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On deck, a developer's Fenway project

It's been a winding road but Rosenthal ready to reconfigure neighborhood

JON CHESTO

POWER PLAY

Stand with John Rosenthal atop his 15-story apartment complex in the Fenway, and it's hard not to be swept up in the panorama — even if you've visited every skyscraper in the city.

From left to right, you see the pillars of Greater Boston's economy. Kendall Square's labs and university halls. The Financial District towers off in the distance. The Back Bay skyline. The Longwood Medical Area. In the foreground: Fenway Park's Green Monster, outfield, grandstands.

And just down below, right at street level, two acres of concrete: the biggest platform to go over the Mass. Turnpike since Copley Place in the 1980s. With the recent hookup of electric utility connections, the long-awaited Fenway Center deck over the highway is finally done.

How Rosenthal got here, though, is a story as long as the turnpike itself — one that involves at least two mayors, five governors, countless meals at Eastern Standard, that stolen base by Dave Roberts, and even a friendship between a black Labrador retriever and an English bulldog.

Rosenthal's trek began in 1992, while running his family's real estate business. He acquired the two-story parking garage on Lansdowne Street, in the shadow of the Green Monster. The garage became lucrative for Rosenthal and his business partners with around-the-clock traffic from hospital workers, baseball fans, and nightclub revelers. Rosenthal also hoisted a 252-foot-long gun-violence prevention billboard on its side facing the turnpike, bringing national attention to that cause.

A ski buddy suggested Rosenthal contact the Mass. Turnpike Authority about internal discussions con-

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'We do not fight absurdity with valor. We fight it with more absurdity.'

ROB POTYLO, *aka Robby Roadsteamer*



FINN GOMEZ FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

It's full steam ahead for this MAGA jester

Provocateur amasses millions of online views — and a few arrests

By Malcolm Gay
GLOBE STAFF

SOMERVILLE — It's like AC/DC always said: "It's a long way to the top if you wanna rock 'n' roll."

The April sun was finally breaking through, but Rob Potylo had been in a basement recording studio for the better part of a week. As a sound engineer fiddled with vocal tracks, Potylo, who's risen to internet fame as his rowdy alter ego, Robby Roadsteamer, bopped his head to "Red MAGA Beret," his cheeky take on the old Prince anthem.



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The studio's laid-back vibe — low-slung couches, dim lighting — was a world away from the Trump rallies and anti-ICE protests where he usually performs as Roadsteamer, accruing tens of millions of online views and notching several arrests.

But the quiet helped. Potylo was here to distill his acidic brand of political theater into something more lasting than a social media post: an album, maybe even a limited release vinyl, with photos from his arrests as cover art.

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Two sides of Robby Roadsteamer (Rob Potylo): hanging loose at his home (top) in Belmont in March and getting arrested at a protest (above right) in Minneapolis in January.

Democrats split over no-party primaries

Group seeks ballot question overhauling voting system

By Chris Van Buskirk
GLOBE STAFF

A group of Massachusetts Democrats is pushing a ballot question this year that would eliminate the state's party primaries, arguing a dramatic overhaul of how residents vote is necessary to create more competitive elections in a state where many top lawmakers often cruise to reelection uncontested.

But the measure is drawing opposition from within both political parties and sowing fractures among Democrats especially — pitting progressives and members of the party's governing body against some of their own who are pressing to eliminate a system that has long delivered Democrats to success.

Activists in the party's left wing are planning to raise money in a bid to persuade voters to reject the plan, which would allow the top two vote-getters in a preliminary election, regardless of party, to advance to the final. They fear it would box out lesser-known candidates who struggle with fundraising.

The ballot question's top supporter, Harvard University professor and one-time gubernatorial candidate Danielle Allen, said it would give voters more choices in races up and down the ballot.

"We have so many elections that are decided in

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MGB patients use AI to get appointments

Some doctors, however, say it neglects staffing problem

By Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

Patients have made over 14,000 virtual appointments in the eight months since Mass General Brigham launched its AI-powered platform to connect people who need primary care with telehealth physicians.

30K
patients at the least in the MGB system are without a primary care provider

The platform, originally called Care Connect when it debuted in September, features a chatbot that questions the patient, then sets up a telehealth appointment with a physician in as little as half an hour. MGB is among the first health systems nationally to roll out the app.

The platform was originally designed for patients who couldn't find primary care physicians. In February, MGB expanded its use to include patients who might have a primary care provider but want urgent virtual care, including at times when their doctor's office is closed. MGB ditched the name Care Connect and rebranded the service

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Libraries link immigrants to heritage, community

By Omar Mohammed
GLOBE STAFF

NEWTON — On the third floor of the Newton Free Library, visitors can thumb through Dostoyevsky's "Crime and Punishment" in the original Russian text, find a Chinese translation of Neil Gaiman's fantasy novel "American Gods," or check out some of John Grisham's thrillers in Korean, Spanish, or Portuguese.

These are but a fraction of the thousands of foreign language titles that take up the bulk of the library's third floor.

For the city's immigrant community — about a quarter of Newton's population is foreign-born — the vast collection keeps them connected to their ancestral homelands. And the library is also a place where immigrants can practice conversational English, prepare for citizenship tests, and build community at a time when the federal government has ushered in one of the most hostile immigration policies in years.

"We always say libraries are for everyone, and when we say everyone, we literally mean everyone," said Helen Lee, supervisor of adult services at the Newton Free Library. "So being able to meet the needs of people in different ways is very important to us."

These services are also being used at a time when towns and cities across Massachusetts are facing budget constraints that some worry could result in cuts.

Maureen Amyot, director of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, said budget tightening in some towns — in places such as Marblehead and Chilmark

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MAKING THE TRADITIONAL WADDLE



PAT GREENHOUSE/GLOBE STAFF

Jonathan Krygowski, 12, as "Officer Michael," looked over his shoulder to check on the progress of the annual Duckling Day Parade on its way to the Public Garden. The event was one of several with a Mother's Day theme around the Boston area on Sunday. **B3.**

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The Nation

Pope starts to put imprint on US church

New bishops reflect changing demographics

By Elizabeth Dias
NEW YORK TIMES



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A seagull flew past Pope Leo XIV from the window of his studio overlooking St. Peter's Square, at the Vatican, on Sunday.

Pope Leo XIV's moral voice has resounded in global politics during the first year of his papacy on war, immigration, and artificial intelligence.

But in quieter, more personal ways, the first pope from the United States has also been shaping the future of the Roman Catholic Church in his home country, one bishop at a time.

So far, Leo has made roughly 30 announcements involving new bishops, elevated bishops, or retiring bishops in the US, offering an early look at what the American church hierarchy will become under his leadership.

He appears to be naming bishops not primarily as political statements, but rather as leaders who, like him, have focused on pastoral care and local management, and who reflect the changing composition of Catholic pews and priests.

Recently, Leo appointed Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala to be the next bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, the diocese that covers West Virginia. The first Salvadoran bishop in the United States, Menjivar-Ayala became a citizen 20 years ago after a period as an immigrant lacking permanent legal status, an experience that resonates with many Catholic families in the country.

In his own story, Menjivar-Ayala sees the story of Leo, who as a young priest moved to Peru from the United States to be a missionary and then became both a bishop and a citizen of his new country. Leo's appointments have a global perspective, he said.

"Those decisions are not taken from political points of view, but what are the needs of that community?" he said. "Jesus said if you want to be great, you should become the servant of all."

The same day Menjivar-Ayala was appointed, Leo also named the Rev. John Gomez, a Colombian-born priest who became a US citizen five years ago, to lead the Diocese of Laredo on Texas' border with Mexico.

Gomez, currently the vicar general of the Diocese of Tyler in East Texas, felt a call to ministry after completing his military service in Colombia. He went to seminary in Miami and continued his theological studies in Texas and Rome. In Tyler, nearly half of Catholics are Spanish speakers, he said.

"That was the reason I came to the United States, to serve the growing Spanish-speaking population in the Catholic Church," he said.

"Now I am a bilingual, bicultural man, and I love to serve both communities," he said. "But there is a great need for us here in the church, for priests."

Many of the most prominent US cardinals and archbishops are reaching retirement age, meaning Leo will have an opportunity to make personnel changes at the highest levels. Bishops are required to offer the pope their resignation at age 75, but the pope can choose whether to accept it for five years.

In Chicago, Cardinal Blase Cupich turned 77 in March, and in Newark, N.J., Cardinal Joseph Tobin turned 74 last week. Archbishops in Las Vegas, Miami, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, are all turning 76 this year.

Boston's Archbishop Richard Henning is 61 years old.

Before Leo was elected pope, he ran the influential Vatican office responsible for choosing bishops. That expertise has allowed him to move quickly, and his relative youth means that he could significantly remake a generation of the church hierarchy, similar to the legacy of Pope John Paul II, said Christopher White, a senior fellow of the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University.

In December, Leo replaced Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, who turned 75 shortly before Pope Francis died, and appointed Archbishop Ronald Hicks, 58, who also had a similar biography to Leo's, with shared ministry experience and administrative skills.

A notable number of Leo's new bishops, like many American priests and parishioners, were born in other countries.

Last June, Leo appointed Bishop Simon Peter Engurait, who was born in Uganda in 1971, the seventh of 14 children, to the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux in Louisiana.

About a third of priests in his diocese are foreign-born, many with green cards and some with religious worker visas, Engurait said.

"Back in the day, you had bishops from, for example, Ireland, because that is where most of the priests came from," he said. Now, as more and more priests come from Latin America and Africa, the makeup of the bishops is also changing.

One of his hopes is to integrate the range of diverse Catholic communities in his diocese, which includes many African Americans and a significant Hispanic and South Asian population.

NTSB gathers details in Denver

Evacuation after plane hit person

By Michael Casey
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The National Transportation Safety Board on Sunday said it is gathering information about the evacuation of a Frontier Airlines plane after it hit and killed a person on the runway at Denver International Airport during takeoff.

The plane, which was heading to Los Angeles International Airport, "reported striking a pedestrian during takeoff at DEN at approximately 11:19 p.m. on Friday," according to a post on the airport's official X account.

Passengers were evacuated via slides, and the emergency crew bused them to the terminal. An airport spokesperson said 12 passengers received minor injuries and five were taken to hospitals.

Some people on board expressed concern about the evacuation, including being stuck in the plane for several minutes as smoke filled the cabin and being left on the tarmac in the cold once they were out. Video also showed some passengers coming down the slide with what looked to be their carry-on bags.

"We are gathering information about the emergency evacuation to determine if it meets criteria for a safety investigation," NTSB spokesperson Sarah Taylor Sulick said early Sunday, adding that the agency might have more details in a few hours.

Frontier Airlines didn't respond early Sunday to a request for information about the evacuation.

A spokesperson for the Denver Police Department said Sunday the investigation into the incident was ongoing and that the identity of the person on the runway will be confirmed and released by the Denver Office of the Medical Examiner.

The chief executive of the Denver airport, Phil Washington, said he "knows" there are questions still to be answered.

"As this is an active investigation with numerous other agencies involved, it is going to take some time as we are still confirming what information we can share at this time," Washington said in a statement. "This was a horrible and preventable tragedy that has affected many due to the actions of one person who apparently trespassed at an airport and lost their life as a result."

Two minutes after jumping a fence, the person crossed the runway and was hit. The only detail the airport has released was that they do not believe the person was an airport employee.

"We're stopping on the runway," the pilot told the control tower, according to the site ATC.com. "We just hit somebody. We have an engine fire."

The pilot told the air traffic controller they have "231 souls" on board and that an "individual was walking across the runway."

The air traffic controller responded that they are "rolling the trucks now" before the pilot told the tower they "have smoke in the aircraft. We are going to evacuate on the runway."

Frontier Airlines said in a statement that flight 4345 was the one involved in the collision and that "smoke was reported in the cabin and the pilots aborted takeoff." It was not clear whether the smoke was linked to the collision.

The airline said the plane was carrying 224 passengers and seven crew members.

"We are investigating this incident and gathering more information in coordination with the airport and other safety authorities," the airline said.

Passengers said panic took hold on the flight after an engine caught fire and the cabin began filling with smoke.

"Honestly, I thought I was going to die," passenger Mohamed Hassan told Colorado's 9NEWS.

Daily Briefing

Oregon gas tax on the ballot as referendum

PORTLAND, Ore. — Appealing to voters' anxieties about the soaring cost of living is central to Democrats' messaging in their hopes of big wins in this year's midterm elections. In Oregon, a question on the primary ballot is complicating that strategy.

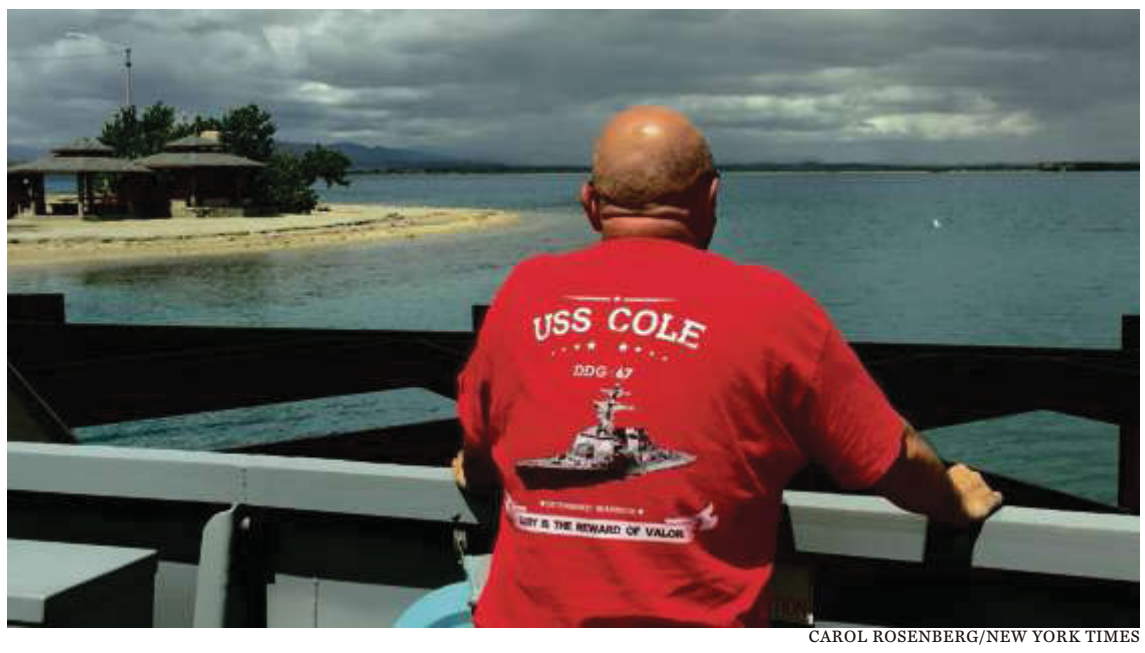
The Democratic-controlled Legislature raised the state gas tax and a range of fees last fall as a way to pay for road improvements and plug a hole in the state's transportation budget. Republicans responded with a petition to repeal the increases, leading to a referendum that will land before voters just as the Iran war is causing the price of gas to skyrocket around the United States.

The gas tax repeal on the state's May 19 primary ballot comes amid widespread disruptions in the oil industry from the war with Iran started by Israel and President Trump.

Discontent is high among US consumers across the political spectrum, with the price of gas topping $4.50 a gallon nationally on Friday and averaging about 80 cents more per gallon in Oregon.

The referendum will give voters a chance to weigh in on a hot-button issue hitting them directly in the pocketbook at a time when prices remain elevated for everything from housing to groceries. Nationally, Democrats have focused on the affordability concerns similar to those that helped propel Trump to victory in 2024.

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James G. Parlier, a retired Navy command master chief who survived the bombing of the USS Cole in 2000, at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba. The military trial of the alleged orchestrator of the attack was scheduled to start on June 1, but the judge overseeing the case announced the decision to postpone it last month.

Trial in 2000 bombing case is delayed weeks before it was set to start

The trial in the bombing of the USS Cole has been indefinitely delayed, a new setback in a quarter-century-old case that has been shadowed by the CIA's use of torture.

The military trial at the US naval station in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, was scheduled to start June 1. But Colonel Matthew Fitzgerald, the judge overseeing the case, announced the decision to postpone it last month without giving a specific reason. He said the postponement would involve "months, not weeks."

The suicide bombing of the US Navy destroyer on Oct. 12, 2000, killed 17 US sailors and wounded dozens of others during a refueling stop in Yemen.

A Saudi prisoner, Abd-al Rahim al-Nashiri, is accused of orchestrating the attack, which was seen as a precursor of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Military judges in the Cole case have set and then abandoned about 10 proposed trial dates since Nashiri was first arraigned in 2011, nine years after he was captured.

The case had been on track to hold the first death-penalty trial in the court that was created by George W. Bush after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in a US government effort to seek the executions of suspects blamed for Al Qaeda attacks.

Lawyers in court have cited several potential reasons for the judge delaying the start of trial. Prosecutors are still working with the CIA and other intelligence agencies to declassify evidence for the public and defendant to see, rather than hold secret sessions of the trial.

NEW YORK TIMES

US schools are facing a crisis as the number of children drops

As American women have fewer babies each year, the number of young children in the United States is dwindling. The trend is now catching up to the nation's public school districts.

There are simply fewer children to attend school in the United States today: The number of public school students in kindergarten through 12th grade has fallen in 30 states since the mid-2010s.

Declining enrollment has hit many of the nation's largest urban school districts, including Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York, a New York Times analysis found. But smaller and suburban districts are shrinking at a similar rate.

Fewer students means less funding, which is tied to enrollment numbers. Many districts are now facing painful budget cuts — and heated conversations about whether to close schools.

Several factors are affecting enrollment. For cities, housing costs and other expenses are driving some families out. The recent crackdown on immigration means fewer children are arriving from other countries, a demographic that had buoyed enrollment nationwide.

Many public school districts also lost students during the pandemic, and are now facing more competition than ever from private schools, homeschooling, charter schools, and virtual schools.

Data suggests that US private schools had a small bump in enrollment during the pandemic, though it is unclear how much that has been sustained. This includes Catholic schools, where enrollment increased during the pandemic, but has declined overall over the past decade. Private schools are also set to benefit from new school voucher programs in many states, which help families pay for private education.

But experts say the biggest factor in declining enrollment is the record-low US fertility rate. It most recently peaked in 2007, and has fallen 24 percent since then.

NEW YORK TIMES

The World

Passengers evacuated from ship tied to outbreak

Health checks conducted before disembarkation

By Carlos Barragán, Amelia Nierenberg, and Lynsey Chutel
NEW YORK TIMES

Passengers and crew from a cruise ship hit by a deadly hantavirus outbreak were evacuated Sunday after the vessel anchored off Spain's Canary Islands. Global health officials have sought to calm fears about the passengers' return to their home countries by vowing to closely monitor any signs of disease.

The ship, the MV Hondius, arrived at the port of Granadilla de Abona in Tenerife, the largest of the islands, on Sunday morning, one month after a person died on board.

Mónica García, Spain's health minister, told reporters in Tenerife that everyone on the ship was without symptoms.

Health officials boarded the vessel to conduct an epidemiological evaluation, including assessing temperatures and symptoms, but they did not test anyone, she said.

Passengers and crew members began disembarking in small groups Sunday, wearing masks and blue personal protective equipment. Many carried what appeared to be white plastic bags. People were allowed to take only essential items, including a cellphone and documentation, Spanish authorities said.

The Spanish authorities said evacuations on chartered or military flights were expected to continue through Monday evening.

García said at midday Sunday that 13 Spanish passengers and one Spanish crew member had boarded a flight to Madrid and that five French citizens were taken to the airport after disembarking.

García said all planes scheduled for Sunday had departed for their destinations. "It is a source of pride to be part of a country that has carried out this operation," she said.

Five French citizens arrived home Sunday evening, but one of them developed symptoms during the flight, Sébastien Lecornu, France's prime minister, said on the social platform X.

Lecornu said that the five passengers were immediately placed in strict isolation, and that they will undergo more testing and a health assessment.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Saturday that the US passengers would be evacuated to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Although the center does have a quarantine unit, the CDC said the passengers would not be quarantined, but would instead be monitored and assessed for a period of 42 days, in some cases at their homes, in coordination with local jurisdictions and other government agencies.

Some passengers staying at home may be asked to limit outside activities that involve long interactions with others, the agency said Saturday.

It was not immediately clear how many US passengers might remain at the medical center in Nebraska and how many would be sent home to be monitored.

There were about 150 people aboard the ship when it arrived at the Canary Islands, including crew members, passengers and four medical staff members who boarded the vessel when it was anchored off the coast of Cape Verde, an island archipelago in the Atlantic Ocean.

The World Health Organization has said that the risk of the outbreak to the public is low.

As the ship neared the Canary Islands on Saturday, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the head of the organization, moved to allay residents' concerns about the hantavirus, which has rekindled anxieties from the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I know that when you hear the word 'outbreak' and watch a ship sail toward your shores, memories surface that none of us have fully put to rest," he said in a statement addressed to Tenerife, after the leader of the regional government of the Canary Islands tried to block the arrival because of fears about disease.

"But I need you to hear me clearly: This is not another COVID," Tedros added.

Since April 11, three passengers have died and five other people have fallen ill after showing symptoms of hantavirus, a rare family of viruses carried by rodents, according to the WHO. Although human-to-human transmission of the hantavirus is rare, WHO officials said that the strain that had infected patients from the ship, called the Andes strain, was the only one known to spread among humans.

The pathogen had been confirmed in six people, the WHO said, including two of the dead. Two other people were "probable cases," the organization said.

Global health officials were taking steps to stop the virus from spreading, but predicted a "limited" outbreak if public health measures were enacted.

Countries were scrambling to trace people who may have been exposed to the virus and were monitoring people who were on the ship or had contact with sickened passengers.

"We classify everybody on board as what we call a high-risk contact," Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO's director of epidemic and pandemic preparedness and prevention, said Saturday.



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On Sunday, a passenger was sprayed with disinfectant after disembarking the cruise ship in the Canary Islands, Spain.

Aid air-dropped amid concern in remote area

By Amelia Nierenberg
NEW YORK TIMES

LONDON — British troops have parachuted onto a remote archipelago in the South Atlantic to deliver aid to a person with a possible case of hantavirus, Britain's government said Sunday.

The rare operation came about a month after the MV Hondius — a cruise ship at the center of a deadly hantavirus outbreak — visited the islands, which are collectively known as Tristan da Cunha, one of Britain's most remote overseas territories.

The team, which includes six paratroopers and two military clinicians, flew thousands of miles "to deliver critical medical support," the British government said in a statement.

British health authorities have said that a British resident of the islands, who had disembarked from the cruise ship there, was suspected of having hantavirus.

"This was an extraordinary operation in incredibly challenging circumstances to get vital help to our citizens," Al Carns, Britain's armed forces minister, said in a statement.

Oxygen supplies on the islands had reached a "critical level," the British government said, adding that it had dropped "vital oxygen supplies and other medical aid."

There are no targeted treatments for hantavirus, so the primary treatment is supportive care, including things such as supplemental oxygen.

Such support is difficult to come by in Tristan da Cunha, located roughly midway between Africa and South America. There are just two medical personnel for the 221 inhabitants. Lacking an airstrip, it is usually accessible only by boat, according to British authorities.

"An airdrop with medical personnel was the only method of getting vital care to the patient in time," the British government said.

The team of paratroopers flew more than 4,000 miles from a military base in England to Ascension, another tiny island where the MV Hondius had stopped, then continued for almost 2,000 miles to Tristan da Cunha.

Other Britons who traveled on the ship were being evacuated to Britain via a chartered flight after reaching the Canary Islands on Sunday. None have reported symptoms, but they are being closely monitored and will isolate for 45 days, British authorities said.

Trump rejects Iran's response to cease-fire proposal

Latest bid seeks to end war and reopen strait

By Jon Gambrell and Samy Magdy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran sent its response to the latest US proposal to end the Iran war via Pakistani mediators on Sunday, but President Trump quickly rejected it in a social media post as "TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE!" — the latest setback to efforts to resolve the standoff in the Persian Gulf that has throttled shipping and sent energy prices soaring.

Iranian state television reported that Tehran rejected the US proposal as amounting to surrender, insisting instead on "war reparations by the United States, full Iranian sovereignty over the Strait of Hormuz, an end to sanctions, and the release of seized Iranian assets."

Washington's latest proposal addressed a deal to end the war, reopen the strait, and roll back Iran's nuclear program.

Trump's rejection of the Iranian response included no details. In an earlier post, he accused Tehran of "playing games" with the United States for nearly 50 years, adding: "They will be laughing no longer!"

Trump is giving diplomacy "every chance we possibly can before going back to hostilities," the US ambassador to the United Nations, Mike Waltz, told ABC earlier.

Iran's new supreme leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, who has not been seen or heard publicly since the war began, "issued new and decisive directives for the continuation of operations and the powerful confrontation with the enemies" while meeting with the head of the joint military command, the state broadcaster reported, with no details.

The fragile cease-fire was tested when a drone ignited a small fire on a ship off Qatar, and the United Arab Emirate, and Kuwait reported drones entering their airspace. The UAE said it shot down two drones and blamed Iran. No casualties were reported, and no one immediately claimed responsibility.



ATTA KENARE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

An Iranian woman walked past an anti-US and anti-Israel mural painted on a wall in the capital Tehran on Sunday.

Qatar's Foreign Ministry called the ship attack a "dangerous and unacceptable escalation that threatens the security and safety of maritime trade routes and vital supplies in the region." The United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations Center gave no details about the ship's owner or origin.

Kuwait Defense Ministry spokesperson Brigadier General Saud Abdulaziz Al Otaibi said forces responded to drones but did not say where they came from.

Iran and armed allied groups such as the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group have used drones to carry out hundreds of strikes since the war began with US and Israeli attacks on Feb. 28.

Trump has reiterated threats to resume full-scale bombing if Iran does not accept an agreement to reopen the strait and roll back its nuclear program. Iran has largely blocked the strategic waterway that's key to the global flow of oil, natural gas, and fertilizer since the war began, rattling world markets.

The US military, in turn, has blockaded Iranian ports since April 13, saying it has turned back 61 commercial vessels and disabled four. On Friday, it struck two Iranian oil tankers, which it said were trying to breach the blockade. Iran's Revolutionary Guard navy says any attack on Iranian oil tankers or vessels would be met with a "heavy assault" on US bases in the region and enemy ships.

Another sticking point in negotiations is Iran's highly enriched uranium. The UN nuclear agency says Iran has more than 970 pounds enriched up to 60 percent purity, a short, technical step from weapons-grade.

In an interview posted late Saturday, an Iranian military spokesperson said forces were on "full readiness" to protect sites where uranium is stored.

DAILY BRIEFING

Body of missing US soldier found in Morocco

CASABLANCA, Morocco — The remains of a US soldier who went missing during military exercises in Morocco a week ago were recovered in the Atlantic Ocean, the army said Sunday. Military teams were still searching for a second missing soldier.

The remains were those of 1st Lieutenant Kendrick Lamont Key Jr., a 14A Air Defense Artillery officer who was one of two US soldiers who fell off a cliff during a recreational hike in Morocco while off duty. He was 27 years old.

The two were reported missing May 2 after participating in African Lion, an annual multinational military exercise held in Morocco.

"A Moroccan military search team found the soldier in the water along the shoreline at approximately 8:55 a.m. local time May 9, within roughly one mile of where both soldiers reportedly entered the ocean," US Army Europe and Africa said.

The two went missing around 9 p.m. near the Cap Draa Training Area outside Tan-Tan, a terrain characterized by mountains, desert, and semidesert plains, according to the Moroccan military.

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Israel deports two activists for leading flotilla

TEL AVIV — Israel deported two activists on Sunday after being detained for slightly over a week for leading an aid flotilla attempting to break the Israeli naval blockade of the Gaza Strip.

The two, Spanish-Swedish citizen of Palestinian origin Saif Abukeshek and Brazilian citizen Thiago Ávila, were among dozens of activists intercepted by the Israeli navy off the coast of Crete. Both are members of the Global Sumud Flotilla's steering committee, whose mission is to break Israel's naval blockade and bring some humanitarian aid to the Palestinian territory.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry called the two activists in a post on X on Sunday "professional provocateurs," saying "Israel will not allow any breach of the lawful naval blockade on Gaza."

At the time of the arrest, Israeli authorities said the two had been detained for questioning, and that Abukeshek was "suspected of affiliation with a terrorist organization" and Ávila was "suspected of illegal activity," without providing evidence. No formal charges have been publicized against the two.

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Death toll rises to 14 in Pakistan suicide attack

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — The death toll from a suicide attack on a security post in northwest Pakistan rose to 14 police officers early Sunday, authorities said as a self-proclaimed breakaway group of the Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

A suicide bomber and several gunmen detonated an explosives-laden vehicle near the post in Bannu, a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan, late on Saturday, senior police official Sajjad Khan said. The attack triggered a shootout, and some officers were killed in the exchange, while others died later after the building collapsed.

Rescuers searched for hours and used heavy machinery to retrieve bodies from under the rubble, Khan said, adding that three police officers were wounded in the attack.

Meanwhile, hundreds gathered at the Bannu police headquarters for the funerals of the slain officers. Some relatives broke down upon seeing the coffins.

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US-China rivalry reaches skies over South America

Politics pushes science aside as concerns soar

By Emma Bubola and Edward Wong
NEW YORK TIMES

SAN JUAN, Argentina — In the foothills of the Argentine Andes, the enormous Chinese radio telescope sits in one of the world's premier stargazing locations, surrounded by vast, undulating mountain ranges and beneath skies untouched by light pollution. It is also on the opposite side of the planet from Beijing, offering China a window on the half of the heavens it would not otherwise see.

But the Chinese telescope at the site, the Cesco observatory in San Juan province, picks up no signals. After the US government repeatedly pressed them on the issue, Argentine authorities stopped the project's completion. Lacking key parts, the telescope now sits dismembered, its gigantic antenna pointing blindly at the sky.

As the United States increasingly views Beijing as a rival in space, the stars above South America have become flash points in a geopolitical struggle, with top US officials trying to halt astronomy projects in the Andean deserts out of fear that China could use them for military purposes.

The Trump administration says it is enforcing an updated Monroe Doctrine, in part to counter China's growing footprint in the Western Hemisphere. China is a key trading partner for many countries in Latin America, and it is trying to build scientific and security ties. Its relations in the region could come up in official talks this week in Beijing between President Trump and Xi Jinping, China's leader.

Last year, Argentina's neighbor Chile stopped a Chinese astronomical observatory project in the Atacama Desert after strong urging from the US ambassador. And in the case of the Cesco observatory's Chinese radio telescope project — which would be the largest of its kind in South America — authorities have held some key, final parts for it at customs for nine months.

According to a document from the Argentine government's Cabinet chief, procedural violations in renewing the deal with China prevented the project from going forward. The government declined to comment on whether US diplomacy played a role in the decision.

But current and former US officials, some of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive diplomacy, said the US government had repeatedly expressed concerns with Argentine authorities about the Chinese telescope, worried it could be used to track US satellites and communicate with Chinese ones.

The campaign began during the Biden administration and continued under Trump.

Argentine astronomers, who have spent most of their lives observing stars light years away, have received a crash course in earthly politics.

Scientists had looked forward to sharing the telescope with China and other nations. Then they learned that the US effort to check China had reached the deserts of South America, threatening their search into the vastness of space.

"We are stuck in a political black hole," said Ana Maria Pacheco, 61, an astronomer.

The State Department did not reply to requests for comment.

In 2015, as China was expanding its presence across South America, the Chinese military built another facility, a $50 million satellite and space mission control station in Neuquén province, in Argentina's Patagonian desert. Argentina gave China the use of the land where the station was built, rent-free, for 50 years.

For China hawks in Washington, that Patagonian base became a symbol of how Argentina was being pulled into China's orbit, and the site's antenna there stands as a cautionary tale.

The Trump administration has forged a tight bond with Javier Milei, Argentina's right-wing president, and aided him with a $20 billion lifeline before key midterm elections last year.

While running for president, Milei expressed hostility toward China. But after being elected in 2023, he softened his tone, perhaps facing the reality that China's economy is entwined with that of Argentina through trade, infrastructure, mining projects, and financial assistance, just as it is in other Latin American countries.

US officials say they are aware that dislodging China from Latin America will be hard. Still, they see the frozen gears of the San Juan radio telescope — which was built in partnership between the National University of San Juan and the National Astronomical Observatory of China — as a sign that US diplomacy can help thwart aspects of China's space ambitions, and perhaps its military ones too.

The Chinese Embassy in Buenos Aires said in a statement that the US was "looking for an excuse to contain and suppress China." It said the project was aimed at promoting scientific progress in both Argentina and China, with benefits for all of humanity. It called the US position "ridiculous and regrettable."

When the Chilean observatory project was halted last year, the Chinese Embassy in Santiago said in a statement that the United States also uses telescopes in Chile and accused it of a "pure and simple manifestation of hegemonism."

The US officials told Alberto Fernández, then the president of Argentina, that they were concerned about several Chinese projects, he said.

Despite Putin's talk of victory, forces drag on battlefield

Strategy largely involves making better drones

By Paul Sonne, Cassandra Vinograd, and Milana Mazaeva
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BERLIN — President Vladimir Putin of Russia has sought to convince President Trump that his troops are marching toward inevitable victory in Ukraine, arguing that Kyiv should hand over the entire eastern Donbas region to avoid impending defeat.

But the situation on the battlefield tells a different story.

After making gains late last year, the Russian military has slowed to a crawl. In some parts of Ukraine, it has lost territory. At its average monthly rate of advance so far this year, it would take Russia more than three decades to seize full control of the Donbas, which the Kremlin has set as a condition for ending the war.

The slowdown may be temporary, and it is due at least in part to seasonal factors. Russian troops tend to pick up speed over the summer, aided by better weather and foliage that provides more cover from drones. In recent days, Ukrainian officials have warned that Moscow's troops are gearing up for new offensives and have intensified operations across the front.

Still, Russia enters this push on the back foot. It has faced setbacks this year, including the loss of Starlink satellite internet access that helped guide its drones. The Kremlin's throttling of the Telegram messaging app, as it tightens control over the Russian internet, has also hampered soldiers' communications.

More broadly, Russia has yet to solve the fundamental problem of how to make big advances on a battlefield saturated with drones. The days of sending masses of troops charging through front lines in armored vehicles are mostly over.

Instead, the contest between Kyiv and Moscow is largely one of developing better drones and better defenses against them. On parts of the front, Ukraine has gained the upper hand in recent months with rapid advancements in technology, production, and tactics. But Russia is working furiously to catch up, building out a bigger drone force after rolling out a successful elite drone unit known as Rubicon.

Drones have forced Russian troops to change their strategy. Now they try to infiltrate territory gradually with small teams of soldiers, often on foot. This has resulted in an ever-growing swath of territory known as the "gray zone," where troops from both sides are present and control is not clear-cut.

"The best they can do is these infiltration tactics and the targeting of the support networks pretty far behind the line — targeting Ukrainian drone teams and logistics support," said Dara Massicot, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. "But it doesn't lead to rapid gains. They are kind of stuck."

As the war effort stalls, it is putting the Russian government under increasing economic and political strain.

Putin's approval ratings have fallen to their lowest levels since the start of the war, as the economy buckles under vast military spending and as mobile internet blackouts, imposed in part to prevent Ukrainian drone attacks, anger ordinary Russians.

Late Saturday, Putin suggested in a news conference the possibility of ending the war. "I believe the matter is coming to a close, yet it remains a serious thing," he said. But at the same time, he struck notes of defiance, particularly against European nations supporting Ukraine.

For now, the Kremlin is fighting on. But its challenges on the battlefield complicate the narrative of imminent victory Putin has been selling to the Trump administration as it has brokered peace talks with Ukraine. Russia is looking to put pressure on Kyiv to cede the parts of the Donbas that its military has failed to capture.



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Graves of Russian soldiers killed during the war with Ukraine filled a cemetery in Vladikavkaz, Russia, in February.

Even as Russia struggled on the battlefield this March, Trump, in an interview with Politico, expanded on his earlier statement that President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine had "no cards" by saying he now had "even less cards."

On Thursday, the Kremlin's chief foreign policy adviser, Yuri Ushakov, said that until Ukraine withdrew from the region, Russia saw no point in further peace talks. Ukraine has refused to hand over that territory, though negotiations have continued over turning it into some sort of international demilitarized zone.

While Russia has not figured out how to take and hold large swaths of land through infiltration, it may believe that a gradual push is a better approach anyway, Massicot said. That avoids the risk of big operations that could go wrong and raise questions about the prospects for victory, she added.

"I think it's a combination of not having an operational solution and the Kremlin being satisfied with this level of political risk, and hoping that peace talks will negotiate away the difficult part, which is fighting for the rest of the Donbas," she said.

Whatever Russia's strategy, it is clear that the pace of Russia's advance has slowed this year, according to the three main organizations tracking the battlefield, the Institute for the Study of War, Black Bird Group, and DeepState.

Two of the groups say there have been months in which Russia suffered net territorial losses, though the ever-widening gray zone on the front has led to differing interpretations of what constitutes captured territory.

Russia's meager gains in the past three months, according to Black Bird's statistics, amounted to its worst battlefield performance within Ukraine since 2023.

What limited gains Russia has made have come with heavy casualties. An estimated 352,000 Russian soldiers had died in the war by the end of last year, according to figures released this weekend by the Russian outlets Mediazona and Meduza. That is more than six times the number of US troops killed during the Vietnam War.

As Russia's losses mounted, it also missed recruiting targets this year, according to US and European officials.

What to do about White House Correspondents' Association dinner?

Critics say event morphed from journalism focus

By Elisabeth Bumiller
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — An hour after a gunman rushed a security checkpoint at the Washington Hilton last month and shut down the White House Correspondents' Association dinner, President Trump declared that it would be rescheduled within 30 days. By his calendar, an event attended by 2,570 people will be held May 25 at the latest.

Never mind that Trump is not the host of the event.

Very few think the date is realistic, at least for the kind of blowout that the dinner has become.

But as the association's board tries to figure out the timing and type of a redo, a bigger debate than usual is swirling around one of Washington's most dissected rituals.

Critics have long called the dinner a distasteful, too-cozy fete for reporters and the powerful people they cover.

Defenders say it is a celebration of the First Amendment and a fund-raiser for more than $100,000 in college journalism scholarships.

Never has it been what it became April 25 — the site of what prosecutors say was a presidential assassination attempt and a potential mass casualty event.

Current and former participants now question whether the dinner has outlived its rationale, given the heightened security concerns and the fact that on a night meant to honor journalists, Trump — who is suing multiple news organizations and routinely attacks the press — planned to "really rip" the media, as he put it, in the "most inappropriate speech ever made."

"I would have stuck a fork in it a long time ago," said Graydon Carter, a former editor of Vanity Fair who for eight years hosted, with Michael Bloomberg, the most exclusive of the dinner's after-parties.

"Make it smaller. Make it like a proper dinner. Whatever it was, I would go back to that. Because it's unsustainable."

Susan Page, USA Today's Washington bureau chief and a former president of the correspondents' association who has attended every dinner since 1980, remains a supporter of the event.

Still, she said, "the one thing I think is crucial is that the focus be on journalism, on the role of a free press in a democracy, and on the particular issues that White House correspondents face in covering the president."

Nicholas Lemann, a former dean of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and a longtime staff writer at The New Yorker, called the televised dinner "Washington journalism as a Rotary Club meeting," at odds with the way "we like to present ourselves, as lonely crusaders."

"We see journalists palling around with public officials, including the competition for who sits at whose table," he said.

"Surely none of this helps reverse journalism's falling public trust numbers."

The association's leadership has said little about its deliberations.

The board "is having active conversations about rescheduling the event," Weijia Jiang of CBS, the group's president, said in a brief text message.

One option favored by numerous White House correspondents is a lunch or more modest dinner, at least this year, to celebrate the award and scholarship winners.

The dinner has had many permutations in its century-plus of history.

It began in 1921 as a small, all-male gathering during the Harding administration.

Three years later, Calvin Coolidge became the first president to attend.

In the 1940s, it transitioned into a bacchanal with entertainers such as Bob Hope and Sid Caesar.

By the early 1980s, it had settled into more of a professional dinner, but with competition over who could nab the best political guests.

Its well-known watershed moment came in 1987, when Michael Kelly, at that time a reporter for The Baltimore Sun, brought as his guest Fawn Hall, a secretary and part-time model who had shredded documents for national security aide Oliver North in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Hall, who married North last year, created such a sensation that the race was on for evermore glittering guests.

By 2013, a peak of the Obama Hollywood years, Steven Spielberg, Katy Perry, Kerry Washington, Amy Poehler, Robin Wright, and Claire Danes attended.

The next year, some 1,000 ticket seekers had to be turned away.

The 1,000-member correspondents' association is a nonprofit, and the dinner, its only fund-raiser, pays for the scholarships and other costs. The event is expensive, with high costs.

One tension over the dinner is the ratio of journalists to other guests, including celebrities, lobbyists, lawyers, agents, and advertisers.

The association encourages the media organizations that buy the tables to include working journalists, particularly members of the camera and audio crews who spend long hours at the White House.

But many of the media outlets use the evening as a perk for advertisers, or to showcase stars.

Robin Sproul, a former ABC News Washington bureau chief who oversaw the network's plans for the dinner for 23 years, said there was a big change after Hall burst on the scene.

"Suddenly it wasn't about getting the labor secretary anymore," she said.

"It became vital to bring in stars from ABC's primetime entertainment shows, along with sports stars and movie stars." Over time, she added, "it felt like there was little left that had to do with White House coverage."

Trump mulls future for Vance, Rubio

Muses on his successor as 'kids' fill bigger roles



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Vice President JD Vance (left) and Secretary of State Marco Rubio have worked together in the Trump administration but may face off to decide the GOP's future presidential candidate.

By Katie Rogers
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Every now and then, President Trump pauses and muses aloud about a subject quietly captivating the Republican Party.

What do you think? JD or Marco?

According to multiple people close to the president, Trump asks advisers who they prefer, before frequently musing that he should just have Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio run together on the same presidential ticket in 2028.

Trump's advisers say he is simply having fun polling people, and that 2028 is not at the top of his mind at all. Still, it would be hard for Trump to ignore that lately, the two men he refers to as "kids" are taking on bigger profiles as the midterm elections approach.

Last week, Rubio appeared in the White House briefing room, affably fielding questions on the Iran war — which his team later produced into a campaign-worthy video. Then he traveled to Italy, popping up alongside Pope Leo XIV and bearing a crystal football as a gift. Rubio also met with Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni of Italy, who, like Leo, has faced diatribes from Trump over opposition to the war. Next, Rubio will travel to China with the president.

As Rubio did his best to charm reporters back in Washington, the White House political operation sent Vance to a factory in Des Moines, Iowa, to help support a vulnerable House Republican, Representative Zach Nunn.

Their dueling appearances, freighted with viral commentary, have generated new speculation about whether Rubio might eventually challenge Vance, the presumed front-runner, in a race for the Republican presidential nomination. According to several people close to both men, Vance and Rubio, who are friends, do not want to be seen as competing against each other for the 2028 presidential nomination. Others said that it was too early to know how the race would shape up, before seeing how the Republican Party fares in this year's midterm elections.

"They both appreciate the moment, right?" Senator Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.) said in an interview this year about the relationship between Vance and Rubio. "This is a historic comeback by a president who was out of office, who came back, and a unique coalition that, you know, brought that to be."

He added: "I think that drives them to work together in addition to their kind of personal friendship."

By several accounts, the two actually do get along. It is not uncommon to see them laughing together at White House events. They talk about sports and family when they are together. They are also both very aware of the chatter about their reputations and respective futures.

Rubio, who serves as national security adviser and acted as chief archivist for nearly a year in addition to his role as the country's top diplomat, likes to hold up his phone to show friends and colleagues the memes that have been made about him, particularly the ones that comment on the fact that he holds several jobs, according to a person who has seen him do it.

The memes are plentiful, and they have imagined Rubio in various new roles, depending on the outcome of Trump's decisions. He has been cast in the internet's imagination as Kristi Noem, the former homeland security secretary; the president of Venezuela; and, because Trump has ordered the Pentagon to release its UFO files, Elliott in the movie "E.T."

According to his allies, Rubio's ubiquity is a sign that he might be able to broaden the MAGA tent beyond Trump's redmeat base at a time when the Republican Party is facing serious political headwinds over the economy, the war and aggressive tactics to curb immigration.

