Trump replied "not much" but did not elaborate.

Fogel's relatives said they were "beyond grateful, relieved and overwhelmed" that he was coming home.

"This has been the darkest and most painful period of our lives, but today, we begin to heal," they said. "For the first time in years, our family can look forward to the future with hope."

There was no immediate comment from Moscow about Fogel's release on Tuesday.

The United States, Russia, and other nations carried out a large prisoner swap in August that resulted in the release of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and American corporate security executive Paul Whelan, among others.

But that deal left out numerous other Americans jailed in Russia, including Fogel. Some omitted then were also not included in Tuesday's release.

Among them is US-Russian dual national Ksenia Khavana, who was convicted of treason in a Russian court shortly after last August's prisoner swap and sentenced to 12 years in prison on charges stemming from a donation of about \$52 to a charity aiding Ukraine.

John Kirby, who was the national security spokesman at the Biden White House at that time, called the conviction and sentencing of Khavana "nothing less than vindictive cruelty."

### DAILY BRIEFING

#### Spain to grant work permits to foreigners

BARCELONA — Spain will grant one-year residency and work permits to potentially 25,000 foreigners affected by the catastrophic flash floods that hit the eastern part of the country last October.

The extraordinary measure, approved by the Spanish Cabinet on Tuesday, is aimed at facilitating paperwork for those living without permission in the dozens of towns affected by the floods. It is part of the government's recovery and reconstruction plan after the Oct. 29 disaster that killed 227 people and destroyed countless homes and businesses. The news was first reported by Spanish daily El País and confirmed by the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration.

Chaos that ensued after

flooding caused by torrential rains left many immigrants unable to abide by the requirements for studying or working in Spain legally. And employers have been unable to comply with the bureaucracy required to hire foreign workers.

The new one-year permits will be given due to the "unexpected exceptional circumstances," but can be denied if there are concerns over public order, security, or health, the ministry said.

While governments across Europe are taking tougher stances against migration, Spain has been going against the current and hailing migrant workers' contributions as a key factor in its economic growth and job creation last year.

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#### Bombs found beneath UK playground

More than 150 bombs from World War II have been found under a children's playground in northern England, with concerns that more may remain, officials said.

The bombs were discovered as a construction project was underway to renovate the Scotts Park playground in Wooler, a small town in Northumberland, England, that is near the border with Scotland. BBC reported that workers had found a "suspicious object" on Jan. 14 while digging foundations. It turned out to be a practice bomb, or a non-explosive bomb that is used for training but can still be harmful.

The Wooler Parish Council enlisted Brimstone Site Investigations, a company that spe-

cializes in unexploded ordnance, to investigate the site, council officials said in a news release.

Brimstone arrived Jan. 23 for what was supposed to be a two-day survey, "but it soon became apparent that the scale of the problem was far greater than anyone had anticipated," the parish council wrote.

On the first day, Brimstone identified an additional 65 practice bombs, each weighing 10 pounds, as well as smoke cartridges.

On the second day of work at the site, Brimstone recovered an additional 90 practice bombs and safely removed them to a designated storage area, the council wrote.

NEW YORK TIMES



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**Members of Greece's military geographical service are trying to determine if the small quakes are a precursor to something larger.**

### Thousands of minor quakes have struck Greek island

ATHENS — Scientists have detected several thousand earthquakes, the vast majority of them with small magnitudes, in just over two weeks near Greece's volcanic island of Santorini, the University of Athens's crisis management committee said Tuesday, adding that a larger quake could not be ruled out.

The highly unusual barrage of earthquakes, which began in late January, has alarmed au-

thorities. They have declared a state of emergency on Santorini, one of Greece's most popular tourist destinations, deploying rescue crews, drones, and sniffer dogs, and putting coast guard and navy vessels on standby.


Thousands of residents and visitors have left the island, while schools on Santorini and nearby islands have been ordered to close for the week.

Extra doctors and paramed-

ics have been sent to Santorini's hospital, while six disaster teams are on standby as reinforcements. Medical staff practiced an evacuation drill Tuesday, running out of the building while wheeling stretchers with people posing as patients.

Scientists say it's unclear whether the dozens of minor quakes each day are a precursor to a significantly larger.

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# Vance decries ‘excessive regulation’ of AI at Paris summit

Says US plan protects against ‘ideological bias’

By Aamer Madhani and Thomas Adamson  
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PARIS — Vice President JD Vance on Tuesday warned global leaders and tech industry executives that “excessive regulation” could cripple the rapidly growing artificial intelligence industry in a rebuke to European efforts to curb AI’s risks.

The speech underscored a widening, three-way rift over the future of the technology — one that critics warn could either cement human progress for generations or set the stage for its downfall.

The United States, under

President Trump, champions a hands-off approach to fuel innovation, while Europe is tightening the reins with strict regulations to ensure safety and accountability. Meanwhile, China is rapidly expanding AI through state-backed tech giants, vying for dominance in the global race.

The United States was noticeably absent from an international document signed by more than 60 nations, including China, making the Trump administration an outlier in a global pledge to promote responsible AI development. The United Kingdom also declined to sign the pledge.

At the summit, Vance made his first major policy speech since becoming vice president last month, framing AI as an economic turning point but cautioning that “at this moment, we

face the extraordinary prospect of a new industrial revolution, one on par with the invention of the steam engine.”

“But it will never come to pass if overregulation deters innovators from taking the risks necessary to advance the ball,” Vance added.

The Trump administration will “ensure that AI systems developed in America are free from ideological bias,” Vance said, pledging that the US would “never restrict our citizens’ right to free speech.”

The international document, signed by scores of countries, pledged to “promote AI accessibility to reduce digital divides” and “ensure AI is open, inclusive, transparent, ethical, safe, secure, and trustworthy.” It also called for “making AI sustainable for people and the planet”

and protecting “human rights, gender equality, linguistic diversity, consumer rights, and intellectual property.”

In a surprise move, China — long criticized for its human rights record — signed the declaration, further widening the distance between America and the rest in the tussle for AI supremacy.

The United Kingdom also declined to sign despite agreeing with much of the declaration because it “didn’t provide enough practical clarity on global governance,” said Tom Wells, a spokesperson for Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

“We didn’t feel it sufficiently addressed broader questions around national security and the challenge that AI poses to it,” Wells said.

He insisted: “This is not

about the US. This is about our own national interest, ensuring the balance between opportunity and security.”

Vance also took aim at foreign governments for “tightening the screws” on US tech firms, saying such moves were troubling.

The agreement comes as the EU enforces its AI Act, the world’s first comprehensive AI law, which took effect in August 2024.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen stressed that “AI needs the confidence of the people and has to be safe.”

“At the same time, I know that we have to make it easier and we have to cut red tape and we will,” she added.

She also announced that the “InvestAI” initiative had reached

a total of 200 billion euros in AI investments across Europe, including 20 billion euros dedicated to AI gigafactories.

The summit laid bare a global power struggle over AI — Europe wants strict rules and public funding, China is expanding state-backed AI, and the US is going all-in on a free-market approach.

French President Emmanuel Macron pitched Europe as a “third way” — a middle ground that regulates AI without smothering innovation or relying too much on the US or China.

“We want fair and open access to these innovations for the whole planet,” he said, calling for global AI rules. He also announced fresh investments across Europe to boost the region’s AI standing. “We’re in the race,” he declared.

## A warning cease-fire could be in danger

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“This operation is currently underway,” he said. “It will be completed as soon as possible.”

Analysts said it was possible that Israel and Hamas would reach a compromise before Saturday on this weekend’s scheduled round of hostage releases. Another hurdle looms in March, when the cease-fire is set to elapse unless Hamas and Israel negotiate an extension.

“The crisis is a prelude for a much bigger crisis that is coming in early March,” said Ibrahim Dalalsha, director of the Horizon Center, a political research group in the West Bank of Ramallah.

Trump repeated his ultimatum on freeing the remaining hostages while meeting Tuesday with King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House. “They either have them out by Saturday at 12 p.m., or all bets are off,” the president said.

Trump’s pronouncements this week — including his statements that the United States will take over the devastated territory and that its Palestinian residents have no rights to return — have infuriated Hamas, flummoxed world leaders, and amplified the sense of chaos surrounding the cease-fire negotiations.

Trump has said the United States will rebuild Gaza into the “Riviera of the Middle East,” and Monday he threatened to withdraw financial support for Egypt and Jordan unless they take in all the Palestinians who would be displaced by that effort.

During his meeting with King Abdullah on Tuesday, Trump insisted that the United States had the authority to “take” Gaza and that other countries in the region would absorb the Palestinians who live there.

“We will have Gaza,” he said. “It’s a war-torn area. We’re going to take it.”



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Israeli soldiers stood on a tank on the border between Israel and Gaza on Tuesday.

Jordan’s Parliament last week introduced a bill that would ban the resettlement of Palestinians in the country. But King Abdullah is trying to protect the more than \$1.5 billion in foreign aid his country receives from the United States. He said in the meeting that Jordan was willing to take in 2,000 Palestinian children with cancer or otherwise very ill “right away.” Trump called the offer “a beautiful gesture.”

Hamas, in a statement Tuesday, called Trump’s broader proposal of removing Palestinians from Gaza “ethnic cleansing.” The group added, “The plan to deport our people from Gaza will not succeed, and they will be faced with a unified Palestinian, Arab, and Islamic position that rejects all displacement plans.”

On Tuesday, Egypt said in a statement released by a spokesperson for the foreign ministry that it intended to present to the United States a “comprehensive vision for the reconstruction of the Gaza Strip” that “ensures the Palestinian people remain in their homeland.”

The first phase of the cease-

fire deal was struck last month between Israel and Hamas, and it was set to expire March 2. Originally, three Israelis were to be freed this week in the latest hostage-for-prisoner exchange as required under the agreement. Most of the exchanges have taken place on Saturdays.

So far, 16 of 33 Israeli hostages who were set to be released in the first phase of this cease-fire have been freed. About 60 other hostages, some of whom are believed to be dead, were to be released this spring under a second phase of the deal.

In a video posted after a four-hour meeting with his security Cabinet, Netanyahu said Tuesday that he and his top advisers had been shocked by the emaciated appearances of three Israeli men who were freed Saturday.

“The decision I passed in the Cabinet, unanimously, is this: If Hamas does not return our hostages by Saturday noon, the cease-fire will end, and the IDF will resume intense fighting until Hamas is decisively defeated,” Netanyahu said in the video, referring to the Israel Defense

Forces.

In its threat Monday to delay the next round of hostages to be released, Hamas accused Israel of violating parts of the cease-fire agreement, including by slowing sufficient humanitarian aid in and around Gaza. Israel has denied the claim.

Hamas led the attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, that started the war, killed about 1,200 people, and led to the abduction of 250 others to Gaza. Israel retaliated by bombarding the territory and displacing millions of Palestinians. At least 48,000 Palestinians have been killed during the fighting, according to local health officials.

The current standoff stems in part from Hamas’s accusation that Israel has not upheld its promises for the first phase of the cease-fire. Israel was required to send hundreds of thousands of tents into Gaza, a promise that Hamas says Israel has not kept.

Three Israeli officials and two mediators, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter, said that Hamas’ claims were accurate. But COGAT, the Israeli military

unit that oversees aid deliveries, said in a written response that Hamas’ accusations were “completely false.”

It added, “Hundreds of thousands of tents have entered Gaza since the beginning of the agreement, as well as fuel, generators and everything Israel pledged.”

Regardless, officials and commentators say the dispute can be resolved relatively easily if Israel allows more aid to Gaza. More serious, they say, is the widespread perception that Netanyahu is undermining the negotiations over an extended truce. Those talks were to begin early last week. Instead, Netanyahu delayed sending a team to Qatar, which is mediating talks, until early this week.

That delegation consisted of three officials who have not previously led Israel’s negotiating effort, according to five Israeli officials and an official from one of the mediating countries. And their mandate was only to listen, not to negotiate.

That created the perception that Netanyahu was playing for time rather than trying to extend the truce.

## Trump meets with Jordan’s king while pushing Gaza plan

Abdullah pulled by conflicting interests

By Michael Birnbaum and Dan Diamond  
WASHINGTON POST

President Trump welcomed Jordan’s King Abdullah II to the White House on Tuesday at an awkward moment for the Middle Eastern leader, who is trapped between Trump’s explosive plan to take over the Gaza Strip and opposition to it at home.

Jordan is a longstanding American ally, heavily dependent on US aid, and also a friendly host to US intelligence agencies operating in the region. But over the past week, as Trump has pushed a US takeover of war-battered Gaza and demanded that Jordan and Egypt take in its residents, Abdullah’s options have looked increasingly impossible.

The Hashemite kingdom is already about half-Palestinian, having taken in waves of refugees over generations of Israeli-Palestinian conflict and, more recently, from the civil war in Syria. Any further influx would probably destabilize Jordan’s already shaky economy and political situation.

But defying Trump could risk the patronage of Jordan’s major supporter. Reflecting Abdullah’s tricky situation, the king was keeping a low profile during his trip to Washington, declining a joint news conference with Trump and trying to avoid moments where he could be twisted into taking a public position on the issue.

“The king has an impossible circle to square,” said Aaron David Miller, a former Middle East negotiator for the State Department who is now at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. “He needs to find a way to say no to Trump elegantly and in a way that doesn’t



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President Trump met with King Abdullah II of Jordan at the Oval Office on Tuesday.

fundamentally undermine his bilateral relationship. I don’t know whether he can do that.”

Since unveiling his surprise plan for Gaza following a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week, Trump has doubled and tripled down on it, despite subordinates’ efforts to partly walk it

back by saying any displacement of Palestinians would be temporary.

Trump, instead, has said that the Palestinians in Gaza would not be allowed back because their new homes elsewhere would be so attractive. The idea is explosive for a long list of reasons, first and fore-

most because many of Gaza’s residents have no interest in abandoning their land.

Critics have declared that any forced expulsion would meet the definition of ethnic cleansing.

Trump told reporters Monday that he expected to be able to persuade Abdullah to take in Palestinians.

Abdullah’s ability to respond to the president’s demands was further hampered Monday by Trump’s appearing to give a green light to Netanyahu’s potential restart of the war in Gaza after three weeks of cease-fire. Hamas has been releasing Israeli hostages but declared a halt on Monday.

Jordanian leaders, meanwhile, have been involved for more than in a year in a painstaking effort to restore peace to Gaza and to push for an eventual Palestinian state — a step that would be imperiled if Palestinians are permanently moved out of Gaza.

## Pope criticizes Trump’s expulsions

Says moves violate migrants’ dignity

By Emma Bubola  
NEW YORK TIMES

ROME — Pope Francis on Tuesday harshly criticized President Trump’s policy of mass deportations and urged Catholics to reject anti-immigrant narratives in an unusually direct attack on the American administration.

In an open letter to US bishops, Francis said deporting people who often come from difficult situations violates the “dignity of many men and women, and of entire families.”

The pope wrote that he had “followed closely the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations,” adding that any policy built on force “begins badly and will end badly.”

Francis has long been an advocate for migrants and has made denouncing their plight a pillar of his papacy. He has called the issue a “shipwreck of civilization” and spoken out repeatedly against what he considers unwelcoming and unchristian migration policies around the world.

Francis had criticized Trump’s anti-immigration plans when he was a presidential candidate, but the letter was one of the first public and explicit criticisms he has directed at the president since the election. Experts said it amounted to a steep escalation in the temper of the relationship between the Vatican and the US administration.

“It turns up the heat of the conflict,” said Massimo Faggioli, a professor of theology at Villanova University.

Experts said that by writing an open letter, the pope was also indirectly addressing members of the new US administration, many of whom are Catholic, and specifically, Vice President JD Vance.

Francis appeared to give a riposte to Vance, who recently talked about the “ordo amoris” — a medieval Catholic theological concept that established a hierarchy of duties that prioritized immediate obligations to one’s family or community over distant needs.

The pope wrote that “Christian love is not a concentric expansion of interests that little by little extend to other persons and groups.”

“The true ordo amoris that must be promoted,” he wrote, is “love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception.”

The pope’s letter, experts said, was also addressed to some bishops and Catholics who have adopted a benevolent stance toward Trump.

There was no immediate comment from the White House.



Pope Francis has long been an advocate for migrants.



# Rushdie testifies about stabbing attack during trial

Shares details about injuries, other damage

By Alyce McFadden  
NEW YORK TIMES

MAYVILLE, N.Y. — Salman Rushdie was preparing to give a talk to more than 1,000 people in an idyllic amphitheater along Chautauqua Lake when he suddenly became aware of a figure onstage, rushing toward him. “I was very struck by his eyes,” Rushdie, the renowned author, said. They were dark, he said. And ferocious.

Before he could react, a man was upon him, striking his cheek, his jaw, his neck, and, “most painfully and most dangerously,” his right eye. At first, Rushdie said, he thought he was being punched. But then he became aware of “a very large quantity of blood pouring out onto my clothes.”

He had actually been stabbed repeatedly around his head and face.

Rushdie testified Tuesday in the trial of Hadi Matar. The author gave jurors a vivid account of the stabbing and came face to face with the man accused of attempting to murder him.

The stab to his eye was “intensely painful,” Rushdie said. “And after that I was screaming because of the pain.”

The knife severed his optic nerve, he said, leaving the eye blind.

“That’s what’s left of it,” he told jurors, lifting the distinctive eyeglasses he has worn in public since the attack. One lens is clear, and the other is black. Behind the black lens, his ruined eye appeared mostly closed.

Rushdie was attacked during a summertime arts conference at the Chautauqua Institution in western New York in 2022, as he was preparing to deliver a lecture on asylum for exiled writers.

After he was struck five or six times in his face and head,



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Hadi Matar was escorted from the courtroom after his second day of trial on Tuesday in Mayville, N.Y.

Rushdie told the jury, he attempted to flee, but the attack continued. He was stabbed and slashed about 15 times, he said. At several points in his testimony, Rushdie pointed to places on his body where he was injured: his cheek, his chest, his throat, his hand, his waist.

He collapsed, and around half a minute after the attack began, the assailant was pulled off him by bystanders and Ralph Henry Reese, one of the founders of a project that offers refuge for writers and who was onstage with Rushdie. On the ground, in a pool of blood, Rushdie said he was overtaken by “a sense of great pain and shock.”

“It occurred to me quite clearly that I was dying,” he said. “And that was my predominant thought.”

From the amphitheater, Rushdie was taken by helicopter to a hospital with a trauma clinic in Erie, Pa. He spent 17 days there, he said, before he was transferred to NYU Langone’s Rusk Rehabilitation center in New York City, where he stayed for nearly a month.

The attack left him with lasting scars, including a wound on his lip that has made it hard for him to pronounce some words, he said. A stab wound to his left hand severed tendons and damaged nerves. Other damage is not as visible.

“I am not as energetic as I used to be,” Rushdie said. “I am not as physically strong as I used to be.”

As Rushdie testified Tuesday at the Chautauqua County Courthouse in Mayville, N.Y., his wife, Rachel Eliza Griffiths,

listened from the second row.

Rushdie lived in hiding after the Iranian government issued a fatwa in 1989 directing Muslims to kill him following the publication of his novel “The Satanic Verses,” which fictionalized aspects of the Prophet Muhammad’s life.

For the first decade under the fatwa, Rushdie lived in seclusion in London with round-the-clock security. But for the last 20 years, Rushdie had lived an almost normal life in New York City.

In a memoir published in April about the attack and his recovery, “Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder,” Rushdie writes an imagined conversation with his assailant. He wanted to meet him, he wrote.

“I wanted to sit in a room

with him and say, ‘Tell me about it,’” he wrote. “I wanted him to look me in my (one remaining) eye and tell me the truth.”

In the courtroom, Rushdie did not get that chance. Matar, the man accused of wielding the knife, largely avoided looking at the author. For the most part, Matar’s eyes remained downcast, glancing occasionally at Jason Schmidt, the district attorney, and in the direction of the jury.

Lynn Schaffer, the lawyer representing Matar, asked Rushdie on cross-examination whether he thought the trauma of the experience might have clouded his memory. He acknowledged he had “some false memories,” including a mistaken recollection that “when I saw the attacker, I stood up to

‘It occurred to me quite clearly that I was dying. And that was my predominant thought.’

SALMAN RUSHDIE  
*In testimony during the trial of Hadi Matar*

face him.”

In addition to attempted murder, Matar, 27, also faces an assault charge for a slash wound that Reese sustained. On Monday morning, Matar’s defense team told Judge David W. Foley that the lead defense lawyer, Nathaniel L. Barone II, had been hospitalized. Barone was absent again Tuesday. In her opening statement, Schaffer asked the jury to keep an open mind about Matar’s innocence. Cross-examination of the prosecution’s witnesses has been relatively brief.

Prosecutors said that they expect the trial to last around two weeks.

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# Democrats hope to win back Hispanic voters after ’24 losses

But questions linger if GOP will have staying power

By Edgar Sandoval  
NEW YORK TIMES

EDINBURG, Texas — On a recent weekday afternoon, a group of Latino university students near the Southwestern border draped themselves in flags festooned with President Trump’s “Make America Great Again” slogan, carried pro-Trump signs, and set out to recruit new voters — like Victor Ibarra.

“This area is no longer just for Democrats,” Ibarra, 20, an exuberant political science major, said as he joined their ranks and draped a MAGA flag around his neck. “A lot of people are changing the way they used to vote.”

So much has already happened at the dawn of the second Trump term that could resonate in Texas’ Rio Grande Valley border region: raids and deportations; the opening of a migrant internment camp at the US base in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba; the president’s attempt to end automatic citizenship to babies born on US soil; tariffs threatened, then pulled back, on Mexican goods; and the US military dispatched to the border.

All of that has only underscored a question that might have more political importance than any other in the near future: Does the rightward lurch of Hispanic working-class voters have staying power, or can Democrats win them back?

A new breed of Latino leaders is emerging in this once-solidly Democratic enclave to find the answer.

Alexis Uscanga, 21, who once idolized President Obama, is typical of the Republicans asserting themselves at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in the border city of Edinburg, Texas.

“The Republican Party is here to stay,” he said.



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Alexis Uscanga (center), president of RGV College Republicans, said the party “is here to stay.”

Countering such youthful conservative energy is the likes of Representative Greg Casar, 35, a Democratic rising star in Washington, D.C., and whose district includes parts of Austin and San Antonio. He sees the turmoil both on the border and in the nation’s capital as a return ticket for Hispanic voters attracted by Trump’s appeals to the working class, and potentially repelled by the emergence of a billionaire, Elon Musk, as a force in the president’s government.

“Trump and Musk are shamelessly robbing working people’s tax dollars in plain sight,” said Casar, the newly elected chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus in only his second House term. “Democrats can be the party of working-class people again if we fight tooth and nail against billionaire Republican corruption.”

Republican leaders along the Rio Grande have for years been courting socially conservative Latinos in the region’s mix of growing urban centers and rural ranch lands by preaching common ground on family values, border security, abortion, and views about gender identity and roles.

“The Democratic Party doesn’t represent the values of people down here in the valley,” said Roberto Cantú Jr., chair of the Hidalgo County Republican Party, representing an area that includes Edinburg. “Our values

are faith, family, and freedom.”

No doubt, 2024 was a breakthrough moment in El Valle, as the area where Latinos are the majority is known, at least on the presidential level. Trump took 12 of the 14 counties along the border with Mexico, more than double the five in 2016. Eight of the top 10 Democratic counties that swung hardest toward Trump are within a short drive to Mexico. The area is where many local residents have cultural ties, perplexing political experts who assumed that Trump’s campaign promise of mass deportations and his condemnation of illegal immigration would sour Latino voters.

More confounding may be what happened down ballot, where many border-region Democrats managed to win tightly drawn districts, including Representatives Vicente Gonzalez and Henry Cuellar.

Robert W. Velez, a lecturer in the political science department at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, said the new political reality along the border is clear: “Any social stigma about voting Republican has been lifted.”

Still, he added, whether Republicans will be able to retain their allure once Trump no longer leads the party remains to be seen. “I mean, that’s the real question,” Velez said. “Once Trump is not on the ballot anymore, will it stick?”

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# Judge affirms order blocking Trump’s funds freeze

Appeals court says an earlier ruling not obeyed

By **Lindsay Whitehurst**  
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WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court on Tuesday rejected a Trump administration push to reinstate a sweeping pause on federal funding, a decision that comes after a judge found the administration had not fully obeyed an earlier order.

The Boston-based 1st US Circuit Court of Appeals turned back the emergency appeal, though it said it expected the lower court judge to act quickly

## Aid contractors sue to overturn halt to funds for USAID

WASHINGTON — A group of nongovernmental organizations, contractors, and small businesses that rely on US foreign aid to carry out humanitarian and development programs abroad filed a lawsuit in federal court Tuesday against the Trump administration and its efforts to phase out the US Agency for International Development.

The plaintiffs charge that the Trump administration “violated the separation of powers” by withholding foreign aid funds that Congress appropriated and, in the process, put their companies, the livelihoods of their employees, and the vast majority of their aid work in critical jeopardy.

“These programs cannot simply be restarted on command,” the lawsuit states. “USAID’s partners are hemorrhaging resources and employees.”

The suit adds that no provision of any appropriations bill or law “authorizes the president, secretary of state or USAID administrator to impose a wholesale freeze or termination of appropriated foreign assistance funding.”

The Trump administration has argued that the agency wastes taxpayers’ money on costly and unfocused overseas programs that do little for the American people. The White House and USAID referred requests for comment to the State Department; a spokesperson for the State Department said the department did not comment on pending litigation.

The suit seeks to overturn President Trump’s executive order pausing foreign aid for 90 days pending a review, as well as all subsequent memos and directives from State Department and USAID officials to implement that order. It lists the specific hits that several of the companies involved in the suit have taken in recent weeks, including to lifesaving health and humanitarian aid programs, despite

to clarify.

The Justice Department had asked the appeals court to let it implement sweeping pauses on federal grants and loans, calling the lower court order to keep promised money flowing “intolerable judicial overreach.”

That ruling came from US District Court Judge John McConnell in Rhode Island, the first judge to find that the administration had disobeyed a court order.

He is presiding over a lawsuit from nearly two dozen Democratic states filed after the administration issued a boundary-pushing memo purporting to halt all federal grants and loans, worth trillions of dollars. The

promises from the Trump administration to issue waivers to keep such programs functioning.

The lawsuit follows another filed by unions representing USAID employees. On Friday, Judge Carl Nichols of the US District Court for the District of Columbia, a 2019 Trump appointee, issued a restraining order pausing the imminent administrative leave of 2,200 USAID employees and a plan to withdraw nearly all of the agency’s overseas workers within 30 days. He also ordered the temporary reinstatement of 500 agency employees who had already been placed on administrative leave.

Like the USAID employees, the contractors who sued on Tuesday charged that the Trump administration’s moves had battered their operations.

“Irreparable damage is also being done to the grantees, contractors and other partners who carry out these programs right now,” Tuesday’s lawsuit reads. “Without funding, these actors must lay off staff, cut ties with local actors and essentially terminate their operations. There is a serious risk that they simply will not exist if defendants ever decide to un-pause their work.”

The suit lists several specific firms and areas that have taken a hit.

Chemonics, a large, private development firm that has furloughed about two-thirds of its US-based staff in the past couple of weeks, reported having about \$150 million in health commodities, including medicines, “stranded in warehouses around the world” and another \$88.5 million worth in transit. All are at risk of spoilage or theft, the suit says. It also says that if Chemonics cannot deliver those supplies, what could result is more than 560,000 deaths from diseases such as AIDS and malaria, and that 215,000 of those deaths would be among children.

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plan sparked chaos around the country.

The administration has since rescinded that memo, but McConnell found Monday that not all federal grants and loans had been restored.

Money for things like early childhood education, pollution reduction, and HIV prevention research has remained tied up even after his Jan. 31 order halting the spending freeze plan, the states said.

McConnell, who was appointed by former president Barack Obama, ordered the Trump administration to “immediately take every step necessary” to unfreeze all federal grants and loans.



Steve Bannon spoke to reporters outside the court in New York on Tuesday.

**Judge orders health agencies to restore sites**

A federal judge on Tuesday ordered the nation’s premier health agencies to restore online access to several websites that monitor HIV, health risks for youths, and assisted reproductive technologies, which were abruptly taken offline to ensure they complied with Trump’s recent executive order on gender.

US District Judge John D. Bates granted a temporary restraining order requested by the nonprofit advocacy group Doctors for America, directing the administration to bring back public information maintained by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration while a lawsuit challenging the administration’s decision to remove it is pending.

“By removing long relied upon medical resources without explanation, it is likely that ... each agency failed to ‘examine the relevant data and articulate a satisfactory explanation for its action,’” Bates wrote in an opinion issued Tuesday, finding that the health agencies probably vi-

olated federal law in taking down the scientific data.

He ordered the agencies to restore access to the websites by the end of Tuesday.

WASHINGTON POST

**Bannon pleads guilty to single charge on wall fund**

NEW YORK — A long legal saga for Steve Bannon, a longtime adviser to Donald Trump, ended Tuesday when he pleaded guilty in Manhattan criminal court to a single felony count of defrauding donors who had sought to help build a wall at the southern border.

Bannon had been charged by the Manhattan district attorney’s office with five felony counts, including money laundering and conspiracy charges, and could have faced between five and 15 years in prison on the most serious charge. Instead, he received a three-year conditional discharge, meaning he will serve no prison time if he does not reoffend.

It was the second time Bannon had avoided a trial on charges connected to a group called We Build the Wall, a grass-roots effort to fulfill a

promise of Trump’s first term. In 2021, in the hours before he left office, Trump pardoned Bannon in a similar federal case.

To build the state case, the district attorney’s office would likely have needed to depend on those federal prosecutors, the documents they had gathered, and the evidence they had presented to a federal grand jury in Manhattan.

But those officials now answer to an attorney general, Pam Bondi, who has pledged to scrutinize Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, who won a felony conviction of Trump last year.

Bannon’s lawyer, Arthur Aidala, celebrated the deal Tuesday. He said that had his client gone to trial as scheduled in March, he would have been hard pressed to win an acquittal before a Manhattan jury. Bannon’s co-defendants in the federal case were sentenced to years behind bars.

Bannon declined to address the court. Bragg said in a statement that the deal had achieved “our primary goal: to protect New York’s charities and New Yorkers’ charitable giving from fraud.”

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**White House blocks AP reporter over style issue**

The White House blocked an Associated Press reporter from an event in the Oval Office on Tuesday after demanding that the news agency alter its style on the name of the Gulf of Mexico, which President Trump has ordered renamed the Gulf of America.

The reporter tried to enter the White House event as usual Tuesday afternoon and was turned away, Associated Press executives said.

The highly unusual ban, which Trump administration officials had threatened earlier Tuesday unless the AP changed the style on the gulf, could have constitutional free-speech implications.

Julie Pace, executive editor of the Associated Press, called the administration’s move unacceptable.

“Limiting our access to the Oval Office based on the content of AP’s speech not only severely impedes the public’s access to independent news, it plainly violates the First Amendment,” Pace said in a statement.

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## With Musk at his side, president pushes more downsizing

Top adviser says voters wanted ‘major . . . reform’

By **Chris Megerian**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Trump made a rare appearance with Elon Musk, his most powerful adviser, in the Oval Office on Tuesday before signing an executive order to continue downsizing the federal workforce.

The order is intended to advance Musk’s work slashing spending with his Department of Government Efficiency. Musk said there are some good people in the federal bureaucracy but they need to be accountable and called it an “unelected” fourth branch.

“The people voted for major government reform and that’s what the people are going to get,” he said. “That’s what democracy is all about.”

It was Musk’s first time taking questions from reporters since he joined the Trump administration as a special government employee with sprawling

influence over federal agencies.

There has never been a White House staff member with the vast potential for conflicts like Musk, the world’s richest person and the head of leading companies in electric vehicles, space exploration, and artificial intelligence.

He’s also the owner of X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter.

Despite concerns that he’s amassing unaccountable power with little transparency, Musk described himself as an open book. He joked that the scrutiny was like a “daily proctology exam.”

The White House fact sheet said that “agencies will undertake plans for large-scale reductions in force and determine which agency components (or agencies themselves) may be eliminated or combined because their functions aren’t required by law.”

It also said that agencies should “hire no more than one employee for every four employees that depart from federal service.” There are plans for exceptions when it comes to immigra-



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**Elon Musk and his son X Musk joined President Trump in the Oval Office on Tuesday. In answer to reporters’ questions, Musk described himself as an open book.**

tion, law enforcement, and public safety.

Trump and Musk are pushing federal workers to resign in return for financial incentives, although their plan is currently on hold while a judge reviews its legality. The deferred resigna-

tion program, commonly described as a buyout, would allow employees to quit and still get paid until Sept. 30. Administration officials said more than 65,000 workers have taken the offer.

It was disclosed on Tuesday

that Musk plans to file a financial disclosure report to the White House, but it will remain confidential, according to a White House official.

Because Musk is serving as an unpaid “special government employee,” it means his finan-

cial disclosure is not required to be made public.

Musk received an ethics training this week, the official said, and Musk’s staff members as part of the so-called Department of Government Efficiency are in the process of receiving their own training, said the White House official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on the record.

Special government employees, like all federal employees except the president and vice president, are prohibited under federal criminal law from taking actions that directly benefit themselves or their families, unless they have an ethics waiver.

Musk’s companies have billions of dollars in federal contracts and are the subject of more than a dozen pending federal regulatory investigations or lawsuits, so he will almost certainly need an ethics waiver, several former White House lawyers said.

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# Researchers at a loss over ‘assault on science’

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now in the federal government’s crosshairs — and the implications for public health are enormous,” said Hughto, a professor of behavioral and social sciences and of epidemiology at Brown University.

The torrent of Trump administration directives aimed at rooting out “woke” ideology from the federal government has upended medical research in New England, imperiling the work of scores of health scientists and clinicians. And in another blow to scientific progress, researchers learned that beginning Monday, the National Institutes of Health intended to slash payments across the board in an effort to reduce the amount of tax money spent on overhead costs. A judge has put that plan on hold.

Researchers from Cambridge to Providence have shut or suspended government-funded projects focused on racial and ethnic diversity, and transgender issues. Dozens of studies have been removed from federal websites — on topics as varied as suicide prevention and women’s reproductive health — in an apparent effort to comply with executive orders barring material that promotes “gender ideology” and “wasteful government DEI programs.”

Even health studies that have little or nothing to do with DEI were swept up in the crack-down, in some cases for including mere words (such as “LG-BT” and “nonbinary”) now flagged as problematic by federal agencies.

Scientists say the purging of such information amounts to censorship and will imperil health programs focused on disadvantaged populations.

“This is an assault on science, and it could affect patient health for generations to come,” said Royce, an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive biology at Harvard Medical School.

With billions in federal funding going to prominent academic medical centers, Greater Boston’s health research community is squarely in the crosshairs of the Trump administrative decrees. Massachusetts ranks sixth for per capita federal funding of diversity and equity-oriented research, according to a Globe analysis of federal data. In 2024, the state received \$33.1 million, up from \$23.2 million in fiscal year 2020.

The new edicts have thrown health researchers into an ethical quandary: Do they censor their research — and remove certain language and populations — in the hope of saving years of work that could benefit public health? Or do they proceed as if nothing has changed and risk having their federal funding and research projects canceled?

“This has struck the fear of God in us,” said a Boston Uni-



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Sean Cahill, director of health policy research at Fenway Health in Boston, said his worst fears have been realized.

versity researcher on maternal and child health, who asked not to be identified due to concerns her projects might be defunded if she publicly criticized the directives. “Do we acquiesce early and preserve what we can? Or do we fight the good fight and go down trying to uphold our values? It’s a moral conundrum.”

President Trump’s efforts to eradicate programs that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and an expansive view of gender, began on inauguration day, with an executive order proclaiming the government will recognize only two sexes — male and female — and effectively eliminate any recognition afforded transgender people. He’s also terminated all DEI initiatives and preferences in the federal government, and ordered agencies to shut programs, grants, and other initiatives that promote “gender ideology.”

Since then, research scientists have received foreboding warnings from colleagues to “check your email” and go to government websites to see if their work was still there. In many cases, those scouring for traces of their past research found the simple message, “The page you’re looking for was not found.”

“It’s about as clear as mud what is and isn’t allowed, which is part of the reason people are panicking,” said Katie Biello, chair of epidemiology at the Brown University School of Public Health.

The executive orders reverse years of effort by the scientific community to combat racial and sexual discrimination in its

ranks. Under the Biden administration, there was an intensified effort to use science funding to advance diversity goals. Many federal health agencies required applicants for federal grants to outline diversity plans and dedicate part of their research budgets toward DEI.

Some critics have argued that such mandates undermined academic freedom.

Yet even critics of DEI mandates are alarmed by the extent of the Trump administration’s efforts to censor health information, which experts say could reverberate for years to come.

“Many of the things [Trump is] doing now are horrifying,” said Dr. Jeffrey Flier, an endocrinologist and former dean of Harvard Medical School who has criticized DEI efforts in academia. “The way he is going about it undermines many good people. He is doing many things indiscriminately.”

Sean Cahill, director of health policy research at Fenway Health in Boston, spent much of Martin Luther King Jr. Day glued to coverage of Trump’s inauguration only to see his worst fears realized.

Trump’s edicts have far-reaching implications for Fenway Health, which for five decades has pioneered infectious disease research in the gay and lesbian community. In 1981, Fenway Health made the first diagnosis of AIDS in New England and was among the first to conduct AIDS prevention research. The center is currently involved in more than 50 research projects exploring sexual health, HIV prevention, and health inequities facing the LG-BTQ population. Recently, the

center chronicled an alarming increase in sexually transmitted diseases, including a surge in new HIV infections in Massachusetts.

This research is impossible to do, said Cahill, without asking people about their gender identity and sexual behavior — information that puts Fenway in the crosshairs of the federal decrees. At least three university researchers affiliated with the Fenway Institute, its research arm, have received letters to halt research projects because

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they include LGBTQ or transgender populations, Cahill said.

“They are grappling with a dilemma because they want to do this important public health research and continue to serve these communities, but they don’t want to completely lose their funding,” Cahill said.

Many researchers had hoped private philanthropies would fill the gaps created by cuts to federal grants. But last Thursday, officials with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the nation’s largest private funder of biomedical research, said it ended a \$60 million program aimed at improving retention of

diverse students in undergraduate science and engineering programs. More than 100 institutions receive funding through the program, according to a report in STAT, the Globe’s sister publication.

“So even private funding is susceptible to this administration’s unraveling of DEI initiatives,” wrote André Isaacs, a professor in the chemistry department of the College of the Holy Cross, on the social media site Bluesky after announcing that his school had lost that Hughes grant.

Confusion over the Trump administration’s actions extended to the highest reaches of academia.

At a meeting last Monday, a prominent research council at Mass General Brigham drew several hundred physicians and researchers to a Zoom discussion of Trump’s executive orders. One doctor who attended the meeting said that Dr. Paul Anderson, MGB’s chief academic officer, did not have many answers. “They don’t know what to do,” said the physician, who did not want to be identified because they did not have authorization to discuss the meeting publicly.

Jessica Pastore, a spokesperson for MGB, the state’s largest health system, said that they have been holding daily meetings on the Trump directives with faculty and researchers, but that the impacts of the changes are still being evaluated.

Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Boston’s public health commissioner, said her agency is carrying on business as usual. She said the health commission has inter-

preted the Trump order on DEI as being narrowly applied to the workplace environment as well as hiring and recruiting, and not to programs that address health disparities.

“Even if there is a threat, we are prepared to manage that threat,” she said. “Everything right now feels like a threat. That is the purpose of what is going on.”

Other researchers are reeling from the unwelcome discovery that their grants are imperiled or peer-reviewed research papers have vanished from federal websites.

Hughto, the Brown University professor, said she is still unsure how to respond to the Trump directives. Hughto and her research team are four years into a study that seeks answers to why a growing numbers of New Englanders are using stimulants (such as cocaine and methamphetamine) mixed with fentanyl, a highly potent synthetic opioid. The expansive project has involved painstaking interviews with law enforcement, physicians, pharmacists, and people incarcerated for dealing and manufacturing illicit drugs, among many others.

She and her team plan to proceed with the research, but are holding off releasing results until they get further clarity.

“Presumably the opioid epidemic is a concern of this administration, and to potentially eliminate funding to address the epidemic because of the mention of transgender people is absolutely nonsensical,” Hughto said.

Dr. Gordon Schiff, director of quality and safety for the Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care, said he is still puzzled why a study he coauthored three years ago about patients at risk of suicide vanished from a website operated by the federal Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research.

The study explores the case of an 18-year-old man with a history of depression and suicide attempts, and the missed opportunities to treat him in emergency and primary care settings.

While the study is not focused on gender or equity issues, it does contain a single sentence noting that transgender and LGBTQ people are at higher risk of suicide — an assertion supported by a multitude of studies, Schiff noted.

“Suicide is a huge public health issue, which you don’t deal with by suppressing science or discouraging people from writing about it,” Schiff said. “People are going to die as a result of censorship like this.”

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# After stripping of USAID, disbelief and unpaid bills remain

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provides billions of dollars in aid to more than 100 countries, has prompted a massive outcry over the humanitarian consequences.

It has also devastated firms such as Resonance that rely heavily on USAID support. In a matter of days, the firm cut its staff of 90 people to 14 through two rounds of layoffs, Schmida said. He said about a quarter of the staff are based in the Northeast.

In addition, Schmida said Resonance has more than \$3 million in unpaid invoices from USAID for expenses the company accrued since November while doing work under federal contracts, money he does not expect to receive any time soon.

The company’s leadership has taken a pay cut, and Schmida said he is not taking a salary and has dipped into his personal savings to keep the firm afloat.

“I don’t know what else to do,” he said. “No bank is going to touch us with a 10-foot pole.”

The experience at Resonance illustrates the chaos foreign aid firms are facing. Since the freeze, thousands of USAID workers have been placed on leave, and employees overseas

were given 30 days to move their families back to the United States at the government’s expense.

On Friday, a Trump-appointed federal judge stopped the 30-day deadline and ordered USAID staffers who were placed on leave to be reinstated.

Schmida’s company has led and partnered with other groups on USAID-funded projects around the world, including fisheries conservation in Indonesia and the Philippines, education and school retention in Uganda, and expanding access to clean water in Tanzania.

Last week, the firm announced the second round of layoffs on a call with staff. Schmida said that it was “heart-breaking” but that employees “all were supportive.”

“They know what’s happening and they know the broader issues,” he said.

Schmida described the staff as “amazing, wonderful people who really dedicated their lives to advancing American values and American interests.”

“It’s just so hard to see people who . . .” he said, trailing off as he became emotional. “They’re all super smart. They could have gotten finance or computer sci-



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Someone made their feelings known last week at USAID headquarters in Washington, D.C.

ence degrees . . . but they didn’t. They decided they wanted to work with farmers in Uganda and try to help raise their incomes.”

