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Sutton data center not a surprise for all

Idea of building midsize plant was discussed publicly more than a year ago

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Residents of Sutton expressed shock and outrage this week when they learned one of Robert Kraft's companies had proposed building a massive data center complex in their small town 10 miles south of Worcester.

But the idea was first discussed in public over a year ago when Sutton's Select Board was encouraging a packaging company owned by the Kraft Group to develop a large parcel of land it owns on the north side of town, according to videos of public town Select Board meetings reviewed by the Globe.

It's not clear when the Krafts took up the idea, which was discussed Tuesday at a Select Board meeting. In December, a Kraft representative at a Select Board meeting said they had not formally presented any plan to Sutton officials.

But there's no doubt its $16 billion data center plan — potentially one of the largest in the country — has crashed headlong into the powerful political backlash nationwide against the energy-hungry facilities used to develop and run artificial intelligence systems.

►At Select Board meeting, harsh words for data center plan. D1.

The Kraft Group did not respond Wednesday to requests for comment.

The 383-acre parcel has been used for industrial purposes since the 1930s, according to town filings with the Worcester County Register of Deeds. Before the Krafts owned it, it housed a cement factory and a gravel pit.

In 2022, Sutton had given the Kraft company, Unified Global Packaging Group, a tax incentive deal to build a huge warehouse on part of a 383-acre parcel it bought for $9.5 million in 2020. But by 2025, Uni-

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THE DREAM OF FLIGHT — OR A NIGHTMARE?



Long battle over CEO's private airstrip divides Vermont town



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Top: An aerial view of Kyle Clark's property in Lincoln, Vt., where he wants to use a private airstrip. But neighbors, including Sarah Laird and Dan Guy (above), have been fighting him for years.

By Paul Heintz
GLOBE STAFF

LINCOLN, Vt. — The aging interlopers were worried about getting arrested.

They were hiking up a steep, rutted, public road through a 130-acre estate to the site of a proposed airstrip they had fought for years. The owners had recently issued no-trespass orders to 23 neighbors, including them.

"I'm gonna stay on the road because I was warned," said Dan Guy, a 72-year-old retired carpenter, peering over a stone wall at the 900-foot grass landing strip that has deeply divided neighbors in this rural Vermont town.

They were soon confronted by two men who followed them down the road and told the group surveillance cameras had caught them on the property. The men refused to identify themselves but were well known to Guy: caretakers for the owners, Kyle Clark, chief executive of one of Vermont's most successful startups, electric plane manufacturer Beta Technologies, and his wife, Katie.

"We're going to get photos of the cars that are here," said one, sporting a backward hat in camo with the Beta logo on it, as he rushed past the neighbors.

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Witness in Farwell case urges changes

Doctor sees 'opportunity' to set protocol for cases with ties to police officers

By Laura Crimaldi and Sean Cotter
GLOBE STAFF

A medical expert for federal prosecutors in the Sandra Birchmore case urged state law enforcement officials on Wednesday to rethink how they investigate strangulation deaths, amid lingering questions over how Massachusetts authorities concluded Birchmore hanged herself.

Dr. Bill Smock, an emergency medicine physician who has worked for the medical examiner and law enforcement agencies in Kentucky, called for better training to detect possible strangulation or suffocation in unattended deaths. He further pressed for a specific protocol for approaching suspicious deaths in cases in which the victims were in an intimate relationship with a law enforcement officer. He likened such a new protocol to how special investigations are conducted in police shootings.

"This is an opportunity for Massachusetts to say, 'We had some issues with Sandra's investigation. Let's make sure that the mistakes that occurred here don't happen again,' " Smock said in a phone interview.

"Sandra's case would be an example where clearly the investigating agency knew there was a connection to a police officer or multiple police of-

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Democrats vow to do two things at once

Say their investigations will lead to lower prices

By Jim Puzzanghera
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — In the giddy days since midterm voters swept them into power, congressional Democrats have vowed to address not only the high cost of living that fueled their victories but the corruption they say is rampant in the Trump administration.

"Walk and chew gum at the same time" — that's the mantra from lawmakers who assert they can both legislate and investigate effectively.

But they also are trying to link accountability and affordability, arguing that oversight of the executive branch will help reverse the price increases on gas, groceries, and other essentials that angered so many voters.

"We didn't treat corruption as some abstract complaint about ethics in Washington," said Senator Chuck Schumer, the New York Democrat in line to lead the new majority next year. "We told people the plain truth: that your costs are high in no small part because the powerful in this town are too busy helping themselves at your expense."

The House and Senate are empowered to make

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Nurses in deal

Brigham and Women's Hospital and its nurses union reached an agreement a few hours before a planned strike this morning. **B1.**

The White House warned Democrats that aggressive oversight of the Trump administration "may cross the line into blatant criminality." **A2.**

Legally admitted as refugees, they fear deportation

Uncertainty rises as Trump policies change

By Giulia McDonnell Nieto del Rio
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Lida, a young woman from Afghanistan, was evacuated by the US military after the Taliban takeover in 2021. Her US-funded job in education put her life at risk. (The Globe is identifying her by a pseudonym used in court documents.)

After enduring an arduous screening process while she waited in Qatar, she entered the United States as a refugee in early 2024. Safe at last, she could begin rebuilding her life.

Or so she thought. Last year, the Trump administration began re-vetting refugees admitted under the Biden administration and paused the processing of their green card applications. Last month, officials tightened the vise further, announcing that refugees notified of a revocation of status would have just 10 days to contest the decision.

Now, like thousands of other refugees, Lida is terrified of being sent back to Afghanistan, where she fears she and her family could be killed by the Taliban. In the meantime, her life here has ground to a halt; she had to put aside her plan to attend college this year

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Afghan women and children in Kandahar province last month. Refugees in the US from Afghanistan say they'd be in danger if they were sent back.

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FATAL COLLAPSE — Firefighters removed a person from the rubble at the scene of a building collapse in the Flatbush neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y., on Wednesday. Two people were killed and 17 others injured, six of them critically, authorities said.

White House warns Congress over inquiries

Says Democrats' oversight efforts could be crime

By Charlie Savage, Jonathan Swan, and Michael Gold
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The White House's top lawyer has warned the Democrat in line to lead the House's chief investigative committee that aggressive oversight of the Trump administration "may cross the line into blatant criminality," a threat that experts called legally dubious.

In a three-page letter to Representative Robert Garcia of California, the incoming chair of the Oversight Committee, White House counsel Will Scharf said Democrats had "evinced a clear intent to transgress" constitutional limits on congressional investigations. He predicted that their inquiries would be used "to harass and aggrandize, rather than to advance any legitimate legislative end."

The warning from the White House was dated Monday, a day after Attorney General Todd Blanche said on CNN that members of Congress had "done nothing but threaten everything that's happening in this administration."

"That is not governing, that is not leading, that is not oversight," Blanche said. He, like Scharf, once represented Donald Trump as a defense lawyer.

Taken together, their statements signal that Trump's administration is likely to follow the playbook his first administration used after Democrats took the House in 2019. Then, Trump vowed to fight "all" subpoenas, his administration routinely refused to comply, and the disputes ended up in court.

But the threat of launching criminal investigations goes even further than the stance he took in his first term. It indicates how far Trump is willing to push the Justice Department to try to protect the White House from legislative investigations.

In a statement, Garcia dismissed the letter. Arguing that Congress has broad authority to conduct investigations, Garcia suggested Trump had "something to hide" and accused the White House of threatening legislators.

"The Trump administration continues to weaponize the government with threats of unconstitutional attacks on Congress," he said. "We are a coequal branch of government and will not be deterred by baseless threats from a weaponized DOJ or from the president's lawyers."

Punchbowl News first reported the letter, which was later shared by the White House.

Peter M. Shane, who teaches public law at the New York University School of Law and is an author of a separation-of-powers casebook, criticized Scharf's threat as legally baseless. "Our Constitution protects legislators from the threat of criminal prosecution while performing official duties as an essential bulwark to repel executive overreach and defend checks and balances," he said.

He continued: "Congressional oversight and the issuance of subpoenas by definition cannot be the focus of legitimate criminal prosecution. It may be that an occasional subpoena may be quashed as outside the committee's jurisdiction or for some other reason, but that is not a criminal offense."

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>
> REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT GARCIA, *incoming chair of the House Oversight Committee*

The portion of Scharf's letter raising the prospect of criminality cited no precedent.

On Wednesday, Representative Hakeem Jeffries of New York, the Democratic minority leader who is in line to be the next House speaker, dismissed the White House threat.

"A Democratic Congress is going to be a check and balance on an out-of-control executive branch in the face of unprecedented corruption that they've unleashed on the American people," he told reporters. "And if they don't like it, consult the Constitution."

Much of the letter rests on legal principles courts have used to separate legitimate congressional subpoenas from ones that can be quashed: Congress may compel testimony and documents tied to a valid legislative purpose, like weighing whether new laws are needed or whether there is a basis on which to impeach an official, but not merely to harass people or invade privacy for the sake of exposure.

The first Trump administration made the same argument against congressional subpoenas, including one seeking Trump's financial records after he had violated the norm that candidates for president release their tax returns. He said Democrats were just trying to harass him and score political points, while lawmakers maintained they had a valid legislative purpose because they were weighing whether to enact a law requiring such disclosures.

The Supreme Court set clearer limits on subpoenas for a president's personal records, sending the case back down for further consideration and narrowing the files Congress ultimately received in a 2022 settlement. In the meantime, the litigation also helped Trump run out the clock on disclosures before the 2020 election.

Scharf's letter follows more than a year of efforts by the Trump administration to prosecute officials who have investigated the president. For much of his second term, prosecutors in South Florida have pursued a sprawling inquiry, examining whether former FBI and intelligence officials who investigated Trump over the past decade conspired to violate his constitutional rights. But, so far, that effort has not succeeded in establishing a basis for an indictment against former officials, and several Trump loyalists who worked on the inquiry recently resigned.

Much of Scharf's letter is a catalog of Democrats' postelection commentary. As election results came in last week, Garcia issued a terse statement warning Trump administration officials and others to "lawyer up." Since the election, Democrats have promised to pass out subpoenas "like candy" or "Mardi Gras beads," and one representative-elect said he wanted to watch Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth "squirm."

Ocean liner is sunk to become largest artificial reef

Project aims to attract divers, marine life

By John Hanna and Stephen Smith
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DESTIN, Fla. — An ocean liner that is longer than the Titanic and was once the fastest on the seas headed Wednesday toward its final home on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico as the world's largest artificial reef.

The SS United States floated placidly under a cloudy sky off the coast of the Florida Panhandle ahead of what officials described as a controlled sinking and fulfill a long-planned $13.5 million project aimed at attracting more divers and fishing enthusiasts to the area while creating a home for tuna, marlin, and swordfish.

The project will keep what had been a technological marvel when it made its maiden voyage in 1952 from becoming scrap metal. The ship's scuttling was streamed live online.

The SS United States crossed the Atlantic more than 800 times, carrying old Hollywood stars like Grace Kelly and Elizabeth Taylor. Other passengers have included Presidents Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, and John F. Kennedy and Britain's former king Edward VIII. In 1968, a young Bill Clinton took it when he went to Oxford University, decades before he was elected president.