"He is a politician who could appeal to a whole lot of Republicans who went along with Trump but weren't overly enthusiastic about him," said Whit Ayres, a Republican pollster who worked on Rubio's 2010 Senate campaign. "He is very good, not only with English, but with the Spanish language, at framing an argument and making a persuasive case to voters."

Either way, the nomination remains Vance's to lose. He is unpopular, with an approval rating sitting at 35 percent in the most recent Washington Post/ABC News/Ipsos poll. But according to a Pew survey taken earlier this year, Vance is a far more recognizable figure to American voters than most other Trump administration figures — only Trump and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the Health and Human Services secretary, are better known.

GOP fatigue in Iowa strains primary for governor in June

By Pooja Salhotra
NEW YORK TIMES

DES MOINES — The five Republican candidates vying for their party's nomination to be Iowa's next governor mirror one another on policy issues: Abortions must be outlawed, as most are in Iowa; school choice, already state law, should be expanded; and religious freedoms must be protected, as they already are.

But as they sprint toward the June 2 primary, the three top candidates — Representative Randy Feenstra; Zach Lahn, a farmer and businessperson; and Adam Steen, a former aide to the governor he hopes to succeed, Kim Reynolds — can seem oddly removed from the political environment that has made 2026 such a tough year for Republicans.

Instead, with early voting set to start Wednesday, they are focused on one another, in a bare-knuckle, personality-focused primary fight. And Democrats, outnumbered in voter registration and out of power for years, are the ones showing confidence in their presumptive nominee for governor, state auditor Rob Sand.

"The Democrats see the environment; I think they see Republicans are divided," said Bob Vander Plaats, an influential Christian conservative in Iowa. "They believe that Rob Sand, who comes off as a churchgoing, gun-toting taxpayer watchdog, they believe he's the kind of candidate that can win back the governorship."

The signs of headwinds are all around Republicans. Reynolds, Iowa's socially conservative governor, is preparing to leave office after nine years with the lowest approval rating of any governor in the country.

Iowa, a state that three times voted for Donald Trump after twice voting for Barack Obama, is groaning amid rising fuel and fertilizer prices, steel and aluminum tariffs that have hurt manufacturers, and countertariffs from trading partners that have walloped agriculture exports.

And policies that might have been popular in theory, such as taxpayer-funded vouchers for private schools, are proving to be less palatable now that they are the law. Public schools have been drained of resources to finance vouchers, especially in rural areas where private schools might not exist.

"Kim Reynolds really attacked public education," said Mark Nelson, a farmer and Republican county supervisor in Woodbury County. "You can't attack and undermine one of your biggest areas of the workforce and not have it be detrimental to that next election."

As of May 1, Republicans had nearly 200,000 more registered voters in Iowa compared with Democrats. Yet political prognosticators are calling the Iowa governor's race a toss-up, and some polls give the Democratic candidate a slight edge.

Sand has presented himself as a moderate, highlighting his Christian faith, his work to target corruption as a prosecutor, and his efforts to root out fraud in state government.

Beyond Sand, part of the problem may rest with the bitterness around the Republican primary. The perceived frontrunner, Feenstra, has deep pockets from his time in Washington and stronger name recognition than his Republican competitors. Going into this year, he had $3.2 million on hand, campaign finance reports show, more than his Republican competitors but far less than the $13.2 million in Sand's coffers.

Big headache for politicians these days: A messy digital footprint

Frequent uproars prompt a pattern for responding

By Kellen Browning
NEW YORK TIMES

Mallory McMorrow, a Democratic candidate for Senate in Michigan, recently found herself at the center of an increasingly common brouhaha in modern politics: She was forced to answer for a series of unfortunate tweets.

In decade-old deleted posts unearthed by CNN last week, McMorrow, 39, had expressed liberal views out of step with her current moderate image. Perhaps more damaging, she complained about the Midwestern weather shortly after moving from California — "I don't like you, Michigan" — and said that "cars are dead," striking a nerve in the heart of the American auto industry.

McMorrow's primary opponents were quick to criticize, but she defended herself in a CNN interview, suggesting that her posts were evidence that she was a regular person who had not been carefully cultivating her public image years ago in anticipation of a future political bid.

"I am not somebody who wanted to be in office or wanted to be in Congress when I was in diapers," she said. "I tweeted normal things, like a normal person."

Such uproars have become so frequent that the pattern of reaction to them now feels routine.

First: Long-ago social media posts or video clips by political candidates get exposed online, prompting a backlash from rivals.

Second: The candidates downplay the comments and distance themselves, often insisting their views have changed.

Third: In some cases, voters and the news media tire of the topic and move on. Or they don't.

With a new generation of candidates who were active on the social platforms X, Reddit, and YouTube years before announcing political careers, it's unsurprising that so many are seeing their past statements come back to haunt them. (It has become so common that McMorrow is not even the only Democratic Senate candidate in Michigan to deal with such a controversy: Abdul El-Sayed, 41, also faced backlash for deleted posts from 2020, in which he had described the police as "standing armies we deploy against our own people.")

Opposition researchers have never had more content to draw from. Yet they say that voters also seem more willing than ever to forgive past unsavory viewpoints and social media misdeeds — spurred in part by President Trump, who has proved that voters can overlook outrageous statements.

"Before Trump, you could be really surprised by something you saw in the news about a politician," said Pat Dennis, the head of American Bridge, a Democratic opposition research firm. "After Trump, everything is kind of boring in comparison, compared to the level of scandal."

Not every regrettable social media post or video clip falls into the same category. Some misdeeds do still sink, or at least sully, careers and campaigns, as candidates such as Mark Robinson, a Republican candidate for governor in North Carolina in 2024, have found out the hard way. Robinson's campaign tanked after CNN reported that he had called himself a "black Nazi," defended slavery, and left sexually explicit messages on a pornography website.

Social media blunders seem to break down into three categories.

James Talarico, the Democratic nominee for Senate in Texas, announced that his state legislative campaign would purchase only vegan products in a 2022 speech posted online. The resurfaced video prompted backlash in a state known for its barbecue. "This freak wants to ban BBQ," Senator Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican, posted.

In response to the beef about beef, Talarico's campaign spokesperson posted a photo of the candidate chomping down on a turkey leg. And Talarico, in front of a live podcast audience, drew laughter by saying, "I deny all accusations of veganism."

Talarico faced criticism for other past comments in speeches archived online and in social media posts. "God is nonbinary," he said on the state House floor in 2021. In 2020, talking about the "virus of racism" and the Black Lives Matter movement, he wrote: "White skin gives me and every white American immunity from the virus. But we spread it wherever we go."

In an interview with The New York Times in March, Talarico said the principles he was espousing "are certainly principles and values that I still hold." But, he acknowledged, "I probably would have said them differently today."

In 2011, shortly after giving a viral speech as a 19-year-old about his experience being raised by a lesbian couple, Zach Wahls replied with specificity to a Reddit question about what type of pornography he liked. He also wrote, "My moms bought me a subscription to Playboy when I was 16 at my request."

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Democratic angst over Calif. primary rules

SACRAMENTO — Democrats have panicked all year at the possibility that California's primary rules could shut them out of the governor's office despite the state having an overwhelmingly Democratic electorate.

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Now a Democratic strategist is launching a campaign to repeal the California primary system, an effort that is likely to attract serious backing not only from labor unions, but also from some Republicans and third-party organizations.

Under the current system, which has been in place for 15 years, candidates of all parties run on the same primary ballot, and the top two finishers advance to the general election. In some races, particularly in areas that are extremely liberal or extremely conservative, two Democrats or two Republicans have faced off against each other in November.

The new proposal, filed Friday with state elections officials, would end the nonpartisan top-two primary and revert to a traditional primary in which one candidate from each party advances to the general election. It would have to be approved by voters, and backers are hoping to place it on the 2028 ballot.

Steven Maviglio, the Democratic consultant who filed the initiative, has always objected to the top-two system but said he was motivated to try to repeal it this year after seeing the possibility of Democrats being shut out of the general election. At one point, polls showed two Republicans — Steve Hilton, a former Fox News host, and Chad Bianco, the sheriff of Riverside County — atop the sprawling field running for governor.

That occurred because many voters were undecided, and eight prominent Democratic candidates were splintering the Democratic vote. Republicans, however, divided their support between just two major Republican candidates.

Though his initiative, "Undo the Top Two," was inspired by Democrats' angst, Maviglio has assembled supporters from across the political spectrum. The emerging coalition includes Democrats, Republicans, and leaders of the state's Green and Libertarian parties, which have been locked out of most general elections in California since voters passed the top-two system in 2010.

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A Shell gas station in Burlingame, Calif., on May 6. The average national price for a gallon of gasoline was $4.52 on Sunday, according to the AAA motor club.

Call reveals Democrats' desperation over Va. map

Democrats are struggling to respond to a major redistricting setback in Virginia, with some party leaders discussing an audacious and possibly far-fetched idea for trying to restore a congressional map voided by the court but showing little indication they have a clear plan.

During a private discussion Saturday that included Democratic House members from Virginia and Representative Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the minority leader, the lawmakers vented anger at their defeat at the Virginia Supreme Court, spoke about a collective determination to flip two or three Republican-held seats under the existing map, and discussed a bank-shot proposal to redraw the congressional lines anyway, according to three people who participated in the call and two others who were briefed on it.

They did not land on a specific course forward, and Jeffries and the other members of Congress agreed to consult with their lawyers about the most prudent way to proceed, said the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe a private talk.

The conversation reflected the desperation and fury that have gripped the party after the state Supreme Court struck down a favorable map that had been ratified by voters. The most dramatic idea they discussed — which would involve an unusual gambit to replace the entire state Supreme Court, with a goal of reinstating their gerrymandered map — drew mixed reactions on the call, said the people, and it was not clear that it would even be viable, or palatable to Governor Abigail Spanberger and Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly.

After Democrats had fought Republicans to a rough draw last month in a nationwide gerrymandering war, a pair of recent court rulings quickly gave the GOP the clear upper hand in the race to redraw maps before the midterm elections. Facing stiff headwinds, including President Trump's low approval ratings and high gas prices, Republicans are looking for every advantage they can find to defy the odds and hold on to their narrow majority.

Any plans to enact a new congressional map for this year's midterm elections would require action in the next few days.

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Minority districts fueled GOP ascendancy in Congress

WASHINGTON — Representative James Clyburn of South Carolina, formerly the No. 3 Democrat in the House, is certain he would never have been elected to Congress without changes in the Voting Rights Act that the Supreme Court determined this past week amounted to unconstitutional racial gerrymandering.

"And about half of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus wouldn't be there," said Clyburn, the first African American sent to Congress from his state since Reconstruction. He was part of the historic 1992 class of Black and Hispanic lawmakers elected after new maps were drawn to comply with 1982 changes meant to strengthen the Voting Rights Act.

The predominantly Democratic minority groups that set to work back then to increase their representation were boosted by some unlikely allies: Republican strategists who saw an opportunity to break the Democratic hold on the South and force an extraordinary realignment.

Now, Republicans see the chance to cement their grip on the region — and to try to maintain their thin House majority — by eliminating the minority districts that initially worked to their advantage and to take those seats for their own.

It is the latest chapter in an ongoing political saga that has had profound implications for the House of Representatives over the past three decades. Redistricting in minority communities could again be a major factor in deciding the November elections as Republicans try to lessen the traditional midterm advantages for the party out of power — the Democrats in this case — in a year when they face particularly strong headwinds.

Having consolidated their power throughout the South, Republicans are now emboldened to try to eliminate the majority-minority districts, believing they can carry them without risking their strength elsewhere as Democratic-leaning minority voters are dispersed into other districts.

But as Republicans and Democrats have seen as they have waged a tit-for-tat battle this year to redraw districts around the country to their advantage, such changes do not always work out as planned. The true consequences of the Supreme Court's recent ruling remain to be seen.

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Midwest pump prices spike at worst time for Trump

As gasoline prices have ratcheted higher across the US due to the war in Iran, several Midwestern states have seen the steepest increases. That's putting a strain on many of the voters Republicans need at the midterm elections in November to keep control of Congress.

Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin have all borne the brunt of price hikes since the conflict began 10 weeks ago. Sticker shock is worst in Ohio, where gasoline has surged 72 percent. That's double the increase for California, long the poster child for sky-high fuel prices.

For Trump, who ran a successful 2024 campaign partly on promises to tame inflation, surging pump prices have become a political liability. The phenomenon is already squeezing some motorists to cut back on driving while consumer sentiment has fallen to a record low amid broader inflation worries.

Nationally, the average gasoline price is now less than 50 cents a gallon off the all-time high set during President Joe Biden's tenure in 2022.

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Iran war could make Trump's trip to China a bit chillier

WASHINGTON — Long before this week's trip to China, President Trump was already predicting on social media that his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, would "give me a big, fat hug when I get there."

But Beijing's deep economic ties to Iran, as well as trade tensions over tariff threats stretching back to Trump's first term, could crimp the good feelings when Trump flies to Beijing this week — even though the Republican president has for years effusively praised Xi, making it clear he sees China's leader as a competitor strong enough to warrant his respect and admiration.

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Attempt to create nonpartisan primaries splits Democrats

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the primary, so then the general is really not competitive. . . . A huge bulk of voters don't have a meaningful vote," she said.

The Democratic State Committee, the party's more than 400-member governing body, voted late last month to formally oppose the proposal. The resolution it passed declared there was not "conclusive evidence" that the so-called all-party primaries are even effective in making elections fairer.

Two state committee members have turned to the court system to block the question, filing a lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of the measure. The Supreme Judicial Court heard arguments in the case this month.

The ballot question would eliminate political party primaries for state elections and instead establish a primary system in which all candidates would be listed on a single ballot. Voters could only vote for one candidate. The top two candidates would advance to the general election.

The proposal also requires candidates for governor and lieutenant governor to run together in a primary, similar to how they currently are listed as a team on the general election ballot.

Some progressive Democrats chafe at the wealthy finance and technology executives who are helping bankroll the initiative.

Currently, registered voters who are not enrolled with any party can vote in either a Democratic or Republican primary, though those elections tend to pull from the party's more extreme electorates and often draw lower turnout than general elections.

"We have an open process. This is a red herring," Jordan Berg Powers, a political consultant who previously led the progressive group Mass Alliance, said of the ballot measure.

Powers, who is leading the group opposing the ballot question, argued that if voters approve it in the November election, "you'll see more billionaires spending money to get their favorite candidates in."

"It's just not true that people can't vote," he said. "People can vote. Most people don't enroll in a party, and they can vote in [a primary in] September how they wish."

The ballot question has drawn support from some influential Democrats aside from Allen. That includes Steve Grossman, the former state treasurer and one-time gubernatorial candidate who is still a member of the state committee; state Auditor Diana DiZoglio; and former governor Deval Patrick.

Allen dismissed the Democratic State Committee's objections to the proposal, saying the Democratic Party in Massachusetts "is so much bigger than the state committee." She pointed to a poll from Emerson College released Thursday that found more than half of the likely Democratic primary voters surveyed backed the ballot question.

"It's really, really important to remember that, fundamentally, the Democratic Party is the voters," she said. "It's in the people, in the voters. It's not really in the kind of apparatus."

Grossman, who describes himself as a progressive Democrat, said members of the party's left wing opposing the question could be "concerned that progressive issues and progressive ideas won't be actively pursued." But he said the question will drive "significant" voter engagement.



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"It's really, really important to remember that, fundamentally, the Democratic Party is the voters," said Danielle Allen. "It's not really in the kind of apparatus."

"I'm a big believer in change, not for change's sake, but change that is going to enhance political empowerment," Grossman said. "If there's anything we've learned during this Trump era, is that we've got to do everything we can to preserve, protect, and enhance democracy and political engagement."

Supporters need to gather more than 12,000 signatures by June 17 to put the ballot measure before voters this fall.

The measure is facing a legal challenge from Democratic State Committee members Martina Jackson, a Newton activist, and Ann Roosevelt, a Cambridge resident who also is the wife of Jim Roosevelt, a prominent Democratic lawyer.

Their lawsuit contends that the ballot question "cannot survive constitutional scrutiny" because it limits voters' choices and the right to run for office by reducing general election ballots to only two candidates, a notion some justices expressed skepticism toward earlier this month.

The ballot question campaign raised nearly $2.2 million last year, including hundreds of thousands of dollars from executives at top financial and technology companies, according to campaign finance records. The campaign does not need to disclose its fund-raising for this year until September.

Donations so far include $550,000 from David Peeler, a senior adviser at the private equity firm Berkshire Partners, and $290,000 from Andrew Balson, a managing partner at another private equity firm Cove Hill Partners.

Balson referred a request for comment to Doug Rubin, a consultant working for the ballot question campaign. Rubin declined to comment on Balson's donations. Peeler did not respond to a Globe inquiry sent to an email address listed in his name.

Jonathan Cohn, policy director for Progressive Massachusetts and a former state committee member, said all-party primaries increase the power of candidates who can self-fund their own campaigns.

He pointed to a 2018 congressional race in California, which also has a "top-two" primary system and where the open seat initially drew more than a half dozen Democratic candidates. The lineup eventually winnowed to those who could bankroll their bid. Gil Cisneros, who scored a $266 million lottery jackpot with his wife in 2010, won the election.

In California, among those vying in the crowded race for governor this year is hedge-fund billionaire Tom Steyer, who's already spent more than $130 million on the campaign, most of it from his own pockets.

"It increases the power of big money," Cohn said of the "top-two" primary system.

Cohn also said opposition to the ballot question has united factions of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee that were at odds last year amid an insider battle over the party's platform, which saw a push to spell out support for LGBTQ+ protections, rent control, transgender individuals, and efforts to address systemic racism.

"Across all factions, people thought that the ballot question was a bad idea," Cohn said.

Jesse Littlewood, the ballot question's campaign manager, said a "top-two" primary gives voters more candidates to choose from. And he pushed back at opponents on the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, saying there is a disconnect between some members and voters.

"This [ballot question] would create a condition where there's just more dynamism, more opportunities for challengers — and more opportunity to connect back to voters," he said.

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Immigrants check out mix of old, new in libraries

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— could affect services libraries provide to marginalized communities.

"People are turning to their public library for those programs and those ways to be connected with each other … the funding for the library is threatened," Amyot said, potentially diminishing a "place that immigrants are welcome and that has all of these wonderful materials and services and classes and programs to help them."

On a recent morning, Lihong Zhao, 42, attended an English class at the Newton library. She was told about the English language classes soon after moving here last year from Beijing with her husband and 14-year-old son.

"It's [an] amazing library for me," Zhao said. "I can study here and also borrow books in Chinese and English."

Her classmate Izumi Tago, 56, from Japan, takes advantage of one-on-one tutoring.

"It's helpful for me. I have been studying English for many years, writing and reading. But we didn't have a lot of practice speaking," Tago said. "When we first moved to America, we couldn't understand. I needed to improve my listening and speaking. That's why I take part in classes."

In Newton, and communities across Massachusetts, the library's foreign language section is also a living thing: As a city's immigrant community grows and evolves, so does the library's collection of books that reflects the languages they speak.

Years ago, members of Newton's Korean community went door to door asking families for book donations to establish a collection of Korean texts, said Helen Pachenko, who manages Newton's foreign languages collection. They've been building on that early campaign since.

"People want to go back to their old country, they want to know what's going on," Pachenko said. "They study English hard. But they also want books in their home languages."

In 2023, after the arrival of Haitian immigrants into Greenfield, the library reached out to colleagues at the Boston Public Library and received books in French, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

"So way out here in Western Massachusetts, we're working with our colleagues across the state, and we're trying to find ways to introduce new things to our community," said Anna Bognolo, Greenfield's library director.

In Cambridge, close to 30 percent of the city's diverse residents were born outside the US. They speak Mandarin, Cantonese, French, Haitian Creole, Arabic, Bengali, and Korean. For Maria McCauley, director of the Cambridge Public Library, it's only natural that her library will build a collection to serve them.

That drive to include everyone in the community serves the larger purpose of advancing American democracy, McCauley said.

"Our democracy is strongest when there is a diversity of both free thought as well as of people, and our libraries want to support that," she said.

In Quincy, the Asian community has grown substantially since the 1960s.

At the Thomas Crane Public Library, the materials reflect that transformation. The collection has books in Chinese, Vietnamese, and Spanish, along with a small French section. Like Newton, the library also offers English language and citizenship classes.

"We are made up of diverse experiences, diverse cultures, diverse languages," said Sara Slymon, the library's executive director. "We want to be able to offer materials that reflect the community that folks live in. It's important for children to see themselves in our materials."

Thomas Crane has also established an oral history project partly to capture that immigrant evolution of the city and include community voices that sometimes can be excluded in official histories, Slymon said.

"We are working hard to make sure that folks who actually live in Quincy, and not just folks who are in power in Quincy, have their stories told for the future generations," Slymon said.

Then there's the Casa da Saudade Library in New Bedford, which stands as a monument to Portuguese immigrants in the city. The library, founded in the 1970s, helped workers in the fishing sector cope with being away from home for weeks at a time, as they would take books or magazines with them during their ventures out to sea, said Olivia Melo, the city's library director.

Melo herself relied on the library to help her settle in the United States when she moved to the area as a 9-year-old from the Azores.

"I'm a walking advertisement for libraries in the community, especially if you're an immigrant," she said. "I used the library because I was a Portuguese reader, and we didn't have the finances for my parents to purchase books."

Her experience has turned her into an evangelist for the potential the library can have, especially for immigrant communities.

"I traveled the world quite a bit through a book, and that's why I wanted to become a librarian," she said.

"I wanted to have people understand that libraries are very valuable in the community in helping people grow and learn and just educate themselves. And it all started with walking into the library and checking out a book."

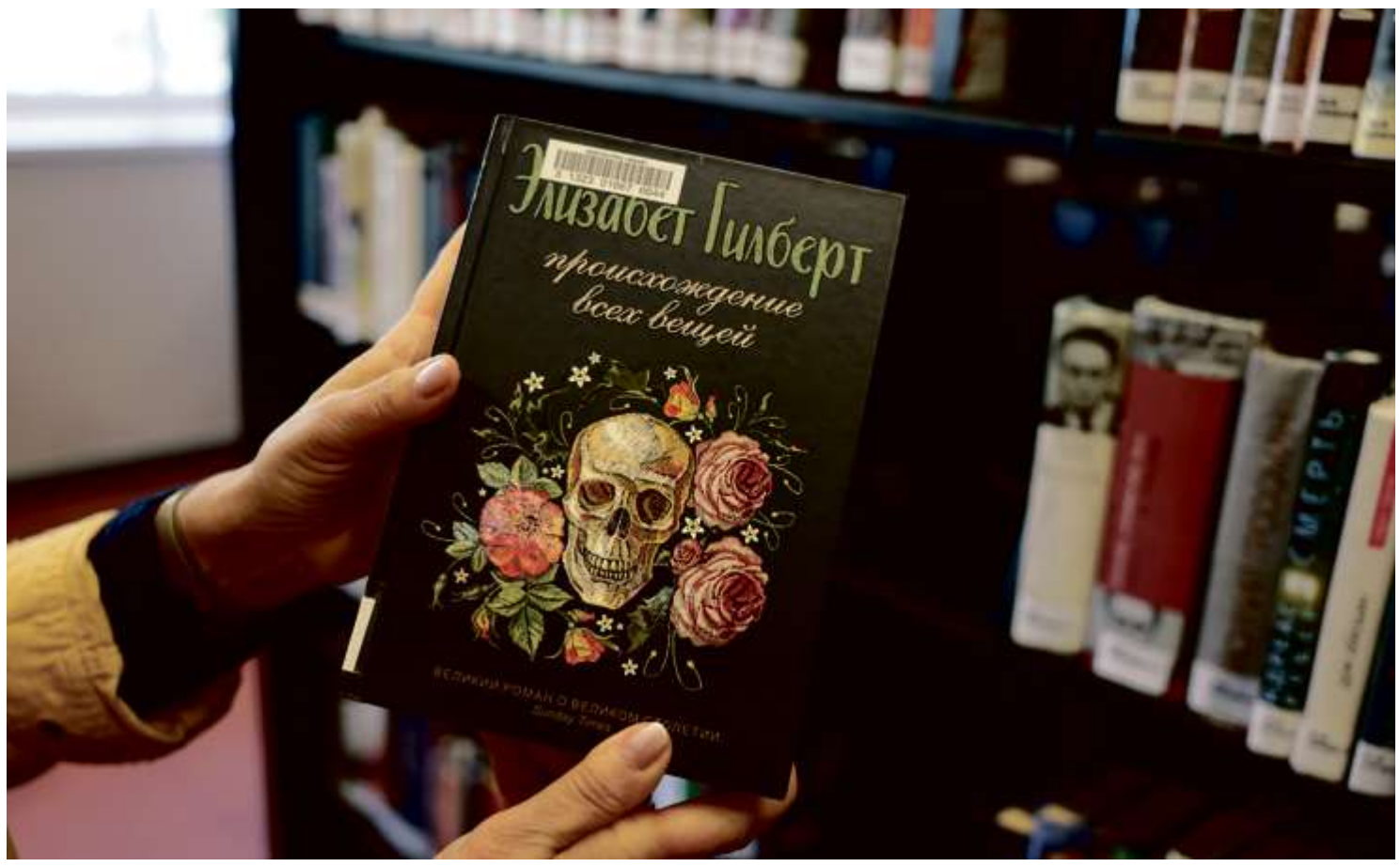
Amyot, of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, said she remains bullish about the role of libraries in Massachusetts, where a membership can potentially give residents access to nearly 350 branches across the state.

"If you have a library card, you can go online to the library catalog and request Portuguese items from the library in New Bedford or from the Boston Public Library," she said, "and have them sent right to your community for you to pick up there."

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Helen Pachenko manages the foreign languages collection at the Newton Free Library. Immigrants are finding a touch of home at Massachusetts libraries, such as a Russian translation of Elizabeth Gilbert's, "The Signature of All Things."

AI helps connect patients to care, concerning some doctors

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"24/7 Virtual Care."

"It was simply to describe the service better," said Dr. Rajesh Patel, vice president of digital patient experience. "We're happy with the feedback we're getting from patients."

So far, patients have set up 14,524 appointments, Patel said.

They include Magdala Estephan, a 52-year-old Middleton resident who had a persistent cough and body aches last month and felt too sick to see her primary care physician at an MGB practice in Beverly. She said she went on the app at 7 a.m. and had a telehealth appointment with a doctor an hour later.

"Despite being virtual, the level of care I received from him was really exceptional," said Estephan, the founder and head of a foreign language enrichment program for public and private schools. She said the physician, Dr. Douglas Campbell, assured her that her symptoms stemmed from a virus that was going around and prescribed medicine that made her feel better in about a week.

The app represents a partnership between MGB and K Health, a New York AI firm. K Health has set up similar digital platforms for several large health systems facing shortages of primary care doctors, including Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

When MGB launched the platform, it said the health care system had 15,000 patients who lacked a regular primary care doctor because of a nationwide shortage of such providers. Recently, however, MGB executives shared a slide deck with employees showing that there are more than 30,000 patients in the health system without a primary care provider, according to a copy of a slide obtained by the Globe.

Jessica Pastore, an MGB spokesperson, said that the number of patients without a primary care provider hadn't grown; rather the health care system initially rolled out the platform to a limited number of patients and has now made it available to more of them.

Several primary care doctors at the health care system described the platform as a distraction from what they contend is the real solution to the shortage of such physicians at MGB: providing the pay and working conditions that will attract more primary care physicians and keep them from leaving.

"Instead of focusing on Band-Aid solutions, I think they should be investing in primary care," said Dr. Kristen Gunning, a primary care physician at a Massachusetts General Hospital practice since 2008. "An AI chatbot is not primary care. It can help with the refill of a prescription, but it is not a replacement."

A year ago, primary care doctors at MGB voted 183-26 to join the Doctors Council of the Service Employees International Union.

It was the first time that primary care doctors in Massachusetts had voted to form their own bargaining unit. MGB has challenged the makeup of the union chapter to the National Labor Relations Board and refused to negotiate a contract with the employees.

Dr. Helen Ireland, a senior medical director at MGB who helped launch Care Connect, said in the fall that the health system has worked hard to recruit primary care physicians. In the past two years, MGB said, it has hired more than 110 such doctors to help fill vacancies.

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The artificial intelligence platform has helped connect patients to appointments more than 14,000 times, according to a Mass General Brigham vice president.

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EDITORIAL

The mental health system needs more money — but from where?

It's not easy to get mental health care.

For one thing, there aren't enough providers to treat conditions like depression, anxiety, and addiction.

More than half of outpatient behavioral health providers report having trouble recruiting and retaining workers, according to the Health Policy Commission. According to the latest state data, around one-quarter of positions for behavioral health clinicians and clinical supervisors are vacant.

Even if you can find a provider, that provider may not take your insurance.

According to the Health Policy Commission, more than 25 percent of independent psychotherapy providers in Massachusetts accept only cash. That puts the burden on patients to apply for insurance reimbursement — if a service is even covered. Among residents who got mental health care in 2023, 15 percent paid entirely out of pocket, generally because their provider wouldn't accept insurance, according to the Center for Health Information and Analysis.

In 2023, 1 in 10 Massachusetts residents who needed behavioral health care reported not getting it, CHIA found. If people can't get treatment early, their condition is more likely to worsen and land them in the emergency department.

A new report from the Health Policy Commission's Behavioral Health Workforce Center traces the dearth of providers — and providers accepting insurance — to one issue: a lack of money. Insurance reimbursements for mental health clinicians are too low to attract and retain professionals, especially those willing to take insurance.

In 2023, the median hourly wage for a clinical mental health social worker was $29.96, around $62,000 a year, according to data presented at a Health Policy Commission event last week by Matthew Pecoraro, associate director of the Behavioral Health Workforce Center. Becoming a social worker can require earning a master's degree, passing a licensure exam, and completing 4,400 hours of supervised field experience. The low salary is probably one reason why between 2020 and 2024, the number of employed social workers declined by 17 percent, or 4,800 people, according to Pecoraro's data.

Lesli Suggs, president and CEO of The Home for Little Wanderers, said her organization has over 300 children on waiting lists for mental health services but has trouble hiring and retaining clinicians. "It comes down to what we're able to pay clinicians to do this work," Suggs said. Suggs said her organization — and others like it — generally lose money on outpatient mental health clinics and subsidize them through other revenue streams.

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The Behavioral Health Workforce Center's report flags various problems with how mental health clinicians are paid, most of which come down to inadequate reimbursements. For example, the price paid for psychotherapy between 2020 and 2023 grew at a rate slower than inflation.

The report said medical care is reimbursed at a higher rate than mental health care. For 30 minutes of work, a physician providing psychotherapy got paid an average of $60 by commercial insurance in 2023; a primary care physician office visit was reimbursed $157; and a specialist was paid $365. The median hourly wage of a nurse practitioner was $67 compared to $48 for a clinical psychologist, though both jobs require similar levels of education.

The Health Policy Commission offers concrete solutions for increasing payments to behavioral health providers, including paying master's level clinicians higher rates and establishing minimum reimbursement rates for commercial insurance.

The challenge is where to find the money. Massachusetts' health care system is already too expensive, with people paying high prices for insurance premiums and copays. Any solution to put more money into behavioral health needs to take money from elsewhere in the system.

As Health Policy Commission executive director David Seltz said, "We can shift dollars into these areas that we care about without raising total cost of care. It's a matter of values, it's a matter of priorities, and it's a matter of will."

Policy makers must also get serious about solutions beyond spending more money. For example, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation and Williams James College issued a report in September exploring barriers to behavioral health licensure. While regulators should reject attempts to water down licensure qualifications by removing exam requirements, there may be steps that could eliminate financial or administrative barriers. This could mean finding ways to waive or subsidize test fees, giving extra time for non-English speakers to take tests, connecting students with mentors, or making reciprocal licensing between states easier.

Another important way to improve access to behavioral health care is for primary care practices to integrate clinicians into their practices, so primary care doctors can screen for mental health conditions and connect patients with an available mental health clinician in their insurance network, potentially in the same office.

Providers often complain about time spent "chasing" insurer payments. There may be ways for public and private payers to move toward "value-based" payments, where providers receive a sum of money based on how many patients they see and their outcomes.

It's easy to make the case that the state's mental health system needs more money — policy makers should begin having serious conversations about where to find that money.

Why are people in Mass. being sent to prison for murders they didn't commit?

By Caitlin Glass

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This spring, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that mandatory life-without-parole sentences for people convicted of felony murder constitute cruel punishment and therefore violate the state constitution. This groundbreaking opinion signals state courts' willingness to grapple with longstanding yet long-critiqued doctrines that extend the legal system's harshest punishments to broad swaths of people without any inquiry into their individual actions and intentions.

The accomplice liability doctrine — or joint venture, as it's known in Massachusetts — means that the prosecution does not have to show that the accused person caused a death, whereas the felony murder doctrine relieves the prosecution of its burden to prove intent to cause death. The result is that a person who was present at a homicide — standing nearby, coerced to join an abusive partner, or doing anything that prosecutors later frame as assistance — can be charged and punished the same as a person who intentionally killed.

Take the case of Roberto Lopez-Ortiz. In 2013, Lopez-Ortiz and others agreed to a scheme where they would set up a fake drug buy in order to steal narcotics and cash. Lopez-Ortiz testified that he told his friends he wouldn't participate in the arrangement if there was a gun. When someone did bring one, Lopez-Ortiz yelled that he didn't sign up for this and pushed the gunman away. He ran, but the gunman remained and killed someone.

The jury believed that Lopez-Ortiz wasn't armed and didn't shoot anyone. It acquitted him of murder, armed home invasion, and armed assault. But it convicted him of unarmed assault with intent to rob, which in turn required it to convict him of murder. Under the law, Lopez-Ortiz was just as responsible for murder as the gunman. He would receive the same mandatory sentence of life imprisonment. Several jurors submitted letters to the judge asking for leniency, but the law left no discretion to grant it.

While the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court narrowed felony murder liability shortly after Lopez-Ortiz's conviction, the changes were neither comprehensive nor retroactive — meaning that Lopez-Ortiz is still condemned to die in prison and others who never killed anyone are still being convicted of murder.

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The joint venture and felony murder doctrines contradict some of society's most basic instincts about the relationship between criminal liability and moral culpability. Jurors often experience confusion and moral distress about imposing a murder conviction in cases where the accused never killed anyone.

These doctrines also invite error, allowing guilt to be inferred from presence, association, or ambiguous circumstances. Research shows that Black and brown people are more likely to be viewed as acting together, which can lead to inferences of collective culpability based on stereotypes rather than evidence. There is a stark overrepresentation of people of color among those serving life without parole for felony murder (82 percent) versus other forms of first-degree murder (56 percent).

The Massachusetts Legislature has advanced a reform that would separate murder from accomplice murder, aligning the law with moral intuitions that distinguish between these categories. Instead of mandatory life imprisonment, accomplice murder would be punishable by up to 25 years, allowing for individualized assessments of culpability and punishment. These changes would be retroactive, giving people like Lopez-Ortiz a path to seek relief.

This kind of policy change is popular because it aligns with basic instincts about accountability. A recent poll of Massachusetts voters from across the political spectrum showed that 79 percent of respondents expressed support for distinguishing accomplice murder as its own offense carrying a sentence of up to 25 years in prison. Likewise, 84 percent of respondents indicated that a punishment should be based on an individual's actions and level of responsibility rather than the acts of another.

Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are not alone in rethinking felony murder and accomplice liability. California, Minnesota, and Colorado have all enacted reforms. California saved between $94 million and $1.2 billion in prison costs over the first three years of implementation.

While some may argue that these reforms pose a risk to public safety, such claims rest on fear, not evidence. Recidivism rates among those released under California's bill were "notably low," and study after study have shown that extreme sentences don't make people safer. Rather than addressing the root causes of harm, joint venture and felony murder laws only perpetuate cycles of violence through wide nets of liability and draconian sentences that disrupt communities.

The proposed legislation in Massachusetts does not excuse harm or eliminate accountability. Indeed, several men who are currently serving life sentences under the joint venture theory have testified that they want to be held accountable. They're only asking to be held accountable for what they've done.

Massachusetts has a chance to lead the nation by bringing the law into greater alignment with our moral judgments. It should.



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Streamer Hasan Piker, center, waited to speak at a campaign event in Ann Arbor, Mich., for Abdul El-Sayed, a Democratic Senate candidate in Michigan.

The left's illiberal problem isn't over

By Cathy Young

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The recent debates about whether Democrats running for Congress should embrace left-wing live streamer Hasan Piker have focused attention on a thorny dilemma facing centrists, liberals, and moderate conservatives today: Should opponents of President Trump and of the illiberal right-wing populism that has powered his rise also criticize the illiberal left?

To many, punching left when the left is politically powerless and beleaguered, while a corrupt right-wing administration threatens American liberties — from the free press to an independent judiciary — seems not only misguided but downright perverse. And yet restoring the health of liberal democracy also requires confronting left-wing illiberalism, both because it's toxic by itself and because it helps the toxic right.

Restoring the health of liberal democracy also requires confronting left-wing illiberalism, both because it's toxic by itself and because it helps the toxic right.

Piker, a prominent figure on the militant socialist left, is overtly hostile to Western democracies and friendly to their enemies. Aside from his assertion that "America deserved 9/11," he has expressed regret about the Soviet Union's Cold War defeat and praised the mass-murdering communist dictators Mao Zedong and Vladimir Lenin. He is not simply a critic of Israel but someone who says that Hamas is "a thousand times better" and praises Hezbollah. His "anti-imperialism" includes only the mildest criticism of Vladimir Putin.

A different brand of left-wing illiberalism, with much more currency in the Democratic mainstream, eschews communism and stresses race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality far more than class. "Wokeness" is a tired right-wing buzzword, but it refers to a real phenomenon: a progressivism obsessed with uncovering and dismantling hidden, identity-based oppressions and much less interested in elevating the disadvantaged than in browbeating the privileged.

This is toxic stuff: Workplace trainings in some liberal cities have required white public employees to explore their racism and confess a recent incident in which they "caused harm to a person of color." In a 2020 incident, a white male education council member in New York City was chastised for "harmful," racially insensitive behavior because he was briefly seen holding a Black toddler (a friend's nephew) during a council Zoom meeting.

In 2026, revisiting what centrist liberal pundit Matt Yglesias dubbed "the Great Awokening" — roughly 2013 to 2021 — feels like fighting yesterday's culture wars. But we're still living with the legacy of those wars, and it's important to acknowledge that the "woke" excesses were real and often destructive: rising polarization; politicized scholarship and journalism that compromised their own credibility; "cancellations" for offenses against shifting racial and gender norms. People lost jobs for mild pro-law enforcement comments, saying that "all lives matter," or making anti-riot comments in response to Black Lives Matter protests.

A justified backlash against these trends undoubtedly helped the Trumpian right, giving factual ammunition to dramatically exaggerated claims about "fake news," anti-white racism, and "political correctness gone mad." It's not hard to convince people that progressive race and gender politics have gone off the rails when a female-identifying person with intact male anatomy is allowed to use women's showers, or when a white kid is forced out of school over a goofy photo of himself in a dark green acne mask mistaken for blackface. To all this, add the skittishness of many Democratic politicians about condemning violence and looting in the summer 2020 protests — and support for "defund the police" activism.

A year and a half after the 2024 election, most of America is rejecting the Trumpian brand of polarizing identity politics, grievance, and wannabe authoritarianism. Yet the Democratic Party is still unpopular, at least in part because 58 percent of Americans think it is too far left. Even among Democratic voters, one recent poll found, nearly 40 percent want the party to move to the center while only 22 percent want it to move to the left.

Yet Democratic politicians still struggle to moderate on "woke" culture-war issues such as race-based affirmative action or transgender medical interventions for minors — partly because too many activists brook no dissent. Bluesky, the left-leaning social media alternative to Elon Musk's right-slanted and often bigotry-riddled X, has been bleeding users partly because of its well-deserved reputation for echo-chamber militancy. Even staunch progressives have been battered by vicious pile-ons.

Is this as bad as Trump's use of bogus lawsuits and federal regulatory powers to bully the media? Of course not. But social coercion can also be pernicious if pervasive enough, and such a climate in left-wing spaces reinforces the image of the speech-policing left. Nor have Democrats moved past identity obsessions: A California gubernatorial debate was recently canceled because only white candidates had qualified.

The answer to right-wing populism is to rediscover the liberal values shared by most Republicans and Democrats as recently as two decades ago: respect for the individual; rejection of bigotry and collective blame; commitment to free expression and intellectual openness; economic freedom with a social safety net; and love for America as a country built on those values. The left — socialist, "woke," or some amalgam of the two — will not get us there.

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Property tax: the unfeeling determinant of who gets a quality education

This country needs to reconsider how public school is funded

In "The forgotten Supreme Court case that cemented educational inequality" (Ideas, May 3), Jonathan Kozol reviewed a 1973 decision that allowed property taxes to be applied to funding public education, even though, as Kozol writes, "wealthier communities could fund their schools at higher levels than poorer communities." Justice Lewis Powell, in his majority opinion, said that "the Equal Protection Clause does not require absolute equality." So a court ruling handed down two generations ago remains the rule of law.

It's time for this country to reconsider how education is funded. Observing other countries can provide insight. Sweden, for example, funds education universally because it recognizes the value of education as an investment improving both the individual and society as a whole.

While wealth redistribution raises hackles on both sides of the aisle, the time has come for elected officials to develop a policy to level funding for all school districts. Equal access to educational funding would provide the chance to lift all boats.

Tax dollar redistribution is not wealth redistribution. This is a matter of telling politicians how we want our tax payments allocated.

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We've identified the problem — now how will we solve it?

I read Jonathan Kozol's article "The forgotten Supreme Court case that cemented educational inequality" (Ideas, May 3) with the hopes he would offer more for a closing statement than suggesting the remote possibility of a constitutional amendment as a solution to such a profound problem. Having taught at the high school level, and having read his 1991 book "Savage Inequalities," I expected at least one proposed remedy Kozol finds attainable.

Today a reasonable person has little difficulty identifying disparate, unfair, or unequal circumstances in the fabric of our society. But crafting workable solutions to such critical circumstances remains hampered by resistance to change, political partisanship, and economic realities. Worst of all, intelligent political compromise — often the most successful way to reach consensus — is now viewed as weakness.

Our Framers did not specifically address public education in 1787 in Philadelphia, and the 14th Amendment may not directly guarantee equality in public education (the vote was 5-4 in San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez, the case Kozol cited). Those facts, however, should not serve as an excuse for a lack of attention to this matter. We should expect more of ourselves.

I look forward to the day when our nation's best and brightest have an environment conducive to attacking long-standing, complex problems with methods likely to produce results. Perhaps a collaboration between our legislators and American higher education institutions' graduate programs would be a good start.

PETER VANGSNESS
Medway

Too few Americans see past their own family's experience

Jonathan Kozol's informative essay brought needed attention to a longstanding, chronic injustice that undermines every facet of American life: education inequality.

We know that the quality of education matters crucially for the social, economic, and creative achievement of every individual, and that the quality of the collective education of our nation is critical to determining whether the country will flourish or decline.

What Kozol does not consider in his elegant description of the hypocrisy and peril of America's property value-based education system is how many Americans are aware of the problem and its damage to us all.

I went to Memphis public schools when Justice Lewis Powell wrote the majority opinion in San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez, and my children later attended the illustrious Boston Latin School. For years I have volunteered to enrich the educational experience of children in both urban and suburban public schools. Even in my limited experience, the differences in educational resources can be stark — and these differences matter forever.

Yet such rampant differences are unseen by many Americans, because few ever see more than their own and their children's (likely similar) educational experiences.

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Boston

Wu is right: High-value sales should seed ground for affordable housing

Mayor Michelle Wu's renewed push for a transfer fee on high-value real estate transactions highlights a simple but often overlooked economic principle: If the economy is producing too much of something, tax it ("It's try, try again for Mayor Wu on high-dollar real estate tax," Business, May 1).

Developers in Boston are producing too much luxury housing, fueling displacement, raising rents, and decimating economic diversity. These are predictable outcomes of current market incentives, demonstrating that the status quo is misaligned with our broader social needs.

A targeted transfer tax would correct these imbalances. Applying a modest fee to high-dollar transactions would do two things at once: slightly dampen demand at the top of the market and generate a dedicated, locally controlled funding stream for the housing Boston lacks.

The city's affordable housing funds are already under pressure from a slowdown in private development. Relying on that same development to solve the problem has never really been tenable. A complementary tool is needed.