Resonance is one of many USAID contractors forced to furlough and lay off employees.

DAI, a large USAID contractor based in Bethesda, Md., has laid off 450 of its workers in the United States, according to Steven O’Connor, a company spokesperson.

Allison Basson, who lives in Mendon, said she was fur-

loughed from her job at DAI, where she started as a project coordinator in 2008 after finishing graduate school. She left the company in 2016 to take a job with Abt Global in Cambridge but returned three years later to work as director of business de-

velopment for the company’s environment sector.

“I really felt like I had my dream job,” she said. “I loved my colleagues, we had such a good and cohesive group of people. I wish I had appreciated it more because I never thought this would happen.”

Basson said her team had its last video call on Jan. 31.

“No one wanted to hang up,” she said. “We knew that there was a high likelihood we would never all be together again.”

Basson said it has been difficult to see the criticism levied at USAID and its contracts in recent weeks, some of which has been fueled by false and misleading information on social media.

“It’s really sad to hear some of the propaganda that’s being spread, that we’re fraudulent and we’re criminals,” she said.

“I’m not saying that USAID is perfect. I know that they’re not, and none of us are claiming that. It’s just kind of like, was it necessary to blow up the entire industry for efficiency? Isn’t there a better way to do that?”

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EDITORIAL

# Massachusetts Senate makes a stab at transparency

Massachusetts voters delivered a clear message to the Legislature last November on transparency — or rather its lack of it. It seems at least some of that message got through.

This week the Senate is scheduled to vote on a list of modest rules reforms aimed at opening up more of its workings to the public — and ensuring that more legislation is finished in a timely manner and with a roll-call vote.

It's good to know the Senate is at least capable of aiming higher than the sorry and chaotic

doesn't agree, the Senate rules for joint committees propose making all senators' votes on bills public along with any in-person or written testimony received by senators.

Now wouldn't it make some sense for the House to go along with that?

The Senate rules package is, of course, just a start. It is a far cry from the kind of sweeping, culture-altering reforms being proposed by the Coalition to Reform Our Legislature, a group that includes former lawmakers Jay Kaufman of Lexington and Jonathan Hecht of Watertown.

The group has filed two pieces of legislation this year that

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ic end to last year's session and has heard the inherent plea for transparency from the 72 percent of voters who approved Question 1, allowing the state auditor to audit the Legislature.

Still, hold the applause for now. The House hasn't announced its rules plans for this session — now in its sixth week, let's not forget — and the House and Senate haven't agreed on joint rules for about a half dozen years. And both branches routinely suspend their own rules.

Still, the Senate changes would represent some progress.

In hopes of making the body operate more efficiently, it is proposing to move up the date for joint committees to report out legislation — known as Joint Rule 10 — from its current date of early February of the second year of the session to the first Wednesday of December in the first year. Perhaps that would prevent so many bills from piling up at the end of the session.

Senate rules would also codify — and improve — the way it deals with important and complex bills that remain stuck in conference committee when the Legislature ends its formal sessions July 31 — as it does in all election years. The July 31 deadline for formal sessions would remain in place — except for bills still in conference committee — but the rules change would allow for a formal roll-call vote on those bills.

"We've heard from many members who want to be able to vote and record their vote in a formal session," Senator Joan Lovely, chair of the Temporary Senate Committee on Rules, said at a briefing last week.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee would be directed to prepare bill summaries in "plain English," as Senator Paul Feeney put it, for all legislation reported out favorably from committee and make those available online.

And even if the House

truly would change the way the Legislature operates. One would establish two independent and nonpartisan offices for legislative research that would include expertise in drafting legislation and researching its policy implications and another office for fiscal analysis that would report back on the fiscal implications of bills. State Auditor Diana DiZoglio has also endorsed the idea of resurrecting an independent Legislative Research Bureau.

The other bill proposed by the coalition would get at the heart of the power of the House speaker and Senate president to control the members of their branches through awarding (or withholding) "leadership" posts and the extra pay that comes with them.

By the group's calculation there are some 68 posts in the Senate and 94 in the House "that can boost a legislator's annual pay by 10 percent to 120 percent above the base salary of \$82,044." Those positions range from bona fide jobs that may merit extra pay to sinecures with little or no heavy lifting.

This bill would limit the number of leadership stipends (including those for Ways and Means chairs), lower the amount of money paid out, and also require that extra pay go only to the chairs of joint committees that deal with 50 bills or more in the course of a legislative session.

It is a thoughtful if rather complex approach to the problem that currently exists of the consolidation of power in the hands of a few.

The voting public has given every indication it's tired of the kind of closed-door lawmaking that has become the norm on Beacon Hill. The Senate rules package sends the right message — acknowledging the public demand for change and responding in a few incremental ways.



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Vice President JD Vance with President Trump.

JEFF JACOBY

## A harsh immigration crackdown is a strange way to show love

In a recent Fox News interview, Vice President JD Vance defended the Trump administration's severe immigration policies by suggesting only crazed leftists could object to them.

"There's something very deranged in the mind of the far left in this country," he told interviewer Sean Hannity. "I really do think that they feel more of a sense of compassion for illegal aliens who have no right to be in this country than they do their fellow citi-

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zens, and that really has to change."

A moment later, citing what he called "a very Christian concept," he amplified the point.

"You love your family, and then you love your neighbor, and then you love your community, and then you love your fellow citizens in your own country," Vance said. "And then after that you can focus and prioritize the rest of the world. A lot of the far left has completely inverted that. They seem to hate the citizens of their own country and care more about people outside."

In response to Christian critics on social media, Vance doubled down. "Just google 'ordo amoris,'" he posted. The Latin term, which means "order of loves," comes from the writings of St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas, who used it in the context of personal virtue and individual responsibility — not to justify a controversial government policy.

As is often the case when politicians invoke religion or scripture, Vance — a former atheist who converted to Catholicism in 2019 — is not carefully assessing which policies he should support in light of his obligations as a Christian. He is conjuring up religion to defend government policies he already favors. Even supposing he is right about the hierarchy of love that should guide human behavior, does anyone imagine that *love* is the basis of the Trump administration's ferocious assault on immigration?

After all, President Trump's orders have gone far beyond directing immigration officials to round up undocumented immigrants who have committed crimes against American citizens. He eliminated the requirement that federal agents target unlawful migrants who pose a threat to public safety, with the result that arrests of migrants without crimi-

nal records has skyrocketed.

The White House has moved with exceptional speed to throttle *legal* migration, too. Within hours of his inauguration, Trump proclaimed the right to suspend any immigration laws that interfere with his agenda. Immediately thereafter, as the Cato Institute's David Bier has documented, he pulled the plug on one lawful immigration program after another.

All refugee entries have been halted. So have all the procedures to apply for lawful entry as a refugee. An exceptionally successful humanitarian program that enabled migrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Ukraine to enter the United States under the sponsorship of American citizens has been shut down. Trump has even pulled the rug out from under Afghans who risked their lives to support American troops and diplomats and were previously cleared to relocate to the United States.

Does all this reflect Vance's moral admonition to "love your fellow citizens in your own country"? Or does it reflect merely the bitter nativism that has always been Trump's deepest political passion?

Of course it is true that, as a general rule, our obligation to care for those closest to us takes precedence over obligations to aid those who are more distant. It is perfectly reasonable to say that since you cannot help everyone, you should prioritize those you are closer to. But that is hardly an excuse for demonizing or persecuting those you are unable to assist. Yes, charity begins at home. But it shouldn't end there. Centuries before Aquinas was writing about "ordo amoris," the towering Jewish sage Hillel famously taught: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, what am I?"

Ideally, the instinctive concern we feel for our relatives and friends should motivate us to expand our benevolence and compassion to others. Again and again, Judeo-Christian teachings make the point that empathy radiates outward from the narrow and parochial to the broader and more encompassing. The Hebrew Bible admonishes: "Love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." Aquinas stresses that as we act with charity and kindness toward those closest to us, "the heart is enlarged thereby."

Again, these are ethical rules for individuals, not a policy blueprint for governments. Vance would do better to try explaining the administration's policies in terms of national interest rather than try to fit them into a theological principle. Either way, however, the fierce White House crackdown on immigration — especially legal immigration — is indefensible. It has always been in America's national interest to welcome peaceful and grateful newcomers. A blessing for them; perhaps even more of a blessing for us.

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INBOX

RFK Jr. nears nomination, and you could hear a pin drop

When people fear speaking out, authoritarianism grows

Tal Kopan's article "A loud silence on RFK Jr.'s candidacy" (Page A1, Feb. 9) mentions that some individuals and organizations are reluctant to oppose Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination to head the Department of Health and Human Services because they fear alienating Kennedy or the Trump administration. These stakeholders forget that authoritarianism succeeds when people are fearful of speaking out. Those in power view the lack of opposition as a sign that they can continue to impose restrictions, and then it becomes more and more "dangerous" to speak out. That is when those in power know they have managed to silence everyone. The way to counter the danger of authoritarianism is to speak out early and loudly.

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Pediatricians and the AAP have not exactly been silent

Republican Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina is at best disingenuous in suggesting that, like other stakeholders, pediatricians and the American Academy of Pediatrics have been silent in the discussions regarding the nomination of Robert Kennedy Jr. as secretary of HHS ("A loud silence on RFK Jr.'s candidacy"). In fact, the AAP shared powerful testimonies directly with his office from pediatricians regarding the incredible value of vaccines for human health and the clear threat of vaccine deniers.

The AAP has long championed the health of America's children and youth and celebrated the vast improvements that have come from regular vaccination and prevention of diseases that in the past killed or irreparably harmed young people. The academy has strongly opposed efforts to limit vaccine uptake from those who challenge the effectiveness of vaccines or raise conspiracy theories about them.

For those of us old enough to have seen patients with polio in iron lungs, complications of measles, heart disease and other serious and permanent disabilities from rubella, and death from epiglottitis (an infection causing narrowing of the throat and inability to breathe), we recognize and laud the amazing advances that have been made. These are diseases you do not want your children to experience.

The AAP has long helped American families choose treatments that benefit themselves and our communities and vigorously opposed naysayers who keep Americans less healthy.

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Organization for children's health should make a definitive statement

What a sad commentary on the American Academy of Pediatrics that, while it has promoted the importance of vaccinations, the organization has not taken a public position against Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination as HHS secretary. If the AAP is truly dedicated to the profession and the importance of children's health, the group would realize that, to quote Franklin D. Roosevelt, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Hitler rose to power because people stood silently by.

SHEILA GOLDBERG  
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The medical field is shrinking from its moment to resist

I am an 80-year-old retired internist, and I have spent a good portion of my life as a doctor observing the tide of cowardice and corporatization advance over my profession. As Dr. Paul Offit pointedly remarks in Tal Kopan's article about the lack of opposition that has been expressed over Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s nomination, "The silence isn't tacit agreement. It's a fear of alienating him or the administration."

Might I point out that if doctors and their organizations could rediscover their spines, Kennedy and the Trump administration would in fact live in fear of alienating organized medicine. Medicine is our lane. Politicians and charlatans would do well to stay out of it.

This country is already experiencing a medical care crisis due to a growing shortage of primary care physicians that the government has done nothing to alleviate. Put politicians in charge of us and see how many physicians of any stripe will be left. One might have noticed the decline in obstetrician-gynecologists since the Supreme Court decided to get into the business of medical care.

What our organizations are afraid of is unclear to me. An old friend of mine explained his change in career choice from mathematician to physician by telling me, "A doctor is a mensch!" Where are such people now that we need them?

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Wait-and-see position? Wait till they see what his nomination would mean.

As a physician, I am appalled that Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will probably become our next HHS secretary. Some of the organizations mentioned in the article seemed to rationalize their cowardly silence by saying they could work with him. How do you work with a man who does not believe in vaccinations, science, or general standards of care?

The answer is: You can't.

If Kennedy is confirmed, a future pandemic, perhaps the bird flu, will show us what a deadly mistake many in the medical profession made by not protesting loudly against his nomination.

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The out gay power player in Trump's anti-LGBTQ White House

Republicans appear to have no issue with the fact that one of the most powerful men in President Trump's administration is gay.

No Republican has called Scott Bessent "a groomer" or accused Trump of "wokeness" for choosing him as his treasury secretary. Along with 16 Democrats — who clearly didn't understand the potent symbolism of voting against every Trump Cabinet nominee — Bessent received unanimous Republican support.

If Bessent's sexual identity ever comes up, it's as a passing historical footnote — he's the first out LGBTQ person to serve in the Cabinet of a Republican administration and the highest-ranking LGBTQ government official in this nation's history. (He's fifth in the order of presidential succession.)

But that's not progress. It's Republican hypocrisy.

Pete Buttigieg went from being mayor of South Bend, Ind., to Democratic presidential candidate to former president Joe Biden's transportation secretary, the first out LGBTQ person to hold a Cabinet position.

And from the earliest days of his administration tenure, Buttigieg was targeted with anti-LGBTQ garbage. When Buttigieg took paternity leave after a surrogate gave birth to his and his husband Chasten's twins in 2021, Tucker Carlson said that the couple were "trying to figure out how to breastfeed." A phony image of Buttigieg wearing a breastfeeding device quickly went viral across social media.

Beyond the idiocy of excoriating any man who wants to spend time with his children, the puerile breastfeeding cracks were antigay hate.

The same should be said of Vice President JD Vance's nasty 2021 comments about the Democratic Party being run by "childless cat ladies." He specifically mentioned then-vice president Kamala Harris, Democratic Representative

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, and Buttigieg.

By contrast, condemnation of Bessent from Democrats has focused on his endorsement of Trump's absurd tariffs and giving Elon Musk, the proud billionaire owner of the president, and his gang of bros access to the federal payment system that would allow Musk to cut government spending in whatever cruelly haphazard and probably illegal way he sees fit.

No Republican has called Scott Bessent "a groomer" or accused Trump of "wokeness" for choosing him as his treasury secretary.

While Musk tries to grind the federal workforce, and perhaps the government itself, into dust, Bessent has been his willing henchman.

At the same time, no previous president has targeted LGBTQ people with such sweeping and destructive executive orders than Bessent's boss. In less than a month, Trump has banned diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives in federal government; ordered recognition of only two genders; prohibited gender-affirming care for anyone under 19; and revived his ban on transgender service members in the military.

In his still-early second term, Trump has spent more time disparaging the LGBTQ community, especially trans people, and threatening their rights than doing anything to fulfill his campaign promise to "immediately bring [grocery] prices down, starting on Day One." (Egg prices, according to the Department of Agriculture, are projected to rise another 20 percent this year.)

Bessent, who has a husband and two children, has said nothing about Trump's attacks on LGBTQ rights. Nor will he. In addition to Bessent being a billionaire — Trump has the wealthiest Cabinet in American history — his other

White House employment requirement is being compliant to whatever Trump wants. Even as Trump denigrates LGBTQ people, Bessent will rest easy believing his great wealth, access, and acquiescence to a tyrant will protect him and his family.

And if any anti-LGBTQ Republicans have a problem with Bessent's sexuality, they'll say nothing publicly so long as he remains on the right side of Trump's fickle graces.

None of this is to invite into Bessent's life the scorn the rest of us in the LGBTQ community are facing in this tumultuous moment. It's to recognize him as a collaborator in the dangers his boss is heaping on vulnerable people. No dominant group survives without accomplices willing to work and scheme with their oppressors.

It also shows how Republicans who love to otherize people because of their race, gender, or sexual or gender identity can treat with deference those they see as one of their own. They aren't accusing Bessent of pushing his lifestyle in their faces or setting the wrong example. Within the Trump administration, he's accepted as another force in their efforts to unravel the nation.

While Trump escalates his war against LGBTQ people, Bessent gets to be a beneficiary of a battle still waged by millions — to be accepted for who he is because his private life is no one's business but his own.

As it should be for all of us.

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SCOT LEHIGH

The courts step in where Congress fears to tread

It's a revealing and risible revue in Washington's corridors of cower. Our GOP-led Congress has abdicated any oversight role with regard to President Trump's blitz of the bureaucracy, while the federal courts have stepped into the breach.

That has occasioned grumping and harrumphing by those Republicans who apparently aren't old enough to remember the many resorts to the courts the GOP engaged in during the Obama and Biden presidencies.

Damn those jurists who insist on acting independently as the president

up at all regarding oversight but rather to dodge CNN's Manu Raju's questions about oversight.

Pressed, Jordan eventually ventured that "Congress will be involved at some point" but declared that for the moment, "the country is content with learning about the stupid things we are spending on."

Or listening to lies about those things, as we saw with the Curious Case of the Cornucopia of Condoms. After the Department of Government Efficiency took control at the US Agency for International Development, White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt pinoc-

Trump administration. So far, federal judges have issued orders to block or delay a half dozen administration initiatives, including Trump's broad spending freeze, his attempt to nix constitutionally established birthright citizenship, and DOGE's effort to shutter USAID.

Judicial intervention has upset some muddled heads. "This has the feel of a coup — not a military coup, but a judicial one," tweeted Senator Mike Lee, Republican of Utah, who was involved in the early scheming to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

It's both moronic and oxymoronic to talk of a judicial coup. Courts don't initiate opposition; they act in response to lawsuits. Further, any judge who stays an executive action knows that, absent strong legal or constitutional rationale, their decision may well be overturned on appeal, particularly since the weightiest of these cases will ultimately end up before the conservative US Supreme Court.

More ominous were the growls and grumbles from Trump and Vice President JD Vance questioning as somehow illegitimate federal judges' authority to block a presidential exercise of power.

That may prove an abridgment too far even for Trump's Republican enablers. Jordan, pressed on whether Trump should defy court orders, acknowledged their legitimacy by noting, "I assume we will argue this out in court." Why, even Senator Cornpone — that is, John Neely Kennedy of Louisiana — raised a rustic objection to the notion of ignoring the courts.

There's an alternative to congressional inaction, of course. Republicans could hold oversight hearings to explore the administration's intent, examine its would-be authority, emphasize the need to respect the courts, and contribute some much-needed clarity to Trump's fog-shrouded offensive.

But that would come only at great psychological cost: breaking ranks with the cheese-nibbling occupants of the Capitol who have been such inspirational role models.

So don't expect miracles.

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and his glary cranksters attempt to close agencies, ferret out MAGA-offending FBI agents, and slash legitimate federal spending. Their interventions prompt time-consuming queries Republican lawmakers must confront even as they strive to perfect their thumb-twiddling and ceiling-staring skills.

Such as: Given that Congress is the branch of government tasked by the Constitution and its interpretation with the powers of appropriation and oversight, shouldn't lawmakers be doing some due diligence?

A question like that requires a creative imagination to answer in the negative. Thankfully, Senate Republicans include among their ranks Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina, a former management consultant who took to the Senate floor and cited the business bestseller "Who Moved My Cheese?" to bestow his no-cause-for-concern imprimatur on the administration's activities. That parable about two pint-sized humans named Hem and Haw who learn from a pair of simple-minded mice was an inspired choice for today's US Senate.

On Sunday, Representative Jim Jordan, Republican of Ohio, a ferocious advocate of oversight when Democrats are in the White House, tried not to squeak

choiced that "there was about to be 50 million taxpayer dollars that went out the door to fund condoms in Gaza." Trump himself later repeated the condom canard but doubled the sum allegedly spent. The assertion then ricocheted around the right-wing echo chamber on wings of righteous indignation.

That outrage faded relatively quickly, however. Why? Because, as any number of fact-checkers politely put it, there was simply no evidence for that claim.

Speaker Mike Johnson is no Thom Tillis, but he too did his imaginative best, justifying his no-need-for-oversight stance by noting that though the Trump administration's tactics might *look* radical, he himself called those actions "stewardship."

Ah, the primrose-path power of a misleading word!

Although Johnson judged those moves to be within the president's legal authority, the speaker noted that "there's been legal challenges" and "the courts will have some things to say about this," even if Congress won't.

Yes, there have been legal challenges. In just the way Republicans turned to lawsuits whenever they thought former presidents Barack Obama or Joe Biden had overstepped their authority, so have Democrats gone to court to counter the



# Calif. insurance pool needs \$1b more for LA fires claims

FAIR Plan is for people without private coverage

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SACRAMENTO — California’s plan that provides insurance to homeowners who cannot get private coverage needs \$1 billion more to pay out all the claims related to the recent Los Angeles wildfires, the state Insurance Department said Tuesday.

The FAIR Plan is an insurance pool that all the major private insurers pay into. The plan

then issues policies to people who cannot get private insurance because their properties are deemed too risky to insure.

The FAIR Plan provides high premiums and basic coverage. There were more than 452,000 policies on the Fair Plan in 2024, more than double the number in 2020.

The plan says it’s expecting a loss of roughly \$4 billion from the Eaton and Palisades fires, which sparked Jan. 7, destroyed nearly 17,000 structures, and killed at least 29 people. Roughly 4,700 claims have been filed as of this week, and the plan has already paid out more than \$914 million.

All insurers doing business in California will have to bear half the cost and can pass on the rest to all policyholders in the

Insurance Department must approve those costs.

The plan also expects to receive \$1.45 billion in reinsurance to help pay out claims.

Insurers on Tuesday said they’re committed to helping the recovery process after the

fires and that the ability to recoup some of the cost from ratepayers will prevent companies from ending their business in the state.

“This is essential to prevent putting an even greater strain on California’s already unbalanced insurance market while also avoiding having widespread policy cancellations that would jeopardize coverage for millions of Californians,” said Mark Sektan of the American Property Casualty Insurance Association.

According to the FAIR Plan, 45 percent of the claims are reported as total losses, 45 percent are reported as partial losses, and 10 percent are reported as fair rental value.

It’s the first time the Fair Plan has sought approval for additional money in more than 30 years, the department said.

“I took this necessary consumer protection action with one goal in mind: the FAIR Plan must pay claims just like any other insurance company,” Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara said in a statement.

“I reject those who are hoping for the failure of our insurance market by spreading fear and doubt,” he added. “Wildfire survivors can’t cash ‘what ifs’ to pay for food and rent, but they can cash FAIR Plan checks.”

# Cambridge opens door for housing by building up

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er as one with a unified residential district,” said Councilor Burhan Azeem, who authored the proposal with Councilor Sumbul Siddiqui.

The proposal comes as cities and towns across Eastern Massachusetts are engaged in heated fights over solving a housing shortage that has become the state’s most intractable issue. But most of those debates, taking place in communities with shrinking populations and skyrocketing prices, have been about comparatively modest changes.

With Monday’s vote, Cambridge went the opposite direction. While the zoning plan is controversial, particularly among residents of some of the less dense neighborhoods, it represents the most sweeping attempt by a city in Massachusetts to find a solution to the housing problem.

And it also puts Cambridge on the forefront of the national YIMBY — Yes in My Back Yard — movement, which supports looser zoning rules to boost the production of housing. The six-story policy is perhaps the broadest YIMBY policy passed in a US city to date.

The nine-member council approved the plan 8-1 after months of debate, and some councilors who are typically more skeptical of density changes ultimately supported the proposal.

Still, it was not without controversy. Over two hours of public comment Monday night, some residents worried that the proposal was too much, too fast — that it would lead to overcrowding in lower-slung neighborhoods, and promote the development of expensive luxury housing instead of homes that are affordable to residents with lower- and middle-class incomes. Some also complained that the proposal was too simplistic, and that it had come together too quickly.

“I believe this proposal will produce mostly luxury units,

raise real estate values, taxes, and rents, displace residents, and raise both physical and psychological havoc in our neighborhoods,” said Catherine Zusy, the lone councilor who voted against the plan. “It is not a recipe for urban planning. It is a recipe for random development at the whim of developers.”

The proposal that passed Monday was a slightly reduced compromise of the original plan, which simply would have allowed six stories, by-right, everywhere in Cambridge, meaning projects could be permitted without the special approval of a city board if they meet the zoning parameters, citywide.

But after persistent pushback, including from within the council, Azeem and other supporters negotiated the compromise allowing for four stories by-right citywide, and developers can add two additional stories with conditions.

If the proposal yields significant market-rate housing, it will also bring an influx of new affordable homes to a city where the pace of development of all kinds has been lethargic for years.

In the end, almost every councilor agreed that it was time to get rid of single-family zoning, sometimes referred to as exclusionary zoning, which rose to prominence in the early 20th century as a policy tool for keeping some neighborhoods exclusive along racial boundaries by preventing the construction of apartments.

Six stories is the necessary scale for a city like Cambridge, said Azeem, because there is little open land for new housing. The city is so dense already, he said, that the only way to add housing is to build higher.

By some measures, Cambridge has the worst localized housing crisis in Massachusetts and some of the highest housing costs in the United States. The median rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$2,612 a month, according to rental website Apartment List.



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**Cambridge City Council Councilors Burhan Azeem (left) and Sumbul Siddiqui coauthored the proposal to do away with single-family zoning, which will likely mean more tall buildings and more housing.**

opposing vote would have been unthinkable even a couple of years ago. A much lesser multifamily housing plan that was proposed a few years ago never even made it to a vote.

“For too long, exclusionary zoning has put up barriers, barriers that have kept people out, that have restricted growth, that have made it harder for families to put down roots,” Mayor Denise Simmons said ahead of the vote Monday. “And so tonight, we have the chance to take down some of those barriers and make good on the commitment of being a welcoming and accessible city.”

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# Flu virus gets second wind, raising concerns about bird flu mutating

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The phenomenon, known as viral interference, happens when one virus crowds out others.

Exactly why the influenza virus is packing such a powerful and delayed second punch this year is not clear. In Massachusetts, Jubbal said, it may be that relatively warmer weather in January held the flu virus back while COVID and RSV dominated.

“Usually flu transmission is higher in colder weather,” he said.

The flu surge nationally coincides with a growing number of cases of H5N1 flu virus, known as bird flu, that has been spreading among poultry and cattle. The risk to humans is still considered low, with just 67 reported infections in the United States.

But infectious disease specialists worry that the longer the seasonal flu surge sticks around, the greater the chances of it comingling in a person with bird

flu, providing a prime chance for the bird flu virus to mutate and become more infectious among humans.

“We are all concerned about H5N1 circulating widely in livestock and birds,” said Dr. Paul Sax, clinical director of infectious diseases at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. “Hopefully it will not gain the ability to transmit efficiently to people.”

The current second surge of seasonal flu comes as fewer people in Massachusetts are getting their flu shots. Just 38 percent got vaccinated so far this season, down from over 45 percent in 2021, state data show.

Nationally, flu vaccinations have also been steadily dropping since 2020, amid a rising tide of misinformation about all vaccines.

“We did see a lot of families this season hesitant to get the COVID vaccine and flu, as well,” said Dr. Shirley Huang, chief of general pediatrics at Tufts Medical Center.

But the torrent of new flu cases apparently has persuaded



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**Doctors say it’s not too late to get a flu shot, even though winter will be coming to a close in a few weeks.**

some parents to reconsider, Huang said.

“In the past few weeks, we’ve had a lot more calls for the flu vaccine because they’re seeing that going around in their family and friends,” she said.

While doctors typically urge people to get flu shots in the fall, before the season kicks in, it’s not too late to get one now, especially because infectious disease specialists believe this latest surge will take several

weeks to die down and a flu shot can protect against severe illness.

If you do get sick, getting an antiviral medication quickly can help, Sax said.

“If you have flu-like symp-

toms — fever, cough, sore throat, shaking chills, muscle aches — and you feel like a cold hit you like a truck, that’s when we treat people for flu without them needing a test,” Sax said.

“Call your health care provider. The earlier [antiviral medication] is started, the more effective it is,” he said.

Doctors typically prescribe Tamiflu, pills that are taken for five days. But there’s another antiviral, known as Baloxavir, a “one pill and you’re done,” Sax said. “Sadly, it’s much more expensive and not always covered by insurance.”

But if someone in your household gets the flu and others in the home are at high risk for severe illness if infected, Sax said, it makes sense to ask your physician for a protective prescription of Tamiflu, which is a half dose of the usual amount and can protect the most vulnerable from getting sick.

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# National Grid drops geothermal pilot in Lowell

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A promising alternative to natural gas has been taking root in Massachusetts — underground pipes and wells that tap into geothermal energy to heat and cool buildings across a neighborhood.

But late last year, around the time Governor Maura Healey was signing legislation that would take these projects out of the proof-of-concept phase and into the mainstream, National Grid quietly scrapped one of three pilots planned in the state.

The pilot, planned for Lowell, had been a collaboration between

Utility blames exorbitant costs; experts say there are lessons to be learned here

National Grid, one of the state's largest utilities, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and the city of Lowell.

Networked geothermal uses linked heat pumps and subterranean pipes that can harness steady underground temperatures to heat and cool multiple buildings off the same system.

The Lowell project was already underway — the buildings had been identified and test boreholes had been drilled in a university

parking lot — when the work estimates started pouring in, and the financial picture became clear: The costs were just too high.

“We just did not think it was going to provide good value or make sense for our customers,” said Amy Smith, director of regulatory delivery and strategy for National Grid.

The project would have provided heating from renewable energy for 31 customers, including single and multifamily homes, a Lowell Housing Authority property, and

two UMass Lowell buildings. Beyond providing cleaner energy, networked geothermal can also lower monthly energy bills.

In mid-December, the company told its partners and the potential customers about the decision to pull the plug, though no public announcement was made. The end of the pilot was first reported in Commonwealth Beacon last week.

Another pilot in Framingham, being developed by the utility Eversource, is already up and running, providing heating and cooling for an entire neighborhood, including public housing residents. The Lowell, **Page B3**

# US official seeks to tie birth rate, road money

Transportation secretary's memo on standards could be costly to Massachusetts

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Birth rates, marriage rates, and transportation funding are terms generally not uttered in the same breath.

But President Trump's new transportation secretary, Sean Duffy, is looking to change that with an undated memo updating standards that dictate how federal funds for transportation initiatives should be allocated.

One standout directive calls on the department to “prioritize projects and goals” that, among other specified criterion, “give preference to communities with marriage and birth rates higher than the national average” to the “maximum extent” the law allows.

The memo, which says it is effective immediately, comes amid a series of orders that Duffy, a father to nine children, recently authorized to advance Trump's agenda, such as rolling back “woke policies,” climate resiliency projects, and DEI initiatives.

Some have interpreted the memo as a ploy to divert federal funding away from blue states, including Massachusetts, and direct it to red states. New England states — all of which voted Democrat in the 2024 presidential election — have among the lowest fertility rates nationwide, according to 2022 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Center for Health Statistics.

Meanwhile, 17 of the 20 states with highest fertility rates voted Republican for president.

Massachusetts also falls near the bottom of the rankings for marriage rates, according to 2022 data from the two national agencies. Most of the states clumped at the lower end are blue states.

The effort to steer transportation funding to areas with higher marriage and birth rates has elicited confusion, frustration, and worry among transportation advocates, politicians, and legal experts in Massachusetts. Several people questioned its legality and how such data points relate to transportation goals, while others

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## STUDENT ACTIVITY



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Hundreds of high school and college students attended a rally at the Massachusetts State House Tuesday to push for the passage of several climate bills. **B2**

# Ex-FBI agents, detectives investigating death

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The team investigating the death of Massachusetts State Police recruit Enrique Delgado-Garcia includes former FBI agents, Boston police detectives, and Suffolk prosecutors.

Attorney General Andrea Campbell tapped veteran litigator David Meier to lead an independent investigation after Delgado-Garcia died in September, following a boxing training exercise at the State Police Academy.

Meier has been working behind the scenes since then and has not commented on the status of the investigation. But Meier's contract

Part of the team formed after Mass. State Police recruit died in September

and the makeup of his team, obtained by the Globe through a public records request, provide a rare glimpse into a case that has sparked concerns about State Police training practices and left Delgado-Garcia's family demanding answers.

Former attorney general Scott Harshbarger, who has led multiple independent investigations of sexual abuse at New England boarding schools, reviewed the team's credentials at The Boston Globe's request.

“I think [Meier] is a top flight prosecutor, investigator, with utmost integrity,” Harshbarger said. “It looks to me like this is a very experienced, sophisticated, professional group of investigators.”

No members of the investigative team have any past or present affiliation with the State Police, Meier wrote in an email. One member, former Boston police superintendent Robert P. Harrington, worked as a Harvard University police officer after retiring and was legally considered a “spe-

cial State Police officer” with powers granted by the State Police colonel. However, he was not part of the State Police command structure.

Harshbarger said it is important for the public to perceive the investigation as independent from the State Police. Harrington's case is not a conflict of interest, he said, describing the special State Police officer status as more of a certification requirement than a substantive affiliation with the agency.

“I think that is at best a tenuous connection,” Harshbarger said.

Jack Lu, a retired Superior Court judge, said the team appears

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# Lawmakers still have concerns over DiZoglio's audit efforts

In feisty meeting with aides, many question constitutionality

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Massachusetts Senate leaders peppered staff from state Auditor Diana DiZoglio's office with questions over a 90-minute meeting Tuesday that tipped at times into verbal sparring, awkward silences, and “heated” debate about her proposed audit of the Legislature.

The confab was billed as an introductory conference, but it quickly laid bare the legal and political disputes gestating between DiZoglio and legislative leaders about what she can legally audit within the Legislature under the state Constitution.

Put simply: DiZoglio's effort to turn a ballot question approved by a strong majority of Massachusetts voters into a reality is not going smoothly.

“This is serious stuff OK? This is about, in our belief, that this is a constitutional issue. We want to do it the best way we can, and we want to make sure that we're doing right by our constituents,” state Senator Cindy Friedman said Tuesday following the meeting, which the Senate opened to reporters. “You could call it a slippery slope, right? Because if I let you do one thing, do you do the next? We don't know.”

DiZoglio told lawmakers last month that she intend-

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# SJC denies Read lawyers' motion to dismiss two charges

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The state's highest court ruled that there were no serious issues with the declaration of last summer's mistrial in the Karen Read case, clearing one of the remaining hurdles ahead of her upcoming retrial on charges of murdering her boyfriend, Boston police Officer John O'Keefe.

In Tuesday's ruling, the Supreme Judicial Court declined to dismiss any charges or haul jurors back in to answer questions about their deliberations, as Read's lawyers had sought. Read's legal team said they were considering appealing to a federal court as they insisted their client's constitutional right against double jeopardy was violated.

Norfolk Superior Court Judge Beverly Can-

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**CITY SLIDE** — Makaylia Bovknight (left) and Colt Loughran, both from North Carolina, enjoyed going down a snow-covered slide at City Hall Plaza on their recent visit to Boston.

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**Immigration lawsuit**  
Two Boston clergy groups have joined a lawsuit to stop the federal immigration policy change that allows ICE agents to conduct enforcement in places of worship. **B3**

**Super Bowl commercial star**  
A sixth-grader at the O'Maley Innovation Middle School in Gloucester shared the screen with Ben Affleck and Bill Belichick during a Dunkin' TV ad. **B2**



# Meet the 11-year-old from Gloucester in the DunkKings 2 ad

Middle schooler debuted during the Super Bowl

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As soon as “JavaJam” flashed across the TV screen during Sunday’s Super Bowl, the Giacalone family home in Gloucester got quiet.

Eleven-year-old Vito Giacalone was taking a star turn in the DunkKing 2 ad for Dunkin’ donuts, featuring Cambridge-bred actor-brothers Ben and Casey Affleck and ex-Patriots coach Bill Belichick, that aired soon after kickoff.

“This ain’t the DunkKings,” Vito says, confronting DunkKing Ben Affleck on screen. “Where the hell are Matt and Tom?”

“Forget them suckas,” Affleck claps back, in a thick Boston accent. “Matt Damon and Tom

Brady don’t have the heart of a champion. We got a new squad, DunkKings sequel! Afflecks and Belichick.”

An exasperated Vito rubs his head as Affleck shouts “DunkKings!” and pumps his fist in the air, while Casey Affleck and Belichick make halfhearted fist pumps.

It was game on as the DunkKings, dressed in bright pink and orange tracksuits, competed against rival chains in the “JavaJam Battle of the Coffee Brand Bands.”

Vito, a sixth-grader at O’Malley Innovation Middle School in Gloucester, watched the commercial with his family and “a lot” of friends at their home Sunday night.

“We had a big Super Bowl party with my family,” Vito, who wore his DunkKings tracksuit for the party, said in an interview Monday night. “[There were] 20 kids, [and] 50 people in total.”



Vito Giacalone starred alongside actors Ben and Casey Affleck, Jeremy Strong, and ex-Patriots coach Bill Belichick.

Vito hails from a long line of Gloucester fishermen. His father, Vito, and uncles own a wharf in the famed port.

Vito and his mother, Lia, sent in an audition tape for the commercial at the end of December, Lia Giacalone said in a phone interview with the Globe.

“It was literally an audition recording from my phone,” Giacalone said. “And his headshot was his school photo.”

They got a call back to meet with the directors in early January, and Vito was told he got the role and flew out to Los Angeles a few days later, Lia said.

“I auditioned for it, and next thing you know I’m on a plane to LA,” Vito said.

Shortly after they arrived, Vito said that he and his family had to be evacuated from the area, near Sunset Hill, due to the raging wildfires.

“The production team was awesome, they relocated us, and we only got pushed out a couple of days and then we finally got to film,” Vito said.

When Vito met Ben Affleck, he said the Oscar winner complimented the boy’s audition video.

“Ben saw my films and he said, ‘Oh, I saw your films, they were awesome,’” Vito said.

He said he also got to toss a football around with the Affleck brothers.

“They were so cool, and they were so funny,” Vito said. “I never expected their personalities to be so kind, they were so kind to me.”

Among the other celebrities he got to meet was Belichick. Vito said he got to shake hands with the former Patriots coach.

“He was very serious,” Vito said. “All he said was, ‘Nice to meet you,’ and I said nice to meet you back.”

“I was so excited to meet him because I’m a Patriots fan,” Vito said. “I was starstruck.”

Watching the commercial, which also features Boston-born actor Jeremy Strong of Succession fame, was a special moment for Vito.

“I was blown away, it was so cool,” Vito said.

Prior to the DunkKings commercial, Vito said his only other role was as Bert in a school production of “Mary Poppins,” but he said he would like to continue his acting career.

“I’d love to,” Vito said.

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Hundreds of high school and college students demonstrated on the steps of the State House on Tuesday.

## Students rally at State House for climate action

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Hundreds of high school and college students skipped classes Tuesday to rally at the Massachusetts State House to push for the passage of several climate bills that would improve air quality, prevent the expansion of natural gas operations, and increase climate education in public schools, among others.

About 250 protesters, who represent several organizations that make up the Massachusetts Youth Climate Coalition, hailed from across the state to march from the Old West Church to the State House steps. They held signs reading “Help our home” and “It’s not too late,” while chants of “Don’t be a fossil fool, teach climate in school” reverberated through the area.

“It’s really great to organize a lot of high school and college students from across the state to be able to come out here to advocate for policy priorities that would impact different facets of their life, from air quality and the school lunches we have,” said Cindie Huerta-Valazquez, a 21-year-old Mount Holyoke stu-

dent.

After the noon rally, students met with more than 100 state legislators to advocate for a number of bills. Among them were measures to make the government more transparent, require air monitoring systems, prevent natural gas expansion, implement farm to school programs, and make state public schools integrate climate justice into the curriculum.

“Legislators need to listen to us and look at what’s important here, how these bills will help not just the environment but the overall environmental justice movement,” said Vinh Nguyen, a 17-year-old student at Boston Latin School.

Sebastian Lemberber, 18, who goes to school in Andover, spoke about the importance of the rally as a show of democracy while the Trump administration takes steps to reshape the American government.

“As our opportunities to fight climate change within the federal government are cut off by the annihilation of the civil service, we need a functional state government more than ever,” Lemberber said, advocating for the bill that would reverse the state legislature exemption from public record law.

Seneca Smith, a 15-year-old student at Four Rivers Charter School, spoke in favor of the farm to school bill. Smith said switching school lunch providers from corporate to local farmers will help lower emissions and create a more generative economy.

Another bill would create an advisory committee that would determine which state communities suffer most from air pollution and reduce it by 50 percent by 2030 and by 75 percent by 2035. Vi’Shon Ginyard, 18, said he supports the bill because of his experience with asthma.

“This bill means something to me on a deep level because it can truly change the future of our community for people like me...especially for people born with asthma,” he said. “I don’t want my little brothers, my little cousin, my neighbors, your children, your family [to have to live like this].”

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, Asian

American, African American, and Latino residents of the state are exposed to higher pollution from cars, trucks, and buses than white residents. Other studies have found consistent inequalities in air quality in the state.

The rally is part of the Massachusetts Youth Climate Coalition’s 2025 Youth Climate Lobby Week. Last fall, the coalition successfully helped advocate for the Clean Energy Bill and the Affordable Homes Act.

Cars honked and people cheered as they drove by the group of students gathered on the State House steps. Attendees said they were hopeful after seeing the number of people who came out to the rally.

“I’m glad everyone’s here today lobbying and able to talk to legislators — I often feel like policy is the base of change and nothing’s going to move without policy,” said Naomi Francis, an 18-year-old student at Olin College.

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There are lives to be saved here and bad guys to be locked up,” she said.

## N.H. governor, mayor of Lawrence announce joint effort on drugs

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CONCORD, N.H. — After spending much of her campaign telling New Hampshire voters “Don’t Mass up New Hampshire,” Governor Kelly A. Ayotte met with the mayor of Lawrence, Mass., Brian A. De Peña, Monday to announce efforts to increase cross-state collaboration on drug interdiction.

Flanked by members of law enforcement, Ayotte said the efforts will involve greater communication and “intelligence sharing” among law enforcement in each state to aid efforts to apprehend drug dealers and limit the fentanyl entering local communities.

She said De Peña requested a meeting and she agreed. During her gubernatorial campaign, Ayotte discussed the flow of drugs coming into New Hampshire by way of Lawrence. During her inaugural speech, she called Massachusetts “a cautionary tale.”

But on Monday, both officials presented a more conciliatory message, promising to work together to go after drug dealers.

“Today really marks a new chapter in tackling these issues, so that we can work together to keep our communities safe,” Ayotte said.

“There are lives to be saved here and bad guys to be locked up,” she said.

New Hampshire experts have long looked to Lawrence as a major drug trafficking hub in New England. In 2018, when the opioid epidemic was cresting in New Hampshire, experts said one reason was the proximity to ample drug supplies in nearby Massachusetts, The New York Times reported. But another driver identified at that time was low state spending on recovery services and poor availability of treatment.

Recently, there have been some positive signals: Overdose deaths in both Nashua and Manchester went down in the past year. And preliminary data from the Department of Health and Human Services suggest the same was true across the state.

Ayotte promised to address the issue in her forthcoming budget proposal through increased funding for an already existing program called “Operation Granite Shield,” which sends grants to local and county law enforcement to help identify, investigate, and apprehend drug dealers or organizations.

“It’s very important for the communities to work together,” De Peña said. “Because the problem is not only for Lawrence. It’s for both communities.”