Once aboard, passengers were treated to dinners that included caviar, roast duckling, smoked ox tongue, and calf's head en tortue.

In preparation for the sinking, organizers removed the 65-foot smokestacks and plan to have them anchor a new museum that celebrates the ship.

"We're not destroying anything," Tim Mullane, a Navy veteran and chief operating officer of Coleen Marine, the company sending the ship to the ocean floor, said in a video aired online by local officials. "It's going to serve a second life."

The process of sinking the behemoth vessel stretched into the evening, despite predictions that it could happen in less than an hour once flooded. Smaller boats remained around and even up beside it.



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Smaller boats floated around the SS United States ahead of its planned sinking off the coast of Florida on Wednesday.

Federal environmental and explosives rules prevent Okaloosa County, Fla., and its contractor from using explosives to scuttle the ship, said Nick Tomecek, the county's spokesperson. Concerns about inclement weather prompted officials to move up the sinking by a day.

The SS United States has pipes that pulled seawater into tanks as part of the system that cooled its boilers, he said, and those tanks have been removed so that water will flood the hull. Workers also have cut 10-foot by 10-foot holes in the decks, and more than 400 portholes have been removed.

The ship is to sink in about 180 feet of water, with its top deck about 60 feet below the surface — shallow enough that inexperienced divers can visit. It will settle on the floor of the waters about 25 miles southwest of Destin, between Panama City and Pensacola.

More than 3,000 workers helped build the SS United States in 1950 and 1951 in Virginia. An Associated Press reporter and Truman's daughter, Margaret, were among 1,700 passengers for the first voyage.

The ship's average speed for that trip was almost 41 miles per hour, besting a record set by Britain's RMS Queen Mary in 1938 by 4.5 miles per hour, according to the AP's dispatch.

"She really embodies and expresses this country's best," said Susan Gibbs, the granddaughter of the ship's designer. "She represents pride and resilience and strength and beauty."

More than 500 artificial reefs are located in the waters near where the ship will rest.

DAILY BRIEFING

Driver in fatal crash charged with murder

LOS ANGELES — The driver of a minivan that crashed outside a Los Angeles metro station, killing three women and critically injuring two more, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and three counts of murder, police said Wednesday.

Authorities said the driver was able to talk but appeared to be in shock after Tuesday's crash, which hit pedestrians and food vendors at a busy intersection in the North Hollywood neighborhood during the height of the evening commute.

Police identified the driver as Ihor Demianenko, 61, who lives in the Valley Village neighborhood. Demianenko was booked early Wednesday and his bail was set at a little over $6 million, records show. He was treated for minor injuries at a hospital, police said.

The white Toyota Sienna was traveling at an "unsafe speed" at around 6 p.m. when it veered to the right, ran off the road, and collided with a light, Los Angeles police said in a news release Wednesday. It came to rest under a food vendor's tent. The force of the collision threw victims in different directions.

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Teen arrested in fatal shooting of NYC student

NEW YORK — A teenager was arrested Wednesday in the fatal shooting of a 15-year-old Ghanaian immigrant on his way to school, New York City police said as the victim's family, Ghana's government, and civil rights advocates pressed for justice.

The 17-year-old male suspect was arrested on murder and other charges in the Oct. 29 death of Javits Frimpong, the New York Police Department said. The suspect's name wasn't released, and it wasn't immediately clear whether he has an attorney who can respond to the allegations.

The killing has sparked protests in New York and prompted Mayor Zohran Mamdani to ask President Trump to arrange a visa for Frimpong's mother, Doris Adu Gyamfi, to travel to the United States.

"I need justice for my child," she said at a news conference Wednesday.

Police didn't say what motivated the gunfire on a Bronx street as Frimpong was walking to school. The teen's family has said he was being bullied at school.

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Turner's art collection to be auctioned off

BILLINGS, Mont. — Ted Turner didn't do small.

Whether racing sailboats, building CNN into a global news organization, or buying up ranches across the US West to become one of the largest landowners in the nation, the media mogul turned conservationist had a passion for big, his son, Teddy Turner, said in an interview.

And so it was with the art lining the log walls of Turner's sprawling Flying D Ranch in south central Montana: Paintings by American masters Thomas Moran and Albert Bierstadt capture the grandeur and beauty of the early Western landscape when it was still largely untouched by European settlers.

Over Turner's fireplace was a painting of Yosemite Valley. Elsewhere in his home were images of the Grand Canyon and Oregon's Mount Jefferson.

Turner died in May and a collection of the paintings from his Montana ranch are due to be auctioned on Jan. 20 by Christie's in New York.

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The World

Housing protests fill Barcelona, Madrid

Rally against rising rents and stagnant wages

By Joseph Wilson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BARCELONA — Millions of Spanish workers shut down businesses and public transportation across the eurozone's fourth-largest economy on Wednesday before thousands took to the streets of major cities in a nationwide protest over soaring rents and real estate prices.

Housing activists hope the massive show of force will lead to more regulations to protect tenants and crack down on real estate speculation, while Spain's left-wing government is seeking to mobilize voters ahead of a national election later this month with polls against it.

The walkout — under the slogan "Salaries. Housing. Prices." — was the first general strike in Spain in 14 years, and the first whose principal push was born from unrest over housing.

The strike culminated in workers and average citizens gathering in downtown Barcelona and Madrid, along with protests in other cities. Housing activists said 400,000 marchers filled Barcelona, while the city government said 55,000 turned out.

In Barcelona, most storefronts on Paseo de Gracia, a main shopping boulevard, were boarded up in anticipation of potential unrest before thousands of people walked behind a huge banner that said "Live. Not Just Survive."

After the peaceful march, some apparently younger protesters started to smash storefronts of brand-name stores. Police in riot gear quickly arrived in vans to the area.

Carlos Ferrer, a 45-year-old customer service worker who was trying to get back home to Alicante by train from Barcelona, said that sometimes only "radical measures, such as a general strike" can force a change of course.



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On Wednesday, millions of Spanish workers shut down businesses and public transportation to protest high housing costs.

"Authorities need to feel pressure from the citizens so they can do something," he said.

Barcelona's metro and public buses stopped running outside rush hour. Street traffic was light. Many smaller establishments like coffee shops, however, did open.

In Spain's capital, the wide Paseo del Prado boulevard became a sea of umbrellas as a huge crowd turned out in the evening's march despite heavy rain.

Earlier, protesters had blocked off Gran Vía, the city center's main thoroughfare, until police in riot gear pushed them to the sidewalks.

Manuel Gómez, a 19-year-old student in Madrid, welcomed the protests, which he said marked a change for the country.

"In Spain, we have a serious problem, which is that when we don't like something, we never go out to protest," he said.

Unions hailed the strike as a success, while Spain's business owners' groups said that it had fallen flat. But they agreed that worker participation was higher in heavy industry and transportation, while it lagged in other sectors of the economy like retail and restaurants.

"The strike has exceeded the labor unions' expectations," said Unai Sordo, secretary-general of CCOO, one of the two unions calling the strike for a nation of 22 million registered workers.

CCOO and UGT, the other major union organizing the strike, reported significant work stoppages in strategic sectors. They said that the stoppages amounted to 90 percent in the automotive and port sectors, 85 percent in the meat industry, 82 percent in waste collection, and 75 percent in the energy sector. Many schools and universities closed.

About 5 percent of flights for Wednesday were canceled at airports across Spain, according to the country's airport operator, AENA.

Miguel Ángel García, the spokesperson for the regional Madrid government, which is run by Spain's conservative Popular Party, or PP, called the strike a "complete and authentic failure," saying that just 9 percent of public sector employees in the region participated.

Minor incidents were reported in the first hours of the strike. Tires were set on fire at roadblocks in Barcelona, and scuffles with police were reported by unions near the main wholesale market on Madrid's outskirts. Police also used pepper spray against protesters in some places.

In Barcelona, demonstrators wearing masks interrupted the live broadcast of a morning talk show on one of the state broadcaster's channels. They held up a large sign in favor of the strike before the signal went down momentarily.

The anger reached a boiling point following the eviction of an 87-year-old woman from her home in Madrid last month. The subsequent death of Maricarmen, as the woman became known, solidified her as a symbol of Spaniards who can't dream of owning a home.

Lebanon faces major economic calamity

Follows years of mismanagement

By Abdi Latif Dahir
NEW YORK TIMES

DOURIS, Lebanon — For decades, Abdelnaser Ossman has grown grapes at his family's expansive farm in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, tilling the soil through years of drought, war, and economic turmoil.

But this year the pressures have become overwhelming. His costs have soared and profits have plunged since the war between Israel and Hezbollah, the Iran-backed Lebanese militant group, began in March. Fuel and fertilizer prices have doubled and labor costs have quintupled, while the price his harvest fetches has dropped by half. Ossman, 55, has rented out part of his land to help make ends meet and is considering selling parts of his farm.

"This year has been a catastrophe," he said. "This is the hardest year of them all."

Lebanon is facing a deepening economic crisis caused by years of mismanagement and exacerbated by a conflict that has killed thousands, displaced hundreds of thousands more and left entire towns in ruins. The US-Israel war with Iran that began in February has only added to the economic challenges.

The data is stark. The World Bank forecasts inflation as rising more than 17 percent in Lebanon this year, driven by supply disruptions, higher shipping costs, and soaring fuel prices. It also predicts that the economy will contract by 6.4 percent.

For many Lebanese, economic survival is the overriding concern, as they struggle to afford basic necessities and fuel amid joblessness and low wages. The crisis threatens to derail the fragile progress made by Prime Minister Nawaf Salam, who took office last year with ambitions to overhaul the economy. The government faces mounting public anger, unions threatening to strike, and demands for a lasting overhaul of financial policy.

"It is a difficult time, and it is also a deeply frustrating one," Amer Bisat, the minister of economy and trade, said. "Lebanon does not deserve this."

The shocks to Lebanon's economy stem from years of systemic problems that have hollowed out the country since the end of the civil war in 1990.

A political and economic elite, dominated by sectarian power brokers and wealthy business interests, has enriched itself through cronyism and self-serving policies, creating a deeply unequal society. Corruption remains deeply entrenched, with Transparency International, an anticorruption watchdog, ranking Lebanon among the world's lowest-scoring nations.

The consequences of that rot came to a head in 2019, when Lebanon's banking system collapsed, wiping out billions of dollars in savings, sending the Lebanese lira into free fall, and pushing large parts of the population into poverty. The COVID-19 pandemic compounded the damage, and then the Beirut port explosion in 2020 devastated entire neighborhoods and caused billions of dollars in losses.

Just as Lebanon struggled to absorb these blows, another round of conflict started. In 2024, Hezbollah opened a new front against Israel in Lebanon after the Hamas-led attacks on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. That triggered a war that inflicted further destruction and displacement.

The repeated crises have weakened Lebanon's fragile state and public institutions, leaving the economy dominated by established elites and Hezbollah. Networks of politically connected bankers, major business owners, financiers, and dynastic political families exert outsize influence over key sectors, sustaining a system of patronage, inequality, and political paralysis.