Used well, transfer tax revenue could support the development of affordable and "missing middle," or multi-unit, medium-density, housing — homes that are currently underproduced but essential to maintaining a diverse, functioning city.

This is not about penalizing success. It is about aligning market incentives with public goals.

GARY RUCINSKI
Newton

Provocateur builds online fan base, arrest record

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FINN GOMEZ FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

"I'm living the dream," says Rob Potylo, now that he has a place to call his own.

"I want to do it like a Jimi Hendrix estate release," Potylo said.

Sporting wraparound sunglasses, a bandana on his head, and a growing catalog of raucous songs, Potylo has spent the past quarter century as an artist in search of an audience. He's chased fame locally as a comedian, a radio personality, and the frontman for a satiric metal band. He's produced a low-budget web series and a slew of albums and landed slots on a few nationally televised talent shows.

For the most part, though, Potylo has worked the margins, living hand to mouth while nursing a break-out dream that seemed to dim by the year. Roadsteamer, an absurdist mash-up of pro wrestling swagger and Masshole rage, seemed increasingly out of step with the earnest liberalism of the past decade, an artist who'd missed his shot.

Then came the vibe shift. Now, amid the alpha male peacocking and personal beefs of Trump 2.0, Potylo is having a moment. His schtick — punking MAGA faithful then posting the chaotic videos online — has transformed Roadsteamer into a sort of extremely online folk hero for our divided digital age.

"We have to remember that Donald Trump is in the WWE Hall of Fame," Potylo, 49, said recently over lunch. "We do not fight absurdity with valor. We fight it with more absurdity."

As Roadsteamer, Potylo has crashed Trump rallies and Proud Boy gatherings. He's trolled Marjorie Taylor Greene and chased down Rudy Giuliani. More recently, he became a fixture at anti-ICE protests across the country, delivering gravelly voiced, parodic lyrics, like: "Hey Mr. Tangerine Man, get rid of brown people for me."

His rollicking social media feeds show Roadsteamer humping the pavement while dressed as a giraffe. He's offered sea monkey starter kits to pro-life activists, promising they can "grow a useless clump of cells" on their own. He's twerked in a Tesla showroom, crashed a MAGA boat rally, and been chased off a Saugus overpass by a mustachioed Trump supporter who menacingly described his biceps as "26-inch pythons."

"Let's storm Applebees!" Roadsteamer likes to yawp at glowering Trump backers. "No political violence!"

The internet can't get enough. Many of Potylo's videos have more than a million views. He's been interviewed by Rolling Stone, he's been invited to work with activist groups, and CNN recently featured him in a special on art and activism.

Rick Jenkins, founder of the Comedy Studio in Harvard Square, said Roadsteamer had an outsized voice when he began booking Potylo in the 2000s. It's the political focus that's new.

"That's the major evolution," Jenkins said. "He's always had the voice, but now he has something to say."

Still, Potylo's not sure how long he can sustain the gig. The work can be dangerous. He's been manhandled by authorities, threatened by Trump supporters, and detained three times at anti-ICE protests over the past six months.

He also has advanced-stage polycystic kidney disease, a genetic condition that causes his kidneys to swell. "It's like carrying twins," he said, and went on to drain a Shirley Temple and two orange sodas to "force function."

The disease, which may one day require a kidney transplant, can cause debilitating cramps, and Potylo said he often must rest for several days after a performance.

But, he added, "my body doesn't hurt when I'm out there."

"The high of nailing one of these videos, it's tantric," he said. "I'm just like, 'Man, I'm untouchable.'"

In some sense, Potylo's been chasing that high since the early 2000s, when he debuted the Roadsteamer character as front man for his comic metal band, The Sweatpant Boners. That earned him an on-air gig at WBCN, and he became an acquired taste at music venues and comedy clubs around town. Audiences either loved him or hated him — and quite a few *really* hated him. Some open mic organizers banned him from their stages.

"Robby always came so far out of left field," said Jenkins, who left the Comedy Studio in 2024. He recalled that Roadsteamer's antics — tossing food against the wall, berating the audience — left some patrons aghast and the stage in shambles. Jenkins learned to book Roadsteamer last. "I got more complaints and more fan input about Robby than anybody else."

Rob Crean, who used to run open mic nights at the Middle East, said Roadsteamer was "like nothing that I'd ever seen — anarchic and chaotic, really fun, and a little bit scary." But Potylo could sometimes take it too far, he said, recalling the comedian once compared a heavyset woman in the audience to a young Chris Farley.

That's "too hurtful for someone that's paid to see your show," Crean said. "He's a complicated guy. I have a lot of love for him, but I also don't want him at my open mic."

Potylo himself was beginning to chafe under the outsized Roadsteamer persona, a feeling he said intensified after he took LSD for the first time in 2006.

"It was a complete revelation," said Potylo, whose heavily tattooed arms are an inky homage to Route 1, replete with landmarks like the orange dinosaur and the Kowloon sign. "I'm like: You can still be you. You don't have to just hide behind this character."

As a bullied art kid growing up in Danvers, Potylo had created Roadsteamer as a sort of artistic armor, fortified with prowrestling machismo and elements of his late father, a thorny Vietnam veteran he described as "the type of guy that would cheer on the Yankees to make his wife cry."

In the afterglow of that acid trip, Potylo decided to make a go of it without the Roadsteamer persona. He would appear as himself, performing songs from the heart.

The results were disastrous.

"I used to be able to sell out the Middle East downstairs," Potylo said. "I couldn't bring 20 people when I started doing my acoustic, serious songs."

Before long, he lost the BCN gig, too. Potylo was determined to make it in his own right, but it was hard to outrun Roadsteamer. In 2009, he began enlisting hundreds of Boston-area performers to appear in "Quiet Desperation," his self-produced mockumentary web series about trying (and failing) to succeed as an artist in Boston.

One of the show's many performers was Vermin Supreme, a perennial activist and presidential candidate best known for campaigning with a boot on his head and his promise of a free pony for every American.

Supreme spotted a kindred spirit. He knew immediately that Potylo "would be a natural out in riot world," his term for the tumultuous performance space that can emerge during protests. "He had the chops, the improv skills, and the bravery."

Supreme, who lives on the North Shore, invited Potylo to join him at the 2012 Democratic National Convention in North Carolina. It was Potylo's first real taste of political performance art, and over the next decade he appeared as Supreme's sidekick on a series of tours and political events.

But Potylo still harbored more traditional ambitions. He moved to Los Angeles in 2015 to work on a documentary about Joanie Laurer, the professional wrestler known as Chyna. He also tried to make it as an actor, picking up work as a film extra and appearing on an episode of "The Gong Show."

None of it went particularly well. Laurer died in 2016, and Potylo, at perhaps his lowest point, ended up living in an unfurnished room in Pasadena while trying to help finish the film, which was released in 2021.

He finally returned to Boston in 2023, to find a chilly reception from some in the comedy scene.

"He's been banned from a bunch of open mics," Crean said. "He did some aggressive stuff towards young ladies from the stage that crossed the line."

Potylo said he wouldn't make some of those jokes now "in such a brutal fashion." But he added that Roadsteamer is, ultimately, just an act.

Should we put "the actor that played Archie Bunker up on a cross because he played a misogynistic Masshole?" he asked.

But Potylo's big breakthrough came that fall, when he accompanied Supreme to New Hampshire the day Trump filed to be on the state's presidential primary ballot.

Unlike previous outings, Potylo didn't go as Supreme's sidekick. This time he went as Robby Roadsteamer.

"It was game over," Potylo recalled. "I got three videos that day with over a million views, and I'm like, 'What the [expletive] am I doing?'" He decided to take his act solo, heading to a series of pro-Trump demonstrations.

Potylo kept it local to Greater Boston at first, trolling MAGA rallies on suburban bridges and in strip mall parking lots while dressed in a furry vest and a floppy headdress, like a bootleg QAnon Shaman.

In one early video from Wakefield, Potylo was twerking in cheetah-print leggings and a thong.

"Why are you doing that," asked a woman holding a Trump flag. "You look like a fool."

"What are *you* doing?" he shot back. "You got a flag. You're screaming for a felon. We're all doing ridiculous [expletive] today."

But the real turning point came in the late summer of 2024, when Roadsteamer crashed two local appearances by wrestling legend and Trump supporter Hulk Hogan.

"What are they gonna do when we drop the big boot on trans?" Roadsteamer asked a clearly confused Hogan. "Does that work for you, brother?"

He followed that by crashing a press conference Steve Bannon gave following his release from prison on contempt of Congress charges.

"When's the next insurrection?" Roadsteamer asked from the audience. "And can we storm the Burger King after this?"

The stunt earned him an awkward smile from Bannon, a security escort out of the room, and some 10 million views across platforms.

"That blows me up beyond just the hive world," Potylo recalled. He was starting to make real money from his social media accounts, and by the spring of 2025 he decided: "Let's treat this like it's rock 'n roll. So I buy a ticket to LA in June, and I start hitting places around the country."

In the months since, Potylo has been on a national tour of one, traveling to protests in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., and Minneapolis. He says his social media presence has grown to about 1.1 million followers across platforms.

Perhaps best of all: Potylo, who's spent much of his adult life couch surfing or living in sparse quarters with roommates, could finally afford a place of his own, a one-bedroom apartment in Belmont, though he saved some money on the furniture.

"I decked it out with the best from Bob's," he said. "I'm living the dream."

After a quarter century of struggle, Potylo has found an audience, and maybe even his voice.

"Joy and art have to be part of protest," said Russell Ellis, a fellow activist who's better known by his online handle, Jolly Good Ginger. "There's this powerful juxtaposition of armed, masked [ICE agents], who are wearing full tactical gear and AR-15s, and then a guy in a giraffe costume opposite of them with thong underwear."

That contrast was on full display when authorities detained Potylo in Portland last October, and then again in Minneapolis. In January, officers with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office arrested Potylo while he sung a satiric version of The Who's "Baba O'Riley" during an anti-ICE protest and held him for 27 hours.

The experience was grueling on his body, and laid Potylo out for more than a week.

"I couldn't function. I couldn't think straight," he said. "It's hard to maintain a life like that."

Potylo, who has amassed a legal fund of nearly $200,000 through multiple GoFundMe drives, plans to sue over all three detentions. But his legal issues, along with the physical toll his performances take on him, have Potylo thinking twice about his future.

"I'm not 24," he said. "I'm gonna have a heart attack out there."

Then again, the rush of the protests, to say nothing of the dopamine hit of a good video, may be too much to give up. The detentions, hard as they are, just take it to the next level.

"It feels like you're breaking through to this new part of the art form," he said. "It's like lighting the guitar on fire."

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Project over turnpike near Fenway completes pivotal phase

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cerning "air rights" opportunities to develop land and air above the highway.

This was in the late 1990s when the authority was consumed with the Big Dig, a few miles down the pike. Rosenthal persuaded the MTA (later subsumed by MassDOT) to put three air rights "parcels" out to bid, including one right behind the garage. His team was the sole bidder.

The money from the garage helped pay for these development efforts. Finally, Rosenthal thought he had a proposal for an air-rights deck with two residential towers that would satisfy then-mayor Tom Menino in the fall of 2004, when the Red Sox won the World Series.

The new Sox owners, however, declared they would stay put, ending years of speculation about the future of the ballpark. And putting up towers behind the Green Monster was suddenly no longer tenable at City Hall. (Sox principal owner John Henry now owns the Globe as well.)

So Rosenthal pivoted. What about another air rights parcel, across Brookline Avenue? (His partnership later sold the garage to the Sox, after winning the team's support as well as permits for the new concept.) This new site had 2.5 acres of terra firma, and 2 acres of air.

Building on dirt was relatively easy — at least once Rosenthal navigated a lawsuit from a nearby landowner and built a new state-funded commuter rail stop. It's now home to Bower, a $240 million, 312-unit luxury complex developed with what is now known as Green Cities Co., above the Lansdowne station.

Building over the busy highway and rail line? That was never going to be easy. The deck alone would cost almost as much as the apartment building. Rosenthal needed an investor with deep pockets, willing to bet big on Boston. Like, a billion dollars big.



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

John Rosenthal has a bird's view of the growth and potential of Boston near Fenway Park.

A chance meeting in the mid-2010s with a Gloucester neighbor, whose bulldog Aldo was friends with Rosenthal's Lab Moxie, led to an introduction to Alan Gold, a life-sciences real estate entrepreneur in California. After launching Alexandria Real Estate Equities and then BioMed Realty, Gold was putting together a new venture and wanted it to have a Boston footprint like its predecessors. Rosenthal and Gold hit it off at Eastern Standard, the Kenmore Square restaurant where Rosenthal once held court (and which reopened at Bower).

Along with Gold's venture, IQHQ, Rosenthal reached a deal with MassDOT in 2020 to develop the 2 acres of air via a 99-year lease. All $55 million was paid upfront. Crews led by contractor J.F. White worked around the clock for months — driving steel piles 200 feet below the ground and laying the decking on top — all while cars rushed by on the Pike.

Now, we wait a little longer. The deck is done, but it's empty until IQHQ can line up leases for key tenants, which would finance two big lab-and-office buildings planned for it.

At 69, Rosenthal has been through several economic cycles. Although the lab market imploded in the past three years, Rosenthal says he and IQHQ remain bullish about their prospects.

This is the heart of the country's foremost life sciences cluster, after all, a fact clear to anyone who joins Rosenthal on that rooftop with its panoramic view of the city.

Something else comes into focus up there: the power of patience and persistence when developing real estate in Boston.

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ADRIAN WALKER

GOP pick not settled



To judge from Mike Minogue's campaign, the GOP nomination for governor is all settled.

Or to speak the language of this very successful businessman, a completed transaction.

After a resounding victory at the state convention in April, Minogue is pushing for his lone remaining opponent, former MBTA head Brian Shortsleeve, to get out of the race.

The power of a state convention win — even by the wide margin that Minogue enjoyed — truly lies in the eye of the beholder. Winners invariably cast it as the expression of the will of the party. Losers tend to see it as an intramural skirmish that has little connection to the final outcome.

Personally, I am a longtime skeptic of the significance of state conventions.

After all, I've seen secretary of state candidate Josh Zakim crush a state convention only to get destroyed in a primary a few months later. Some people remember 1990, when the convention-winning candidates for governor from both parties — Steve Pierce and Frank Bellotti — lost their primaries (to William Weld and John Silber, respectively).

As a wise political consultant once said to me, "Conventions are an attempt to impose party unity in a vacuum." Sometimes the party listens, and sometimes it doesn't.

Minogue was a political unknown until recently. The longtime head of the medical device company Abiomed, he has already poured millions of dollars of his own money into the governor's race. He speaks of being a "new kind of governor" who will run Massachusetts like a business.

He speaks of the primary almost as an annoyance, a minor detour on the way to a November showdown with Governor Maura Healey. Considering how little most voters still know about him, his self-assurance is breathtaking.

Shortsleeve — himself a businessman before becoming an insider with Governor Charlie Baker — has shown no willingness to leave the race. Spokesperson Holly Robichaud insisted that Shortsleeve still has a path to the nomination.

"Mike Minogue's convention support from party insiders represented less than one half of one percent of the voters expected to participate in the Republican primary," Robichaud wrote in an email. "The Republican Party leaders at the convention have a terrific record of enthusiastically endorsing general election losers, which they have done in every single statewide election since 2018."

Robichaud suggested Minogue's opposition to abortion rights renders him unelectable.

"A vote for Minogue in the primary is a vote for another four years of Maura Healey."

Intraparty skirmishes are nothing new for the Massachusetts Republican Party. Particularly in the decade of Donald Trump, the party has struggled mightily. It can't thread the needle between the diehard right-wingers that make up its base and the more moderate unenrolled voters it needs to win statewide races.

No surprise then that Minogue seems to want to avoid a protracted battle within the party. But there's still the pesky matter of the voters having their say in a primary.

Of course, it's an open question whether either of these guys can make a real run at unseating Healey.

It's early in the race. But a recent Globe/Suffolk poll indicated that Healey is basically as popular as she's ever been, with 81 percent of respondents viewing her performance favorably, versus just 12 percent who view it unfavorably.

Though the state's cost of living is certainly a major concern, knocking her off will be a major challenge, no matter how much the Republican nominee is willing to spend.

Many people in politics would say a robust primary is always a good thing — good for voters and good training for candidates, especially untested candidates like Minogue and Shortsleeve. This race should play out, no matter how much of an edge Minogue seems to have in the moment.

The convention might not be meaningless, but it certainly doesn't mean he's won anything real.

It's been eight years since a Republican won a statewide race in Massachusetts, and there certainly hasn't been a recent discernible shift in their favor. Truth is, most voters would struggle to name either of the GOP candidates for governor.

Of all the qualities one of them might bring to this contest, overconfidence is probably the most surprising choice.

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A 'monster' El Niño possible this summer

Forecasts point to near-record warmth and intense heat waves in New England

By Ken Mahan
GLOBE STAFF

The latest models are warning of a rare "monster" El Niño emerging this summer that's more intense than forecasters had previously predicted, a marked climate shift that could likely lead to significant disruptions in global weather patterns, as well as here in New England.

The planet potentially hasn't seen an El Niño of this scale since 1877-78.

What does that mean for New England? An ultra-strong El Niño could translate into a near-record warm summer, spurring more frequent and intense heat waves and humid weather, and steering more coastal storms our way. Storms that do traverse our region may dump more rain, leading to wetter-than-average conditions.

Just last month, forecasters were talking about the possibility of a "super El Niño," which we last experienced in 2015-16. Now, a majority of the model runs suggest that not only will a very strong El Niño unfold, but the warming sea temperatures are expected to get even higher, jumping nearly 3 degrees Celsius above normal by the end of the year, signaling an intensified El Niño is more likely. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officially declares an El Niño is underway when sea-surface temperatures across the Eastern Pacific rise at least half a degree Celsius above average for at least five consecutive months.

An El Niño is expected to develop this summer (62 percent likelihood) before building into a more aggressive El Niño later in the year, according to NOAA and the World Meteorological Organization. That would mean New England would feel the effects as early as late summer and stretching well into 2027.

A naturally recurring climate phenomenon, El Niño is the warm phase to La Niña's cool phase, when sea-surface temperatures over the tropical eastern Pacific, west of South America, turn warmer than usual. The added warmth in the ocean eventually releases heat into the atmosphere and is redistributed across the globe.

Both climate patterns oscillate

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MOTHER'S DAY TRADITION — Savannah DiNuzzo gave her mother, Pina DiNuzzo, a kiss for Mother's Day as the Arnold Arboretum held its annual Lilac Sunday, showcasing more than 400 lilacs in full bloom. B3

Wrong-way driver killed in crash with state trooper had 3 children

By Camilo Fonseca
GLOBE STAFF

The 50-year-old man recently killed while driving the wrong way on Route 1 in Lynnfield left behind three children, according to court records.

Hernan Marrero, of Roslindale, was traveling south in the northbound lane on Route 1 when his Jeep struck a State Police cruiser, officials said. Marrero died at the scene, while State Police Trooper Kevin Trainor was later pronounced dead at Massachusetts General Hospital.

It's not clear why Marrero was driving the wrong way when he hit and killed Trainor and himself in the collision. Toxicology reports are pending, according to the chief medical examiner's office, and a spokesperson for the Essex district attorney's office said the crash was still under investigation.

Court records show that Marrero was the father of three children, the oldest of whom is 17. The youngest two children, twins, are 13 years old; Marrero's death came days before their 14th birthday.

Records in Middlesex Probate and Family Court also suggest that Marrero faced financial difficulties and personal troubles, stemming in part from a work injury that family members said caused a

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Hernan Marrero was driving the wrong way on Route 1.

'This is really just the start of it all. We have very lofty ambitions and goals.'

CHARLEY BLACKER, *Mojo co-founder*

MOJO BOSTON MAKES SPLASHY DEBUT AT CITY HALL PLAZA

By Gitana Savage
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

The rain couldn't stop fans from enjoying the inaugural Mojo Boston music festival at City Hall Plaza.

The venue was transformed into a sprawling spectacle for music lovers, with beach balls bouncing across the audience during sets, while games like cornhole and mini basketball were also on hand to keep the more than 4,000 attendees — many donning plastic ponchos to keep dry — entertained throughout the fest. Mojo Boston featured more than 10 hours of live music, as well as an array of local art, food, and drink vendors.



ANDREW BURKE-STEVENSON FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

The Gringos performed at the Mojo Boston music festival at City Hall Plaza on Saturday.

Mojo, a music brand and concert organizer, was founded in 2021 by Charley Blacker, Alex Parker, and Emily Donovan while they were students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The trio of friends decided to create Mojo out of their shared love for

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Troubled bridges stretch across R.I.

94 identified in 'poor' condition

By Steph Machado
GLOBE STAFF

PROVIDENCE — The highway ramp that partially collapsed onto train tracks in Cranston in late April is one of 94 Rhode Island bridges in "poor" condition and in need of significant repair or replacement, according to data from the state Department of Transportation.

That's about 12 percent of Rhode Island's 782 bridges reported to the Federal Highway Administration, according to the data, down from 23 percent of bridges in poor condition in 2017.

Rhode Island has the sixth-worst bridges in the United States when ranked by percentage of bridges in poor condition, according to a Globe review of Federal Highway Administration data.

In New England, only Maine is worse, ranking fourth-worst for the percentage of bridges in poor condition.

Massachusetts has the 13th-worst bridges, while New Hampshire is 15th-worst. But Connecticut and Vermont fare much better; Connecticut has the 18th-best bridges, while Vermont ranks 11th in the nation.

Rhode Island is still reeling from the Washington Bridge crisis that shut down one of its largest highway bridges in 2023 after a critical component failed, despite passing inspection months earlier. That bridge had to be completely demolished and is slated to be rebuilt by 2028.

A state with extensive coastline, rivers, and several islands, Rhode Island has more than 1,200 bridges, but only the 782 bridges longer than 20 feet are required to be reported to the federal inspection program. Bridges

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From left, Rosie Sentman, Lili Tucker, Emma Trujillo, and Julianna Paone walked through the Boston Public Garden during the inaugural Victorian Promenade on Saturday. The event celebrated 19th-century fashion and culture.

Victorian splendor at Gibson House contest

Contestants dressed in their finest Victorian garb to compete in the Gibson House Museum's costume contest and promenade over the weekend.

The event, organized by the museum in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, was held in the Boston Public Garden near the intersection of Arlington and Beacon streets.

Etiquette expert Robert Dimmick, known as the "Etiquetteer," served on the panel of costume contest judges, along with drag queen Patty Bourree and Globe staff reporter Emily Sweeney.

Ava Gessl, who made her own dress, was awarded first place in the costume contest.

The Gibson House Museum, located at 137 Beacon St., is a row house completed in 1860 and served as the home to three generations of the Gibson family and their household staff. The interior is like a time capsule, and is open to the public for tours. For more information, visit www.thegibsonhouse.org.

GLOBE STAFF

Separate shootings leave 1 dead, 4 injured

By Collin Robisheaux and Nathan Metcalf
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One person is dead and four others are injured following a string of shootings in Boston over the weekend, with the most recent seriously injuring a woman in Dorchester on Sunday night, according to Boston police.

All three shootings are considered separate incidents, according to police. No arrests have been made.

The latest shooting occurred Sunday around 6:41 p.m., when police responded to the area of 69 Kingsdale St. after multiple reports of gunshots, Boston police said in a statement.

Police found a man and a woman suffering from gunshot wounds, police said. The woman suffered serious, life-threatening injuries, while the man suffered injuries not believed to be life-threatening, police said.

Both victims were transported to local hospitals, police said.

"At this time, it is a very active investigation," Boston Police Superintendent Paul McLaughlin said at a press briefing in Dorchester. "We are canvassing the area, looking for witnesses, victims, and video, and we encourage anyone who witnessed or knows anything about the incident to contact the homicide unit."

Jennifer Boves, 37, who lives in a multi-unit building next door to where police said the shooting occurred, said she returned home Sunday evening to find her street blocked off by police tape and cruisers.

"The fact of me not even being able to park in my house or my apartment, it was just very concerning," Boves said. "I have a 2-year-old, so it's pretty scary."

Jeff Lincoln, 31, who said he recently purchased a rental property across the street, echoed those concerns. He was in the neighborhood to take out the trash when he saw police cruisers and tape blocking his way.

"They're all great families, with kids and stuff," Lincoln said of his tenants. "I want them to have a safe area that they can live in. I'm definitely concerned."

Two other shootings took place in the city from Saturday night into Sunday morning, according to Boston police.

The first occurred around 11:39 p.m. on Saturday night, when police responded to a report of a person shot at 28 Woolson St. in Mattapan, Boston police said in a statement.

When officers arrived, they found a man who had been shot outside, according to the statement. Boston EMS responded and pronounced the victim dead, police said. The victim's name was not released.

Later, around 2 a.m. Sunday, Boston police responded to a shooting on Geneva Avenue in Dorchester, according to a police spokesperson. Arriving officers found two victims suffering from gunshot wounds near the intersection of Geneva Avenue and Everton Street.

Both victims were taken to local hospitals for further evaluation, police said.

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Border Patrol shooting suspect in N.H. indicted

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A former resident of Manchester, N.H., has been indicted by a federal grand jury after allegedly shooting at a Border Patrol agent near the Canadian border in February.

Blu Zeke Daly, also known as Cullan Zeke Daly, was charged with one count of attempted murder of a federal officer and one count of assaulting a federal officer with a dangerous or deadly weapon, the US Attorney for New Hampshire's office said on Thursday.

Daly, 26, has been under guard at a New Hampshire hospital since the Feb. 22 shooting, which happened in the early hours of the morning near a port of entry in Pittsburg, N.H.

Both charges each carry a sentence of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to $250,000, prosecutors said.

Daly was previously charged by complaint for alleged murder, appearing in federal court on April 23. Attorneys for Daly could not be reached for comment on Saturday evening.

Prosecutors said in court records that the shooting occurred after Daly was stopped by a Border Patrol agent while driving in Stewartstown, N.H., near the port of entry in Beecher Falls, Vt.

Daly allegedly claimed to be en route to Sunapee, N.H., for a ski trip, though prosecutors noted that location was 150 miles away from Stewartstown (and only 55 miles from Manchester, where Daly resides).

The officer was unable to find an exact match for Daly's temporary New Hampshire license, which gave the name of Blu Zeke Daly. When the officer asked whether the driver had previously gone by a different first name, according to the filing, the driver gave the name Cullan Zeke Daly. When the officer returned to his car to check his computer, Daly sped off, prosecutors said. The officer was directed to "pursue at a safe distance without emergency lights on" and followed Daly to the Pittsburg port of entry, where the driver arrived at about 12:48 a.m. and stopped in front of the locked gate. The officer turned on his emergency lights and siren, exited his vehicle, and yelled for Daly to park and exit the Civic, according to the prosecution's filing.

"Daly did not comply, did a U-turn, and drove a short distance until the Civic and officer's car were right next to each other," the filing said.

Prosecutors said Daly fired a handgun at the officer, then tried to get away. The officer returned fire and struck Daly in the head; Daly then lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a snowbank. The officer wasn't hit, prosecutors said.

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This day in history

Today is Monday, May 11, the 131st day of 2026. There are 234 days left in the year.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer Eric Burdon is 85. Actor Frances Fisher is 74. Former MTV VJ Martha Quinn is 67. Olympic boxing gold medalist Mark Breland is 63. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 62. Basketball Hall of Famer Lauren Jackson is 45. Model Blac Chyna is 38. Former NFL quarterback Cam Newton is 37. Latin pop singer Prince Royce is 37. Actor Lana Condor is 29. Singer-actor Sabrina Carpenter is 27. Race car driver Yuki Tsunoda is 26.

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

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

►In 1953, one of the deadliest tornadoes in Texas history devastated the city of Waco, killing 114 people and injuring nearly 600.

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

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

►In 1981, reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36 after battling an aggressive skin cancer.

►In 1984, Claus Barbie, the Nazi Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyon," went on trial in Lyon for crimes against humanity after being extradited from Bolivia, where he lived for over 30 years after World War II. (Barbie would be found guilty and would die in prison four years later.)

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

►In 1997, the IBM supercomputer Deep Blue defeated chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov in the final game of a six-game match in New York, winning 3 ½-2 ½ and marking the first time a computer won a match against a reigning world champion.

►In 2002, the first official event was held at Gillette Stadium, a New England Revolution soccer game; construction began March 24, 2000.

'Aggressive pillow fight' leads to teens' arrests at Providence mall

By Christopher Gavin
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PROVIDENCE — Two teenagers were arrested recently after they allegedly assaulted a mother and her daughter at the Providence Place mall following an "aggressive pillow fight," police said.

The incident was one of two assaults reported within an hour at the mall on May 3, according to police records. Two other women told police they were "jumped" by a group of six people in a bathroom, a police report states.

Providence police responded to the mall for a report of an assault about 5:07 p.m., authorities wrote in a report.

There, police found a woman and her daughter, one of whom had been "visibly beaten in the face and bleeding from either her nose, above the left eye, or both," police wrote in the report, which was partially redacted.

According to authorities, the pair was walking through the home goods section of Macy's when they crossed paths with a group of juveniles "who were having an aggressive pillow fight in the middle of the store."

They told the juveniles to stop, but the teens became verbally aggressive, the report states.

The mother and daughter then walked into a bathroom, the juveniles followed, and the "verbal argument escalated," police wrote.

The mother said she saw her daughter pulled to the ground by her hair "before she, herself, hit the floor," police wrote.

Police charged two 14-year-olds, who were not identified in the report by name, with simple assault or battery, among other charges.

In an email on May 6, Kristy dosReis, a police spokesperson, wrote that the victims' injuries "were not serious."

While police were at the mall, two other women reported about 5:46 p.m. they were "just 'jumped' in the female bathroom by six unknown individuals," police wrote in a separate report.

The women told police they were in a restroom near the mall's food court when a "verbal altercation" broke out among what appeared to be five women and one female juvenile, the report states.

One of the victims said she "tried to clear things up" when she was struck "in her left temple with a closed right hand causing [redacted] head to 'bounce' off the tile wall," police wrote.

The other woman said she attempted to break up the attack when she was punched several times on her right side, police wrote.

Both women refused medical treatment but stated they wanted to press charges, according to the report. No arrests were listed in the report.

The mall has made security changes over the past year, including upgrades to its closed-circuit television system and extended hours for security personnel.

In March 2025, the mall also imposed a ban on children and teens under the age of 18 after 5 p.m. who are not accompanied by an adult.

"Providence Place is committed to providing a safe, welcoming environment for everyone who visits and works at the mall," Sarah Dell, a spokesperson for the mall, said in a statement. "We are aware of the incidents reported over the weekend and are in close contact with Providence Police as they investigate. We are grateful for their quick response and ongoing partnership."

Dell said the mall has "increased on-site security presence" over the past year.

"Incidents involving violence or disruptive behavior are concerning and not reflective of the experience we want for our guests," Dell continued. "The safety and wellbeing of everyone at Providence Place remains our highest priority."

On April 29, a Rhode Island Superior Court judge approved the sale of the mall for $133 million – a move that would rescue the financially-struggling shopping center from court-ordered receivership.

The buyers are New York-based Pyramid Management Group and Providence-based Paolino Properties.

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SUNDAY MIDDAY 1630
Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$4,649
First or last 3	$651
Any 2 digits	$56
Any 1 digit	$6

ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$194
First 3	$108
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SUNDAY NIGHT 5940
Payoffs *(based on a $1 bet)*

EXACT ORDER

All 4 digits	$4,714
First or last 3	$660
Any 2 digits	$57
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ANY ORDER

All 4 digits	$196
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MILLIONAIRE FOR LIFE
May 09 **08-11-17-29-49**
Millionaire Ball 02
Jackpot: $1 million a year for life ; winners

MASS CASH
May 10 **04-10-12-16-29**
Jackpot: $100,000; one winner

MEGABUCKS
May 09 **04-08-28-30-32-38**
Jackpot: $17.4 million; winners

PREVIOUS DRAWINGS

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Sunday **5509**
Saturday's Powerball
15-41-46-47-56
Powerball **22**
Jackpot: $57 million; winners

Mother's Day Walk for Peace marks 30 years in Boston

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For more than five years, Janice Johnson supported mothers grieving children lost to violence through her work as a staff member at the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

Then, in 2023, she became one of them.

Johnson's son, Ja'Maar Johnson, was run over by an SUV on Stuart Street in Boston in September 2023. He was rushed to a hospital, where doctors pronounced him brain dead after six hours, Johnson said. She ultimately made the decision to remove him from life support in time for his heart to be donated to another person.

"It was bittersweet, of course, but my son's heart is still beating," Johnson said in an interview Sunday night.

On Sunday, Johnson walked through Dorchester alongside family and friends wearing red shirts emblazoned with the number five — a tribute to her son's favorite color and his artist name, "5ive" — during the 30th annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace.

The 5k walk brings together families, survivors, and community members to honor loved ones lost to violence while raising money for the Peace Institute, whose work includes crisis response, long-term grief support, youth programming, and advocacy for families affected by homicide.

"It's a space for me to turn the tragedy into a purpose of love, to uplift my son and show him how much he was loved," Johnson said.

The event Sunday came hours after a pair of shootings were reported in Boston, including one in Mattapan Saturday night, where a man was killed. The other shooting was reported in Dorchester early Sunday and left two people with injuries, according to police. Later Sunday night, two people were hospitalized with injuries after a shooting on Kingsdale Street in Boston.

The walk traces its origins back to 1996, when Chaplain Clementina Chéry organized the first gathering three years after her 15-year-old son, Louis D. Brown, was killed by stray gunfire in Dorchester while on his way to a Teens Against Gang Violence meeting.



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Volunteers embraced walkers during the 30th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace Sunday.

What began as a small group of grieving mothers has since grown into a major annual event and the centerpiece of the Peace Institute's work.

"This year's walk was an incredible reflection of what 30 years of community, resilience, and collective action can accomplish," Chéry, the institute's chief executive and president, said in a statement. "Seeing thousands of people come together to honor loved ones while investing in peace and healing is deeply powerful and reminds us why this work is so important."

To mark the event's 30th anniversary, organizers hosted the walk's first post-race community rally at Town Field Park, featuring live music by Angelena and the Unit along with food vendors, mocktails, and family activities.

The walk had raised roughly $467,000 by Sunday evening, about 78 percent of the institute's $600,000 fundraising goal, according to Thompson.

Anthony Potter, who said he grew up with Brown and attended the walk for the first time in more than two decades, said the event reflected his friend's vision for the city.

"Boston is very different from when we grew up; things were a lot more separated, even segregated," said Potter. "To see so many different people come together for a unified purpose is the vision that Louis had."

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Scent of lilacs, quack of ducks, love of families fill Mother's Day

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Children dressed in duck costumes waddled through the Boston Public Garden Sunday while families strolled among blooming lilacs at the Arnold Arboretum, as two of the city's signature spring traditions turned Mother's Day into a celebration of flowers, family, and the arrival of warmer weather.

The grounds at Boston Common and the Public Garden came alive with scenes inspired by Robert McCloskey's classic children's book, "Make Way for Ducklings." Children sprawled on the grass in duck costumes while families lined up for cookie decorating, face painting, and LEGO stations.

Liza Meyer, president of the Friends of the Public Garden, said the decades-old celebration is designed to show the garden at its best.

"There's no barriers for participation, which is as we want it to be," she said. "This is just such a great opportunity for people to come out and enjoy the parks at a gorgeous time of year."

Caroline Callum, 45, of Milton, proudly pointed out her daughter Kadyn, 10, near the the front of the parade carrying the Duckling Day banner.

"They're like little ambassadors," Callum said, beaming.

Kaydyn, a member of the Tony Williams Dance Company, marched alongside other dancers wearing makeshift duck costumes, hats, and orange leg warmers fashioned to resemble duck feet.

"It was really fun but also really tiring," Kaydyn said after finishing the parade route.

Then, lowering her voice with her mother nearby, Kadyn admitted she still had one Mother's Day task left unfinished.

"I really hope she likes my card, I still have to color it though," she said. "I love her a lot. She makes really good food."

Melissa Krygowski, of Westford, a member of the Friends of the Public Garden, said her family has attended Duckling Day for a decade.

"It's wonderful to be here with so many friends," Krygowski said.

This year, she helped facilitate the parade and took photos of families posing with the duck mascot.

"It's lovely to see how this has grown and how much joy it brings everybody," she said.

Her sons, Jonathan, 7, and Colin, 12, led the parade dressed as Officer Michael, the police officer in McCloskey's story who stops traffic so Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings can safely cross the street to the Public Garden.

"We started as ducks, actually," Colin said.

Across the city at the Arnold Arboretum, Lilac Sunday drew throngs of visitors eager to celebrate the spring bloom of lilac bushes.

Families posed for photos beside the flowers, while many visitors arrived dressed in shades of purple that blended into the scenery.

Jack Alexander, the Arboretum's lilac specialist, said the event, previously held on Memorial Day, was moved in part to honor mothers.

"So many moms could simply say, 'This is what I want to do on Mother's Day. I want to go see the lilacs,'" Alexander said.

That was exactly the case for Renee Desrosiers, 80, of Worcester, who requested a quiet day at the Arboretum with her family.

Her daughter Christine Desrosiers, 45, pushed Renee through the grounds in a wheelchair as they waited for the rest of the family to arrive.

"The day is better now that everyone's here," Renee Desrosiers said. Desrosiers's son, Noah Desrosiers, 42, and daughter, Rena Loft, 51, soon joined them. "We're all together, reunited right in one spot," Christine Desrosiers said.

Later, the family planned to gather at Renee's home for a vegetarian dinner with eggplant parmesan. "This is exactly what she wanted to do," Loft said.

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Partial span collapse spotlights R.I.'s unsafe bridges

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are ranked as good, fair, or poor, based on their inspection results.

Of the 94 bridges in poor condition, 25 of them cross over railroad tracks, including the one that partially collapsed in Cranston, according to a Globe review.

The Cranston ramp is set to be replaced next year as part of a nearly $800 million replacement of 15 bridges by 2031.

Also on the "poor" list is the Huntington Viaduct Bridge on Route 10 South in Cranston, which is in the midst of a reconstruction project.

Rhode Island has made improvements. The state ranked last in 2019, and has cut the number of structurally deficient bridges nearly in half since 2017, when 181 bridges were in poor condition.

The RhodeWorks program, signed into law in 2016, "set out to repair more than 150 structurally deficient bridges and make repairs to another 500 bridges to keep them from becoming structurally deficient bridges," said Charles St. Martin, a spokesperson for the state Department of Transportation.

St. Martin said RIDOT has repaired or replaced 362 bridges in that program so far. The state is still short of its goal to have 90 percent of its bridges in good or fair condition by this year.

The ramp in Cranston that failed on April 24 was in the midst of its annual inspection when a side wall called a parapet fell onto the train tracks, along with a large steel barrier on top of the parapet that protects workers from Amtrak's electrified lines.



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The bridge that partially collapsed over train tracks last month is one of 94 spans in R.I. that are in "poor" condition. RIDOT has cut the number of structurally deficient bridges nearly in half, but Rhode Island still ranks sixth-worst in the nation.

Inspectors started their work in late March, but had not yet looked at the part of the bridge that fell, RIDOT officials said. The ramp, which carries Route 10 onto Interstate 95 North, reopened to traffic last Monday. The cause of the collapse is still under investigation.

No trains were underneath the ramp at the time the side wall fell down, shortly before 7:45 p.m. But a train was heading in that direction, and had just stopped at the station in Kingston, about 30 minutes south. After holding at the station for about 45 minutes, passengers were told they would need to find another way to get to their destinations. Train service between New York and Boston was disrupted for two days.

State officials said last week they would brace six other bridges that run over Amtrak lines and have the same steel barriers atop their parapets, which were installed by Amtrak around 1999. As of last Monday, the DOT said they are in the process of inspecting those bridges and adding more supports.

Bridges in poor condition must be inspected at least every 12 months, according to the DOT, though some are inspected more frequently. This bridge's last inspection was in March 2025, so slightly more than a year had passed at the time that the partial collapse occurred.

St. Martin said the Federal Highway Administration "provides a two-month tolerance period for bridges being inspected yearly before it would be considered out of compliance."

While Rhode Island has reduced the number of structurally deficient bridges, its inspection program has faced scrutiny since the closure of the westbound span of the Washington Bridge in Providence in December 2023. Despite having been inspected just months earlier, the failure of critical components of the bridge caused it to be in danger of collapse, officials said at the time.

A forensic audit commissioned by Governor Dan McKee later found that the Department of Transportation should have foreseen the issues with the Washington Bridge, and disputed assertions by McKee and then-RIDOT director Peter Alviti that outside contractors alone were responsible for failing to detect the problems.

"Although the statewide program manager may choose to delegate some or all functions to other bridge inspection personnel, the statewide program manager retains all responsibility for bridge inspection operations for which he or she was assigned," concluded the firm Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates.

At an oversight hearing in November, Alviti could not name the individual who was responsible for the bridge inspection program.

Alviti has since retired. The state is suing 13 companies that inspected or worked on the Washington Bridge.

Zachary Cunha, a former US attorney who was hired by the state Legislature to question Alviti at the hearing, said the improving bridge condition numbers "only tell part of the story."

"The question isn't whether you were doing inspections," Cunha said during an interview with the Globe's "Rhode Island Report" podcast. "Were those inspections looking for the right things? Were they looking in the right places?"

Legislative leaders have not yet said if they will conduct further oversight after the latest bridge failure. McKee has proposed hiring two additional employees at RIDOT to review inspection reports.

"We believe that there needs to be more oversight," McKee told reporters in late April. "The question is, are the bridges safe that people are driving over today? And I believe that they are."

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Mojo Boston makes splashy debut at City Hall Plaza

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music and house shows.

"We saw there were so many local musicians that were so talented, but they didn't have the platform we thought they really deserved," Blacker told the Globe during this weekend's festivities. "So we thought if we could do the behind-the-scenes work of organizing photographers and [provide] a social media platform, we could give these musicians the platform they deserve."

Five years later, the people behind Mojo are sticking to their mission, tackling their biggest venue yet with this weekend's event at City Hall Plaza, which previously served as the original location for Boston Calling before it moved to the Harvard Athletic Complex in Allston. Boston Calling announced last year that it is taking a one-year hiatus in 2026, with plans to return in 2027.

In addition to getting the chance to work on such a big event with his best friends, Blacker hopes Mojo Boston can help "lead to a lot more opportunities for local music."

There was a wide range of genres represented at the event, from the pop-rock stylings of The Bends to house and garage music from DJ AC Slater. Prior to the Boston debut, Mojo brought a festival to Pennsylvania's Happy Valley in April and returned to Amherst later that month to host another event.



ANDREW BURKE-STEVENSON FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Amanda Giroux danced away from the stage while The Bends performed at the festival at City Hall Plaza on Saturday.

Mojo Boston attendees and former UMass Amherst students Emily Bowler and Max Debeau have been familiar with Mojo since its inception, watching the organization go from hosting basement shows to full-scale music festivals. Debeau noted how many of the acts at the event have worked with Mojo in the past, performing at UMass and other shows around the Bay State.

"To see it all come together has been great," Debeau said. "This is the stage that they all deserve."

"It's crazy how quickly they were able to erect something so amazing," Bowler added.

Formed in New Bedford, the band Autumn Drive was one of 18 acts that performed at Mojo Boston, and they are no strangers to a Mojo show.

"We've done, I think, every single Mojo that there is, so we're very tight with them," guitarist and singer Charlie Gamache said. "When we found out they were doing a big festival [in Boston], I was like, 'We want in no matter what.'"

Band members emphasized how much their relationship with Mojo has meant to them over the years, with Autumn Drive drummer Joe Gauvin praising the organization for "always putting us in front of a crowd that's there to see music and hear us."

From a makeshift stage made out of wooden pallets in his basement to Boston's City Hall Plaza, Blacker is proud of Mojo's success and is already looking ahead at what's to come.

"This is really just the start of it all," Blacker said. "We have very lofty ambitions and goals, and we have nothing but confidence in our ability to accomplish everything we set out to do."

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Rare 'monster' El Niño expected to emerge this summer

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back and forth every two to seven years.

What's particularly concerning is the shift in the baseline ocean temperatures since the 1887 El Niño. Our climatological baseline has gradually increased over the decades (since NWS record-keeping began in the late 1800s). The 1877-78 El Niño had estimated sea-surface temperature anomalies that peaked around 3 degrees Celsius above the 30-year climatological average. Other data suggest the waters increased by 3.5 degrees.