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Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)			Feb. 10	1-2-16-18-30
EXACT ORDER			Lucky Ball 6	
All 4 digits		\$4,449	Jackpot: \$1,000 per day	
First or last 3		\$623	MASS CASH	
Any 2 digits		\$53	Feb. 11	3-11-14-20-21
Any 1 digit		\$5	Jackpot: \$100,000	
ANY ORDER			MEGA MILLIONS	
All 4 digits		\$185	Feb. 11	
First 3		\$104	Megaball , Megaplier	
Last 3		\$104	Jackpot: \$110,000,000	
TUESDAY NIGHT		9112	PREVIOUS DRAWINGS	
Payoffs (based on a \$1 bet)				
EXACT ORDER				
All 4 digits		\$3,176		
First or last 3		\$445		
Any 2 digits		\$38		
Any 1 digit		\$5		
ANY ORDER				
All 4 digits		\$265		
First 3		\$148		
Last 3		\$148		

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Maine, N.H., Vermont		
Day: 3-digit	455	4-digit 1892
Eve: 3-digit	598	4-digit 4145
Rhode Island		5109

## Eight cars of a freight train derail in Western Mass.

**By Rita Chandler**  
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A freight train carrying dry goods derailed late Tuesday afternoon in the town of Wendell in Western Massachusetts, according to local police and train operator.

Eight cars of the Berkshire and Eastern Railroad train went off track on Farley Road around 4:00 p.m., said Tom Cuiba, a spokesperson for Genesee & Wyoming railroad services, which operates the line.

News footage from WBZ-TV shows several cars tipped on their sides, with others completely detached and piled together along the snow-covered roadside.

No one was injured, and

there is no threat to the public as the cars were transporting dry goods, according to Leverett police.

“Berkshire Northern is on scene and working on the clean up,” said Chief Scott D. Minckler in an email.

The process will take a few days, during which Farley Road will remain closed, Minckler said.

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## This day in history

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2025. There are 322 days left in the year.

►Birthdays: Film director Costa-Gavras is 92. Author Judy Blume is 87. Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak is 83. Country singer Moe Bandy is 81. Musician Michael McDonald is 73. Actor-talk show host Arsenio Hall is 69. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh is 60. Actor Josh Brolin is 57. Filmmaker Darren Aronofsky is 56. Actor Christina Ricci is 45.

►In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who had claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high treason.

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States, was born in a log cabin at Sinking Spring Farm near Hodgenville, Ky.

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# Funding may be tied to birth rates

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viewed the directive as a conservative plot to promote higher reproduction rates.

“I’ve really tried here but I do not see a connection,” said Governor Maura Healey on Monday. Speaking to reporters at the State House, she said the memo had raised concerns among “governors around the country because people rely on transportation just like they rely on child care and infrastructure.”

“I’m focused on fixing roads and bridges and building out the kind of transit system that we need, and we need a federal partner who’s rowing in that direction,” said Healey, who added that the order threatens to “undermine transportation funding” and the progress the state has made improving public transit.

During the Biden administration, Massachusetts secured billions of dollars in federal infrastructure grants supported by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act. Some major projects, including the reconfiguration of the Massachusetts Turnpike through Allston, could be in jeopardy of losing out on such big-ticket awards because the funding has not yet been obligated.

“It is deeply concerning,” said Paulina Muratore, director of

transportation justice and infrastructure at the Conservation Law Foundation, an environmental policy and advocacy group, who noted that federal dollars meant for the electrification of school buses and public transit buses could also be at risk.

“There’s no legal basis for this,” she said.

Whether the memo could hold up to legal challenges is unclear, said Robert Tsai, a professor at Boston University School of Law who teaches courses in constitutional law and presidential leadership. “It may be bad policy, like terrible policy,” he said. “[But] at least for me, it’s not an obviously unconstitutional thing.”

When asked about the connections between fertility and marriage rates to transportation funding, a spokesperson for the Department of Transportation referred the Globe to a statement that read: “As projects are evaluated, many factors will be considered, including areas with strong population growth.”

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation deferred comment to Healey.

At the moment, what comes next is conjecture — a memo is not the same as official policy. Still, even floating these ideas is raising anxiety for some local officials. The plan also seems geared toward pushing federal

dollars toward rural areas, and infrastructure to support private vehicles, and away from mass transit in urban areas with more racially diverse populations.

Across Massachusetts, the state continues to grow increasingly diverse, with the population increase driven by communities of color. In Boston, about 56 percent of residents identify as Black, Latino, Asian American, Native American, or a combination of those groups, according to census data released last year.

“When I first saw the memo, I thought it was unorthodox,” said Kate Dineen, CEO and president of A Better City, a business group in Boston.

Although there are always strings attached to federal funding, “there is typically some nexus to the subject matter, like states need to have seat belt laws and speed limits,” she said. Every new administration sets its own priorities, “but it’s difficult to find that nexus between some of these ... and transportation funding.”

The language used in the memo seems specific and intentional, Dineen said, such as saying “birth rates” instead of “areas of population growth,” word choices, she believes, designed to inflame certain groups and appeal to others.

The national fertility rate fell to a historic low in 2023. Elon

Musk, who has been named as a special government employee in the Trump administration, has repeatedly called declining birth rates “the biggest danger civilization faces” and has said people have a moral obligation to have more children. Musk has a dozen children.

“This whole birth rate obsession is a real preoccupation, especially of white nationalist communities ... also religious conservatives, social conservatives,” said Tsai, who added that these groups are focused on “outlandish ideas” to incentivize people to have more babies.

The memo appears to be part of that intellectual movement, he said. “It’s also about trying to give more economic power to those who are having babies ... and getting married,” Tsai added.

Roseann Bongiovanni, executive director of GreenRoots, an environmental justice advocacy group, said the memo “is just another way that the government is trying to control women’s bodies.”

“If we’re not funding our bridges, we’re not funding public transportation, we’re not funding highway projects because of birth rates and marriage rates, that’s completely ridiculous,” she said.

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# Hate crime charges dismissed vs. grad students at Harvard

## But pair still face assault allegations from 2023 protest

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Hate crime charges were dismissed against two Harvard graduate students accused of confronting a Jewish student during a pro-Palestinian demonstration at the university’s business school in 2023, court records show.

The controversial and slow-moving prosecution of Elom Tettey-Tamaklo and Ibrahim Bharmal will, however, continue. Each man still faces one misdemeanor count of assault and battery, according to online records filed in the Brighton division of Boston Municipal Court.

Judge Stephen McClenon on Monday dismissed a misdemeanor civil rights violation — essentially a hate crime against each man. Defense lawyers’ had argued for the charges to be tossed for lack of probable cause, records show.

McClenon did not issue a written decision, prosecutors said.

“We’re reviewing his ruling,” a spokesman for the Suffolk district attorney’s office said Monday night.

Tettey-Tamaklo’s and Bharmal’s lawyers could not be reached for comment Monday evening. Complete copies of their motions to dismiss were not immediately available.

The alleged assault dates back to Oct. 18, 2023, during a protest of the Israeli-Hamas conflict on the lawn of the Harvard Business School and has garnered national attention.

Videos of the incident spread online and became a flashpoint in the turmoil that consumed Harvard after the Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

Charges weren’t brought against the graduate students until May, and they weren’t formally arraigned until November, court records show.

Yoav Segev, who is Jewish and was a first year business student, told authorities he was accosted by pro-Palestinian protesters while using his cell phone to record the rally.

Bharmal and Tettey-Tamaklo have said that any contact between themselves and Segev was unintentional and they did not know he was Jewish.

The alleged assailants put keffiyeh scarves over Segev’s



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**Elom Tettey-Tamaklo and Ibrahim Bharmal in court in November.**

head, yelled for him to “get out,” and surrounded him, according to a three-page statement of the case filed by prosecutors on Jan. 17.

Tettey-Tamaklo grabbed Segev by his backpack and the crowd chanted “shame” at Segev, while Bharmal blocked his path, prosecutors wrote.

Segev remained calm, and repeated that he was “allowed to be here,” prosecutors said.

Segev reported the incident to Harvard University police.

The case has languished amid unusual finger-pointing between the Suffolk district attorney’s office, which is prosecuting the case, and Harvard police, which investigated it, The Boston Globe reported.

Tettey-Tamaklo and Bharmal maintain their innocence and believe the case has been influenced by politics.

Then-Senator Mitt Romney of Utah and other Harvard alumni cited the assault in an open letter to Harvard leaders questioning the university’s commitment to creating a safe environment for Jewish students. Congressional Republicans made it a focal point of an investigation into the Ivy League school.

Defense attorney Monica Shah also argued concerns of selective enforcement: that Harvard police singled out Tettey-Tamaklo, who’s Black, and Bharmal, who’s of South Asian descent, because of the color of their skin.

Prosecutors pushed back, saying, “The defendants’ conduct is on video.”

McClenon denied the request for dismissal based on selective enforcement, records show.

The next court date, a status hearing, has been scheduled for Feb. 27. Tettey-Tamaklo and Bharmal, who are free on their own recognizance, do not have to attend, according to court records.

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## HELPING OUT AT THE SALVATION ARMY

David Oksman (above left) and Till Quante demonstrated features of a CITYPAK backpack to a resident at the Salvation Army shelter in Cambridge Tuesday. Samsonite employees from the company’s Mansfield facility volunteered to distribute 300 custom-designed backpacks to those in need. Right: Jose Valentin, a Salvation Army employee, prepared a meal from Wahlburgers for Akira Douglas as part of the event.



# Geothermal project dropped over cost

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ell pilot would have been National Grid’s first foray into the technology.

Proponents of the project say they are disappointed — not only was this project expected to provide benefits for the community, but it was also expected to be an early proving ground for this nascent technology, which is expected to help the Commonwealth kick fossil fuels and reach its climate goals.

But the parties involved also say the experience isn’t a total loss — as with any failed experiment, there are lessons learned that will help progress continue.

In this case, there are a lot of lessons.

The size of the project is lesson number one: It was just too small and the customers that were going to be served were too spread out, said Zeyneb Magavi, executive director of HEET, a Boston nonprofit working to develop neighborhood-scale geothermal heating and cooling systems.

A stronger case for geother-

mal is in more densely packed areas or in larger apartment buildings. Another project being developed by National Grid with the Boston Housing Authority, for instance, will serve 129 units across seven public housing buildings in Dorchester. That project is continuing to move ahead.

Lesson number two: Old buildings — the kind that Massachusetts has in spades — come with surprises.

“The challenges of all the mold and asbestos and faulty wiring and code violations of our old buildings ... you try to do a geothermal network, and you hit that hard,” Magavi said.

Number three: You don’t really know what’s under the ground until you dig. In this case, what they found was water — a lot of it.

“Water in geothermal is usually good,” said Smith. “But what we found was not.” An abundance of underground water meant costly solutions would be needed.

Then, the final big lesson: Early forays into new technolo-

gies can cost a lot of money. Massachusetts has plans to build up a workforce and grow the supply chain for networked geothermal, but it’s not yet where it needs to be. But as the use of the technology grows, and the scale of projects increases, costs should go down.

Magavi points to a project in Colorado Mesa, Colo., as an example. There, a second network geothermal loop was put in that doubled the size of an initial loop — but at half the cost. Projections for a second loop in Framingham show the same thing: twice as big, half as expensive.

There’s another issue at play too, says Mary Wambui, chair of the state’s Energy Efficiency Advisory Council Equity Working Group. She says that the current structure, where utilities lead the project, needs to be reconsidered. “Should we put all of our hopes on a utility exploring a clean energy opportunity?” said Wambui, who is a Lowell resident. “What are we losing when we do that?”

Her proposal: elevate the role

of communities and other interested parties.

Across the state, there are 12 networked geothermal projects being considered that are taking that approach, where community groups are taking the lead, said Magavi. That includes a proposed project in Salem led by a church pastor.

Ruairi O’Mahony, senior executive director for the Rist Institute for Sustainability and Energy at UMass Lowell, said while it’s disappointing the Lowell project isn’t going forward as planned, those lessons are part of what they sought from this partnership.

But he’s also not giving up on Lowell. “Even though the project as previously envisioned is not moving forward, there is now a fully designed and permitted network geothermal system on the UMass Lowell campus,” he said. “I think it would be a shame if we didn’t find some way to utilize that.”

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# Mass. groups join suit against ICE on church enforcement policy

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Two Boston clergy groups have joined a lawsuit to stop the recent federal immigration policy change that allows ICE agents to conduct enforcement in places of worship.

Shortly after taking office last month, President Trump ordered the Department of Homeland Security to throw out a 15-year-old internal policy not to arrest migrants at sensitive locations such as schools or churches. The policy immediately drew criticism from clergy organizations.

On Tuesday, 20 Christian and Jewish groups from across the country sued in federal court in Washington, D.C., asking a judge to order the federal government to reinstate the policy. If agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement make arrests in places of worship, the groups argue in the lawsuit, it will infringe on congregants’ right to freedom of religion and expression.

Among the plaintiffs were the Massachusetts Council of Churches and Unitarian Universalist Association, two progressive religious associations.

“Churches are, and have always been, places of prayer, solace, and safety since the time of Jesus Christ; this does not change with any new emperor,

king, or president,” the Rev. Laura Everett, head of the churches council, said in a statement.

The suit said the council has many congregants who are immigrants. Some, the suit said, have reported “contact from or surveillance by ICE agents,” and that the government had moved to deport some of them.

Carey McDonald, executive vice president of the unitarian association, said “fighting for justice and liberation for all people is at the heart of our faith tradition.”

Trump took office with promises to take a hard-line stance on immigration, including mass deportations. The executive order empowering ICE agents was among the first in the slew of executive orders the president issued since taking office.

Trump’s DHS said its agents will continue to use discretion and “common sense” when enforcing immigration laws.

“Criminals will no longer be able to hide in America’s schools and churches to avoid arrest,” a spokesman said in a statement announcing the change last month.

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# Lawmakers still have concerns over constitutionality of audit

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ed to audit “high-risk areas” in the Legislature — including procurement procedures and its use of nondisclosure agreements dating back years — moving on the same day a voter-approved law giving her the power to probe the agency took effect.

Lawmakers, however, have put up an early resistance, arguing that DiZoglio’s audit attempts could violate the constitutional separation of powers between the branches. The Massachusetts House last month lawyered up, hiring an outside attorney to represent it in a potential lawsuit, signaling they expect the issue could end up in court. DiZoglio, meanwhile, has publicly pressed Attorney General Andrea Campbell to support her bid to sue the Legislature, arguing they aren’t into compliance.

House Speaker Ron Mariano said Tuesday the chamber tapped veteran attorney Tom Kiley and his firm, CEK Boston, to help represent it because he didn’t want to tie up his legal staff “with an issue that is going to just slow us down and bog us down and that we totally dis-

agree with.”

Senate leaders on Tuesday said they, too, have a variety of concerns with DiZoglio’s plans. A panel of senators questioned DiZoglio’s general counsel and several deputy auditors about the audit’s intent, whether the office could ultimately target other areas — as DiZoglio herself has pledged — and whether her audit, as proposed, even passes constitutional muster.

The senators also questioned whether DiZoglio, who served in the state Senate from 2019 to 2023, had her own conflict of interest in now seeking to audit the body in which she once served. (DiZoglio’s staff said she herself doesn’t conduct the audit and that the office had discussed the issue with the US Government Accountability Office and was “cleared.”)

At one point, state Senator William Brownsberger questioned whether DiZoglio’s office has the power to audit areas in years predating when the law took effect.

Michael Leung-Tat, the auditor’s general counsel, said they believed it did, but he declined to “preview” the auditor’s precise legal argument, citing the



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**State Auditor Diana DiZoglio’s effort to turn a ballot question approved by voters into a reality is not going smoothly.**

potential litigation.

“Are we preparing for litigation? Or are we trying to do an audit?” state Senator Paul Feeny responded.

At several times, members of DiZoglio’s staff declined to address whether the office, in future audits, could expand its scope to include past targets of DiZoglio’s, including whether the Legislature is adhering to an “equitable mode of making laws” — a phrase used in the state Constitution.

“Any reasonable person would look at all of the different

messages that have been coming out of the auditor’s office and have some confusion around this,” Friedman said.

Members of DiZoglio’s staff declined to get into what they called “hypotheticals,” and Leung-Tat reiterated that the office conducts all its audits within the state Constitution and laws.

“That’s just a very trite answer. Come on now,” Brownsberger shot back. “We asked a question, and you’ve recited general principles. The question is, how do you interpret those principles?”

# The team investigating the death of a State Police recruit

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fied.” But he wished Meier had included at least one civil rights attorney, rather than exclusively relying on former law enforcement members.

“These people are honest and distinguished professionals, but they might have a mindset that prevents them from looking beyond conventional police practices,” Lu said.

Meier has also tapped Edith Ayuso, a former victim witness advocate in the homicide unit of the Suffolk district attorney’s office, to work with the investigative team.

“Ms. Ayuso speaks fluent Spanish and is working closely with Enrique’s family, with whom we meet regularly,” Meier wrote in an email.

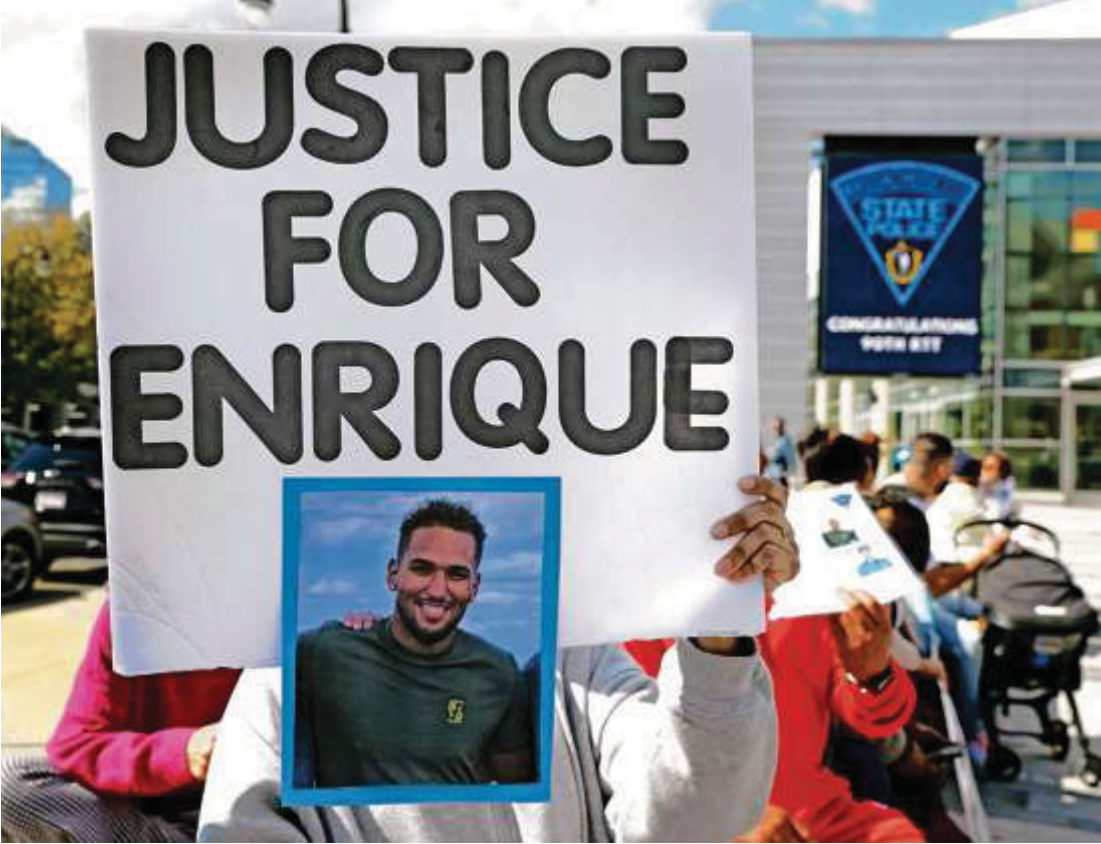
Meier is being paid \$500 per hour and his investigators \$100 per hour with no maximum cost, according to the contract. The agreement specifies that Meier will “have authority to build his own investigative team and autonomy to make decisions in this investigation,” as Campbell promised when he was appointed.

The contract was signed on Feb. 5, with retroactive payment for work performed since September. The attorney general’s office confirmed that investigators have been working on the case since September but did not explain why the contract was signed so recently.

Here are the members of the investigative team:

## David Meier

This is not the first time Meier has served as a special prosecutor. In 2012, then-governor Deval Patrick appointed him to lead the investigation into chemist Annie Dookhan’s mis-



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handling of evidence at a state crime lab. Meier’s report documented tens of thousands of criminal cases tainted by the scandal.

Meier is a partner at the law firm Todd & Weld LLP, where he chairs its government investigations and criminal defense practice group. He worked as a prosecutor in Middlesex County from 1986 to 1996 before moving to the Suffolk district attorney’s office, where he was chief of homicide before moving to private practice.

## Lisa Holmes

Holmes, a retired Boston police deputy superintendent, has expertise in one of the investigation’s key questions: whether the State Police Academy’s military-

style training is effective preparation for the dangers faced by troopers on the job, or if it places recruits at unnecessary risk.

Holmes ran the Boston Police Department’s training academy as head of its Bureau for Professional Development before retiring in 2018 and opening a consulting firm. She now serves on Boston’s cannabis licensing board and teaches courses on criminology and policing at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

## Thomas Larned

Larned is a former assistant special agent in charge in the FBI’s Boston branch, where he headed the office’s criminal investigations. He retired from the FBI in 2014 after a 24-year ca-

reer and founded The Justice Group, a health care compliance company, according to his LinkedIn.

During the Iraq War, Larned served as a legal attache in Baghdad. Before leading the criminal division at FBI’s Boston office, he led the agency’s hunt for notorious gangster James “Whitey” Bulger. In 2002, his team found \$50,000 in a Barclays safety deposit box belonging to the fugitive gangster.

Larned also worked as a consultant at the Freeh Group, a global risk management firm.

## Gretchen Lundgren

Lundgren is the founder and chief executive of Mission Advisory Group, a Boston-based private investigations and security



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**At left, demonstrators outside the DCU Center in Worcester in October after recruit Enrique Delgado-Garcia died as a cadet. David Meier (top) and Lisa Holmes (above) are part of the team investigating his death.**

company.

She served as a prosecutor in the Suffolk district attorney’s office for nearly a decade, specializing in violent crimes and homicides, according to a bio on her company’s website. She also worked on joint gun and narcotics investigations with federal authorities as a special assistant US attorney.

## Kimberly Lawrence

Lawrence is a senior security specialist with the Edward Davis Company, the security consulting firm founded by former Boston police commissioner Ed Davis.

She was an FBI agent for 21 years, before retiring in 2023 as a supervisory special agent in the bureau’s Worcester office.

DiTullio said. “There’s a lot to unpack here for the Senate.”

After the meeting, Friedman said senators would “report back” to others in the chamber before determining the Senate’s next step.

Steve Lissauskas, DiZoglio’s executive deputy auditor, called the discussion “productive.”

“Certainly got heated at times, but [we] value the opportunity to have that discussion with the Senate,” he said.

DiZoglio was more critical. In a post on X, she noted that 72 percent of voters approved the ballot question giving her the power to audit the chamber, but accused senators asking staff to “justify their audit questions and attempts to do their jobs in accordance with the law.”

“Senators got their afternoon of political theatrics, while auditors got a glimpse into how the Legislature behaves in comparison with every other state entity,” DiZoglio wrote. “Senators may now take their recycled questions to a judge, who I’m sure can answer clearly.”

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## Norma Ayala Leong

Leong spent 34 years in the Boston Police Department, retiring in 2017 as a deputy superintendent overseeing major crimes investigations, according to her LinkedIn. She then worked as director of security for the Boston Harbor Hotel, before retiring last year.

In 2016, she served on a task force reviewing how Lawrence Police handled the murder of 16-year-old Lee Manuel Viloria-Paulino, who was stabbed and decapitated by a classmate.

## Paul Joyce

Joyce is an assistant professor of criminal justice and criminology at Salve Regina University.

He was a Boston police officer for 28 years and spent the last half of his career as a superintendent. Joyce was a member of the department’s first anti-gang unit and participated in “Operation Ceasefire” — the department’s joint initiative with community leaders, pastors, and criminologists to reduce Boston’s homicide rate in the 1990s.

Joyce earned a doctorate degree in criminology and justice policy from Northeastern University in 2017. Last year, he published a study of Boston’s original street gangs, based on interviews with dozens of men who were gang members in the 1980s and 1990s.

## Robert Harrington

Harrington is a former Boston police superintendent. He spent a decade in the department’s homicide unit and was then appointed to lead its internal investigations bureau.

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# SJC denies Karen Read motion to dismiss two of her charges

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none declared a mistrial in July after the jury sent multiple notes saying it was unable to reach a unanimous verdict. But then in the following weeks, multiple jurors told Read’s lawyers that the jury had agreed that Read should be acquitted of two charges, including murder, and only split on the remaining charge of manslaughter by operating under the influence.

Read’s attorneys filed an appeal to dismiss the two charges on which the jurors said they agreed. To retry her on those charges, Read’s team argued, would be to violate her constitutional right against double jeopardy, the principle that someone can not be charged twice for the same crime. In oral arguments before the SJC in November, her lawyers ultimately called for a more constrained approach: to order Cannone to bring the jurors back in for a closed-door hearing to answer questions

about whether there was a unanimous verdict internally.

But Justice Serge Georges Jr., who authored the SJC’s ruling, found that Cannone had not acted improperly when she declared a mistrial, so the high court would neither dismiss any charges nor order the judge to call in jurors.

“The jury clearly stated during deliberations that they had not reached a unanimous verdict on any of the charges and could not do so,” Georges wrote. “Only after being discharged did some individual jurors communicate a different supposed outcome, contradicting their prior notes.”

Norfolk County prosecutors had argued that even if jurors had initial agreements about acquittal on some charges, that doesn’t amount to a formal verdict. Georges agreed, saying that the filing of a verdict slip and submitting it to the judge isn’t a mere formality.

“Requiring a jury to publicly



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**Karen Read left Norfolk County Superior Court on the fifth full day of jury deliberations in her trial in July.**

affirm their verdict in open court thus serves a vital purpose — it ensures that the verdict agreed upon in private truly reflects the unanimous and deliberate judgment of each juror under public scrutiny, rather than a tentative compromise,” the justice wrote.

In a statement shortly after the ruling, Read’s attorney Martin Weinberg said, “We are

strongly considering whether to seek federal habeas relief from what we continue to contend are violations of Ms. Read’s federally guaranteed constitutional rights.”

Read, 44, has pleaded not guilty to all charges, and in the months since the trial she has publicly spoken several times declaring her innocence.

Prosecutors allege that she backed her Lexus SUV into O’Keefe in a drunken rage after dropping him off outside a Canton home following a night of heavy drinking. She’s accused of leaving him to die in the front lawn as a heavy snow fell.

Her lawyers say she was framed. Read maintains she simply left after dropping O’Keefe off at the house, which was owned at the time by a fellow Boston police officer. She argued that people there beat up O’Keefe and that he was attacked by their German shepherd dog, and that they dumped his body in the front yard.

Driven by the dueling narratives over the death of a police officer and allegations of governmental corruption, the case drew international attention. Crowds of Read supporters, clad in pink, demonstrated outside the courthouse in Dedham during each of the 29 days the trial was in session. The first trial likely cost around \$700,000,

with nearly half of that going toward the highly unusual step of paying local and state police to patrol the nearby area.

And the retrial is expected to draw significant attention. Multiple nationally televised specials have focused on the case, and beleaguered District Attorney Michael Morrissey has brought on Hank Brennan, a well-known local defense attorney, to lead the prosecution.

Read’s aggressive legal team, which has run her more than \$5 million in fees, has said it plans to file another motion to dismiss the case by the end of the month. The matter would have to be sorted out before trial.

Read also faces a wrongful death lawsuit brought by O’Keefe’s family in Plymouth Superior Court.

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# Business

## State’s automotive right-to-repair law upheld

Carmakers consider appeal of long-delayed 2020 statute that would make access to vehicle data easier to obtain

By Hiawatha Bray  
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A federal court in Boston on Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit over the Massachusetts automotive right-to-repair law, clearing a hurdle for a state law that requires carmakers to grant easier access to vital data needed to fix their vehicles — but which has never been enforced amid a years-long court battle.

Automakers quickly said they may appeal the decision to a higher court, which means the legal wrangling could continue. But if it takes effect, the

ruling by US District Court Judge Denise J. Casper could have major implications for the global auto industry, forcing big changes for any company selling new cars in Massachusetts.

When the state adopted an earlier right-to-repair law in 2012, carmakers agreed to meet the same standards nationwide. If history repeats itself, Massachusetts law could once again be the de facto standard for automotive data sharing.

Voters overwhelmingly approved the law in a 2020 state ballot referendum. The law applies to new cars sold in Massachusetts with wireless “tele-

matic” technology that can transmit digital information to the manufacturer for use in diagnosing vehicle problems or predicting future maintenance needs.

The law requires that, beginning in the 2022 model year, cars with telematics must provide their owners with access to the same information, so they can share it with independent auto repair shops. The goal is to level the playing field between independent shops and the repair shops run by car dealers.

But the law has never been enforced. The Alli-

ance for Automotive Innovation filed suit almost immediately after its passage, claiming that the statute was preempted by federal car safety laws, and that compliance with the law would be nearly impossible.

The case was first assigned to District Judge Douglas Woodlock, and a trial was held in mid-2021. But Woodlock never issued a ruling. He was replaced by Casper in early January.

Tommy Hickey, director of the Right to Repair Coalition, disparaged Woodlock’s slow handling of **CARS, Page B8**



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In Burlington, SiPhox Health has developed an in-home blood test that can identify 50 different biomarkers with a single drop of blood.

By Hiawatha Bray  
GLOBE STAFF

It looks like a Mr. Coffee machine, but a new device from Burlington-based SiPhox Health runs on blood.

Insert a few drops, and the machine will use laser light and microchips to identify dozens of medical biomarkers related to a variety of illnesses, ranging from rheumatoid arthritis to kidney disease. And like the coffee machine, it’s designed to be used at home.

Founded five years ago, SiPhox already sells a \$150 at-home blood testing kit. Users ship their samples to a remote lab via FedEx, and test results arrive in a week. But that’s just a warmup for the company’s real goal. By 2026, it expects to field a service that’ll let people do the entire process in their bedrooms.

“The real holy grail is to have it done immediately at home, because it cuts the cost by a factor of three,” said SiPhox cofounder Michael Dubrovsky. The SiPhox machine promises results in about an hour, with no need to pay for FedEx shipping. Instead, the results will be transmitted instantly to the patient’s physician via an internet connection. SiPhox won’t sell the machines, only the cartridges that hold the blood and the chemical compounds used in the tests. Each test cartridge will cost between \$50

## TRY THIS AT HOME

A Mass. startup says at-home blood tests will soon be a reality

and \$75, and Dubrovsky expects that a typical customer will run a test four to 12 times each year, depending on the state of their health.

If all this sounds familiar, you’re probably thinking of Theranos, the notorious medical testing company that claimed to have built a machine capable of running hundreds of medical tests using a single drop of blood. The Theranos story ended with bankruptcy and prison sentences.

But even a decade later, the capacities of SiPhox’s devices are more modest than those touted by Theranos. Dubrovsky vows that his product works as advertised, and he promises to secure clearance from the US Food and Drug Administration before bringing it to market.

Dubrovsky and his cofounder Diedrik Vermeulen met at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2019. Vermeulen was a research scientist in silicon photonics — microchips driven by light instead of electricity — while Dubrovsky was a graduate student in materials science. Neither had a background in medicine. But the chief market for silicon photonics, the telecommunications industry, is already full of well-established players. Meanwhile, they realized that silicon photonics chips could dramatically downsize the bulky, costly optical systems found in today’s blood

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## If Everett gets a stadium, how will we get there?

Pedestrian bridge, commuter rail, expanded bus service, boats have all been in the running

JON CHESTO

CHESTO MEANS BUSINESS



The Orange Line was rerouted out of Everett in the ’70s, and the city has suffered ever since.

Today, it’s the only municipality on Boston’s border without any train service. (Yes, Milton, the Mattapan trolley counts.) Diesel-fueled commuter trains power through Everett, past the gleam-

ing Encore Boston Harbor casino and hotel, but don’t stop there — a fact Mayor Carlo DeMaria will assuredly point out if you talk transit with him.

Filling this mass-transit void, a long-discussed issue, is now front and center: The Kraft Group is advancing plans to build a New England Revolution soccer stadium with limited parking at the site of a shuttered power plant, while The Davis Cos. is starting to convert a 100-acre former oil tank farm into an estimated 7 million-square-foot mega-development with as many as 3,000 housing units. This once-industrial Lower Broadway stretch can only handle so much new traffic, with the Wynn Resorts casino complex presiding over it all since 2019. (At least casino shuttles and the 109 bus move some people through.)

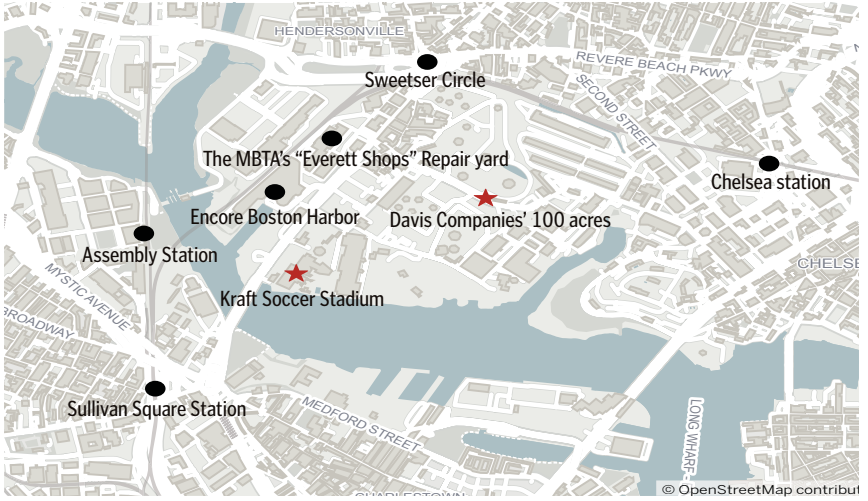
DeMaria’s people have been meeting regularly with state transportation offi-

cials and representatives from Wynn, Davis, and Kraft to plot out some fixes. But progress, per a Massachusetts tradition, has been maddeningly slow. A recent state law rezoning the power plant site on the Mystic River includes some homework for the MBTA: A report is due later this month on transit access to the proposed stadium.

While we’re waiting to see what the T says, here are the key projects under discussion.

**Pedestrian bridge over the Mystic:** In October 2021, then-governor Charlie Baker announced he would move ahead with plans for a pedestrian and bike bridge over the Mystic to connect a park on the Somerville side with the casino in Everett. Wynn even funded the first study. But state officials decided this was too complex for the Department of Conservation & Recreation to **CHESTO, Page B6**

Possible public transit locations for the New England Revolution soccer stadium site



SOURCE: Globe reporting

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## Berry farm sued over use of pesticides

Hatfield cannabis grower claims crop is ruined, may close

By Diti Kohli  
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Western Massachusetts cannabis cultivator River Valley Growers is suing a neighboring berry farm for allegedly ruining thousands of pounds of marijuana by wantonly spraying chemicals that contaminated its crop.

The lawsuit filed in Suffolk Superior Court says the 2022 harvest at Hatfield-based River Valley tested positive for multiple pesticides as a result of actions by Nourse Farms, a producer of berries and root vegetables based in the neighboring town of Whately. Its alleged contamination also prevented River Valley Growers from growing marijuana as planned in 2023, 2024, and perhaps even this year, “likely striking a fatal blow to what remains of RVG,” the complaint reads.

The cultivator estimates its losses amount to \$17 million in all.

“It has been a nightmare,” River Valley Growers said in a statement through its attorneys at Vicente LLP. “The repeated incidents of pesticide overspray have all but put River Valley Growers out of business. We had a bumper crop in 2022 that had to be destroyed and haven’t been able to plant since. We simply don’t know whether or when we can safely plant again.”

Nourse Farms did not immediately respond to comment on the litigation.

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Massachusetts marijuana cultivators are not allowed to use many pesticides on their crop.



# TALKING POINTS

PHARMACEUTICALS

## NOVARTIS ACQUIRES CARDIOVASCULAR DRUG MAKER ANTHOS FOR \$925 MILLION



Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis announced on Tuesday the purchase of Cambridge-based biopharma firm Anthos Therapeutics for \$925 million upfront. The deal, which is expected to close in the first half of this year, includes the possibility of an additional \$2.15 billion in milestone payments, for a total value of up to \$3.1 billion. At its founding in 2019 by Blackstone Life Sciences and Novartis, Anthos gained the rights from Novartis to develop abelacimab, a drug targeting stroke prevention and blood clots in those with atrial fibrillation, a heart rhythm disorder, and in cancer patients. Anthos is putting abelacimab through phase 3 clinical studies on patients at risk for blood clots. Data from the trials is expected in late 2026, according to a news release. Through the purchase, Novartis will bring the drug back into its own portfolio. “This transaction is an affirmation of Blackstone Life Sciences’ ownership investment strategy, where we seek to find innovative products and build companies around them to meet unmet patient needs,” said Dr. Nicholas Galakatos, chairman of Anthos’s board of directors and global head of Blackstone Life Sciences. Private equity firm Blackstone has been involved in several local biopharma projects beyond the real estate aspects. In March 2024, Blackstone entered a partnership with Moderna, providing \$750 million for the development of its mRNA flu vaccine. Blackstone invested up to \$2 billion in Cambridge biotech Alnylam Pharmaceuticals to support its genetic disease treatments in 2020. Novartis, meanwhile, remains a local force. The Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research in Cambridge has been a pillar of the biotech scene since its founding in 2002. In January 2024, Novartis paid Lexington-based Voyager Therapeutics \$100 million for its Huntington’s disease and spinal muscular atrophy treatments. — MAREN HALPIN

SECURITIES

## SEC MOVES TO KILL CLIMATE DISCLOSURE RULE

The acting chair of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Mark Uyeda, took the first step Tuesday to rolling back a rule that would require thousands of publicly traded companies to provide investors with detailed information about the impact of their businesses on climate and the environment. Uyeda said in a statement that he was directing the SEC’s legal team to inform a federal appellate court that the regulator was pausing its defense of the so-called climate change disclosure rule. The regulation, adopted last year, is being challenged in court by a number of business groups and state attorneys general. The polarizing measure requires companies to identify the impact of their business activities on the climate, in particular the creation of greenhouse gases that have contributed to the warming of the planet. Companies must provide data in regulatory filings that will help investors quantify the impact and risk to their investment in a company. Companies also most provide information about the financial cost of steps it is taking to minimize the climate impact of its business activities. — NEW YORK TIMES

TECH

## GOOGLE CALENDAR USERS NO LONGER SEE DEFAULT ENTRIES FOR EVENTS LIKE PRIDE, BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Google’s online calendar has removed default references for a handful of holidays and cultural events — with users noticing that mentions of Pride and Black History Month, as well as other observances, no longer appear in their desktop and mobile applications. The omissions gained attention online over the last week, particularly around upcoming events that are no longer automatically listed. But Google says it made the change midway through last year. The California-based tech giant said it manually added “a broader set of cultural moments in a wide number of countries” for several years, supplementing public holidays and national observances from timeanddate.com that have been used to populate Google Calendar for over a decade. Still, the company added, it received feedback about some other missing events and countries. “Maintaining hundreds of moments manually and consistently globally wasn’t scalable or sustainable,” Google said in a statement sent to the Associated Press. “So in mid-2024 we returned to showing only public holidays and national observances from timeanddate.com globally, while allowing users to manually add other important moments.” — ASSOCIATED PRESS



WORKPLACE

## LARGE SHARE OF US WORKERS DON’T DISCLOSE A CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION

Chronic health conditions are taking a toll on the US workforce, one that’s partly hidden because many employees are reluctant to tell employers about their situation, according to a new study. Some 58 percent of employees in the US have a chronic health condition — such as hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, or asthma — according to a nationwide study by Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the de Beaumont Foundation. It found that a majority of these workers haven’t formally disclosed their conditions to their employer. Many respondents cited fears that their chronic health problems would damage their career path. About one-quarter said they missed out on opportunities for promotion and 21 percent report receiving bad reviews or negative feedback as a result of their conditions. At the same time, most employees suffering health problems said their productivity had been affected. About two-thirds of employees with chronic conditions said that in the past year they had to take a break while at work as a result, and roughly six in 10 said they had to take time off. With many US companies — as well as the federal government — pushing employees to cut back on remote work, it may get harder for employees with health issues to manage their conditions. The Harvard survey found that fewer than four in 10 respondents said their employers were very supportive of flexible work schedules. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

## OPENAI DIRECTOR LARRY SUMMERS SAYS HE HAS NOT RECEIVED MUSK BID



OpenAI director Larry Summers said he has not received any formal outreach from billionaire Elon Musk and his consortium of investors about their \$97.4 billion offer to take control of the ChatGPT maker. “As a board member, I have not received any formal communication of any kind outside of media reports,” Summers said in an interview with Bloomberg Television on Tuesday. Musk made waves a day earlier with an unsolicited bid to buy the nonprofit that controls OpenAI, the company he helped cofound a decade ago. With the offer, Musk said he hopes to return OpenAI to being “the open-source, safety-focused force for good it once was,” according to a statement. OpenAI chief executive Sam Altman quickly rebuffed the offer and accused the world’s richest man of making the bid to gain a competitive advantage. “I think he is probably just trying to slow us down. He obviously is a competitor,” Altman said in a separate interview with Bloomberg Television Tuesday on the sidelines of an AI summit in Paris. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

CORPORATIONS

## DR. BRONNER’S IS DITCHING B CORP PROGRAM BECAUSE BAR IS TOO LOW

Cult soap brand Dr. Bronner’s is quitting a well-known corporate responsibility program because its executives say the standards are too weak, marking a departure from companies watering down their goals to appease conservative activists. The Vista, Calif.-based brand won’t renew its B Corp certification when it expires in September after years of lobbying B Lab, the nonprofit behind the program, for more stringent requirements, according to a statement Tuesday. The B Corp badge signals a company’s commitments to social and environmental goals and is coveted by those looking to reel in consumers seeking out ethical products. It’s held by thousands of brands, including Patagonia, Warby Parker, and Ben & Jerry’s. Dr. Bronner’s main complaint about B Lab is that it doesn’t require corporations to prove through third-party certifications or other tests that their supply chains protect human rights and the environment. Companies can attain the certification in part by focusing on other efforts, such as providing financial security to employees and monitoring its waste output, according to B Lab’s guidelines. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



# If Everett gets a stadium, how will we get there?

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tackle, and it was moved over to the Department of Transportation a year ago. At MassDOT, it hit a stumbling block: The agency no longer designs bridges deemed “fracture critical” — like the infamous Francis Scott Key bridge carrying I-695 in Baltimore that crumbled when a tanker hit a support column. Yes, we’re talking about a bridge for cyclists and walkers, not a superhighway, over a stretch of water where the biggest boat is probably a casino ferry; the rules are the rules.