Daily Briefing

Grizzly bears kill two women in British Columbia

Four grizzly bears were responsible for the attack that killed two women in British Columbia, wildlife authorities in the Canadian province said Tuesday.

The sow and her three cubs were captured over the weekend and forensic testing, including the examination of animal DNA, conclusively linked them to the attack, the provincial Conservation Officer Service said. The investigation found that the attack likely involved predatory behavior, and the bears were put down to protect public safety, the service added.

The remains of the two victims, who were identified by their family as Jennifer Balcarras and her daughter Selah Reed, were found along a hiking trail near Bella Coola, a small coastal community northwest of Vancouver. One of Balcarras's brothers told the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. that she and her daughter were familiar with the trail and had been out for "a casual walk."

The two women went hiking on Oct. 31 and were reported missing the next day, according to the broadcaster. Authorities said the first victim's remains were found on Nov. 2, and the second's on Nov. 3.

The discovery of the women's remains set off a dayslong investigation to determine what happened to them. Wildlife authorities said Tuesday that more than a dozen officers were involved in gathering evidence and working to capture the bears.

NEW YORK TIMES



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Kenya Red Cross personnel put on their personal protective equipment during a simulation of the evacuation of remains of an Ebola victim in the Kenyan capital Nairobi last month. Since Kenya announced its first-ever Ebola case Oct. 6, two people have died and nine have tested positive in the country.

Kenya contains Ebola outbreak as last patient leaves hospital

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenya began a countdown Wednesday to declare the end of its Ebola outbreak.

The final patient who had tested positive for the virus was discharged from the hospital. And the Kenyan Cabinet secretary for health, Aden Duale, said at a news conference that the last 11 people being monitored for Ebola symptoms had also been discharged after completing a 21-day quarantine.

"For the first time since this outbreak began, Kenya has no patient under treatment and no contact in quarantine," he said.

The milestone is further evidence that countries have succeeded in containing the small number of cases, most coming in from Congo, where the outbreak continues to spread.

Since Kenya announced its first-ever Ebola case Oct. 6, two people have died and nine have tested positive in the country. The initial case was a Kenyan man who returned from Congo and infected others before the virus was diagnosed and he was put in isolation. He died days later.

Kenyan authorities say that all of those who subsequently became ill were in quarantine before they developed symptoms and became infectious.

NEW YORK TIMES

Bomb threats spur school evacuations

MILAN — Italian authorities evacuated hundreds of schools Wednesday after an emailed bomb threat, the latest in a series of disruptions affecting European institutions following recent hoaxes aimed at airlines and broadcasters.

Schools in Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland received similar threats, but no evacuations were reported.

The Italian Education Ministry said the email threat was received by more than 6,300 schools, but it was not immediately known how many had been evacuated.

Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni said that there was no indication of any "concrete danger" to schools, and that the threats appeared aimed at "generating alarm and concern."

The anonymous email also threatened Meloni, according to copies obtained by Italian media, including the LaPresse news agency. She did not address the personal threat in her statement, and her office had no immediate comment.

The email purported to come from the leader of an otherwise unknown group and contained particularly violent threats.

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Brazil fines Facebook $1.3m

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil's top electoral court fined Meta's Facebook $1.3 million for failing to fully comply with judicial orders during last month's presidential election runoff campaign when the company was accused of political bias by President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva 's team.

Justices ruled late Tuesday that Facebook had failed to adequately meet court demands related to allegations that its platform treated content from Lula and challenger Flávio Bolsonaro differently but said there was no evidence so far that the company attempted to influence the election's outcome.

"Such a conclusion would require compelling evidence of intent, to be presented in full proceedings through the appropriate legal channels," Justice Marco Aurélio Bellizze said in his decision that was unanimously accepted by his colleagues.

Ahead of the runoff vote, Lula's campaign filed a lawsuit claiming that the company owning Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp was using biased algorithms and AI restrictions to favor Bolsonaro.

The accusation gained traction among Lula's supporters.

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Pope Leo celebrated in return to second homeland of Peru

Arrival inspires hope as nation faces challenges

By Luis Andres Henao and Nicole Winfield
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIMA, Peru — Pope Leo XIV arrived in his second homeland on Wednesday, returning to the place that he credits with teaching him how to be a pastor and where a nationwide party awaits to welcome their beloved "Padre Robert" home.

The visit to Peru marks the final leg of Leo's three-nation South America tour and its emotional highlight, given the more than two decades that the former Robert Prevost spent in Peru as a missionary priest and later bishop. As a dual citizen of the United States and Peru, he's the first pope from each country.

Leo's charter plane touched down at a Lima-area air base, where he was welcomed by President Keiko Fujimori.

"My heart is so excited that it makes me want to cry with joy," said Zuly Castillo, who served as Leo's secretary when he was bishop of the northern city of Chiclayo near the Pacific Coast. Across from her office, a life-size cardboard cutout of the pope now welcomes visitors to his former residence.

"Peru is the crown of the trip, the homecoming of the first Peruvian pope, no matter where he was born," said Gustavo Morello, an associate professor of sociology at Boston College and the author of "Lived Religion in Latin America."

"This is a return to his origins without any doubt," Morello said.

In preparation for the pope's visit, a huge 46-foot statue of the pontiff was unveiled in the port of El Callao. Baristas in Lima, the capital, were offering cappuccinos decorated with the image of the pope.

With hands raised and voices lifted in song, hundreds awaited the pope's arrival in Lima in front of the presidential palace, where a stage and giant screens had been set up amid tight security.

"Long live Christ!" the crowd sang, following a Catholic choir on the stage.

"It's so beautiful and so moving," said Anni Marino, 52, who enthusiastically joined the singing. "I hold it in my heart because he's the representative of God."

Popemania also hit Chiclayo. Leo is painted in colorful murals, emblazoned on T-shirts, baseball hats, and even bobblehead dolls and ice creams.

Over the coming days, Leo will celebrate Mass in all his old stomping grounds including at the nearby sanctuary of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo in Zaña, a city that is a hub of Afro-Peruvian culture and where the pope often visited to pray to the saint of his devotion.

Since Leo knows his adopted country so well, his speeches will be closely watched, especially one he'll deliver from the square in front of Lima's cathedral Thursday "on the challenges and hopes for the future of the Peruvian people."

Peru, a nation of 34 million people, is overwhelmed by challenges, among them the looming arrival of nature's chaotic climatic agent of El Niño, violent crime, and income inequality. In 2025, about 25 percent of the Peruvian population was living in monetary poverty.

"A small elite has GDP levels comparable to some US states," Morello said, adding that while the macroeconomy "is doing well, most Peruvians live in structural poverty and economic insecurity."

While the country is no longer experiencing the terror of the Shining Path rebel movement of the 1980s and 1990s, when Leo was a young Augustinian missionary, it is undergoing a wave of violence and insecurity.

"His return, now as pope, inspires great hope among a large segment of Peruvian society that still perceives and feels the abandonment of the state," said Rolando Pérez, a professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru.

"Deeply etched in the public consciousness is the image of a shepherd who stood by the people, helping to bring into the public agenda their demands and their cry for justice," he said.

The pope will honor Peru's Indigenous peoples by traveling to Pucallpa, in Peru's Amazon, to celebrate Mass. Illegal gold mining and the cultivation of coca leaves, the raw material used to produce cocaine, are affecting Peru's Indigenous peoples.

"The Amazon is a place where critical issues affecting development — such as the environmental crisis, the exclusion of Indigenous peoples, various forms of violence, and extreme poverty — all intersect," said Pérez.

Leo will also meet with popular groups of faithful and representatives of local traditions in Cusco — the capital of the Inca empire, an important city of Spanish colonial rule, and an important cultural destination.

The pope will celebrate Mass in Cusco's main square, where in 1781 the Indigenous hero Túpac Amaru II was killed following the most significant rebellion against the Spanish during the colonial era.

Russia and Ukraine end talks with no big breakthrough

Two sides agree to exchange of many prisoners

By Bassam Hatoum
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Russia and Ukraine agreed to a large exchange of prisoners of war, both sides said Wednesday as two days of US-mediated talks concluded with no major breakthrough on ending Moscow's nearly 5-year-old full-scale invasion.

Hopes had been low for any significant development in the first meeting in nine months between the delegations. Russia and Ukraine have from time to time swapped POWs but have remained far apart in their demands for accepting a peace settlement.

US officials say they are determined to revive Washington's peace efforts that so far have failed to deliver significant results.

Along with postwar security guarantees for both countries, other key hurdles are the fate of Russian-occupied Ukrainian territory and what role European countries will play in an eventual settlement.

The sides last met in February on Russia's invasion, which analysts and humanitarian organizations say has killed hundreds of thousands of soldiers and thousands of civilians.

The talks lasted just under two hours Wednesday, after a four-hour session the previous day.

"One of the positives is we agreed that we're going to have the biggest humanitarian release of prisoners, which we're going to finalize the numbers tomorrow," said Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law, after the Abu Dhabi talks ended.

Vladimir Medinsky, head of the Russian delegation, and Rustem Umerov, who led Kyiv's contingent, confirmed the planned POW exchange, although Medinsky noted the agreement was "in principle."

Alexander Zorin, a deputy chief of the General Staff's information department who attended the talks, told Russian state TV it would be one of the biggest such swaps since 1,000 soldiers from each side returned home last year.

The latest exchange could take place in the next two or three weeks, he said.

Kushner said he and US envoy Steve Witkoff will travel to Moscow on Thursday to meet with President Vladimir Putin, then fly to Dublin, Ireland, to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

The Ukrainian leader gave a muted welcome to the outcome of the talks, saying a proposed prisoner exchange was a positive step. But he said Ukraine will not give in to demands that it cede its territory that has been occupied by Russia in exchange for peace.

Medinsky said he felt the talks helped Moscow and Kyiv edge closer to peace, while Kremlin foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov described them as "substantive and quite useful."

Umerov said Kyiv's delegation was expected to meet later Wednesday with representatives of European governments, the European Union, and NATO who were in the capital of the United Arab Emirates but did not attend the three-way talks.

Moscow doesn't want European countries, which are concerned about Russia's conduct and broader intentions on the continent, involved in the direct negotiations.



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"One of the positives is we agreed that we're going to have the biggest humanitarian release of prisoners," said Jared Kushner, President Trump's son-in-law, shown speaking with Ukrainian official Rustem Umerov after the talks ended.

Kushner said one of the goals of the Moscow meeting is to try to get Europeans added to the talks.

In Dublin, Zelensky said it was positive that security advisers and senior officials from European governments, the EU, and NATO were in Abu Dhabi, even though they were not a part of the talks.

Despite that. he said there had been a "change in temperature," with Washington warming to the idea of a European role.

"Ending this war without Europe's participation would be unjust, and it would be impossible," Zelensky said through an interpreter.

Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov said European representatives could eventually join peace talks but added their current statements "don't indicate any desire on their part to contribute to movement along the path toward peace."

Moscow complains that Europe is financing and supplying weaponry to Ukraine.

Kushner said both Ukraine and Russia needed clarity on postwar security arrangements. He said European countries, the EU, and NATO have to be involved in those discussions to build consensus on next steps.

Ukraine wants to ensure that Moscow doesn't invade again, and EU officials say any discussions on Europe's security arrangements could only start after a cease-fire.