So if these current predictions hold and we reach the model average or above, then we could certainly be experiencing something unprecedented, at least compared to what's in our record books.

"This updated El Niño forecast for this summer/autumn is off the charts extreme. It's really 'Code Red' for the earth's climate system going into summer 2026," said meteorologist Ryan Maue, a former chief scientist for NOAA.

There's also the global warming influence. Climate change has brought heat to New England earlier in the season, increased overall average temperatures, and tends to both lengthen and intensify heat waves, according to the National Climate Assessment.

A strong El Niño can shift atmospheric circulation, intensifying extreme weather, but keep in mind, local weather swings can still occur.

The hotter the seas, the warmer the atmosphere becomes, as excessive evaporation pumps more water vapor into the atmosphere, which, of course, traps more heat from the sun. This transition means parts of the US and the world can get ready for a near-record stretch of warm weather from roughly August or September through at least the first half of 2027.

Typically, with El Niño, the northern United States and Canada experience the drier and warmer weather, while the Gulf Coast and Southeast United States see more precipitation and flooding. We also could see heat waves, drought, and wildfires dominate the news out west this year.

El Niño's impact varies a bit between the seasons. But generally, there's a bit of a lag from when El Niño is declared or emerges to when we feel the change in our weather here. So I expect to see weather disruptions by late summer in the Northeast and New England.

For New England, a strong El Niño will mean generally warmer-than-normal temperatures, with at least a couple of intense heat waves and an uptick in humidity into the early fall. Also, we could face warmer and muggy nights heading through much of September, where we'll be dealing with more tropical air stints than dry heat. We can also expect a few more thunderstorms this summer, too, with the added moisture in the air.

As we bridge summer into fall, there could be large gaps between rain events, which can lead to some drought across the region.

By late fall and into winter, we'll likely see warmer temperatures continue across the region with the jet stream behaving a bit more erratically, resulting in a few more storms than usual. But overall, we could see a warmer and wetter winter, with a bit more rain than snow.

New England could also experience an uptick in coastal storms and rain-producing nor'easters, so that will certainly be on our radar heading into winter.

The last three strong El Niño events produced warmer-than-average temperatures across New England during 2009-2010, 2015-2016, and 2023-2024. Also, the warmer years were much warmer compared to how cold the region was during colder years.

As far as precipitation: 2023-2024 was much wetter than average from fall to spring, and the two previous events were much drier. We also saw larger high-impact storms during these months, meaning the precipitation was more intense.

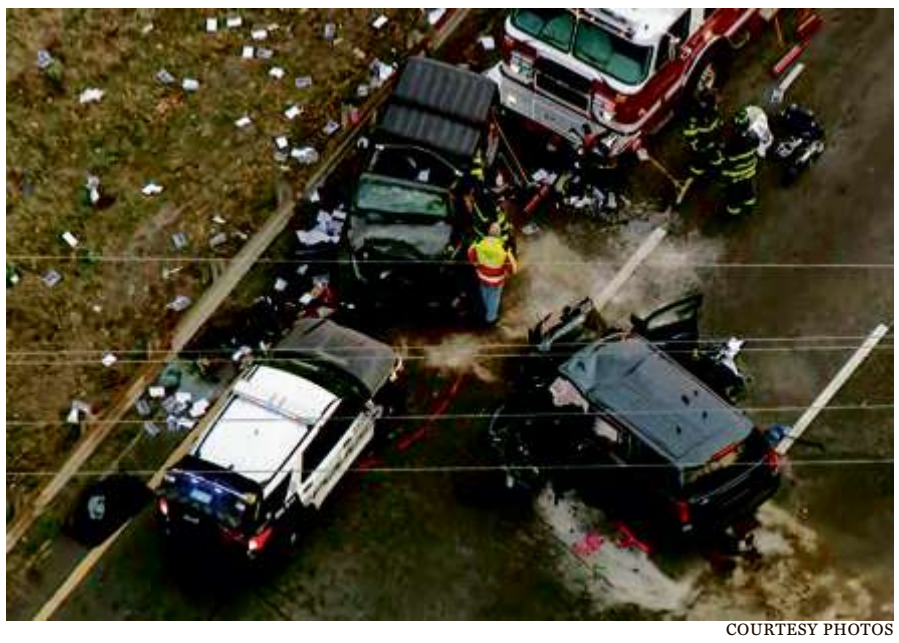
The 2026 Atlantic hurricane season is less than a month away, and all signs point to a bona fide El Niño firmly in place for the bulk of the summer and well past the close of the hurricane season, which wraps up at the end of November.

An El Niño generally suppresses hurricane activity across the Atlantic. With this climate pattern, the warmer waters over the Pacific will increase vertical convection, or rising air that produces more storms. But downstream over the Atlantic, sinking air increases (wind shear) and suppresses the ability for thunderstorms to fully organize.

Top tropical storm researchers at Colorado State University have already predicted a relatively quiet, or below-average, hurricane season, calling for 13 named tropical storms, six hurricanes, and two intensifying into major hurricanes, Category 3 or stronger.

The average hurricane season produces 14 named storms, seven hurricanes, and three major hurricanes.

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Trooper Kevin Trainor was killed when a car traveling the wrong way on Route 1 in Lynnfield crashed into him Wednesday.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Wrong-way driver in fatal crash with trooper had three children

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bout of depression and deteriorating behavior in his personal life.

For nearly a decade, Marrero worked at Dewberry, a Boston engineering consulting firm, court records show, obtaining a job as an architectural design apprentice in 2005. He left the company in 2014, according to a company spokesperson.

Throughout that time, he also tended bar on the side, working at Mexican restaurants in Boston and Waltham, court records show.

A knee injury ended Marrero's career at Dewberry, court records show, and he left the company shortly thereafter.

That injury, according to court documents, was the catalyst for what his wife described as a "major depressive episode," which she said contributed to the strain in their marriage. The couple, who had been married for more than 20 years, separated in 2022.

Records also show that Marrero struggled with debts to family members and credit card companies. During his divorce proceedings, it was unclear how much money he was taking home in income.

Marrero briefly owned and operated a contracting business, 109 Construction, but the corporation was administratively dissolved in 2024, according to state filings.

Marrero had lived in the US since at least 2001, holding legal status. He became a naturalized citizen in March 2021, court records show.

Social media posts suggest he was active in the tight-knit Venezuelan community in Massachusetts. Photos show him cheering on Venezuela at a World Baseball Classic watch party in Brighton earlier this year.

"He was a great guy," one of Marrero's friends wrote in a Spanish-language social media post. "A fool for some things, but he was a real one. I cried my eyes out while I was driving home.

"I'll go on imagining you're in Boston, dancing salsa at La Fábrica, going to concerts," she continued.

"Thank you for your beautiful friendship, Hernán. We'll see each other again."

Court records appear to show Marrero's interest in art and music, owning a Venezuelan guitar, conga drums, and several Venezuelan paintings, as well as a homemade winemaking setup.

Marrero's family could not be reached for comment. A close friend reached by the Globe declined to comment.

Trainor had just completed his shift at about 2 a.m. on May 6 and was driving home when he responded to a report for a Jeep traveling south in the northbound lanes of Route 1, near the Lynnfield overpass.

Raised in Salem, Trainor began his public safety career as an Essex County correction officer before graduating from the State Police academy in 2023, State Police Colonel Geoffrey Noble said.

Trainor's fiancée, Jessica D. Ostrowski, of Georgetown, posted an emotional message to social media, describing the late trooper as "my absolute best friend."

"I am beyond proud for the amount of love you have been given by those who loved and cared about you," she wrote.

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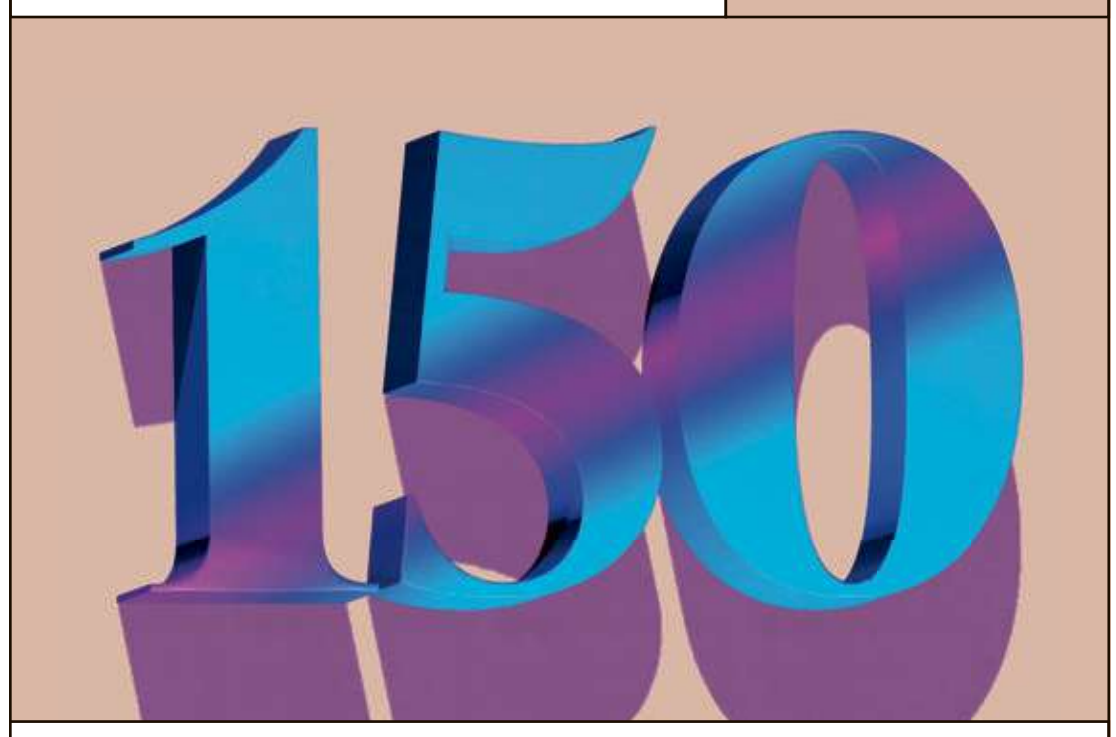


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Amanda Peet (left) addressed menopause on "Your Friends & Neighbors." Pamela Adlon (right) did the same on "Better Things."

TV is changing its approach to 'the change'

By Clarissa Cruz
NEW YORK TIMES

In a recent episode of "Your Friends & Neighbors," Mel Cooper (Amanda Peet) wakes up one morning drenched in sweat. She blows air down the front of her soaked tank top to cool down after a fitful night's sleep. She goes about her morning, listlessly attempting a workout and procrastinating on a writing project by googling "perimenopause symptoms insomnia." As she scans the hyperlinks — Hot flashes! Irritability! Sexual dysfunction! Night sweats! — her eyes widen in recognition as she clicks on ... Rage.

It is a scene many women can identify with. It also reflects an increasing cultural openness about menopause, which eventually affects roughly half of humanity but has only recently become a subject of broad public discussion. ("Menopause is having a moment," The New Yorker wrote last year.) Peet feels honored to contribute to the growing canon of such portrayals on TV and film.

"I really love the idea that Mel's inciting incident is the realization that she's in menopause," said the 54-year-old actress, whose arc this season, the show's second, tracks her hormone-fueled unraveling.

"I am in menopause — crazy menopause," Peet said, adding that she is also taking Tamoxifen, a breast cancer medication that can intensify symptoms. "So it was really great to have that outlet at work."

It has been almost 40 years since Blanche Devereaux (Rue McClanahan) experienced what she termed, in anguished tones, "The Change" in an October 1986 episode of "The Golden Girls." Since then, there have been some memorable depictions, including a much-discussed 2019 monologue in "Fleabag" by Kristin Scott Thomas.

"Menopause comes," her character breathlessly declares to an enamored Phoebe Waller-Bridge, "and it's the most wonderful [expletive] thing in the world."

More recently there has been a cluster of series that treat menopause not as a punch line as in days past — think Archie Bunker walking on eggshells around a hormonal Edith on "All in the Family" or the Huxtable children speaking of their menopausal mother in the past tense on "The Cosby Show" — but as a matter-of-fact part of women's lives. Series like "Riot Women," "Better Things," "Too Much," "Bad Sisters," "The Change," and "Small Achievable Goals," among others, have handled the topic with nuance and unflinching realism.

It mirrors a broader cultural surge in menopause discussion and education, said Dr. Sharon Malone. An obstetrician-gynecologist and women's health expert, she has talked about menopause in podcasts by Oprah Winfrey and Michelle Obama, among other forums.

"This is something I've been doing for the past 30 years, but it's moved out of the little room and now it's everywhere," Malone said. "It's in the big rooms."

Tamsen Fadal, the author of the best-selling book "How to Menopause" and an executive producer of the 2024 documentary "The M Factor," said the more modern depictions were notable simply for being both accurate and expansive.

"The best portrayals I'm seeing right now are not about generic hot flashes or about a woman feeling ragey or hormonal," she said. "It's about identity. Sometimes it's about grief; sometimes it's about power. But I think the most important thing it's about is the truth, and we avoided the truth for a long time when it comes to women."

Honesty pulsates through a straight-to-camera monologue about midlife that Sam Fox (Pamela Adlon) delivered on a 2020 episode of "Better Things." "You retreat, you're shamed, you're unseen," Adlon utters in her signature rasp. "No one has prepared you for it, and no one ever tells women this is going to happen. Our prize in the goody bag, after everyone has had their fill of us, is shingles, thin bones, whiskers, and bunions. You're not viable."

Adlon, 59, said she was inspired to write the speech after seeing a "gross green pamphlet" about menopause in her gynecologist's waiting room. The monologue "was really about visibility and women making themselves invisible," she said, comparing it to a memorable "Inside Amy Schumer" sketch spoofing double standards about attractiveness. But Adlon believes attitudes are evolving.

"This lust for youth, I think, has abated," she said. "Older women are the new black."

Actor and activist Naomi Watts helped normalize the conversation around menopause with her best-selling 2025 book "Dare I Say It," which details her experience with early menopause. (Now 57, she began experiencing symptoms at 36.) She also created Stripes Beauty, a successful menopause wellness brand.

Watts has seen firsthand how her real-life advocacy has influenced her art. "Everyone knows I'm in menopause by now in my industry, because I've said it loudly from the rooftop," she said with a laugh, adding that it's probably not a coincidence that Lena Dunham wrote a stirring scene about aging for Watts in Dunham's 2025 rom-com series, "Too Much." For Watts, it's a gratifying change from earlier menopause portrayals in pop culture.

"They were just comical or acting crazy, slamming doors, yelling," she said. "While it was funny, it felt very one-dimensional."

There is nothing one-dimensional about Sally Wainwright's bracing "Riot Women," which follows a group of middle-aged women in Yorkshire, England, who form a punk band and channel their menopausal rage. The concept seems ripe for comedy, and it is. But Wainwright, 60, also goes to dark places — suicidal ideation, anger, depression, invisibility, caretaker exhaustion — giving the show, which premiered in January, a spiky authenticity.

"It didn't occur to me not to show them angry," Wainwright said. "I didn't worry about whether the audience would like it or not. I just wanted to write about what these characters are going through."

Similarly, Meredith MacNeill, 50, had a clear goal in mind when she created the brash Canadian comedy "Small Achievable Goals" with Jennifer Whalen. The CBC series, which returned for its second season in January, follows two women in the throes of menopause who produce a beauty podcast together.

MacNeill said the goal was to take "everyday occurrences that we're supposed to feel shameful about and put them on television."

Here are the big concerts coming to Fenway, Gillette, and Xfinity Center



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Bruno Mars (above) plays Gillette Stadium Sept. 5 and 6. BTS (below) plays the Foxborough venue a month earlier.



NINA WESTERVELT/NEW YORK TIMES/FILE

By Auzzy Byrdsell
GLOBE STAFF

As warmer weather slowly creeps its way back to Massachusetts, summer concert season is shaping up to have fans flocking to the state's biggest outdoor venues.

Noah Kahan, BTS, Ed Sheeran, Wu-Tang Clan, and Karol G are just some of the big names who've announced their tours are making stops in the Boston area.

Here's who else you can expect this year at Fenway Park, Gillette Stadium, and the Xfinity Center.

Fenway Park

Fenway Park is expected to have an active summer, highlighted by Vermont singer-songwriter Noah Kahan, who headlines four consecutive (and sold-out) shows, making him the first artist to pull off the feat in the venue's history. Tim McGraw is also making his Boston return as part of his "Pawn Shop Guitar Tour."

Here's who else is stopping by the ballpark.

June 22: Mumford & Sons
June 23: RÜFÜS DU SOL
July 7-8, 10-11: Noah Kahan
July 30: Tim McGraw
July 31-Aug. 1: Phish
Aug. 2: Zac Brown Band
Aug. 14-15: Chris Stapleton

Gillette Stadium

World Cup games are gearing up to flood Foxborough this summer, meaning fewer concerts will set up shop at Gillette Stadium. However, Ed Sheeran's and Bruno Mars's tours will make for some of the biggest shows of the year in the state. Here are all the big names playing at the home of the Patriots this year.

Aug. 5-6: BTS
Aug. 17: Chris Brown and Usher
Sept. 5-6: Bruno Mars
Sept. 12: Karol G
Sept. 25-26: Ed Sheeran
Oct. 2-3: Zach Bryan

Xfinity Center

The Xfinity Center will have an active summer, with concerts featuring a vast array of artists, from Ne-Yo and Akon to TLC and Salt-N-Pepa. Here's who's coming to the Mansfield venue this season.

June 5: Kid Cudi
June 6: Kid Rock
June 12: Dave Matthews Band
June 19: The Black Crowes with Whiskey Myers
June 20: Jack Johnson
June 21: Evanescence
June 24: Sammy Hagar
June 26: HARDY
June 29: Santana and The Doobie Brothers
July 2: Godsmack
July 18: Muse
July 21: Ne-Yo and Akon
July 24: John Mellencamp
July 25: Train
July 26: Chicago and Styx
July 30: Five Finger Death Punch
Aug. 1: Mötley Crüe
Aug. 8: Hilary Duff
Aug. 12: Avenged Sevenfold and Good Charlotte
Aug. 13: Deep Purple with Kansas
Aug. 21: Kesha
Aug. 22: Lynyrd Skynyrd and Foreigner
Aug. 27: Rob Zombie and Marilyn Manson
Aug. 28: Empire of the Sun
Aug. 29: Pitbull
Aug. 30: TLC and Salt-N-Pepa
Sept. 8: $uicideboy$
Sept. 10: BABYMETAL
Sept. 11: Hayley Williams
Sept. 12: Wu-Tang Clan
Sept. 18: Staind

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Noah Kahan (above) has sold out Fenway Park for four July dates. Kid Cudi (below) plays Xfinity Center June 5.



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NBA playoffs: Pistons-Cavaliers, 8 p.m., NBC
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ON BASEBALL

Story's struggles are forcing some tough decisions

The Red Sox have played 40 games, a quarter of the season. That's enough of a sample size to write this: There are some tough decisions to be made regarding Trevor Story.

The veteran shortstop was booed loudly on several occasions at Fenway Park on Sunday during a 4-1 loss against the Rays.

Story's error in the third inning led to two runs scoring, and he was 1 for 4 with three strikeouts. That actually raised his batting average to .200 and his OPS to .520.

The error was a turning point in the game. Up, 1-0, the Rays had a runner on second with one out in the third inning when Chandler Simpson hit a bouncing ball to shortstop.

It popped over Story's glove and into left field. Nick Fortes, who was running on contact, scored from second. Simpson went to second when Jarren Duran made an ill-advised throw to the plate.

Ben Williamson followed with an RBI single, and Tampa Bay had a 3-0 lead.

Oddly, the play was ruled an RBI single for Simpson and an error on Story because Fortes scored, and the Sox weren't charged with any unearned runs.

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WINSLOW TOWNSON/GETTY IMAGES

Trevor Story's 2026 has been as ugly as that of his team. A 1-for-4 Sunday raised his average to .200.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/GETTY IMAGES

The Rays' Junior Caminero (right) celebrates after hitting Sunday's fifth pitch of the game for a solo home run over the Green Monster.

Red Sox bats can't do job

Boston had its chances, but again losers at home

By Tim Healey
GLOBE STAFF

Rays 4
Red Sox 1

From where Chad Tracy sits — or stands, on steps of the near side of the home dugout — there are scoring chances and then there are big scoring chances.

The Red Sox, in a 4-1 loss to the Rays on Sunday afternoon, had plenty of scoring chances: base runners galore, about a dozen plate appearances with a man in scoring position, nine left on base.

But big chances — those were rarer. Really, Tracy said, it was only the ninth inning, when the Sox brought the would-be tying run to the plate with no outs.

Fenway Park had started to clear out by then, many of the 33,489 in attendance comfortable missing the final minutes of a game that didn't feel as close as the score suggested. And it turned out they didn't miss anything.

Ceddanne Rafaela struck out. Caleb Durbin grounded out. Jarren Duran flew out.

The game ended with another false start, one last gasp from an offense that repeatedly failed to convert.

"Get yourselves more chances. Obviously, that chance [in] the ninth is great," Tracy, the interim manager, said. "But you're chasing three, so you're in a spot where nothing can go wrong."

A lot went wrong for the Red Sox, who are 17-23 and have won one of six home series this year.

Payton Tolle pitched well: five innings, three runs, better later. But the offense didn't do much with those smaller chances.

Duran, the leadoff hitter, recorded one hit for

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ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

Hannah Brandt (20) consoles Fleet goalie Aerin Frankel after Boston's season ended with a double-overtime loss in Ottawa.

Philips, Charge oust Fleet in double OT

First three-game skid finishes promising year

By Emma Healy
GLOBE STAFF

Charge 4
Fleet 3

OTTAWA — The Fleet felt like they had done all they could, throwing everything in the playbook at Gwyneth Philips and the Ottawa Charge. Perhaps that's why they lingered for so long on the ice — some players consoling their teammates, others staring in disbelief as the Charge celebrated punching their ticket to a second straight Walter Cup finals.

The Fleet finished the regular season in second place with a record 62 points and never lost three games in a row — until they dropped three straight in their semifinal playoff series, which ended their season with a 4-3, double-overtime loss Sunday at Ottawa's Canadian Tire Centre.

Michela Cava, a midseason acquisition, hadn't scored in an Ottawa jersey until netting the winner 1:12 into the second overtime period, despite Boston outshooting the Charge, 46-33, in Game 4 and 142-94 across the four-game series.

"You're left with this sort of empty feeling that we have right now," coach Kris Sparre said. "We wanted more. We thought we were built for more."

He and alternate captain Jamie Lee Rattray each fought back tears as they ad-

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Blue, blanc, et roar
Canadiens win rock 'em, sock 'em Game 3 in Montreal to pull ahead of Sabres. **C2**

Big-shot bonanza
Knicks (above) rain triples to complete sweep of Sixers with a Game 4 laugher. **C6**

No welcome home
Sun's final season off to 0-2 start after Seattle wins last opener in Connecticut. **C6**

Rookie's arrival
Norwegian Reitan uses steady play at Quail Hollow for his first PGA Tour victory. **C7**

PATRIOTS MAILBAG

Roster upgrades on minds

By Christopher Price
GLOBE STAFF

Welcome back to the mailbag. Lots of good post-draft questions, as well as some thoughts about roster depth at a couple of key positions, and more. Let's get to it. (Some questions have been edited for length and/or clarity.)

With the expected post-June 1 trade for A.J. Brown, can we expect any other moves to offset the added salary? Or may we assume that Robert Kraft is breaking with his traditional "three-year cap balance" formula?

— Keith Gentes, Mount Laurel, N.J.

Some contracts will be tweaked — money moved around for some of the players at the high end of the pay scale to keep as much financial flexibility as possible. And there's the looming deals for Christian Gonzalez and Drake Maye to consider. But barring a surprise (which could include a trade opportunity), I don't think we'll see any sizable moves specifically to offset Brown's additional salary.

Will we see any mid- to high-level free agents coming aboard before camp? Specifically linebacker, safety, and guard, which were all seen as mild needs before the draft (and unaddressed, save for Namdi Obiazor and the UDFAs). Obviously, the pool grows after August cuts, but curious about players who'll actually get to participate in camp, too.

— Jack Abbott, Andover

There are a few intriguing free agents left, including linebacker Matt Milano, pass rushers Joey Bosa and Jadeveon Clowney, and offensive linemen Kevin Zeitler and Taylor Decker. Situations can always change because of injuries or other things, but I'd be hard-pressed to look at the available free agents and match them with the Patriots.

What are they doing regarding running back? They have one good one, but another who's older and fumble-prone. TreVeyon Henderson has shown poor vision and the ability to fall over when barely touched. His average is 3.1 yards per carry if you exclude four anomalous long runs. Could they bring in Nick Chubb for a year?

— Mike, Charlotte, N.C.

I'd take issue with some of this. Henderson played almost 40 games in 18 months dating to his Ohio State days. He was clearly out of gas by the end of the season. And I think given the way his season ended, it's unfair to call Rhamondre Stevenson fumble-prone.

But they do need to build depth in the backfield. I think they'd be happy if a reliable third running back emerges from a group currently on the roster: Lan Larison, Terrell Jennings (who impressed Mike Vrabel in a reserve role last year) or seventh-round pick Jam Miller (who had 613 scrimmage yards with Alabama last year). If no one in that group distinguishes himself, you'd have to try to add depth with a signing such as Chubb, a trade, or picking up a roster-cut casualty.

Wondering why there's little to no info on the undrafted free agents. The Globe had a brief piece on them, then nothing.

— Ken Korch, Massachusetts

I did have a thumbnail sketch on each one in the wake of the draft. I will say that I'd expect more on them in the coming week, as rookie minicamp convenes this weekend in Foxborough, and we'll get a chance to talk to a few of them on Saturday.

Two UDFAs who have generated some buzz are wide receiver Kyle Dixon and offensive lineman Jacob Rizy. Dixon, out of Culver-Stockton College, signed a contract with a whopping $252,500 in guaranteed money. While that won't necessarily ensure a spot on the team, it certainly improves his chances.

Rizy, a Connecticut native, started his college career at Harvard before transferring to Florida State. He played in 12 games and started at two positions for the Seminoles. That's the sort of intriguing résumé that gets the NFL's attention.

Are you shocked as to what the Patriots haven't done in free agency and the draft at linebacker? Who will cover tight ends, last year's biggest weakness? If Robert Spillane gets hurt, what's their strategy?

— Steve Beatty, Florida

I was an advocate for Texas Tech's Jacob Rodriguez in the second round, but that never materialized. That being said, they do have depth in new faces such as free agent K.J. Britt and sixth-round pick Obiazor joining Spillane, Christian Elliss, and others. I think they would love to see Obiazor emerge as that sort of coverage linebacker. The rookie, who has experience as a safety, certainly has the skill set and body type (6 feet 3 inches, 229 pounds) to be a coverage linebacker. (He had three interceptions in his last two years in college.)

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NHL playoffs

Eastern Conference

BUFFALO VS. MONTREAL

Canadiens lead series, 2-1
Wednesday, May 6
At Buffalo 4.....Montreal 2
Friday, May 8
Montreal 5.....at Buffalo 1
Sunday, May 10
At Montreal 6.....Buffalo 2
Schedule
Tuesday at Montreal.....7
Thursday at Buffalo.....TBA
*Saturday at Montreal.....TBA
*Mon., May 18 at Buffalo.....TBA

CAROLINA VS. PHILADELPHIA

Hurricanes win series, 4-0
Saturday, May 2
At Carolina 3.....Philadelphia 0
Monday, May 4
At Carolina 3.....Philadelphia 2 (OT)
Thursday, May 7
Carolina 4.....at Philadelphia 1
Saturday, May 9
Carolina 3.....at Philadelphia 2 (OT)

Western Conference

COLORADO VS. MINNESOTA

Avalanche lead series, 2-1
Sunday, May 3
At Colorado 9.....Minnesota 6
Tuesday, May 5
At Colorado 5.....Minnesota 2
Saturday, May 9
At Minnesota 5.....Colorado 1
Schedule
Monday at Minnesota.....8
Wednesday at Colorado.....8
*Friday at Minnesota.....8
*Sunday at Colorado.....TBA

VEGAS VS. ANAHEIM

Golden Knights lead series, 2-1
Monday, May 4
At Vegas 3.....Anaheim 1
Wednesday, May 6
Anaheim 3.....at Vegas 1
Friday, May 8
Vegas 6.....at Anaheim 2
Sunday, May 10
Vegas.....at Anaheim
Schedule
Tuesday at Vegas.....9:30
*Thursday at Anaheim.....TBA
*Saturday at Vegas.....TBA

* If necessary

CANADIENS 6, SABRES 2

Buffalo	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**
Montreal	**1**	**3**	**2**	**6**

First period — 1. Buf., Thompson 3 (Dahlin), 0:53. 2. Mon., Newhook 4 (Evans), 15:31. Penalties — Norris, BUF (interference), 7:42. Doan, BUF (roughing), 11:47. Newhook, MTL (roughing), 11:47. Timmins, BUF (roughing), 18:44. Bolduc, MTL, served by Demidov, double minor (roughing), 18:44. Dahlin, BUF (roughing), 20:00.

Second period — 3. Mon., Caufield 2 (Hutson, Demidov), 6:05 (pp). 4. Mon., Bolduc 2 (Veleno, Carrier), 10:43. 5. Mon., Slafkovsky 4 (Hutson, Caufield), 12:17 (pp). 6. Buf., Dahlin 2 (Thompson, Doan), 14:46 (pp). Penalties — Doan, BUF (tripping), 4:43. Malenstyn, BUF (interference on goaltender), 11:32. Greenway, BUF (roughing), 11:32. Bolduc, MTL (roughing), 11:32. Dach, MTL (holding stick), 14:30. Tuch, BUF (high stick), 17:47.

Third period — 7. Mon., Dach 4 (Texier, Danault), 8:46. 8. Mon., Newhook 5, 15:14 (en). Penalties — Hutson, MTL (interference), 4:22. Guhle, MTL (high stick), 12:13. Stanley, BUF (misconduct), 17:13. Benson, BUF (slashing), 17:13. Stanley, BUF, served by Quinn (roughing), 17:13. Benson, BUF (misconduct), 17:13. Guhle, MTL (misconduct), 17:13. Guhle, MTL (cross check), 17:13. Bolduc, MTL (misconduct), 17:13. Carrick, BUF (roughing), 20:00. Axhekaj, MTL (roughing), 20:00.

Shots — Buf. 8-10-10 — 28; Mon. 14-15-7 — 36. Power plays — Buf. 1-4; Mont. 2-6. Goalies — Buf., Lyon 4-3-0 (36 shots-31 saves). Mon., Dobes 6-4-0 (28 shots-26 saves).

Referees — Garrett Rank, Kyle Rehman. Linesmen — Devin Berg, Ryan Daisy.

A — 20,962 (21,273). T — 2:49.

NHL NOTEBOOK

Canadiens roll to series lead

Caufield, Dobes help foil Sabres in Game 3

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cole Caufield scored his second goal of the playoffs and added an assist as the Canadiens beat the Sabres, 6-2, in a dominant Game 3 Sunday night at Montreal to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven second-round playoff series.

Alex Newhook had two goals, including an empty-netter, and **Zachary Bolduc**, **Juraj Slafkovsky**, and **Kirby Dach** also scored for Montreal.

Lane Hutson and **Jake Evans** each had two assists, and **Jakub Dobes** made 26 saves as the Canadiens won consecutive games for the first time in this season's playoffs.

Tage Thompson and **Rasmus Dahlin** each had a goal and an assist for Buffalo, which dropped its first road game of the postseason. **Alex Lyon** stopped 31 shots in his second straight loss.

The teams split the first two games in Buffalo.

Game 4 is Tuesday night in Montreal.

Minutes after missing an open net, Caufield scored on the power play for his first goal in six games to give the Canadiens a 2-1 lead 6:05 into the second and kick off a wild four-goal period.

Hutson deked around a stickless **Jordan Greenway** and dropped a pass to Caufield, who scored into a gaping net.

The Canadiens appeared to gain a 3-1 lead one minute later when **Josh Anderson's** backhander trickled through Lyon as **Phillip Danault** crashed the crease. The officials, however, ruled no goal.

Bolduc ultimately gave the Canadiens a two-goal lead at 10:43 of the second after **Joe Veleno** chased down a puck behind Sabres defenseman **Logan Stanley** and set him up.

Chaos ensued two minutes later when **Beck Malenstyn** ran over Dobes, setting off a massive scrum and sending the Canadiens on a power play. Slafkovsky made it 4-1 with a deflection on Hutson's point shot as Montreal went 2 for 5 with the man advantage.

Dahlin cut into the deficit with 5:14 left in the second period, sending a shot off the far post.

But Dach restored the three-goal lead at 8:46 in the third when he pulled a loose puck out from under Lyon and fired a shot into the open net.



MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES

Josh Anderson (left) and Jake Evans crushed the Sabres' Beck Malenstyn.

The goal followed multiple key saves from Dobes, twice denying **Zach Benson**, as the Canadiens fended off a Sabres pushback that included a nervy penalty kill early in the period.

Newhook, who also scored twice in Game 2, added his second when he was hooked with a clear path to the empty net with 4:46 left in the third.

Thompson opened the scoring 53 seconds in after Dahlin's point shot deflected off the end boards and onto his stick.

Newhook sparked a run of four unanswered goals by the Canadiens.

Avalanche need net choice

Kirill Kaprizov and the Wild cut their series deficit to 2-1 by jumping out to a two-goal lead en route to a 5-1 win over the Avalanche, 5-1, Saturday night in St. Paul.

Jesper Wallstedt made 35 saves in his return to the Wild net after **Filip Gustavsson** played Game 2.

Kaprizov scored first and assisted on the next two goals as the Wild forced a goalie change and handed the Avalanche their first loss this postseason.

Quinn Hughes followed Kaprizov's four-on-four score late in the first period with a four-on-three goal less than two minutes later. **Ryan Hartman** batted in a deflected power-play shot 4:23 into the second to prompt an early departure for Avalanche goalie **Scott Wedgewood** in favor of **Mackenzie Blackwood**.

Game 4 is Monday night in St. Paul.

Avalanche coach **Jared Bednar** and his staff have an important call to make in goal after Wedgewood, who played the entire first round against Dallas, was pulled after giving up three goals on 12 shots to begin Game 3. Blackwood allowed one goal on 13 shots.

Bednar said Sunday that injured defenseman **Josh Manson** is close to coming back after missing four games, with winger **Joel Kiviranta** also a possibility.

Golden Knights' Stone sits

Golden Knights captain **Mark Stone** was ruled out of Sunday night's Game 4 of their series against the Ducks in Anaheim with an undisclosed injury.

Coach **John Tortorella** said veteran **Brandon Saad** will draw in for Stone, who got hurt early in Friday's Game 3.

Stone attempted to return to the game, but couldn't do it after apparently injuring some part of his lower body while chasing down a puck in the first period of the Knights' 6-2 victory. Vegas leads the series 2-1.

Fleet's big season over as Charge return to finals

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dressed the media postgame, but neither allowed them to fall.

"It stings right now, obviously, but we gave it our all," Rattray said. "You look at how many chances we had throughout the four games of this series — it doesn't get much closer than that."

Now the Fleet face an uncertain future, one that likely includes a massive roster shake-up as the PWHL continues to expand.

Adding more teams is a boon for the league, as Sparre made sure to note, but it presents a challenge for a first-year coach who has spent the season trying to establish a play style and a culture.

"I'd love to have every player on our team back next year so we could go at this again," Sparre said. "But [that's] the challenge of expansion."

For the fourth straight game, Ottawa scored first. With the Charge on the power play, Fanuza Kadirova fired a one-timer from the point that beat Frankel low on her glove side. Sarah Wozniewicz, who was stationed outside the crease, was credited with the goal.

As they had in the first three games of the series, the Fleet controlled the play in the first period and outshot the Charge, 15-8, but continued to run into a wall in the shape of Philips.

After Rebecca Leslie doubled the Charge's lead 3:25 into the middle frame, Shay Maloney got one back for the Fleet at 5:19, setting off a string of three



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Michela Cava celebrates Ottawa's return to the Walter Cup final via her double-overtime goal.

Fleet goals in the span of 1:33 to give Boston its first lead.

Off an offensive zone faceoff win, Haley Winn carried the puck in on Philips, and Maloney crashed the net to slot home the rebound for her first playoff goal.

Megan Keller netted the equalizer at the six-minute mark with a one-timer from the circle on the power play — her signature move early in the regular season, but one teams adapted to and largely shut down in recent months. It was the Fleet's lone power-play goal of the playoffs; scoreless on their previous 12 attempts, they finished 1 for 16.

Fifty-two seconds after Keller's goal, Sophie Shirley cleaned up another rebound for her first goal of these playoffs to give Boston a 3-2 lead.

"I'm proud of our group for battling back," Sparre said.

Brooke Hobson's rebound tally tied the game at three apiece at 12:12.

After putting up 31 shots through two periods, the Fleet managed just six in the third despite two power-play opportunities, and as was the case four times between these teams during the regular season, the game headed to overtime.

The energy in the locker room before the first overtime period was calm, Rattray said, a result of the team's belief in their game plan. But when Cava beat Frankel on the back door, all the Fleet could do was stare in disbelief.

"Honestly, the product we put on the ice was pretty darn good," Rattray said. "It's just the way hockey is . . . Hockey can feel really hard, like it does right now."

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SportsLog

BC women's lacrosse ousted from NCAA Div. 1 tourney

Boston College women's lacrosse's run of eight straight trips to the Division 1 final four ended Sunday, as host Stony Brook beat the Eagles, 10-9, in the second round of the NCAA tournament. BC (10-8), which won national titles in 2021 and 2024 during a run of seven straight championship game appearances, was unseeded this year. Fifth-seeded Stony Brook (19-2), which beat Stonehill on Friday, raced to a 7-1 lead midway through the second quarter and led, 9-3, early in the second half. The Eagles battled back, with **Kylee Colbert** and Leominster's **Giulia Colarusso** scoring twice during a 6-1 run that brought BC within a goal with 4:13 to play, but the Seawolves did not allow another shot to prevent the upset. Colbert finished with four goals, while Colarusso added two goals and two assists. **Shea Dolce**, the IWLCA's goalkeeper of the year, made seven saves.

Tufts men back in quarters

In the Division 3 men's tourney, **Jack Regnery** scored six goals and Deerfield Academy grad **Brooks Hauser** five as Tufts (19-1) continued its run at a third straight title with a 24-10 win over NESCAC rival Middlebury (9-8) in the third round of the NCAA tournament at Bello Field in Medford. The win secured a ninth straight trip to the NCAA quarterfinals for the Jumbos, who will face York (Pa.) Saturday.

BU softball off to Texas Tech

Patriot League softball champion Boston University was drawn into the Lubbock (Texas) Regional for the Division 1 tournament, where the 46-13 Terriers will face No. 6 seed Ole Miss (34-24) to start the double-elimination bracket Friday (2 p.m.). Regional host Texas Tech (52-6), the No. 3 seed, and MAAC champ Marist (37-19) will follow.

SOCCER

Dramatic win for Arsenal

Arsenal needed a late goal and an even later, dramatic VAR call to stay in control of the English Premier League title race, taking a 1-0 win over relegation-threatened West Ham to restore a 5-point lead over second-place Manchester City. **Leandro Trossard** scored in the 83rd minute, but West Ham's **Callum Wilson** scored off a corner in the fifth minute of stoppage time. After a long review, the goal was waved off for a foul on Gunners keeper **David Raya**, leaving Arsenal two wins away from its first EPL title since 2004. West Ham is still in the relegation zone, a point behind Tottenham. Due to a 2-2 draw with Burnley, Aston Villa stayed fifth, behind Liverpool on goal difference for the last Champions League spot.

Worrying times for Pulisic

Christian Pulisic missed AC Milan's 3-2 loss to Atalanta in Serie A with a lower back injury in another blow for the US star, already struggling with poor form and a record goalscoring drought. Italian media reported Pulisic will undergo medical tests Monday. The 27-year-old hasn't scored in a career-high 17 league matches since Dec. 28 . . . Host Barcelona won its second straight Spanish La Liga title, and 29th overall, with a 2-0 win over Real Madrid at Camp Nou. Goals by **Marcus Rashford** in the ninth minute and **Ferran Torres** in the 18th gave Barca the win and an insurmountable 14-point lead over Real with three rounds remaining. Coach **Hansi Flick** was in the dugout for Sunday's clasico following the death of his father, which Barcelona announced hours before kickoff . . . Union Berlin's **Marie-Louise Eta** became the first female coach to win a game in European soccer's top five men's leagues when she oversaw a 3-1 Bundesliga victory against Mainz.

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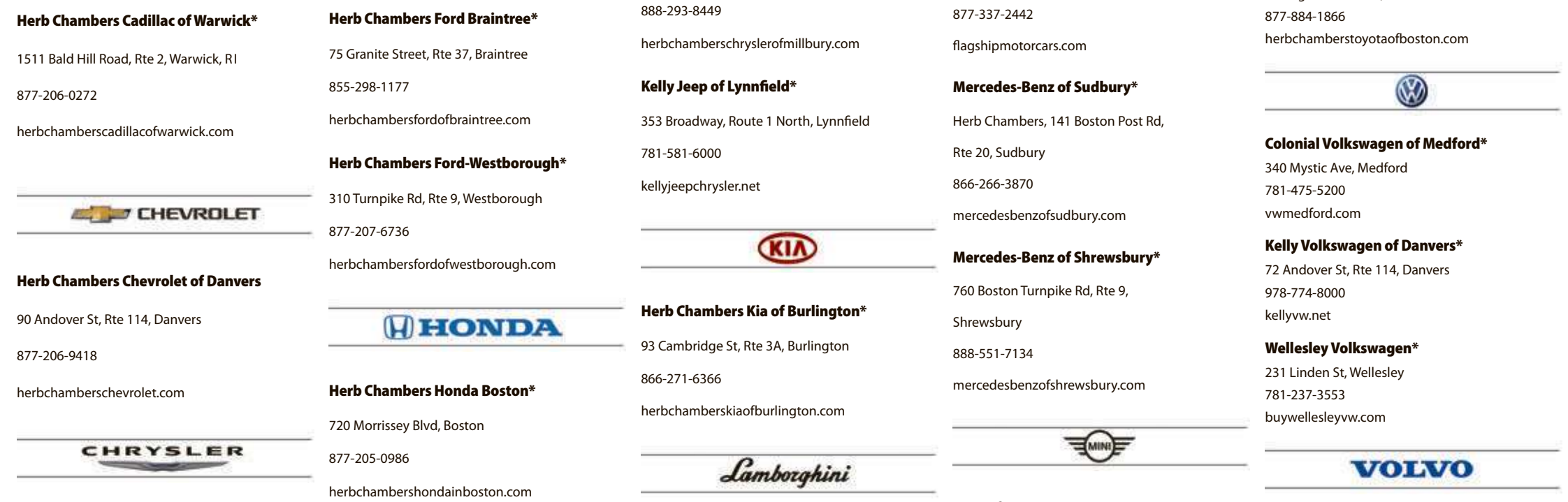
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Baseball

RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Contreras hit on hand by pitch; X-rays negative

By Tim Healey
GLOBE STAFF

X-rays on **Willson Contreras's** bruised right hand were negative, interim manager **Chad Tracy** said Sunday afternoon, but the Red Sox were not sure if he would miss any time.

Contreras, who was hit by a pitch, exited after the first inning of the Sox' 4-1 loss to the Rays.

"The quick scans that we do here came back negative, which is good," Tracy said. "Sore. That's all we know at this point. And obviously have an off-day [Monday]. That helps a lot, and then we'll kind of reevaluate and see how he feels, and hopefully we're OK there."

Players with potential hand injuries sometimes get additional testing, such as an MRI, to check for small fractures. It was not clear if Contreras would do so.

Facing Rays righthander **Nick Martinez** in the bottom of the first inning, Contreras absorbed a 94-mile-per-hour sinker and was in obvious, immediate pain. He crouched down between home plate and first base, as Tracy and an athletic trainer checked on him, and did so again upon reaching first.

Although Contreras remained in the game to run the bases — he did not advance — he signaled to the dugout at the end of the inning that he could not continue.

Andruw Monasterio replaced him at first base and went 2 for 3.

Contreras, perennially among the league leaders in hit-by-pitches, has been plunked eight times this season. That is tied for the most in the majors.