Still, hope springs. A spokeswoman said MassDOT is evaluating new design options — ones that presumably meet this higher standard — and will hold a public information meeting about them this spring.

The bridge’s real promise: connecting Encore and properties around it (including the stadium) to the Assembly stop on the Orange Line. Right now, subway riders can only disembark on the side facing the Assembly Row development, not on the Mystic side, necessitating a roundabout walk to and from the bridge. A proposal to build an Assembly station entrance on the riverfront side remains under consideration at the T, in early stages of design.

**New commuter rail stop:** In its host-community agreement with Everett, Wynn says it will pay for a commuter rail stop if it can agree with the T on the spot, the scope, and the cost. For now, all a Wynn spokesperson would concede is that executives there “continue to be interested in the idea of a commuter rail stop near the resort and look forward to learning more about that.” A station close to the casino benefits Wynn, while a train stop farther north, along Sweetser Circle, is better for Davis. But the latter option appears to be problematic, at least for a full-fledged commuter rail platform, because of the curve in the tracks there.

All eyes now seem to be on the “Everett Shops,” the MBTA repair yard just north of the casino. It happens to be near where the soccer stadium would go up, on the other side of the main drag. Maybe a deal could be made for a public-private partnership that allows redevelopment there while retaining the T’s critical functions, alongside a new stop. At least the T already owns the property.

**Silver Line expansion:** Property ownership could become an issue with another big dream, the expansion of the Silver Line bus-rapid-transit route that connects the Chelsea commuter rail stop with South Station, via East Boston and the Ted Williams Tunnel. The Silver Line was extended to Chelsea in 2018, and then came the reconstruction of the Chelsea station, closer to the Everett-Chelsea line — putting the train on Everett’s doorstep and spurring apartment construction in another formerly industrial area. But the Silver Line bus could do so much more for Everett if it actually ran into the city.

Last March, state officials officially recommended extending the SL3 through Everett, and

looping it back toward Boston, over the Mystic, and ending at the Sullivan Square station in Charlestown, at a cost of nearly \$100 million. Sounds promising, right? But T officials apparently think it could take several more years to pull off. On the plus side, the T won \$22 million in federal funds last year to build center-running bus lanes and make pedestrian improvements along Lower Broadway in Everett, to support the 109 bus — and, eventually, the SL3 extension. A T spokesman said the agency will be conducting a right-of-way survey to determine the extra land that the T needs.

**Also in the mix:** A ferry dock could be built for soccer fans and concertgoers, on event days. And long term, there’s hopeful chatter around the idea of smaller battery-powered trains that could make frequent trips on the local rails, to transport people to Kendall Square and maybe even Allston (if West Station ever gets built).

The state has many competing priorities for its money, and the federal government has suddenly become an unreliable source of transit subsidies. Everett does get more than \$2 million a year in state-managed casino mitigation funds, mostly for transportation, and Wynn may shoulder part of the commuter rail stop’s price, if not the whole thing. Developers such as Davis

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will need to chip in, potentially with the creation of a district that diverts some new tax revenue toward transit work.

DeMaria also needs to finalize a community mitigation agreement with the Krafts, while state environmental regulators may extract some concessions; on-site parking at the stadium would be limited to 75 spaces, per the terms of an initial agreement signed by DeMaria and the Krafts. They cite the one mile between the Sullivan Square station and the stadium site as a reasonable walking distance for game-day crowds — particularly compared to the treks many fans make from their cars to Gillette Stadium in Foxborough.

Bottom line: Now that Davis and the Krafts have high-profile projects in motion, Everett could end up with even better mass-transit access than in the bygone days when the Charlestown Elevated train ended there, so many decades ago.

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A pedestrian bridge could connect the Orange Line Assembly stop (above) with the casino and properties around it.



# Biotech creates mail-in blood test

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They founded SiPhox in 2020, and hired a team of biotech experts, including people who’d worked at Harvard’s Wyss Institute and Massachusetts General Hospital. The company has raised \$32 million in venture money from investors, including Y Combinator, Intel Capital, and Khosla Ventures. SiPhox quickly developed its mail-in blood test using conventional technology and began collecting data for use in developing an inexpensive photonic blood testing system.

A decade ago, Theranos gained major investments from companies like Walgreens and Walmart by falsely promising accurate tests for hundreds of medical conditions. But Dubrovsky said SiPhox doesn’t even attempt many of these tests, such as blood cell counts, because it’s not practical with SiPhox technology.

Instead, SiPhox focuses on immunoassay tests, which mix the blood with antibodies that react to specific proteins and hormones in the blood. The resulting reaction can be used to measure the quantities of these blood chemicals. A typical laboratory machine can perform hundreds of tests per hour, but they can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

SiPhox’s photonic chips are each about the size of two grains of rice side by side. Each home blood test comes in a plastic cartridge that contains one such chip.

Each chip has an array of tiny sensors, and each sensor is treated with a protein that reacts to a particular biomarker in the blood. The chips shown off in a recent visit to the com-

pany had 14 such sensors; the company will seek FDA clearance for a version that will contain 45 tests.

Along with the chip, the plastic cartridge is a receptacle for holding a few drops of the user’s blood, extracted almost painlessly from the person’s shoulder. The cartridge also contains a supply of several chemical compounds. As each test is performed, the correct chemical is mixed with blood and flushed over the surface of the chip.

“It’s like a chemistry lab in there,” Dubrovsky said.

The SiPhox machine pumps the liquids over the chip, while aiming a laser at each sensor on the chip, one by one. The light that reaches the sensor reveals the amount of each biomarker present in the user’s blood. The results will be transmitted instantly to the patient’s physician. The user pulls the test cartridge and throws it away.

John P.A. Ioannidis, professor of medicine at Stanford University and one of the first scientists to raise the alarm about Theranos, said that routine blood tests are a waste of time and money for most peo-

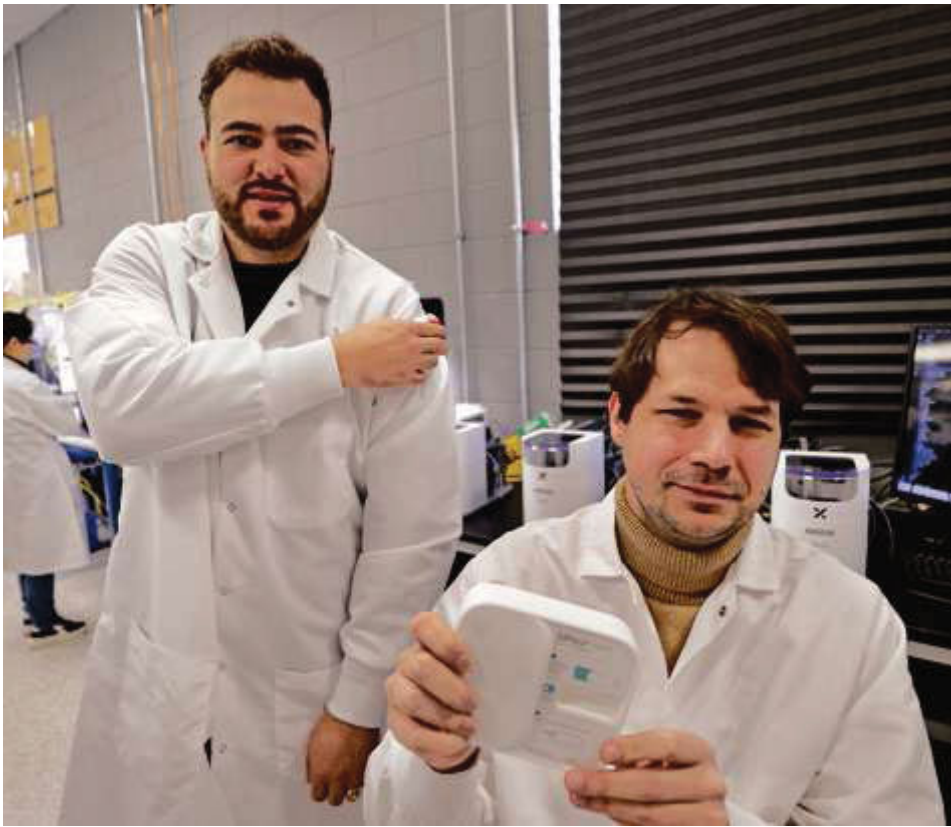
ple. “Testing, like any other medical procedures, requires some reason,” he said.

But he added that the SiPhox system could be good news for people with chronic diseases, who need regular testing. “It’s good to have technology that’s easier and faster,” said Ioannides. “There’s some merit in allowing people to get a bit more control of their life.”

Dubrovsky agrees that over-testing is a bad idea, but only up to a point. “This is also the argument used against full-body MRIs, which save lives all the time by finding early cancers,” he said. “There is such a thing as testing too much, but for the average American, we are nowhere close to that threshold.”

Most customers for the company’s mail-in tests receive them four times a year. Dubrovsky thinks that’s also the sweet spot for his in-home testing system. It’s enough to monitor existing illnesses and spot new ones, and enough to make the system a success.

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**SiPhox Health, an MIT spinoff cofounded by Michael Dubrovsky (left) and Diedrik Vermeulen, can test for 50 different biomarkers with a single drop of blood. The company raised \$32 million in venture money from investors.**

# Google, SoftBank back Boston-based quantum startup

By Lizette Chapman  
BLOOMBERG NEWS

Startup investors including Alphabet Inc.’s Google and SoftBank Group Corp. are betting that quantum computing, often thought of as a fantastical science experiment, is getting closer to having sweeping real-world applications.

Google and SoftBank’s Vision Fund are new investors in QuEra Computing Inc., participating in a \$230 million funding round for the Boston-based startup, which aims to make quantum computing more practical.

QuEra interim chief executive Andy Ory said the latest funding round came together quickly — “in a matter of weeks” — after the startup cleared a series of technical challenges that spurred investors to approach him. Of the new cash influx, \$60 million has yet to be paid out, conditional on QuEra hitting certain technical milestones, the company said.

Quantum computing has become an increasingly important topic in the tech world, thanks in part to advances like Google’s new quantum computer, which can complete in five minutes a math problem that would take supercomputers around 10 septillion years.

Ory described the difference between the enthusiasm for the quantum industry now as compared to a few years ago as “night and day.”

The industry has attracted tens of billions in investment from governments, public companies, and private investors around the globe and is expected to grow into a \$173 billion market by 2040, according to a McKinsey & Co. report. Companies like Google, Microsoft Corp., and International Business Machines Corp. are working on the technology, as are hundreds of startups using varying approaches.

“There’s a little bit of a horse race on which tech is better,” Ory said. QuEra’s technology uses what’s known as neutral atom qubits. “It seems these days, neutral atoms are winning,” he said.



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**A view of an active laser that manipulate atoms at QuEra Computing, a startup that makes quantum computers.**

Ory said scaling a quantum computer is easier with neutral atoms than other methods because it can be done at room temperature and doesn’t require massive cryogenic refrigeration equipment.

Spun off from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2018, QuEra says it brings in tens of millions in revenue from Japan’s National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology and other customers. The company will use the funding to nearly double its staff to around 130 by year’s end, hiring mainly scientists and engineers.

QuEra, which previously raised about \$50 million, was valued between \$750 million and \$1 billion in the most recent round, according to a person familiar with the conversations, who asked not to be identified discussing private information. The company declined to comment on its valuation.

Hartmut Neven, head of Google’s Quantum AI division, which supported the business’s investment in QuEra, said last week that he expects commercial quantum computing applications to arrive within five years.

“Just like ChatGPT was an overnight success that was 30 years in the making, so are we,” said QuEra chief commercial officer Yuval Boger. “We’re 43 years in the making. Another revolution is coming.”

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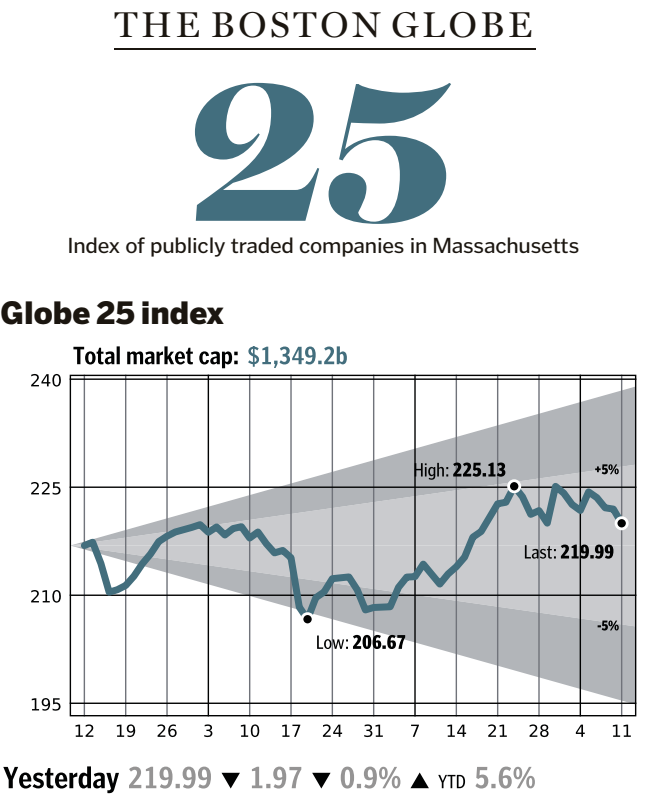
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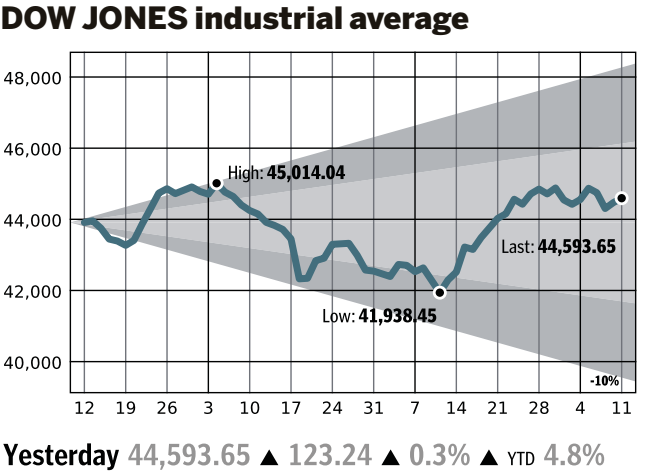


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TJX Cos Inc/The (TJX)	124.68	-0.29	-0.2	140.2
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc (VRTX)	455.22	-14.75	-3.1	117.2
GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	372.90	-12.10	-3.1	102.9
Analog Devices Inc (ADI)	203.46	-1.40	-0.7	100.9
American Tower Corp (AMT)	193.42	+3.54	+1.9	90.4
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	31.56	+0.66	+2.1	42.8
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	784.45	-21.12	-2.6	40.5
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc (ALNY)	268.99	-5.07	-1.9	34.7
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Veralto Corp (VLT)	99.81	+0.03	+0.0	24.7
Waters Corp (WAT)	405.29	-2.29	-0.6	24.1
Toast Inc (TOST)	40.10	-1.30	-3.1	22.8
Eversource Energy (ES)	61.46	+0.97	+1.6	22.5
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	43.44	+0.60	+1.4	21.2
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	139.39	-3.15	-2.2	20.3
PTC Inc (PTC)	167.98	-0.44	-0.3	20.2
Insulet Corp (PODD)	284.26	-1.08	-0.4	19.9
Dynatrace Inc (DT)	61.38	+0.17	+0.3	18.4
Teradyne Inc (TER)	112.72	-1.34	-1.2	18.4
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	105.74	-0.99	-0.9	16.0
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	64.47	-0.77	-1.2	14.5
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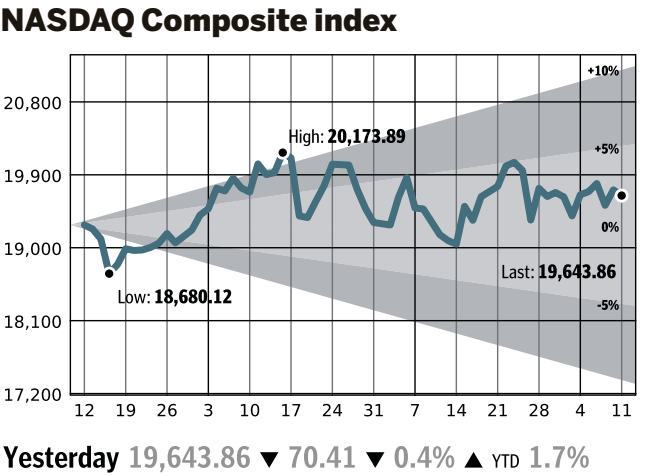
## Markets

### Tariff threats don't stir investors

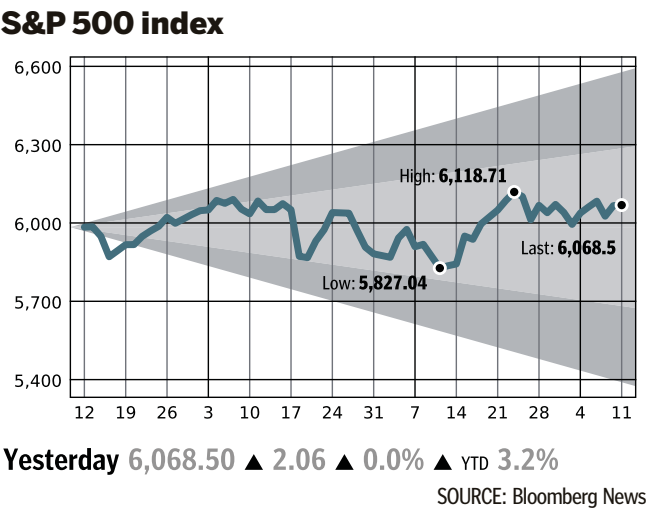
Wall Street held relatively firm on Tuesday following President Trump's latest tariff escalation and after the Federal Reserve hinted interest rates may not change for a while. Trading remained mostly calm in part because Trump has shown he can be quick to pull back on tariff threats. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said again in testimony on Capitol Hill that the Fed is in no hurry to ease interest rates any further. Marriott International dropped 5.4 percent after its forecasted range for an important underlying measure of profit this year fell short of what analysts were expecting. Humana sank 3.5 percent despite reporting a milder loss than analysts expected. The insurer and health care company offered a forecast for profit in 2025 that fell short of Wall Street's expectations. Coca-Cola rallied 4.7 percent after reporting stronger profit and revenue than analysts expected. Growth in China, Brazil, and the United States helped lead the way. DuPont climbed 6.8 percent after the chemical company likewise reported better profit than Wall Street expected. In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury rose to 4.53 percent from 4.50 percent late Monday. The two-year Treasury yield remained at 4.28 percent, where it was late Monday.



Yesterday 44,593.65 ▲ 123.24 ▲ 0.3% ▲ YTD 4.8%



Yesterday 19,643.86 ▼ 70.41 ▼ 0.4% ▲ YTD 1.7%



Yesterday 6,068.50 ▲ 2.06 ▲ 0.0% ▲ YTD 3.2%

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

# Judge upholds right-to-repair law

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the case and praised Casper's quick decision. "I think we saw a judge that was confused or didn't want to make a ruling, and we now see a judge who did the homework," said Hickey. "I think she saw the manufacturers' arguments as baseless."

At least for now, the ruling clears the way for Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell to enforce the law. In fact, Campbell in 2023 said she would begin enforcing it while awaiting a ruling in the case.

A statement from Campbell's office said, "We expect automakers to comply with the court's ruling. If consumers or independent repair shops feel that their rights have been violated, they may file a complaint with the AGO."

In a 2022 court hearing, a General Motors executive said that it was technically impossible to create the shared telematics system required by the law. "Today's decision will intro-



Massachusetts voters approved the automotive right-to-repair law in a 2020 state ballot referendum.

duce potential security risks to our customers and their vehicles," said a statement issued by the automakers alliance on Tuesday. "During the trial, the attorney general's own experts said there wasn't any available technology to allow for operational compliance."

The statement added that the

organization "will evaluate appellate options."

Robert O'Koniewski, executive vice president of the Massachusetts State Automobile Dealers Association, said that despite the four-year delay in enforcement, right-to-repair is still a hot-button issue for some dealerships. "It's been on the radar,"

he said. "I get calls every week from dealers wanting to know what's going on with it."

It's an especially touchy topic for dealers who sell Subaru and Kia cars. These brands have deactivated the telematic features on cars sold in Massachusetts, to avoid violating the law. O'Koniewski said that dealers and car buyers are displeased about not being able to access these advanced features on their new cars. "Our dealers who are selling the cars are hearing from customers who are not happy," he said.

O'Koniewski also said that until the appeals process is played out, access to telematic car data will remain trapped in the twilight zone.

"Until we really see what the decision says and know what the manufacturer's reaction is going to be," he said, "the situation is clear as mud."

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## Cannabis industry faces debt reckoning

By Steven Church and Reshmi Basu  
BLOOMBERG NEWS

If it were like most companies on the losing end of a boom and bust cycle, Schwazze could just turn to the US bankruptcy court to keep its creditors at bay while renegotiating its debt. But unlike most businesses, its product — marijuana — is still illegal in the eyes of the federal government.

That disadvantage will make it harder for Schwazze and other cannabis companies to win concessions from lenders just as a wave of debt that the industry borrowed in recent years to expand in states where weed is legal comes due. The biggest companies, those that operate in more than one state, have as much as \$6 billion in debt maturing next year, according to Beau Whitney, chief economist at Whitney Economics, which specializes in the cannabis market.

The reckoning comes as the industry has failed to turn legal weed into reliable profits. In 2022 more than 42 percent of dealers reported making a profit, according to a survey by Whitney. By last year, the number had dropped to about 27 percent. Some who can't consolidate will fail and go out of business. Many will be forced to refinance their debt at higher interest rates and onerous contractual covenants.

"There is a huge debt bubble that could have a significantly negative impact on the cannabis industry if not addressed," Whitney said. "Refinancing this cycle will be at much higher interest rates and the businesses will not have the cash flow to manage it."

Colorado-based Schwazze has hired advisers to help it figure out how to restructure debt it took on while opening a chain of dispensaries in two states, according to people familiar with



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Nearly half of US states have legalized marijuana, while a number of others have decriminalized the drug or allow it for medicinal purposes.

the situation. It's been able to push back the due date on some of its loans but it needs more cash, said the people, who asked not to be identified discussing a private matter. However, the workout needs to take place out-of-court because of the federal prohibition.

Nearly half of US states have legalized marijuana, while a number of others have decriminalized the drug or allow it for medicinal purposes. It remains fully illegal in just four states. About 79 percent of the US population lives in a county that has at least one dispensary, according to the Pew Research Center. Legal cannabis companies employed more than 450,000 people and sold more than \$30 billion in product last year, Whitney said.

Federal law bars people from moving marijuana across state lines and treats it as a dangerous, Schedule I drug. Prosecutors generally do not take action against individual consumers, but the laws still limit banking services for the cannabis industry. And the US Trustee, the federal watchdog for the US bankruptcy system, has successfully blocked companies from filing for Chapter 11 protection.

Schwazze, whose formal name is Medicine Man Technologies Inc., has engaged Oppenheimer & Co. and Goodwin Procter as legal

counsel for its talks, said the people. A group of the company's creditors is working with Paul Hastings, they added.

The negotiations come as Schwazze received a default notice in December due to delays in its audited financial reports, according to public disclosures. The company had to switch independent auditors and restate annual results for 2022 and 2023 following the discovery of accounting errors.

Among its options, Schwazze is looking to get incremental capital and may seek a potential below-par exchange, which could result in a dilution of equity, the people said.

"It has been this way for years," said industry lawyer Hilary Bricken with the Husch Blackwell law firm. "These lenders have the upper hand. The terms given to cannabis companies are onerous and draconian. It is not a friendly environment."

Last year, the US Department of Justice started the process of classifying marijuana as a Schedule III, less dangerous substance, one of the industry's primary goals because it would allow cannabis companies to deduct normal business expenses and push "hundreds, if not thousands, of businesses into profitability," said Aaron Smith, cofounder of the National Can-

nabis Industry Association.

President Trump's incoming attorney general, Pam Bondi, declined to say during her confirmation hearing last month whether she would cancel that process.

Colorado and Washington became the first states to legalize recreational marijuana about a dozen years ago, launching a wave of small starts ups run by enthusiastic, but inexperienced, entrepreneurs. As more states legalized, either for recreational use or as medicine, investors piled in and the number of licensed dealers and dispensaries exploded. Overall sales grew steadily, with a revenue boost hitting when the pandemic ended. That's when companies loaded up on the debt that is coming due next year.

Today the market has matured with savvy, more professional operators pushing out the mom-and-pop startups, said Bricken, the marijuana lawyer who has been advising clients since the early days of legalization. There are only a handful of lenders left who are willing to invest in the industry, Bricken said, citing two of the biggest, Chicago Atlantic Group Inc. and Altmore Capital Investment Management.

"All of the stupid money has left the space," she said.

## Pot grower says farm's pesticide use ruined crop

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River Valley's attorneys say the case is the first of its kind in the burgeoning cannabis industry, and gets at the heart of the struggle in cannabis cultivation. An oversupply of marijuana is squeezing small growers in Massachusetts, who are reliant on every last plant to stay out of the red and away from the ballooning list of pot businesses that have shuttered.

In New York, a cohort of marijuana farmers sued the state cannabis agency in November for its "disastrous" rollout of regulations after legalization they believe have handicapped small operators. In Massachusetts, too, many of the burgeoning outdoor cannabis growers feel threatened by multistate operators' expansive operations, in the world of weed or otherwise.

"This case is about the ruination of a small farm by the repeated negligence of a large, multi-state plant producer and supplier," the River Valley lawsuit reads.

It's also a matter of agricultural strategy. Massachusetts marijuana cultivators are not allowed to use many pesticides on their crop, which is tested for a dozen or so contaminants before reaching dispensary shelves. The rules on pesticides are laxer for other agricultural operators like Nourse, a commercial farm that may require more chemicals to cultivate usable — and profitable — harvests.

In the complaint, River Valley said its saga with Nourse began when its deal with a buyer to purchase approximately 47,000 pounds of marijuana fell through two years ago after the crop failed state-mandated pes-

ticide testing. That immediately left the company in a \$7 million hole. (River Valley Growers says it has never used pesticides on its plants, since its marijuana was intended to be distilled into cannabis oils and concentrates.)

At the time, another farmer said he captured videos of Nourse applying pesticides in what he believed to be a negligent manner, watching the chemicals turn to mist and float over the property line, according to the complaint.

An investigation by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources found Nourse Farms' pesticides did drift into River Valley's crop and that the berry farm "did not operate in a careful manner." The agency instructed River Valley Growers to destroy the harvest.

As the agency's investigation dragged on for multiple years, River Valley was forced to keep

the crop frozen in its facilities, taking up all its storage space for future harvests and preventing the cultivator from growing cannabis "in a legally compliant manner," their lawsuit said.

River Valley is now seeking a declaratory judgment that would grant them to permission to destroy the 2022 harvest, now considered evidence in the case, as well as monetary damages for lost profits and other expenses.

The suit also lists the Cannabis Control Commission, its interim chair Bruce Stebbins, the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources, and its Commissioner Ashley Randle as defendants. (The CCC declined to comment, and MDAR did not respond to request for comment.)

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TV HIGHLIGHTS

**NBA:** Spurs-Celtics, 7 p.m., NBCSB, ESPN  
**PWHL:** Fleet-Sirens, 7 p.m., NESN  
**4 Nations Face-Off:** Canada-Sweden, 8 p.m., TNT  
**NBA:** Warriors-Mavericks, 9:30 p.m., ESPN  
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DAN SHAUGHNESSY

In pursuit of that ‘extreme urgency to win’



FORT MYERS, Fla. — Forty-four-year-old Craig Breslow, the chief baseball officer of the Red Sox, may be the smartest man in baseball. Here’s what it says about him in the Red Sox media guide: “Breslow graduated in 2002 from Yale University with a degree in molecular biophysics and biochemistry. He was named the ‘Smartest Man in Baseball’ by the Wall Street Journal in 2009, and in 2010 he ranked No. 1 on The Sporting News list of ‘Top 20 Smartest Athletes.’” Boston’s baseball boss has fortified his cerebral image with some spellbinding statements in his 18 months on the job. My personal favorite came when the Sox were struggling last summer — playing defense like guys wearing shoes on their hands — and Breslow told the Globe’s Alex Speier: “We have been poor clusterers or sequencers of performance.”

SHAUGHNESSY, Page C3 Craig Breslow and Alex Cora (rear) held court as the Red Sox opened camp.



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PETER ABRAHAM  
ON BASEBALL

Sox open camp with plenty to do on and off field

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Only seven media outlets were at Fenway South on Tuesday to cover the first day of spring training for the Red Sox. Along with the Globe, The Athletic, the Boston Herald, MassLive, MLB.com, NESN, and Channel 5 were on hand to ask questions of Craig Breslow and Alex Cora. That would be a lot for some teams, but not here. There was a time the general manager and manager would have faced a phalanx of television cameras as reporters jockeyed for space to ask questions. It’s a sign of two things: the declining state of the media business and the waning interest in the Red Sox, who haven’t had a winning record since 2021 and have made the playoffs once since winning the World Series in 2018. To their credit, the Sox finally seem to be done with catch phrases and lofty expectations. Full throttle went full throttle into a brick wall.

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Bruins captain Brad Marchand, with his Team Canada teammates during practice, said “you do whatever it takes” to win international tournaments.

Four-midable change  
Bruins players must put friendships and rivalries aside

By Jim McBride  
GLOBE STAFF

MONTREAL — It’s business over brotherhood for the next two weeks. Four Bruins have turned in their Black and Gold sweaters for their country’s colors as the inaugural 4 Nations Face-Off kicks off here before shifting to Boston on Monday.

For Jeremy Swayman and Charlie McAvoy (Team USA), Brad Marchand (Canada), and Elias Lindholm (Sweden), there will be no on-ice niceties. “When you put that jersey on for Canada, there are no friends on the ice, and they will feel the exact same way. I can put any amount of money on it, that if Chucky gets a chance to run me,

he’s going to run me,” said Marchand following Canada’s Tuesday practice at Bell Centre. “So that’s part of playing for your country. You do whatever it takes, sacrifice whatever you have to, to win. We’ll be doing that, they’ll be doing that, and then that’s part of what makes [international] tournaments so

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MEN’S BEANPOT

Trophy makes BU run much sweeter

Beating Eagles is long-sought prize

By Andrew Mahoney  
GLOBE STAFF

By any measure, last season was a success for the Boston University men’s hockey team, full of milestones and accomplishments.

The 2023-24 Terriers racked up 28 wins, knocked off No. 1 Boston College in the opening round of the Beanpot, and earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Shipped to Sioux Falls, S.D., BU avenged its 2022-23 season-ending loss to Minnesota with a 6-3 win over the Golden Gophers to advance to the Frozen Four for the second straight year.

Along the way, freshman Macklin Celebrini piled up 32 goals and 32 assists to become

the youngest player to win the Hobey Baker Award, then was the No. 1 pick in the NHL Draft by San Jose two months later.

But for BU, it was the losses that seemingly stood out the most. The Terriers lost the Beanpot final to Northeastern in overtime. They finished second to the Eagles in the Hockey East regular-season standings, then dropped a 6-2 decision to their crosstown rivals in the championship game of the Hockey East tournament.

The season came to an end in St. Paul, Minn., with a 2-1 overtime loss to Denver in the Frozen Four. For all it had achieved, the program felt it had nothing to show for it, something coach Jay Pandolfo acknowledged Sunday when discussing what a win over BC in the championship game of this year’s Beanpot would mean.

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Boston University’s Ryan Greene celebrated a Beanpot victory over BC on Monday which felt a long time coming.

Victory included a lesson for Celtics

By Adam Himmelsbach  
GLOBE STAFF

MIAMI — Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla constantly emphasizes the importance of closing quarters authoritatively. He believes a perfectly executed two-for-one chance can flip mannerisms and momentum, and a stumble can breathe life into an opponent that had been teetering.

That is why even after an impressive and thorough 103-85 win against the Heat on Monday night, Mazzulla could not stop thinking about his team’s messy final minute of the second quarter, when Miami clawed back into the game with a 7-0 run.

“Listen, those are the things that when we’re sitting here and we lose a close game and everyone focuses on the fourth quarter and the last minute and a half and the last shot and all that crap, and you lose the [end of the] second quarter, 7-0, because you don’t execute the two for one, you stab in the backcourt

and you give up free plays, that stuff can cost you more than what happens in the fourth quarter,” Mazzulla said. “But when you’re winning, no one wants to talk about it. So we just have to have a heightened awareness to the details of closing out quarters. That to me is the biggest difference between winning and losing. We got away with it today.”

The sequence started innocently. After an Al Horford 3-pointer gave the Celtics a 52-36 lead, the Heat’s Kyle Anderson missed a 3-point shot with 54.5 seconds left. Bam Adebayo was the only Heat player in the paint, along with four Celtics, but he got inside position and gobbled up the rebound before he was fouled with 49.4 seconds left. He made both free throws.

The Celtics were set up for a favorable two-for-one chance. In these situations, Mazzulla wants his players to take a shot with

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## Everything you need to know about the 4 Nations Face-Off

Some of the greatest players in hockey are set to converge on Causeway Street, with international bragging rights on the line.

Instead of All-Star Weekend, the NHL will hold the 4 Nations Face-Off — a tournament between four of the world’s top hockey powers — during a two-week stoppage of regular-season play that began Monday.

It will stand as the first NHL-led, best-on-best international tournament since the 2016 World Cup of Hockey — and as a lead-in to the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milan-Cortina, which will feature NHL talent for the first time since 2014. An Olympic medal may not be up for grabs at TD Garden on Feb. 20, but Bruins captain and Team Canada forward Brad Marchand expects NHLers to give it their all.

“These are a blast,” Marchand said last week. “Guys put on the jersey for their country. It doesn’t matter where you’re at, they’re going to leave everything they have on the ice. They’re going to play as hard as they possibly can.”

### WHICH TEAMS ARE IN?

The 4 Nations Face-Off will feature teams comprised of players from the United States, Canada, Sweden, and Finland.

That leaves out two notable hockey nations: Russia and Czechia. While Russia’s ongoing war in Ukraine has precluded it from several international tournaments the last few years, David Pastrnak was irked by the exclusion of a talented — albeit top-heavy — Czechia team that won the world championship last year.

“It’s a huge disappointment,” Pastrnak said a year ago. “I don’t know much I can say. Definitely not happy about it. I understand that it’s a quick turnaround. It’s next year. They probably didn’t have much time to make it a bigger tournament.

“But Czech isn’t there. So it’s always a lot of players left out, so I’m not going to watch the tournament, to be honest.”

### WHAT IS THE FORMAT OF THE TOURNAMENT?

It’s a round-robin, with each team to play the other three before the top two meet for the championship.

Scoring goes by the international standard. A regulation win will net 3 points, an overtime or shootout win is worth 2, and an overtime or shootout loss will secure 1.

Overtime will receive a tweak during round-robin play, with up to 10 minutes of three-on-three hockey preceding, if needed, a three-round shootout. The championship game will be cut from the same cloth as NHL playoff bouts if extra hockey is needed, with 20-minute periods of sudden death until a winner is determined.

### WILL THERE BE ANY BRUINS?

Pastrnak may not be taking part in 4 Nations, but the Bruins will be represented on three of the teams.

Marchand will play for Canada as he tries to stake his claim on a roster spot for the 2026 Olympics, while Elias Lindholm will lace up his skates for Sweden. Charlie McAvoy and Jeremy Swayman will represent Team USA, with McAvoy an alternate captain.

As Don Sweeney mulls the Bruins’ path at the trade deadline, he also is serving as Team Canada’s general manager. Former Bruins bench boss Bruce Cassidy is an assistant on Jon Cooper’s Canadian coaching staff.

### WHAT ELSE CAN FANS IN BOSTON DO DURING THE TOURNAMENT?

Beyond the action at TD Garden, the 4 Nations Face-Off Fan Village will be held at City Hall Plaza from Saturday to Monday. Open daily from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., with no tickets or fees required for entry, fans will be able to take part in multiple exhibits, including photo opportunities with the Stanley Cup, autograph sessions, hockey skills competitions, and watch parties.

### SCOUTING REPORTS

**United States:** Can a stacked roster assert itself on the international stage ahead of the Olympics? While Canada’s skill up front leads the pack, the Americans might have the most balanced roster — especially when factoring in goaltending and defense.

With Connor Hellebuyck expected to be the No. 1 option between the pipes and McAvoy, Zach Werenski, and Jaccob Slavin on the back end, Team USA has the personnel to stay afloat against the likes of Connor McDavid, Nathan MacKinnon, and other opposing superstars. However, the loss of Quinn Hughes to injury looms large.

Team USA may not have the horses to win high-scoring battles against Canada, but it has an intriguing blend of finishing talent led by Auston Matthews, as well as some snarl from Matthew and Brady Tkachuk. One concern might be Hellebuyck’s so-so playoff numbers — nine wins in 28 post-season starts, 3.13 GAA. However, the Americans have solid contingency options in Jake Oettinger and Swayman.

There will be plenty of Massachusetts-born players looking to celebrate on Feb. 20, with Chris Kreider (Boxford), Matt Boldy (Millis), Jack Eichel (North Chelmsford), and Noah Hanifin (Norwood) hailing from the Commonwealth.

**Canada:** The best, if we’re ranking these rosters on talent alone. Especially in terms of offensive firepower.

On any given power play, Cooper could roll out a grouping of McDavid, MacKinnon, Sidney Crosby, Cale Makar, and Brayden Point. Ooof.

Canada has plenty of other elite forwards (Mitch Marner, Mark Stone, and Sam Reinhart), and its D corps has plenty of size between Colton Parayko, Travis Sanheim, and Drew Doughty. One thing worth noting is the health of captain Crosby, who’s nursing a left arm injury.

The one Achilles’ heel is goaltending. No longer buoyed by Carey Price or Roberto Luongo, the Canadians are going to have to hold out hope that Jordan Binnington, Adin Hill, and Sam Montembeault can remain competitive against some high-powered offenses. Granted, Binnington and Hill proved the last few seasons that they can get the job done during the Stanley Cup playoffs. Could Binnington clinch another trophy on TD Garden ice?

**Sweden:** For all of the hype surrounding the United States and Canada, Sweden might feature the deepest defense in the tournament, headlined by Victor Hedman, Mattias Ekholm, Erik Karlsson, and Florida’s Gustav Forsling — one of the more underrated players in the NHL.

But with Jacob Markstrom sidelined because of an MCL sprain, Sweden’s hopes might rest on Linus Ullmark, who is coming off an injury that sidelined him for more than a month. When available, the former Bruin has been locked in for the Senators, sporting a .944 save percentage and two shutouts his last 12 games.

**Finland:** Injuries are hitting at the worst possible time, with top defenseman Miro Heiskanen (knee) ruled out and star winger Mikko Rantanen entering the tourney with a lower-body ailment.

Still, Finland is set to roll out the top defensive forward in the game. Aleksander Barkov will captain a strong forward grouping with Sebastian Aho, Patrik Laine, and a still-effective Rantanen. Juuse Saros is expected to be the primary option in net, although Kevin Lankinen (four shutouts) has risen to the occasion this season with the Canucks.

CONOR RYAN



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Team USA will be counting on, from left, Jeremy Swayman of the Bruins, the Jets’ Connor Hellebuyck, and Jake Oettinger of the Stars as its goalie trio.



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Charlie McAvoy is an alternate captain for the Bruins and will wear an “A” for Team USA.

# Bruins players put friendships aside

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hard to win and why the pace elevates so high, because guys are willing to leave it all out there.”

Lindholm acknowledged it was a bit weird when he and Marchand bid adieu at the airport shortly after arriving Sunday.

“[Brad and I] were on the same flight here and before we jumped into the cars, we shook hands, gave a hug, and a ‘good luck, see you in a couple of days,’” Lindholm said following Sweden’s practice.

They’re hardly alone when it comes to the suspension of niceties.

International tournaments are where friends become foes and foes become friends.

Guys you’ve been battling with for play-off position are suddenly guys you’re battling against for net-front position.

For the last few postseasons, the Bruins have watched McAvoy try to punish Auston Matthews and Matthew Tkachuk during some memorable series. Now the trio, which bonded during their time with the National Team Development Program, are back together in the Red, White, and Blue.

“We all have a very, very good friendship,” McAvoy said. “The three of us from our time together in Ann Arbor and we all hit it off and I consider those guys to be two of my best friends in hockey and no matter how many times we’ll play against each other — and it’s a battle and there’s no love out there — you don’t miss a beat once the game’s over and once it’s done, it’s very quickly back to being friends again.”

Marchand said he’s had good conversations with teammate Sam Bennett, who knocked the Bruins captain out for two-plus

## 4 Nations Face-Off schedule

### At Montreal

**Wednesday:** Canada vs. Sweden, 8 p.m. (TNT)  
**Thursday:** United States vs. Finland, 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Saturday:** Finland vs. Sweden, 1 p.m. (ABC); United States vs. Canada, 8 p.m. (ABC)

### At Boston

**Feb. 17:** Canada vs. Finland, 1 p.m. (TNT); Sweden vs. United States, 8 p.m. (TNT)  
**Feb. 20:** Championship game, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

games in last year’s playoff series when the Panthers forward landed a right to Marchand’s jaw in Game 3.

Marchand said, “bygones are bygones,” and labeled Bennett “a good dude.”

Sure, trades happen, and free agency always wreaks havoc with rosters, but those transactions have some sense of permanency. For this tournament, the new-found love and new-found hate is temporary.

“It’s definitely going to be mixed feelings for sure. I think even here playing on the same team, there’s a lot of guys in our division here on this team kind of chasing you a little bit in the standings,” said Lindholm. “So, I think honestly there’s a little bit of different feelings. You’re kind of excited, but at the same time you see the same guys in the same locker room, and you try to be buddies for a little bit, but then you have to kind of go back to normal. So, it’s definitely a little strange but I mean I’m excited at the same time.”

Swayman said he’s pumped for the challenge of competing against Marchand, a player he’s faced myriad times in practice but never in the heat of a game, a time when Marchand thrives. Marchand specializes in getting under the skin of opponents — par-

ticularly goalies.