Many in Europe see the inclusion of Russia in those plans as a concession to Putin, who has described NATO's eastward expansion as a top security threat to his country.

Moscow has demanded that the alliance's troops be pulled back its troops from Russia's borders.

Russia's security concerns were discussed at the talks, Kushner said, adding that Moscow was told it needs to provide different de-escalation proposals acceptable to Europe.

"The reality ... is there's no trust right now between the sides. And that's to be expected after a conflict like this," he said.

But he posted on X later that the POW exchange "will reunite families, build trust and create momentum toward peace."

The context of the negotiations has changed since the February meeting in Geneva.

The Trump administration now must reckon with Democrats taking over the US Congress in January following the US midterm elections, and they could demand more support for Ukraine.

Also, Russia's wartime economy is under heavy strain, and Ukraine is reeling from devastating aerial attacks on its power grid.

Fighting continues on the front line, where little territory has changed hands this year. Both countries are battering each other with long-range missiles and drones.

Three people died and 11 were injured after Russia launched a daytime attack on a market in the southern Odesa region, local authorities said. Residential buildings were damaged, said Oleh Kiper, head of the regional military administration.

Overnight, Russia struck the Zaporizhzhia region in southern Ukraine and the eastern city of Kharkiv, wounding seven civilians and damaging property, Ukrainian officials said.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it downed 627 Ukrainian drones overnight, 150 of them over the region around St. Petersburg.

Regional Governor Alexander Drozdenko said the drones started a fire at the port of Ust-Luga, a main facility for Russian oil exports, injuring three workers.

Fossil fuels are 'killing our planet,' UN chief warns at climate talks

Remarks sharpen tensions at the summit in Turkey

By Chico Harlan and Lisa Friedman
NEW YORK TIMES

ANTALYA, Turkey — Opening a climate summit that leaders from most industrialized nations chose to skip, António Guterres, the United Nations secretary general, on Wednesday warned that the planet was on a "path to mutually assured destruction," unable to wean itself from planet-warming fossil fuels and facing intensifying disasters.

"Fossil fuel interests keep making a killing while killing our planet," Guterres told world leaders gathering for the summit, known as COP31.

Guterres, who is in the final weeks of his term after leading the United Nations for a decade, urged nations to "end the addiction" to fossil fuels. His remarks sharpened the tensions for an event that often struggles to directly address the burning of fossil fuels, which is the root cause of climate change.

He and others acknowledged that the world has failed to meet the goal it established in the Paris Agreement in 2015 to limit rising global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial levels. That's the threshold beyond which scientists say the dangers of global warming, including worsening floods, fiercer wildfires, droughts and ecosystem collapse, grow considerably.

On Wednesday, leaders one by one insisted that despite rising levels of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere, it was critical to get back on track. But many avoided mentioning the cuts to coal, oil, and gas that would be necessary to meet most climate goals.

"It is time to wake up," said President Hilda Heine of the Marshall Islands, who described rising sea levels threatening her Pacific atoll nation.

"Our response to the threat of overshoot must be overwhelming, or the world that we know is over," she said.



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UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres spoke at COP31 in Antalya, Turkey, on Wednesday.

The two-day leaders' summit is part of the broader UN climate conference, which began Monday in Antalya on Turkey's Mediterranean coast. This year, 102 world leaders are attending, according to organizers, down from 156 three years ago.

At the same time, more than 92,000 people have registered to attend the summit, according to the UN, making it the largest climate conference in history.

COP31 comes at a challenging time for climate efforts. Wars and tariffs have driven a wedge into international cooperation. The US and Israeli fight against Iran, now in its ninth month, has disrupted the flow of oil from the Middle East and pushed up global fuel prices. Nations are building up solar and wind capacity as a hedge against shocks while also burning more coal to ensure a stable energy supply. And in part because of data centers to power artificial intelligence, nations need more energy than ever, whatever the source.

In the consensus-based UN climate talks, even a single nation can upend an agreement, one reason why it has been difficult for nations to implement an earlier pledge to move away from fossil fuels.

As if highlighting the fight to come, Saudi Arabia's energy minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, said that cutting emissions could happen through "available techniques," and emphasized the importance of "maintaining energy security."

President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva of Brazil said climate change had "disappeared" from the global stage over the past two years.

Without directly mentioning the United States or President Trump, who has imposed steep tariffs on Brazilian products, he said, "We started talking more about weapons and tariffs than the survival of future generations."

The United States, the largest historic emitter of greenhouse gases, withdrew from the Paris climate agreement and is no longer working to reduce carbon emissions. Beyond Trump, the list of leaders skipping the summit is long: President Xi Jinping of China, Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, and President Prabowo Subianto of Indonesia. They represent the five nations that emit the most annual emissions.

Prime Minister Andy Burnham of Britain, who is scheduled to speak Thursday, was expected to be the only leader of the Group of 7 wealthy nations to attend the climate summit.

"It really is a disgrace," Mohamed Adow, director of Power Shift Africa, a climate research group, said in a statement. "The world's biggest economies should be leading the response to the climate crisis, not leaving it to others."

Miss. elects first Black US senator since Reconstruction

POLITICAL NOTEBOOK

JACKSON, Miss. — Democratic nominee Scott Colom has defeated Republican Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith in Mississippi's closely contested US Senate race after a prolonged ballot counting process, giving the state its first Black US senator since post-Civil War Reconstruction.

Colom's narrow victory is a seismic shift in Mississippi, which has been controlled mostly by white conservatives for generations, and it will echo through the country as well. The outcome adds to a decisive midterm rebuke of President Trump, whose party suffered defeats in several Republican-controlled states, and it will bolster some Democrats' argument that their future runs through the American South.

The Associated Press called the contest Wednesday in Colom's favor after local elections officials spent several days processing absentee and provisional ballots, called affidavit ballots in Mississippi.

The last time Mississippi chose a new Democratic senator was 1947, and the winner then was a staunch segregationist. Colom, a 43 year-old local prosecutor, capitalized on the state's large Black population, discontent with the economy and Hyde-Smith's missteps as she sought a second full term.

"They actually deserve a senator that will listen to them, that actually cares about what they think, actually cares about what they're going through," Colom said in the campaign's closing stretch.

Colom said during the campaign that he could represent all of Mississippi, a state where racial divisions have long defined its politics and society.

"It's got to be about having a party that represents rural America again, suburban America, urban America — a party that makes sure we actually deliver for voters in ways that make their lives better, and we don't come up with excuses as to why we can't do it," he said.

The contest was a latecomer to the national spotlight, drawing attention from Democrats who belatedly infused cash into Colom's candidacy. The son of a onetime Republican who worked for President Ronald Reagan, Colom garnered attention for his aggressive campaign as Democrats widened the Senate battleground map and Hyde-Smith's vulnerabilities crystallized.

Colom attracted particular notice for some of the year's most widely circulated ads. After Hyde-Smith, 67, seemed to brush off high beef prices by saying consumers could choose other proteins, Colom cut a 30-second spot depicting incredulous voters saying they'd "pick another senator instead."

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Hegseth reprimanded at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

WASHINGTON — A soldier guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier issued a verbal reprimand to a group of advisers and staffers with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth following a Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Video shows Hegseth taking photos on the empty steps in front of the tomb with his wife, Jennifer, chief of staff Ricky Buria, deputy chief of staff Patrick Weaver and senior adviser Tami Radabaugh.

As the group broke from taking photos, a loud laugh could be heard, and the soldier guarding the tomb shouted that "all visitors will maintain an atmosphere of silence and respect at all times."

Sean Parnell, the Pentagon's top spokesman, said that "while commemorating this solemn day, a soldier correctly and respectfully reminded everyone to maintain decorum."

"The Secretary and the entire Department have always honored — and will always honor — the sacrifices our military men and women have made to keep America safe," he added.

The tomb is considered one of the most solemn and revered war memorials in the United States and it houses the final resting place of unidentified soldiers from World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. It has been guarded around the clock — rain or shine — by a soldier from the US Army's 3rd Infantry Regiment, also known as "The Old Guard," since 1948.

Hegseth and his staff were at the tomb as part of a larger ceremony commemorating Veterans Day that was also attended by President Trump and Vice President JD Vance.

The incident comes less than a day after Hegseth narrowly survived an effort to impeach him by lawmakers in Congress on Tuesday afternoon.

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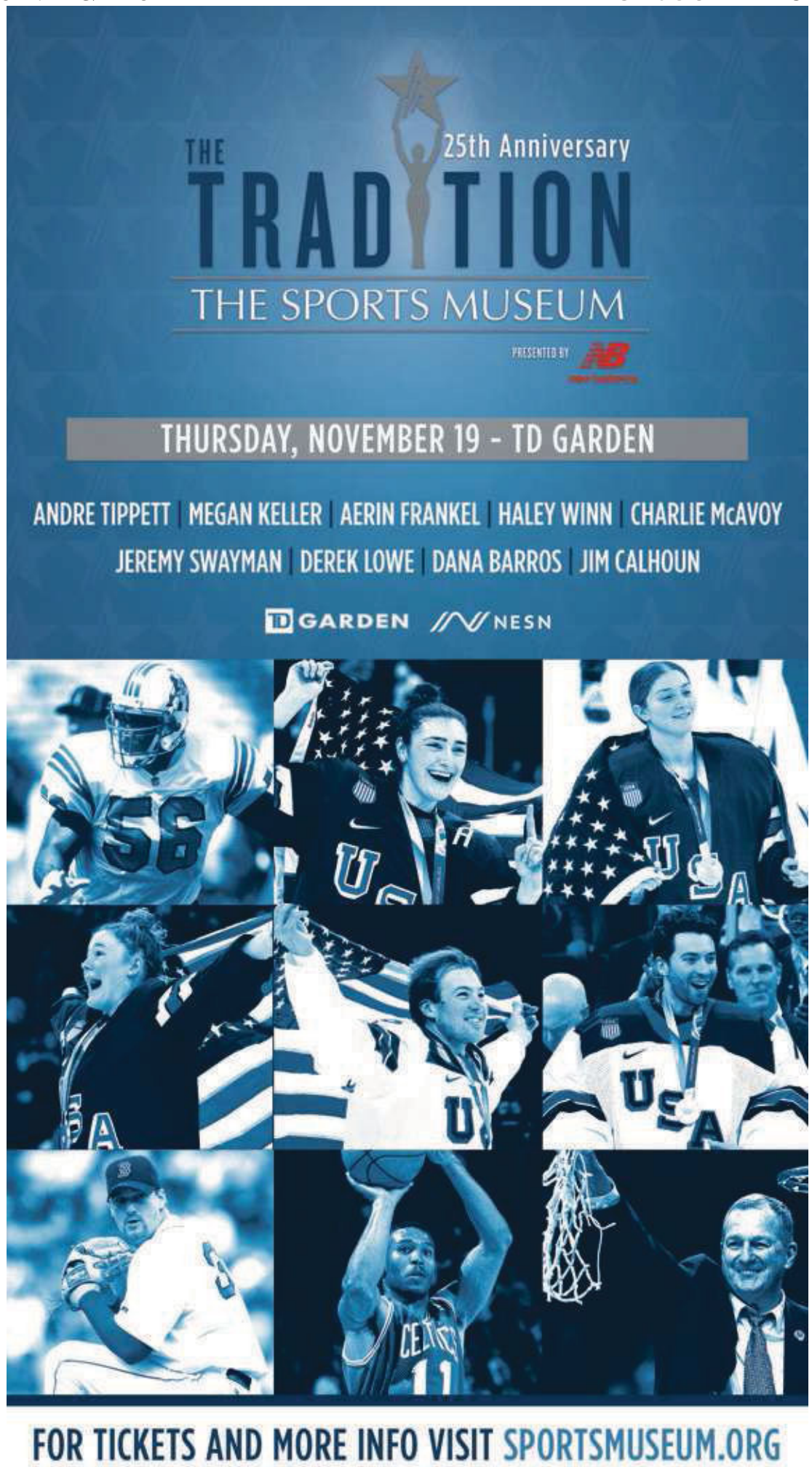
Trump wants to sell public lands to shrink federal estate

BILLINGS, Mont. — President Trump's administration wants to sell public lands to states, tribes, and local governments as part of an effort to "decrease the size of the federal estate," according to a new plan presented by the Interior Department.