Overall, he has been perhaps the Red Sox' best all-around player alongside right fielder **Wilyer Abreu**. Contreras owns a .259/.380/.467 slash line and team highs in home runs (eight) and RBIs (23) in addition to high-end defense at first base.



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Willson Contreras was none too happy after being removed from Sunday's game following a hit by pitch, though X-rays on his hand were negative.

Gasper's big day

At long last, **Mickey Gasper** has a hit as a member of the Red Sox.

He went 0 for 18 during his stint with the team in 2024, then spent 2025 with the Twins. Now back with the Sox — and back in the majors as of Thursday — Gasper went 3 for 4 with two doubles Sunday.

His first hit came in his first at-bat, a double off the Green Monster, a fun moment for the Merrimack, N.H., native and Bryant University alumnus.

"Sigh of relief," Gasper, a catcher, said. "I was able to settle in, start playing, enjoy the game."

Mother's Day memories

A treat for Tracy: his wife, **Emily**, and their two kids visited from Ohio for Mother's Day weekend. They had been to Fenway Park before, attending a game on their own while Tracy was managing Triple-A Worcester, but this time around was different.

"To have my kids experience this for a few days was awesome," he said.

For now, Tracy — and in recent days all of the Tracys — is living out of a hotel; such is the whirlwind nature of his interim status and the past few weeks. He said he intends to get a more permanent apartment for the summer.

As for his Polar Park-adjacent living quarters in Worcester? His roommate, Triple-A pitching coach **Dan DeLucia**, is holding it down.

"I'm assuming Dan is living very comfortably," Tracy said.

Eyes on Eyanson

Righthander **Anthony Eyanson** made his Double-A debut with Portland on Sunday, allowing one run and three hits in four innings (on a season-high 68 pitches). He struck out four and walked one. Eyanson, a 21-year-old drafted by the Sox in the third round last year, was promoted to Portland about seven weeks earlier than **Payton Tolle** was in 2025 . . . **Justin Slaten's** first appearance since April 4: a perfect seventh inning against the Rays. He reached 98.6 m.p.h. with his fastball . . . The Red Sox settled on Thursday against the Phillies for **Ranger Suarez's** return to the rotation, Tracy said. That will be 11 days after he exited a game because of a tight right hamstring.

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Rays 4, Red Sox 1

At Fenway Park, Boston

TAMPA BAY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Simpson lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.305
Caminero 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.252
Williamson 2b	2	1	1	1	2	0	.264
Díaz dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.314
Vilade 1b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.264
a-Aranda ph-1b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.268
Mullins cf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.148
DeLuca rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.261
Fortes c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.283
Walls ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Totals	**30**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**3**	**5**	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Duran lf	5	0	1	0	0	0	.194
Contreras 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Monasterio 1b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.241
Abreu rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.295
Yoshida dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	.279
b-Narváez ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	.205
Story ss	4	1	1	0	0	3	.200
Gasper c	4	0	3	1	0	0	.750
Mayer 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.231
Rafaela cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.269
Durbin 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.173
Totals	**34**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**1**	**8**	

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a-singled for Vilade in 6th, b-struck out for Yoshida in 8th. **E**—Story (5). **LOB**—Tampa Bay 4, Boston 9. **2B**—Monasterio (5), Story (7), Gasper 2 (2). **HR**—Caminero (11), off Tolle. **CS**—Mullins (4), Durbin (2). **S**—Mullins, Walls. **RISP**—Tampa Bay 2 for 6, Boston 1 for 10. **DP**—Boston 1 (Mayer, Monasterio).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martinez W 4-1	5⅔	7	1	1	0	3	80	1.70
KKelly	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	20	3.00
Cleavinger	1	0	0	0	0	3	25	4.76
Baker S 10	1	1	0	0	1	1	15	2.30

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Tolle L 1-2	5	7	3	3	0	4	81	2.78
ZKelly	⅓	1	1	1	1	0	16	3.86
Samaniego	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.00
Slaten	1	0	0	0	0	1	15	0.00
Weissert	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	10	5.28
Morán	1⅓	0	0	0	1	0	16	2.91

Inherited runners-scored—KKelly 1-0, Samaniego 2-1, Morán 1-0. **HBP**—by Martinez (Contreras, Durbin). **Umpires**—Home, John Libka; First, D.J. Reyburn; Second, Tyler Jones; Third, Sean Barber. **T**—2:42. **A**—33,489 (37,755).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

FIRST INNING

RAYS — Simpson grounded to first, unassisted. Caminero homered to left. Williamson grounded to second. Díaz grounded to third.

THIRD INNING

RAYS — Fortes singled to center. Walls sacrificed, third to first, Fortes to second. Simpson singled to left, Fortes to third; on shortstop Story's fielding error, Fortes scored, Simpson to second. Caminero fouled out to right. Williamson singled to right, Simpson scored. Díaz singled to right, Williamson to third. Vilade struck out.

SIXTH INNING

RAYS — Williamson walked. Díaz flied to right. Aranda, hitting for Vilade, singled to right, Williamson to third. Samaniego pitching. Mullins sacrificed, pitcher to second, Williamson scored, Aranda to second. DeLuca lined to center.

RED SOX — Yoshida grounded to first, pitcher covering. Story doubled to left. Gasper singled to right, Story scored. Mayer grounded to second, Gasper to second. Kelly pitching. Rafaela struck out.

Red Sox can't capitalize on opportunities in loss to Rays

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a third game in a row, raising his average to .194.

Masataka Yoshida, who couldn't crack the lineup most days before Roman Anthony got hurt but now bats fourth, contributed only a harmless single. He is 1 for his last 11.

Trevor Story drew boos after his second and third strikeouts (with cheers for a double in between). He is batting .200 with a .520 OPS.

"Had some good fight in there, but just didn't finish the at-bat the way I wanted to," Story said. "So as a team, it was OK, it wasn't terrible. But just got to have more traffic, more opportunities."

The Sox have totaled 56 runs through 19 home games — their lowest-scoring, single-season, 19-game stretch at Fenway since the Green Monster was constructed in 1934.

The Red Sox rank 21st in the majors in average (.235), 23rd in on-base percentage (.314), and 29th in slugging percentage (.353).

Most of the missed chances this time came against righthander Nick Martinez, who gave up one run (seven hits) in 5⅔ innings. Mickey Gasper's RBI single in the sixth foiled the shutout bid.

Gasper, in his first major league action of the year, had three of the Red Sox' eight hits. Two of his were doubles.

The Rays (26-13) struck in the first inning, when Tolle tried an 0-2 curveball that was well below the zone — just not low enough against Junior Caminero, who reached and got it. It went over the Green Monster for a home run. Tolle put his hands on his hips, almost in wonder.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/GETTY IMAGES

Showing off his pink socks on Mother's Day, starter Payton Tolle gave up three runs in five innings, with seven hits and four strikeouts in the Red Sox' loss.

"It was kind of just a tip-your-hat, move-on [moment]," Tolle said. "I thought I felt good with the pitch, tried to throw with conviction. And then he just got to it."

Tampa Bay struck for another pair in the third inning via a rally centered around an error.

Chandler Simpson's grounder went off Story's glove into left field. Had Story fielded the ball cleanly and gotten the out at first, the inning could have ended without any runs. He said he "kind of took my focus off the ball" as he considered trying to get the lead runner at third base.

"I just hesitated a bit," Story said, "and that's all it takes."

Tolle recovered by retiring six of his final seven batters — picking off at first base the exception.

Upon throwing his final pitch, a swing-and-miss strike three to Caminero, he pumped his fists on his way off the mound. Caminero gave him a funny look, confused about the big show of emotion when Tolle's team was losing.

What Caminero apparently didn't know: The Mother's Day assignment for Tolle came two years and one day after Tolle's mom, Jina, died after a nearly eight-year battle with colon cancer.

"This weekend is really tough for me, I'm not going to lie to you," Tolle said as his eyes grew wet. "It's a tough weekend. I think [Saturday] would have been just as hard. It's tough. So I try to get away from it as much as I can, but at the same time, it's life. It's part of it. Some things are bigger than baseball in that aspect. And that's where I try to get away from it and just pitch. So it's tough. It's tough, but got to figure out how to play with it anyways."

What would his mother's message have been today?

"Suck it up," Tolle said, "and do better."

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Story's problems at shortstop, with bat have Sox in a quandary

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Story acknowledged he hesitated, thinking he could throw Fortes out at third, and the hop ate him up.

"That's all it takes," he said. "I get the tough hop. If I was playing more aggressive, got a better hop . . . I thought for a split second, I should get him out and kind of took my focus off the ball a little bit. So, yeah, it's on me."

Interim manager Chad Tracy said he thinks Story's defense "has been great" this season.

"I think my broad overview of the time here has been, man, we catch the ball," Tracy said.

In general, that's true of the team as a whole. But Story has graded out as a slightly below-average shortstop based on defensive runs saved and outs above average. The fielding run value metric computed by Statcast tells the same story, and his five errors are tied for third-most among all shortstops.

Story was excellent at shortstop in 2023 after Xander Bogaerts signed with the Padres, but he has regressed since and is the weakest of their infielders defensively this season.

Putting Marcelo Mayer at shortstop with Story at second base is an experiment worth undertaking, if only to see how Mayer looks there as top prospect Franklin Arias tears up Double-A.

Story turns 34 in November and is signed only through 2027. Playing Mayer at shortstop will give the Sox more information as they map out the future. Story hasn't played second since 2022, but played the position at a high level.

The Sox have such a thin margin for error that upgrading the defense at one position could make a difference.

Story and the Sox hope the offensive side of the equation is a matter of time. They've been through this before.

Story had a .581 OPS after 58 games last season and hit .287 with an .825 OPS the rest of the season. He has earned the right to swing his way out of his slump. But should Story be hitting fourth or fifth until he does?

He has struck out 14 times in his last 25 plate appearances and a whopping 33 percent of the time this season. That's untenable.

Former manager Alex Cora dropped Story to the sixth spot in the order seven times earlier this season. But Tracy has kept Story fourth or fifth since he took over.

That's understandable. Story has been an everyday player since 2022 and is widely respected as a clubhouse leader. Tracy wasn't going to come in and make radical changes to a team that was reeling emotionally.

And it's not like the Sox are loaded with middle-of-the-order hitters, given their unwillingness to fully invest in the lineup during the offseason.

Story hopes he'll figure it out more quickly than he did last season. It doesn't help that the Sox fired all the hitting coaches who knew him well.

"If I knew exactly what it was, you could kind of fix it right away. But that's not baseball, and there's a lot that goes into it," he said. "I think it's just a matter of time before I get it right. We saw what can happen last year, so I'm confident I can do it again."

Story said it can be a matter of trying to do too much sometimes. Sunday felt like one of those days, and the crowd of 33,489 — not a sellout on a sunny 70-degree Sunday — let him know it with how loudly they booed the strikeouts.

"Just keep working," Story said. "That's all I can do."

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Baseball



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The Brewers' Brice Turang celebrates after his walkoff home run to finish a sweep of the Yankees.

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EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Tampa Bay	26	13	.667	—	8-1	8-2	W 1
New York	26	15	.634	1	7-3	6-4	L 3
Toronto	18	22	.450	8½	2-4	4-6	L 1
Baltimore	18	23	.439	9	1-6	3-7	W 1
Boston	17	23	.425	9½	4-8	5-5	L 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Cleveland	21	21	.500	—	5-5	5-5	L 2
Chicago	19	21	.475	1	2-2	6-4	W 2
Kansas City	19	22	.463	1½	9-11	7-3	L 1
Detroit	19	22	.463	1½	4-6	4-6	W 1
Minnesota	18	23	.439	2½	7-3	5-5	W 2
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Athletics	21	19	.525	—	8-5	5-5	L 1
Texas	19	21	.475	2	7-6	5-5	W 2
Seattle	19	22	.463	2½	8-8	4-6	L 2
Los Angeles	16	25	.390	5½	4-3	4-6	W 1
Houston	16	25	.390	5½	3-8	5-5	L 2

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	28	13	.683	—	10-3	6-4	W 2
Philadelphia	19	22	.463	9	6-7	7-3	W 2
Miami	19	22	.463	9	4-6	4-6	W 2
Washington	19	22	.463	9	5-8	5-5	L 2
New York	15	25	.375	12½	1-2	5-5	L 2
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Chicago	27	14	.659	—	5-2	8-2	L 2
Milwaukee	22	16	.579	3½	2-3	7-3	W 4
St. Louis	23	17	.575	3½	5-1	6-4	L 2
Pittsburgh	22	19	.537	5	9-7	6-4	L 1
Cincinnati	22	19	.537	5	1-9	2-8	W 2
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
San Diego	24	16	.600	—	10-5	5-5	W 2
Los Angeles	24	16	.600	—	6-4	4-6	L 2
Arizona	19	20	.487	4½	1-4	3-7	W 2
San Francisco	16	24	.400	8	5-4	3-7	W 1
Colorado	16	25	.390	8½	3-8	2-8	L 2

RESULTS

SUNDAY

Tampa Bay 4	at Boston 1	At Chi. White Sox 2	Seattle 1
At Miami 5	Washington 2	At Texas 3	Chi. Cubs 0
At Baltimore 2	Athletics 1	At San Fran. 7 (12 inn.)	Pittsburgh 6
At Philadelphia 6	Colorado 0	Atlanta 7	at LA Dodgers 2
LA Angels 6	at Toronto 1	At Arizona 5	NY Mets 1
At Cincinnati 5	Houston 0	At San Diego 3 (10 inn.)	St. Louis 2
Minnesota 5	at Cleveland 4	Detroit 6	at Kansas City 3
At Milwaukee 4	NY Yankees 3		

SATURDAY

Tampa Bay (ppd.)	at Boston	At Kansas City 5	Detroit 1
At Toronto 14	LA Angels 1	At Milwaukee 4 (10 inn.)	NY Yankees 3
Athletics 6	at Baltimore 2	At Chi. White Sox 6	Seattle 1
At Cincinnati 3	Houston 1	At Arizona 2	NY Mets 1
At Miami 8	Washington 7	At San Diego 4	St. Louis 2
At Philadelphia 9	Colorado 3	Pittsburgh 13	at San Francisco 3
Minnesota 2 (11 inn.)	at Cleveland 1	Atlanta 7	at LA Dodgers 2
At Texas 6	Chi. Cubs 0		

MONDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2026 W-L	2026 ERA	Team rec.	2025 vs. opp W-L	2025 vs. opp IP	2025 vs. opp ERA	Last 3 starts W-L	Last 3 starts IP	Last 3 starts ERA
LA ANGELS AT CLEVELAND, 6:10 p.m.										
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Cantillo (L)	Off	2-1	3.43	6-2	0-0	2.1	0.00	1-1	14.0	3.86
NY YANKEES AT BALTIMORE, 6:35 p.m.										
Warren (R)	-180	4-1	3.46	6-2	1-2	20.0	4.95	2-1	16.1	4.96
Young (R)	+150	3-1	4.35	3-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	15.2	5.74
TAMPA BAY AT TORONTO, 7:07 p.m.										
Rasmussen (R)	+120	2-1	2.95	4-3	1-0	6.0	0.00	1-1	17.0	3.18
Gausman (R)	-140	2-2	3.09	4-4	0-1	15.1	6.46	1-1	18.1	3.93
ARIZONA AT TEXAS, 8:05 p.m.										
Soroka (R)	+120	4-2	4.14	4-3	1-0	6.0	0.00	0-2	14.1	6.28
Eovaldi (R)	-140	4-4	4.15	4-4	0-0	5.0	9.00	2-1	21.0	3.00
SEATTLE AT HOUSTON, 8:10 p.m.										
Kirby (R)	-140	4-2	2.94	5-3	1-1	9.2	4.66	1-0	18.2	2.89
Lambert (R)	+120	2-2	2.42	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	17.1	1.04
SAN FRANCISCO AT LA DODGERS, 10:10 p.m.										
TBA	+145	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	—
Yamamoto (R)	-170	3-2	3.09	5-2	0-1	24.0	2.25	1-1	18.0	4.50

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season

RANGERS 3, CUBS 0

CHI. CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Hoerner 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.278
Ballesteros dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.265
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.293
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.233
Busch 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.238
Kelly c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.283
CrwArmstrng cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.201
Shaw 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Totals	**30**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**11**	

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Nimmo rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.277
Duran 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.286
Seager ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.193
Jung 3b	4	2	3	0	0	0	.331
Carter cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.176
Pederson dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	.227
Osuna lf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.276
Jansen c	1	0	0	0	0	0	.193
Foscue 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Totals	**29**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**2**	**7**	

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Texas.....000 100 02x — 3 7 0

LOB—Chi. Cubs 3, Texas 6. **2B**—Hoerner (12), Pederson (3). **HR**—Carter (5), off Palencia. **SB**—Hoerner (8). **S**—Jansen. **DP**—Chi. Cubs 2.

Chi. Cubs	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Taillon L 2-2	5⅓	4	1	1	2	4	3.94
Milner	⅔	1	0	0	0	0	2.45
Maton	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	7.45
Palencia	⅔	2	2	2	0	1	2.57

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
deGrom W 3-2	7	3	0	0	0	10	2.62
Latz S 4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.87

Milner pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. **Inherited runners-scored**—Milner 1-0, Maton 1-0. **HBP**—by Taillon (Jansen). **NP**—Taillon 90, Milner 11, Maton 13, Palencia 15, deGrom 94, Latz 20. **Umpires**—Home, Adam Hamari; First, Todd Tichenor; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, James Hoye. **T**—2:17. **A**—34,221 (40,518).

ANGELS 6, BLUE JAYS 1

LA ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Neto ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.222
Trout dh	3	1	0	0	1	1	.248
Grissom 3b	4	0	2	2	0	1	.279
Soler rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.226
Lowe lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Adell lf-rf	4	2	3	2	0	0	.273
Schanuel 1b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.250
Peraza 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.282
Rivero c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Teodosio cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Totals	**33**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**2**	**6**	

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Clement 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.297
Varsho cf	4	1	2	0	0	2	.258
Guerrero Jr. dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.308
Okamoto 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.248
Sánchez rf	3	0	0	0	1	3	.240
Sosa 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.221
Giménez ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.244
Straw lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.297
Heineman c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.158
Totals	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**9**	

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Toronto.....100 000 000 — 1 5 0

LOB—LA Angels 2, Toronto 5. **2B**—Neto (9), Grissom (6), Adell (4), Okamoto (4). **HR**—Adell 2 (6), off Lauer, off Lauer, Peraza (5), off Lauer.

LA Angels	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Soriano W 6-2	7⅔	5	1	1	1	7	1.66
Bachman	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.32
Zeferjahn	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.35

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miles	3	2	0	0	0	2	3.00
Nance	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.93
Lauer L 1-5	5	5	6	6	2	4	6.69

Inherited runners-scored—Bachman 3-0. **NP**—Soriano 103, Bachman 5, Zeferjahn 15, Miles 38, Nance 8, Lauer 80. **Umpires**—Home, Lance Barrett; First, Alfonso Marquez; Second, Mike Estabrook; Third, Malachi Moore. **T**—2:17. **A**—40,977 (41,500).

NOTEBOOK

Turang's HR lifts Brewers to sweep

His drive in ninth finishes Yankees

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Brice Turang homered off **David Bednar** with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Brewers a three-game sweep of the Yankees with a 4-3 win Sunday in Milwaukee.

Bednar (1-3) struck out **Joey Ortiz** and **Jackson Chourio** to start the ninth before Turang hit a 411-foot drive to center, his first walkoff HR.

Milwaukee had not swept the Yankees in a series of at least three games since August 1989.

New York's **Aaron Judge** hit a solo shot in the first for his 16th homer, tied for the major league lead.

Two days after his debut, the Yankees' **Spencer Jones** got his first hit, a second-inning RBI single.

Yankees starter **Carlos Rodón** made his season debut following elbow surgery. The lefthander went 4⅓ innings and fanned four while allowing 3 runs, 2 hits, and 5 walks.

Milestone for deGrom

Jacob deGrom tied his season high with 10 strikeouts while earning the 1,900th of his career, **Evan Carter** hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, and the Rangers beat the Cubs, 3-0, in Arlington, Texas.

The righthander allowed three hits in seven innings, fanning **Ian Happ** three times to end his career-best on-base streak at 30 games.

Leadoff man **Nico Hoerner** had two hits off deGrom, but Chicago's 2-3-4 hitters — including Happ — went 0 for 9 with eight strikeouts.

The 1,900th strikeout came against **Seiya Suzuki** to end the first. DeGrom is the second fastest in games (256) to reach 1,900 behind Hall of Famer **Randy Johnson** (252), and in innings (1,578) behind Braves lefty **Chris Sale** (1,560), according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Giants prevail in 12th

Jesús Rodríguez hit an RBI single in the 12th inning and the host Giants rallied from a pair of two-run deficits to beat the Pirates, 7-6.

The Giants loaded the bases against **Justin Lawrence** (0-2) when **Matt Chapman** hit a double that got **Heliot Ramos** to third, and **Drew Gilbert** was intentionally walked.

The teams traded two-run innings in the 10th, with **Spencer Horwitz** hitting a two-run double to give Pittsburgh the lead and **Willy Adames** answering with a two-run single with two outs to tie it at 6.

Schwarber, Phillies hot

Kyle Schwarber homered twice, **Bryce Harper** also went deep, and the Phillies beat the Rockies, 6-0, to go to 10-3 since **Don Mattingly** replaced **Rob Thomson** as manager.

Schwarber has five homers in his past four games, tying the Yankees' Judge for the MLB lead at 16.

Harper went back-to-back with Schwarber in the first off **Tomoyuki Sugano** (3-3). **Brandon Marsh** was 4 for 4 with four singles and leads the majors with a .353 average.

Cristopher Sánchez (4-2) fanned seven over seven innings, extending his shutout streak to 20⅔ innings.

Dodgers' Betts due back

Mookie Betts is set to return after missing more than a month with a right oblique strain when the Dodgers open a four-game series at home against the Giants on Monday.

Out since April 4, Betts's return comes after Los Angeles lost two of three at home to Atlanta, including 7-2 Sunday when **Mauricio Dubón** had a three-run double, and **Drake Baldwin** and **Matt Olson** homered.

Padres pull out win late

Nick Castellanos hit a tying, two-run homer with two outs in the ninth and **Manny Machado's** sac fly in the 10th lifted the host Padres past the Cardinals, 3-2, and into a tie with the Dodgers atop the NL West . . . **Jo Adell** hit two solo HRs, **José Soriano** fanned seven in 7⅔ innings, and the Angels avoided a sweep by beating the host Blue Jays, 6-1 . . . **Chris Bassitt** pitched six solid innings in relief and **Leody Taveras** threw out the potential tying run at the plate in the seventh to lift the host Orioles over the A's, 2-1.

BREWERS 4, YANKEES 3

NY YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Grisham cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.178
Rice 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.306
Judge dh	3	1	1	1	1	2	.267
Bellinger lf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.292
Chisholm Jr. 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.207
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Caballero ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	.259
SJones rf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.111
Escarra c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.195
Totals	**31**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**5**	**10**	

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Chourio lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.364
Turang 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.298
Contreras dh	2	0	1	0	2	1	.294
Sánchez c	3	1	0	0	1	3	.203
Vaughn 1b	2	1	0	0	1	2	.235
Rengifo 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.182
Hamilton pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Mitchell cf	3	0	0	1	0	2	.210
Perkins rf	2	0	1	2	0	0	.122
Frelick ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	.214
Ortiz ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.181
Totals	**29**	**4**	**5**	**4**	**6**	**12**	

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E—McMahon (5). **LOB**—NY Yankees 6, Milwaukee 8. **2B**—Chisholm Jr. (6), Caballero (7). **HR**—Judge (16), off Henderson, Turang (6), off Bednar. **SB**—Bellinger (5), Rengifo (2). **CS**—Judge (3). **S**—Turang. **SF**—Mitchell. **DP**—NY Yankees 1.

NY Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodón	4⅓	2	3	3	5	4	6.23
Bird	⅔	0	0	0	0	2	4.85
Blackburn	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	2.87
Cruz	1⅓	1	0	0	0	3	2.93
Hill	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.04
Bednar L 1-3	⅔	1	1	1	0	2	3.71

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Henderson	5	4	2	2	1	5	4.15
Hall BS 1	1	1	1	1	2	0	1.89
Megill	1	0	0	0	1	1	5.79
Ashby	1	1	0	0	0	3	2.08
Uribe W 2-1	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.77

Inherited runners-scored—Bird 2-0, Cruz 2-0. **HBP**—by Rodón (Vaughn). **WP**—Rodón. **NP**—Rodón 78, Bird 9, Blackburn 18, Cruz 20, Hill 7, Bednar 8, Henderson 74, Hall 20, Megill 13, Ashby 18, Uribe 14. **Umpires**—Home, Alex MacKay; First, Tripp Gibson; Second, Alan Porter; Third, Roberto Ortiz. **T**—2:48. **A**—40,175 (40,100).

DIAMONDBACKS 5, METS 1

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Soto dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.264
Bichette ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.222
Slater lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.231
Vientos 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Semien 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.225
Ibáñez 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Baty ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.207
Taylor cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.197
Melendez ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Benge rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.207
Torrens c	3	0	2	1	0	0	.196
Totals	**30**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**4**	**4**	

ARIZONA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Marte 2b	3	0	1	2	1	1	.212
Carroll rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.258
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Del Castillo dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Fernandez ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.287
Vargas 1b	3	2	0	0	1	0	.341
Arenado 3b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.266
McCann c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Barrosa cf	3	1	1	0	1	1	.192
Waldschmidt lf	4	1	2	3	0	1	.375
Totals	**31**	**5**	**5**	**5**	**4**	**7**	

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Arizona.....020 003 00x — 5 5 0

E—Ibáñez 2 (2), Peterson (2). **LOB**—NY Mets 6, Arizona 7. **2B**—Torrens (4), Waldschmidt (1). **3B**—Marte (2). **SB**—Vargas (1). **S**—McCann. **DP**—Arizona 1.

NY Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Brazobán L 2-1	1	0	2	2	3	0	2.41
Myers	1	1	0	0	0	2	3.28
Peterson	5	4	3	0	0	3	5.49
Manaea	1	0	0	0	1	2	6.56

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez W 4-0	8⅓	4	1	1	3	4	2.25
Morillo	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	1.93

Brazobán pitched to 2 batters in the 2nd. **Inherited runners-scored**—Myers 2-2, Morillo 1-0. **WP**—Peterson. **NP**—Brazobán 30, Myers 12, Peterson 77, Manaea 20, Rodriguez 100, Morillo 9. **Umpires**—Home, Will Little; First, Ryan Additon; Second, Dillon Wilson; Third, Lance Barksdale. **T**—2:16. **A**—40,170 (48,263).

WHITE SOX 2, MARINERS 1

SEATTLE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Donovan 3b	5	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Rodríguez cf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.272
Naylor 1b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.255
Raleigh c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.161
Arozarena lf	3	0	1	1	0	2	.279
Raley rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.253
Joe ph-rf	2	0	2	0	0	0	.240
Crawford ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.204
Canzone dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	.253
Refsnyder ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	1	.120
Rivas pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.141
Young 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Totals	**33**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**3**	**12**	

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Antonacci lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Murakami 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.232
MiVargas 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	.230
Montgomery ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.221
Meidroth 2b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.278
Kelenic rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Quero ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.159
Acuña pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.175
Peters cf-rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.270
Grichuk dh	3	1	1	1	0	1	.209
Romo c	3	1	1	0	0	1	.174
Totals	**27**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**1**	**10**	

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Chi. White Sox.....000 000 02x — 2 5 1

E—Peters (1). **LOB**—Seattle 9, Chi. White Sox 5. **2B**—Rodríguez (8), Naylor (4), Joe (2), MiVargas (5), Romo (1). **HR**—Grichuk (2), off Bazardo. **CS**—Arozarena (2). **S**—Antonacci. **SF**—MiVargas.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
LGilbert	6	1	0	0	0	9	3.78
Ferrer	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.80
Bazardo BS2; L2-2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2.41

Chi. White Sox	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Martin	6	3	1	1	2	9	1.62
Newcomb	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.18
Hudson W 1-0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.95
Domínguez S 9	1	2	0	0	1	1	3.45

IBB—off Bazardo (Murakami). **HBP**—by Ferrer (Quero), by Martin (Arozarena). **WP**—Martin. **NP**—LGilbert 87, Ferrer 25, Bazardo 15, Martin 105, Newcomb 15, Hudson 9, Domínguez 23. **Umpires**—Home, Shane Livensparger; First, Dan Merzel; Second, Dan Bellino; Third, Mark Ripperger. **T**—2:30. **A**—19,247 (40,615).

TWINS 5, GUARDIANS 4

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Buxton cf	4	1	1	0	1	2	.259
Larnach lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.263
Caratini ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.198
Outman lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.121
Jeffers c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.298
Bell dh	4	0	2	1	0	2	.218
Martin rf	3	0	2	1	1	0	.337
Keaschall 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Clemens 1b	4	2	3	0	0	0	.209
Lee ss	3	1	2	1	0	0	.276
Lewis 3b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.170
Totals	**35**	**5**	**13**	**4**	**2**	**8**	

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.208
DeLauter rf	5	0	2	2	0	0	.299
Ramírez dh	4	0	1	1	1	1	.222
Manzardo 1b	1	1	0	0	2	1	.202
Hoskins ph-1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Schneemann 3b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.274
Martínez lf	5	0	1	1	0	2	.250
Bazzana 2b	3	0	1	0	2	0	.194
Bailey c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Fry ph-c	1	1	1	0	0	0	.250
Rocchio ss	4	2	4	0	0	0	.278
Totals	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**6**	**9**	

Minnesota.....001 040 000 — 5 13 1
Cleveland.....001 011 010 — 4 11 0

E—Rojas (1). **LOB**—Minnesota 6, Cleveland 12. **2B**—Jeffers (6), Clemens 2 (6), Lewis (3), Rocchio (5). **SB**—Buxton (3), Clemens (5), Lee (3), Ramírez (16). **CS**—Larnach (1). **S**—Lee, Kwan. **DP**—Minnesota 1; Cleveland 3.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morris	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.67
Rojas W 1-0	3⅓	5	1	1	3	5	1.69
Adams	1⅓	4	2	2	2	2	13.50
Banda	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	7.64
García	1	2	1	1	1	0	14.29
Gómez S 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.68

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Williams L 5-3	6	10	5	5	1	6	3.74
Aleman	2	2	0	0	0	1	0.00
Herrin	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.00

Inherited runners-scored—Banda 1-0. **IBB**—off Herrin (Buxton). **WP**—Rojas, Williams. **NP**—Morris 6, Rojas 60, Adams 43, Banda 19, García 20, Gómez 10, Williams 101, Aleman 28, Herrin 14. **Umpires**—Home, Quinn Wolcott; First, Brock Ballou; Second, Ramon De Jesus; Third, Paul Clemons. **T**—2:53. **A**—22,475 (34,820).

AL LEADERS

Through Saturday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Langeliers, ATH	147	28	50	.340
Alvarez, Hou	147	27	48	.327
Jung, Tex	135	15	43	.319
Guerrero Jr., Tor	142	23	45	.317
Rice, NYY	117	30	37	.316
Díaz, TB	136	20	43	.316
Greene, Det	142	25	44	.310
Simpson, TB	147	18	45	.306
Abreu, Bos	142	19	43	.303
Clement, Tor	154	14	46	.299
Witt Jr., KC	158	18	47	.297
DeLauter, Cle	129	15	38	.295
McGonigle, Det	143	26	42	.294

HOME RUNS

Judge, NYY	15
Murakami, CWS	15
Buxton, Min	13
Alvarez, Hou	13
Rice, NYY	12
Trout, LAA	11
Langeliers, ATH	11
Montgomery, CWS	10
Caminero, TB	10
Okamoto, Tor	10
Vargas, CWS	9
Henderson, Bal	9
Walker, Hou	9
Alonso, Bal	8
Soler, LAA	8
Contreras, Bos	8
Raley, Sea	8

BRAVES 7, DODGERS 2

| ATLANTA |



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Jaden McDaniels tangled with Victor Wembanyama, but it was Naz Reid who took an elbow from the towering Spurs star.

NBA NOTEBOOK

Knicks bombard, finish Sixers

Raucous road crowd giddy at sweep closer

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Jalen Brunson, **Josh Hart**, and the Knicks are back in the Eastern Conference finals, tying the NBA postseason record with 25 3-pointers in front of a raucous crowd rooting for the road team and rolling past the 76ers, 144-114, in Philadelphia on Sunday to sweep the second-round series.

Deuce McBride started in place of the injured **OG Anunoby** and hit seven 3-pointers, going 4 for 4 in the first quarter when the Knicks had another record with 11, and scored 25 points. Brunson had 22, and Hart and **Karl-Anthony Towns** each scored 17 in the Knicks' latest lopsided playoff victory.

The Knicks' 19.4 point-per-game margin of victory is the largest through two rounds since the playoffs went to 16 teams in 1984.

"It's just us being very locked in to the moment," Towns said.

The Knicks advanced to the East finals for the second straight season and will play the winner of the Cleveland-Detroit series. The Pistons lead, 2-1.

The Knicks last season reached the conference finals for the first time in 25 years before losing to Indiana. The Knicks then fired coach **Tom Thibodeau** and replaced him with **Mike Brown**, who has guided them to seven straight playoff wins, starting with the last three games against Atlanta.

"Our guys tried to take it to another level with their focus on the details and their energy and effort level," Brown said. "That's a lot of the reason why we're playing pretty good basketball."

Game 4 was a laugher from the tip, with the Knicks using the 3-point arc as a starting point for their personal pop-a-shot game.

With Knicks fans on their feet and exclaiming "Deuuuce," McBride hit one, two, three, four — four! — 3-pointers in succession for a 20-6 lead and the Sixers were already on their heels. McBride became the first Knick (since play-by-play tracking began in 1997) to hit four 3s in the first quarter of a playoff game.

Brunson added two in the period (six total) to help make the Knicks 11 of 13, which tied the NBA mark for most makes in a quarter.

The Knicks totaled 18 3s in the first half to score 54 points off the long ball, compared to 57 total for the 76ers. Overall, that was an 81-57 lead and helped power the Knicks toward their first best-of-seven series sweep since the 1999 East semifinals.

"The energy was a big gap between their energy and our energy, I thought," Sixers coach **Nick Nurse** said.

Joel Embiid ended another injury-riddled season with 24 points, **Tyrese Maxey** had 17, and the Sixers still have not advanced out of the second round since 2001.

Wemby ejected, Wolves win

Anthony Edwards had 16 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter to help the Timberwolves even their second-round NBA playoff series against the Spurs with a 114-109 victory in Minneapolis, following the stunning ejection of star **Victor Wembanyama** early in the second quarter of Game 4.

Naz Reid took the fateful elbow to the neck from a frustrated Wembanyama and finished with 15 points and nine rebounds to help the Timberwolves finish strong after some shaky stretches.

Edwards hit a 27-footer to bring the Wolves within 94-91, turning to shout at the crowd for some help down the stretch as the Spurs quickly called timeout. His catch-and-shoot 3-pointer from the wing with 5:12 left put them up, 98-97, their first lead since midway through the third quarter.

Then the big men went to work without Wembanyama patrolling the paint. **Rudy Gobert** got a 3-point play with 3:02 left off a slick feed from Reid, and later threw down a dunk for a 107-101 lead with 1:56 to go after a pass from **Julius Randle**. Gobert had 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Reid's follow shot with 40 seconds left gave the Wolves a 7-point lead, before **Dylan Harper** had a rebound, a drawn foul, a steal, and two free throws to help the Spurs pull within three. **Ayo Dosunmu** sank two foul shots with 9.8 seconds left to put the game out of reach and tie the series, 2-2.

San Antonio hosts Game 5 on Tuesday, with Wembanyama's status to be determined by the league following the Flagrant 2 foul call and automatic ejection he was levied for the excessive contact to Reid.

Mitchell makes his place

Everybody knows the Thunder's depth is the envy of the league and the backbone of their aspirations for a second straight NBA championship.

The next impressive player to rise from the Thunder's bottomless depth is **Ajay Mitchell**, who has seized the spotlight while replacing injured teammate **Jalen Williams** during these playoffs.

After delivering career playoff highs of 24 points and 10 assists with no turnovers in the Thunder's 131-108 victory over the Lakers on Saturday night, the Belgian guard is the latest cog in general manager **Sam Presti's** formidable machine. Perhaps only his teammates aren't surprised.

"Yeah, he's a gamer," MVP **Shai Gilgeous-Alexander** said. "Works super hard. He's never shaken by the moment. It might be a shock to the world, but it's no shock to us. We knew who Ajay Mitchell was the day he stepped foot in our building, and he's just showing it to the world."

The Thunder are unbeaten in the postseason after taking a 3-0 series lead in the second round, seemingly making their advancement to the Western Conference finals a mere formality.

NBA DRAFT LOTTERY

League-worst Wizards secure top choice

By Tim Reynolds
ASSOCIATED PRESS

For Michael Winger, 1 was the loneliest number. For the Washington Wizards, it was the best ping-pong ball.

Let's explain: Winger, the president of Monumental Basketball, was the Wizards' representative inside the sequestered room where the NBA draft lottery was taking place Sunday. The first ball was 4, the second ball was 2.

"I knew it was us," Winger said.

He was right. The third ball — 1 — made it official. The fourth ball was a 13, which meant nothing. The 4-2-1 combination ensured that the Wizards had won the lottery and earned the right to pick No. 1 in next month's draft, a huge step forward for a team that finished with the league's worst record this season.

Winger, Wizards great John Wall, vice president of player personnel Travis Schlenk, coach Brian Keefe, and assistant coach David Vanterpool posed on stage after the lottery ended, all smiles. There haven't been a lot of moments worth smiling about in Wizards-land over the last three years. That may be changing.

"It's our fans that have endured the most," Winger said. "And to me, this No. 1 pick is for them. It's a reward for hanging in there with us. It's a reward to continue to support us despite sometimes really bad basketball. They knew and they supported a multiyear teardown, a multiyear reinvention of the franchise."

It will be Washington's first time with the No. 1 pick since they chose Wall in that spot in 2010. It had a 14 percent chance of winning the No. 1 pick, tied with Brooklyn and Indiana for the best odds. The Wizards had basically a 50-50 chance of getting either a top-four pick or the No. 5 spot.

This was the eighth, and likely final, year of this version of an NBA draft lottery. Framework fell into place last month on changes meant to further discourage tanking, and the league's Board of Governors is expected to ratify that plan in the next few weeks.

Utah will pick No. 2, Memphis will pick No. 3, and Chicago will pick No. 4.

The Los Angeles Clippers got the fifth pick — via a trade with the Pacers — followed by No. 6 Brooklyn, No. 7 Sacramento, No. 8 Atlanta, No. 9 Dallas, No. 10 Milwaukee, No. 11 Golden State, No. 12 Oklahoma City, No. 13 Miami and No. 14 Charlotte.

The draft begins June 23 in New York. The draft combine in Chicago starts Monday.

NBA playoffs



MATT SLOCUM/AP

JALEN BRUNSON
Hit 6 of 10 3-pointers

Eastern Conference

NEW YORK VS. PHILADELPHIA

Knicks win series, 4-0
Monday, May 4
At New York 137.....Philadelphia 98
Wednesday, May 6
At New York 108.....Philadelphia 102
Friday, May 8
New York 108.....at Philadelphia 94
Sunday, May 10
New York 144.....at Philadelphia 114

DETROIT VS. CLEVELAND

Pistons lead series, 2-1
Tuesday, May 5
At Detroit 111.....Cleveland 101
Thursday, May 7
At Detroit 107.....Cleveland 97
Saturday, May 9
At Cleveland 116.....Detroit 109
Schedule
Monday at Cleveland.....8
Wednesday at Detroit.....TBA
*Friday at Cleveland.....TBA
*Sunday at Detroit.....TBA

Western Conference

SAN ANTONIO VS. MINNESOTA

Series tied at 2
Monday, May 4
Minnesota 104...at San Antonio 102
Wednesday, May 6
At San Antonio 133.....Minnesota 95
Friday, May 8
San Antonio 115...at Minnesota 108
Sunday, May 10
At Minnesota 114...San Antonio 109
Schedule
Tuesday at San Antonio.....8
Friday at Minnesota.....TBA
*Sunday at San Antonio.....TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. LA LAKERS

Thunder lead series, 3-0
Tuesday, May 5
At Okla. City 108.....LA Lakers 90
Thursday, May 7
At Okla. City 125.....LA Lakers 107
Saturday, May 9
Okla. City 131.....at LA Lakers 108
Schedule
Monday at LA Lakers.....10:30
*Wednesday at Okla. City.....TBA
*Saturday at LA Lakers.....TBA
*Monday at Oklahoma City.....TBA

* If necessary

KNICKS 144, 76ERS 114

NEW YORK

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Bridges	28	6-10	0-0	1-4	6	1	12
Hart	29	6-10	1-1	1-9	1	0	17
Towns	20	5-7	5-6	2-4	10	5	17
Brunson	28	8-17	0-0	2-4	6	2	22
McBride	29	7-10	4-4	1-4	0	0	25
Dadiet	12	2-4	0-0	0-3	1	0	5
Robinson	16	2-4	2-4	4-6	0	2	6
Clarkson	8	2-3	3-4	1-1	3	2	7
Shamet	11	4-7	0-0	0-0	0	2	12
Hukporti	16	1-4	3-6	2-4	1	5	5
Alvarado	10	3-6	0-0	0-3	1	0	7
Kolek	13	2-5	0-0	0-3	2	1	4
Diawara	9	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Sochan	9	1-1	3-4	1-2	2	1	5
Totals		49-91	21-29	15-47	33	22	144

FG%: .538, FT%: .724. 3-pt. goals: 25-44, .568 (Bridges 0-2, Hart 4-6, Towns 2-3, Brunson 6-10, McBride 7-9, Dadiet 1-1, Shamet 4-6, Hukporti 0-1, Alvarado 1-2, Kolek 0-2, Diawara 0-2). Team turnovers: 11 (10 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Hart, Towns 2, Sochan). Turnovers: 9 (Bridges, Hart, Towns 2, Dadiet, Hukporti, Alvarado, Kolek, Sochan). Steals: 6 (Bridges 3, Hart, McBride, Alvarado).

PHILADELPHIA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
George	27	3-7	0-0	0-1	2	2	7
Oubre Jr.	26	4-6	2-3	1-4	0	0	10
Embiid	28	8-8	6-7	1-5	4	3	24
Edgecombe	30	4-14	0-0	2-6	7	1	8
Maxey	33	6-16	4-6	0-2	4	2	17
Terry	12	3-4	2-5	0-1	3	2	9
Drummond	7	2-4	0-0	2-4	0	5	4
Grimes	16	2-6	0-0	0-0	0	2	6
Edwards	16	3-9	2-2	0-1	1	1	8
Barlow	15	2-3	1-1	0-1	1	1	5
Bona	10	2-2	3-4	1-2	0	1	7
Watford	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	2
Walker	7	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	1	0
Broome	3	3-5	0-0	0-1	1	0	7
Totals		43-86	20-28	7-30	24	23	114

FG%: .500, FT%: .714. 3-pt. goals: 8-35, .229 (George 1-4, Oubre Jr. 0-1, Embiid 2-2, Edgecombe 0-6, Maxey 1-7, Terry 1-1, Grimes 2-5, Edwards 0-6, Broome 1-3). Team turnovers: 10 (23 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Edgecombe, Grimes, Bona). Turnovers: 9 (George 2, Embiid 3, Maxey 2, Terry, Drummond). Steals: 5 (Terry 3, Watford 2). Technicals: .

New York	43	38	41	22	—	144
Philadelphia	24	33	26	31	—	114

A — 19,746 (20,318). T — 2:30. Officials — John Goble, Sean Wright, Nick Buchert.

TIMBERWOLVES 114, SPURS 109

SAN ANTONIO

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Champagnie	30	2-8	4-4	1-5	3	1	8
Vassell	33	6-10	0-0	0-1	3	2	14
Wembanyama	12	2-5	0-0	1-4	1	3	4
Castle	37	8-17	2-3	3-6	4	4	20
Fox	37	8-23	7-10	0-4	3	2	24
K.Johnson	17	2-4	0-1	1-3	1	1	4
Harper	27	8-11	7-7	2-7	1	2	24
Kornet	26	3-4	1-2	5-9	1	2	7
Barnes	9	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	2
Bryant	12	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	3	2
Totals		41-86	21-27	13-41	17	20	109

FG%: .477, FT%: .778. 3-pt. goals: 6-26, .231 (Champagnie 0-5, Vassell 2-5, Wembanyama 0-1, Castle 2-6, Fox 1-7, Harper 1-1, Bryant 0-1). Team turnovers: 14 (19 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Castle, Kornet 2). Turnovers: 14 (Vassell, Wembanyama 2, Castle, Fox, K.Johnson 3, Harper 2, Kornet, Bryant 3). Steals: 13 (Champagnie 2, Vassell 2, Castle, Fox 3, K.Johnson, Harper 3, Kornet). Flagrant fouls: Wembanyama, 8:39/2nd. Ejections: Wembanyama, 8:39/2nd.