“You understand what he likes to do and what makes him so good. And that’s something that he’s perfected over his career and I’m excited to play against it,” said Swayman. “I’m excited to see how he is when he’s not on [my] team because as Bruins, we love him on our team, and he’s notorious for being hated. So, that’s something that I’m looking forward to. And at the same time he’s my captain, so I’m going to give it right back to him. And I know [McAvoy] is going to do the same. And all of our teammates. We’re on a team and so everyone else is the enemy. We’re going to make sure that we’re doing what we can to win games and compete.”

It’s a weird dynamic for coaches, too.

Team USA coach Mike Sullivan coaches Sidney Crosby all season, but now he’ll be plotting against the Penguins captain. Same for Team Canada’s Jon Cooper, who will be coaching against his captain, Tampa Bay’s Victor Hedman, when the tournament begins Wednesday night.

Cooper acknowledged it does give him an uneasy feeling.

“It’s always hard playing against your guys,” said Cooper. “I don’t like playing against guys that you’ve gone to war with . . . I cheer for these guys. But [Victor’s] not playing for us. And so, you’ve got to put the blinders on. We have to do everything we can to stop them and win this game. And all you can hope for at the end of the game is Victor Hedman was the best player on the ice for Sweden and Canada won the game.”

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Bruins center Elias Lindholm (right) took a break on the Team Sweden bench during a light moment at practice in Montreal.

# Babstock’s enthusiasm gets Fleet going

## She’s a ‘culture driver’ despite limited ice time

By Emma Healy

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Kelly Babstock often leaves her Connecticut home before the sun rises to make the two-plus-hour drive to the Boston Fleet’s practice facility in Wellesley.

She blasts music the whole way, arriving at the Boston Sports Institute in high spirits and with her booming voice at full volume. She bounds into the building yelling, “Let’s go!” — her signature refrain — to no one in particular.

One morning, she pitched an idea to the Fleet’s creative team: Set up a camera at the door of the facility to capture the players’ excitement for the day ahead.

“Babs,” a staff member told her, “no one else is bringing your level of energy at 7 a.m.”

Babstock’s relentless enthusiasm has made her an essential part of the Fleet despite minimal contributions on the stat sheet.

It’s why the Tsongas Center crowd erupted when the PA announcer read out her name at this season’s home opener, and why some teammates call her the heart of the locker room despite her playing on a reserve contract and seeing game action just three times this season.

Babstock’s voice is raspy and prone to cracks after decades of cheering for her teammates. As she talks about hockey, she appears to wind up like a jack-in-the-box until she can’t contain her excitement and explodes, hollering out “Let’s go!” at random intervals — even if no one else is in the room.

“Every time I get to the rink is the best time,” the 32-year-old forward said. “I forget

about everything else but being in the arena, and it makes me really happy.”

Each of the six PWHL teams is allowed to carry three players on reserve contracts in addition to the 23 on standard player agreements. Reserves practice but do not travel with the team and cannot play games until they are signed to a 10-day contract or a standard contract as a result of another player going on long-term injured reserve. Reserve players can at any time be signed by any other team in the league, and they’re often informed they’ve been signed to 10-day contracts with just hours’ notice before a game.

That was the case for Babstock, who received a message from general manager Danielle Marmer on New Year’s Day that she would be signed to a 10-day contract and would play in the game at Minnesota the following day.

“I was like, ‘Let’s go,’” she said.

Babstock played in three games during that contract, averaging fewer than eight minutes of ice time and recording no points.

But even those brief appearances were encouraging. At this point last season, Babstock had been cut from PWHL New York’s training camp and headed to Switzerland, where she played eight games in the SWHL.

She joined Boston as a reserve in March and signed her first 10-day contract on April 20. Babstock signed a standard player agreement ahead of the PWHL playoffs and appeared in all eight of Boston’s playoff games, then returned as a reserve this season.

“It was my favorite year, last year. This year is my new favorite,” she said. “Every year is my favorite, but last year was huge for me because it was just like, ‘Wow, look what happens when you stay resilient, you stay positive, you work hard, and stay in your lane.’”

Since graduating from Quinnipiac in 2014 as the Bobcats’ all-time leading scorer (95 goals, 108 assists in 148 games), Babstock has played on six teams across the PWHL, NWHL/PHF, PWHPA, and SWHL. Enthusiasm has been her calling card at every stop.

“She’s a culture driver,” said Quinnipiac coach Cassandra Turner, who as an assistant recruited Babstock in the late 2000s. “When you have people like that, that you can rely on every day, they’re just going to lift everyone up around them.”

Turner recalled a game during the 2013-14 season when Olivia Brackett, then a senior, scored the first goal of her career. Babstock celebrated more for her teammate than she had for any of her own goals.

“Knowing her now, and seeing her role with Boston, she’s taken that and has an even greater understanding of her value and what she can bring to other people around her,” Turner said.

As much as an outward show of enthusiasm is important to her teammates, Babstock insisted it’s equally important for her own development.

Being mentally and physically ready without knowing when the next opportunity will arise is a challenge for many athletes. For Babstock, constantly reminding herself of how excited she is to play makes it easier to live in limbo.

“It is a difficult job to do, but it’s not impossible. Nothing’s impossible,” Babstock said. “So as long as you just practice with intent and want to stay ready, you’re going to be ready.”

She paused.

“And I’m ready! Let’s go!”

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Mikhail Yegorov, who enrolled at BU less than a month ago, made 43 saves in the Beanpot final and scored the Eberly Award.

# BU’s successful run finally has hardware

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“We didn’t really raise any trophies last year, so I think it’d give our group a lot of confidence moving forward,” said Pandolfo. “If you win this tournament, it can really jump-start a lot of confidence going into the stretch and into the playoffs.”

The Terriers got the signature win that eluded them, upsetting No. 1 BC, 4-1, to capture the program’s 32nd Beanpot title. And it wasn’t just this year’s roster that celebrated when the game was over.

While some NHL players might have taken advantage of the break in the schedule brought on by the 4 Nations Face-Off to head to a warmer climate, Celebrini and Lane Hutson made the rounds at the Garden on Monday night, first appearing in BU’s dressing room to rev up their former teammates by announcing the starting lineup.

“It was awesome,” said Pandolfo. “They came in to talk to the coaches beforehand. They were both so nervous. It was actually really funny to see. They were saying that they were so nervous. And, I mean, you get more nervous when you don’t play. You know, it’s a lot easier when you’re playing.”

The two were later spotted in the balcony, taking turns waving a giant BU flag and whipping BU’s Dog Pound into a frenzy. Both are contenders for the Calder Trophy, awarded to the NHL’s top rookie, with Celebrini and Hutson (Montreal) flourishing.

“They obviously have this break here, so they’ll be hanging around a little bit with these guys,” said Pandolfo. “It’s fun to have them all back together. Too bad we can’t get those two on the ice, but that’s passed us by.”

The two also were supporting their siblings. Aiden Celebrini is a sophomore defenseman but did not play as he makes his way back from

injury. Freshman Cole Hutson is a defenseman and was named tournament MVP after notching three goals and two assists across two games, including the winner in the final. Older brother Quinn Hutson has 16 goals and 17 assists.

They were not the only departed members of last season’s squad in attendance. Former captain Case McCarthy, who signed with the AHL’s Hartford Wolf Pack, was on hand to see younger brother Gavin’s empty-

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JAY PANDOLFO, BU coach

netter that sealed the title. Dylan Peterson, who is playing for the AHL’s Springfield Thunderbirds and scored the deciding goal the last time BU won the Beanpot in 2022, also made the trip.

“These guys care about each other, and they were so happy for the guys after the game, and you love to see that,” said Pandolfo. BU (16-10-1) moved up to sixth in the PairWise, the system used to select and seed the field for the NCAA Tournament. The Terriers will look to carry the momentum for the final four weekends of the regular season.

BC (21-5-1) maintained its spot at the top of the rankings. Their winning streak snapped at nine games, the Eagles will be looking for a reset for their final seven games in which they hope to repeat as regular-season champions and earn No. 1 seeds for the conference tournament and NCAA Tournament.

“Hopefully we hit the ice with a lot of intensity and anger on Wednesday, and get ready for the rest of the season,” said BC coach Greg Brown, who referenced the seniors that played in their final Beanpot.

“They wanted it a lot. BU played a little better than us, so you feel bad for those guys, but we can still do some things this season.”

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BC’s Aram Minnetian (17) could only watch as Cole Eiserman beat goalie Jacob Fowler for BU’s third goal at 13:52 of the third period.

## RED SOX NOTEBOOK

# Camp talk starts with second

By Peter Abraham

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FORT MYERS, Fla. — Position players don’t have their first official workout until Monday, but second base is already a topic of discussion with the Red Sox.

**Kristian Campbell, Vaughn Grissom,** and **David Hamilton** are among the candidates to play the position. Potentially so is **Marcelo Mayer**, who has played only shortstop in the minors but will be tried at different positions in camp.

“I think the situation is probably a little bit different for each of the guys that will be getting reps at second base,” chief baseball officer **Craig Breslow** said Tuesday.

“We saw that at times [Hamilton] was able to be this really dynamic player on both sides of the ball, and adding an element of speed and athleticism that was a real weapon.

“Vaughn will be the first to sit up here and say that last year was a struggle and a lost season in a lot of ways for him. But we’re really optimistic about his ability to bounce back. He’s added about 20 pounds.

“Then we’re excited about seeing what the young guys are able to handle when they’re able to acclimate themselves to a big league environment.”

Campbell, 22, has made a quick rise in the system since being selected in the fourth round of the 2023 draft. Mayer, also 22, was the fourth overall pick of the 2021 draft.

The Sox also have 20-year-old outfielder **Roman Anthony** in camp. Campbell has been here for several weeks working out and getting to know who he hopes will be his new teammates.

“They’re here. Like I told them last year, there’s no age limit to make those big leagues,” manager **Alex Cora** said.

“You can make it at 20. You can make it at 32. It’s up to you, and they did an outstanding job last year.”

Teams are often cautious about not rushing prospects, but Breslow said the roster will be selected based on who performs the best.

“Given the importance we’ve placed on the present and winning in 2025, we’ll take the 26 guys on our Opening Day roster that we believe are going to best help us in games this year,” he said.

Cora said he would be open to using a platoon.

## Whitlock is must-watch

**Garrett Whitlock** drew a crowd inside JetBlue Park when he pitched an inning against hitters.

It was his first time in a “live” situation since having elbow surgery May 30. The 27-year-old righthander has appeared in only 26 games the last two years because of various injuries.

Between players, coaches, and staffers, about 40 people watched Whitlock pitch. He worked efficiently and is confident he can make the team out of spring training.

The Sox have ended debate about his role and will use Whitlock as a reliever. If they decide to use a six-man rotation, Whitlock could be an especially valuable part of the bullpen.

“Whitlock is someone who I think could be deployed as a real weapon, given his ability to throw multiple innings, and those could be multiple innings in a bridge-type role,” Breslow said.

## No reservations for six

Breslow and Cora are open to the idea of a six-man rotation, at least to start the season.

With **Brayan Bello, Walker Buehler,**

**Kutter Crawford, Garrett Crochet, Lucas Giolito,** and **Tanner Houck**, the team has six viable candidates.

“We’re definitely considering it,” Breslow said. “There are a few factors that will help determine the viability. Obviously, health is one, performance is another. We’ll take a look at the schedule early in the season and try to optimize matchups and recovery.

“But it’s definitely in consideration. I think, largely because we have a number of starting pitchers who are major league caliber.”

## Hit the field

Pitchers and catchers will be on the field at roughly 10 a.m. on Wednesday for the first formal workout. The position players already on hand will have a less-structured day . . . Breslow did not slam the door on the idea of bringing back free-agent righthander **Nick Pivetta**, but he didn’t sound particularly enthused about the idea . . . **Rafael Devers**, who was at Fenway South for three weeks, returned to the Dominican Republic to visit his family. The third baseman should be back in a few days . . . **Noah Song** is in camp working with the minor leaguers. The 27-year-old righthander is recovering from Tommy John surgery and could return to games by July. Song was one of the team’s best prospects in 2019 before serving in the Navy for three years. He was then a Rule 5 pick of the Phillies before the 2023 season, before being sent back to the Sox. Song appeared in 15 minor league games that season, then injured his elbow during spring training last year.

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# Sox’ work cut out on and off field

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“Thirty teams in the big leagues, they’re going to say all the right things. ‘We’re a playoff team and our goal is to win the World Series,’” Cora said. “For me, honestly, this year it’s about work.

“Last year we were very loud about how we [were] a World Series contender. This year is about working and getting better.”

Cora doesn’t need to go far to find examples. Jarren Duran and Tanner Houck addressed their weaknesses last season and became All-Stars.

That Duran would be a finalist for a Gold Glove seemed impossible given all the plays he botched his first few years in the majors. But he put in long hours with outfield coach Kyle Hudson last spring training.

At the same time, Duran also became one of the most dangerous hitters in the game, learning how best to use his speed and strength.

Houck chopped his earned run average by nearly two runs and built up his body to throw 178⅔ innings, by far a career best. The organization should reward him with an Opening Day start.

The Sox need that same attention to detail with their infield defense after leading the American League with 115 errors last season.

“Hopefully we can play defense. We’ve been talking about this for five years,” Cora said.

New infield coach José Flores could help there. A healthy season for short-stop Trevor Story would make a big difference, as would finding an everyday second baseman and Triston Casas showing more energy at first base.

As Cora mentioned, better pitching makes for better defense. The Sox should have more strikeouts this season with Walker Buehler, Garrett Crochet, and Lucas Giolito added to the rotation.

The bullpen also looks better with Liam Hendriks back from injury and veteran lefthanders Aroldis Chapman and Justin Wilson part of the mix.

As the players get to work this week, Breslow is still putting the roster together. The Sox have yet to add a righthanded hitter, a need going back to last season that became even more pressing when Tyler O’Neill signed with the Orioles.

The alternative is another season of Cora using players out of position to

manufacture some sense of balance. The Sox have waited out the process, and that has yet to produce results.

“Unfortunately, we don’t control the timeline exclusively, and obviously we haven’t lined up on anything yet,” Breslow said.

“But we’ll continue to be as aggressive as we can.”

Given how expeditiously Breslow worked to improve the pitching staff, there’s no doubting he has put the same effort into the lineup.

But the Sox traded for Crochet, and added Buehler, Chapman, and Wilson on one-year deals.

An impact hitter would have required a greater commitment financially. O’Neill missed 49 games with injuries last season and still landed a \$49.5 million deal with Baltimore.

There was a time the Sox would have used their financial might to fix their lineup. But like the fans and media, ownership seems to have other interests.

There’s a lot of that going around.

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# Pursuing that ‘extreme urgency to win’

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Wow.

That was a beauty, indeed. Proof we’ve come a long way from the chew-and-spit, back-slapping, hard-drinking days of general managers who’d say, “The sun will rise, the sun will set, and I’ll have lunch.”

Breslow and his 2025 Red Sox are in Florida this week for the start of spring training. King Football had its final night Sunday and New England fans brace for standard “he’s-in-the-best-shape-of-his-career” stories from Florida and Arizona. Red Sox pitchers and catchers have their first workout Wednesday morning at JetBlue Park, and the first full squad workout (when the Sox owners annually appear and refuse to take questions from the media) is scheduled for Monday.

After 2024’s 81-81 snorefest, mouth-piece Sam Kennedy promised that the Sox would be “investing more than we did last year . . . even if it takes us over the CBT [competitive balance tax].” Kennedy spoke of “an extreme urgency to win.”

The Sox certainly bolstered their pitching — trading for Garrett Crochet, and signing Walker Buehler and Aroldis Chapman to one-year deals — but they come to spring training with the same leaky defense and less righthanded power (goodbye, Tyler O’Neill) than last year. The payroll at this hour looks remarkably similar to last year’s, somewhere in baseball’s big-middle.

I asked Breslow if he thinks he’s made good on Kennedy’s pledge to the fans.

“Urgency is a difficult word to define because you tend to define urgency in terms of outcomes,” he started. “And I

think the concepts that we discussed and the pursuits that we’ve had have been with a level of aggressiveness and urgency, but I also understand that ultimately we’re going to be evaluated by the product that we put on the field.”

Those “pursuits” yielded little in terms of free-agent help, and no long-term position players. We won’t waste a lot of space here on Boston’s reported “\$700 million” offer to Juan Soto — a bid that these cynical eyes will forever believe was just Scott Boras patting the Sox on the head and assuring them Soto was going to the Yankees or Mets, so feel free to knock yourselves out by making fans believe you were “in on” Soto.

Alex Bregman would be a nice fit in Boston for the next couple of years and the Sox are “in on” him, but probably for no more than a couple of years. Bregman wants six or seven, so we won’t wait under water for that one.

Naturally, Breslow has an answer for the lack of free agency splash.

“We’re interested in making the right acquisition, not an acquisition for the sake of adding a player,” he said. “We feel good about the guys that we have in camp. We’ll continue to pursue opportunities to upgrade, but I don’t believe in adding a player simply to be able to check a box.”

We feel good about the guys that we have in camp.

That’s the ultimate GM fallback quote. It’s right up there with “the check’s in the mail” and “I’ll gladly pay you Tuesday.”

“I want to win right now, too,” Breslow insisted. “But I also want to win in 2026, 2027, and 2028. It’s fair to say that we have been future-focused for some time and right now we are inten-

tionally pulling some of those things forward [to] prioritize what happens in 2025. . . . Our ownership group wants our baseball operations folks to make baseball operations decisions.”

Breslow is a swell guy, a New Haven native, has a World Series ring from his bullpen contributions with the 2013 Red Sox, and is raising his young family in Newton. I’ve teased him in print, labeling his version of “Moneyball” “Bres-Lowball,” but I’ve come to believe that deep down, he shares John Henry’s 2020-25 vision of fiscal responsibility, team control of player contracts, and never compromising the future at the expense of the present. (Henry also owns the Globe.)

In this spirit, I suggested to Breslow that even if he had “Elon Musk money,” he’d run the Sox the way he’s running them because he likes the challenge of winning without spending wildly such as the Dodgers and a few other teams.

“I would push back that it is my ‘challenge.’ I think it’s more just that we want to be responsible,” he started. “We want to be sure that we’re straddling this line between 2025 and what the future looks like. Avoid situations where we have this competitive window, that’s followed by falling off of a cliff. That’s pretty hard to do and there aren’t a ton of teams that have been able to do that.”

The Henry-Theo Epstein Red Sox of 2003-11 did it. They spent wildly, won every year, drafted and developed, earned a couple of championships, and never fell off a cliff.

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# Vrabel era should benefit these Patriots

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What Patriots stand to benefit most from the coaching changes? Here's a look at eight who could see a spike in responsibility — and with it, production — with coach Mike Vrabel, offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, and defensive coordinator Terrell Williams at the controls.

**Wide receiver DeMario Douglas:** The list of slot receivers McDaniels has helped blossom is impressive, one that includes Wes Welker and Julian Edelman. Douglas has enjoyed a good start to his career, but based on their history, a pairing with McDaniels could take him — and the New England passing game — to another level. No one is expecting Douglas to replicate the production of Welker and Edelman immediately, but with McDaniels's matchup-based passing attack, the speedy Douglas has the potential to take a sizable step forward.

**Wide receiver Kendrick Bourne:** The 29-year-old is one of just two remaining offensive skill position players from McDaniels's last season with the Patriots. (Hunter Henry is the other.) That experience with the offensive coordinator alone should give him a leg up on any competition he might have.

McDaniels loves wide receivers who can do multiple things, and Bourne has shown the versatility to be included on this list. He might not have the burst he possessed a few years ago, but add his leadership skills and veteran savvy to the conversation, and Bourne could thrive in 2025.

**Whomever is at fullback:** Giovanni Ricci, a fullback and tight end, was signed to a futures contract this month. Given McDaniels's past affinity for James Develin and Heath Evans, we're betting Ricci won't be the only fullback-type in camp.

**Running back Antonio Gibson:** The 26-year-old initially resisted the “third-down back” tag when he signed last offseason, but he could start to come around once he sees what McDaniels has done for players with similar skill sets. Like the slot receiver position, the list of third-down backs who benefited from working in a McDaniels offense is long, and includes James White and Shane Vereen. If the backfield depth looks the same heading into 2025 and Gibson can sharpen his blitz pickup skills, he could be in line for a sizable spike in production.

**Tight end Austin Hooper:** Part of McDaniels's 2023 Raiders, Hooper was a pleasant surprise for much of this past season and became a reliable part of the passing game. Giv-

en McDaniels's love of two-tight-end sets, if the Patriots can find a way to retain the free agent, Hooper could be a sneaky-important part of the offense.

**Defensive lineman Christian Barmore:** He would appear to have all the earmarks of a typical Vrabel guy: a smart, physical, versatile defensive presence who is capable of being a game-wrecker. If he's healthy (after spending most of the season on the shelf because of blood clots), he can be the centerpiece of the defense under Vrabel and Williams.

**Defensive end Keion White:** At the end of the season, a disgruntled White was among those calling for change. He and the rest of the locker room got it.

On the surface, White and Vrabel look to be a good mix for three reasons. White is an edge defender growing into his role, one that Vrabel perfected in eight seasons in New England. They share versatility as part-time tight ends. White caught passes as a freshman tight end in college, while Vrabel's past receiving skills as a part-time tight end are well-documented. And both have straightforward, occasionally disarming personalities. It should be an interesting mix, but it has the potential to benefit both.

**Safety Kyle Dugger:** The veteran, who struggled this past season (in large part because of injury), could be poised for a renaissance. Like Barmore, Dugger is a smart, tough, physical player who can easily serve as a guidepost on the back end or mix it up in the box against the run.

From a big picture standpoint, Vrabel and Williams could see Dugger the same way they looked at Kevin Byard when they were together in Tennessee: a big hitter with excellent ball skills.

The Patriots signed defensive tackle Jeremiah Pharms to a two-year contract extension, according to his representatives. The 28-year-old was set to become an exclusive-rights free agent next month.

The 6-foot-2-inch Pharms played in 16 games in 2024 and made five starts. He had 33 tackles, 2 sacks, and 5 quarterback hits.

Pharms has had an unusual career arc. He was undrafted out of Friends University in Wichita, Kan., in 2020, and spent time playing indoor football and in the USFL with the Pittsburgh Maulers before joining the Patriots' practice squad in 2022.

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## SportsLog Saints choose Eagles' Moore

**Kellen Moore**, who oversaw the Super Bowl champion Eagles' offense this season, has agreed to return to the site of his latest triumph as the next coach of the New Orleans Saints. The 36-year-old will join an organization that hasn't made the playoffs since the 2020 season — the last of quarterback **Drew Brees**'s career. The club waited longer to fill its vacancy than any other NFL team seeking a new coach this year, and Moore was the only assistant on either Super Bowl team to be interviewed by New Orleans. A standout college quarterback at Boise State, Moore had a six-year career as a practice squad or reserve QB, then moved into coaching in 2018 with Dallas. He left for the Chargers in 2023, then landed in Philadelphia.

### S O C C E R Gillette go on Revolution kit

Gillette, the Boston-based razor and personal care company whose name has adorned the Foxborough home of the Patriots and Revolution for more than two decades, was announced as the latter's new jersey sponsor. It replaces UnitedHealthcare, which became the Revolution's first (and to date only) front-of-jersey sponsor seven matches into the 2011 season. A white Gillette wordmark was revealed on the front of New England's 'Boston Tea Party' jersey, which debuted last year. A new second-year jersey is scheduled to be unveiled Wednesday via a custom-wrapped Old Town Trolley, which will tour assorted Boston landmarks . . . **Jude Bellingham** struck in stoppage time to give Real Madrid a 3-2 victory in the first leg of its Champions League playoff at Manchester City, which squandered a 2-1, 85th-minute lead. Elsewhere, Paris Saint-Germain routed upstart Brest, 3-0; Juventus won, 2-1, against PSV Eindhoven; and Borussia Dortmund looks on course after a 3-0 win at Sporting Lisbon.

### N B A Durant reaches 30,000

**Kevin Durant** became the eighth player in NBA history to score 30,000 points, hitting the mark against the Grizzlies with a free throw late in the third quarter. The 36-year-old Suns forward, who recently was voted to his 15th All-Star team, joins **LeBron James**, **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, **Karl Malone**, **Kobe Bryant**, **Michael Jordan**, **Dirk Nowitzki**, and **Wilt Chamberlain** in the 30,000-point club. **Julius Erving** also hit the mark when combining his points scored in the NBA and ABA . . . **Brandon Ingram** agreed to a three-year, \$120 million contract extension with the Raptors, who acquired him in a trade with the Pelicans last week.

### S C H O O L S Feds want records restored

The Department of Education asked the NCAA and National Federation of State High School Associations to restore titles, awards, and records it says have been “misappropriated by biological males competing in female categories.” The department's office of general counsel sent a letter requesting the changes, which are “entirely consistent with the NCAA's new policy” according to a department release. The day after President **Donald Trump** signed an executive order last week aimed at banning transgender athletes from women's and girls sports, the NCAA changed its participation policy to restrict competition in women's sports to athletes who were assigned female at birth.

### B A S E B A L L Kiké, Dodgers stay together

**Kiké Hernández** and the Dodgers finalized a \$6.5 million, one-year contract that keeps the versatile infielder/outfielder with the World Series champions. The 33-year-old is entering his third straight season with the Dodgers after the Red Sox dealt him back there in July 2023, and his ninth year with LA overall . . . The Royals hired **Ned Yost** as a senior adviser to general manager **J.J. Picollo**, bringing back the manager who led them to back-to-back American League pennants and a World Series title in 2015 . . . Outfielder **Ramón Laureano's** one-year \$4 million contract with the Orioles, announced last week, includes a \$6.5 million team option for 2026.

### M I S C E L L A N Y UConn men top Creighton

**Liam McNeeley** scored a season-high 38 points and had 10 rebounds, and UConn overcame a 14-point deficit late in the first half to end No. 24 Creighton's nine-game winning streak with a 70-66 victory in Omaha, Neb. **Alex Karaban's** floater in the lane broke a 65-all tie with 1:44 left, and the Huskies (17-7, 9-4 Big East) beat the Bluejays (18-7, 11-3), who re-entered the AP Top 25 this week for the first time since late November . . . Tennis's US Open is moving its mixed doubles championship to the week before singles play begins, with early-round matches reduced to best-of-three sets played to just four games . . . Reigning PWHL MVP **Natalie Spooner**, who injured her knee in last year's playoffs, made her season debut for Toronto in a 3-2 overtime win over defending champion Minnesota to begin the women's hockey league's second half.

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.		
Boston	38	16	.704	—	W 2	16-10	28-9		
New York	35	18	.660	2½	W 1	18-10	24-11		
Philadelphia	20	33	.377	17½	L 4	10-17	14-19		
Brooklyn	19	34	.358	18½	W 2	8-17	10-23		
Toronto	17	37	.315	21	W 1	12-16	11-23		
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.		
Cleveland	43	10	.811	—	W 3	25-4	28-7		
Indiana	29	23	.558	13½	L 2	14-8	17-16		
Milwaukee	28	24	.538	14½	L 1	17-9	23-16		
Detroit	28	26	.519	15½	W 3	14-13	20-20		
Chicago	22	32	.407	21½	L 3	10-18	17-19		
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.		
Miami	25	26	.490	—	L 2	12-11	14-16		
Atlanta	26	28	.483	½	W 3	12-12	19-13		
Orlando	26	29	.471	1	L 1	16-10	20-16		
Charlotte	13	38	.255	12	L 2	9-20	7-29		
Washington	9	44	.170	17	L 3	5-22	7-22		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.		
LA Lakers	32	19	.627	—	W 6	19-6	20-11		
LA Clippers	29	23	.558	3½	W 1	18-10	18-18		
Sacramento	27	26	.509	6	W 2	14-13	18-17		
Golden State	27	26	.509	6	W 2	15-13	17-18		
*Phoenix	26	26	.500	6½	L 1	16-10	17-15		
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.		
*Memphis	35	17	.673	—	L 1	21-6	19-13		
Houston	30	20	.623	2½	W 1	16-8	19-12		
Dallas	28	26	.519	8	L 1	15-11	20-18		
San Antonio	23	28	.451	11½	W 1	13-12	16-18		
New Orleans	12	41	.226	23½	L 9	8-18	6-25		
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.		
Oklahoma City	43	9	.827	—	W 6	24-3	25-8		
Denver	35	19	.648	9	W 7	18-8	21-12		
Minnesota	30	24	.556	14	L 1	15-12	22-14		
Portland	23	31	.426	21	L 2	15-13	14-26		
Utah	12	40	.231	31	L 3	5-18	4-31		

— Not including late game

TUESDAY'S RESULTS			
Toronto 106	at Philadelphia 103	Detroit 132	at Chicago 92
New York 128	at Indiana 115	Memphis	at Phoenix

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES			
San Antonio at BOSTON	7	Milwaukee at Minnesota	8
Charlotte at Orlando	7	Miami at Okla. City	8
Indiana at Washington	7	Phoenix at Houston	8:30
Philadelphia at Brooklyn	7:30	Portland at Denver	9
Atlanta at New York	7:30	LA Lakers at Utah	9
Cleveland at Toronto	7:30	Golden St. at Dallas	9:30
Sacramento at New Orleans	8	Memphis at LA Clippers	10:30
Detroit at Chicago	8		

MONDAY'S RESULTS			
BOSTON 103	at Miami 85	Golden St. 125	at Milwaukee 111
At Cleveland 128	Minnesota 107	At Okla. City 137	New Orleans 101
Atlanta 112	at Orlando 106	Sacramento 129	at Dallas 128 (OT)
San Antonio 131	at Washington 121	At Denver 146	Portland 117
At Brooklyn 97	Charlotte 89	At LA Lakers 132	Utah 113

KNICKS 128, PACERS 115

NEW YORK

	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	F	Pt
Achiuwa	33	3-8	3-4	5-12	2	0	9
Hart	40	12-16	5-7	2-10	5	4	30
Towns	38	14-23	9-9	4-12	5	5	40
Bridges	29	3-7	0-0	1-5	2	2	6
Brinson	23	4-11	0-0	0-2	7	5	8
Hukporti	6	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
McBride	25	4-7	3-3	0-3	1	2	15
Payne	24	4-8	0-0	0-1	8	2	9
Shamet	19	5-9	0-0	0-1	4	2	11
Kolek	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

Totals

49-91 20-23 13-48 37 22 128

FG%: .538, FT%: .870. 3-pt. goals: 10-27, .370 (Achiuwa 0-1, Hart 1-3, Towns 3-8, Bridges 0-1, Brinson 0-1, McBride 4-4, Payne 1-4, Shamet 1-4, Ryan 0-1). Team rebounds: 6. Team turnovers: 16 (16 pts.). Blocks: 2 (Achiuwa, Payne). Turnovers: 14 (Achiuwa, Hart 3, Towns 2, Brinson 3, Hukporti 2, McBride, Payne 2). Steals: 6 (Hart 2, Towns 3, Payne). Technicals: Coach Thibodeau, 11:15/2nd.

RAPTORS 106, 76ERS 103

TORONTO

	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	F	Pt
Agbaji	27	5-10	0-10	0-4	1	5	11
Barnes	37	10-16	12-15	1-4	3	1	33
Mogbo	21	2-4	0-0	1-5	5	4	5
Dick	33	6-13	2-3	0-4	0	1	17
Quickley	34	7-11	5-5	1-3	5	2	23
Boucher	15	0-6	0-0	3-8	1	1	0
Shead	17	3-5	0-0	3	5	1	6
Robinson	15	0-5	0-0	0-4	0	1	0
Walter	20	2-8	0-0	3-5	1	0	5
Battle	9	1-3	0-0	0	1	0	3
Chormiche	12	0-2	0-0	1-2	3	1	0

Totals

38-52 19-23 20-30 11-33 23 10

FG%: .463, FT%: .826. 3-pt. goals: 11-23, .333 (Agbaji 1-3, Barnes 1-2, Mogbo 0-1, Dick 3-8, Quickley 4-8, Boucher 0-3, Shead 0-1, Walter 1-4, Battle 1-3). Team rebounds: 6. Team turnovers: 19 (21 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Barnes 2, Dick, Chormiche). Turnovers: 17 (Agbaji 2, Barnes 3, Mogbo 2, Dick 2, Quickley 3, Boucher, Shead 3, Walter). Steals: 8 (Barnes, Mogbo 2, Dick 3, Robinson, Walter).

INDIANA										NEW YORK									
	Min	FG	M-A	FT	Reb	A	F	Pt			Min	FG	M-A	FT	Reb	A	F	Pt	
Nesmith	13	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	4	0		Edwards	16	4-7	0-0	1-2	0	2	9			
Siakam	34	9-18	3-3	1-5	1	5	24		George	36	5-12	2-3	0-3	2	2	27			
Bryant	32	8-12	1-1	3-9	4	4	18		Embiid	38	8-19	1-10	5-12	4	4	29			
Nembhard	30	3-8	2-2	0-1	2	2	8		Maxeey	34	1-9	2-2	0-5	3	4	5			
Hailburton	33	7-15	0-0	1-5	8	2	16		Oubre Jr.	39	6-12	0-0	1-7	3	12	31			
Maturin	31	4-10	9-11	0-3	4	0	18		Butler	16	1-10	0-2	2-4	4	1	15			
Toppin	11	4-8	1-2	0-3	1	1	9		Grimes	36	5-12	2-3	3-7	4	13				
McConnell	17	3-5	1-4	0-1	6	0	7		Council IV	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0			
Walker	9	1-3	1-1	0-3	1	1	3		Yabusele	22	2-9	2-3	2-6	2	2	8			
Furphy	3	0-2	0-0	4-5	1	0	0		Totals	207	37-91	20-24	14-46	22	18	103			
Okafor	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0		Game 407: FT%: .833 (Edwards 12-14, George 2-3, 237 (Edwards 12, George 2-6, Embiid 1-5, Maxey 1-7, Oubre Jr. 2-6, Butler 1-3, Grimes 1-6, Council IV 0-1, Yabusele 2-6). Team rebounds: 5. Team turnovers: 14 (16 pts.).										
Sheppard	14	4-5	2-2	0-0	0	0	12		Blocks: 2 (Embiid, Council IV). Turnovers: 14 (Edwards, George 2, Embiid 4, Maxey 2, Oubre Jr. 2, Butler 1, Grimes 1, Yabusele 1).										
Totals	43-89	20-26	9-36	32	17	115			Steals: 10 (Edwards, George 2, Embiid, Oubre Jr. 2, Butler, Grimes 2, Yabusele).										
FG%: .483, FT%: .769. 3-pt. goals: 9-31, .290 (Nesmith 0-2, Siakam 3-6, Bryant 1-3, Nembhard 0-2, Hailburton 2-4, Maturin 1-5, Toppin 4-4, McConnell 0-1, Sheppard 2-3). Team rebounds: 7. Team turnovers: 10 (15 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Siakam, Bryant, Maturin). Turnovers: 10 (Siakam 4, Bryant 2, Hailburton 2, Maturin 1, McConnell 1, Walker 2). Steals: 8 (Nesmith, Siakam 2, Nembhard 3, Toppin, Sheppard). Technicals: Bryant, 1:12/2nd.																			
New York	27	41	30	30	—	128			Toronto	26	34	24	22	—	106				
Indiana	26	34	28	27	—	115			Totals	26	34	29	22	—	106				
A — 16,685 (18,165). T — 226. Officials — Josh Tiven, Sean Corbin, Intae Hwang.																			

































LAKERS 132, JAZZ 113

Monday night game

PISTONS 132, BULLS 92												
										UTAH		
DETROIT										FG	FT	Reb
	Min	FG	M-A	FT	Reb	A	F	Pt	M-A	M-A	A	
Collins	36	5	10	5	7	3	1	0	4	17		
Markkanen	29	8	18	0	0	1	3	1	17			
Kessler	34	5	7	3	3	1	2	13				
Collier	23	6	12	0	0	5	4	10				
Clarkson	29	6	12	1	2	1	0	13				
George	32	2	9	6	2	8	0	11				
Potter	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	2				
Sensabaugh	12	0	1	1	2	1	2	1				
Forsythe	18	4	8	0	0	2	0	16				
Filipowski	10	3	4	1	0	1	0	9				
Hartless	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				
Totals	39:84	23	43-77	11-39	29	17	13	133				
FGs: 46%; FTs: 85.2; 3-pt. goals: 12-40, 30.0 Collins 2, Markkanen 3, Kessler 3, Collier 3, Clarkson 3, George 1-6, Sensabaugh 0-1, Junturi 0-2, Potter 0-0, Forsythe 1-2, Rebounds: 7 Team turnovers: 19 (25 pts.), Blocks: 3 (Collins, Markkanen, Kessler), Turnovers: 19 (Collins 5, Markkanen, Kessler 3, Collier 4, Clarkson, George 1-6, Sensabaugh 0-1, Junturi 0-2, Potter 0-0, Forsythe 1-3, Beasley 1-10, Stewart 2, Schroder 0-1, Holland 1)												



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# Junior takes gold in dominant style

She was stuck on the far edge

It's a bit of a polar opposite story from some of the legacy skiers of Berkshire County. Runner-up Mahar is the daughter of a state champion, while her Wahconah

The Greylock girls were led by Lauren Miller in fifth place as they continued to dual with Berkshire League foe Amherst. Both teams put their four scorers inside the top 25, but Miller's leadoff spot was too strong and the Mounties won, 61-72.



## Brookline's Hannah Petersen won the Nordic title by 27 seconds at Prospect Mountain

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Westwood sits at No. 8 in the Globe Top 20 in large part because of Kate Sullivan’s play.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS’ HOCKEY NOTEBOOK

Forwards powered up

Inspired by pro players, physical play encouraged

By Mike Puzzanghera  
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Kate Sullivan sees the younger classes of girls’ hockey players at Westwood embracing the physicality of the sport.

The Wolverines’ scoring ace, with 33 goals in 17 games, is never one to shy away from a physical battle. An expert at finishing off plays in front, Sullivan sees the younger players buying into it as well — including the six eighth graders on the No. 8 team in the Globe Top 20.

“It pushes me as a player — and my teammates — just to become faster, stronger, better, and to want to beat the next person,” said Sullivan, a senior who is committed to Connecticut College for lacrosse. “Everyone is so competitive, everyone really wants to win, and it just makes the game so much more fun.”

Welcome to the age of the power forward, in which physical play and a gritty mind-set is encouraged, rather than punished by officials. And it has trickled down to new players joining the high school ranks.

Typically, a power forward is a strong skater who possesses a hard shot and a physical presence who looks to attack the front of the net. They don’t need to be 6 feet to have that presence — it’s more about mentality than size, especially in the girls’ game.

“It’s definitely taken on a life of its own in the past couple of years,” Archbishop Williams coach Doug Nolan said. “You see a lot more girls playing, and a lot more bigger, stronger girls playing. Having a big, strong forward like that, battling against other girls, is definitely an advantage.

“It’s hard to defend those girls, unless you’ve got some big, strong defenders.” Coinciding with the rise of the role is the rise of women’s hockey. With the PWHL having embraced physical play, kids with aspirations on the ice see that as part of the game.

“I think girls in general are influenced a lot by the women who play professional sports,” Sullivan said. “As their physical levels increase, so do ours.

“It’s just looking up to them and wanting to be like them.”

Nolan coaches one of the younger power forwards in the state — freshman Julie Murphy. Murphy leapt onto the scene a year ago as an eighth grader, delivering clutch moments during the Bishops’ run to the state semifinals — notably setting up a last-minute winner to beat Methuen/Tewksbury in the second round.

Her fearlessness in crashing the net or winning a battle in the corner is key for the Bishops, ranked No. 7 in the Globe Top 20. Murphy said it wasn’t immediately there as a newcomer, but now it’s integral to her game.

“I had a really bad start,” Murphy said. “I was so scared. But then I realized, these are the same girls I’ve played with for the last 10 years of playing hockey. It’s really the same stuff, just a higher competition. Having those second- and third-effort plays really helped me find my groove.”

Up at the Peabody/Lynnfield/North Reading co-op, senior captain Mia Lava has embraced the power forward role. A Northeastern Hockey League All-Star last year and the team’s second-leading scorer this winter, the road to success starts in the weight room. Coach Michelle Roach said the Tanners frequently use Lava to demonstrate exercises for the team thanks to

her excellent form. “Mia’s one of our stronger players in the weight room,” Roach said. “And being a captain, she is getting in there, talking to the other kids, bringing them along with her, and she is working out just as hard as when she’s on ice.”

On the ice, Lava excels at winning puck battles and picking her spots to play with an edge while playing in all situations for the Tanners, ranked No. 9 in the Globe’s Top 20.

In addition to the additional competitive fire, Roach feels the sport adopting physicality has also led to less injuries due to these hits becoming the norm.

“Players are expecting that competitive contact,” Roach said. “They’re not shying away from it. It’s not taking them by surprise where before, when it was strictly managed in the game, sometimes people were caught off guard — and that’s when people get hurt.”

Ice chips

■ Boston Latin is just 5-11-3 overall, and 2-9-2 in the competitive Merrimack Valley/Dual County Large. But the Wolfpack will be a challenging out in the MIAA Division 1 post-season tournament.

In the month of January, Boston Latin lost by one-goal margins to No. 5 Methuen/Tewksbury and No. 2 Malden Catholic, and tied No. 6 Haverhill/Pentucket/North Andover. Finally, the Wolfpack got over the hump last Wednesday with a 4-3 overtime victory over No. 11 Billerica/Chelmsford after letting a two-goal lead slip away in the third period. The victory propelled Boston Latin to No. 22 in the MIAA Division 1 power rankings.

“I feel we’re knocking on the door,” said coach Tom McGrath. “We want to be around No. 20 [in the power rankings] by the time we get to the tournament. We’re going to be a tough, tough game for whoever we draw in the playoffs. I don’t think anyone should take us lightly.”

The Wolfpack are led by senior defenseman Ava Enright (12 goals, 6 assists), a returning Globe All-Scholastic.

“She’s gotten even faster this year, just rounded out her game in all areas,” McGrath said of Enright. “She’s kind of taken the team on her shoulders and saying ‘come follow me.’ That means a lot to the team.”

■ Two milestones were reached during the past week in the NEPSAC ranks. The first came Saturday from Thayer Academy senior Morgan McGathey, who rifled in her 100th career goal in a 5-1 win over Brooks. Then on Monday, Nobles senior forward Molly MacCurtain reached the 100-point plateau in a 4-2 win over Rivers.

McGathey is committed to play at Harvard next season, and MacCurtain is Northeastern-bound.

Correspondent Matty Wasserman contributed to this story.



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Kate Sullivan and Westwood have raced to a 16-0-1 record.