Agency officials said the sale of federal property would allow the government to focus resources on "nationally significant" lands, which were not defined. They offered no details on what parcels could be sold, nor the scope or location of potential sales.

The proposal drew quick pushback from some lawmakers.

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Infant rescued after being buried alive for 24 hours

S. Carolina baby found in crate; father arrested

By Allen G. Breed and Kathy McCormack
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When an 11-month-old infant was reported missing in South Carolina, dozens of first responders combed the countryside for the "bright boy with reddish blond hair" who, the sheriff's office said, had disappeared while his grandmother ran errands.

After a full day of searching, authorities found freshly disturbed soil in the woods not far from the home of the boy's grandfather. They began digging and soon unearthed little Koah Sharp, who was "clinging to life" after being buried alive in a dog crate wrapped in a towel, the sheriff said.

"Certainly, God is good," Lexington County Sheriff Jay Koon said Tuesday at a news conference, not long after Koah was found.

"He was screaming at the top of his lungs, which is a good thing in the baby world, I would guess."

The child's father, Michael Comer, 25, was arrested and was being held without bond on a burglary charge, Koon said. Investigators were working with prosecutors to confirm further charges, he said.

The towel probably created an air pocket that allowed the boy to breathe in the crate, the sheriff said. Cool temperatures also may have helped.

Koah, who disappeared Monday in the county just west of Columbia, was taken to a hospital. His condition was not immediately known Wednesday. Nearly 100 first responders participated in the search.

"We're better now that we know that Koah is safe," his great-aunt, Amber Hammond, told The Associated Press. She was watching as he was freed from the crate.

Deputies who searched the grandfather's home found the doors open and baby belongings inside, but they did not see Comer or the child, the sheriff said. Then the digging started.

"It was shallow," Koon said. "I think once that crate hit the ground, it was probably about at least a foot from the top of that crate to the top of the ground."

It was not immediately known if Comer had a lawyer. A phone number could not be found for him. The AP sent emails seeking information to the public defender and prosecutors.

Authorities said Koah had been in the care of Comer's mother. She had to run an errand and left the boy in Comer's care while another caregiver was on the way, Koon said.

"By the time the caregiver got there, Michael was gone, and Koah was gone with him," the sheriff said.

Surveillance video from several businesses in the area showed Comer without the infant on Monday afternoon, Koon said. The father was found Monday night and was arrested.crat

Koah's parents "have had some situations" regarding domestic violence charges, the sheriff said.

"Children," he said, "sometimes get caught in the middle."

Hammond said her nephew had talked about taking the baby to New York because "he didn't want to be in the same state as the mom." When Koah vanished, she and others assumed that Comer had given the boy to someone.

"We had no idea something like this would happen at all," Hammond said.

Comer was sentenced to probation in October after pleading guilty to domestic violence and aggravated breach-of-peace charges related to an arrest in July, Lexington County online court records show.

Prosecutors dropped a gun charge as part of the plea deal. He also got credit for spending more than two months in jail after his arrest.

At nearly a year old, Koah has been trying to stand on his own, said Hammond, who cared for him last weekend. And he already has some TV favorites.

"I'd go to feed him, and it had Mickey Mouse on," Hammond said. "You can't feed him and have Mickey Mouse on at the same time."

Legally admitted as refugees, they now fear deportation

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because part of her merit scholarship was only for legal permanent residents and citizens.

"Every morning that I wake up, I feel like this might be my last day here," Lida, 27, said in an interview with the Globe.

"That feeling scares me. It's always with you," she said.

Lida is trying to challenge the new rules; she is a lead plaintiff in a lawsuit filed last week against the US government by a group of refugees and advocacy groups who argue the administration's policy changes targeting refugees admitted during the Biden administration are "illegal and unconstitutional."

In the lawsuit, the plaintiffs argue that the administration is on a "baseless fishing expedition" to terminate the refugee status of thousands of people who have already gone through months and years of backgrounding.

Refugees undergo rigorous security checks, including interviews and biometrics collection. They have historically been allowed to apply for legal permanent residency after being present for one year in the country, and to eventually become US citizens.

"Refugees are the most vetted immigrants of any type of immigrant who enters the United States," said Hussein E. Elbakri, a senior staff attorney with the International Refugee Assistance Project and one of the lawyers representing the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

The administration, however, said in a statement to the Globe that it found an "alarming erosion of screening and vetting measures" had occurred during the Biden administration "in order to rush processing and maximize the number of refugees admitted."

"This lawsuit is yet another frivolous attempt to disrupt the Trump administration's commitment to enforce our country's immigration laws," Zach Kahler, a spokesperson for US Citizenship and Immigration Services, said in a statement to the Globe. "DHS is strengthening accountability and ensuring that refugee status is reserved only for those who were eligible under the law."

The United States Refugee Admissions Program has provided a crucial lifeline for refugees fleeing dire humanitarian circumstances, including war and persecution, since 1980.

The second Trump administration has been dismantling the program since Trump returned to the White House. In addition to rolling back benefits and protections for refugees admitted under Biden, the administration has slashed refugee admissions to a historical low, arguing the country does not have the resources to absorb a large number of refugees. White Afrikaners from South Africa are virtually the only group now allowed to resettle in the United States through the program.

The lawsuit, brought against the federal government by several refugee rights organizations and four refugees, including Lida, was filed in Boston federal court late last month. The plaintiffs include two Massachusetts-based organizations supporting refugees, the International Institute of New England and Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts.

Along with other restrictions, their complaint focuses on the administration's new 10-day deadline for responses to revocation notices. For 45 years, refugees had 30 days to respond to any "intent to terminate" notice.



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Afghans tried to enter the airport in Kabul as the US military evacuated American citizens and allies in August 2021. Some of those who fled the country after aiding the US now fear they could be sent back under new DHS policies.

Elbakri, from the International Refugee Assistance Project, called the new limit a "trap." It's an extraordinarily short amount of time for a refugee to find legal assistance and evidence to challenge the government's decision, said Elbakri, who came to the United States through Egypt as a refugee from Sudan when he was 6 years old.

If refugees don't respond on time, or the government decides their response is insufficient, their legal status can be terminated. That leaves them at risk of being detained or deported, Elbakri said. A judge temporarily blocked this policy, but advocates say refugees are feeling deeply shaken.

"There's a tragic amount of fear," said John Moses, a retired Army veteran who served in Afghanistan and cofounded the Massachusetts Afghan Alliance, a nonprofit assisting Afghan families in the state.

The International Institute of New England, which works to help resettle refugees across the area, said none of its clients have received intent-to-terminate notices so far, but the institute joined the lawsuit to help prevent the administration from carrying out this policy and others like it, said Jeff Thielman, the president and CEO of the institute.

"This is completely unprecedented," Thielman said. "It's totally un-American not to give people a chance to defend themselves.

"Especially," he added, "refugees who have been lawfully admitted to the United States."

A number of refugees in Minnesota, however, have been arrested and detained under the administration's so-called Post-Admission Refugee Reverification and Integrity Strengthening program, and sent to facilities hundreds of miles away.

Abdi B., a refugee from Ethiopia who is a plaintiff in the Massachusetts lawsuit, was among them. He was arrested by immigration authorities, shackled, and sent to Texas, according to the complaint. He was held there for a week until a court ordered him released.

The other refugee plaintiffs in the lawsuit are members of the LGBTQ+ community who fled violence and discrimination in Colombia and Iraq, according to the complaint.

Lida, the young woman from Afghanistan, said going back to a Taliban-controlled Afghanistan is not a viable choice for her as someone who worked for a US-funded organization that helped promote educational opportunities for women and young people.

"I had to decide to save my life," Lida said. "If there was a hope to live there [in Afghanistan], I wouldn't have left in the first place."

Under the Taliban, women are generally banned from receiving an education past primary school. They face severe restrictions on work, travel, and public expression. "Being a woman in Afghanistan is the hardest ... most terrifying thing," Lida said.

Still, she is trying to remain hopeful about her future. She's applying to other colleges and plans to pursue a master's degree and PhD and eventually work in education here.

"My dream since childhood has been to be part of a change in my community, to be someone that my family would be proud of," she said. "I will keep trying."

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Democrats say accountability and affordability will go hand in hand

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laws and serve as a check on the executive branch. Still, Democrats realize they have to deliver on their promise to ease prices or risk the same backlash that led to the historic midterm wipeout of President Trump and Republicans.

During the 2024 campaign, Trump promised to lower costs on "day one," but his policies — including high tariffs and a war with Iran — pushed costs up.

He turned his focus away from lowering the elevated inflation that he successfully blamed on Democrats, helping him win in 2024, even arguing that immigration was a bigger driver of his victory than the economy despite exit polls showing that wasn't the case.

"Donald Trump's biggest weakness in this election was that he was elected to lower costs, and he was focused on things that were not lowering costs. And more importantly, voters saw him as someone who was not focused on lowering costs," Democratic pollster David Shor said at a post-election event held by the progressive Center for American Progress Action Fund. "We just did the same thing, so hopefully we don't make the same mistake."

Democrats know they need to keep their focus on reducing costs despite a groundswell from the party's base to launch a slew of investigations and possibly try to impeach Trump again.

"Clearly the bigger priority for me and I think for most people in America, especially people living paycheck-to-paycheck, is 'please help us with the cost of living,'" newly elected Democratic Senator Adam Hamilton from deep-red Kansas, told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "If I spent the next two years — my first two years in the Senate — in investigations, I'd be deeply disappointed."

But many congressional Democrats said conducting oversight of the Trump administration and working to reduce the cost of living are inherently linked. They point to the Iran war as a prime example.

"We have a president who has not been held accountable by this Congress," said incoming Massachusetts Representative Dan Koh, a Democrat who won the race to replace Seth Moulton in the district that covers the North Shore and parts of the Merrimack Valley. "The co-equal branch of government is not doing its job. So we exercise that co-equal right, end the war in Iran, [and] that's going to lower prices for people."