MINNESOTA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Randle	38	5-12	0-0	4-8	3	2	12
McDaniels	41	6-15	2-2	2-6	0	4	14
Gobert	30	4-7	3-4	6-13	4	1	11
Dosunmu	30	3-12	3-3	0-5	3	4	10
A.Edwards	40	13-22	7-8	1-6	2	5	36
Shannon	20	3-12	0-0	0-2	2	1	8
Reid	31	6-12	3-3	2-9	4	5	15
Conley	11	2-2	2-2	0-0	2	1	8
Totals		42-94	20-22	15-49	20	23	114

FG%: .447, FT%: .909. 3-pt. goals: 10-27, .370 (Randle 2-4, McDaniels 0-2, Gobert 0-1, Dosunmu 1-4, A.Edwards 3-5, Shannon 2-5, Reid 0-4, Conley 2-2). Team turnovers: 17 (21 pts.). Blocks: 1 (Gobert). Turnovers: 17 (Randle 6, McDaniels, Dosunmu 2, A.Edwards 4, Shannon 2, Reid, Conley). Steals: 5 (Dosunmu 2, A.Edwards, Shannon, Reid).

San Antonio	30	26	28	25	—	109
Minnesota	34	26	20	34	—	114

A — 18,978 (19,356). T — 2:37. Officials — Zach Zarba, James Williams, Brent Barnaky.

Despite big effort from Morrow, Sun lose to Storm

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Storm 89
Sun 82

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Lexie Brown hit five 3-pointers and scored 17 points, Flau'jae Johnson had 16, and the Seattle Storm beat the Sun, 89-82, on Sunday in Connecticut's final home opener at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Jade Melbourne had 15 points and six assists off the bench, and Natisha Hiedeman finished with 11 points for the Storm (1-1). Dominique Malonga was limited to 20 foul-plagued minutes and finished with 7 rebounds, 6 points, 3 blocks, and 2 steals.

Kennedy Burke made a 3-pointer that cut Connecticut's deficit to 80-79 with 3:38 left in the game, but Brown answered with a driving layup to spark an 8-1 run that made it 88-80 with 54 seconds remaining.

Aneesah Morrow had 17 points and a career-high 16 rebounds for the Sun (0-2). Brittney Griner added 16 points, and Diamond Miller 13. Kennedy Burke had 12 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, and 2 blocks.

Hailey Van Lith had 9 points and four assists in 20 minutes off the bench. Van Lith, picked No. 11 by Chicago in the 2025 draft, was waived by the Sky on Monday and signed with Connecticut two days later.

Brown made four 3-pointers in a span of 1:37 to cap a 13-0 run that gave the Storm a 63-54 lead with 3:20 remaining in the third quarter.

The Storm hit 10 3s, had 10 steals, and outscored Connecticut, 25-16, from the free throw line.

NASCAR

Proving he's still king of the road

Van Gisbergen tops at the Glen

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — Shane van Gisbergen insists his NASCAR road-course dominance is harder than it looks, and that he feels "a lot of pressure" to beat the best in stock-car racing.

But the Trackhouse Racing driver was in another league Sunday, schooling the stars of the Cup Series at Watkins Glen International.

Starting from the pole position, van Gisbergen scored his seventh Cup Series victory — all on road or street courses — and his second consecutive on the 2.45-mile track by leading 74 of 100 laps in his No. 97 Chevrolet.

"We weren't very good in practice, and then qualifying was amazing, and then today, what a race car," van Gisbergen said. "And then (crew chief) Stephen (Doran) made great calls. I wasn't sure how it was going to work, and then to run them down like that, it's very, very special to do two in a row."

Pitting from the lead under green with 24 laps remaining, van Gisbergen emerged in 24th and was nearly 30 seconds behind leader Ty Gibbs.

Extending his Cup record of wins by a driver born outside the United States, the New Zealand native needed only 17 laps to retake the lead from Gibbs, winning by 7.288 seconds over Michael McDowell.

"He's made it pretty clear, especially at these tracks, he likes to be on offense, so we put him there and just let him go do his thing," Doran said of the call to make a late stop for four tires instead of pitting earlier and conserving fuel as many others did.

Gibbs finished third, followed by Chase Briscoe and points leader Tyler Reddick.

McDowell, who started second, also had to charge through the pack after falling to 27th on his last pit stop. He occasionally thought he could keep pace with the race winner but soon realized van Gisbergen was playing possum.

"It felt like he was just pacing himself off me, and he'd take back off," McDowell said. "We still got a little work to do, but it's a good building block."

Dating to Mexico City last June, van Gisbergen has now won six of the past seven races on road or street courses.

"It's not easy," van Gisbergen said. "Everyone's really good. McDowell was good. Connor (Zilisch) was good. Tyler Reddick. There were some really good guys and a lot of pressure. So just stoked to execute every facet of our game. And speechless. This is so cool."

The win by van Gisbergen came a day after a win in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Series by rookie teammate Zilisch, who finished 20th Sunday. It was a strong showing for Trackhouse, which qualified all three of its cars in the top five after compiling only four top-10 finishes in the first 11 races.

"Just frustrating because we had a really good day going," Zilisch said. "At worst, we were going to get ourselves our first top five and walk out of here with something. But congrats to Shane, Trackhouse and everybody who makes this happen."

The first May race at Watkins Glen might mark the only time that NASCAR runs the road course in the spring. NASCAR has already announced a September 2027 return to the Glen on a date to be determined. The 2024 race was held Sept. 15, and the other 42 Cup races at Watkins Glen were held in July or August.



LUKE WALKER/GETTY IMAGES

Yurav Premlall shot 63-63 over the weekend to win the Catalunya Championship by 14 shots, one off the record set by Tiger Woods.

GOLF NOTEBOOK

Reitan prevails at Quail Hollow

Snedeker gets first victory since 2018

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Norway's **Kristoffer Reitan** shot 2-under-par 69 on Sunday to earn a two-shot win over **Rickie Fowler** and **Nicolai Hojgaard** at the Truist Championship for his first victory on the PGA Tour.

Reitan, who chose golf over soccer at a young age, won twice previously on the European tour. He finished at 15-under 269.

"This feeling is just unreal," Reitan said.

Alex Fitzpatrick, the third-round leader, finished three shots back after shooting 73.

Reitan, a PGA Tour rookie who started the round one shot behind Fitzpatrick, was even par for the day after 13 holes and one shot behind Fowler, who surged to the lead after shooting 30 on the front nine in Charlotte, N.C.

But Fowler, who started the day seven shots behind, couldn't sustain the momentum.

Playing four groups ahead of the leaders, Fowler missed a 6-foot birdie putt on 16, opening the door for Reitan, Fitzpatrick, and Hojgaard to pull into a four-way tie for the lead after all three made birdie.

Fowler had a chance down the stretch, but his approach shot on the 18th hole landed in the thick rough on the left side of the green and his chip came out short leading to bogey, all but ending his chances.

He finished with a round of 65.

Reitan took the lead for good with a two-putt birdie on 15 after Fitzpatrick's wedge got caught up in the thick rough and his chip barely made the fringe, leading to a costly par on the par 5.

Hojgaard made bogey on 16 to fall two shots back.

Fitzpatrick made a double bogey on 17.

Reitan played the final three holes in even par and secured the win with a par on 18.

Snedeker ends drought

Brandt Snedeker poured in the birdies on the back nine and closed with a 5-under 66 to win the Myrtle Beach Classic for his first PGA Tour title since 2018, earning a spot in the PGA Championship.

And now the Presidents Cup captain will get a closer look at his American players the rest of the year. The victory should get him into high-profile tournaments the 45-year-old might not have been expecting.

Snedeker drove into the right trees on the 18th hole at Dunes Golf and Beach Club, pitched out to the fairway, and two-putted from 30 feet for bogey.

"I feel amazing," said Snedeker, whose last win was Wyndham Championship in 2018. "I feel so lucky to still be out here still doing what I love to do. To have a chance to win a golf tournament at my age and to be able to pull it out is something super special. I'm just so pumped."

Mark Hubbard, seeking his first PGA Tour win in his 274th start, missed a 25-foot par putt on the 18th to force a playoff. He shot 70.

Snedeker finished at 18-under 266 for his 10th career PGA Tour victory.

Beau Hossler (68) and **Kevin Roy** (69) tied for third, two shots behind.

Premlall wins in a rout

Yurav Premlall, an unheralded South African ranked No. 598, capped one of the most extraordinary performances in European tour history by winning the Catalunya Championship by 14 shots — one off the all-time biggest margin of victory set by **Tiger Woods** at the 2000 US Open at Pebble Beach, which is the record both the PGA Tour and European tour.

The 22-year-old Premlall made 10 birdies to shoot a second straight round of 9-under 63 this weekend and finish on 28 under for the tournament.

Shaun Norris shot 68 and was second on 14 under.

Thitikul prevails in N.J.

Jeeno Thitikul fought off one final challenge and pulled away with a pair of late birdies for a 3-under 69 to win the Mizuho Americas Open by four shots over **Ruoning Yin**, giving the Thai player her second LPGA Tour victory this year.

Thitikul was staked to a two-shot lead at the start of the final round. Yin managed to rally from four back to get within one shot.

The turning point came on the par-3 16th hole, a two-shot swing when Thitikul made birdie and Yin took a bogey. That turned into a three-shot lead, and Thitikul added a birdie on the final hole at Mountain Ridge.

Yin shot a 69 to finish alone in second.

Herbert takes LIV title

Lucas Herbert capped off a wire-to-wire win at LIV Golf Virginia by closing with a 3-under 69 for a four-shot victory over **Sergio Garcia** at Trump National. Not only was it the first LIV Golf win for Herbert, the Australian moved up to No. 3 on the points list and earned a spot in the US Open. Garcia shot 70 and was runner-up, while **Bryson DeChambeau** closed with a 66 to finish third . . . **Boo Weekley** took advantage of a double bogey on the 17th hole by **Ernie Els** and closed with a 3-under 69 for a three-shot victory in the Insperity Invitational for his first title on the PGA Tour Champions.



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Jeeno Thitikul picked up her second LPGA title of the season.

Scoreboard

Baseball

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Worcester	21	15	.583	—
Syracuse	20	17	.541	1½
Scranton/W.-Barre	19	17	.528	2
Charlotte	19	19	.500	3
Jacksonville	19	19	.500	3
Lehigh Valley	19	19	.500	3
Rochester	19	19	.500	3
Buffalo	18	20	.474	4
Durham	15	23	.395	7
Norfolk	14	24	.368	8

WEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Gwinnett	24	14	.632	—
Memphis	24	14	.632	—
Louisville	23	15	.605	1
Toledo	20	18	.526	4
St. Paul	19	18	.514	4½
Columbus	19	19	.500	5
Nashville	19	19	.500	5
Iowa	18	19	.486	5½
Omaha	16	21	.432	7½
Indianapolis	15	23	.395	9

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Scranton/W.-Barre 3, at Worcester 2
Rochester 8, at Syracuse 5
At Norfolk 4, Gwinnett 1
Nashville 8, at Louisville 0
Round Rock 3, at Durham 2
Buffalo 11, at Lehigh Valley 2
Omaha 9, at Indianapolis 0
Memphis 8, at Toledo 1
At Jacksonville 6, Charlotte 1
Columbus 9, at Iowa 4
St. Paul 4, at Las Vegas 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Scranton/W.-Barre (ppd.), at Worcester
Rochester 7, at Syracuse 4
At Iowa 13, Columbus 6
At Toledo 13, Memphis 6
At Indianapolis 2, Omaha 1
Buffalo 9, at Lehigh Valley 7
At Jacksonville 6, Charlotte 5
Gwinnett 11, at Norfolk 3
Round Rock 5, at Durham 3
At Louisville 10, Nashville 8
Omaha 4, at Indianapolis 1
St. Paul 13, at Las Vegas 8

Scranton/W-B, 3-2

At Polar Park, Worcester

SCRANTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Lombard 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.176
Volpe ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.205
Luciano 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.286
Fernandez rf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.254
Sanchez c	3	1	2	1	1	0	.282
Ornelas lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.329
Henry dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	.261
Martinez 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.248
Corona cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.083
Totals	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**3**	**6**	

WORCESTER	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Sogard 1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.258
Eaton cf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.273
Romero 2b	4	0	1	1	1	1	.211
Campbell dh	4	0	0	0	1	2	.267
Seigler 3b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.305
Castro rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.190
Cheng ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.227
Delay c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.242
Ward lf	3	1	2	1	0	1	.299
Totals	**32**	**2**	**10**	**2**	**6**	**12**	

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LOB—Scranton/Wilkes-Barre 6, Worcester 11. **2B**—Ward 2, Romero, Delay, Sogard. **HR**—Fernandez, Sanchez. **SB**—Ward 3. **CS**—Seigler, Castro, Cheng. **DP**—SWB 2; WOR 2.

Scrantn/W-B	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez	4⅔	6	1	1	2	6	1.38
Watson	1⅓	1	0	0	0	0	4.32
Hanner	1⅔	1	0	0	1	5	2.00
Cruz	⅓	2	1	1	2	1	2.25
Messinger	1	0	0	0	1	0	4.37

Worcester	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gamboa	5	4	1	1	0	4	5.00
Anderson	1⅓	2	2	2	3	1	5.12
Guerrero	2⅔	1	0	0	0	1	1.69

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EASTERN LEAGUE

NORTHEAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New Hampshire	20	9	.690	—
Reading	15	16	.484	6
Somerset	15	17	.469	6½
Hartford	14	16	.467	6½
Portland	13	18	.419	8
Binghamton	10	21	.323	11

SOUTHWEST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Richmond	24	7	.774	—
Erie	18	14	.563	6½
Akron	17	15	.531	7½
Harrisburg	16	15	.516	8
Chesapeake	14	17	.452	10
Altoona	10	21	.323	14

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

At Portland 12, New Hampshire 4
Hartford 5, at Binghamton 2
At Harrisburg 5, Erie 3
Altoona 9, at Chesapeake 3
At Richmond 6, Akron 0
Hartford 5, at Binghamton 0
At Reading 6, Somerset 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

New Hampshire (ppd.), at Portland
Hartford (ppd.), at Binghamton
At Harrisburg 6, Erie 5
Altoona 7, at Chesapeake 1
At Reading 5, Somerset 1
Akron 12, at Richmond 5

Portland, 12-4

At Delta Dental Park at Hadlock Field, Portland, Maine

N.H.	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Pinto 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Nimmala ss	2	0	1	0	0	1	.381
Micheletti lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.262
Bohrofen rf	4	1	2	2	0	1	.259
Keys dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.311
Parker c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.288
Arias cf	4	2	2	1	0	1	.286
Harry lf-ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.314
Burgos 1b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.226
Goodwin 3b	2	1	1	0	1	1	.236
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**1**	**10**	

PORTLAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Arias ss	5	3	4	2	0	0	.366
Turner rf	3	2	1	1	1	2	.227
Baez c	3	3	1	2	2	0	.237
Brannon 1b	4	1	4	5	1	0	.359
Bleis dh	5	0	1	1	0	0	.167
McDonogh 2b	4	0	1	1	1	2	.184
Taylor cf	3	2	0	0	2	2	.094
Rose lf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Liendo 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.163
Totals	**36**	**12**	**13**	**12**	**7**	**8**	

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LOB—New Hampshire 3, Portland 8. **2B**—Goodwin, Arias, Arias 2, Brannon 2, Turner, Baez. **HR**—Arias, Bohrofen, Brannon. **SB**—Taylor 2, Bleis. **CS**—Nimmala. **DP**—N.H. 1; POR 1.

N Hampshire	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wentworth	3	2	5	4	4	2	6.10
Rojas	1⅓	2	0	0	0	2	4.50
Marozas	1	3	5	5	2	1	5.19
Peterson	1⅓	2	2	2	1	2	4.82
Munson	1⅓	4	0	0	0	1	0.00

Portland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eyanson	4	3	1	1	1	4	2.25
Paez	3	4	3	3	0	2	5.87
Sansone	2	1	0	0	0	4	3.09

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SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE

NORTH

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Greensboro	20	12	.625	—
Frederick	18	13	.581	1½
Hudson Valley	17	14	.548	2½
Wilmington	17	14	.548	2½
Jersey Shore	15	16	.484	4½
Brooklyn	8	23	.258	11½

SOUTH

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Bowling Green	21	11	.656	—
Winston-Salem	18	14	.563	3
Rome	17	15	.531	4
Hub City	16	15	.516	4½
Greenville	14	18	.438	7
Asheville	8	24	.250	13

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

At Greensboro 14, Greenville 11
Rome 17, at Asheville 4
At Bowling Green 5, Brooklyn 4
At Hudson Valley 5, Winston-Salem 2
At Frederick 9, Jersey Shore 1
Wilmington 9, at Hub City 3

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

At Greensboro 10, Greenville 4
At Hub City 4, Wilmington 2
At Bowling Green 7, Brooklyn 6
At Hudson Valley 8, Winston-Salem 1
Jersey Shore 10, at Frederick 5
Rome 17, at Asheville 13
At Bowling Green 6, Brooklyn 5

CAROLINA LEAGUE

NORTH

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Fredericksburg	22	10	.688	—
Hill City	18	14	.563	4
Wilson	15	17	.469	7
Salem	14	18	.438	8
Delmarva	13	19	.406	9
Fayetteville	12	20	.375	10

SOUTH

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charleston	20	12	.625	—
Hickory	17	14	.548	2½
Myrtle Beach	16	15	.516	3½
Augusta	16	16	.500	4
Columbia	15	17	.469	5
Kannapolis	13	19	.406	7

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

At Salem 13, Delmarva 3
At Kannapolis 3, Columbia 2
Fredericksburg 11, at Hill City 4
At Augusta 7, Charleston 3
At Fayetteville 7, Wilson 6
Myrtle Beach (ppd.), at Hickory

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

At Salem 7, Delmarva 4
At Augusta 7, Charleston 6
Fredericksburg 7, at Hill City 3
Columbia 5, at Kannapolis 2
Wilson 8, at Fayetteville 6
Myrtle Beach (ppd.), at Hickory

Golf

PGA: MYRTLE BEACH

At Dunes Golf & Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Yardage: 7,347; par: 71

Brandt Snedeker	67-66-67-66–266	-18
Mark Hubbard	66-67-64-70–267	-17
Beau Hossler	68-68-64-68–268	-16
Kevin Roy	68-66-65-69–268	-16
Aaron Rai	65-67-66-71–269	-15
C. Bezuidenhout	67-67-68-68–270	-14
Eric Cole	69-69-65-67–270	-14
Tom Kim	69-68-66-67–270	-14
Blades Brown	69-69-66-67–271	-13
Mac Meissner	67-69-64-71–271	-13
Brooks Koepka	68-70-64-70–272	-12
Paul Peterson	66-70-71-65–272	-12
Zecheng Dou	71-68-65-69–273	-11
Lanto Griffin	70-69-67-67–273	-11
Keita Nakajima	65-72-65-71–273	-11
Davis Thompson	70-68-69-66–273	-11
Taylor Moore	68-67-71-68–274	-10
Sam Ryder	68-68-69-69–274	-10
Austin Eckroat	67-70-68-70–275	-9
Patrick Fishburn	69-71-67-68–275	-9
Brice Garnett	75-66-65-69–275	-9
Doug Ghim	68-69-69-69–275	-9
Jackson Suber	69-70-69-67–275	-9
Z. Bauchou	71-69-71-65–276	-8
Nick Dunlap	69-72-66-69–276	-8
R. Hojgaard	71-69-68-68–276	-8
Matt Kuchar	70-69-69-68–276	-8
David Skinns	73-69-67-67–276	-8
Hayden Springer	70-71-69-66–276	-8
Karl Vilips	68-67-71-70–276	-8
A. D. D. Chassart	71-70-69-67–277	-7
Max Greyserman	70-71-70-66–277	-7
Petr Hruby	68-74-68-67–277	-7
Johnny Keefer	72-70-66-69–277	-7
Ben Kohles	68-70-70-69–277	-7
Pontus Nyholm	70-70-66-71–277	-7
John Parry	68-68-70-71–277	-7
Steven Fisk	70-72-66-70–278	-6
Casey Jarvis	67-73-68-70–278	-6
Takumi Kanaya	68-68-69-73–278	-6
Neal Shipley	73-67-70-68–278	-6
Jimmy Stanger	71-71-66-70–278	-6
Erik van Rooyen	72-69-65-72–278	-6
Danny Walker	70-72-67-69–278	-6
Chan Kim	70-71-65-73–279	-5
Justin Lower	69-72-67-71–279	-5
Davis Riley	67-70-70-72–279	-5
Ryan Ruffels	67-70-72-70–279	-5
Adam Svensson	67-75-69-68–279	-5
Camilo Villegas	72-69-69-69–279	-5
Danny Willett	72-70-68-69–279	-5
Grayson Wood	73-67-70-69–279	-5
Connor Doyal	73-69-71-67–280	-4
Adam Hadwin	67-71-72-70–280	-4
Rico Hoey	71-69-71-69–280	-4
Billy Horschel	71-66-67-76–280	-4
Peter Malnati	68-68-71-73–280	-4
Marcelo Rozo	72-69-68-71–280	-4
Kevin Yu	70-68-73-69–280	-4
Zac Blair	70-69-71-71–281	-3
Luke Clanton	70-70-70-71–281	-3
C. Lamprecht	70-72-68-71–281	-3
Seamus Power	68-72-72-69–281	-3
J. VanDerLaan	66-73-70-72–281	-3
Kensei Hirata	70-71-69-72–282	-2
Martin Laird	64-75-72-71–282	-2
Trace Crowe	71-70-68-74–283	-1
Cam Davis	70-71-71-71–283	-1
Garrick Higgo	70-71-70-72–283	-1
Joe Highsmith	70-69-71-73–283	-1
Lee Hodges	72-69-71-71–283	-1
Brendon Todd	69-73-70-71–283	-1
Carson Young	70-71-71-71–283	-1
Hank Lebioda	68-70-72-74–284	E
Tyler Collet	69-73-71-75–288	+4
Troy Merritt	71-69-68-80–288	+4

LPGA: MIZUHO AMERICAS

At Mountain Ridge Country Club, Passaic, N.J.
Yardage: 6,735; par: 72

Atthaya Thitikul	67-69-70-69–275	-13
Ruoning Yin	70-72-68-69–279	-9
Jenny Bae	73-72-69-66–280	-8
Hye-Jin Choi	68-75-66-71–280	-8
Alison Lee	73-72-66-69–280	-8
Gaby Lopez	71-71-69-69–280	-8
Allisen Corpuz	71-73-66-72–282	-6
Jenny Shin	74-70-67-71–282	-6
Celine Boutier	73-68-67-75–283	-5
Erika Hara	70-75-69-69–283	-5
Angel Yin	70-72-74-67–283	-5
Megan Khang	71-73-72-68–284	-4
Jennifer Kupcho	70-69-74-71–284	-4
Hannah Green	69-73-68-75–285	-3
Minami Katsu	70-74-73-68–285	-3
Polly Mack	69-75-72-69–285	-3
Hae-Ran Ryu	72-70-72-71–285	-3
Lydia Ko	67-75-73-71–286	-2
Mao Saigo	72-72-71-71–286	-2
Perrine Delacour	71-75-73-68–287	-1
Melanie Green	72-70-71-74–287	-1
Grace Kim	72-73-71-71–287	-1
Miyu Yamashita	74-71-72-70–287	-1
Ina Yoon	74-70-71-72–287	-1
Na Rin An	70-73-76-69–288	E
P. Anannarukarn	72-74-70-72–288	E
Saki Baba	72-75-72-69–288	E
Helen Briem	71-75-73-69–288	E
Auston Kim	71-73-73-71–288	E
Alexa Pano	71-73-71-73–288	E
Julia Ramirez	74-70-74-70–288	E
Maja Stark	73-72-71-72–288	E
Rose Zhang	72-75-70-71–288	E
Amari Avery	74-72-72-71–289	+1
Linn Grant	70-74-72-73–289	+1
Youmin Hwang	71-74-71-73–289	+1
Yana Wilson	74-73-71-71–289	+1
Arpichaya Yubol	74-68-74-73–289	+1
Robyn Choi	71-73-73-73–290	+2
Karis Davidson	72-73-72-73–290	+2
B. Matthews	68-72-74-76–290	+2
Wei-Ling Hsu	74-70-71-76–291	+3
Gina Kim	69-78-74-70–291	+3
Yu Liu	71-73-74-73–291	+3
N. Andrea Oon	73-74-71-74–292	+4
Laetitia Beck	73-73-74-72–292	+4
Chella Choi	71-74-73-74–292	+4
Cassie Porter	72-72-77-71–292	+4
J. Suwannapura	71-75-74-72–292	+4
Aditi Ashok	73-73-70-77–293	+5
MinJi Kang	70-75-77-71–293	+5
Lindy Duncan	72-72-75-75–294	+6
Jin Young Ko	72-75-73-74–294	+6
Ingrid Lindblad	71-76-74-74–295	+7
Ryann O'Toole	75-72-71-77–295	+7
Andrea Lee	66-79-77-74–296	+8
Gurleen Kaur	73-74-76-74–297	+9
M. Sagstrom	74-72-74-79–299	+11

PGA: TRUIST

At Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.
Yardage: 7,583; par: 71

Kristoffer Reitan	66-70-64-69–269	-15
Rickie Fowler	74-63-69-65–271	-13
Nicolai Hojgaard	66-70-67-68–271	-13
Alex Fitzpatrick	67-68-64-73–272	-12
T. Fleetwood	67-67-70-69–273	-11
Sungjae Im	64-69-70-70–273	-11
J.J. Spaun	69-70-65-69–273	-11
Ludvig Aberg	69-69-70-66–274	-10
Harry Hall	66-72-69-67–274	-10
Patrick Cantlay	72-68-66-69–275	-9
Matt McCarty	63-74-68-70–275	-9
Cameron Young	68-70-63-74–275	-9
Justin Thomas	67-68-69-72–276	-8
Chris Gotterup	72-71-65-69–277	-7
Min Woo Lee	72-69-72-64–277	-7
Nick Taylor	66-73-68-70–277	-7
Alex Smalley	75-69-68-66–278	-6
Gary Woodland	71-70-68-69–278	-6
Keegan Bradley	69-69-74-67–279	-5
Kurt Kitayama	72-67-66-74–279	-5
Rory McIlroy	70-67-75-67–279	-5
A. Smotherman	73-69-71-66–279	-5
S. Yellamaraju	71-69-69-70–279	-5
Pierceson Coody	73-70-71-66–280	-4
Harris English	68-69-73-70–280	-4
David Lipsky	67-69-71-73–280	-4
Andrew Novak	73-71-67-69–280	-4
J.T. Poston	73-69-67-71–280	-4
Patrick Rodgers	69-71-73-67–280	-4
Adam Scott	76-69-66-69–280	-4
Corey Conners	67-72-70-72–281	-3
Nico Echavarria	73-67-70-71–281	-3
Tony Finau	67-72-71-71–281	-3
Brian Harman	74-69-69-69–281	-3
Viktor Hovland	69-73-69-70–281	-3
Alex Noren	71-72-68-70–281	-3
Akshay Bhatia	68-70-74-70–282	-2
Sam Burns	74-69-75-64–282	-2
Bud Cauley	72-72-65-73–282	-2
Lucas Glover	68-72-68-74–282	-2
M. McNealy	75-69-71-67–282	-2
Taylor Pendrith	71-71-70-70–282	-2
Andrew Putnam	71-72-68-71–282	-2
Matt Wallace	71-71-69-71–282	-2
Daniel Berger	71-74-68-70–283	-1
Ryo Hisatsune	73-70-68-72–283	-1
Justin Rose	71-70-72-70–283	-1
Michael Kim	69-72-72-71–284	E
Denny McCarthy	72-75-69-68–284	E
Aldrich Potgieter	74-73-69-68–284	E
Webb Simpson	75-70-70-69–284	E
C. Blanchet	73-69-70-73–285	+1
Jacob Bridgeman	69-70-68-78–285	+1
Brian Campbell	72-72-71-70–285	+1
Matt Fitzpatrick	74-70-69-72–285	+1
Max Homa	73-70-72-70–285	+1
M. Hughes	71-75-73-66–285	+1
Jordan Spieth	71-71-68-75–285	+1
Jhonattan Vegas	68-76-69-72–285	+1
Ricky Castillo	68-74-69-75–286	+2
R. MacIntyre	74-70-69-73–286	+2
X. Schauffele	69-73-72-72–286	+2
Ben Griffin	69-73-75-70–287	+3
Sepp Straka	66-73-73-75–287	+3
Ryan Gerard	71-72-76-69–288	+4
Si Woo Kim	70-73-71-74–288	+4
Ryan Fox	73-76-69-72–290	+6
Jason Day	75-69-72-75–291	+7
Sahith Theegala	72-71-72-77–292	+8
Sam Stevens	74-75-70-74–293	+9
H. Matsuyama	72-75-72-76–295	+11
Tom Hoge	70-73-76-78–297	+13

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Yurav Premlall	70-64-63-63–260	-28
Shaun Norris	64-74-68-68–274	-14
A. Del Rey	70-69-68-68–275	-13
O. Guillamndgy	67-72-69-67–275	-13
JC Ritchie	71-64-69-71–275	-13
K. Aphibarnrat	73-66-67-70–276	-12
Dan Bradbury	70-68-69-69–276	-12
R. Cabrera Bello	70-71-69-66–276	-12
Kazuma Kobori	71-70-68-67–276	-12
Martin Couvra	68-69-71-69–277	-11
Oliver Lindell	71-71-65-70–277	-11
E. Lopez-Chacarr	69-71-67-70–277	-11
Ricardo Gouveia	67-68-71-72–278	-10
Stefano Mazzoli	66-67-69-76–278	-10
Paul Waring	70-69-71-68–278	-10
B. Wiesberger	69-68-70-71–278	-10
L. Bjerregaard	66-67-72-74–279	-9
Adam Blomme	70-71-71-67–279	-9
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J. Lagergren	69-70-71-69–279	-9
David Law	65-71-69-74–279	-9
Eddie Pepperell	70-68-73-68–279	-9
Richie Ramsay	72-68-70-69–279	-9
Antoine Rozner	68-73-69-69–279	-9
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Ugo Coussaud	69-69-72-70–280	-8
Nacho Elvira	70-68-71-71–280	-8
Ewen Ferguson	65-76-70-69–280	-8
A. Garcia-Heredi	71-69-70-70–280	-8
Jayden Schaper	72-70-68-70–280	-8
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A. Halvorsen	69-69-71-72–281	-7
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Yuvraj Sandhu	68-72-72-69–281	-7
Tom Vaillant	67-74-71-69–281	-7
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Y. Katsuragawa	67-71-73-71–282	-6
M. Schneider	73-67-71-71–282	-6
Jason Scrivener	70-72-67-73–282	-6
Jack Senior	69-67-73-73–282	-6
Sam Bairstow	70-72-73-68–283	-5
Albin Bergstrom	69-71-72-71–283	-5
Rikuya Hoshino	70-70-69-74–283	-5
Yannik Paul	69-71-71-72–283	-5
David Ravetto	69-69-76-69–283	-5
Daniel Rodrigues	70-71-71-71–283	-5
Hugo Townsend	70-68-72-73–283	-5
Jeff Winther	71-66-72-74–283	-5
Filippo Celli	71-71-71-71–284	-4
Ross Fisher	69-72-72-71–284	-4
Niklas Norgaard	73-69-70-72–284	-4
Adri Arnaus	71-70-71-73–285	-3
M. Baldwin	68-72-68-77–285	-3
Scott Jamieson	71-71-74-69–285	-3
Marcus Kinhult	72-70-72-71–285	-3
R. P. R. Taylor	71-71-76-67–285	-3
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J. Kruyswijk	70-68-75-73–286	-2
Jovan Rebula	70-69-71-76–286	-2
Quim Vidal	70-72-71-73–286	-2
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Dylan Naidoo	69-72-70-76–287	-1
Jack Yule	69-71-72-75–287	-1
Gregorio De Leo	70-71-76-72–289	+1
Michael Hollick	66-76-74-73–289	+1
Tobias Jonsson	67-74-71-77–289	+1
R. Langasque	70-71-78-70–289	+1
Callum Tarren	71-71-73-74–289	+1
Zander Lombard	68-71-74-78–291	+3
S. Kaewkanjana	70-71-76-77–294	+6
James Morrison	68-74-78-74–294	+6

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Boo Weekley	66-66-69-201	-15
Ernie Els	67-66-71-204	-12
Darren Clarke	68-69-68-205	-11
Charlie Wi	67-68-70-205	-11
Stewart Cink	68-68-70-206	-10
Zach Johnson	68-68-70-206	-10
M. Angel Jimenez	69-67-71-207	-9
Steve Flesch	71-68-69-208	-8
Tommy Gainey	68-68-72-208	-8
Retief Goosen	69-68-71-208	-8
Richard Green	66-72-70-208	-8
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DELANEY, Arthur M.

Of Danvers, age 94, died May 8, 2026. Son of the late Dennis and Margaret (Fitzpatrick) Delaney; he was the husband of the late Muriel (O'Shea) Delaney. A retired probation officer in Salem and Haverhill District Courts, he leaves his children, William Delaney and his wife, Mary of Beverly, Kathleen Duggan and her husband, Greg Heppner of Wenham, Thomas Delaney and his wife, Brenda of Danvers, Frank Delaney and his wife, Kelly of Danvers and Michael Delaney and his wife, Caroline of Manchester, NH; 17 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers, Rev. Francis Delaney and Joseph Delaney. Funeral Mass on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10AM, in Saint Richard's Church, 90 Forest St., Danvers. Burial will follow in Annunciation Cemetery, Danvers. Visiting Hours are Tuesday, from 4-7PM, in C.R. Lyons & Sons Funeral Directors, 28 Elm St., DANVERS SQUARE. In lieu of flowers, donations in Arthur's memory may be made to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Danvers, MA 01923. For full obituary or to share a message of condolence, please visit www.LyonsFuneral.com

KULEVICH, Barbara Catherine (Prosper)



Age 91, of Marblehead, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, after a brief illness. A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, nurse, and faithful member of Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Barbara dedicated her life to caring for others through her work at Salem Hospital and All Care Visiting Nurse Association. She shared 67 loving years of marriage with her husband, Alexander "Alex" Kulevich Jr., and is survived by her eight children, 20 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m., at Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Marblehead.

MEDVIN, Tobie Weinstein

Passed away on May 7, 2026, after a long illness. She is survived by her son, Michael Medvin; her sister, Judie Weinstein Nielsen; her nieces and nephews, Stephanie, Sarah, Erica, Andrew, and Jake; and her stepsister and stepbrothers, Sandy, Michael, Rob, and Rich. Tobie was predeceased by her husband, Mark Medvin; her brother, Jeffrey Weinstein; and her parents, Sidney Weinstein and Leila Weinstein Becker.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 11:45 a.m. at Sharon Memorial Park. For full obituary visit BrezniakFD.com

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PACIONE, Mary L.

A lifelong resident of Newton, Mary L. Pacione passed away Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the age of 84. Born in Newton, she was the beloved daughter of the late Ferdinando and Mary (Guzzi) Pacione; and dear sister Joseph A. Pacione of Newton, and the late Francis, Philomena and Ferdinand Pacione. She is also survived by sister-in-law, Mary Pacione, of Florida; and is the loving aunt to Anthony and Mayte Pacione, and their children Gabriel and Sienna of Old Tappan, NJ, Matthew and Stephanie Pacione, and their children, Rocco and Analisa of Camas, WA, Nancy Clarke and her husband Tom of Newton, Helen Ackerson and her husband Richard of Needham, Margaret Miller of Andover and the late Lisa Pacione; and the cousin of Joseph A. Guzzi and his wife Cathy of Weston.

A graduate of St. Bernard High School in West Newton, and Emmanuel College, Mary went on to earn her Master's Degree from Boston State College and Doctorate of Education from MIT. She was an educator in the Natick Public School System for 33 years, teaching at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10AM, in Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish, West Newton, followed by Interment in Newton Cemetery. Visitation will be immediately prior to the Mass, from 8:30-9:45AM, in the Burke & Blackington Funeral Home, WEST NEWTON.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Lisa M. Pacione Scholarship Fund at St. Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, NH 03201-1310.

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REICHARD, John F., MD



Boston-area Psychiatrist

Age 100, of Chestnut Hill, MA, died of natural causes, on April 21, 2026. Full obituary at www.legacy.com/person/John-Francis-Reichard-MD-61319026

SILVA, Patricia C. (Husselbee)



Of Medford, May 7. Beloved mother of James F. Silva Jr. and his late partner, Peter J. Stone. Dear sister of the late Donald Husselbee, the late Ruth Murray and the late Lorraine Runcie. She was the loving aunt of Skippy Murray, Donna Runcie, John Runcie, Bobby Runcie, Diane Runcie-Carpenter and the late Donny Murray. Best friend of Anette Scoppa. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, 306 Main St., MEDFORD, on Wednesday, May 20, from 9 to 11 AM, followed by a Funeral Mass celebrated in St. Clement Church, 71 Warner St., Medford, at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in Patricia's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 or the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701. To leave a message of condolence, please visit www.dellorusso.net

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STEVENSON, Scott Robert



Of Hingham, died peacefully on April 30, 2026, at the age of 77. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Alexsandra (Kott) Stevenson.

He was the son of the late James and Rose Stevenson; and leaves family, Robin, Mark, Leslie, Paul, Susan, Robert, Jeanie; nieces, a nephew and the many friends he held dear.

An exceptional public speaker, attorney by profession, enthusiastic gifted singer, and a true lover of all life has to offer, Scott touched the lives of many.

Per his wishes, no services are planned, but he hoped those who knew him well will remember him while enjoying a good walk outdoors. See www.Keohane.com for online condolences.

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TERRY, Phillip



Phillip was a devoted husband to the late Roslyn (Wilson) Terry. He was the loving father of Kymberly D. Terry of Milton and Glen Lee, Sr. (Mary) of Indianapolis. He was also the proud grandfather of Austin and Kennedy Moore of Milton, Andrew Craig, Fiona Lee, Shafaun Lee, all of Indianapolis and Sarah Lee and Glen Lee, Jr. of Los Angeles. He leaves a host of relatives, friends, and colleagues to mourn his passing. Phillip was an avid golfer, traveler and he loved to read. He worked at U.S. Airways and Allegheny Airlines for more than 30 years.

Funeral on Thursday, May 14, at 11AM, at Twelfth Baptist Church, 160 Warren St., Roxbury. Visiting with the family at 10AM, at the church, followed by Masonic Burial at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be in Milton Cemetery. To post a sympathy message, visit https://www.davisofboston.com/obituary/Phillip-Terry

WENGEFELD, Joanne D.



Age 87, formerly of Walpole, MA, passed away peacefully, on January 1, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of creativity, kindness, and quiet strength. Though she faced many hardships, she carried a remarkable love for life. She met each challenge with resilience, grace, and a quiet determination. Her strength never dimmed her warmth; instead, it deepened her compassion and her ability to find joy in simple, everyday moments.

Joanne was predeceased by her husband, Eugene Schnell; her parents, Antonette and Marco Pedicini; and her sister, Rosalie. She was the beloved mother of Linda and her husband, Stan Mertz of Whitinsville, Lee-Ann and her husband, Rich McSweeney of Uxbridge and Eugene Schnell and his wife, Monika of Baltimore, MD. Her two grandsons, Richard McSweeney of Arkansas and Eugene Schnell of Washington, D.C., were the light of her life. Her family was her greatest joy, and her legacy of love will live on in their hearts. Joanne lived a life marked by love, generosity, and resilience. Her spirit endures in the lives she touched, the art she created, and the gardens she lovingly tended. She will be deeply missed.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 15, at 10:30 am, in St. Timothy Church, 650 Nichols St., Norwood. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of one's choice. Guestbook and complete obituary, at www.lawlerfuneralhome.com

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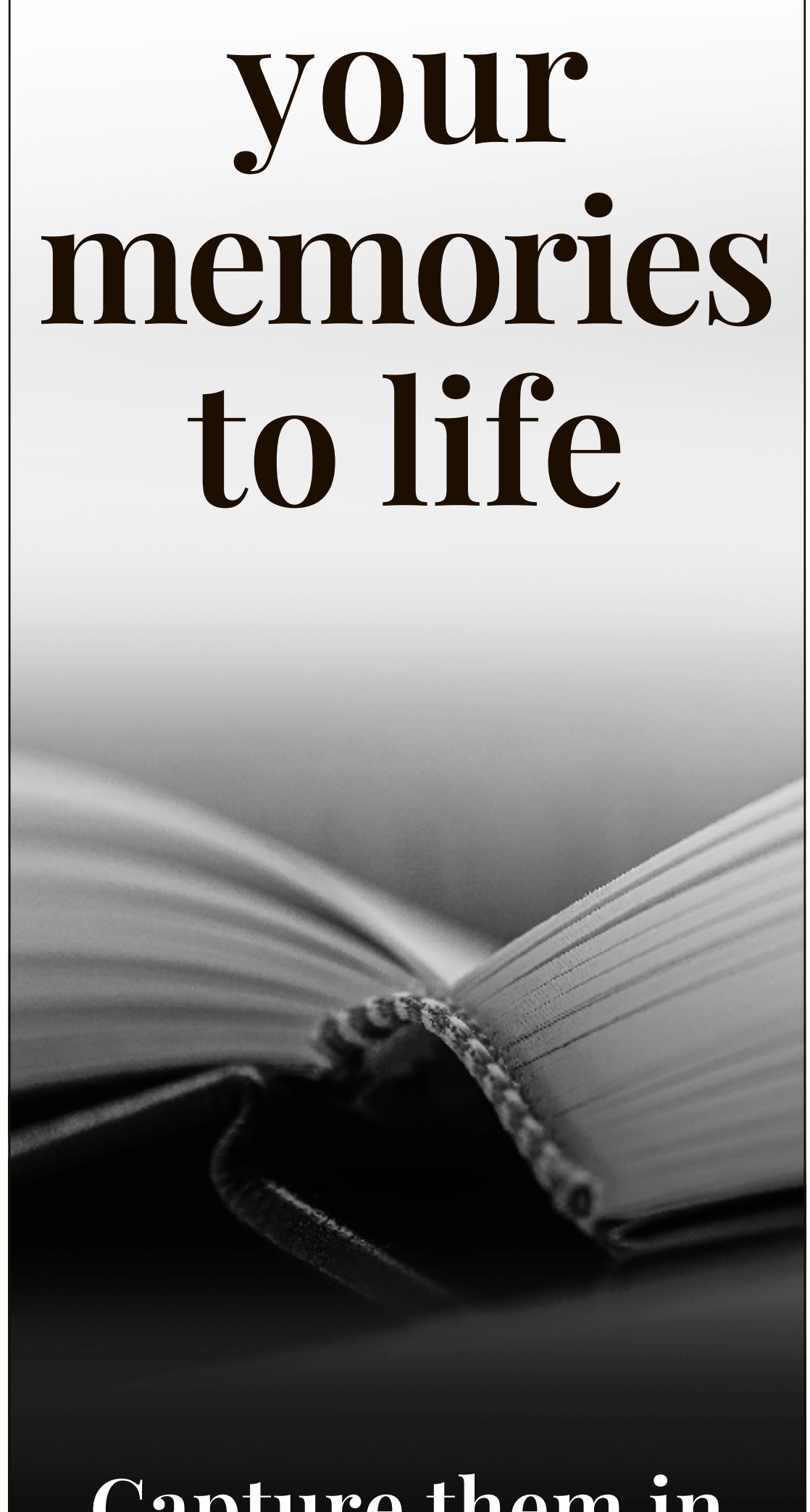
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Obituaries

Bobby Cox, Hall of Fame manager for Braves; at 84

By Matt Schudel
WASHINGTON POST

Bobby Cox, who won more than 2,500 games during a Hall of Fame career as one of baseball's greatest managers, mostly with the Atlanta Braves, died Saturday at his home in Marietta, Ga. He was 84.