Schools

BASKETBALL

BOYS  
Agawam 51.....Wahconah 42  
Bramshire 52.....Mt. Greylock 28  
PV Chinese Immers. 40.....PV Chrstn 27  
St. Mary (West.) 49.....Pathfinder 48  
Veritas Prep 57.....Baystate Acad. 51

BAY STATE  
Braintree 59.....Milton 51  
Brookline 78.....Framingham 51  
Needham 63.....Walpole 53  
Newton North 70.....Weymouth 43  
Wellesley 42.....Natick 30

BOSTON CITY  
S. Boston 85.....Batson Acad. 55

CAPE & ISLANDS  
Falmouth 67.....Nantucket 50  
Monomoy 67.....Martha’s Vnyd. 57  
Nauset 65.....Dennis-Yarmouth 62  
St. John Paul II 50.....Sturgis West 46

CAPE ANN  
Ham-Wenham 58.....Amesbury 55

CATHOLIC CENTRAL  
Bp. Fenwick 56.....August Cath. 54

COMMONWEALTH  
Gr. Lawrence 41.....Lynn Tech 32  
Gr. Lowell 66.....KIPP Academy 60  
Shawsheen 78.....Whittier 37

HOCKOMOCK  
Attleboro 77.....Sharon 52  
Franklin 82.....Milford 67  
Mansfield 55.....Foxboro 40  
Oliver Ames 82.....North Attleboro 63  
Stoughton 54.....Canton 48  
Taunton 52.....King Philip 51

MAYFLOWER  
Old Colony 61.....Diman 40

MERRIMACK VALLEY  
Central Cath. 85.....Methuen 51  
Lowell 77.....N. Andover 58

MIDDLESEX  
Arlington 62.....Woburn 43  
Burlington 62.....Wilmington 53  
Lexington 57.....Belmont 54  
Watertown 74.....Wakefield 51  
Winchester 85.....Reading 63

NORTHEASTERN  
Beverly 70.....Winthrop 44  
Masconomet 65.....Salem 46  
Peabody 60.....Saugus 45  
Swampscott 68.....Danvers 55

PATRIOT  
Hanover 79.....Marshfield 33  
Hingham 65.....Quincy 58 (OT)  
N. Quincy 69.....Duxbury 45  
Plymouth S 69.....Plymouth North 30  
Silver Lake 61.....Scituate 56  
Whit-Hanson 62.....Pembroke 47

SOUTH SHORE  
E. Bridgewater 52.....Randolph 50  
Mashpee 48.....Carver 47  
Rockland 70.....Sandwich 59

SWCL  
Uxbridge 56.....Northbridge 44

TRI-VALLEY  
Holliston 56.....Ashland 49  
Medfield 69.....Bellingham 39  
Medway 58.....Millis 55  
Norton 55.....Dover-Sherborn 44  
Westwood 48.....Hopkinton 35

NONLEAGUE  
Acton-Boxboro 53.....Xaverian 51 (OT)  
Barnstable 52.....New Mission 46  
Boston Latin 65.....TechBoston 45  
Bourne 69.....Wareham 48  
Bridge-Raynham 60.....Cath. MmrI 58  
Brookton 74.....Lynn English 73  
Broimfield 60.....Murdock 31  
Cohasset 66.....Avon 59  
Doherty 88.....Wausett 55  
Fenway 62.....Madison Park 52  
Holland (Burke) 87.....Abington 70  
Maldenides 55.....Kennedy Acad. 53  
Malden Cath. 82.....Worcester So. 52  
Mystic Valley 70.....Boston College 45  
Newton South 58.....Andover 54  
ND Cristo Rey 72.....Innovation Acad. 56  
Old Rochester 71.....Bp. Stang 62  
Southeastern 69.....Card. Spellman 55  
Tewksbury 66.....Revere 49  
Weston 55.....Pacific Rim 42

GIRLS  
Athol 34.....PV Chinese Immersion 26  
Commerce 33.....Westfield Tech 32  
Ludlow 52.....Grainby 37  
Minnechaug 45.....E. Longmeadow 44  
Smith Voc. 50.....Mohawk Trail 32  
Westfield 49.....Monson 37

BAY STATE  
Braintree 41.....Milton 31  
Natick 59.....Wellesley 29  
Needham 54.....Walpole 54  
Newton North 54.....Weymouth 29

BOSTON CITY  
Fenway 56.....Madison Park 49  
Boston United 40.....TechBoston 22  
Muniz Academy 44.....E. Boston 16

CAPE & ISLANDS  
Dennis-Yarmouth 55.....Nauset 27  
Martha’s Vnyd. 50.....Monomoy 38  
Nantucket 59.....Sturgis West 13

CAPE ANN  
Georgetown 44.....Manchester 31  
Ham-Wenham 64.....Amesbury 27

CATHOLIC CENTRAL  
Abg. Williams 49.....Arlington Cath. 39  
Bp. Feehan 56.....Cathedral 53

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE  
Fontbonne 57.....Ursuline 28

COLONIAL  
Bay Path 78.....Monty Tech 29  
Everett 48.....Revere 42

GREATER BOSTON  
Attleboro 60.....Sharon 27  
Foxboro 57.....Mansfield 49  
Franklin 59.....Milford 29  
Oliver Ames 42.....North Attleboro 36  
Stoughton 54.....Canton 34

MAYFLOWER  
Blue Hills 49.....Westport 35

MERRIMACK VALLEY  
Andover 47.....N. Andover 41  
Billerica 31.....Chelmsford 22  
Methuen 51.....Lawrence 35

MID-WACH  
Marlborough 44.....Fitchburg 36  
Narragansett 53.....Ayer Shirley 39

MIDDLESEX  
Burlington 44.....Wilmington 32  
Lexington 58.....Mansfield 49  
Reading 61.....Winchester 33  
Stoneham 51.....Melrose 43  
Watertown 50.....Wakefield 42  
Woburn 59.....Arlington 35

NORTHEASTERN  
Danvers 55.....Swampscott 34  
Marblehead 43.....Gloucester 24  
Peabody 46.....Saugus 37

PATRIOT  
Hanover 54.....Marshfield 33  
N. Quincy 43.....Duxbury 42  
Pembroke 41.....Whit-Hanson 36  
Plymouth S 41.....Plymouth North 26  
Quincy 57.....Hingham 46  
Silver Lake 57.....Scituate 26

SOUTH SHORE  
Carver 72.....Mashpee 37  
Sandwich 61.....Rockland 35

TRI-VALLEY  
Hopkinton 45.....Westwood 33  
Medfield 72.....Bellingham 24  
Medway 58.....Millis 39  
Norton 45.....Dover-Sherborn 39  
Norwood 49.....Dedham 29

NONLEAGUE  
Algonquin 70.....Worcester North 34  
Bourne 60.....New Bedford 54  
Doherty 33.....Sutton 31  
Douglas 45.....Burncoat 22  
Dunfee 52.....Seekonk 30  
E. Bridgewater 69.....Barnstable 25  
Gardner 67.....Tahanto 38  
Littleton 37.....Quabbin 31  
Lunenburg 42.....Hudson 39 (OT)  
Malden 37.....Lowell 32  
Malden Cath. 75.....Bedford 42  
Maynard 57.....Clinton 38  
Oakmont 41.....Tyngsboro 22  
St. Paul 43.....Nipmuc 28  
Shrewsbury 57.....Notre Dame (W) 39  
Somerset Berkley 50.....Bp. Stang 26  
Somerville 53.....Latin Acad. 30  
S. Hadley 67.....Quabogab 26  
Southeastern 53.....Lynn Classical 21  
Weston 51.....Pacific Rim 11

NORDIC SKIING

BOYS

MIAA Championship at Prospect Mountain  
7k freestyle — 1. Fritz Sanders, Wahconah, 20:23; 2. Patrick Holland, Mt. Greylock, 21:08; 3. Mori Finlayson-Johncheck, Arlington, 21:10; 4. Simon Shin, Mt. Greylock, 21:33; 5. Dashiell Martin, Newton South, 21:34; 6. Levin Brenner, Newton South, 21:57; 7. Eli Stroud, Mt. Greylock, 21:52; 8. Adam Synnestvedt, Concord-Carlisle, 22:02; 9. Alex Huesgen, Westford, 22:20; 10. Zachary Scopinch-Burgel, Concord-Carlisle, 22:21; 11. Rowan Verghese, Natick, 22:52; 12. Chaz Mahar, Wahconah, 22:55; 13. Augustus Niswonger, Mohawk Trail, 23:04; 14. Ian Burns, Amherst-Pelham, 23:18; 15. Calvin Miller, Amherst-Pelham, 23:22.

Team results — 1. Mt. Greylock, 34; 2. Wahconah, 55; 3. Concord-Carlisle, 68; 4. Newton South, 90; 5. Amherst-Pelham, 104; 6. Wellesley, 123; 7. Wayland, 136; 8. Lenox, 150; 9. Acton-Boxborough, 156; 10. Mohawk Trail, 177.

GIRLS

MIAA Championship at Prospect Mountain  
7k freestyle — 1. Hannah Petersen, Brookline, 25:57; 2. Vienna Mahar, Wahconah, 25:10; 3. Rachael Strock, Brookline, 26:26; 4. Polina Kontorovich, Newton South, 26:36; 5. Lauren Miller, Mt. Greylock, 26:43; 6. Lucy Reiner, Lincoln-Sudbury, 27:09; 7. Shay Barnard, Acton-Boxborough, 27:30; 8. Hannah Leese, Newton South, 27:39; 9. Ella Workman, Amherst-Pelham, 27:37; 10. Alta Oswald, Winchester, 27:37; 11. Gabriella Friel, Weston, 27:37; 12. Jane Elliot, Lenox, 27:48; 13. Caroline Buri-nick, Acton-Boxborough, 27:49; 13. Charlotte Duhamel, Acton-Boxborough, 27:49; 15. Josie Bay, Mt. Greylock, 27:59.

Team results — 1. Mt. Greylock, 61; 2. Amherst-Pelham, 72; 3. Acton-Boxborough, 77; 4. Newton South, 85; 5. Lenox, 89; 6. Winchester, 100; 7. Mohawk Trail, 126; 8. Wellesley, 137; 9. Weston, 175; 10. Waltham, 176.

Scoreboard

	WED 2/12	THU 2/13	FRI 2/14	SAT 2/15	SUN 2/16	MON 2/17	TUE 2/18
	SA 7:00 NBCSB, ESPN				ALL-STAR GAME 8:00 TNT		
	NY 7:00 NESN		TOR 7:00 NESN		MIN 7:00 NESN	NY 4:00 NESN	

Home games shaded

On the radio, unless noted: Bruins and Celtics, WBZ-FM 98.5.

ON THE AIR

PRO BASKETBALL  
7 p.m. San Antonio at Boston NBCSB, ESPN  
9:30 p.m. Golden State at Dallas ESPN

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL  
6 p.m. St. John’s at Villanova FS1  
6:30 p.m. Iowa at Rutgers Big Ten  
7 p.m. Davidson at UMass NESN+  
7 p.m. Florida St. at Wake Forest ESPN  
7 p.m. Louisville at N.C. State ESPN2  
7 p.m. Mississippi at South Carolina SEC  
7 p.m. Oklahoma St. at TCU CBSSN  
7 p.m. Stanford at Georgia Tech ACC  
8:30 p.m. Washington at Ohio State Big Ten  
9 p.m. Arizona St. at Texas Tech CBSSN  
9 p.m. California at Duke ACC  
9 p.m. LSU at Arkansas ESPN2  
9 p.m. Notre Dame at Boston College ESPN  
9 p.m. Oklahoma at Missouri SEC  
10 p.m. Wyoming at New Mexico FS1

PRO HOCKEY  
7 p.m. PWHL: Boston at New York NESN  
8 p.m. 4 Nations: Canada at Sweden TNT

MEN’S SOCCER  
2:30 p.m. Premier: Liverpool at Everton USA  
7:55 p.m. CONCACAF: Cibao at Guadalajara FS2  
9:55 p.m. CONCACAF: Esteli at Tigres FS2

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Schools

HOCKEY

BOYS

BERRY DIVISION

Minnechaug 2.....W. Springfield 1

FAY DIVISION

Agawam 5.....Amherst-Pelham 2

NONLEAGUE

BC High 2.....Belmont 1  
Foxboro 8.....McCann Tech 2  
Foxboro 8.....Gardner 5  
St. Bernard’s 7.....Leominster 3  
Westfield 6.....Easthampton 4

GIRLS

MIDDLESEX

Arlington 2.....Reading 1

NORTHEAST

Winthrop 6.....W./Danvers 1

NONLEAGUE

Marblehead 3.....Ursuline 1

WRESTLING

MIDDLESEX

Melrose 50.....Wakefield 25

NONLEAGUE

Gloucester 49.....Bedford/A-B 24  
Shawshen 73.....Canton 0  
Silver Lake 73.....Stoughton 0

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Colleges

BASKETBALL

MEN

NEW ENGLAND

UConn 70.....at Creighton 66

SOUTH

Auburn 80.....Vanderbilt 68  
BYU 73.....West Virginia 69  
East Carolina 82.....UAB 75  
Florida 81.....Mississippi St. 68  
Iowa State 77.....UCF 65  
Kentucky 78.....Louisville 64  
Loyola Chicago 87.....Richmond 80 (OT)  
Miami 91.....Syracuse 84  
Murray St. 63.....UIC 53

MIDWEST

Akron 105.....W. Michigan 92  
Ball State 86.....E. Michigan 94 (OT)  
Buffalo 73.....No. Illinois 67  
Cincinnati 85.....Utah 75  
Geo. Mason 76.....Saint Louis 74 (OT)  
Illinois 83.....UCLA 78  
Indiana 71.....Michigan St. 67  
Kansas 71.....Colorado 59  
Kansas St. 73.....Arizona 70  
Kent State 73.....Central Mich. 63  
Marquette 68.....DePaul 58  
Miami (Ohio) 92.....Toledo 80  
Michigan 75.....Purdue 73  
Northern Iowa 88.....Indiana St. 67  
Ohio 86.....Bowling Green 81

WEST

Loyola Marymount 69.....Pepperdine 60  
USC 92.....Penn State 67

WOMEN

OTHER EAST

Canisius 48.....Niagara 46  
Temple 63.....UAB 53

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 75.....Virginia 65  
Little Rock 60.....SE Missouri 52  
TCU 79.....BYU 47

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Hershey 5.....WB/Scranton 4  
Rochester 5.....Cleveland 1  
Milwaukee 3.....Rockford 1  
Colorado 6.....San Jose 3  
Tucson.....at Bakersfield  
San Diego.....at Abbotsford

TUESDAY’S RESULTS

Syracuse vs. Toronto.....11a  
Bridgeport at Hartford.....7  
Laval at Belleville.....7  
Springfield at Grand Rapids.....7  
Texas at Manitoba.....8  
San Jose at Colorado.....9:05  
Coachella Valley at Henderson.....10  
San Diego at Abbotsford.....10  
Tucson at Ontario.....10

WEDNESDAY’S GAMES

Syracuse vs. Toronto.....11a  
Bridgeport at Hartford.....7  
Laval at Belleville.....7  
Springfield at Grand Rapids.....7  
Texas at Manitoba.....8  
San Jose at Colorado.....9:05  
Coachella Valley at Henderson.....10  
San Diego at Abbotsford.....10  
Tucson at Ontario.....10

WEDNESDAY’S RESULTS

Capital City.....11 6 .588 --  
College Park.....11 6 .647 ½  
Raptors.....11 6 .647 ½  
Westchester.....12 7 .632 ½  
Indiana.....11 7 .611 1  
Osceola.....10 7 .588 ½  
Maine.....11 6 .571 1  
Greensboro.....10 8 .556 2  
Wisconsin.....9 10 .474 ¾  
Grand Rapids.....9 10 .474 ¾  
Motor City.....8 .471 ¾  
Cleveland.....12 8 .444 4  
Long Island.....7 10 .412 4½  
Delaware.....7 12 .368 5½  
Windy City.....6 13 .316 6½  
Birmingham.....4 12 .250 7

DELRAY BEACH OPEN

Men’s singles

First Round

Yoshihito Nishikori, def. Aleksandar Vukic, 6-3, 6-4; Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (8), def. Taro Daniel, 6-2, 7-6 (2); Yunchaokete Bu, def. Rinky Hijikata, 6-2, 6-0; Arthur Rinderknech (9), def. Dmitry Popko, 6-2, 6-4; Mackenzie McDonald, def. Kei Nishikori, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-5.

ARGENTINA OPEN

Men’s singles

First Round

Juan Manuel Cerundolo, def. Roman Andres Burruchaga, 7-6 (4), 4-2, 7-5; Sebastian Baez (6), def. Camilo Ugo Carabelli, 6-4, 6-4; Francisco Cerundolo (5), def. Luciano Darderi, 6-4, 6-4.

OPEN 13 PROVENCE

Men’s singles

First Round

Daniel Altmaier, def. Luca Nardi, 6-2, 6-2; Alexander Bublik, def. Richard Gasquet, 6-4, 6-4; Luca Van Assche, def. Benjamin Bonzi, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7); Jan-Lennard Struff, def. Manuel Guinard, 7-5, 7-6 (4); Nuno Borges (8), def. Stan Wawrinka, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (1), 6-3; Zizou Bergs, def. Clement Chidekh, 6-4, 6-4; Zhizhen Zhang, def. Quentin Halys, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (3).

Premier League

GP W D L Pts.

Liverpool.....23 17 5 1 56  
Arsenal.....24 18 2 50  
Nottingham Forest.....24 15 5 47  
Chelsea.....24 12 7 5 43  
Manchester City.....24 12 5 7 41  
Newcastle.....24 12 7 41  
Bournemouth.....24 11 7 6 40  
Aston Villa.....24 10 7 7 37  
Fulham.....24 9 9 6 36  
Brighton.....24 8 10 6 34  
West Ham.....24 6 11 27  
Brentford.....23 6 9 26  
Crystal Palace.....24 7 9 8 30  
Man. United.....24 8 5 11 29  
Tottenham.....24 8 3 13 27  
West Ham.....24



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<b>AMHERST</b> DEANGELIS, Anthony	<b>CHELMSFORD</b> HOLAHAN, Edwin P.	<b>HOLLISTON</b> COLLIE, Charles W.	<b>MARBLEHEAD</b> SHEA, Daniel W. Jr.	<b>READING</b> HOLAHAN, Edwin P. PATTISON, Jane E. (Flanagan)	<b>WALTHAM</b> O'MALLEY, Katherine (Mackay)	<b>OUT OF STATE</b>
<b>ARLINGTON</b> SHEA, Daniel W. Jr.	<b>DEDHAM</b> FLYNN, Dianne E. WU, Magdalen	<b>HUDSON</b> SUTHERBY, Jean M.	<b>MELROSE</b> MANGANARO, John C.	<b>REVERE</b> FRANKLIN, Ronald Lee	<b>WATERTOWN</b> DEANGELIS, Anthony SARKISIAN, Marguerite Rose WU, Magdalen	<b>CONNECTICUT</b>
<b>BELMONT</b> SARKISIAN, Marguerite Rose WU, Magdalen	<b>DUXBURY</b> GARVEY, Nancy (O'Neill)	<b>HYDE PARK</b> ROSENFELD, Margaret M. (Gillis)	<b>MILTON</b> FITZGIBBON, Edward J. ROSENFELD, Margaret M. (Gillis)	<b>ROCKLAND</b> TRAINOR, Michael W.	<b>WEST ROXBURY</b> FLYNN, Dianne E. ROSENFELD, Margaret M. (Gillis) SUTHERBY, Jean M.	JARVIS, Wal
<b>BOSTON</b> COLLIE, Charles W. FITZGIBBON, Edward J. JARVIS, Wal SHEA, Daniel W. Jr. SHEA, Margaret Mary (Bushlow) SUTHERBY, Jean M.	<b>EVERETT</b> RUSSO, Mary L.	<b>KINGSTON</b> FLYNN, Dianne E.	<b>NEEDHAM</b> FLYNN, Dianne E.	<b>ROSLINDALE</b> FLYNN, Dianne E. ROSENFELD, Margaret M. (Gillis) SUTHERBY, Jean M.	<b>WESTFORD</b> HOLAHAN, Edwin P.	<b>MARYLAND</b> DEANGELIS, Anthony
<b>BURLINGTON</b> GARVEY, Nancy (O'Neill)	<b>FRAMINGHAM</b> SWIDLER, Jennifer Ann	<b>LEXINGTON</b> EZEKIEL, Fred SARKISIAN, Marguerite Rose	<b>NEWTON</b> DENNIS, Charles GOLDSTEIN, Steven M. O'MALLEY, Katherine (Mackay)	<b>STOUGHTON</b> ROSENFELD, Margaret M. (Gillis)	<b>WESTON</b> SARKISIAN, Marguerite Rose	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b> RUSSO, Mary L.
	<b>GROVELAND</b> RUSSO, Mary L.	<b>LYNN</b> GARVEY, Nancy (O'Neill)	<b>PEABODY</b> PATTISON, Jane E. (Flanagan)	<b>TEWKSBURY</b> PATTISON, Jane E. (Flanagan)	<b>WOBBURN</b> GARVEY, Nancy (O'Neill)	<b>NEW YORK</b> SWIDLER, Jennifer Ann
	<b>HANOVER</b> TRAINOR, Michael W.	<b>LYNNFIELD</b> TRAINOR, Michael W.				<b>VIRGINIA</b> SHEA, Margaret Mary (Bushlow)

COLLIE, Charles W. "Charlie"

Charlie, 73, of Holliston, died February 9, 2025. Husband of Annemarie (Merz) Collie; father to Matthew Collie. Graduate of Northeastern & Suffolk University. Visitation on Monday, February 17, 10-10:45, at Chesmore Funeral Home, of HOLLISTON, 854 Washington St. Funeral Home Service to follow 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Lake Grove Cemetery in Holliston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Schultz's Guest House, a private, non-profit dog rescue in Dedham, MA, where Molly was rescued, at <https://www.sghrescue.org/> or to Dana Farber Cancer Center, at [dana-farber.org](https://t2t.org/) or to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, at <https://t2t.org/> Full obit, at [www.ChesmoreFuneralHome.com](https://www.ChesmoreFuneralHome.com)

DEANGELIS, Anthony



Age 74, of Watertown, February 10, 2025. Beloved husband to Mary Ellen (Gilchrist) DeAngelis. Loving father to Kristen DeAngelis and her husband, Jake Mayfield, Matthew DeAngelis and his wife, Lindsay and Rachael DeAngelis. Cherished "Papa" to Ramona, Ian, Michael, Lola, Dominic, Alex and Olivia. Dear brother of Gloria Grande and the late Eleanor DelRaso, Mary Fawley, Joseph, John and Carmen DeAngelis. Family and friends are welcome to come Celebrate Anthony's Life by gathering for Visiting Hours in the Nardone Funeral Home, 373 Main St., WATERTOWN, on Wednesday, from 4-7 PM and again on Thursday at 11AM, for a Funeral Home Service. Burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

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DENNIS, Charles



Passed away of natural causes on January 28, 2025, at his home in Allouez Township, Michigan. He was born in Boston, MA, on May 18, 1944, the son of Gordon and Gertrude (Chabby) Dennis Wallen. He was raised in part in Newton, MA. Charlie had a life filled with many interests. He loved animals and horses. He was a craftsman and skilled woodworker. He loved our country and saw the best in people. He was very kind and loved and will be missed by all who knew him. His life motto was "endeavor to persevere." He joins in blessed memory his wife of 35 years, JoAnne (Thomas Dimmer) Dennis; and his beloved brother, Donald. He is survived by his prior spouse, Nancy (Johnson) Dennis of Warham, MA; and their son, Charles S. Dennis, Jr. of Gig Harbor, WA; and grandson, Justin Dennis. Also, through JoAnne, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

EZEKIEL, Fred



Fred Ezekiel loved four institutions: His family, Temple Emunah in Lexington, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the United States of America. They gave him the life he lived. He died peacefully in his sleep Sunday morning, February 9, 2025. He is survived by his daughter, Karen Ezekiel Handmaker (David Handmaker), his son, David Ezekiel (Elise Richman Ezekiel), grandchildren Maina Handmaker (Richard Joyce), Orli Handmaker (Sam Howe), Callan Handmaker, Hilana Ezekiel (Adam Schlitt), Micah Ezekiel and Nili Ezekiel, great grandsons Tavi Howe and Ronen Joyce, his sister, Flo Urbach, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his wife, Bess Ezekiel, sisters, Clarette Freedman and May Stein, brother, Shaoul Ezekiel, and his parents, Naima and David. Born in June 1929 in Baghdad, Iraq, Fredrick David Ezekiel of Lexington grew up focused on his education. In Iraq, he attended the Baghdad Alliance Israelite Universelle and the American Jesuit Baghdad College, the latter a rather uncommon place for a Jewish boy to attend high school. He was accepted to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with help from his Jesuit teachers and his considerable brain power. His arrival in America in 1948 marked the beginning of the end for Iraq's "Babylonian" Jews. A few years after Fred left Baghdad nearly all would be expelled after more than 2,000 years. The United States enabled the brilliant Fred to live the life he wanted - a life that would not have been possible in his native country. He earned several degrees including a doctorate in mechanical engineering from MIT and became an assistant professor. He continually credited education and MIT as his tickets to success. As he was starting his career, he wanted to look for a wife. He met Bessie Robinson of Brookline and proposed within a month. They were married at the MIT Chapel in August 1956. He became a U.S. citizen in 1959. Fred and Bess built a family together. They welcomed Karen in 1957, and David in 1960. His career took off as his children grew older. He left MIT and worked for several years as a consultant to technology companies and later started his own company, Servoflo Corporation, in 1977. He sold his own inventions, including the patented magnetic shaft seal for computer hard drives. He and Bess made the magnetic liquid in their own basement! In the 1990s, his son David joined him at Servoflo, building a successful electronics distribution company. Fred took an active role at the local synagogue, Temple Emunah. While not a particularly spiritual man, he valued the Jewish traditions and the communities that formed out of religious observance. He served as the congregation president in the '70s. In the last 15 years, he was primarily concerned with fostering social connection and shared interests among congregants. Just over a decade ago, he endowed the Ladle Fund to bring people together through social events at synagogue. Fred lived the American dream. He was an entrepreneur and family man thankful to his adopted country. He had a sense of civic pride evident in his desire to build social connections among countrymen, coreligionists, and family members, whether at Emunah, MIT, or beyond. All who knew him will miss him dearly. The Funeral will be at 1pm on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at Temple Emunah, 9 Piper Road, Lexington, MA 02421. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Fred's honor to the Temple Emunah Ladle Fund or the MIT Education Innovation Funds for Teaching and Learning.

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GOLDSTEIN, Steven M.

## China Scholar and Teacher

Steven M. Goldstein, husband, father, grandfather, brother, scholar and teacher, passed away on February 10, 2025, at the age of 84. Steve Goldstein was the Sophia Smith Professor of Government at Smith College for nearly 50 years, from 1968 until his retirement in 2016. He was widely respected for his groundbreaking work in the field of Chinese domestic and foreign policy, particularly his studies of Sino-American relations, Sino-Soviet relations and the development of a Chinese Communist worldview. He taught thousands of students in these areas as well as in the general class, "Gov 100," which he loved to teach. After retiring from Smith College, Steve continued his academic endeavors as an Associate at the Fairbank Center and as the director of the Taiwan Studies Workshop at Harvard University. His career also included faculty appointments at the Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Columbia University and the United States Naval War College. He was passionate about fostering understanding between China, Taiwan and the United States and spent many years traveling to China and Taiwan, often in the company of scholars and government officials. He had a particular expertise in cross-straits relations between China and Taiwan. In addition, Steve was active at Hebrew University's Truman Institute in Jerusalem, Israel, where he contributed to international academic and policy discussions. In addition to his academic work, he was an avid traveler, exploring the world through his extensive research and personal adventures. Outside the world of academia, Steve was known for his love of sailing and his ability to engage in spirited and thoughtful debates—he truly enjoyed a good argument. He was a fierce competitor on the squash and tennis courts and was hard on ideas, but soft on people. Steve is survived by his wife, Erika Kates; his son, Ken Goldstein; his daughter-in-law, Amanda Goldstein; his grandchildren, Samantha



Goldstein and Nathaniel Goldstein; his sister and brother-in-law, Lois and Jerry Lowenstein; his nephew, Ben Lowenstein; his stepdaughter, Shira Kates and her daughter, Zella. He was predeceased by his parents, Nathaniel and Etta Goldstein and his son, Daniel. A Funeral will be held. The livestream link will be made available on the funeral home website. The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Brandeis Hillel and Harvard Hillel.

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FITZGIBBON, Edward J.

Of Milton, February 10, 2025. Beloved husband of the late Denise E. (Merrill). Visitation on Thursday, February 13, from 9 - 10 am, at Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Avenue, EAST MILTON SQUARE, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Saint Agatha Church, 432 Adams Street, Milton, at 10:30 am. Complete obituary at [www.dolanfuneral.com](http://www.dolanfuneral.com)

FLYNN, Dianne E. (O'Donnell)



Longtime resident of Dedham, formerly of Roslindale, passed away on February 10, 2025. Beloved wife of the late Charles J. Flynn. Devoted mother of Joseph Flynn and his wife, Audrey of Needham, David Flynn and his wife, Ann of Dedham and Charles Flynn and his wife, Kathi of Kingston. Loving Nana of Emma, Cameron, Mitchell, John, Allison and Nolan. Dear sister of Maureen Doyle, William O'Donnell, Paul O'Donnell, Kathy O'Neil, Susan Decker, Stephen O'Donnell and the late Michael O'Donnell. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dianne was a retired administrative assistant for the MBTA. Visiting Hours will be held at the George F. Doherty & Sons Wilson-Cannon Funeral Home, 456 High St., DEDHAM, on Friday, February 14, from 3-7pm. Funeral from the funeral home on Saturday, February 15, at 10am, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Mary's Church, Dedham at 11am. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Interment is private. Online guestbook, at [gfdoherty.com](http://gfdoherty.com)

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FRANKLIN, Ronald Lee "RF"

Of Revere, died surrounded by his family, on February 11. Beloved husband of the late April Joy Franklin. Devoted life partner of Peg Murphy. Adoring father of Merek Franklin and his wife, Julianne, Evan Franklin and his wife, Jessica and Alysa Nigrelli and her husband, Jason. Dear brother of Richard Franklin, Danny Franklin and Paul Franklin. Loving grandfather of Adam and Mya Nigrelli, Hunter and Blake Franklin and Ava and Jake Franklin. Services at the Torf Funeral Chapel, 151 Washington Ave., CHELSEA, on Wednesday, February 12, at 12 noon. Interment to follow in Everett. Donations in RF's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741. For online guestbook and directions, please visit the funeral home website, [www.torf funeralservice.com](http://www.torf funeralservice.com)

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GARVEY, Nancy (O'Neill)



Of Woburn, February 9, at eighty-seven years of age. Beloved wife of the late William J. "Bill" Garvey. Devoted mother of Stephen W. Garvey, his wife, Joy of Burlington, Marianne Murphy, her husband, Michael P. of Duxbury, Michael F. Garvey, his wife, Patricia of Woburn and James J. Garvey, his wife, Bernice of Meredith, NH. Loving grandmother of Cara, Colin, Brooke Garvey, Caitlin Dufault, Mark Murphy, Courtney and Matthew Garvey, Margaret "Maggie" Pearce and Christopher Garvey, Barry Mazzaglia; and eleven great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Kathleen Dainton, her husband, Dr. John Dainton of Gloucester and the late Ruth O'Neill. A Funeral will be held on Friday, February 14, in St. Barbara Church, 138 Cambridge Rd., at 11:30 a.m. Burial to follow in Woodbrook Cemetery. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Calling Hours, in the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main Street, WOBBURN, prior to the Mass from 9:30-11 a.m. Remembrances may be made in honor of Nancy to the James L. McKeown Boys and Girls Club of Woburn, Charles Gardner Lane, Woburn, MA 01801.

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GOLDSTEIN, Steven M.

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HOLAHAN, Edwin P.



We are saddened to announce the peaceful passing of Edwin P. Holahan, 89, of Reading, MA. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Holahan; and predeceased daughter, Monica Ward; our devoted father is survived by Lisa Tice and husband, Walter of Chelmsford, Thomas Holahan and wife, Leona of Couer d'Alene, Idaho, Joseph Holahan and wife, Beth of Westford; and cherished sister, Carole Coleman of Santa Barbara, CA. Ed is also survived by eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Visiting Hours will be Monday, February 17, 2025, at the Douglass, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home, 25 Sanborn Street, READING, from 4-7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at St. Athanasius Church, 300 Haverhill Street, Reading, at 10:30am. Following Mass, interment will take place at Charles Lawn Cemetery, at 182 Charles Street, Reading. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. [www.douglassfuneralhome.com](http://www.douglassfuneralhome.com)

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Obituaries

Cleveland Harris, 79, visionary NFL coach

By Richard Sandomir  
NEW YORK TIMES  
Cleveland Harris had a dream.

As one of the NFL's top running-back coaches, he had a reputation for getting the best out of his players, who revered him.

He hoped one day to become a head coach, at the time a rarity for a Black man in the NFL.

After the 1996 season, the league had 11 head coaching vacancies. Mr. Harris, who grew up in the Jim Crow South, was never even considered. All 11 positions were filled by white men.

Although he never fulfilled his dream of being a head coach himself, he pressed the league to make changes that helped open the door for future Black head coaches.

He died at 79 on Jan. 6 at his home in Atlanta. His daughter Tarana Mayes said the cause was cancer.

In 1997, Mr. Harris, who was known as Chick, led a group of nine Black assistant coaches in a meeting with the league's commissioner, Paul Tagliabue, to find a system in which minority candidates would be considered for head coaching jobs. The league was made up largely of Black players but had had only four Black head coaches in the modern era.

"We tried to give the commissioner information about our feelings and tell him how people around the country felt," Mr. Harris, then the running-backs coach of the Carolina Panthers, told reporters afterward. "Any dialogue can raise consciousness."

Tagliabue said Mr. Harris had been diplomatic and reasonable. "He didn't come across as severely wronged," he recalled in an interview. "He was the type of guy to reason and listen. He was a very articulate guy. But was there anger at the meeting? Yes."

Gerald Carr, then the wide-receivers coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, who attended the meeting, said Mr. Harris had been "integral" to the gathering.

"He described the pathway: How do we get there? And how do we get in front of the owners?" Carr said. From that discussion emerged the idea of establishing a process in which top minority candidates would meet with owners at their regular meetings. "We wanted them to know us, not just know of us," Carr said.

Herman Edwards, who was then the assistant head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, said the group had not asked for any special consideration for Black coaches. "The whole idea is, you should be hired on your ability to coach, not just because you're Black," he said. "But you have to have the opportunity."

In 2001, the New York Jets hired Edwards as their first Black head coach.

The 1997 meeting nudged the league toward taking action. In response to a 2002 study commissioned by the lawyers and activists Cyrus Mehri and Johnnie Cochran Jr., titled "Black Coaches in the National Football League: Superior Performance, Inferior Opportunities," the league created a workplace diversity committee to address its hiring practices.

In early 2003, to promote minority hiring, Mehri and Cochran created the Fritz Pollard Alliance, an advocacy group named for the player who in the 1920s became the league's first Black coach. And that year the league adopted the Rooney Rule, which required teams to interview at least one minority candidate for any head coach opening. (The rule was named after Dan Rooney, the chair of the diversity committee and the owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers.)

The rule has since been expanded to include openings for coordinators and general managers. It requires teams to interview at least two minority candidates for those positions.

In addition to Mayes, Mr. Harris is survived by another daughter, Kara Harris; his son, Tyler; four grandchildren; and three half sisters, Callista Cass and Robin and Cheri Womack. His marriages to Cheryl Avants and Karen Brown ended in divorce.

JARVIS, Wal



Of Portland, CT, left us peacefully, after a long and bravely fought battle with cancer, passing on January 31, at the age of 79. He was born in Hartford, CT on May 10, 1945 to Penny and William Jarvis. Wal spent most of his life as a Portland resident, residing on the Penfield Family Farm.

Wal Jarvis worked his entire career in what was then, a fourth-generation family manufacturing business. Wal attended Choate, where he excelled at athletics. He then went on to graduate from Boston University. He later attended the OPM Executive Management Program at Harvard Business School. Wal went to work in Lynn, MA, before moving to Rochester, NH, eventually moving back to Portland, CT, where he was named President of Jarvis Airfoil, Inc. He modernized and grew his business, including an expansion into the medical implant manufacturing industry by starting Jarvis Surgical, Inc. Wal Jarvis retired in 2015 after successfully dividing and passing his businesses down to his two sons, the fifth generation of Jarvis owner/operators. He is remembered by all who worked with him as committed and caring, an owner who always made time for his employees and never hesitated to roll up his sleeves when another hand was needed.

An avid traveler, Wal and Hedy continued to visit remote parts of the world after his retirement. He rode an elephant, canoed in Vietnam, fished in Mexico and drove the Autobahn. Wal regularly attended Nascar Championship races with his dear friend Henry Colangelo. An accomplished amateur race-car driver, Wal was happiest when experiencing the challenge of the traction and turns on the racetrack. Whether it was skipping over the chop on Long Island Sound in his Cigarette boat or driving his highly modified 911 race car into Big Bend at the end of Lime Rock Park's Sam Posey Straight, where he regularly felt the joy of speed.

Wal Jarvis is survived by his wife, Hedy Gaebel Jarvis of Portland, CT; and his two sons, Jason P. Jarvis of West Hartford, CT and Clayton F. Jarvis of Easthampton, MA; his stepdaughter, Victoria Tchetchet of Portland, CT; and his two brothers; Penfield Jarvis of West Hartford, CT and Marshall Jarvis of York Harbor, ME; as well as many loved nieces and nephews. Wal Jarvis was the patriarch of a large blended family including ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Judy.

Wal's family would like to thank everyone at Masonicare for taking such wonderful care of Wal during his time with them. A very special thanks goes to Wal's care giver Emanuel Ayidana, who was with him every day.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 18, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 345 Main St., Portland, CT. Burial will follow at Center Cemetery, Portland, CT. Friends may call at the Portland Memorial Funeral Home, 231 Main St., PORTLAND, CT, on Monday, February 17, from 4 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Portland Food Bank or St. Vincent DePaul of Middletown, CT.

MANGANARO, John C. "Nick"



Of Melrose, February 8, 2025, at age 91. Beloved husband of the late Barbara (Gentile) Manganaro with whom he shared 62 years of marriage. Devoted father of John P. Manganaro and his wife Diane of Melrose and Donna Keefe and her husband Ed of Amesbury. Cherished grandfather of Jonathan Manganaro, Jacquelyn Manganaro, Joshua Manganaro, Jennifer Bushee, Richard Bushee, Michelle Bushee, Edwad Keefe, Ronald Keefe and Daniel Keefe. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to gather in honor of Nick's life at St. Mary's Church, Herbert St., Melrose, for his Funeral Mass celebrated on Friday, February 14 at 10am. Interment at Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose. Gifts may be made to Melrose Veterans Relief Fund, c/o Veterans Services Office, 201 W. Foster St., Melrose MA 02176 or Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Ste. B-102, Danvers MA 01923. For online tribute please visit www.RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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O'MALLEY, Katherine "Kathy" (Mackay)

Of Newton, passed away at her home, on February 4, 2025. She was 68 years old. A Visiting Hour will be held in the Eaton & Mackay Funeral Home, 465 Centre St., NEWTON CORNER, on Saturday, February 15, beginning at 10 AM, followed by a Service at 11 AM. To share a memory of Kathy with her family, visit [www.eatonandmackay.com](http://www.eatonandmackay.com)

PATTISON, Jane E. (Flanagan)

Of Reading, formerly of Peabody, February 9, 2025. Beloved wife of the late Richard A. Pattison. Devoted mother of Susan J. Sweeney and her husband, Michael of Tewksbury. Loving grandmother of Aidan Sweeney of Tewksbury. Cherished sister of John A. Flanagan and his wife, Beverly of Danvers and Arthur K. Flanagan of Peabody. Sister-in-law of Robert and Claudia Pattison of Burlington and Joan Sheehan of Las Cruces NM. Funeral From the Douglass, Edgerley and Bessom Funeral Home, 25 Sanborn St. (corner of Woburn St.), READING, on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 9:30am, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Agnes Church, 186 Woburn St., Reading, at 10:30am. Burial to follow at Wood End Cemetery, Reading. Funeral home Visiting Hours on Thursday, from 4-7pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jane's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 3201 Nevada St., Newton, MA 02460. [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) [www.douglassfuneralhome.com](http://www.douglassfuneralhome.com)

ROSENFELD , Margaret M. (Gillis) "Peggy"



Of Hyde Park, more recently of Stoughton, passed away unexpectedly on February 10, 2025. Beloved wife of Michael "Bud" Rosenfield. Devoted mother of Michael J. Rosenfield and his partner, Jessica Casper of SC, John M. Rosenfield and his wife, Megan of West Roxbury and the late Patrick Rosenfield. Loving "Nana" of Leah, Abigail, Jack, Anthony, Avah and Amyah. Daughter of the late Murdock and Rose (O'Neil) Gillis. Sister of the late Kathleen M. Gillis, John O'Neil, Daniel Gillis and Peter Gillis. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visiting Hours will be held at the P.E. Murray - F.J. Higgins, George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 2000 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Friday, February 14, from 4-8pm. Funeral from the funeral home on Saturday, February 15, at 9am, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Pius X, 101 Wolcott Rd., Milton, at 10am. Interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Peggy's memory to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Attn: Financial Operations, 733 Third Ave., Ste. 510, NY, NY 10017, whom she supported on behalf of her grandson, Jack. For online guestbook, [pemurrayfuneral.com](http://pemurrayfuneral.com)

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RUSSO, Mary L.

Of Groveland, formerly of Everett, age 96, February 9. Daughter of the late Luigi and Jennie (Panico) Russo. Dear sister of Louis Russo and his wife, Jeannette of NH. Cherished aunt of Anne Marie Amello and her husband, Joseph, Michael Russo and his wife, Marie, and Robert Russo and his wife, Carol. Also survived by many great-nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are invited to attend an hour of Visitation in the Bisbee-Porcella Funeral Home, 549 Lincoln Ave., SAUGUS, on Friday, 9 - 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Mass in Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Summer St., Saugus, at 10:30 a.m. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be may to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, at [stjude.org](http://stjude.org) For directions and condolences, [www.BisbeePorcella.com](http://www.BisbeePorcella.com).