Democrats said ending the war will immediately lower gas prices that shot up because oil from the Middle East was choked off by Iran's attacks on ships passing through the Strait of Hormuz. But Democrats also need to investigate the reasons that Trump launched the war in the first place, said Representative Jamie Raskin, a Maryland Democrat set to chair the House Judiciary Committee next year.

> 'The dramatic rise in the cost of living, the rate of inflation, has come from energy prices, and energy prices are directly tied to Trump policies.'
>
> SENATOR ED MARKEY, *of Massachusetts*

"The first meaningless false dichotomy comes from the media, which is: Are you going to do accountability, or are you going to do affordability? As if they were in any way different from each other," he said at the post-election event. "What's the main dramatic price increase people have been complaining about? Well, it's gasoline, which is up a buck fifty a gallon since before the Iran War started."

Raskin said there are questions about conflicts of interest involving the Middle East negotiations by Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law. As the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, Raskin began an investigation last April into Kushner's "financial conflicts of interest." As chair of the panel, Raskin and the Democrats will now have subpoena power.

Corruption was a major issue in the campaign. While affordability topped the concerns of midterm voters, with 39 percent calling it the most important issue facing the country, the "state of democracy" came in second at 33 percent, according to the Associated Press Voter Poll.

Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey, who was reelected last week, said the best response he received at his campaign events came from a line about Trump serving up "an all-you-can-eat buffet of corruption for himself, his children, his cronies, and his corporations."

"That's what got the loudest applause, and that we have to root it out of the American political system and make him accountable for that corruption because it affects your lives," Markey said. He noted the large contributions flowed into Trump's campaign from the oil and natural gas industries and then his administration enacted policies that harmed wind and other alternative energy projects.

"The dramatic rise in the cost of living, the rate of inflation, has come from energy prices, and energy prices are directly tied to Trump policies," Markey said.

Representative Chris Pappas, a Democrat who won New Hampshire's open Senate seat last week, said he also heard a lot about corruption on the campaign trail and believes voters made the connection to their own struggles.

"Everyone knows this president's $2 billion richer than when he came into office, that he was focused on building monuments to himself instead of tending to the needs of the country," Pappas said. "I think people have the sense that there's a set of folks for whom things are working really well right now, while they're getting screwed."

Since the election, congressional Democratic leaders have been consistent about linking costs and corruption.

"We ran as affordability Democrats and every single campaign had that at its center: lower costs, make sure every American has health care when and where they need it that they can afford, and hold those who are enriching themselves through corruption at taxpayers' expense accountable," said Revere Representative Katherine Clark, the second-ranking House Democrat. "And that's exactly what we're going to do."

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Witness in Farwell case sees chance for change

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ficers," he said. "So that should say, 'OK, we need to take a closer look.' Just like we would take a closer look and add additional resources to the investigation of an officer-involved shooting."

Smock's remarks came a day after a federal jury convicted former Stoughton police detective Matthew Farwell, 41, of killing a pregnant Birchmore to keep information she held about his past misdeeds from reaching US law enforcement. He was also found guilty of causing the death her male fetus.

He is slated to be sentenced Feb. 3 and faces an automatic life term.

Federal prosecutors alleged Farwell strangled Birchmore, 23, in her Canton apartment on Feb. 1, 2021, and then staged the scene to make it look like she hanged herself.

Police found her body three days later with a duffel bag strap around her neck and suspended from a bedroom closet doorknob.

Smock helped the prosecution persuade jurors to convict Farwell, who was tried in the federal system after state authorities declined to bring charges.



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Supporters of Sandra Birchmore gathered outside court Tuesday after Matthew Farwell was convicted in her death.

Prosecutors argued Farwell killed Birchmore to prevent her from revealing he had initiated a criminal sexual relationship with her when she was a 15-year-old in a police youth Explorer program and he was a 27-year-old officer and Explorer instructor.

In calling Smock, prosecutors put forth an engaging presenter known for testifying in other high-profile cases, including the murder trial for the former Minneapolis police officer who killed George Floyd. He also participated in the investigation into the police raid that killed Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Ky.

Smock is medical director for the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, a nonprofit that educates law enforcement and prosecutors on strangulation and suffocation crimes.

The staged suicide scene Smock detected in Birchmore's case is not an isolated event, he said. He pointed to the murder conviction of a retired Westfield police officer who was prosecuted in the shooting death of his wife in 2018.

In that case, Brian Fanion initially told investigators that his wife had shot herself.

"We need to provide additional training for anyone who is investigating a suspicious death," Smock said.

He said state leaders should also consider forming a commission to review the Birchmore investigation and mandate training in staged suicide scenes for the state medical examiner and State Police troopers, who handle death investigations for most cities and towns.

Smock offered his support for a legislative proposal introduced last year that would create protocols for investigating suspicious deaths of people who previously experienced domestic violence.

The bill has been promoted by Needham resident Susan Malman Altman, who was in court for Smock's testimony in Farwell's trial. The 2015 death of Malman Altman's sister in Denver was initially ruled an accident, but after the family pressed investigators to reconsider, her brother-in-law was charged with murder and convicted.

The guilty verdict for Farwell in a federal courtroom has renewed public outcry over the initial investigation into Birchmore's death by State Police troopers assigned to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.

Morrissey never brought criminal charges in Birchmore's death, which was initially ruled a suicide even as her friends and family contacted investigators and insisted she didn't kill herself.

The state medical examiner first ruled that Birchmore died by suicide, but her manner of death is now listed as undetermined.

Since the jury announced its verdict Tuesday afternoon, state officials have pointed fingers at each other in response to questions about how Farwell avoided prosecution for more than two and a half years.

In a statement, Morrissey faulted the state medical examiner's office, asserting that its suicide determination prevented him from mounting a prosecution.

But at trial, the medical examiner said Morrissey's detectives didn't note anything suspicious about Birchmore's death even as text messages emerged showing she and Farwell, a married father, were meeting for sex.

Morrissey and his office didn't respond Wednesday to messages seeking further comment. He did not seek reelection this fall and leaves office early next year. His successor, Djuna Perkins, has said she intends to examine how detectives handled the investigation into Birchmore's death.

State Police on Tuesday declined to make Colonel Geoffrey Noble available for an interview and didn't respond Wednesday to a follow-up request for comment on how their investigation was portrayed by federal prosecutors.

Throughout Farwell's trial, the prosecutors characterized Morrissey's detectives as dismissive and deferential to their police counterparts, as they ignored calls to scrutinize Birchmore's death more closely. Interviews with Farwell and his twin brother were conducted in parking lots and not recorded, and state investigators did not seek a warrant to examine Farwell's phone, according to trial testimony.

The lead investigator, Lieutenant John Fanning, was never called to testify, though Farwell's twin brother told the jury that Fanning described the probe as something he needed like "a [expletive] bullet in the head."

A subordinate, Trooper Matthew Dunne, testified for the prosecution, and he was pressed to explain why detectives didn't interview Birchmore's neighbors or record their interviews with the Farwell brothers. State Police also missed a critical piece of evidence: a snapped chain from a necklace Birchmore was wearing. A relative found it while cleaning out her apartment and gave it to detectives.

Fanning, Dunne, and their unions didn't respond Wednesday to requests for comment. Fanning now has an administrative role at the agency's Division of Investigative Services, and Dunne is assigned to Morrissey's office.

Meanwhile, Governor Maura Healey, who oversees the State Police, told reporters that what happened to Birchmore was "disgusting." She said she was glad Farwell was convicted and noted the state investigation into Birchmore's death preceded Noble's appointment.

The agency cooperated with the FBI and federal prosecutors, Healey said.

She would not commit to ordering her own investigation into how State Police handled the case, pointing only to the review that Perkins has already discussed.

"As governor, I'll support any review that's done to hold those accountable who should be held accountable for something like this," Healey said at the State House following an unrelated event.

Dennis Galvin, a retired State Police major who now serves as president of the Massachusetts Association for Professional Law Enforcement, said Morrissey's detectives have "a track record now" of troubling behavior.

More broadly, troopers assigned to district attorneys, who are elected officials, need more supervision from State Police headquarters.

"They must be held accountable," Galvin said.

Galvin said any review of Birchmore's case should consider the State Police detective unit and how troopers generally handle homicide investigations.

"Anything other than silence is better," he said. "Right now all you're doing is punishing this guy, reassigning this guy — but the whole thing isn't changing, and it's not getting any better."

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Sutton data center talk not a surprise for everyone

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fied told the town it couldn't find a tenant for a warehouse and it would have to reboot its plans.

At a meeting in March of last year, then-Select Board member Normand Champigny floated some advice on attracting a new major tenant — a data center. He had a modest-size one in mind, known as a co-location facility, or colo. In the meeting video, he said they're not like the giants: "When I think of [a big tenant], I think of, for instance, a colo like Amazon Web Services." Amazon's cloud computing and AI unit lease data centers all over the world.

Representatives of the Kraft Group and Unified present at the meeting did not react to the suggestion at the time, according to the video. Another 18 months later, however, they embraced the idea of installing not just a co-location data center, but a massive, AI-capable data campus that would rank as one of the largest in the entire country.

Earlier in the meeting, Champigny also suggested the Kraft family should leverage its network of connections to find a tenant for the lot. "I know Jon Kraft is very engaged," he said, referring to Robert Kraft's son Jonathan Kraft, who is president of the Kraft Group. To that, the Kraft representative told town officials they were "leveraging those relationships all the time."

Champigny, who is no longer on the board, made his suggestion well before the major backlash against data centers erupted this year. But he foresaw at the time one concern residents might ultimately have: There would be a "a water constraint" because the centers require so much water for cooling. Still, he'd heard that using recycled water "could be the answer."

The current Kraft proposal includes the idea of using recycled water to avoid tapping town supplies.

That didn't mollify Sutton residents who appeared in droves at a Select Board meeting to oppose the new Kraft proposal on Tuesday night.

"A facility of this scale would require vastly substantial quantities of water," said Jessica Herbert, who grew up in Sutton and now resides in neighboring Millbury. Herbert said even if the water will be recycled from waste water, that raises questions over treatment and environmental harm.

Reached on Wednesday, Champigny told the Globe he never imagined a data center of the size proposed by the Kraft Group. Co-location facilities are much smaller, he noted, than "the monstrosity" of an AI data center.

His first preference for the property would be a sports complex, maybe with tennis courts, soccer fields, and restaurants, he said, modeled after Patriot Place in Foxborough. Ultimately, Sutton residents will get to weigh in, he said. "Town Meeting is their meeting," he said. "That's going to have the final say."



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Sutton town resident Mario Giamei, a former member of the Select Board, was among those speaking against adding a data center at Tuesday's meeting.

Regardless of Champigny's intentions, whispers of a data center project loomed over the town and persisted throughout the months that followed.

At a Select Board meeting on Dec. 9, 2025, members of the public expressed their disdain for a data center — although there was no official proposal on the table.

At that meeting, Select Board member Jesse Limanek implied that some data center concept might be in the works but didn't offer details.

"As far as I know, the only ones who received that information were members of our board," he said cryptically. "If that information somehow got out into the public and it's incorrect, unfortunately that meant, you know, one of your elected officials shared information that they received in confidence," he told attendees, according to video of the meeting.