The cause was complications from a long illness, according to the Braves.

In a post on X, the team called him "the best manager to ever wear a Braves uniform."

Mr. Cox, a laconic, old-school manager whose ability to lead teams to victory year after year could be a mystery to outsiders, spent 29 years at the helm of big league teams, including 25 years with the Braves, in two stints separated by almost a decade.

He won the manager of the year award four times — once with the Toronto Blue Jays and three times in Atlanta — and his Braves were the winningest team in baseball in the 1990s.

Yet, rightly or not, Mr. Cox developed a reputation as a manager who could lead his team through the long slog of a 162-game season but fell short in the playoffs. He led the Braves to only one World Series title, in 1995.

Other managers of his era, most notably Tony La Russa and Joe Torre, won more championships — three for La Russa and four for Torre.

But even they could not match Mr. Cox's career winning percentage of .556 in 29 seasons. His 2,504 wins are the fourth most in history.

A mediocre player during a brief, two-year career with the New York Yankees, he was such a keen student of baseball that he was tapped to become a minor league manager for the Yankees while still in his 20s.

He became the Braves' manager in 1978, when he was 36. Fired after four seasons, he moved on to Toronto, where he transformed a losing team into a division champion in four years.

Surprising the baseball world, Mr. Cox then left Toronto after the 1985 season to take the front-office job of general manager in Atlanta.

Midway through the 1990 season, team owner Ted Turner tapped him as the field manager. Mr. Cox was back in his element, and for the next two decades he led a roster that included a few superstars — including third baseman Chipper Jones and pitchers Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz — and a changing cast of role players.

Many journeyman players had their best seasons in Atlanta. When relief pitcher Eric O'Flaherty joined the Braves in 2009, he said Mr. Cox talked with him for 30 minutes about all manner of things, besides baseball. It was the longest discussion, O'Flaherty told Sports Illustrated, he ever had with a manager.

Players often likened Mr. Cox to a father figure. His managerial style was a blend of discipline and freedom.

To keep his players focused and to avoid internal arguments, he allowed no music in the clubhouse. He required his players to dress in sport coats when they traveled, yet he had few other rules. He never complained about his players in public.

When relief pitcher Mike Stanton failed to cover first base, leading to a Braves loss, Mr. Cox called him into his office after the game.

Stanton expected to be chewed out, but Mr. Cox's only comment was, "We can't have that."

During his second tenure in Atlanta, Mr. Cox compiled a remarkable record, with a winning record 18 times in 21 years. He assembled a stable coaching staff that included pitching coach Leo Mazzone and bench coach Ned Yost, who later won a World Series as manager of the Kansas City Royals.

"The human element of the game is something he understands really well," Mazzone told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in 1999.

Mr. Cox's Braves won 14 consecutive division titles and had six 100-victory seasons. (They were in second place in 1994, when the season ended prematurely because of a strike.)

In five World Series appearances under Mr. Cox, the Braves won only once, beating Cleveland in six games in 1995.

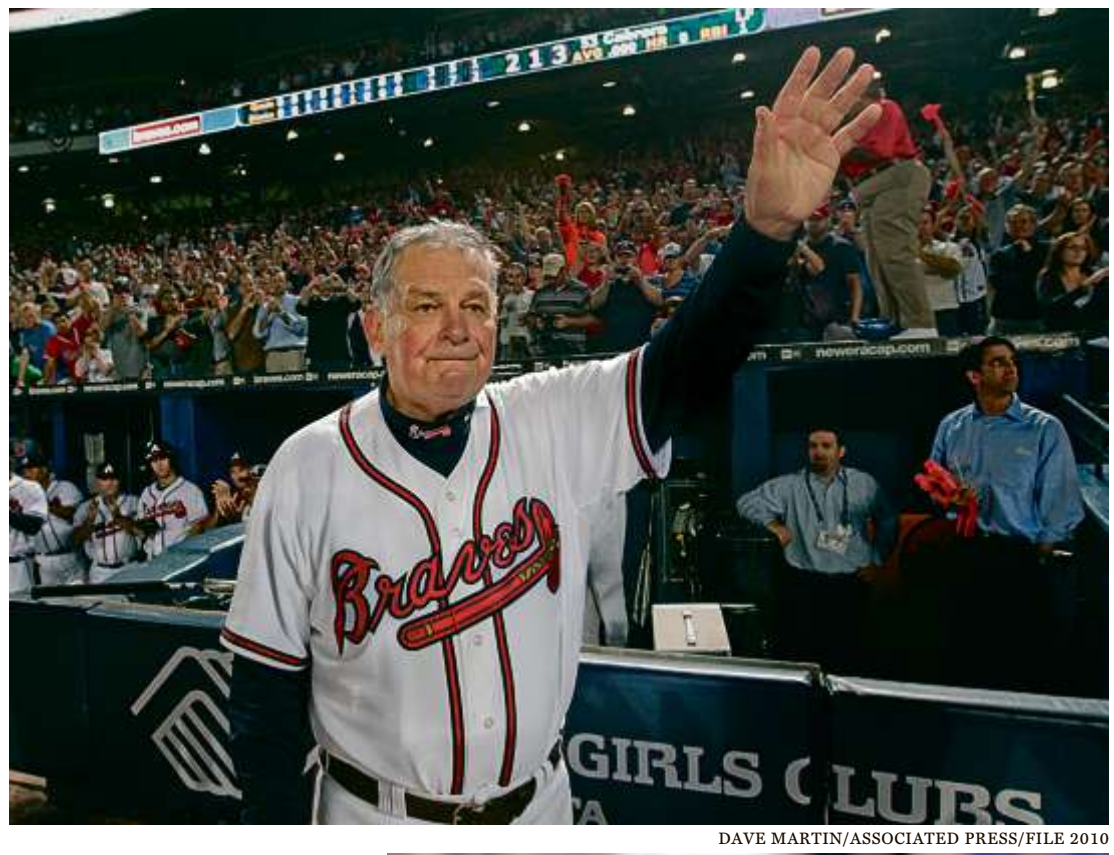
Typically, Mr. Cox stood aside as his players savored their moment of glory.

"People ask me if I'm concerned about a lack of recognition," he said in 1996.

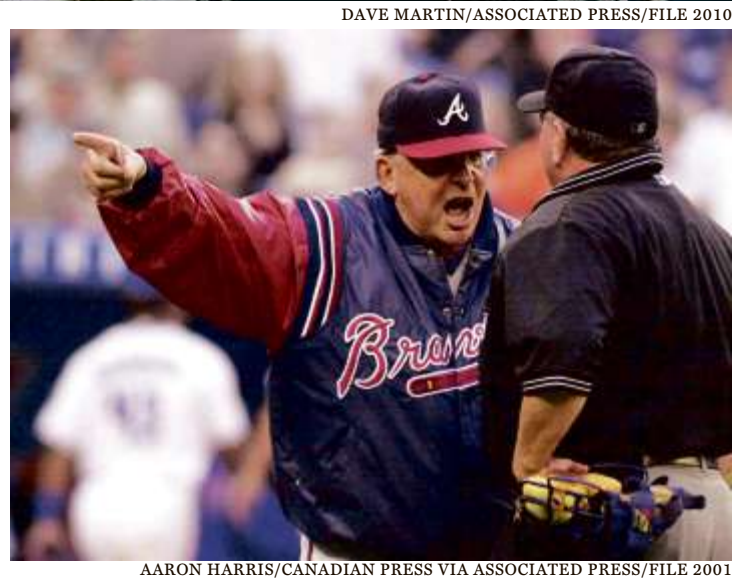
"That doesn't bother me one bit. I'm not the show. The players are the show. I'll just stay in the background."

In 2014, Mr. Cox entered the National Baseball Hall of Fame in the same class as two of his star pitchers, Glavine and Maddux, and his managerial counterparts, Torre and La Russa.

La Russa was considered an innovator in the dugout, yet in 161 head-to-head matchups - almost exactly a full season - Mr. Cox bested La Russa with a record of 94-67.



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Mr. Cox, (above and left in right photo) entered the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014. Many times, Mr. Cox argued with umpires to keep his players from being ejected from games. He was considered one of baseball's greatest managers, amassing 2,504 victories.

"People have been thinking for years that we have this genie in a bottle that has been doing it for us," Smoltz said of Mr. Cox's leadership in 2004.

"Maybe now they realize, hey, Bobby Cox has been doing it for us."

Robert Joe Cox was born May 21, 1941, in Tulsa, and was 3 when his family moved to Selma, Calif., in the San Joaquin Valley. His father installed wells, and his mother worked in a bakery.

An outstanding high school quarterback, Mr. Cox was recruited to play football by both Stanford and the University of California.

Instead, he played baseball at a community college for a year before signing a $40,000 bonus with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He finished his playing career in the Yankees' farm system in 1970 and was planning to return to college when he was asked to manage in the minor leagues. He later joined the Yankees' major league club as first base coach under Billy Martin.

Mr. Cox managed in Atlanta from 1978 through 1981, then spent four years as Toronto's skipper before moving back to Atlanta, where he met his second wife, Pamela Boswell.

They were married in 1978 and settled on a farm about 70 miles north of Atlanta.

Mr. Cox drove an old Ford pickup truck back and forth to the ballpark.

In 1995, Mr. Cox was arrested for assault after his wife called the police, charging that he had pulled her hair and slapped her in the face.

He spent a night in jail and underwent counseling for anger management. He and his wife later said the severity of the incident had been overstated, and they remained married until his death.

Mr. Cox had five children from his first marriage, to Mary Xavier, which ended in divorce. He and his second wife had three daughters.

Complete information on survivors was not immediately available.

After Mr. Cox's final season as manager in 2010, the Braves retired his No. 6 jersey and dedicated a statue in his honor outside the team's stadium.

During his managing career, Mr. Cox was ejected from 162 games, by far the most in baseball history.

Many times, Mr. Cox hobbled onto the field, bad knees and all, to take up the argument with the umpires to keep his players from being tossed from the game.

Unlike other managers, such as Earl Weaver and Lou Piniella, who sometimes pulled bases out of the ground and kicked dirt on umpires, Mr. Cox's arguments were seldom theatrical or personal. "I've never gone on the field looking to get thrown out," he told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in 2007. "I like umpires, and there's not one that I dislike. ... But we have our confrontations, and that's it."

After the game, Mr. Cox never held a grudge. The umpire who gave Mr. Cox the heave-ho most often — six times — was Bob Davidson. Even he admired Mr. Cox.

"If I was a ballplayer," Davidson said in 2007, "I'd want to play for Bobby Cox."

Kendall Myers, spy for Cuba, 88

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Kendall Myers, who in a double life as a State Department employee and a spy for Cuba — known as Agent 202 — passed sensitive intelligence to his handlers during foreign trips, through shortwave radio messages and in package drops in supermarket shopping carts, died on March 12 in Springfield, Missouri. He was 88.

The cause of his death, in a prison medical center, was cancer, his daughter, Amanda Myers Klein, said.

At the time of his death, which was not widely reported, Mr. Myers was serving a life sentence for his conviction for conspiracy to commit espionage and two counts of wire fraud. His wife, Gwendolyn (Steingraber) Myers, his partner in clandestine activities who died in 2015, was sentenced to 81 months — close to seven years — for conspiring to gather and transmit national defense information. She was known as both Agent 123 and E-634.

"We did not act out of anger toward the United States or from any thought of anti-Americanism," Kendall Myers said, when he pleaded for leniency for his wife during their sentencing hearing in federal court in Washington in November 2009. "We did not intend to hurt any individual American. Our only objective was to help the Cuban people defend their revolution."

They also forfeited $1.7 million in assets, the sum of the federal salary Kendall Myers had earned over the decades.

In a 30-year scheme that coincided with Mr. Myers' rise at the State Department to positions that provided him with increasing access to sensitive national security intelligence, the couple helped Cuba amid Cold War tensions between the United States and Fidel Castro's communist government.

Kendall Myers copied, memorized or stole State Department files, and Gwendolyn Myers, a bank employee, prepared them to be handed over to their handlers. They met with Cuban agents in Cuba, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, and Trinidad, and Tobago. In 1995, they traveled to Cuba under false names and met with Castro for four hours in the house where they were staying.

"Fidel is just wonderful, just wonderful," Kendall Myers said in 2009 to an undercover FBI agent involved in ending the couple's clandestine activities. Gwendolyn Myers called Castro "an incredible statesman."

They were, according to a New York Times account in 2009, apparently motivated by political sympathy for Cuba, not money. They were reimbursed for a shortwave radio and other equipment but otherwise did not receive pay.

"I make the case that ideological spies are the toughest to catch," Olson said, "because there are no flashy expenditures."

Their scheme unraveled in 2009, when they were contacted by an undercover FBI agent posing as a Cuban intelligence agent. Kendall Myers had retired from the State Department two years earlier and, while he and his wife were still in contact with Cuban intelligence, their espionage had slowed significantly.

Walter Kendall Myers Jr. was born on April 15, 1937, in Washington. His father, Walter Sr., was a physician, and his mother, Carol (Grosvenor) Myers, ran the home. He was also a great-grandson of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor who received the first US patent for the telephone, and a grandson of Gilbert H. Grosvenor, a former chair of the National Geographic Society.

In addition to his daughter, Klein, Myers is survived by a son, Michael, both from his first marriage, to Maureen Walsh, which ended in divorce; three stepchildren, Jill Liebler and Bob and Brad Trebilcock; a sister, Elsie Martin; three brothers, Gardiner, Martin and Aleck; and four grandchildren.

Xia De-hong, 94, persecuted in China, starred in daughter's memoir

By Adam Nossiter
NEW YORK TIMES

Xia De-hong, who survived persecution and torture as an official in Mao Zedong's China and was later the central figure in her daughter's best-selling 1991 memoir, "Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China," died April 15 in Chengdu, China. She was 94.

Ms. Xia's death, at a hospital, was confirmed by her daughter Jung Chang.

Chang's memoir, which was banned in China, was a groundbreaking, intimate account of the country's turbulent 20th century and the iron grip of Mao's Communist Party, told through the lives of three generations of women: herself, her mother, and her grandmother. An epic of imprisonment, suffering, and family loyalty, it sold over 15 million copies in 40 languages.

The story of Chang's stoic mother holding the family together while battling on behalf of her husband, a functionary who was tortured and imprisoned during Mao's regime, was the focus of "Wild Swans," which emerged out of hours of recordings that Chang made when Ms. Xia visited her in London in 1988.

Ms. Xia was inspired as a teenager to become an ardent Communist revolutionary because of the mistreatment of women in the Republic of China and the corruption of the Kuomintang nationalists in power. (Her own mother had been forced into concubinage at 15 by a powerful warlord.)

In 1947, in Ms. Xia's home city of Jinzhou, the Communists were waging guerrilla war against the government. She joined the struggle by distributing pamphlets for Mao, rolling them up inside green peppers after they had been smuggled into the city in bundles of sorghum stalks.

Captured by the Kuomintang, she was forced to listen to "the screams of people being tortured in the rooms nearby," her daughter later wrote. But that only stiffened her resolve.

She married Chang Shou-yu, an up-and-coming Communist civil servant and Mao acolyte, in 1949.

It was then that disillusionment began to set in, according to her daughter. The newlyweds were ordered to travel 1,000 miles to Sichuan, her husband's home province. Because of Chang's rank, he was allowed to ride in a jeep, but she had to walk, even though she was pregnant, and she suffered a miscarriage as a result.

"She was vomiting all the time," her daughter wrote. "Could he not let her travel in his jeep occasionally? He said he could not, because it would be taken as favoritism since my mother was not entitled to the car."

That was the first of many times that her husband would insist she bow to the rigid dictates of the party, despite the immense suffering it caused.

When she was a party official in the mid-1950s, Ms. Xia was investigated for her "bourgeois" background and imprisoned for months. She received little support from Chang Shou-yu.

"As my mother was leaving for detention," Jung Chang wrote, "my father advised her: 'Be completely honest with the party, and have complete trust in it. It will give you the right verdict.' A wave of aversion swept over her."

Upon her release in 1957, she told her husband, "You are a good Communist but a rotten husband." Chang could only nod in agreement.

He became one of the top officials in Sichuan, entitled to a life of privilege. But by the late 1960s, he had become outraged by the injustices of the Cultural Revolution, Mao's blood-soaked purge, and was determined to register a formal complaint.

Ms. Xia was in despair; she knew what became of families who spoke out. "Why do you want to be a moth that throws itself into the fire?" she asked.

Chang's career was over, and both he and his wife were subjected to physical abuse and imprisoned.

Ms. Xia's position was lower profile; she was in charge of resolving personal problems, such as housing, transfers, and pensions, for people in her district. But that did not save her from brutal treatment.

Ms. Xia was made to kneel on broken glass, paraded through the streets of Chengdu wearing a dunce's cap and a heavy placard with her name crossed out, and forced to bow to jeering crowds.

Still, she resisted pressure from the party to denounce her husband. And unlike many other women in her position, she refused to divorce him.

Twice she journeyed to Beijing to seek his release, the second time securing a meeting with the prime minister, Zhou Enlai, who was considered a moderate.

Ms. Xia was "one of the very few spouses of victims who had the courage to go and appeal in Peking," her daughter wrote in "Wild Swans."

But Ms. Xia and her husband never criticized the Cultural Revolution in front of their children, checked by the party's absolute power and the fear it inspired.

"The restraints which had kept them silent about politics before still prevented them from opening their minds to us," Jung Chang wrote.

She was held at Xichiang prison camp from 1969 to 1971 as a "class enemy," made to do heavy labor and endure denunciation meetings.

The camp was a bitter experience. "She reflected with remorse on the pointlessness of her devotion," her daughter wrote. "She found she missed her children with a pain which was almost unbearable."

Xia De-hong was born May 4, 1931, in Yixian, the daughter of Yang Yu-fang and General Xue Zhi-heng, the inspector general of the metropolitan police in the nationalist government.

When she was an infant, her mother fled the house of the general, who was dying, and returned to her parents, eventually marrying a rich Manchurian doctor, Xia Rui-tang.

Xia De-hong grew up in Jinzhou, Manchuria, where she attended school before joining the Communist underground.

In the 1950s, when she began to have doubts about the Communist Party, she considered abandoning it and pursuing her dream of studying medicine, her daughter said.

But the idea terrified her husband, Jung Chang said in an interview, because it would have meant disavowing the Communists.

By the late 1950s, during the Mao-induced Great Famine that killed tens of millions, both of her parents had become "totally disillusioned," Jung Chang said, and "could no longer find excuses to forgive their party."

Chang Shou-yu died in 1975, broken by years of imprisonment and ill treatment.

Ms. Xia retired from government service, as deputy head of the People's Congress of the Eastern District of Chengdu, in 1983.

Besides Jung Chang, she leaves another daughter, Xiao-hong Chang; three sons, Jin-ming, Xiao-hei, and Xiao-fang; and two grandchildren.

Jung Chang saw her mother for the last time in 2018. Chang's criticism of the regime, in her memoir and a subsequent biography, made returning to China unthinkable.

She told the BBC in a recent interview that she never knew whether her mother had read "Wild Swans."

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‘I have personal sit-downs with developers. I can show you my text messages right now.’
BOSTON MAYOR MICHELLE WU



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The notion that Mayor Michelle Wu’s texts with developers aren’t city business doesn’t make sense to at least one public records specialist.

Has Wu entered the developer chat?

By Catherine Carlock
GLOBE STAFF

Real estate and politics are gossipy businesses, replete with off-the-record conjecture and “Well, I heard...” whispers.

So when Boston Mayor Michelle Wu last month offered to show texts she traded with real estate developers to The Boston Globe’s editorial board, it felt refreshingly straightforward.

Wu, planning chief Kairos Shen, and city chief financial officer Ashley Groffenberger visited the Globe’s offices to rebut an editorial saying, in part, how Wu “seems to view her hostility to developers as some sort of badge of progressive virtue.” Wu contested this appraisal.

The mayor offered to show text messages proving her connection to Boston’s real estate elite, but the city says it can’t do that

“I have personal sit-downs with developers,” Wu said at that April meeting. “I can show you my text messages right now.”

The Globe submitted a public records request to see copies of those texts, as Wu had volunteered, and separately asked the city’s communications team about which developers Wu has personally conferred with in the past year.

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R.I. couple’s 44 percent rent hike leads to crackdown on price-setting software

By Steph Machado
GLOBE STAFF

PROVIDENCE — When Ryan Hudson and Abby McClain got their annual lease renewal at the 95 Lofts in Providence in March, they were stunned.

The engaged couple was already paying $2,550 a month for their 600-square-foot two-bedroom apartment, where McClain had lived for five years, and Hudson for four.

Their building’s new owner, Boston-based private equity firm Audubon Capital Partners, was offering $3,684 a month for a 12-month lease, a 44 percent increase.

“I was almost in tears and just kind of shocked,” said McClain, who teaches high school in the city. Previous rent increases were about 4 percent a year, but she said she feared a larger increase after the private equity firm bought the property in January.

The lease renewal, which was reviewed by the Globe, also had a series of other options. If the couple wanted to sign a 15-month lease, they could pay $2,787 per month, a 9 percent increase. And if they

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The owner of the 95 Lofts in Providence is accused of violating the city’s ban on rent-setting algorithms.

House leaders joining UMass chancellor on trip to the Vatican to talk climate

JON CHESTO
CHESTO MEANS BUSINESS

House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz and majority leader Mike Moran typically hold forth in that grand, 230-year-old building at the top of Beacon Hill.

But on Tuesday, two of the most powerful members of the House of Representatives will speak in a building that’s more than twice as old as the Massachusetts State House, and arguably more grand: Casino Pio IV, home to the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences.

They’re heading to the Vatican, with UMass Boston chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco as their guide, to tell delegates from around the world how to use the nuts and bolts of legislation to help the environment and improve resilience to climate change.

The fact Michlewitz and Moran have been invited to the Vatican underscores how extensive the Legislature’s climate efforts have been. (A UMass Boston



spokesperson said they will pay for the travel from their campaign accounts.) In every two-year session, it seems lawmakers will serve up a major omnibus climate-and-energy bill. The sausage-making isn’t pretty and doesn’t always go as planned. But the reality is: They’re

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TALKING POINTS

TECH

AI WINS HAVE ALPHABET POISED TO BE WORLD'S BIGGEST COMPANY

Over the past year, Alphabet Inc. has gone from an artificial intelligence afterthought to the one firm in the market with dominant positions in nearly every aspect of the technology. Now it's on the brink of overtaking AI chip giant Nvidia Corp. as the largest company in the world. Google's parent closed Friday with a market capitalization of $4.8 trillion. Nvidia was below that level on Tuesday, but a three-day rally into the end of the week pushed it to $5.2 trillion. The gap between the two has narrowed considerably over the past six months, as Alphabet shares have been on a tear, including a 34 percent gain in April, its best month since 2004. On Oct. 31, Nvidia's market capitalization was $4.9 trillion and Alphabet's was less than $3.4 trillion. Since then, Alphabet's stock price has soared 43 percent while Nvidia's is up just 6.3 percent, trailing the S&P 500 Index and the tech-heavy Nasdaq 100 Index. Investors say it's logical that Alphabet would ultimately seize the title of world's largest company because its tentacles reach into so many important parts of the technology industry and the AI trade. "Nvidia is a great company, but it has the potential to be far more cyclical should AI spending slow down," O'Neill said. "Alphabet is so diversified that if one business falters, the others can pick up the slack. You can't get a wider competitive moat than Alphabet has, and it seems like THE company of the internet era. So it would make sense if it were the biggest."

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MOTORISTS

SECRETARY OF ENERGY FLOATS PAUSE IN GAS TAX

Chris Wright, the energy secretary, said Sunday that the Trump administration would be open to pausing the federal gas tax to give Americans some relief at the pump. "All measures that can be taken to lower the price of at the pump and lower the prices for Americans, this administration is in support of," Wright said on the NBC program "Meet the Press" in response to a question about temporarily suspending the federal gas tax. As of Sunday, the average national gas price was $4.52 a gallon, according to the AAA motor club. Americans pay a little more than 18 cents a gallon for gasoline and about 24 cents a gallon for diesel in federal taxes. If the taxes were paused today, the average price for gasoline would be $4.34 a gallon, still well above the average price of $2.98 a gallon two days before President Trump began the war against Iran. Depending on how long the possible gas tax holiday would last, it could have a substantial impact on the Highway Trust Fund, which mainly relies on the tax to fund road construction and repairs across the country.

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COMPENSATION

WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE ALLERGIC TO 'PEANUT BUTTER RAISES'

Both peanut butter and salary increases are widely loved, but put them together and you may get some grumbles. "Peanut butter raises" are across-the-board pay bumps to employees, spread out thinly. The term popped up all over business media this year after a report from Payscale suggested that some employers would be giving such raises instead of larger merit-based increases to a select few. Are peanut butter raises fair? It depends on whom you ask, said Nick Bloom, an economist at Stanford University. Are they a best practice? Not really, he argued. "Good management involves setting tough targets, evaluating employees against this and rewarding those that make their targets," Bloom wrote in an email. "This means some folks will get paid and others won't." Firms turn to peanut butter raises in two situations: when they can't really distinguish strong performers from weak ones and when managers just want to take "the course of least resistance," Bloom said. Generally, he added, a well-managed firm will pay its top performers well and keep an eye on the market. Kevin J. Murphy, an expert on compensation at the University of Southern California's business school, argued that peanut butter raises "send exactly the wrong signals," telling top performers that their employers "just don't care that much."

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Rent hike was a 'slap in the face'

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wanted to live there month-to-month, the price would go up to a staggering $14,398 a month.

"It was almost a joke," Hudson said. "It was a slap in the face."

The couple's situation has now led to Providence to enforce, for the first time, its one-year-old law that bans landlords from using software algorithms to set rent prices. The Providence City Council passed the ordinance last year in an effort to prevent price-fixing.

The city solicitor's office filed a complaint in Providence Municipal Court Wednesday, which fines Audubon Capital Partners $500 a day starting on March 13. The city's enforcement is based on at least two tenants at the 95 Lofts. The company also owns Chestnut Commons, both in the Jewelry District.

Audubon Capital Partners did not respond to requests for comment from the Globe. The company was summonsed to respond to the complaint in court on June 22. The fines so far total $27,500.

When the Providence City Council first banned the rent-setting software, there was no clear evidence that it was in use in Providence. But concerns about the technology were spreading across the country, and ProPublica reported that one company, RealPage, was helping send rents soaring nationwide. The Justice Department sued



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Boxes pile up in Ryan Hudson and Abby McClain's apartment, as they prepare to move out after a rent hike.

the company, accusing it of violating antitrust laws by decreasing competition.

In a settlement with the DOJ, RealPage agreed to stop using nonpublic data in its algorithm to set rent prices, among other changes. The company did not admit to any wrongdoing.

The software works by analyzing market trends and occupancy rates and calculating rent prices for property managers to list the units.

It's not clear if Audubon was using RealPage or another program in Providence, but the company acknowledged it used software to set Hudson and McClain's rent renewal offer, according to emails from the leasing office shared with the Globe.

After the couple asked for an explanation for their sharp rent increase, the leasing agent wrote in an email that the rents were "generated through a dynamic pricing system that evaluates several factors, including market conditions and the number of expected vacancies during a specific timeframe."

"In some cases, the software may price certain lease terms higher if a larger number of apartments are projected to become available in that particular month," the leasing agent said.

The leasing agent did not respond to an email from the Globe.

The couple also said the quality of services in the building had gone down since Aubudon purchased the property, including trash pickup and maintenance. They did not have any luck negotiating the rent price and were told they had only two weeks to decide whether to take the offer.

McClain said she began researching whether a 44 percent rent increase was even legal, and came across the city's ordinance banning the use of rent-setting algorithms. She sent a late-night email to City Council President Rachel Miller, along with her own councilor, John Goncalves, and Councilman Juan Pichardo, who sponsored the ordinance. Miller quickly responded.

"Providence renters did exactly what we hope residents will do when they believe their rights are being violated: they spoke up, organized, documented what was happening, and asked their city government to act," Miller said in a statement Wednesday after the city filed its court complaint.

When the City Council banned the technology last year, Mayor Brett Smiley neither signed nor vetoed the ordinance, allowing it to become law without his signature when the clock ran out.

But on Wednesday he said he was "proud" to take action against Audubon in court.

"When corporations unlawfully utilize these algorithms to artificially raise rent prices, we will hold them accountable," Smiley said.

His spokesperson, Josh Estrella, said the mayor had still been researching the problem when he failed to sign the ordinance last year, but is now in full support and will advocate for a state law banning the rent-setting technology.

Smiley has taken heat from the council for vetoing their rent control ordinance last month out of concern that capping rent increases could decrease housing production in the city. The council, which called the ordinance rent stabilization, proposed a 4 percent cap on rent increases, with many exemptions.

The council is currently one vote short of enough to override the veto. The deadline to do so is May 17.

The price-fixing ordinance is one way that the city could potentially prevent some rent increases from big companies, even without rent control.

"Housing is not a game for corporations to rig," said Goncalves, who met with Hudson and McClain about their rent complaint. "Let us be clear, using software to manipulate rents and squeeze residents is unacceptable and we will not tolerate it."

Goncalves was among the six councilors who voted against rent control last month.

Ultimately, Hudson and McClain decided to move out of their apartment, where boxes were stacked on Wednesday. While the 15-month lease offer was more reasonable, it conflicted with the couple's wedding date.

Hudson said Audubon later offered them a better rent offer in April, but at that point the couple had already signed a new lease at an apartment elsewhere in the city. He said the whole experience felt "predatory."

"This has been my home in Providence for the last five years," McClain said. "We loved the building and we loved the area ... we had no intention of leaving soon."

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City officials backtrack on Wu's offer

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The requests come at a time of heightened scrutiny on Wu's relationship — or lack thereof — with the city's real estate development community. While high interest rates and uncertainty over tariffs and war have slowed new construction broadly, more than a few prominent Boston developers are building housing these days — just not in Boston.

Meanwhile the city is bracing for both a budget deficit and the future impact of a prolonged development slowdown. Real estate and development are crucial city businesses: close to three-quarters of Boston's nearly $5 billion municipal budget comes from property taxes, and new growth is key to keeping up with demand for city services.

The city's newly released budget estimates the lowest amount of new construction in at least a decade, while the value of all real estate in the city last year grew at the slowest pace since 2011. Boston is meeting that challenge while on a strong financial footing; on Tuesday, Wu and Groffenberger announced the city retained AAA bond ratings for the 13th consecutive year.

Still, the ratings agencies are keeping a close eye on Boston's real estate landscape. While Boston remains economically competitive, Moody's Ratings wrote in a recent report, its "tax base is likely to remain strained due to a softening of the city's commercial real estate valuations and limited new development."

Following the bond-rating announcement, the Wu administration responded to the Globe's records request. The response seems to directly contradict Wu's proposal from weeks before.

"The city of Boston does not conduct official business by text message," wrote Grace Jung, the city's director of public records, in an email. "Any work-related text messages sent by city employees are transitory in nature, and are used for non-substantive communications."

Jung's denial continued: "The city has no mechanism to, and does not, maintain text messages."

It's an argument the city has used for years. Wu isn't alone in attempting to shield her electronic communication from public view: Former mayor Martin J. Walsh's administration also rejected public records requests for his text messages.

"The mayor is in regular contact with community leaders, developers, and residents across Boston, but does not conduct official government business over text message," said city spokesperson Veronica Yoo in a statement.



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Despite Mayor Michelle Wu's invitation to see texts, the city has said it neither conducts official business nor maintains text messages.

Just because written communication from the city's chief executive is in text message form does not automatically exempt those texts from the state's public records law, local attorneys told the Globe.

"It doesn't matter if it's a text message, or on a napkin, or anything else," said Benjamin J. Wish, a trial attorney with Todd & Weld LLP in Boston. "The form of the record does not make a lick of difference as to whether or not it's a public record."

The public records law also doesn't distinguish between whether a government considers a document "official," said Robert A. Bertsche, a media attorney at Klaris Law and general counsel to the New England Newspaper and Press Association.

"That would undermine the entirety of the public records statute. It's not the government's role to pick and choose what has to be produced," Bertsche said. "When she says, 'I can show you the messages right now,' all you're doing is taking her up on her offer."

The notion that Wu's texts with developers aren't city business doesn't make sense to Justin Silverman, executive director of the New England First Amendment Coalition.

"There isn't much of an argument here that these messages are in fact transitory when she was pointing to them to support her own policy conversation," Silverman said.

The city has previously shied away from releasing Wu's cellphone correspondence. In response to a 2023 request from the Globe to see copies of Wu's texts in the week leading up to that year's state of the city address, the city's public records officer said there were no texts to share and that Wu does not conduct city business via text.

Wu's offer to show the Globe's editorial board her texts is contrary to the notion that the city of Boston neither conducts business by text nor retains the messages, Silverman said. There's no excuse to not adhere to state law and provide copies of the texts, he added, particularly since Wu personally offered to show them to a room full of journalists.

"Clearly there's meaning behind these text messages, because the mayor herself brought them up as evidence of her communication," Silverman said. "There's no question they exist. They were offered to [The Boston Globe]."

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Consumers lean on 'hamster wheel' of credit to manage rising costs

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Alex Watts filled up his van in Hilliard, Ohio, on Tuesday.

On paper, Alex Watts's household looks financially stable. He and his wife together earn a bit more than $140,000 a year; own their home near Columbus, Ohio; have great credit scores; and stay on top of their bills. When an unexpected expense hits, like a car repair or a hospital trip, they always find a way to cover it.

But amid the ever-growing costs of groceries, gasoline, and electricity, their monthly expenses are running into the red and their monthly credit card balances have gotten larger. To pay them down, they drive less to save money on gas and have stopped putting away money for savings.

"I'm working between eight and 12 hours of overtime every week," said Watts, 36, a hospital nurse raising three young children. "We're cutting even, at best, but sometimes we're spending more than we're getting."

The Wattses are among an increasing number of households leaning on credit to make ends meet as the costs of essentials — including housing, health care, utilities, and food — keep rising. Credit card balances reached a record $1.3 trillion at the end of last year, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's latest quarterly study of household debt, and more and more people are applying for new credit cards. Applications for credit rose in February to their highest level since late 2022.

The strain from this increasing debt load is starting to show, with the percentage of after-tax income that households spend paying down debt ticking up since early 2025, according to Federal Reserve data.

Banks say they are not seeing signs of serious distress. Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase, said late last month that consumer borrowing habits looked "fundamentally healthy."

But across all consumer debts, the share that is delinquent rose to 4.8 percent, the highest tally since 2017. For the first time in more than a decade, the national average credit score dipped last year, according to data from Experian, one of the three major US credit bureaus.

The data may also understate some of the strain, as more borrowers take on debts that rarely show up on their credit reports, such as "buy now, pay later" loans. Unlike most loans, these pay-later products usually do not involve a "hard inquiry" on the borrower's credit report — the kind that can lower credit scores — and lenders often don't report short-term loans to credit bureaus.

The Trump administration has noted the spike in consumer borrowing.

"Credit card spending is through the roof," Kevin Hassett, a top White House economic adviser, said on Fox Business last Wednesday. "They're spending more on gasoline, but they're spending more on everything else, too."

Hassett attributed the spending surge to people having "so much more money in their pockets."

Vicki Morris, 53, is a middle school speech therapist in a Chicago suburb. For more than 20 years, she has run a small business on the side, operating a clinic that offers a range of therapeutic services for children. It has usually been profitable, giving her a bit of extra income to supplement her public-school salary.

But her clients are facing the same financial pressures that Morris now feels in her own household. As health insurance costs rise and the Trump administration slashes Affordable Care Act subsidies, millions of people have lost their coverage, and even those with insurance are cutting back on medical appointments they can no longer afford.

"Car repairs definitely are going on credit cards. Household repairs are going credit cards," she said. "It's the hamster wheel of the debt cycle. Every time you feel like you've met a milestone, you get hit with something else."

UMass chancellor behind push for climate change efforts

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Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, University of Massachusetts Boston chancellor, serves on the pontifical academy's council.

making progress — even if it's in fits and starts.

This delegation to the Vatican, which also includes public health expert Ashish Jha, underscores something else: the rising prominence of UMass Boston under Suárez-Orozco's direction. He's a renowned immigration scholar who arrived at the Dorchester campus, at age 63, amid some leadership and financial turmoil there six years ago.

Suárez-Orozco, who speaks with an Argentinian accent and comes armed with more quotes than a Bartlett's, quickly set about building bridges to Boston's business community. One obvious goal: to help cultivate career opportunities for many of the 12,000 undergraduates at UMass Boston, long considered a commuter school. These connections lead to internships, jobs, and mentorships.

Sometimes they lead to important donations, too, including gifts from New Balance owner Jim Davis and tech entrepreneur Paul English to establish UMass Boston centers to study sports business and artificial intelligence, respectively.

Suárez-Orozco's work in the pontifical academy, where he has served on its council since 2019, ensures some ideas from Massachusetts appear on a world stage. He helped bring Governor Maura Healey and Mayor Michelle Wu to a climate summit at the Vatican in 2024 and another Massachusetts delegation to discuss AI there a year ago.

This time, the topic will be climate legislation. For Moran and Michlewitz, it really starts with the Global Warming Solutions Act, in 2008; that bill made Massachusetts one of the first states in the country with aggressive goals to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 2050. That same year, the Legislature passed the Green Communities Act, which helped spur more renewable energy and a new home efficiency program known as Mass Save.

That set the stage for a 2016 clean-energy law establishing a state-overseen competition to secure contracts that could finance a giant power line to draw hydroelectricity here from Quebec and an offshore wind farm south of Martha's Vineyard.

No one expected either project to take this long. But we are talking about New England. While projects turned into epics, for various reasons, they have reached completion this year. The NECEC line was charged up in January, delivering the equivalent of up to 20 percent of Massachusetts' electricity, and the Vineyard Wind project is essentially done and sending electricity to the shore, with some punch list items and payment issues to work through.

Meanwhile, Mass Save is back in the Beacon Hill debate. House leaders recently took some heat for a provision in their latest energy bill that calls for a reduction in the program's budget, to make it more sustainable while giving constituents a break on their utility bills. Senate leaders, expected to be more supportive of Mass Save funding, have not yet released their version.

It's partly the messy back-and-forth that attracts the Vatican, which has a keen interest in government models that can be replicated around the world. Michlewitz says the past two decades of legislation have proven that pursuing a climate resiliency agenda can also be good for the local economy.

He says the papal academy's invite offers an opportunity to elevate this work to a constituency in size and scope that's well beyond what he could have imagined.

This will be the latest session on the urgency of climate change that the papal academy has held in various locations during the past two years, including one at the UMass Boston campus last year. The aim is assembling a list of best practices at the Vatican next year.

Suárez-Orozco plays down his role in all of this. He's just a modest convener, or so he would say, a scholar at heart, albeit one who is quick to cite Einstein or Eliot in everyday conversation. He gets excited when he can get back to his research, like a presentation he's giving next month on how climate change has forced the migration of vulnerable populations.

He also likes to say that climate change is coming to a neighborhood near you — something he can witness from his perch on UMass Boston's coastal campus — regardless of whether the federal government recognizes it.

Massachusetts, in the grand scheme, is relatively small, with far fewer people than the Los Angeles metro area, where Suárez-Orozco previously worked. But the ideas that we produce? They're worth sharing, especially when confronting an issue as broadly challenging as this one.

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NORTHEASTERLY: by Lot 20 on said Plan, ninety and 95/100 feet.

Containing according to said Plan 3548 square feet of land.

Meaning and intending to convey the premises conveyed to Carmen Ngan by deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 60008, Page 295.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) by certified or bank check made payable to TD Bank, N.A. will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. TD reserves the right to reject any and all bids at any time. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check payable to TD Bank, N.A. c/o Duane Morris LLP, 2 Monument Square, Suite 505, Portland, ME 04101-4097, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this notice, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

/s/ TD Bank, N.A.
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
Duane Morris LLP
2 Monument Square, Suite 505
Portland, ME 04101-4079
Attn: Alex Angelo
(215) 979-1896

LEGAL NOTICE

The **Newton** Housing Authority invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **interior renovations to be performed at unit 17 1175 Chestnut Street, Newton, MA FISH 211129, 7057A** Development owned by the **Newton** Housing Authority in **Newton** Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **Fish Design and Architecture, LLC.**

The Project consists of the **total interior renovation of 1,841sf unit.**

The work is estimated to cost $ **157,000.00**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of **General Contractor**.

General Bids will be received electronically until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below, and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

SUBTRADES: Section 09.90.00 Painting

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at Projectdog.com and received no laterthan the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will notbe accepted by the Awarding Authority. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014.

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the **Newton** Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available in electronic form and without cost or charge at Projectdog.com, projectcode **874483**, beginning **Wednesday May 27, 2026**. Persons desiring hard copies of the documents shall be solely responsible for all printing costs.

General bidders must agree to contract with minority (MBE) and women business enterprises (WBE) as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The participation benchmarks reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% MBE and 7% WBE of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC (Chad.Howard@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT:
Date and Time: between **10 A.M.** and **11 A.M.** on Wednesday, **June 3rd.**
Address: **1175 Chestnut Street, Unit 17 Newton, MA 02464**
Instructions: **SITE VISIT IS MANDATORY. BID SUBMISSION WITHOUT SITE VISIT WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

For an appointment call **Christine Long, OPM, (617) 485-7050**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Restore Rebuild Projects in City of Boston

BHA Job No. 2449-01

The Boston Housing Authority is soliciting proposals from qualified, licensed, and insured developers or owners of new multifamily rental construction, or multifamily properties requiring rehabilitation, who are interested in developing public housing units using HUD's mixed finance program with pre-approval to convert the units to a long term Section 8 contract. All proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must conform to all the requirements and specifications outlined within the RFP and any designated attachments in its entirety.

Funding is available on a rolling basis under this this Request For Proposals ("RFP") to allow for a rolling basis of applications indefinitely or until funds are depleted or when sufficient applications have been received to fully obligate the annual budget authority, whichever comes first. Where BHA receives more applications than can be supported by the annual budget authority, BHA reserves the right to evaluate the proposals using the comparative criteria set forth in the RFP.

Proposers responding to this RFP are required to submit one (1) copy and one (1) original of their proposal and shall provide one (1) electronic copy on a USB flash drive. This submission should be in Adobe PDF format, although Microsoft Office file formats (Word, Excel, Power Point, etc.) are also acceptable.

Proposers shall submit their proposals to: **BHA Housing Service Center, Joel Wool, Chief Procurement Officer, Boston Housing Authority, 52 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111,** by mail or hand delivery. Each proposal must be clearly marked **"BHA Job No: 2449-01 Proposal for Restore Rebuild Projects in City of Boston – Project Plan, and Required Forms."** with the Proposer's name, address, and telephone number clearly delineated.

Inquiries regarding this RFP and requests for modification of the contract documents will be accepted in writing on a rolling basis and shall be submitted to Joel Wool, Chief Procurement Officer, Boston Housing Authority, by: mail to 52 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111; or email (preferred) bids@bostonhousing.org .

For the RFP package, please look for 2449-01 on https://www.bostonhousing.org/en/Bid-Opportunities/Current-Bid-Opportunities.aspx .

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

ELECTRICAL REPAIR TO PUBLIC WORKS BUILDINGS

EV00017405
M.G.L. c. 149

CONTACT INFORMATION
Stephen Flaherty
(617) 635-3345
streetscontracts@boston.gov

The City of Boston, acting by the Public Works Department, 400 Frontage Road, Boston, MA 02118, hereinafter referred to as the Awarding Authority, hereby invites sealed bids for the project listed above.

Bids will be solicited from interested vendors through the City of Boston's Supplier Portal: boston.gov/departments/procurement.

All bids for this project are subject to all applicable provisions of law and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents entitled: Electrical Repair Work to Public Works Buildings.

Bids must be submitted before **11:00 A.M., Boston time, May 28, 2026 – Thursday** and opened forthwith.

The IFB documents will be available on or about **May 11, 2026 - Monday after 9:00 A.M., Boston time**.

The scope of work is detailed in the bid package. This project is being bid under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 149. General Bids must be accompanied by a 5% Bid Bond and DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility in Electrical along with a DCAMM Update Statement.