SARKISIAN, Marguerite Rose (Nahigian) "Marni"



Of Weston and Waltham, MA, passed away peacefully, on February 3, 2025, at Artis Senior Living in Lexington, MA, at age 94. Daughter of the late Moses and Rose Nahigian; and wife of the late Edward A. Sarkisian; she is survived by her son, James Edward Sarkisian and his fiancée, Ann S. Murphy of Waltham, MA; and many relatives and friends. Visiting Hours will be held at Bedrosian Funeral Home, 558 Mt. Auburn Street, WATERTOWN, MA, on Friday, February 14, from 4-7pm. A Memorial Service will be held at First Armenian Church, 380 Concord Ave., Belmont, MA, on Saturday, February 15, at 11am. For complete obituary and to share a memory, please visit [www.bedrosianfuneralhome.com](http://www.bedrosianfuneralhome.com)

SHEA, Margaret Mary (Bushlow)



Margaret Mary, lovingly known as "Re," passed away on December 21, 2024, in Reston, Virginia. She was born in 1943 to William and Julia Bushlow. She grew up in a vibrant household in Boston, Massachusetts, alongside her siblings William, Paul and Anita O'Brien, all of whom preceded her in death. Margaret shared a special bond with her cousins, Maryellen Costello, John and Mike Fleming and Annie Crowley, during her formative years.

Margaret was a devoted wife to Timothy Shea; and a loving mother to Tim, Jr. and spouse, Kathleen Higgins Shea; and daughter Jennifer; Marilyn and spouse, Mercer Garnet; and Maureen Shea. She cherished her role as grandmother to Timothy J. Lettner and his spouse, Caroline and Stephen Lettner. She especially loved being the great-grandmother of Lillian and Luke Lettner.

Margaret attended Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury, MA and began her professional journey at John Hancock Insurance. In 1962, she met the love of her life, Timothy Shea in Boston. They married in 1965 and embarked on a life filled with adventure and travel, accompanying Tim on overseas postings to Japan, Turkey, England, Brazil, Liberia and Denmark. Upon returning to the United States, Margaret joined the Central Intelligence Agency as a Contracting Officer. While working full-time, she pursued her education by taking evening classes and was sponsored for her final year of college. She proudly graduated from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. She was awarded the CIA Career Commendation Medal upon her retirement, after more than 24 years of dedicated service.

Margaret's life was marked by her intelligence, determination, kindness and deep love for her family. Her memory is treasured by all who knew her. May she rest in eternal peace.

A Mass was held at St. John Newmann's Catholic Church, in Reston, on January 9. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. <https://www.stjude.org/>

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SHEA, Daniel W. Jr.



Daniel of Marblehead, MA, died peacefully on February 10, 2025. Dan, as friends and family knew him, was a gentleman, patriot and proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, a devout Catholic and an active parishioner at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Marblehead, MA. Most importantly, Dan was a beloved son, brother, uncle, husband, father and grandfather.

Son of the late Daniel W. Shea, M.D. and Marjorie Ward Shea, Dan was born on November 13, 1935, in Arlington, MA. He grew up in Arlington, graduated from Matignon High School in Cambridge, St. John's Seminary (MA, History) and Boston College Law School (JD) and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

Dan was commissioned as a U.S. Navy Officer in 1962, during the Vietnam War. He served as a Judge Advocate General at the U.S. Naval Station in Philadelphia and at sea as the Legal Officer, aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Saratoga. He was promoted to Lieutenant Commander while in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Dan began a career in civilian legal work focused on labor relations and labor contract negotiations between large companies and unions in Cambridge, MA, Connecticut, New York City, Chicago, New Jersey and other locations in the United States and abroad. He retired in 2004 and relocated to Marblehead with his wife, Marjorie.

Dan was a lifelong learner and read voraciously, giving him a wide and long view of the world and history, not to mention a million-dollar vocabulary. He shared his knowledge readily and regularly and when dispensing it to his daughters and grandchildren, he would add, "And there's no tuition for that!"

In retirement, Dan was an active volunteer at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and also served the town of Marblehead as a Registrar of Voters. He mentored a youth from Children's Friend and Family Services in Salem, MA, taught English to speakers of other languages, mentored veterans in Veterans' Treatment Court, Boston, was Of Counsel for a local law firm and narrated boat tours of the Boston Harbor Islands. An avid sailor all his life, he also enjoyed his many years with Beverly-Marblehead Sail & Power Squadron and meetings with the Wardroom Club of Boston. He also served as a Trustee of the Goldthwait Reservation in Marblehead.

Dan is survived by the love of his life and wife of 61 years, Marjorie; and his younger brother, Rev. Timothy Shea. He is also survived by the greatest joys of his life, daughters, Cathy Shea (David Turino) of Glen Ridge, NJ, Carolyn Curé (Edward Curé) of East Greenwich, RI and Susan May (Douglas May) of Marblehead, MA; and grandchildren, Lily Turino, Timothy Curé, William Nathaniel (Nate) May and Edith May.

Visiting Hours: Will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 4-7:00 pm, at Eustis & Cornell, of MARBLEHEAD, 142 Elm Street. A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 14, 2025, 10:30 am, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 85 Atlantic Avenue, Marblehead, MA. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Marblehead Veterans' Services, 7 Widger Road, Marblehead, MA 01945.

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SUTHERBY, Jean M.



At 91, Sutherby, Jean M. (Conway) of Roslindale, passed away peacefully on February 7, 2025, surrounded by family. Beloved wife of the late Robert Sutherby; loving mother of the late Bobby Sutherby, Daniel Sutherby and his wife, Holly of Brockton, Maureen Kraft and her husband, Michael of Hudson and Patrick Sutherby and his wife, Barbara of Foxborough. Affectionately known as "Nana Chickie" by her grandchildren, Bobby, Nick, Andre, Micaela, Katie, Mark, Liza, Glauco; and several great-grandchildren, Abbi, Amelia, Chloe, Lucy, Hazel, Cian and Cali.

Funeral from the Robert J. Lawler and Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Tuesday, February 18, at 9:00 am. A Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Roslindale, at 10:00 am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours will be held in the funeral home on Monday, February 17, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)  
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SWIDLER, Jennifer Ann

Of New York City, daughter of Michael Swidler of Framingham and the late Nancy Swidler, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2025, after a brief illness. Jennifer was born on December 23, 1970 and was a graduate of Framingham North High School and Brandeis University. She was a devoted Granddaughter of the late Mildred and David Lurensky of Newton and Hannah and George Swidler of Peabody. Funeral Service will be held at 1 PM, Sunday, February 16, 2025 in the Chapel at Sharon Memorial Park, 40 Dedham St., Sharon, MA. Burial will follow. In remembrance of Jennifer, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center.



TRAINOR, Michael W.

Of Lynnfield, February 8. Loving husband of Ruthie (Andrews) Trainor; and the beloved father of Christine Barnes and husband, Chris of Lynnfield and Matthew Trainor and wife, Laura of Lynnfield. He was the prized brother of Mary Ellen and husband, Tony Losordo of Hanover, Sheila and husband, Steve Losordo of Hingham and Ginny and the late Dean Garland of Rockland. Cherished grandfather of Emily and Andrew Barnes and Freddie Trainor. Also survived by his many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, whom he adored. Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., WAKEFIELD, on Thursday, February 13, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Maria Goretti Parish, 112 Chestnut St., Lynnfield, on Friday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m. Interment, Forest Hill Cemetery, Lynnfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Parkinson's foundation. [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org) For obit/guestbook, [www.mcdonaldfs.com](http://www.mcdonaldfs.com)

WU, Magdalen

Miss Magdalen Wu passed away peacefully, on January 29, 2025. She was a longtime resident of Watertown, more recently Dedham. Cherished daughter of Tong Yong and Kia Chiang Wu. Beloved sibling of Irene, Corinne, Wesley and Lester. Loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Friends and family are invited to a Viewing on Friday, February 14, at 10 am, at Payson Park Church, 365 Belmont St., Belmont, MA, to be immediately followed by a Memorial service at the same venue. A reception and Interment will follow. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Payson Park Church.

[www.brownandhickey.com](http://www.brownandhickey.com)

Announcements

**SHEET METAL WORKERS' LOCAL UNION 17**

Mourns the loss of retired member Robert E. Crabbe, who passed away on February 4, 2025. He was a member of Local 17 for 58 years.

Sadly missed but not forgotten.

Russell Bartash  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer



LivingArts

By Meredith Goldstein

GLOBE STAFF

After 30 years of marriage, writer Suzy Hopkins's husband left her. He reconnected with a love from his past — a marriage counselor.

Hopkins's relationship was over, just like that. She was a mess, understandably.

But messy times often lead to creative projects, which is why writer-journalist Hopkins and her daughter, illustrator Hallie Bateman, are now promoting their second book, "What to Do When You Get Dumped: A Guide to Un-breaking Your Heart," a graphic guide with memoir.

It's a collection of vivid moments describing heartache, paired with steps one can take during breakup recovery. It includes pages about

LOVE LETTERS

the power of walking in circles, a meditation on the way music can reframe our narrative, and tips for those supporting the dumped (don't say "I always knew your ex was terrible!").

For Hopkins and Bateman, 65 and 35 respectively, creating the book felt like a public service. It was also healing for them as a mother-daughter duo who got to learn, through the process, how they both processed a radical shift in their own family.

In a Zoom interview, Hopkins and Bateman, who live in Cincinnati, talked about why the follow-up to their 2018 book about death, "What to Do When I'm Gone," needed to be about breakups, which turn out to be a similar kind of loss.

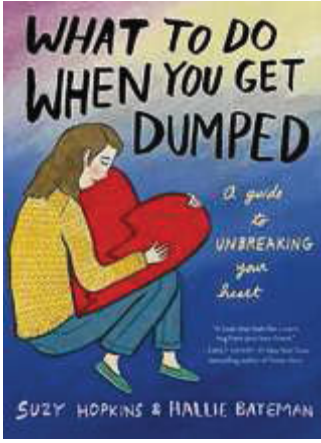
**Q.** You approach this book with an attitude we often lack in the world — a respect for this kind of pain. A lot of people do not understand that you're *allowed* to be this broken after a breakup.

**Hopkins.** It's the reason the book exists. I was 58 when this happened. I had a big volume of life experience, and I'd also had friends that divorced. I, like everybody, just didn't look at [breakup grief] as a type of grief that was warranted. But it felt like a death. It felt cataclysmic. And I would have thought I had much better resilience than I did. I just thought, if other people feel this way, how come I haven't understood this? I think it's because we just give short shrift to it societally.



DANIEL IROH

Illustrator Hallie Bateman (left) and her mother, writer Suzy Hopkins, have a new book, "What to Do When You Get Dumped" (inset right).



how it felt?" And then she's like, "No, no, no, it's actually more like *this*." We knew, based on our first book, that there's a great power and specificity. It was really satisfying — and certainly harder for my mom. I don't think it's fun to spend time there, but I also felt honored that I got to be her partner in that. I'm still close with my dad. My position allowed us to have, maybe, a more rounded perspective. There's the person going through it, and then there's the person who loves the person who's going through it, and then I'm also the person who loves the guy that made her go through it.

**Q.** You talk about the darkness, but there's joyfulness and humor throughout the book. I think about your page with a list of songs to listen to, and some to avoid. I think a lot about the power of Ariana Grande's "thank u, next."

**Bateman.** Well, I also, I think about the Chicks and the album "Gaslighter" — I think that came out not long after the divorce. I remember my husband [and I] and my mom got obsessed with it, and we went to see the Chicks at the Hollywood Bowl. Talk about creating something that's so devastatingly personal. That album is basically a memoir itself.

**Q.** Who are you hoping gets their hands on this guide? It's not just for the recently dumped.

**Hopkins.** Somebody who maybe would read this, who'd been dumped years ago, might say, "Wow, I was stronger than I thought." I would hope that there's encouragement in there, because just a little bit of encouragement is all you need.

*Interview was edited and condensed. Meredith Goldstein writes the Love Letters advice column. You can send her questions about being dumped — and other relationship issues — by emailing loveletters@globe.com*



KEN'ICHI SUZUKI

Interior of the Thomas Tull Concert Hall in MIT's Edward and Joyce Linde Music Building.

MIT launches Artfinity Festival by opening new music building

By A.Z. Madonna

GLOBE STAFF

This Saturday, Massachusetts Institute of Technology will celebrate the public opening of the new Edward and Joyce Linde Music Building and its Thomas Tull Concert Hall with a free afternoon open house and evening concert. This weekend's event also doubles as the kickoff of the university's Artfinity Festival, which runs through early May and includes art exhibits, lectures, film screenings, and concerts in various venues on the university's Cambridge campus. Several of these will take place in the new red brick building.

"Almost every Saturday night, there's a really exciting event happening in the concert hall," said MIT School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences associate dean Keeril Makan, who also heads the school's music and theater arts program.

Though MIT is not a conservatory, it has a thriving music program, with around 1,500 undergraduates taking music classes each year according to the school. Makan, who has been at the school since 2006, said the new facility "expands what we can do in terms of performance and technology." Tull Concert Hall, which seats around 390 and features a stage that can accommodate a large ensemble, "fills a gap in what's on campus," offering a space for performances that might be too small for the 1,000-seat, Eero Saarinen-designed Kresge Auditorium, but too large-scale or technologically complex to fit into the 150-seat Killian Hall.

The building, which is designated W18 in the school's numbering scheme, is located on the west campus near the Stratton Student Center and Kresge Auditorium. It was designed by Kazuyo Sejima and Ryue Nishizawa of Tokyo-based firm SA-NAA.

The building's 35,000 square feet of space also include acoustically treated rehearsal rooms, private studios, a research laboratory, and a maker

**ARTFINITY** Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge. Music Building Open House, Feb. 15, 1-3:30 p.m.; Sonic Jubilance, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., Thomas Tull Concert Hall. [www.artfinity.mit.edu](http://www.artfinity.mit.edu)

space. Much of the new building's infrastructure will support the university's new music technology graduate program, which launches in the fall.

"What this building brings to us is support for performance of all different types of music, whether it's classical or jazz or world music, and then the ability to support various functions with our students," Makan said.

Saturday afternoon's free open house includes open workshops in Balinese gamelan and Senegalese drumming taught by Gamelan Galak Tika guest director Gusti Komin and lecturer in world music Lamine Touré, as well as performances by MIT Chamber Music, MIT Jazz, and the MIT Laptop Ensemble. The evening concert, titled Sonic Jubilance, includes performances by several more of the university's ensembles and four world premieres by MIT composers: Makan, John Harbison, Miguel Zenón, and Charles Shadle.

Other highlights of Artfinity include a show by funky futurist collective Moon Medicin led by interdisciplinary artist Sanford Biggers (March 8), which goes hand in hand with the dedication of Biggers's outdoor sculpture "Madrigal"; the projection of Behnaz Farahi's "Gaze to the Stars" on the exterior of the MIT Dome (March 12-14); and a collaboration by the MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble and rapper/MIT visiting scholar Wasalu Jaco, a.k.a. Lupe Fiasco (May 2).

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Boston Science Fiction Film Festival celebrates 50 years

By James Sullivan

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The Boston Science Fiction Film Festival bills itself as the longest-running genre festival in America. This year's program, running Wednesday through Monday at the Somerville Theatre, marks the festival's 50th year.

It will also mark the final year with founder and festival director Garen Daly at the helm, he tells the Globe.

"It's time for somebody younger and fresher," says Daly, who will soon turn 75. "Like everything else in life, you wake up one day and find out you're an old man. And you have no idea how it happened."

As usual, the mysteries of the cosmos will be on full display at this year's Boston SciFi, beginning with the opening-night film, "Small Town Universe." A feature-length documentary from director Katie Dellamaggiore, the film explores the tiny village (pop. 141) of Green Bank, W.Va., home of the Green Bank Telescope, the world's largest telescope of its kind.

Scientists have been conducting experiments in radio astronomy in Green Bank for decades, and the observatory has become a hub for researchers seeking signs of extraterrestrial life. Because of the facility's electromagnetic sensitivity, cellphones and other radio transmissions are restricted by law in the area.

That's how Dellamaggiore found the place. In 2015, having just lost her mother and given birth to her second child, she Googled, "Is there a town without cellphones?"

**BOSTON SCIENCE FICTION FILM FESTIVAL** Feb. 12-17. Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square. [www.bostonscifi.com](http://www.bostonscifi.com)

"It was a really emotional period," she recalls. "My brain kind of exploded with all of the science happening there. I thought, 'Wow, there are these big, existential questions that really speak to me right now.'"

Dellamaggiore's film turns out to be more about the people affected by the observatory — the aspiring scientists who find their passion there, and the locals who fight for its survival when defunding is threatened. (The National Science Foundation has reduced its financial support for the observatory in recent years.) Daly says his team chose the film for the festival's opening night because it speaks to a sense of community that he believes is especially important now.

"We're in a period of time in our society when science is being belittled," he said. "And the people belittling it don't realize how important it is.

"One thing that has driven me to keep this festival alive and kicking is the community," he said. "I love these people. They're smart and caring human beings."

Highlights of this year's milestone program include several national and world premieres, a conversation about the search for aliens with theoretical physicist Avi Loeb, and, of course, the festival's renowned Marathon, a 24-hour blitz of notable sci-fi films that

kicks off at noon on Sunday. This year's Marathon includes "Barbarella" (1968), the original "Clash of the Titans" (1981), and "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (1951), the flying saucer classic that kicked off the first Boston SciFi a half-century ago.

The festival's origins date back even farther, Daly says: Four years before it began, the old Orson Welles Cinema near Harvard Square (where Daly worked as the house manager) presented its first "Horror and Science Fiction Week." The first 15 years or so of the film festival consisted solely of the Marathon programming.

This year, they're expecting around 600 people to attend the Marathon. About half of them, Daly says, will make it through the whole thing, give or take a nap or two.

As a genre, science fiction is at times treated with disdain, Daly says — "bug-eyed monsters and '50s creepy-crawlies. But it's also about serious people discussing serious topics."

With its emphasis on a community that has rallied around science, he says, "Small Town Universe" embodies the theme of the 50th Boston SciFi. Before taking it on the festival circuit, Dellamaggiore hosted a premiere screening for residents of Green Bank last summer.

After the screening, one local woman told her how much she liked the film.

"I generally dislike other humans, and I'm pessimistic about the world," she said. "But this film made me feel better."

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BOSTON SCIENCE FICTION FILM FESTIVAL

The scene at a previous Boston Science Fiction Film Festival. This year's program, running Wednesday through Monday at the Somerville Theatre, marks the festival's 50th year.



## It's a pickleball world. We just eat in it.

With four dining concepts, it's all food and games at Bosse in Natick

BY DEVRA FIRST | GLOBE STAFF

From the seat at the table where we share tuna tartare and burrata, we watch it happen. A sweaty man glowing with endorphins takes a seat on a bench and pulls his pants down around his ankles. Nooo! Avert your eyes! But he is merely removing a layer. Now in shorts, he bounds up and over to his friends, a festively decorated paddle in hand. It's his serve.

We are eating dinner at the new Bosse Enoteca, located within the Bosse pickleball complex at the Natick Mall. Players are separated from diners by impressively sound-proof glass. The effect is a bit like going to the zoo, only with better refreshments. Look, the male is showing the females how hard he can hit the ball! The fe-



males are responding by hitting it even harder and fist-bumping. This species is fascinating. Can you pass me the Caesar salad?

There is something weird about eating while watching people play pickleball, and I'm betting it's equally weird to watch people eating as you play. Occasionally, the athletes and the diners make accidental eye contact, then quickly look away. Awkward!

What isn't weird, what makes perfect sense, is this indoor adult playground, come to save the ailing American mall. We can go online and order pickleball paddles, pickleball outfits, diamond-crusted pickleball charm necklaces, and Pickleball Santa ornaments from Neiman Mar-

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Top: Diners review menus at Enoteca while pickleball players compete on courts visible through floor-to-ceiling windows at the Bosse center in Natick Mall. Above: Rigatoni tossed in veal bolognese bianco and Meyer lemon, garnished with fresh mint and grated cheese, at Enoteca.

### WHAT SHE'S HAVING

## Somerville butcher carries on the 'whole animal' tradition

**By Sheryl Julian**  
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

SOMERVILLE — Shannon Largey strapped on a butcher's apron for the first time in late 2023, when she bought M. F. Dulock on Highland Avenue, a small, specialty meat market that sold some of the best beef, pork, and lamb in the area.

Largey changed the name of the establishment to Highland Butcher Shop and after an

initial orientation — former owner Michael Dulock stayed on for a while to help, as did one of his butchers — she began hauling large pieces of meat on her shoulder. "My shoulders have gotten bigger," she says, "but that's the only way to carry it." She's quick to add, "There are no heroics." These pieces, which weigh anywhere from 90 to 100 pounds, might be brought in by two people.

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Shannon Largey at the counter in the Highland Butcher Shop in Somerville.

### WINTER SOUP CLUB

## Winter leek and potato soup: simple, streamlined, and deeply delicious

**By Devra First**  
GLOBE STAFF

Welcome — or welcome back! — to Winter Soup Club. It is so good to see you all here.

Last year we launched this six-week newsletter delivering soup recipes to your e-mail inbox. (We'd bring you actual soup if we could, but this is the next best thing.) Now we return for a second celebration of soup season. If you haven't signed up, read on for a taste of what you missed, and go to [globe.com/wintersoupclub](https://globe.com/wintersoupclub) to receive upcoming installments.

Soup is the ultimate comfort food, and this year it feels we could all use a little extra comfort, a little gentleness and ease. So we slide into this edition of Winter Soup Club with a recipe for winter leek and potato soup



**Warm up with a bowl of winter leek and potato soup.**

courtesy of Darina Allen, founder of the Ballymaloe Cookery School in Ireland. It is both easy and gentle, but it punches above its weight, offering pure flavor

and technical tips within its few steps.

So much of cooking is bombast and brute force: high heat,

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# Insider

## Melty in Dedham is dedicated to all things grilled cheese

Just hearing the word “melty” brings a sense of warmth. It’s the name of a fast-casual restaurant that opened in Dedham last fall dedicated to the ultimate comfort food: grilled cheese sandwiches. The humble grilled cheese is taken to new heights at Melty with 15 varieties featuring melted cheeses over layers of fillings oozing between toasty bread. For instance, a BBQ brisket melt’s burnt ends is smothered under pepper jack and cheddar, topped with caramelized onions and sweet barbecue sauce; a patty melt with Angus beef, grilled onions, and cheese seeps from the toasted brioché bun; a caprese melt with mozzarella, fresh tomatoes and pesto, has a sprinkle of Parmesan that forms a slight crust on the toasty bread. A classic grilled cheese is made with four different cheeses — provolone, fontina, Havarti, and cheddar. The sandwiches are cooked on a tray in a pizza oven rather than a griddle, letting the high heat evenly crisp the buttered bread. There’s dipping sauces as well as freshly made tomato basil soup and other soups to pair with your choice, and sides — fries, tots, onion rings — plus desserts. Try a Banana’s Foster Melt — bananas, cream cheese, caramel, and cookie butter sandwiched between crisped bread.

“People leave in a better mood than when they entered,” says owner Richard Berry, who opened the eatery with his wife, Vanessa. The couple moved from England to the Boston area more than a decade ago for Richard’s job in IT. Beyond serving comfort food, their intent in opening Melty — a franchise that started in Utah in 2012 — was also to connect with the community, mentor their team,

and support local organizations. The bright and spacious Dedham shop with checkerboard flooring, yellow chairs, and friendly staff, is the first in the Northeast. Berry says their motto is simple: “Have a grilled cheese, and everything in life is better.” 290 Washington St., Dedham, 781-494-0492, [lovemelty.com](http://lovemelty.com).

ANN TRIEGER KURLAND



## Cutting back on sugary sodas? Aura Bora’s got bubbles, herbs, fruits, and flowers.



If you’re looking to cut back on alcohol or sugary sodas, discovering a novel sparkling water can be a fun substitute. One unique line is Aura Bora, crafted from extracts of herbs, fruits, and flowers, with no artificial ingredients and zero calories.

The flavors offered are unconventional for bubbly waters — Cactus Rose, Strawberry Basil, Ginger Meyer Lemon, Grapefruit Elderflower, Lavender Cucumber, Peppermint Watermelon, and more. Each offers a blend of floral, fruity, and earthy notes. The drinks come in eye-catching, colorful aluminum cans that have quirky illustrations with animals along with a tiny humorous backstory.

Founders Paul and Madeline Voge first

started making the drinks in their Denver kitchen, infusing herbs and botanicals into carbonated water from a SodaStream. After testing their creations with friends and family, and with help from a food scientist, the couple launched Aura Bora in San Francisco nearly six years ago. In 2020, they appeared on the TV show “Shark Tank,” where they successfully secured a deal with a Shark.

The company gives one percent of sales to nonprofits that support conservation and climate issues (6 12-ounce cans, \$10). Available at Star Market, Roche Bros., Wegmans locations, and others.

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## For an adventurous foodie: Cheese and chocolate bonbons

M. Cacao, an artisanal chocolatier in Amesbury, is known for its handcrafted, creative chocolates made with premium ingredients and beautifully decorated. From chili peppers dipped in rich chocolate to chocolate squares enhanced with salts from Peru, Bali, Tibet, Cyprus, Iceland, and

more. Chocolate-covered caramels are infused with spices and herbs, and their bars look like edible works of art. Seasonal treats are adorned with hearts and roses. The company was founded by Michael Nichols, a former engineer turned chocolatier, and French master pastry chef Delphin Gomes, originally from Burgundy.

They keep coming up with new and innovative confections — like their latest, the Fromage Chocolate Collection. This one is for an adventurous palate: eight bonbons that blend artisanal cheeses with chocolate. Each has a crisp chocolate shell with a snap that gives way to a smooth, fudgy, cheesy center with a layer of flavor of fruit or spice — and not too sweet. The Gouda & Pear bonbon blends a deep cocoa taste with Gouda’s nuttiness and a touch of pear’s sweetness. Parmigiano & Balsamic offers a golden center where the cheese’s tang works wonderfully with the vinegar’s mellow sweetness. One of the most intriguing is the Tartufo & Pomegranate bonbon — dark chocolate



and tart pomegranate play off the truffle-infused sheep’s milk cheese. The collection comes in an eight-piece box for \$32 or a 16-piece for \$54. Other collections start at \$28 for eight pieces. If you’re looking for a unique gift, check out their Expressio, chocolates that arrive in a box with

your personalized message. Simply upload a video, perhaps a glimpse of the family, and you’ve created a one-of-a-kind gift. Visit M. Cacao at 6 Chestnut St., Amesbury, or order online at [mca-cacao.com](http://mca-cacao.com).

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### GETTING SALTY

## Coffee Connection’s George Howell comes home again ... and manages to lightly roast Dunkin’ Donuts

By Kara Baskin  
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Before there were coffee chains on every corner, there was Acton’s George Howell. The 80-year-old coffee legend founded Coffee Connection in the 1970s, opening his first café in Harvard Square in 1975 instead of completing his degree at Yale.

His lightly roasted coffees drew a following; in 1994, Starbucks bought the company. Today, Howell runs eponymous cafes with beans sourced from around the world at the Boston Public Market, on the ground floor of Downtown Crossing’s Godfrey Hotel, in Newtonville, and now at the new Lovestruck Books in his original neighborhood: Harvard Square.

Howell continues to roast the coffee a few miles from his home in Acton, and his daughter Jenny — one of six kids — helps to run the business. He paused to chat while overlooking the Pacific Ocean from a balcony in Oaxaca, Mexico, while on vacation.

### Why coffee?

I’m writing a book about that very question. I got started in coffee kind of sideways, really. I started drinking coffee seriously when I was in the San Francisco area in the ’60s and ’70s.

That was sort of a renaissance in California culture, really. All kinds of specialty food shops were opening up. It was a farmers’ market kind of world, more than anything you’d see on the East Coast. Specialty coffee started in the Berkeley and San Francisco area in the late ’60s, with the birth of Peet’s Coffee.

I found that coffee was on the bitter side for me. I don’t love dark roasts. I got a French press and started brewing coffee from a cafe that was selling light-

er roasted coffee, and that became my way of life every morning.

### What drew you to California? What a time to be there.

I had a small trust that was making life a little bit easier — not very big, but just enough. I was working in an art gallery, exhibiting the Huichol art that you can still see at our cafes in Boston and in Newtonville. In 1974, I moved East, thinking I’d resume my studies at Yale. I arrived in Boston, visiting a friend, and discovered that the coffee was dreadful, to put it mildly.

### What did it taste like?

Wooden pellets painted dark brown to look like beans. It was like drinking sawdust. I realized that there was real possibility in opening up a cafe much like we had already experienced in the San Francisco area, and also possibly exhibit the art that I was so interested in.

### So did you return to Yale?

Nope. I stayed here. My wife came up with the name “Coffee Connection,” based on the popularity of a movie back then called “The French Connection.”

We opened up in Harvard Square, and we roasted coffee in Burlington. Twice a week, we’d roast and then drive the coffee into the Harvard Square cafe.

### What distinguishes your coffee from others?

That was exactly the question I asked myself when we opened: How do we distinguish it, and how do we make it clear to people that we actually roast our coffee right in Burlington? That’s where I came up with an innovation, [putting] the roast date on every bag. Every barrel of coffee had the roast date on it, and then we wrote the date on the



Coffee Connection founder George Howell is opening a new cafe at Lovestruck Books in Harvard Square.

bag itself. That made it clear to people that we were the ones roasting it, and I also made people very aware of freshness as being a key ingredient in the coffee. That was number one. There was not a place in the country, and perhaps not even in the world, that did this for decades to come.

We also made French press on the spot for people. That way, if I had 15 coffees available, you could taste any one of the coffees right away. It really excited people. Within three to four months of our opening in April 1975, we became a media darling.

### How so?

Oh god, what’s his name? Chuck Kraemer. He was on the 6 o’clock news. He did “a portrait of a coffee connoisseur,” which lasted from 10 to 15 minutes. It was an interview with me, first at the Coffee Connection in Harvard Square, and then at a Dunkin’ Donuts on Boylston Street, as I recall.

### Dunkin’ Donuts! Aren’t they the enemy?

I wondered the same thing when he interviewed me, and here I was drinking a cup of Dunkin’ Donuts coffee! He asked me: What did I think of the coffee? And I’m thinking to myself, “Well, I’d better be nice.” I said, “Pretty good.” And then the next shot that I see, when I’m watching the actual video, is me walking out the door and throwing the cup, with coffee spilling into the garbage can.

### The media always has the last word. What was Harvard Square like back then?

It was fantastic. The Garage, where we were, had Baby Watson’s selling cheesecake and all kinds of pastries. And it was the early days of Formaggio [Kitchen] in another corner. The Garage was full of other types of places; Newbury Comics, I think, was there from day one. You had lots of small

shops everywhere.

### And now you’ve come full circle at Lovestruck. What brought you back?

[Owner] Rachel Kanter approached us, and the idea of opening up a cafe within her bookstore really appealed to us. We worked with her to really create a spot that worked well with her concept: We will make it educational. We can actually treat people to various tastings at different times in coordination with the bookstore.

### Why do bookstores and coffee go together so well?

Well, what a history. Coffee becomes really important in Europe in the 18th century, the Age of Reason, wasn’t it? It’s very connected to literature, literacy, gatherings of literary groups and such. It has that history from day one. This is where Jean-Paul Sartre, the philosopher, would sit and write his books. [Continued on next page]







SWEETS FOR YOUR SQUEEZE  
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SALLY PASLEY VARGAS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Individual Chocolate Souffles

Serves 4

Fudgy in the center and crowned with confectioners' sugar, individual chocolate souffles make their appearance at the table to oohs and aahs. Only the cook knows that making them isn't rocket science. In fact, you can prep them hours in advance and they'll still puff nicely when you bake them. Slowly melt bittersweet chocolate and butter together, either on the stovetop over simmering water or in the microwave. Stir in egg yolks and vanilla, then fold in beaten egg whites and bake for about 10 minutes. That's it! For the deepest chocolate taste, use a bar that is 60 to 70 percent cacao (or choose a milder milk chocolate, if you prefer). You can make the whites stable to help your souffles rise by adding a pinch of cream of tartar or salt, and using superfine sugar when beating the whites. The smaller superfine crystals dissolve more quickly and evenly, resulting in slightly more volume and no graininess. To make superfine sugar, whirl granulated sugar in a blender or food processor for about a minute to finely grind it. Bake them as soon as you make them or prep the souffles completely, pour them into the ramekins, and refrigerate them for three hours until you're ready for dessert. Add a minute or two to the baking time. Eggs are expensive right now, but this is an extra-special dessert for the extra-special people in your life.

RAMEKINS

- 1 tablespoon butter, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1. Generously butter the bottom and up the sides of 4 ramekins or other small baking dishes (each 3/4 cup capacity).  
2. Coat the bottom and sides with granulated sugar, tapping out the excess.

SOUFFLES

- 5 ounces bittersweet chocolate (60 to 70 %), finely chopped

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 eggs, separated, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar or a pinch of fine salt
- 3 tablespoons superfine sugar
- 1. Adjust an oven shelf to the lower third of the oven. Set the oven at 400 degrees. Have on hand a small rimmed baking sheet.
- 2. In a large heatproof bowl, combine the chocolate and butter. Bring a saucepan of water to a boil. Lower the heat so the water is just simmering. Set the bowl in the saucepan so it is over, but not touching, the water. Stir with a rubber spatula until smooth. (Alternatively, microwave the chocolate and butter at 30 seconds intervals, stirring in between until melted.) Remove the bowl from the water; wipe the bottom dry. Let it cool briefly. It should still be warm to the touch.
- 3. With a rubber spatula, stir the egg yolks and vanilla into the warm chocolate until smooth.
- 4. In mixer fitted with the whisk attachment on medium speed, beat the egg whites until foamy. Slowly stream in the superfine sugar. Turn the mixer to high and beat until the whites are glossy and form firm peaks, but still look creamy.
- 5. With the rubber spatula, scoop about 1/4 of the egg whites and transfer them to the bowl of chocolate. Stir to loosen the batter. Add the remaining egg whites in two additions, folding gently to keep the whites from deflating.
- 6. Using a large ice cream scoop, divide the batter among the souffle dishes. Smooth the tops with a small offset spatula or the back of a spoon. Run the spatula or a thin knife around the rim of each ramekin to slightly separate the batter from the ramekin.
- 7. Set the ramekins on the baking sheet. Bake on the lowest shelf for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the souffles have risen but are still a little wobbly in the center. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve immediately.

Sally Pasley Vargas

Pear Gingerbread Cake with Mascarpone Frosting

Makes one 8-inch layer cake

This pretty layer cake with gingerbread spices and molasses is an everyday snack cake disguised as something fancy. Instead of a loaf or rectangular pan, it's baked in two round layers and stacked with billowy mascarpone frosting. The batter uses a method called "reverse creaming," in which you blend softened butter into the dry ingredients to create a very tender cake with a fine crumb. To keep the pears from sinking to the bottom of the batter, toss them with a little bit of the flour before folding them in. Chopped crystallized ginger would make a lovely garnish if you want to wow your Val/Pal even more.

CAKE

- Butter (for the pan)
- Flour (for the pan)
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
- ¼ cup molasses
- 3 eggs, at room temperature
- 1 cup whole milk, at room temperature
- 3 pears, ripe but still firm, peeled, cored, and finely chopped

- 1. Set the oven at 350 degrees. Butter two 8-inch round cake pans. Cut circles of parchment to fit into the pans. Press them into the pans; turn over so the buttery sides face up. Dust the pans with flour, tapping out the excess.
- 2. Remove 2 tablespoons of the flour and transfer it to a bowl. In an electric mixer on low speed, mix the remaining flour with the baking powder, salt, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, granulated sugar,



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- and brown sugar until blended.
- 3. Add the butter to the mixer and blend on medium speed until the mixture has the texture of wet sand.
- 4. In a bowl, whisk together the molasses, eggs, and milk.
- 5. With the mixer on medium speed, slowly pour in the milk mixture into the flour mixture in 3 additions. Stop to scrape down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula between additions. Remove the bowl from the mixer stand.
- 6. In another bowl, toss the pears with the remaining 2 tablespoons of flour. With a rubber spatula, gently fold the pears into the cake batter.
- 7. Divide the batter between the 2 pans. Bake the cakes for 40 to 45

minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the thickest part of the cake comes out clean.  
8. Set the cakes in the pans on wire racks to cool for 15 minutes. Carefully invert the cakes onto the wire rack. Lift off the pans and peel off the parchment paper. Let the cakes cool to room temperature.

FROSTING

- 8 ounces mascarpone, at room temperature
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup heavy cream

1. In large bowl, whisk the mascarpone, confectioners' sugar, ginger,

and vanilla until smooth and creamy.  
2. In an electric mixer, beat the cream until it holds soft peaks.  
3. With a rubber spatula, fold the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture. If it doesn't hold soft peaks, whisk a few times to thicken the mixture.  
4. Place one cake on a serving platter or cake stand. Top with half the frosting. Use an offset spatula to spread the frosting into an even but billowy layer. Top with the second cake. Press down gently to secure it. Spread the remaining frosting on top. Use the offset spatula to make pretty swoops and swirls. Cut into wedges for serving.

Claudia Catalano

Pan Con Chocolate (Spanish Bread with Chocolate)

Serves 2

Think of the Spanish dish of bread with chocolate as an emergency dessert. You need something right now and you have no time at all. In a few minutes you're serving this. Toast bread, drizzle it with olive oil, add bittersweet or another dark chocolate, and return the slices to a hot oven for a minute. The chocolate should almost, but not quite, melt. Drizzle with more olive oil and a generous sprinkle of flaky sea salt. At the table, it's most fun to eat with your hands; serve with plenty of napkins. You need two thick slices of bread from any good loaf: sourdough, whole-grain, baguette (if you use a baguette, you'll need to cut a couple of lengthwise slices). The size should be what you would serve as an open-faced sandwich. Chocolate pieces shouldn't completely cover the bread, so there are crusty edges showing before you melt it. These

proportions serve two; you can easily make it for many more. Since there are only four ingredients, use the best you can find. The results, melted chocolate on crunchy toast with olive oil and big salt crystals, are sensational.

- 2 thick (1/2-inch) slices of sourdough or whole-grain bread, cut in half, or thick lengthwise slices of baguette, about 5-inches long
- Olive oil (for sprinkling)
- 2 bars (about 3 ounces each) bittersweet or other dark chocolate (60 to 70%)
- Flaky sea salt (for sprinkling)

1. Once you slide the bread into the toaster, everything moves quickly. A toaster oven works well for this. If you have a pop-up toaster, turn on the broiler. Have all ingredients ready. You need a small rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Warm 2 dessert plates.



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2. Toast the bread until it is almost dark (it will toast again briefly).  
3. Transfer the bread to the baking sheet. Sprinkle with olive oil. With your hand, break up the chocolate bars so you have big and small pieces to cover the toast. Add them to the toast but don't cover it completely. You will not need all the chocolate.  
4. Return the bread to the toaster (or broiler) for 50 to 60 seconds, or until the chocolate is shiny and melted on top, but not melted into a puddle. If you need to return the toast to the oven, check it after 10 seconds.  
5. Transfer the bread to plates, sprinkle with olive oil and sea salt. Serve immediately.

Sheryl Julian

A simple and deeply delicious soup

►SOUP CLUB  
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hard sear, crust and caramelization for flavor. This recipe is the opposite. The process is tender and quiet. Flavor is coaxed out of, not forced onto, the handful of ingredients. You're not so much cooking this soup as you are gentling it into existence.

You'll coat chopped vegetables in melted butter, then tuck them in under a lid cut from parchment paper to fit your pot. (It doesn't have to be perfect. If you trace around the lid of the pot, then cut a little smaller than your outline, it should work. Then cut or poke a small hole in the center.) This helps keep everything evenly distributed and submerged, limiting evaporation and condensing flavor.

Keep the heat on low. Your soup pot is now a sauna for your vegetables. They're in for a gentle shvitz. You don't want them to brown. You want them to relax, forget all their troubles, forget that you're going to eat them... Shhh...

When they've softened, add stock you have boiling at the ready. (Homemade is best. From a box is great too.) It won't take long for the whole pot to



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This recipe, as the name indicates, puts the leeks first.

come to a boil; you're pretty much already there. Simmer the vegetables just until they're tender, preserving their freshness.  
Now sleepy time is over. Blitz the heck out of everything in your blender and start tasting: Add as much salt and pepper as you find pleasing. You can stop now and call the soup done. It's great as is.  
Or, as the recipe suggests, add cream and/or milk to taste.

Go slow and stop when you're happy. I have made this recipe many times — for weeknight suppers with bread and butter, as a starter for elegant holiday meals — and never the same way twice. But I generally find I prefer to use 4 cups (a.k.a. one box) of stock, substitute half-and-half for heavy cream because that's what we have on hand, and skip the milk altogether. This recipe, as the name

indicates, puts the leeks first. Sometimes I add more potatoes. See what tastes best to you. It's your soup, after all. You really can't go wrong.

Did you make this soup? Send us an e-mail at winter-soupclub@globe.com to let us know how it turned out.

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Winter Leek and Potato Soup

Serves 6-8

- 3½ tablespoons salted butter
- 1 pound potatoes, peeled and chopped into ¼-inch pieces (about 2½ cups)
- 1 small onion (4 ounces), peeled and chopped into ¼-inch pieces
- 1 pound white parts of leeks, thinly sliced (about 4½ to 5 cups)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3½-5 cups chicken stock, boiling
- ⅓ cup plus 1 tablespoon heavy cream, or to taste, plus more for drizzling
- ⅔ cup whole milk, or to taste
- Chives, chopped fine, for garnish

1. Cut a circle out of parchment paper to fit inside the pot you want to use. The pot should be large, with a heavy bottom and a lid. (If you don't have parchment paper, make the soup without it. It will still be delicious.)  
2. In the pot, over low to medium-low heat, melt the butter. When it foams, add the potatoes, onion, and leeks. Turn them in the butter until they are well coated. Sprinkle with a generous pinch of salt and a few grinds of black pepper, then toss again. Place the parchment paper directly on the vegetables, then put the lid on the pot.

3. Keeping the heat gentle, let the vegetables sweat until they are soft but not colored, about 10 minutes.  
4. Discard the parchment. Add 3 1/2 cups of the boiling stock, return pot to a boil, then simmer until the vegetables are just cooked. Don't overcook or the soup will lose its fresh flavor.  
5. Using a blender or food processor, blend the soup until smooth and silky. Taste and adjust the seasonings, if necessary. Add cream and milk to taste. You may want to add extra stock if you prefer a thinner soup. Ladle into bowls and garnish each with a sprinkle of chives and a drizzle of cream, if you like.

RECIPE VARIATIONS

►Serve the soup chunky rather than pureed.  
►Use the green parts of the leek as well as the white. The soup will have a stronger leek flavor. (Otherwise, reserve the green tops for another soup or vegetable stock.)  
►In the summer, serve chilled: vichyssoise!  
►For a vegetarian version, use vegetable stock instead of chicken. To make it vegan, use olive oil instead of butter and skip the cream and milk.