At that same meeting, Matthew Piekarski, the Kraft Group representative, said of the rumors: "We have not formally presented anything to the town. We haven't talked to the town with regards to any specific opportunities within Lot 1 itself."

Limanek has not responded to requests for comment from the Globe.

Representatives from Unified were present at that meeting as well.

Len McAleer, Unified's chief operating officer, reiterated at the December meeting that any project built on the empty lot would have to be in "the best interest of the town."

"Data center, no data center, whatever it happens to be, we're going to put in that area what is in the best interest of the town and us," McAleer said at the meeting.

This week, Town Manager Austin J. Cyganiewicz told the Globe that he first officially heard of the mega-data-center proposal in late October. Then, following a review and assembly of relevant documents, he sent a 52-page memo to members of the board.

That's when Select Board members say they became familiar with the plan. Board Member Jim Ettemarna even asked the rest of the board at the Tuesday meeting whether anyone had signed a nondisclosure agreement. They said they had not.

"Has anybody on the board been in meetings with Unified?" he asked. "To my understanding, this is the first time."

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Homeless women veterans get a boost

Nonprofit utilizes dog tags to assist

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DETROIT — Alexis Derriso enlisted in the US Army as a 19-year-old in 1980, following a father and brother who had served in the military.

Derriso went through basic training and spent six years in the Army, mostly handling personnel management and other administrative duties.

Today, as founder and chief executive of the 640-member Motown Women Veterans Association, she wants others to understand that women like her sacrificed as much as men, and sometimes more, in service to their country.

Her nonprofit is selling military-style dog tags that read, "Millions of women have served this country. I am one," to raise funds for a Detroit-area homeless shelter for female veterans and their children. The tags can be purchased for $15 from the organization's website.

So far, about 2,000 have been sold, but the goal is to sell 1 million, said Derriso.

Women have a long history in the US military, most of it spent as nurses or in administrative and support roles for male troops, though thousands served in the Women's Army Corps, created during World War II.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act into law. Women were permitted to serve in the regular Army and Organized Reserve Corps, which later became the US Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve, but were restricted to just 2 percent of service members in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. Those ceilings were removed in 1967.

In 2013, a ban on women in direct ground combat roles was lifted. Three years later, the ban was lifted for all military roles.

Women currently comprise about 17 percent of the more than 1.2 million active-duty military personnel and more than 21 percent of troops in the National Guard or reserves. More than 2 million women are US military veterans, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

But even as women have achieved high-ranking command roles and fought side by side on the battlefield with men, they often are given less honor publicly than their male counterparts, according to Derriso.

"We're treated as if we're invisible," she said. "If I just have a cap on that says 'US Army,' I'm pretty much ignored. In the civilian world, they will look at me as if I'm wearing my husband's cap."

Her organization's dog tags are designed to help bring women veterans "out of isolation," she said.

Yet for many, "The military is still a man's world. All we can do is show up and do our duty and pay our respect to our country like we signed up to do," said Susan McCain, a National Guard vet from St. Clair Shores, northeast of Detroit.

McCain enlisted in 1985 and served until 1993. She initially struggled with the little recognition her own service brought, but says the Motown Women Veterans Association and its programs allow her to be there for others.

"When I finally owned my veterans' status I became a much prouder person to myself," McCain said. "It really lifted up my self-esteem. Going into the military was very empowering to me as a woman back in the '80s because we were just getting started in filling in some ... traditional male roles."

It's people who haven't served who often find it difficult to see a woman as a veteran, said Anitra Grant, 68, who enlisted in the Army in 1982 and retired in 2007 from the reserves as a master sergeant.

Grant, who lives in Hampton, Va., said people still ask, "Did you actually have to learn how to fire a weapon, get in a foxhole?"

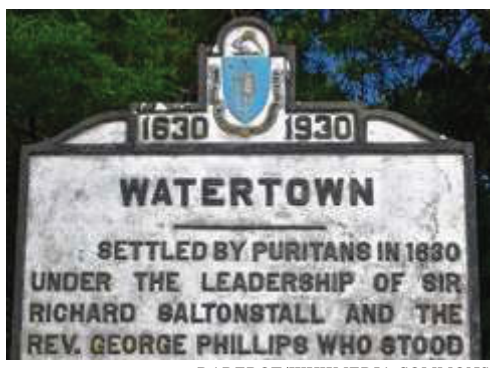
"Yep, I did all that," she laughed. "Yep, women fly the same airplanes."

INBOX

Our efforts to stop indigenous erasure

In her article, "Always read the plaque. Then ask who wrote it," (Ideas, Nov. 8), Stephanie Seed recommends that the Commonwealth "should commission new markers, working with the indigenous nations whose homelands they describe." Centered in the article is a photo of a Watertown plaque that commemorates only Puritan settlers.

A volunteer group of Watertown residents, the "Pigsgusset Initiative" (part of Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice and the Environment), is working to restore such erasure. One of our first efforts was a petition to rename an area in the city that includes a rock monument venerating Christopher Columbus. It is known that Columbus never set foot on what is now American soil, and he murdered and enslaved indigenous peoples from the Caribbean islands. Years later, while the City Council continues discussing improvements to Watertown Square, the rock still remains.



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A marker in Watertown commemorates only Puritan settlers.

The group also created an interactive website to highlight the presence and rich culture of one of the original people of Massachusetts. Members created stickers and magnets, distributed at community events, that display a digitally altered photo of an "Entering Watertown" sign that reads: "Entering Pequossette, established 15,000 years ago."

While the Commonwealth slow-walks official changes to the state seal, flag, and motto, we are working in our community to address historical falsehoods. We hope to work with local foundations and private owners to put up indigenous signage in key locations by 2030, when Watertown will celebrate the 400th anniversary of its founding by colonial settlers.

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Healey's abortion law is unconscionable

On Friday, Governor Healey announced she was declaring an "emergency" in order to block the legal initiative to suspend the law the Legislature passed over the summer to allow abortions until the possible normal time of birth ("Healey puts abortion law into effect early," Metro, Nov. 6). Previously, except in extraordinary situations like saving the life of a mother, an abortion was not possible after the 24th week of pregnancy.

In 2024, 68,000 births were recorded in Massachusetts. Approximately 6,000 of those babies were born preterm, about 9 percent. The law approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor would allow the mothers of those 6,000 babies, in consultation with a physician, to not bring them to term.

It was bad enough, given the persistent doubt about when life begins, for the new more liberal bill to have passed so quickly. But it is even more concerning that just days after her reelection, the governor should ignore hundreds of thousands of voters who petitioned to delay the implementation of the law and were demanding greater consideration.

Maybe it would have been different if each of the 6,000 babies born in 2024 had a vote.

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'Anthropic' and 'ethics' don't go together

I am appalled that an article can mention "Anthropic" and "ethics" ("Anthropic aims to go public — with ethics," Business, Oct. 30) without noting that Anthropic's genAI models were trained on works stolen from thousands of authors and artists. Increasing evidence shows that these genAI models are putting authors and artists out of business, with thousands of illustrators and animators losing their jobs, while author revenues are going down as the number of AI slop book titles goes up. This directly undermines the "fair use" doctrine, which a federal judge this year ruled was not violated by the training.

Anthropic is about to make as much as $100 billion in their IPO on the backs of those stolen works, while authors and artists are increasingly unable to make a living at all. While the settlement against Anthropic will toss authors a few grand, Anthropic is already causing "rapid job losses and significant economic dislocations" for the creative people it has disenfranchised and stolen from. The company may be worth more than $1.5 trillion, while authors, artists, and increasingly tech workers turn to crowdfunding to pay for health care. But yes, let's talk about their ethical commitment, because they're off to such a great start!

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The Women's Hall of Fame, and the others we should also celebrate

I'm sure I'm not the only woman who read the article about the Women's Hall of Fame ("Mass. inducts Women's Hall of Fame class," Metro, Nov. 11) with delight and gratitude for the recognition given to so many leaders we admire and emulate.

I'm sure I'm also not alone in thinking about the many other women who have offered their gifts of intellect and compassion for the good of society.

Among them are nurses, business leaders, activists, lawyers, teachers (including thousands of Catholic Sisters), and volunteers from Rosie's Place, Women's Lunch Place, and much-needed food pantries. Sisterhood is alive and well and helping to move us all to a more compassionate and peaceful world.

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EDITORIAL

Ready or not, the cyberattacks are coming to Mass. schools

In September, Springfield Public Schools shut down for four days because of what the city termed a "cyber incident." Sutton also dealt with a cybersecurity problem affecting its school system around the same time. In August, Milford Public Schools faced a hacking attempt that it was able to successfully thwart. School districts across Massachusetts, including Woburn, Westford, and Millis, were impacted by the PowerSchool data breach in 2025.

The new cyberthreats to schools call for new precautions — because the consequences can be serious.

The most recent hacking incident in Springfield caused the district to lose email, phones, and computer systems, crippling its ability to operate. Administrators were locked out of the tools they use for student transportation and meal preparation. Schools had to close because of the lack of access to critical student medical information. When SPS did reopen, not all systems were back online, and teachers and students had to use some printed materials.

Schools are often prime targets for cybersecurity incidents because of just how much data they have, including students' medical records, personal information, and household income. Their typically weak cybersecurity makes them an even more attractive target for malicious actors. Hackers are usually motivated by greed, demanding ransoms to end the attack.

The editorial board previously wrote in 2023 about the need for greater resources and cybersecurity standards for schools. That remains true. However, completely preventing all incidents is a nearly impossible task, especially as AI gets more powerful and easier to use. Given that reality, school officials also need to make sure education can continue in the face of inevitable attacks.

What that means in practice is that, similar to the way in which schools regularly have fire drills and lockdown drills, they should start having cybersecurity drills, too.

Cliff Steinhauer, director of information security and engagement for the National Cybersecurity Alliance, told the editorial board that schools should adopt an "assume breach" approach: Assume that different systems will go offline and consider how to operate without them.

This can take shape in two different ways. School administrators and staff can think through alternative methods to operate without a certain system, like attendance or medical software. The idea is that they talk through how to approach various scenarios. Schools can also actually simulate attacks. In this case, schools would turn off certain systems to practice responding to a cyber incident. This can happen during the school year or be a drill over the summer.

Contingency planning, whether just a discussion or actually shutting down certain systems, costs little and can help schools identify weaknesses and reduce learning disruptions.

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"Running tabletop exercises are some of the best things that these institutions can do to understand what goes down when X system goes down or when multiple systems go down, and how they can continue to stay operational," Steinhauer told the editorial board.

This practice does not solve all possible threats. Schools still need to strengthen current cybersecurity efforts, including keeping track of the different systems and software used, teaching cybersecurity practices to students and teachers, and requiring strong passwords and two-factor authentication.

Even with all of those safeguards, though, sensitive data can still be lost.

The most well-resourced schools still can't be totally equipped to deal with really sophisticated hacks. Schools have to prepare for the reality that they probably cannot keep cyberattackers out. But the more they plan ahead the more likely they are to be able to keep students in school.

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Susan Collins never had a Margaret Chase Smith moment





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Senator Susan Collins in Washington on Tuesday and Senator Margaret Chase Smith, a fellow Maine Republican, in 1964.