Nicholas Gove, Interim Chief of Streets
(May 11, May 18, 2026)

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Penelope K. Reilly to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated October 21, 2013 and recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 31846, Page 374 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Ocwen Loan Acquisition Trust 2023-HB1 is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Liberty Home Equity Solutions, Inc., its successors and assigns to PHH Mortgage Corporation dated December 18, 2020 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 38816, Page 304, and Assignment from PHH Mortgage Corporation to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Ocwen Loan Acquisition Trust 2023-HB1 dated December 19, 2023 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 41584, Page 266, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 40 Livingston Circle, Needham, MA 02492 will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 AM on May 29, 2026, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Needham, Norfolk County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, together with buildings and improvements thereon and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHEASTERLY: by Livingston Circle, fifty-two and 78/100 (52.78) feet;

SOUTHERLY: by the curve forming the junction of said Livingston Circle and Churchill Lane, eighty-six and 98/100 (86.98) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY: by said Churchill Lane, one hundred ten (110) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY: by Lots 32 and 33 as shown on said plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred fifty-six and 72/100 (156.72) feet; and

NORTHEASTERLY: by Lot 36, as shown on said plan, one hundred thirty-two and 75/100 (132.75) feet.

Containing 16,300 square feet of land, more or less according to said plan, and being shown as Lot 37 on the plan entitled "Plan of South Street Estates in Needham, Mass., Owned by Wilfred R. Miller and J. William Linse", dated March 23, 1954, by H.L. Dodge and H.O. Martin, C.E.s, and recorded with Norfolk Deeds in Plan Book 187 as Plan No. 615 of 1954.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 17826, Page 168.

The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cashier's or certified check in the sum of $10,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity but solely in its capacity as Owner Trustee for Ocwen Loan Acquisition Trust 2023-HB1
Korde & Associates, P.C.
900 Chelmsford Street
Suite 3102
Lowell, MA 01851
(978) 256-1500
Reilly, Penelope K., 21-039257

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PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Lease of Retail Spaces at 1 City Hall Square

Project No. EV00017325
M.G.L. c30B

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contract Unit
617-635-4560
pmdbidinfo@boston.gov

The City of Boston, acting by the Property Management Department, One City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA 02201, hereinafter referred to as the Awarding Authority, requests proposals for the project listed above.
Proposals will be solicited from interested vendors through the City of Boston's Supplier Portal: boston.gov/departments/procurement.
All proposals for this project are subject to all applicable provisions of law and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents entitled: Lease of Retail Spaces at One City Hall Square
Proposals must be submitted before **12:00 P.M., Boston time, Friday, May 29, 2026 and** opened forthwith.
The RFP documents will be available on or about **Monday, May 4, 2026 after 10:00 A.M.**, Boston time.
The City has scheduled two mandatory site visits: **Monday, May 11, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. and Friday, May 15, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. Attendance at one of these sessions is required.**
Eamon Shelton, Commissioner

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS
HIGHWAY FENCES, GUARDRAILS, IMPACT ATTENUATORS

EV00017406
M.G.L. c. 30 s. 39M

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Bids will be solicited from interested vendors through the City of Boston's Supplier Portal: boston.gov/departments/procurement.

All bids for this project are subject to all applicable provisions of law and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents entitled: Highway Fences, Guardrails, Impact Attenuators

Bids must be submitted before **11:00 A.M., Boston time, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026** and opened forthwith.

The IFB documents will be available on or about **MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026 after 9:00 A.M., Boston time**.

The scope of work is detailed in the bid package. This project is being bid under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30, s. 39M. General Bids must be accompanied by a 5% Bid Bond.

Nicholas Gove, Interim Chief of Streets
(May 11, May 18, 2026)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE 21-002-R • 735 NEWBURYPORT TURNPIKE

The Planning Board of the City of Melrose will hold a public hearing in the Cassidy Conference Room, 2nd fl of City Hall, 562 Main St, Melrose MA on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM on the application of Michael Bennett for a reduced parking special permit in accordance with §235-11.1 of the Melrose Zoning Ordinance for the change from wholly a warehouse use to establish uses of indoor recreation, vehicle (e-bike) repair, and warehouse. The request includes a minor modification to the previously approved design of the building on the property located at 735 Newburyport Turnpike in Melrose owned by 735 Broadway Holdings LP, on a lot consisting of 101,098 sf and shown on Assessor's Map J3 0 9.

Complete applications can be reviewed at www.cityofmelrose.org/planning-board or by visiting the Office of Planning & Community Development, City Hall, 562 Main St. Interested persons may provide comments during the hearing, by email to planningboard@cityofmelrose.org or mail to OPCD, 562 Main St, Melrose, MA.

Gregory Sampson, Chair
Melrose Planning Board

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

May 7, 2026

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: Washington 3458 LLC.

On a petition by the petitioner for the acceptance of a **Pedestrian Easement** adjacent to the following public ways in West Roxbury:

●**Washington Street** – on its southeasterly side at address no. 3458, southwest of Kenton Road;
●**Kenton Road** – on its southwesterly side southeast of Washington Street.

This Commission appoints May 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner. Comments and questions should be directed to PIC@boston.gov.

NICHOLAS GOVE
EAMON SHELTON
AMY CORDING
TANIA DEL RIO
HENRY VITALE
KRISTEN MCCOSH
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.

Attest:
Ashley A. Biggins
Acting Executive Secretary

City Of Boston Public Improvement Commission

May 7, 2026

Ordered: That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: Washington 3458 LLC.

On a petition by the petitioner for the making of **Specific Repairs** within the following public ways in West Roxbury:

●**Washington Street** – on its southeasterly side at address no. 3458, Southwest of Kenton Road;
●**Kenton Road** – southeast of Washington Street.

This Commission appoints **May 21, 2026**, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner. Comments and questions should be directed to PIC@boston.gov.

NICHOLAS GOVE
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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

A true copy of an order passed by said Commission on said day.

Attest:
Ashley A. Biggins
Acting Executive Secretary

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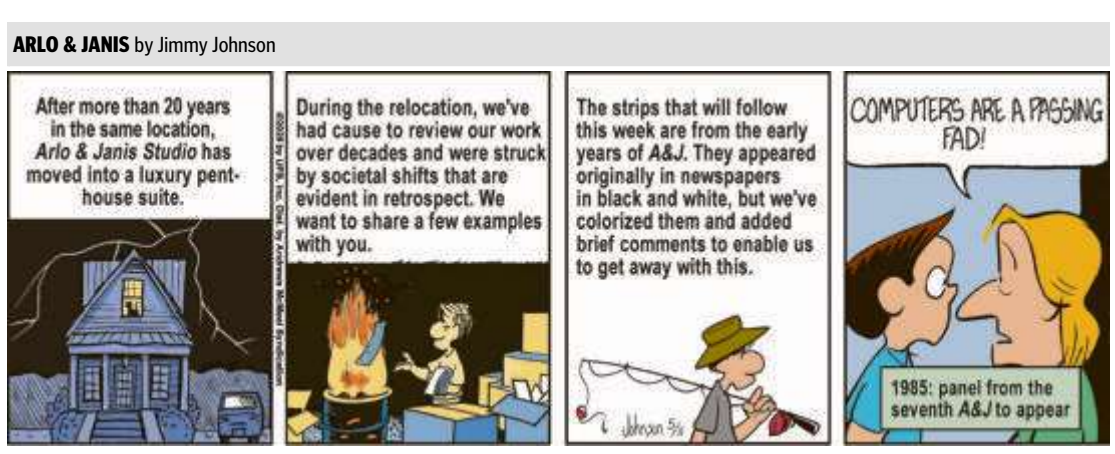
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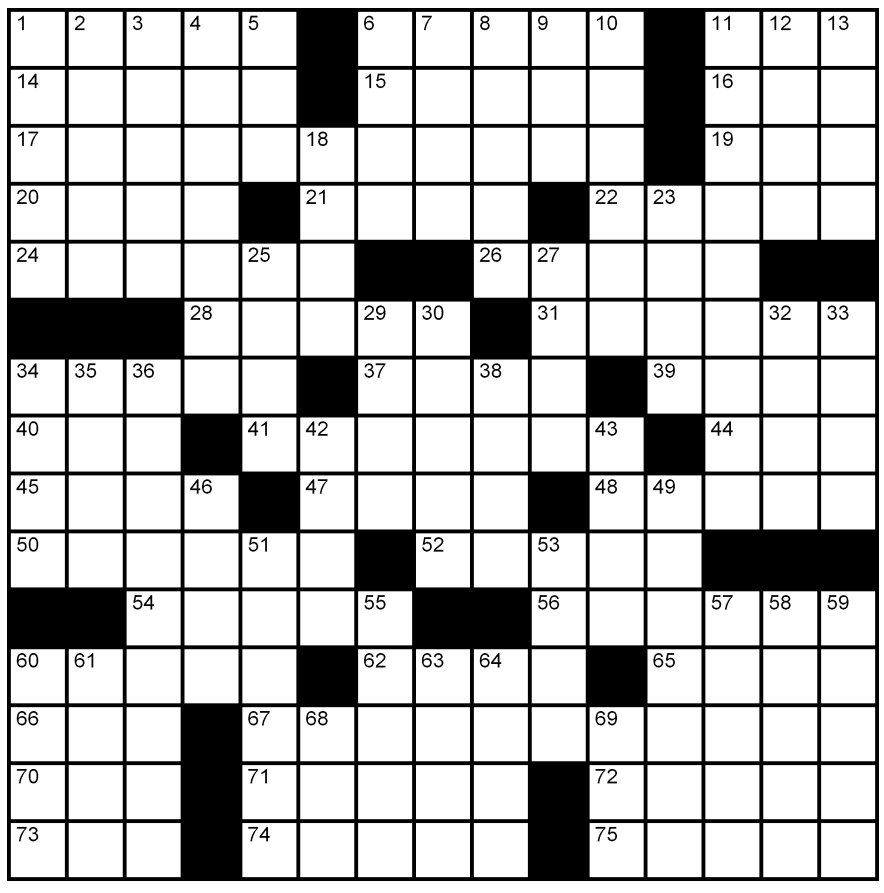
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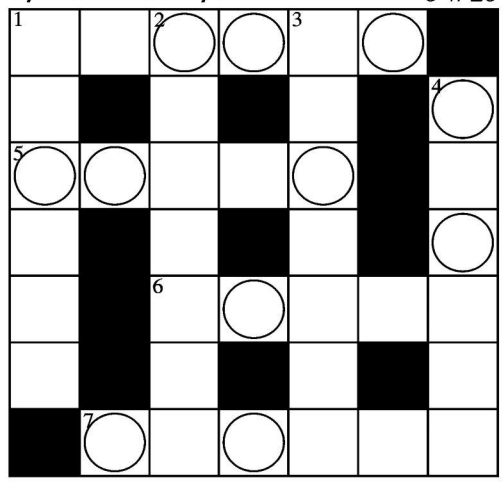
1 Punctuation mark with an Oxford variety
6 Simple earrings
11 Spinning toy
14 Academic fields
15 Tubular pasta
16 "___ you OK?"
17 *Tiny collectible toy vehicle
19 Gen ___
20 State with five national parks and part of Four Corners
21 "Now YOU'RE betraying me??"
22 Spaceship Earth's theme park
24 One-named Tejano singer
26 High male voice
28 Sacred symbol
31 Nobel Prize-winning Mother
34 More prudent
37 Bamboo, for a panda
39 Wax-coated cheese
40 Versatile blackjack card
41 *Tailless feline
44 Little rascal
45 "Another customer, please!"
47 ___ 1 (speed of sound)
48 Detests
50 Mexican beer brand
52 Wooden rod
54 Saudi's neighbor
56 Assistant
60 "Iliad" poet
62 Back of the neck
65 Draped garment
66 Prez on coins that stopped being minted in 2025
67 When the internet exploded in popularity ... or what ancient Romans might see in the starred clues' answers
70 Fish-and-chips fish
71 1979 sci-fi thriller
72 Jousting spear
73 A minor, for example
74 Grabbers in Japanese "UFO catcher" arcade machines
75 Worries

DOWN

1 "The Stranger" author Albert
2 Speechify
3 Judas Priest genre
4 Large agricultural knife
5 Fire residue
6 Dalmatian marking
7 Message with emoji, maybe
8 Not abridged
9 "CSI" molecule
10 Peaceful
11 *Incentive for energy-efficient home renovation
12 Sweet sandwich
13 Shampoo brand with a green bottle
18 Defeat
23 Dermal opening
25 Social expectation
27 "At Last" singer James
29 Poet St. Vincent Millay
30 *Custom set of burned songs
32 "Me too!"
33 Rock band gear
34 Long for
35 Frozen treat brand
36 *Movie built around racy humor
38 Reverberate
42 "You said it!"
43 An older you?
46 Domesticate
49 Elite athlete
51 Touchdown site
53 Timing question
55 Nation on the Bay of Bengal
57 "Common Sense" author Thomas
58 Construct
59 Starts the day
60 Uncreative comedian
61 Clarinet relative
63 From the start
64 Wrestlers' wins
68 Ailing
69 Keebler mascot



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ shaker	ERPPPE
5. Data chart	PHRGA
6. Pool ____	BTELA
7. ____ pine	SHCCTO

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ____ Forge	NOIEPG
2. ____ container	PTILSCA
3. On display	HXTIBIE
4. Public talk	HCEPSE

BONUS **CLUE:** It has compound eyes that contain thousands of lenses.

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Pepper 5A-Graph 6A-Table 7A-Scotch 1D-Pigeon 2D-Plastic 3D-Exhibit 4D-Speech B-Grasshopper

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **61-66** LOW **44-49**

Cloudy this morning, then clouds and sun this afternoon. Winds WNW 7-14 mph. Partly cloudy tonight. Winds WNW 8-16 mph.

TUESDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **60-65** LOW **45-50**

Sunny to partly cloudy. Winds WNW 7-14 mph. Partly cloudy at night. Winds SSW 6-12 mph.

WEDNESDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **58-63** LOW **49-54**

Considerable clouds; breezy with showers in the afternoon. Winds S 10-20 mph. Cloudy at night with showers. Winds SSE 8-16 mph.

THURSDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **58-63** LOW **50-55**

Periods of rain. Winds SE 8-16 mph. Cloudy at night. Winds N 6-12 mph.

FRIDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

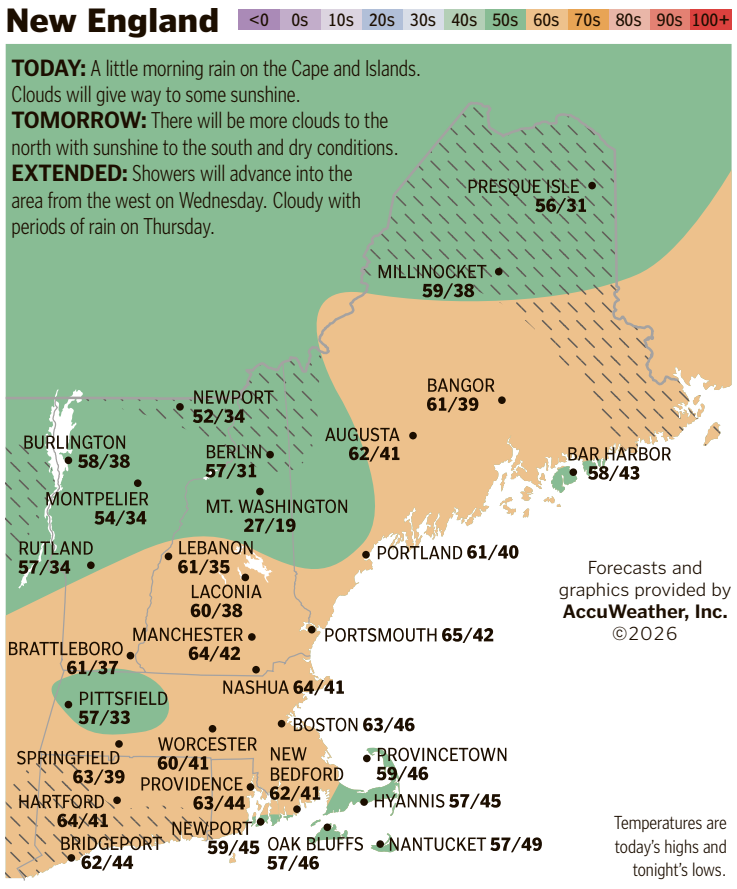
HIGH **60-65** LOW **51-56**

Rain possible. Winds N 8-16 mph. Mainly clear at night. Winds WNW 6-12 mph.

New England

<0 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100+

TODAY: A little morning rain on the Cape and Islands. Clouds will give way to some sunshine.
TOMORROW: There will be more clouds to the north with sunshine to the south and dry conditions.
EXTENDED: Showers will advance into the area from the west on Wednesday. Cloudy with periods of rain on Thursday.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	75°/51°
Sunrise today	5:27 a.m.
Sunset today	7:54 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:36 a.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Dense fog
Visibility	0 miles
Wind	west at 38 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	36/32
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	0.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
High	Absent	Absent	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality

GOOD MOD. UNHEALTHY VERY UNHEALTHY
58
50 100 150 200 300

For more information on today's conditions, call the state hotline at (800) 882-1497 or Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection web site www.state.ma.us/DEP

24 Hr. Precipitation (valid at 5 p.m. yesterday)

Yesterday	0.31"	Month to date	0.58"	Year to date	8.99"
Precip days in May	5	Norm. month to date	1.05"	Norm. year to date	15.45"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	6:56	7:32
Height	9.1	9.0
Boston low	12:46	1:15
Height	1.9	1.2
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	6:40	7:21
Hampton Beach NH	6:54	7:35
Plum Island	7:19	7:54
Ipswich	6:42	7:17

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	6:59	7:36
Marblehead	6:56	7:32
Lynn	6:56	7:33
Scituate	7:05	7:41
Plymouth	7:12	7:46
Cape Cod Canal East	6:52	7:28
Cape Cod Canal West	5:47	
Falmouth	6:40	7:16

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	7:54	8:31
Chatham	7:42	8:19
Wellfleet	7:10	7:46
Provincetown	7:03	7:36
Nantucket Harbor	7:53	8:33
Oak Bluffs	7:12	7:48
New Bedford	3:29	4:01
Newport RI	3:13	3:49

New England marine forecast

Small craft advisory · Gale warning · Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	NW 3-6 kts.	1 ft.	62/48
East Cape Cod Canal	NW 5-10 kts.	1 ft.	58/44
Buzzards Bay	SW 5-10 kts.	1 ft.	60/43
Martha's Vineyard	N 5-10 kts.	1-2 ft.	61/45
Nantucket	N 5-10 kts.	2-3 ft.	56/47
Provincetown	NW 5-10 kts.	1-2 ft.	58/47

For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org.

Cities

Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

● Travel delays possible, **C** Clouds, **F** Fog, **H** Haze, **I** Ice, **Pc** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **Sh** Showers, **S** Sun, **Sn** Snow, **Fl** Flurries, **T** Thunderstorms, **W** Windy

	Today		Tomorrow	
Atlanta	81/60	Pc	77/61	S
Atlantic City	62/46	R	65/50	S
Charlotte	73/50	Pc	74/53	S
Chicago	59/42	S	74/50	Sh
Dallas	76/61	S	83/66	S
Denver	85/51	Pc	78/54	S
Detroit	59/37	Pc	62/54	Sh
Fort Myers	92/74	Pc	89/71	T

	Today		Tomorrow	
Los Angeles	80/58	S	72/60	Pc
● Miami	91/76	T	90/76	T
● New Orleans	83/71	T	84/70	Pc
New York City	65/46	C	66/51	S
Philadelphia	66/48	C	68/51	S
● Phoenix	109/80	S	107/80	Pc
Salt Lake City	92/61	S	92/64	S
San Francisco	71/52	Pc	67/55	S

	Today		Tomorrow	
Seattle	69/51	S	79/53	Pc
Washington	67/49	C	67/55	S
Beijing	88/59	S	91/65	Pc
Cancun	93/75	S	92/73	Sh
● Mexico City	75/56	Sh	73/57	C
● Montreal	55/36	Sh	56/39	Pc
Toronto	54/34	Pc	55/44	Pc
Vancouver	64/51	Pc	69/54	Pc

	Today		Tomorrow	
Jerusalem	80/61	S	89/60	Pc
London	57/40	Sh	62/46	C
Moscow	56/49	R	63/53	C
Paris	59/40	Sh	60/46	Pc
Rome	72/60	S	72/55	S
San Juan	89/76	Sh	89/77	Pc
Stockholm	57/42	Pc	47/38	R
Tokyo	75/63	S	76/62	S

HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 12, 2026: You are methodical, dependable, logical and tenacious. You're also caring and supportive. This is the end of a nine-year cycle, making it a time to let go of people, places and the things that hold you back. Do some internal and external housecleaning. Focus on being compassionate and loving.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
It's a tricky day! You're enthusiastic about financial matters! Perhaps you're ready to spend big on something you really want. Or you might want to make a financial decision or choose a job. Change of plans: There's a Moon Alert in effect today. Restrict spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions until tomorrow (which is a good day). Tonight: You win!

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
Today ercury is in your sign dancing with Jupiter, which makes you optimistic about everything. Oh yes, you're ready to take a chance. But lo! What news from yonder modem breaks? Today is a Moon Alert. Put your money back in your wallet. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
You make a great impression on others because you're upbeat and enthusiastic, especially about some behind-the-scenes ideas. Before you commit to anything important, be aware that today is a Moon Alert. Do your homework, but wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Warm friendships.

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
Your enthusiasm is contagious, and you will encourage others today because of it. You have big ideas about travel plans, higher education and matters related to medicine and the law. Nevertheless, today is a Moon Alert all day - be careful! Postpone until tomorrow. Tonight: You're noticed.

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
Tread carefully because the Moon is in one of your Money Houses boosting your enthusiasm and giving you the ability to convince others to go along with your ideas. However, today is also a Moon Alert. Put things on hold until tomorrow. Tonight: Learn and explore.

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
Plans for travel, higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law sound exciting. However, do not sign on the dotted line today. (Whaat?) Restrict spending to food and gas because most of today is a Moon Alert. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
Work-related travel might occur today. You'll be convincing if dealing with wills, inheritances, shared property, taxes or debt. Nevertheless, know that today is a Moon Alert. Restrict your spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions until tomorrow. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
Conversations with partners, spouses and close friends are optimistic and mutually encouraging; plus, it's a great day to socialize and enjoy sports events and fun times with kids. But today is a Moon Alert, so restrict spending to food and gas. Postpone important decisions. Tonight: Get better organized.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
It's a tricky day! You're pumped about issues with your job, your health or a pet. Family discussions are ambitious. But today is a Moon Alert, which means postpone important decisions until tomorrow. Restrict spending to food and gas. It is what it is. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
You're full of great ideas and eager to persuade others to your point of view. Plans for vacations, social outings and sports events are so exciting they're almost at a fever pitch! Unfortunately, today is a Moon Alert. Cool your jets and wait until tomorrow. Tonight: Relax at home.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
You might be enthused about financial matters - potential earnings or a way to boost wealth. You might want to buy something exciting. It's important to know that today is a Moon Alert, which means restrict spending to food and gas. Tomorrow is a great day. Tonight: Conversations.

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
For most of this day, the Moon is in your sign dancing with Jupiter, making you feel extroverted and eager to make your pitch about whatever interests you. Alas, most of this day is a Moon Alert. Postpone until tomorrow. (Tomorrow is strong.) Tonight: Check your money.

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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.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART

South dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ Q 10 7 5
♡ K J 6 4
♢ A J
♣ 6 5 4

West
♠ J 6
♡ 7 5
♢ K Q 10 8 5 2
♣ A J 3

East
♠ 2
♡ Q 10 8 3
♢ 9 7 6 4
♣ Q 10 9 8

South
♠ A K 9 8 4 3
♡ A 9 2
♢ 3
♣ K 7 2

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♢	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♢ K

"Minnie has a cross-stitched prayer in her den," Rose told me. "'Grant me the sense to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into those I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.'"

Minnie Bottoms, my club's senior member, wears old bifocals that make her mix up kings and jacks, often to her opponents' dismay. Minnie was declarer at four spades, and West led the king of diamonds.

"Minnie took the ace," Rose said, "drew trumps, cashed the ace of hearts, led a second heart and called for dummy's king. She next led the jack of diamonds and threw her last heart. West took the king ... and Minnie led another heart from dummy!"

"She thought the jack of diamonds was the king," I laughed.

"They set her straight," Rose said, "but West was endplayed. He had to lead a diamond, conceding a ruff-sluff, or a helpful club. If he'd had a third heart and led it, Minnie would get a third heart trick."

Minnie and her glasses found a perfect play.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ Q 10 7 5 ♡ K J 6 4 ♢ A J ♣ 6 5 4. The dealer, at your left, opens one club. Your partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your partner promises opening values or more and probably has support for all the unbid suits. Since you have 11 points, with none "wasted" in clubs, game is likely. Cue-bid two clubs. Your partner will surely bid a major suit next, and you will raise to three to invite game.

ZIPPY "Stool Sample" by Bill Griffith



ADAM@HOME by Rob Harrell



BIZARRO by Wayno & Piraro



ROSE IS ROSE by Pat Brady & Don Wimmer



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution

S	T	E	R	F	■	S	W	A	L	C	■	Y	E	K
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H	O	M	E	R	■	P	A	N	■	E	S	A	R	I
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R	E	X	A	C	H	O	B	T	E	■	U	A	T	M
A	E	R	E	A	S	■	A	M	M	O	C	O	R	A
C	O	D	■	A	C	N	A	L	■	S	D	U	T	S

Today's Sudoku Solution

3	6	9	2	1	8	5	4	7
7	2	1	6	4	5	8	9	3
5	4	8	7	3	9	1	6	2
1	8	3	5	6	2	4	7	9
6	5	7	8	9	4	2	3	1
4	9	2	3	7	1	6	8	5
9	7	5	4	2	6	3	1	8
2	1	6	9	8	3	7	5	4
8	3	4	1	5	7	9	2	6

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY LISA WEIDENFELD



SANNE GAULT/PRIME

Michael Sheen (left) and David Tennant in "Good Omens."

This week: 'Good Omens' returns, a new hockey romance, and more

For fans who have been hoping for some closure on the "**Good Omens**" series, they can expect a 90-minute wrap-up episode to drop on Prime Video Wednesday. The series, which was based on a book written by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett, follows the adventures of an angel, played by Michael Sheen, and a demon, played by David Tennant, who are friends. The series had paused production after allegations that Gaiman, who created the show, had committed sexual assault, but it now returns for a finale.

Prime Video tries to figure out how much hockey-based romance viewers are interested in with "**Off Campus**," out Wednesday. The series follows collegiate hockey players and the women who love them. It's based on a book series from Elle Kennedy. Presumably there are some number crunchers hoping "Heated Rivalry" fans will check this one out, but there's no Connor Storrie or Hudson Williams involved, so we'll see.

Courtney A. Kemp, who created "Power" on Starz, heads to Netflix for her latest show, "**Nemesis**," out Thursday. The series follows a battle of the wits between Isaiah Stiles (Matthew Law), a detective, and Coltrane Wilder (Y'lan Noel), the robber Stiles is convinced murdered his partner. If only Wilder could resist the siren song of that one last job. But ... he probably won't. Also, credit where credit is due: Coltrane Wilder is an incredible name. No wonder the guy thinks he's invincible.

The Taylor Sheridan ranch-iverse continues to expand with "**Dutton Ranch**," out Friday on Paramount+ (Sheridan is listed as an executive producer for this one, but isn't the showrunner; Chad Feehan, a writer for "Ray Donovan," created this one). This latest iteration follows "Yellowstone" characters Beth Dutton (Kelly Reilly) and Rip Wheeler (Cole Hauser) in South Texas as they face off against some new foes. This time around, Ed Harris and Annette Bening have saddled up (subtle ranching joke!) to join the cast, and early signs are that they've given Bening some very glamorous western wear for the gig.

Lisa Ann Walter is probably best known these days for her work as Melissa on "Abbott Elementary" (yes, "Parent Trap" fans, I'm aware people loved her as Chessy), and releases a new comedy special Friday on Hulu: "**Lisa Ann Walter: It Was an Accident**." So regardless of where you know her from, you can see what you think of her own comedy.

Shania Twain hosts the **Academy of Country Music Awards**, streaming live at 8 p.m. Sunday on Prime Video. It's her first time hosting the show, and performers include Blake Shelton, Thomas Rhett, Avery Anna, Ella Langley, and more.

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ASKING ERIC

Caregiving friend struggles to hold boundary

Q. My brother and I are helping an elderly cousin who has cancer. Her chemo treatments have terrible side effects, and she is requiring more and more care because of this. Ideally, she would be getting home health care or would move to an assisted living facility. However, she does not have cash flow to pay for services.

She wishes her niece to inherit her home. It has been in our family for a century. However, this niece has mental health issues, lives 700 miles away, and does not fly or drive. Inheriting this house would be a burden not a blessing to this niece.

We have tried to bring up the subject of selling the house and using some of the money for her own care, but she refuses. The end result is my brother, a friend of hers, and I are all being asked to provide way more care than we feel comfortable doing because she will not spend money for needed care.

The friend finds it difficult to set boundaries. We've coached him on how to do this, but it hasn't been effective. He does let us know this has become a burden for him.

I am very willing to bring up this subject with her and am going to meet the friend again to discuss boundaries, but I would like to know some ways to keep the conversation non-judgmental and positive.

GROWING TIRED

A. One part of holding a healthy boundary with your cousin may involve setting a boundary with the overly helpful friend.

It sounds like, despite your efforts, you're being drawn further into this situation by taking on the responsibility of coaching him. This places you at the center, which creates more strain and stress. He has to be responsible for doing what he can and communicating with your cousin about what his limits are.

Release yourself from the responsibility of managing this part of the situation.

With regard to your cousin, be honest with her about how impossible the situation has become. Tell her that you're in it with her, but that the way it's going now isn't working for anyone. Ask her to help you think through some solutions. This relieves you of some of the burden of giving her an ultimatum and encourages her to continue to be an active part of her care plan.

If you haven't already done so, reach out to the niece. It's not clear to me if she knows about the plan to leave her the house. This could be an opportunity for her to have an honest conversation with your cousin about whether she wants it, which could, in turn, free your cousin up to make other choices, including renting it or selling it.

Q. I am writing in response to the letter from the son who is tired of having to Google the answers to questions from his dad ("Not Google").

My husband and I have been together for 25 years. My family used to comment frequently about our conversations, that it was amazing we could talk about everything and nothing for hours and be so pleased.

But time and life marched on. My husband and I have grown apart. Recently I've really struggled to get something back that we can hold onto, and I have focused a lot of my efforts on rebuilding our conversations.

In the last decade or so, my husband has developed a healthy addiction to the supercomputer in his pocket. If I try to start a conversation, he will whip out Google and immediately end it with a definitive "answer." This bothers me to no end.

I have asked my husband to stop pulling out his phone during our conversations and it's something we argue about (unfortunately). He feels like there is access to the answer, so why shouldn't we just get it?

It's just from reading Not Google's letter that I realized what my point is: The goal of a good conversation is the journey, not a particular destination.

NOT LOOKING FOR GOOGLE

A. Thank you for sharing your experience. I hope that you're able to recapture some of the ease you found in early conversations with your husband. I want to applaud you for not settling for something less than what you want.

Every relationship goes through its changes, just as the people inside change. We owe it to ourselves and to each other to keep being creative and curious about how to maintain connections that matter to us.

You may also appreciate using conversational prompts, like the card games Where Should We Begin by Esther Perel or The And by a company called Skin Deep. You can even write your own prompts, based on things you used to enjoy discussing or memories you share.

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Monday May 11, 2026

Movies Sports News Specials

		7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30
2	WGBH PBS	BBC News	R. Steves	Antiques "Grant's Farm Hour 3" (N)		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens "Natchez" (N)			Amanpour (N)
4	WBZ CBS	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Neighbor (N) (F)	DMV (N) (F)	FBI "Long Shot" (N)		CIA "Forbidden Eye" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Colbert
5	WCVB ABC	News (N)	Chronicle	American Idol "916 (Grand Finale)" (N) (SF) (Live)						NewsCenter 5 (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel
6	WLNE ABC	Videos		Whose	Whose	Whose	Whose	Saturday Night Live		SNL Lady Gaga	
7	WHDH	Inside (N)	Extra (N)	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	7 News at 9PM (N)		7 News at 10PM (N)		7 News at 11PM (N)	(:35) Inside
9	WMUR ABC	Chronicle	News (N)	American Idol "916 (Grand Finale)" (N) (SF) (Live)						News (N)	J.Kimmel
10	NBC Boston	Boston News (N)	Hollywood (N)	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Cleveland Cavaliers Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 4. (N) (Live)						Boston News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)
10	WJAR NBC	News (N) (Live)	Extra (N)	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Cleveland Cavaliers Eastern Conference Semifinal, Game 4. (N) (Live)						News (N) (Live)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)
11	WENH PBS	Weekends	Weekends	Antiques "Grant's Farm Hour 3" (N)		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens "Natchez" (N)			Amanpour (N)
12	WPRI CBS	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Neighbor (N) (F)	DMV (N) (F)	FBI "Long Shot" (N)		CIA "Forbidden Eye" (N)		12 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Colbert
25	WFXT FOX	ET (N)	TMZ (N)	The 1% Club "Split Decision"		The Quiz With Balls "K-Pop vs. Country"		Boston 25 News at 10PM (N) (Live)		News (Live)	(:35) News (N)
27	WUNI	Rosa "El follower" (N)		Mi verdad oculta (N)		Mi rival (N)		Hermanas, un amor compartido (N)		Noticias Univisión	(:35) Noticiero
36	WSBE PBS	R. Steves	Weekends	Nature		Shakespeare: Rise of a Genius		TURN "Against Thy Neighbor"		PBS News Hour	
38	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News 8p (N)		48 Hours "A Killer in the Family Tree"		Perfect (N)	Perfect	Flip Side (N)	Flip Side
44	WGBX PBS	Test Kitchen	Antiques	Midsomer "The Debt of Lies: Part 2"		Brokenwood "Something Nasty at the Market"			Antiques	PBS News Hour (N)	
50	WWJE	Killer Cases		Killer Cases		Killer Cases		Killer Cases		Unusual Suspects	
56	WLVI CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Sullivan's Crossing "Gut Instincts" (N)		Wild Cards		7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
64	WNAC FOX	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	The 1% Club "Split Decision"		The Quiz With Balls "K-Pop vs. Country"		12 News on Fox Pr (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
68	WBPX ION	Chicago P.D. "Get My Cigarettes"		Chicago P.D. "The Weigh Station"		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D. "An Honest Woman"		Chicago P.D. "Prison Ball"	
	PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax		(6:55) ★ The House ('17) Will Ferrell.		(:20) ★★ Dim Sum Funeral ('08) Steph Song, Talia Shire, Bai Ling.				★★★ Despicable Me ('10) Steve Carell.			(:35) Pitch Perfect 3
Flix		(5:50) ★★ Rules of Engagement		★★★ The Hunt for Red October ('90) Alec Baldwin, Scott Glenn, Sean Connery.				(:15) ★★ The Presidio ('88) Mark Harmon, Meg Ryan, Sean Connery.			
HBO		(:25) Last Week To.		(:05) Half Man		(:05) Rooster	(:35) Comeback	(:25) ★★ Saltburn ('23) Jacob Elordi, Rosamund Pike, Barry Keoghan.			
HBO 2		★★ Greenland 2: Migration ('26) Gerard Butler. (P)			(:40) ★★★ Crazy Rich Asians ('18) Henry Golding, Michelle Yeoh, Constance Wu.				(:40) Half Man		(:45) Euphoria
Paramount-Sho		(5:15) Top Gun: Ma...	(:25) Old Guy ('24) Lucy Liu, Christoph Waltz.			★★★ Django Unchained ('12) Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jamie Foxx.					(:45) Termina...
Showtime 2		(5:10) ★★★★ Saving Private Ryan		★★★ Before We Vanish ('17) Ryuhei Matsuda, Masami Nagasawa.				(:15) ★★★ Memories of Murder ('03) Kim Sang-kyung, Kim Roe ha, Song Kang-ho.			
Starz!		(6:30) Trap City ('24)		(:05) ★★★ Friends With Benefits ('11) Mila Kunis, Justin Timberlake.				Outlander "Pharos"		(:55) Amadeus	(:45) Welcom...
TMC		(6:30) The Girl in the Pool ('24)		The Violent Heart ('20) Grace Van Patten, Jovan Adepo.			(:45) Seaside ('18) Matt Shingledecker, Ariana DeBose.			(:20) ★★ American Assassin ('17)	
	SPORTS										
CBSSN		Course Record With Michael Breed (N)		Golf (N)	Club Life (N)	My World With (N)	Poker Night (N)	Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball			
ESPN		NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (N) (Live)					NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA The latest hockey action from across the NHL. (N) (Live)				
ESPN2		Men's College Volleyball NCAA Championship: Teams TBA (N) (Live)				NFL Live Marcus Spears		WSL: Insid 2026 Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach		Peyton's Places	Peyton's Places
Fox Sports 1		MLB on FS1 Pregame (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros From Daikin Park in Houston. (N) (Live)						Postgame (N)	World Cup (N)
Golf		PGA Championship (N) (Live)				Live From the PGA Championship				PGA (N)	PGA TOUR
NBA		(6:00) NBA Playback		NBA Shot Clock		Chasing Hi	Basketcast		The Association		Postgame
NBC Sports		Early Edition		Best of Felger & Mazz Radio		Best of Zolak and Bertrand		Boston Sports (N) (Live)		Boston Sports	
NESN		C. Moore	C. Moore	MLB Baseball				Chat (N)		Liverpool Football	
	FAMILY										
Cartoon		Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	RickMorty	RickMorty
Disney		Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	Vampirina	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	Kiff	Ladybug	Ladybug "Noe"
Encore Family		(6:15) Legend of Cat...		Quest for Tom Sawyer's Gold			Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!			(:05) Sk8 Dawg ('18)	
Nickelodeon		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
Nick Jr.		PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	Mr.Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr.Crocod

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BASIC CABLE										
A&E	Live PD: Greatest Shifts "Episode 15"		Live PD: Greatest Shifts "Episode 7"		Live PD: Great. "Episode 16" (N)		Live PD: Great. "Episode 17" (N)		(:05) Live PD: Great. "Episode 14"	
AMC	(5:00) Die Hard Wit...		★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94) Tim Robbins.						★★★ True Lies ('94)	
Animal Planet	Crikey... Irwins "Bindi Says Yes!"		Alaskan "The Alaskan Code"		Alaskan "No Sleep Till Petersburg"		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan "All Aboard The Barter Train"	
BBC America	(6:45) ★★ Tommy Boy ('95) Chris Farley.				★★ Happy Gilmore ('96) Adam Sandler.				Law "Release"	
BET	Neighbor	Neighbor	Assisted Living	Assisted Living	Assisted Living	Assisted Living	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
Bravo	Below Deck Down Under		Below Deck Down Under (N)		Watch What	Top Chef (N)		(:45) Below Deck Down Under		(:45) Housewi..
CMT	Mama's	Mama's	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
CNN	OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N)		The Source With (N)		CNN (N) (Live)		Laura (N) (Live)	
Comedy Central	The Office	(:35) The Office	(:10) The Office	(:45) The Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) The Office	The Office	The Daily Show "05/11/2026" (N)	
CSPAN	(6:00) Public Affairs		Public Affairs Events				Public Affairs Events			
CSPAN2	(6:00) Se..	Public Affairs Events			Public Affairs Events			Public Affairs Events		
Dest. America	Mountain	Mountain	Mountain	Mountain	Mountain	Mountain	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin	Log Cabin
Discovery	Contraband: Seized		Contraband (N)		Body Cam (N)		120 Hours Be.		120 Hours Be.	
Discovery Life	(6:00) My 600-Lb		My 600-Lb. Life "Lacey's Journey"				My 600-Lb. Life "Tiffany's Story"			
E!	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
Encore	(6:15) It Could Happ...		★★★ Trading Places ('83) Dan Aykroyd.				★★★ Friday Night Lights ('04)			
Food	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	BBQ Brawl "Flay V. Chauhan V. Williamson - The BBQ Remix" (N) (SP)				Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
Fox News	Ingraham (N) (Live)		Jesse (N) (Live)		Hannity (N) (Live)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News (N) (Live)	
Freeform	(5:40) Princess Diari...		(:20) ★★ The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement ('04)						The 700 Club (N)	
FUSE	Fatal Addiction: Michael Jackson		Jackson-Truth				Cheaters	Cheaters	Cheaters	Cheaters
FX	★★★ Bumblebee ('18) John Cena, Hailee Steinfeld.						★★★ Bumblebee ('18) John Cena, Hailee Steinfeld.			
FXM	(5:15) Amsterdam		★★★ Jojo Rabbit ('19)				(:15) ★★★ Jojo Rabbit ('19)			
Hallmark	(6:00) Wedding Veil ...		A Country Wedding ('15) Jesse Metcalfe.				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark Myst.	(6:00) Aurora		Mystery 101 "An Education in Murder"				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote	
HGTV	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Rock the Block "Great Reasons To Be Mad" (N)		Tropic (N)		Tropic (N)	House Hunters
History	Mysteries "The Hunt for Hitler"		History's Greatest Mysteries (N)		History's-Mysteries "Foo Fighters"		(:05) History's "The Samurai" (N)		(:05) Mysteries "The Lufthansa Heist"	
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
HSN	Concierge (N) (Live)		Tarte Cos (N) (Live)		Adam's (N) (Live)		Adam's (N) (Live)		Crafting (N) (Live)	
ID	People Magazine Investigates		People Magazine "Gone in the Night"		Hollywood Demons "Doctor Feelgoods" (N)				Deadly In. "Control, Alt, Delete"	
IFC	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
Lifetime	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple (N)		(:05) Dr. Pimple		(:05) Dr. Pimple	
LMN	(6:00) Secrets Bene...		Secrets to Kill For ('25) Courtney Grace.				Secrets Between Sisters ('24)			
MAGN	Maine		Maine		Maine		Maine		Maine	
MSNBC	The Weeknight (N) (Live)				The Rachel (N)		Last Word (N) (Live)		The 11th (N) (Live)	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
National Geographic	Tucci in Italy "Lombardy"		Tucci in Italy "Tuscany"		Tucci Ita "Naples & Campania" (N) (SP)		Tucci in Italy "Sicily" (N)		Tucci in Italy "Tuscany"	
NatGeoWild	Dr. Oakley, Vet		Dr. Oakley, Vet		Dr. Oakley, Vet		Dr. Oakley, Vet		Dr. Oakley, Vet	
NECN	News	News	Dateline		Dateline		Rescue	OpenHou..	1st Look	Rescue
NewsNation	Vargas Report (N)		Cuomo (N)		On Balance (N)		Katie Pavlich (N)		Jesse Web (N)	
Ovation	Murdoch Mysteries		Hope Street		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries	
OWN	Videos		Videos		Videos		Videos		Videos	
Oxygen	Snapped: Killer		Snapped: Killer		A Plan to Kill		Snapped		Snapped	
Paramount	Two Men	Two Men	Movie				Movie			
QVC	(6:00) PM Style (N)		Peace Love (N)		Menopause (N)		Get un (N) (Live)		Kestenberg (N)	
Science	Secrets		Secrets		Secrets		Secrets		Secrets	
Sundance	NCIS "The Bone Yard"		NCIS "Terminal Leave"		NCIS "Call of Silence"		NCIS "Heart Break"		NCIS "Forced Entry"	
SyFy	★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire ('05) Daniel Radcliffe.							Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's St...		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Foul Play	Foul Play	Big Bang	Big Bang	Office	Office
TCM	(5:00) Raintree Cou...		★★★ All of Me ('84)			(:45) ★★★ Parenthood ('89) Steve Martin.				
TLC	The Single Life		Single "The Act of Making It Official" (N)				(:05) Single (N)		(:05) 90 Day Diaries	
TNT	(5:30) ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 4 ('23)				★★★ Avengers: Endgame ('19) Chris Evans, Robert Downey.					
Travel	(6:00) Mysteries		Mysteries of the Unknown				Mysteries of the Unknown			
TruTV	★★★ Jerry Maguire ('96) Cuba Gooding, Tom Cruise.						★★★ Jerry Maguire ('96) Tom Cruise.			
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Fatal Attraction		Fatal Attraction (N)		For My Man (N)		For My Man	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law-SVU "Eighteen Wheels a Predator"		Law-SVU "Tangled Strands of Justice"	
VH-1	Hip Hop		Hip Hop (N)		The Impact: Atlanta		The Impact: Atlanta		The Impact: Atlanta	
WE	Criminal "Valhalla"		Criminal "Lauren"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	

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