Adapted from Darina Allen, Ballymaloe Cookery School





# Bringing food and games together in Natick

► **BOSSE**  
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cus Dot Com, the physical store of which previously occupied the Bosse space. But we cannot order places to gather. On a Friday afternoon in the middle of a snowy New England winter, the 21 courts at Bosse are occupied by competitors out for pickleball blood; later in the evening, clean-cut sorts in fleece vests arrive with bags of clubs, heading for the golf simulators, and young couples play darts. The upstairs Bosse Sports Lounge (sponsored by DraftKings) supplies them all with popcorn chicken, pizza, local IPAs, and glasses of chardonnay.

Every hospitality trend report from the last few years says the same thing: When people go out to eat, they aren’t just looking for a meal, they’re looking for an experience. And half the reason to play sports as an adult is socializing over drinks and snacks afterward. It makes sense to bring food and games together. (Also in the Natick Mall, Dave & Buster’s, Level99, and Puttshack do the same.)

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Bosse features four culinary concepts from Chris Coombs, chef of well-known area restaurants including Deuxave and Boston Chops, and cofounder of this complex with entrepreneur DJ Bosse. There’s Bosse Enoteca, an Italian restaurant featuring pasta, pizza, and more. Bosse Cafe brings French pastries, coffee, smoothies, and bowls. The sports lounge offers “Dinks & Dunks” (this terminology for “bar snacks” makes sense if you play pickleball), burgers, and more. And if you’d like to enjoy avocado toast or sliders without interrupting the game, there’s courtside service for that.

I show up at the Natick Mall mid-morning to hit up the Bosse Cafe. The pastry case is filled with an impressive selection: sweet and savory croissants, kouign amann and cookies, lemon blueberry muffins and Danish pastries embedded with fruit. I order a Lean Green smoothie with kale, spinach, apple, and banana. I’m going to need some nutrients to get me through a day at the mall. I take a seat at one of the tables, occupied by people meeting for coffee and taking shopping breaks.



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**From top: The bar overlooks pickleball courts at the Bosse Sports Lounge in Natick Mall. A Bosse Burger with french fries and a lime cocktail at the lounge. A pan-seared cod fillet at Bosse Enoteca. French pastries at the Bosse Cafe.**

After my smoothie, I wander through the Bosse complex. I resist napping in one of the cushy red netted chairs beside a wall that defines pickledom: [pik-uhl-duhm], noun. “Where play comes in all forms, not just in a

44x20ft rectangle with a net,” it reads in part. “Where paddles are held, fists bump, elbows rub and glasses clink. Where scores are kept but no one ever really loses.” That’s the gestalt here. I contemplate buying a \$25 day

pass, even though I brought no one to play with and also don’t know how. I could use the gym, and take advantage of the hammam and cold plunge. This would be an excuse to purchase one of the tres adorable towels Bosse sells, embroidered with “apres pickleball” in green script.

Instead I order lunch and attend a Zoom meeting. Work distracts me from the Dream Meal Prep bowl I’ve ordered: brown rice with shredded chicken, roasted sweet potato, charred broccoli, and a spicy vinaigrette. A little distraction might not be the worst thing, as this bowl isn’t Bosse’s best event. Both rice and chicken are mysteriously crunchy, although the heat from the vinaigrette is nice. I covet the chicken salad sandwich someone at a nearby table is eating, until she glares at me. Time for a postprandial mall walk. I’m a mall walker now, I guess.

Some 18,679,300 steps later, I am deeply bored of teenage drama and retail therapy. I miss fresh air and sunshine, although I imagine the sun has set by now. It’s a good thing my friend has arrived to join me for dinner at Bosse Enoteca, the crown jewel of the dining concepts here.

Some of the diners are in workout wear and toting bags of pickleball gear. But most are in their civvies. This is a Bosse restaurant for the rest of us, mallgoers and local residents alike. In the hands of executive chef Alex Lishchynsky and team, the menu could be that of any stylish Italian restaurant, free of pickleball innuendo and filled with ingredients like yuzu, Calabrian chile, and n’duja. “Nestled inside the vibrant Bosse complex, Bosse Enoteca is a celebration of

rustic Italian cuisine reimagined with a modern New England flair,” it reads.

We start with tuna tartare, in a citrusy pool strewn with precisely cut cucumbers, crowned with herb salad and caper aioli. It’s fresh and bright. A burrata salad comes with roasted beets and cress, sprinkled with chopped hazelnuts, seeds, and spices, the earthiness and crunch offsetting the creamy cheese. Pasta is a specialty here, and we order thick, toothsome strands of pappardelle in wild boar ragu, sprinkled with mint and shaved pecorino.

It’s overkill to order pizza, but pizza we must. It’s really good, charred on the bottom and edges, the crust striking a balance between chewy and airy. Ours is topped with pepperoni, drizzled in honey, for that sweet-salty contrast. For dessert, baked Alaska is a solid effort, with amaretto cake wrapped around strawberry, vanilla, and pistachio gelati like a giant dessert sushi roll, its meringue exterior prettily ridged and torched. It’s so cold from the icebox, though, we can barely taste the gelato. And The Bosse, a tequila cocktail with pineapple and lime Campari, mostly tastes like slightly bitter juice. Pickle world prob-

lems!

For a restaurant inside a pickleball complex inside the Natick Mall, Bosse Enoteca hits a dink in the kitchen. That’s a pickleball pun. If you know, you know, and I definitely do not know. But I’ll still be back to try the squash agnolotti or gnocchi with short rib, maybe the cod with fettuccine vongole or a steak, and most definitely the spicy lobster pizza with vodka sauce.

*Bosse, Natick Mall, 310 Speen St., Natick, 617-609-1800, www.bosse.net. Bosse Cafe: 7 a.m.-5 p.m. daily Pastries and breakfast items \$3-\$13, sandwiches and bowls \$11-\$15, smoothies \$10-\$11. Bosse Enoteca: lunch 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, dinner Sun-Thu 4-10 p.m., Fri-Sat 4-11 p.m. Appetizers \$14-\$23, entrees \$22-\$69, pizza \$19-\$39, desserts \$15, cocktails \$15. Bosse Sports Lounge: Sun-Thu 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri-Sat 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Appetizers \$9-\$17, pizza \$19-\$23, entrees \$17-\$36, desserts \$9-\$12. Courtside service: 11 a.m.-midnight daily. Appetizers \$9-\$17, sandwiches \$14-\$21, pizza \$19-\$28.*

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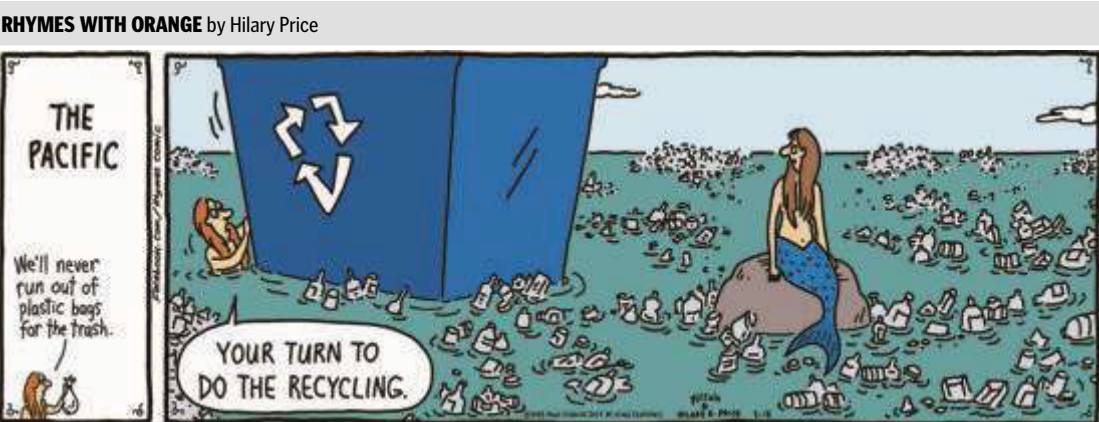
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**ACROSS**

1 Donkey Kong, e.g.  
4 French friends  
8 Peyote  
14 Dude  
15 Couch potato's spot  
16 Nook  
17 \*Engine part (In this answer, note the first 3 letters + the last 3)  
19 Dormmate  
20 "What I \_\_\_\_ was ..."  
21 A4 automaker  
23 Enjoy a novel, maybe  
24 \*Important American document? (... first 4 letters + the last 3)  
27 Genetic anomaly such as Magneto  
30 Show again  
31 "That just clicked!"  
32 Compulsion  
35 One might be under a kid's pillow  
38 Stable, for one ... or what's formed by the start and end of each starred clue's answer?  
42 Far from flabby  
43 Adorable  
44 Sister  
45 Simple instrument celebrated on January 28  
47 "Humble" homes  
50 \*Gate-crasher? (... first 3 letters + the last 3)  
54 Asia's disappearing \_\_\_\_ Sea  
55 Jubilation  
56 Tightly packed

**DOWN**

1 Radio toggle  
2 White as a sheet  
3 "Orinoco Flow" singer  
4 Kutcher of "The Butterfly Effect"  
5 "The Simpsons" bartender  
6 "My concern is ..."  
7 Spanish toast  
8 Of the sea  
9 "Don't Bring Me Down" grp.  
10 Many November babies  
11 Finally change your mind  
12 Some sneakers  
13 West Yorkshire city  
18 League in which some players shoot for the Sky: Abbr.  
22 Like the shortest route  
25 Surgeon and writer Gawande  
26 Cat, in Chihuahua  
27 Castle defense

60 \_\_\_\_ Falls, N.Y.  
62 \*Not progressing (... first 4 letters + the last 3)  
64 Makes permanent with a pen  
65 What you don't want to run out of  
66 What you don't want to run out of  
67 Rodeo ropes  
68 Michelin Guide unit  
69 Sneaker?

28 "Yeah ... I doubt that"  
29 Study groups?  
33 Kickback  
34 Large antelope  
36 "Amen!"  
37 Mother cluckers  
39 Like a koala's diet  
40 Tool for shaping wood

41 Shakespearean king who orders a storm to "Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks!"  
46 Brain and heart, for two  
48 Burrowing weasel  
49 Prophetic sign  
50 Pesto herb  
51 Stadium

52 Mourning doves make flimsy ones  
53 "See?"  
57 Pesters  
58 Suddenly break  
59 Website with handmade mugs  
61 Tech exec  
63 Reddit Q&A



## JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt 2-12-25

**CLUE**

1. Idle, spare  
5. Decorative edging  
6. Church leader  
7. Rocking bed

**ANSWER**

NDSEUU  
POICT  
RVACI  
DELRAC

**CLUE**

1. Game official  
2. Reveal, expose  
3. Lured  
4. Rough

**ANSWER**

EIMPRU  
NECORUV  
EETDNC  
SOAECR

**BONUS**

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.

How to play

**CLUE:** Article III of the U.S. Constitution created the \_\_\_\_.

ANSWERS: 1A-Unused 5A-Floor 6A-Vicar 7A-Cradle 1D-Umpire 2D-Uncover 3D-Enticed 4D-Coarse B-Supreme Court

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Boston's forecast

TODAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 32-37

Clouds and sunshine with a chilly breeze.

LOW 29-34

Winds NE 10-20 mph. Becoming windy with occasional snow and sleet late tonight, 1-2 inches. Winds E 12-25 mph.

THURSDAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 46-51

Cloudy and milder; steady rain in the morning becoming intermittent in the afternoon. Winds S 8-16 mph. Becoming partly cloudy at night. Winds W 15-25 mph.

LOW 21-26

FRIDAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 30-35

Blustery and colder with plenty of sunshine. Winds WNW 15-25 mph.

LOW 17-22

Increasing cloudiness at night. Winds W 7-14 mph.

SATURDAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 31-36

Cloudy with snow developing in the afternoon. Winds SSE 6-12 mph. Snow and ice with little or no accumulation, then rain at night. Winds ENE 6-12 mph.

LOW 28-33

SUNDAY

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

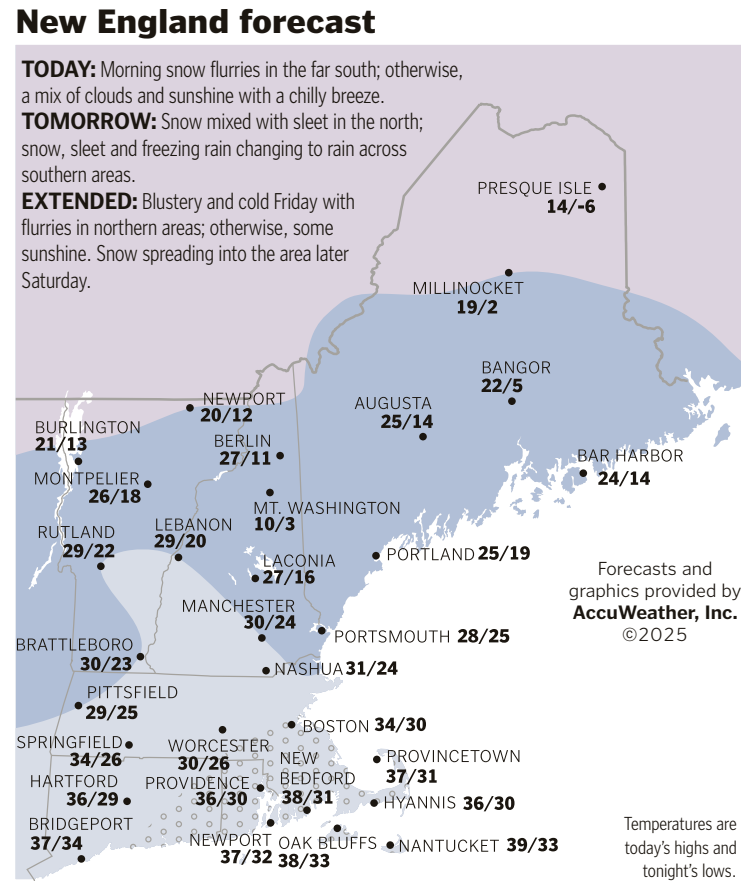
HIGH 36-41

Periods of rain and drizzle. Winds NW 8-16 mph. Clearing, brisk and colder at night. Winds WNW 10-20 mph.

LOW 19-24

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	Today	Tomorrow		Today	Tomorrow		
● Atlanta	50/45	Sh 58/35	T	● Los Angeles	54/53	R 59/53	R
Atlantic City	40/37	Sn 54/26	R	● Miami	83/74	S 84/71	Pc
● Charlotte	41/39	R 66/32	T	● New Orleans	81/58	Sh 67/53	Sh
● Chicago	30/14	Sn 19/0	S	New York City	36/33	Fl 48/29	R
● Dallas	54/25	R 44/33	C	Philadelphia	37/35	Fl 53/27	R
Denver	11/-1	Sn 31/18	C	Phoenix	64/51	C 69/54	C
● Detroit	29/23	Sn 29/7	Sn	Salt Lake City	29/20	Pc 38/34	R
● Fort Myers	86/69	S 87/67	Pc	San Francisco	56/52	C 59/52	R

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	Today	Tomorrow		Today	Tomorrow		
● Seattle	43/27	S 40/30	Sn	● Jerusalem	49/40	Sh 50/40	Pc
Washington	38/36	Sn 56/29	R	● London	44/36	C 43/33	C
● Beijing	45/17	Pc 54/19	S	● Moscow	28/19	C 26/19	C
● Cancun	87/78	Pc 87/74	S	Paris	44/37	C 43/29	C
Mexico City	77/47	S 77/51	S	● Rome	58/49	Sh 60/51	R
Montreal	12/8	S 32/8	Sn	● San Juan	86/75	S 83/75	Sh
● Toronto	24/22	Sn 31/15	Sn	● Stockholm	30/25	C 32/21	Pc
Vancouver	37/22	S 36/26	S	● Tokyo	56/47	Pc 56/39	S

## HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025: You are a natural leader with social justice values. You are objective and confident. This is a year of exciting change for you, which will bring increased personal freedom. Seek out new opportunities and be ready to act fast on them, but trust your intuition.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*) You are the artisan of the zodiac. You can do anything with your hands. You have many hobbies, and you love to try new things. This is the perfect day for you to explore your creative talents and try something new - anything ranging from a hobby to sports. Tonight: Get organized.

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*) Your home routine might be interrupted today. In any case, take it easy. Relax at home and cope with unexpected situations. You might choose to devote energy into making food or cooking, which most of you do very well. It will soothe you and please others. Oh yes. Tonight: Socialize.

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*) This is a mildly accident-prone

day, so pay attention to everything you say and do. It is a poor day for important decisions or shopping for anything other than food and gas. Check the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Nevertheless, you might have some wild, crazy ideas! Tonight: Relax.

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*) Keep an eye on your possessions today, and be mindful about your money, your cash flow, and your earnings. Something unexpected could impact your assets. Physical exercise, even just a vigorous walk, will help to blow off any pent-up steam building up within you. Tonight: Discussions.

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*) You might be impulsive today, which is why you feel up for anything and yet, at the same time, you are a bit rebellious. This is because the Moon is in your sign at odds with wild, wacky Uranus. It is a brief thing. However, in addition to this energy, most of this day is a Moon Alert. Be aware. Tonight: Check your belongings.

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*) Check out the restrictions of to-

day's Moon Alert, and avoid important decisions. Likewise, avoid shopping except for food and gas. You are still keen to work hard and be productive; nevertheless, interruptions and goofy errors might trip you up. Hang in there. Tonight: You win!

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*) You like to get along with others. Nevertheless, today you might find yourself suddenly at odds with a friend or a member of a group. Do not take this seriously, because many people are undergoing this same hiccup when dealing with others. Relax. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*) Parents or authority figures are hard to predict today. Be smart and show respect. Meanwhile, your focus is primarily on home, family, and perhaps home repairs. Do what you can. Cut yourself some slack. Cut others some slack as well. Tonight: Friendships.

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*) Travel plans might be interrupted today. Likewise, writing a paper, finishing a manuscript, or studying schoolwork also might be hard to stick with because things are loosey-goosey and er-

atic. Pay attention; this is a mildly accident-prone day. Tonight: You're noticed.

**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*) Double-check financial matters, especially related to banks, insurance issues, or anything to do with shared property. Some errors might pop up today. Make no assumptions. Protect your assets and what you own against loss, theft, or damage. Tonight: Explore!

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*) Be patient with partners, spouses, and close friends today, because a lot of crazy static is in the air. Most of this day is a Moon Alert, which means people feel indecisive and at loose ends. (However, our creative ideas are stronger during any Moon Alert.) Tonight: Check your finances.

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*) Pet owners should keep their eyes open because this is a mildly accident-prone day for their pets. For that matter, it could be a mildly accident-prone day for you as well, so be mindful. This is the kind of day to be low-key. Tonight: Cooperate.

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## SUDOKU

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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](http://www.sudoku.com).

## DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART  
South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North

♠ 5 2  
♥ 6 2  
♦ J 4  
♣ A Q 9 6 4 3 2

West

♠ K 7  
♥ Q J 10 9 4  
♦ Q 5  
♣ K 10 8 7

East

♠ A Q 8 6 3  
♥ 8 7 3  
♦ 10 9 8 7 2  
♣ None

South

♠ J 10 9 4  
♥ A K 5  
♦ A K 6 3  
♣ J 5

South

1 NT  
3 NT

West

Pass  
All Pass

North

3 ♣

East

Pass

Opening lead — ♥ Q

“I know you don’t put much faith in defensive ‘rules,’” Unlucky Louie said to me, “but really, if there were no rules, how would we break them?”

“You don’t necessarily need to break rules,” I replied, “but you can certainly test their elasticity.”

In today’s deal, North’s jump to three clubs was invitational to game. South didn’t have much help in clubs, but he still liked his hand enough to try 3NT.

South won the first heart with the king and led the jack of clubs — and West played the king, obeying the rule of “cover an honor with an honor.” That play backfired when South let the king win.

West saw that the clubs would come in; he shifted in desperation to the king and a low spade. East took the queen and ace, but South won the next spade with the jack and claimed the rest. Making three.

It wasn’t a time for West to rely on rules. If he ducks the jack of clubs, South can get three club tricks but can’t run the whole suit. South should go down two.

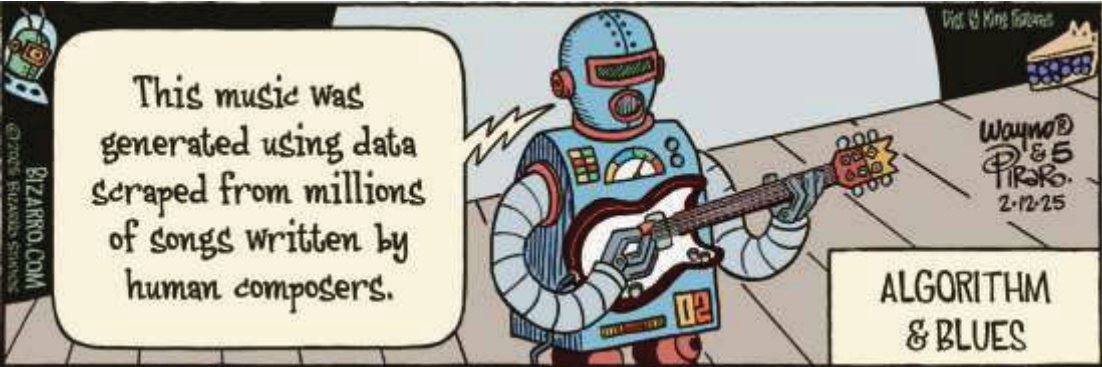
**DAILY QUESTION** You hold: ♠ K 7 ♥ Q J 10 9 4 ♦ Q 5 ♣ K 10 8 7. Your partner opens one spade, you respond two hearts, he rebids two spades and you try 2NT. Partner then bids three clubs. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner is likely to have six spades, four clubs and minimum values. With A Q 9 6 2, 7, A 7 6, Q J 6 5, he would have little reason to disturb 2NT. He might instead hold Q J 9 6 5 3, 3, K 9, A J 5 4. You might make four spades, but your red-suit honors are probably worthless. Bid three spades.

ZIPPY “Dereliction of Duty” by Bill Griffith



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



Today's Crossword Solution

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Today's Sudoku Solution

7	6	9	5	4	2	8	3	1
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6	7	8	2	9	4	1	5	3
3	2	5	6	1	8	9	7	4
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4	5	3	1	2	7	6	9	8
1	9	7	8	5	6	3	4	2



TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY CAROLINE FRAMKE

Lower excels at playing her own double

Last week's "Severance" episode ("Woe's Hollow") was one of the eeriest, stranding characters in a mysterious frozen tundra. So why did I keep thinking about "The Parent Trap"?

In both versions of Disney's family farce, a single actor (Hayley Mills in 1961, Lindsay Lohan in 1998) played two separate twins, each with their own distinct personalities. Sometimes, they even had to portray one twin while she was pretending to be the other one, with the only real tell being the slightest whiff of a satisfied smile.

The tones of "Parent Trap" and "Woe's Hollow" couldn't be more different, yet Britt Lower walks the same tightrope on "Severance" that Mills and Lohan did — to absolutely chilling effect. All season long, Lower's carefully calibrated her micro expressions to let us in on what's actually going on before the truth finally exploded onscreen.

On Apple+'s surreal workplace drama, the core cast of Lower, John Turturro, Adam Scott, and Zach Cherry are each essentially portraying a set of twins. When their characters aren't on the clock, they're "outies"; when they're inside the stark Lumon offices, however, they're "innies" who know nothing of the outside world thanks to the company's alarming brain severance procedure.

There's such a complete divide between outies and innies that neither have any memory of the other's actions. One of the show's enduring questions is whether they should be treated as separate people, but for all intents and purposes, that's how the actors have to play it.

That holds especially true for Lower, whose rebellious innie Helly would happily burn Lumon to the ground. Unfortun-



Britt Lower in "Severance."

nately, her outie, Helena, is a committed member of its terrifying ruling family. Helly's fiery temperament couldn't contrast more with Helena's icy cool — a jarring revelation for them both, to say the least. For Lower, though, playing two such different characters in the same bizarre world must be the juiciest kind of acting challenge.

(SPOILER WARNING: If you're not completely caught up on the second season of "Severance" and want to be before knowing at least one of its twists, turn back now!)

In "Woe's Hollow," Turturro's Irving realizes Helena's been tricking the group into thinking she's Helly, whom we apparently haven't seen this season at all. Like her predecessors in "Parent Trap," Lower's been playing us by playing the double-layered character of Helena pretending to be Helly — and to be honest, it wasn't a complete shock.

That's not to take away from Lower's performance. In fact, it speaks to the subtle work Lower did that Helena's restraint pushed through the "Helly" veneer enough to raise viewers' alarm bells before Irving's. As he got closer to the truth, Lower let Helena peek through bit by bit until her hard stare finally cracked under the pressure.

"Severance" is ramping up its science fiction elements and raising more questions in season 2; the show could easily lean so far into lore that it spins right off its own axis. That makes it doubly important for the main characters to feel authentic, and in turn, for canny actors like Lower to keep them grounded.

Concern about nephew's failure to launch

**Q.** I have a nephew in his mid-20s who appears to be afflicted with a severe case of failure-to-launch syndrome. He dropped out of college after six months, moved in with his mom (my sister), only interacts with peers via gaming, and comes across as utterly apathetic and disengaged from the world.

There was a ray of hope when he went back to school and got an associate degree, but he has taken very few steps in the intervening year to find a job in his field.

I offered — and he accepted — some resume/job hunting support. But after spending many hours patiently and sensitively trying to help him (I have experience here and feel I did a pretty good job), I came to the realization that none of it is being absorbed or acted upon.

Other family members and I are deeply worried about his trajectory and feel at a total loss as to how to help.

It is a very sensitive subject with my sister, who is dealing with her own issues, and I don't know how or whether to approach her with my concerns. I would love your thoughts.

CONCERNED AUNT

**A.** Sharing your concerns with your sister may be less helpful than expressing support and helping her find potential solutions. You've already started down this road, of course, with the job-hunting help for your nephew. But I worry that telling your sister about problems she's likely already aware of will add more to her burden instead of lightening it.

It would be wise of your sister to talk with her son about getting a job, paying

rent to her, and discussing with him his vision for his life. You can coach her through this conversation. But your first priority should be checking in to see how you can help her in other ways.

You mention that she's going through her own issues. A good first step would be just letting her know that you see how much she's carrying, and you want to be of assistance.

Perhaps that assistance is just listening. Perhaps it's providing support around the house. Perhaps it's helping her search for a therapist or helping your nephew to search for a therapist or mentor.

Listening is going to go a lot farther than reminding her of another thing she should be concerned about. And, by listening, you may discover another path to help your nephew move through this phase.

**Q.** I have a very good friend who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer that has metastasized to her kidneys. She informed me of this in a brief text, also saying that she just couldn't talk to me yet. I've sent her comforting gifts and cards as well as texted her a few times with no response.

We taught together on the same middle school team for years. We retired the same day. We met for lunch once a month for the last 10 years. I have only learned from a group email sent by our former principal that she is refusing chemo and any other treatment. She is also not accepting any calls or visitors.

Her daughter is staying with her at the moment and her husband is taking care of said daughter's children in another state.

She and I are from Pennsylvania. I am in Texas for the month of February. I left for Texas a few days after receiving this sad news. I continue to send cards with brief notes, which are hard to compose. What should I do? What can I do?

FRIEND IN PAIN

**A.** I'm so sorry for what your friend is going through and I'm so sorry for the pain you're experiencing, too. This is an impossible situation. But one of the kindest things you can do for your friend may also be the hardest: accept that this is how she's navigating this period in her life and love her through it from afar.

Some of the ways she chose to communicate — the text to you, the letter to the principal — suggest that the task of updating and engaging with her friends and loved ones about her health is overwhelming. That's completely understandable.

Even though her friends' intentions are good, she may not be in a place to hold them or respond to them. She may only have the capacity to be with her family right now.

You did the right thing by sending the cards and texts. She may have the emotional fortitude to read them but not the capacity to respond. You may want to write her a letter expressing what she's meant to you, knowing that even if she is not able to respond, it may help her or her family, and it may help you to process what you're feeling, too.

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BIRD SIGHTINGS

Recent sightings on Cape Cod (through Feb. 4) as reported to Mass Audubon.

The ferruginous hawk continued at Morris Island in Chatham, where other sightings included a semipalmated plover, 12 black-bellied plovers, 200 dunlin, and 8 Northern harriers.

The spotted towhee continued at the Provincetown Airport.

Birds at Race Point in Provincetown included a short-eared owl, a Pacific loon, 120

razorbills, a black guillemot, 5 common murre, 36 Iceland gulls, 60 snow buntings, and 17 Lapland longspurs.

Other sightings around the Cape included the continuing female king eider in the canal near the Sagamore Bridge, 2 orange-crowned warblers in Hyannis, a semipalmated plover, 8 purple sandpipers, and an American pipit in Hyannisport, 4 Baltimore orioles at a yard in Cummaquid, a Western willet in West Dennis, a continuing clay-colored sparrow in Harwich, a clapper rail and

6 bald eagles in Harwich, 2 wood ducks in Orleans, an American bittern at Fort Hill in Eastham, 2 Barrow's goldeneyes and a fox sparrow in Wellfleet, and a lark sparrow in North Truro.

If you have questions about these sightings, or want to report a sighting, call the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at 508-349-2615 or send e-mail to [cape.sightings@massaudubon.org](mailto:cape.sightings@massaudubon.org).

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	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30
2	WGBH PBS <b>Context</b>	R. Steves	Nature "Expedition Killer Whale" (N)		NOVA (N)		Secrets "Egypt's Darkest Hour"		Amanpour and Company (N)	
4	WBZ CBS <b>Wheel</b> (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Hollywood Squares (N)		Price Is "Jackpot: 100K Payday" (N)		Raid the Cage (N)	News (N) (C:35) Colbert		
5	WCVB ABC <b>News</b> (N)	Chronicle	Shifting Gears (N) (N)	Abbott (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! Susie Essman		What Would You Do? (N)	NewsCenter 5 (N) (C:35) J. Kimmel		
6	WLNE ABC <b>Hollywood</b>	Inside Ed. (N)	Shifting	Abbott	Jeopardy! (N)		What Would (N)	ABC6Ne. (N) (C:35) J. Kimmel		
7	WHDH (N)	Extra (N)	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	7 News at 9PM (N)		7 News at 10PM (N)	7 News at 11PM (N) (C:35) Inside Ed.		
9	WMUR ABC <b>Chronicle</b>	News (N)	Shifting	Abbott	Jeopardy! (N)		What Would (N)	News (N) (C:35) J. Kimmel		
10	NBC Boston <b>Boston News</b> (N)	Hollywood (N)	Chicago Med "Blurred Lines"		Chicago Fire "Through the Skin"		Chicago P.D. "The After"	Boston News (N) (C:35) J. Fallon (N)		
10	WJAR <b>News</b> (N) (Live)	Extra (N)	Chicago Med "Blurred Lines"		Chicago Fire "Through the Skin"		Chicago P.D. "The After"	News (N) (C:35) J. Fallon (N)		
11	WENH PBS <b>Week-ends</b>	Windows	Nature "Expedition Killer Whale" (N)		NOVA (N)		Secrets "Egypt's Darkest Hour"	Amanpour and Company (N)		
12	WPRI CBS <b>Wheel</b> (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Hollywood Squares (N)		Price Is "Jackpot: 100K Payday" (N)		Raid the Cage (N)	12 News at 11 (N) (C:35) Colbert		
25	WFXT FOX <b>ET</b> (N)	TMZ (N)	The Masked Singer (N) (SP)				Boston 25 News at 10PM (N) (Live)	News (N) (C:35) News (N)		
27	WUNI	Rosa "El Juego"	Papás por conveniencia (N)		Las hijas de la señora García (N)		C.D.I. Código de investigación (N)	Noticias Univisión (N) (C:35) Noti..		
36	WSBE PBS <b>Milk Street TV</b>	Rhode Island	Revival 69: The Concert That Rocked the World ('22)				Rick Steves: Why We Travel	PBS News Hour		
38	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang		WBZ News 8p (N)	48 Hours "The Last Take" (N)	Suits "Tiny Violin" (N)	Flip Side (N)	Flip Side (N)	
44	WGBX PBS <b>Test Kitchen</b>	Antiques	Sister Boniface "The It Girl"		Brokenwood "Hunting the Stag" A bridegroom fails to r..		Antiques	PBS News Hour (N)		
50	WWJE	Targeted	Finally Caught		Forensic   Forensic	Forensic   Forensic	Obsession:			
56	WLVI CW <b>Young Sheldon</b>	Young Sheldon	Wild Cards (N)		Inside the NFL (SF)		7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	
64	WNAC FOX <b>Family Feud</b> (N)	Family Feud (N)	The Masked Singer (N) (SP)		The Floor "Star Power" (N)		12 News on Fox Pr (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
68	WBXP ION	Blue Bloods "Power of the Press"	Blue Bloods "Under the Gun"		Blue Bloods "Sins of the Father"		Blue Bloods "Baggage"	Blue Bloods "Home Sweet Home"		
PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax	(6:20) ★★ Hercules ('14)	★★ San Andreas ('15) Carla Gugino, Alexandra Daddario, Dwayne Johnson.	(C:55) ★★ ★★ Wanted ('08) James McAvoy.	(C:45) Sherlock...						
Flix	(5:45) ★★ ★★ Primal Fear ('96)	★★★ Road to Perdition ('02) Paul Newman, Jude Law, Tom Hanks.	★★★ The Untouchables ('87) Sean Connery, Robert De Niro, Kevin Costner.							
HBO	C.B. Strike "Lethal White: Part 3"	★★ We Live in Time ('24) Andrew Garfield.	(C:50) ★★ Father Stu ('22) Mel Gibson, Jacki Weaver, Mark Wahlberg. (P)							
HBO 2	(5:25) ★★ ★★ Prisoners ('13)	★★★ The Conjuring ('13) Patrick Wilson, Vera Farmiga.	(C:55) ★★ ★★ The Conjuring 2 ('16) Vera Farmiga, Madison Wolfe, Patrick Wilson.							
Paramount-Sho	★★★ Interstellar ('14) Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain, Matthew McConaughey. (P)	★ Geostorm ('17) Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish, Gerard Butler. (P)								
Showtime 2	(5:50) ★★ Shooter ('07)	★★★ The Hunt for Red October ('90) Alec Baldwin, Scott Glenn, Sean Connery.	(C:15) ★★ K-19: The Widowmaker ('02) Liam Neeson, Harrison Ford.							
Starz!	(C:25) ★ Not Another Church Don't Br... Movie ('24) Jamie Foxx.	★★★ The Butler ('13) Oprah Winfrey, John Cusack, Forest Whitaker.	(C:15) ★★ 47 Ronin ('13) Keanu Reeves.							
TMC	(6:10) ★★ The Man Who Knew Infinity	★★ The Soloist ('09) Robert Downey Jr., Catherine Keener, Jamie Foxx.	★★ Focus ('01) Laura Dern, William H. Macy. (P)	(C:50) Integrity...						
SPORTS										
CBSSN	Inside College Football	NWSL Soccer			PWBA Bowling					
ESPN	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Boston Celtics From TD Garden in Boston. (Live)	(C:35) NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks (N) (Live)								
ESPN2	College Basketball Teams TBA (N) (Live)	College Basketball Teams TBA (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)							
Fox Sports 1	(6:00) Basketball St. John's at Villanova	NASCAR Cup Series Daytona 500, Qualifying (Live)	College Basketball Wyoming at New Mexico (N) (Live)							
Golf	(6:30) Ce., U.S. Open 2000	U.S. Open	U.S. Open		Golf Central					
NBA	High Tops Basketball Stories	NBA CrunchTime			NBA GameTime Live					
NBC Sports	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Boston Celtics From TD Garden in Boston. (N) (Live)	Celtics (N) (Live)	Celtics (N) (Live)	Celtics (N) (Live)	Boston Sports (N) (Live)					
NESN	PWHL Boston Fleet at New York Sirens (N) (Live)	Behind B	Red Sox	Red Sox	Red Sox	Life				
FAMILY										
Cartoon	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	Rick
Disney	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Descendants 3 ('19) Sofia Carson, Cameron Boyce, Dove Cameron.		Place	Place	Place	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	
Encore Family	(6:30) Golden Shoes	Are You There God? It's Me, Ma... (C:45) A Dog and Pony Show ('18)								
Nickelodeon	Thunder. Slimetime	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
Nick Jr.	Rubble	Rubble	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	Rubble	Rubble	

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News	Specials									
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BASIC CABLE										
A&E	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	Ozark Law (N)		(C:05) PD Cam	(C:35) PD Cam
AMC	(5:30) Major League		★★★ Lethal Weapon ('87) Mel Gibson.				★★★ Lethal Weapon 2 ('89)			
Animal Planet	Aquarium "Maggie the Magnificent"		Tanked		Tanked		Tanked "The Tank of Atlantis"		Tanked "Shark Tank in The Shark Tank"	
BBC America	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones	
BET	(6:00) ★★ National Security ('03) Steve Zahn, Colm Feore, Martin Lawrence.				Tyler Perry's Sistas "War to Roses" (N)		Diarra "A Course in Miracles" (N)		Tyler Perry's Sistas "War to Roses"	
Bravo	Summer House "Reunion Part 1"		Summer House "Reunion Part 2"		Summer House "Uncharted Territory" (N) (SP)			(C:45) Summer House "Uncharted Territory"		
CMT	Mom	Mom	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
CNN	OutFront (Live)		Cooper 360		The Source With CNN		(Live)		Laura (Live)	
Comedy Central	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Daily Show (N)	(C:35) Family G..
CSPAN	(3:00) U.S. House		Public Affairs Events							
CSPAN2	(2:45) U.S..		Public Affairs Events							
Dest. America	Lakefront	Lakefront	CabinWa..	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront
Discovery	Expedition Files		Expedition X		Expedition X (N)		Bigfoot (N)		Destinations of (N)	
Discovery Life	Body Bizarre		Body Bizarre		Body Bizarre		Body Bizarre		Body Bizarre	
E!	Office	Office	Office	Office	★★ Jumanji ('95) Robin Williams.				E! News	Movie
Encore	(C:10) ★ Law Abiding		Citizen ('09)		★★★ The Blackening ('22)			(C:40) ★★ Retribution ('23)		
Food	Grocery "DDD Seafood"		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Grocery "DDD All Day"		Wildcard Kitchen "Titans of 24"	
Fox News	Ingraham (Live)		Jesse (Live)		Hannity (Live)		Gutfeld!		Fox News (Live)	
Freeform	(C:20) ★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days ('03) Kate Hudson.						Scam Goddess (N)		The 700 Club	
FUSE	Movie				Movie				Genius	
FX	(5:00) Thor: Ragnarok		★★ Thor: Love and Thunder ('22)		Chris Hemsworth.		★★ Venom ('18) Tom Hardy.			
FXM	Movie		(C:35) ★★ Kingsman: The Secret Service ('14)			(C:15) ★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle				
Hallmark	(6:00) Royally Ever A...		The Wish Swap ('25)		Emily Tennant.		Gold Girls		Gold Girls	
Hallmark Myst.	(6:00) Martha		Martha "Poisoned in Paradise"				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote	
HGTV	The Flip Off "Bending the Rules"		The Flip Off (N)		Izzy Does It (N)		House Hunters		House Hunters	
History	Pawn Stars "The Big Kahuna"		Pawn Stars "Pawn Barons"		Pawn Stars (N)		(C:05) Pawn Stars "The Pawnnerator"		(C:05) Pawn Stars	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
HSN	C. Wonder (N)		Comfort Code (N)		Beauty Report (N)		Beauty Report (N)		Nakery Beauty (N)	
ID	Murder "Locker Room Secret"		Murder in the Heartland		Murder "A Killer's Secret Play" (N)		Murder "Winning at All Cost"		Murder "Betrayal Begins With Trust"	
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
Lifetime	The Rookie		The Rookie		The Rookie		(C:05) The Rookie		(C:05) The Rookie	
LMN	(6:00) Hunting Hous...		Woman With the Red Lipstick ('24)			Tall, Dark and Dangerous ('24)				
MAGN	Lakefront Barg		Restoring Galveston		Restoring Galveston		Restoring Galveston		Restoring Galveston	
MSNBC	ReidOut (Live)		All In (Live)		R. Maddow (N)		Last Word (Live)		11th Hour (Live)	
MTV	Challenge: All Stars		Challenge (N)		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous	
National Geographic	UFOs: Investigating the Unknown		UFOs: Investigating the Unknown		UFOs: Investigating the Unknown (N)		Mars: One Day on the Red Planet			
NatGeoWild	Port Protection		Port Protection		Port Protection		Port Protection		Port Protection	
NECN	News	News	Dateline		Dateline		Rescue		OpenHou..	1st Look
NewsNation	On Balance (N)		Cuomo (Live)		Dan Abrams (N)		Banfield (Live)		Cuomo	
Ovation	Shakespea		Shakespea		Shakespea		Shakespea		Midsomer Murders	
OWN	DreamH.. DreamH..		DreamH.. DreamH..		DreamH.. DreamH..		DreamH.. DreamH..		DreamH.. DreamH..	
Oxygen	Unforgettable		Dateline NBC (N)				Dateline "Poison"		Dateline: Secrets	
Paramount	Two Men		Two Men		To Be Announced				To Be Announced	
QVC	(5:00) Gourmet		In the Kitchen (N) (Live)				Jewelry (N) (Live)		Roberta's (N) (Live)	
Science	Catastrophes		Catastrophes		Catastrophes		Catastrophes		Catastrophes	
Sundance	Law & Order "House of Cards"		Law & Order "New York Minute"		Law & Order "Criminal Law"		Law & Order "Acid"		Law & Order "Bible Story"	
SyFy	Movie	★★ I, Robot ('04) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith.					★★★ Troy ('04) Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (Live)				Jokers		Jokers	Jokers
TCM	(5:30) Oklahoma!		★★★ The Champ ('31)			(C:45) ★★ The Fighter ('10) Mark Wahlberg.				
TLC	Save My Skin		My 600-Lb. Life "Juan's Journey" (N)				My 600-Lb. Life "Shakya's Journey"			
TNT	NHL on TNT		4 Nations Face Team Canada vs. Team Sweden (Live)				Post-Ga.. Rampage			
Travel	Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.		Paranormal Cam.	
TruTV	NHL on TNT		4 Nations Face Team Canada vs. Team Sweden (Live)				Post-Ga.. 4 Nations			
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	CosbySh.. CosbySh..		Fatal Attraction		For My Man (N)		For My Man		Crime Fil. "Left Eye"	
USA	Law & Order: SVU "Internal Affairs"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: SVU "Unholiest Alliance"		Law & Order: SVU "Assaulting Reality"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH-1	(5:30) Love Don't C...		★★ Dear John ('10) Channing Tatum.				★★ Heartbreakers ('01)			
WE	NCIS "Freedom"		NCIS		NCIS "Defiance"		NCIS "Kill Screen"		NCIS	