After losing her Senate race to Democrat Troy Jackson, Susan Collins compared her record and fate to that of Margaret Chase Smith, the first woman to represent Maine in the Senate.

"I would argue that I have, like Margaret Chase Smith, taken a lot of tough votes and stood up for what I believe in," Collins told The New York Times. "But I think the best comparison is we each lost our last race for the Senate. I have now had my Margaret Chase Smith moment."

Yes, both lost races. But to those who fully understand the meaning of a "Margaret Chase Smith moment," the opposite of what Collins argues is true. She lost because she never took on President Trump and his MAGA politics the way Smith took on Senator Joe McCarthy, a fellow Republican who led a political witch hunt rooted in fear, prejudice, and baseless allegations.

"It's precisely because she didn't have a true Margaret Chase Smith moment that Collins was beat, I think," Larry Tye, author of "Demagogue: The Life and Long Shadow of Senator Joe McCarthy," told me via email. "That moment for Smith wasn't her being defeated at the end of a long career, but making that career about conscience and standing up to a demagogue when nobody else would."

Smith's "moment" came on June 1, 1950, when as a freshman senator she delivered a "Declaration of Conscience" on the Senate floor. While she never spoke McCarthy's name, she essentially denounced him for turning that body into "a forum of hate and character assassination sheltered by the shield of congressional immunity."

In her 15-minute speech, Smith went on to say, "It is high time for the United States Senate and its members to do some real soul searching and to weigh our consciences as to the manner in which we are performing our duty to the people of America and the manner in which we are using or abusing our individual powers and privileges."

True "Americanism," Smith said, embraces the right to criticize, to hold unpopular beliefs, and to protest. "The American people are sick and tired of being afraid to speak their minds lest they be politically smeared as 'communists' or 'fascists' by their opponents. Freedom of speech is not what it used to be in America. It has been so abused by some that it is not exercised by others."

She also said she did not want to see the Republican Party "ride to political victory on the Four Horsemen of Calumny — Fear, Ignorance, Bigotry, and Smear."

While her speech did not end McCarthyism, it focused national attention on it in a way that Collins never tried to do with Trump. Instead she held herself out as a political centrist who knew when to challenge Trump, when to hold back, and how to push the levers of power for her constituents.

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For a while, it seemed that might be enough. The Maine Senate race was complicated by the candidacy of Graham Platner, a Democrat who excited the party's base until several controversies, including a rape allegation, which he denied, drove him from the ticket in July. Jackson, the former Senate leader who replaced him on the ballot, is not known for charm or charisma. When he said "Oh, shut up" to Collins during a debate, I suggested that, to Jackson's detriment, it might be a defining moment in the campaign.

It was not.

Collins's appeasement of Trump mattered more. As reported by the Times, while Collins broke "with her party more than any other Republican senator," her defections "rarely thwarted the president during his second term."

After her loss, Collins told the Times "Everybody ignores the fact that I voted to convict him in the second impeachment trial. What bigger break could there be? It is never enough. I want results and they want angry rhetoric."

But as Andrew Shuttleworth Fowler wrote for the Maine Press Herald, Collins did get results — just not the results that Maine voters wanted, from losing the federal constitutional right to abortion to high fuel prices because of the Iran war. Noting that Collins uses a desk that once belonged to Smith, he said Collins inherited the furniture but not "the nerve."

Smith, who served in the Senate from 1949 to 1973, died in 1995 at 97. Collins, who met her when she was a senior high school student visiting Washington, called her a mentor and an inspiration.

Tye told me that when he interviewed Collins for his book, she understood what made her predecessor stand out in history. Yet, while Collins had studied Smith's legacy regarding McCarthy she "never did stand up to Trump in more than a symbolic way," he said.

Maine voters wanted something more. They wanted conscience. They wanted moral clarity about right and wrong.

They wanted what Collins didn't give them — a Margaret Chase Smith moment.

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It's not just about Hegseth: How impeachment can rein in the White House

Among the points midterm voters made very clear with their collective rebuke of President Trump's second term so far: They want public officials who corruptly abuse their power to be held accountable.

That is why the incoming Congress must rescue one of the most important constitutional guardrails from its path to extinction: the impeachment power. And there is no better way to start that process than by impeaching Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

That Trump was twice impeached by the House, but also twice acquitted in the Senate, was more than a win for the president: It was a loss for democracy, because it rendered impeachment practically a dead letter. As long as a public official digs in, refuses to take responsibility, and waves the whole process away as an act of political retribution, that official can survive.

In failing to convict Trump, Congress stripped impeachment of its deterrent value. Incoming lawmakers should reclaim it.

This is especially important because of the elevation to Trump's chief of staff of Stephen Miller, whose participation was instrumental in the actions leading to the calls to oust Hegseth. It's constitutionally unclear whether Miller could face impeachment, since he is a member of Trump's staff and not a Senate-confirmed official. But Miller's ability to do more harm to the rule of law will be greatly restrained if officials in the position to do his bidding find their jobs on the line.

Hegseth is right that impeachment is not a solution for "policy disagreements" as he said during a defiant press briefing Tuesday blasting the impeachment effort. But Hegseth's actions go far beyond political unpalatability. Outgoing Republican Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky captured the worst of it in the articles of impeachment he reintroduced Monday as lawmakers returned from their election break.

First, the articles charge that Hegseth launched the attack on Iran, which led to a disastrous war that has lasted eight months and counting, all without the constitutionally mandated authorization by Congress. Hegseth is also charged with failing to minimize civilian casualties related to the war, including the Feb. 28 strike on an Iranian elementary school that killed 156 people, mostly schoolchildren, and injured nearly 100 more, which looked an awful lot like a war crime.

The fact that the Trump administration claims authority to unilaterally attack Iran rests with the president alone as commander-in-chief is not only an unconstitutional and morally dangerous proposition, that justification has Miller's name written all over it. Few have embraced the view that the president possesses the power to wage aggressive attacks on foreign powers more than Miller, his recent post-election advice that Trump wind down the Iran war notwithstanding.

Second, the impeachment articles charge Hegseth with overseeing the "extrajudicial killings" of civilians via boat strikes in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, a plan Miller also had a hand in. The administration claimed that the targets were drug smugglers and declared a phony "war" on narcoterrorists, which in its view authorized military action. But there is no constitutional or legal authority for such a war, and even if there were, rules of engagement require that attacks stop if the targets are defenseless or surrender. But under Hegseth's order to "kill them all," some of those who survived initial attacks and were left clinging to smoldering jetsam at sea were executed where they floated.

Those actions drew immediate rebuke even from Republicans.

> Without the deterrence value of impeachment, others in Trump's Cabinet could also feel free to do as they please.

"Off our coast, it isn't our policy just to blow people up," Republican Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky said last year in an interview with on "Rob Schmitt Tonight." "We don't blow up ships entering our waters unless they're hell-bent on attacking another ship, or unless they are resisting with gunfire. We arrest people."

Even conservative legal scholar John Yoo, who worked in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel during George W. Bush's presidency, decried the offshore killings in a Washington Post op-ed last year.

"American law instead relies upon the criminal justice or civil tort systems to respond to broad, persistent social harms," Yoo wrote. In other words, you hold suspected criminals accountable in court. You don't turn the sea into a fake battlefield and fire missiles at them.

Critics have also pointed out that some of the targeted boats may not have contained drugs at all, but rather refugees fleeing the oppressive Venezuelan dictatorship.

That leads to yet another impeachment charge against Hegseth: participating in the unlawful capture and removal of Venezuelan president Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, without congressional authorization. There is an additional charge for illegally attacking Yemen without Congress's authorization. Foreign policy is supposed to be conducted through diplomacy, not with the business ends of a missiles and rifles.

Miller's elevation at the White House will bring with it an even stronger embrace of the unitary executive theory, the view embraced by Trump and Miller that the law is no barrier to presidential actions. Without the deterrence value of impeachment, others in Trump's Cabinet could also feel free to do as they please, knowing consequences are unlikely to follow.

Republicans chose not to hold Hegseth accountable, but incoming lawmakers can't afford not to impeach Hegseth and also convict him in the Senate. Our founders knew the importance of giving Congress the ability — the duty, really — to remove and bar officials from ever holding office again if they abuse their power. It is meant to support the foundational principle that no one is above the law, and there is no place in government for corrupt actors. It is time to reclaim and use that power before it's lost forever.

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Battle over private airstrip divides Vt. town

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"See what we're dealing with?" said Marilyn Ganahl, 72, the Clarks' chief antagonist, who lives on an adjacent property. "Bullying and intimidation."

For nearly five years, the neighborly peace has been ripped apart by the airstrip, from which Clark hopes to fly small, gas-powered planes to work and elsewhere.

The dispute has hardened into a bitter and seemingly unending legal battle over property rights and community responsibility. It has created deep fissures in Lincoln, a quirky mountain town that prides itself on neighborliness. And it has demonstrated anew how Vermont's quiet — and not-so-quiet — wealth can drive a public process.

"I have never seen anything like it before," said Trish Waugh, Lincoln's town administrator.



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Above: Michelle Hall, Sarah Farr, and Marilyn Ganahl are against the airstrip. Left: A view of Lincoln Village and the general store, which the Clarks own, just down the hill from the proposed airstrip.

Money talks

Clark — a 6-foot, 7-inch former professional hockey player — is, literally, a big figure in Vermont. Since founding Beta in 2017, he has built it into one of the nation's leading electric aviation companies and, with roughly 1,500 employees, Vermont's fastest-growing business. His stratospheric success in a new form of aviation has made him a darling of state leaders and Trump administration transportation officials.

Clark acknowledges that his relentless desire to fly to and from his $3.5 million home in Lincoln — a 45-minute drive from Beta's headquarters at Burlington International Airport — has cost him "an irrational amount of money" in legal fees and other expenses.

In January, he spent $14 million on a separate Lake Champlain property in the town of Charlotte with an already permitted airstrip. For now, when he wants to fly to work, he drives 45 minutes from Lincoln to Charlotte and takes off from there.

Ganahl, meanwhile, estimates she's spent some $300,000 largely bankrolling the opposition in a bid to protect her 105-acre horse farm and nature preserve from what she describes as "a nightmare from hell."

Though extreme wealth has certainly prolonged the fight, it doesn't fall neatly along class lines. Ganahl's group includes a mechanic, a waitress, a teacher, and a radiology tech. Locals of all stripes appear appreciative of the jobs Clark has brought to Vermont — and even Lincoln, now a bedroom community to Middlebury and Burlington.

"The role of money in this has been challenging and unfortunate," said state Senator Ruth Hardy, a Democrat who represents the town and the rest of Addison County. "Especially when we have so many big issues in Vermont where people are struggling financially."

Though opponents of the Lincoln landing strip won early battles at the local level, Clark has since prevailed in state court, with the Federal Aviation Administration and, in October, with Vermont's Transportation Board.

He's now just a few administrative steps from being able to use the already built airstrip. But his opponents, who view it as unsafe and intrusive, won't let up. They have appealed the FAA's ruling in federal court and, on Oct. 19, appealed the state board's ruling to the Vermont Supreme Court.

"I'm shocked at how long this has taken," Clark said. "There's a large, coordinated and, unfortunately, untrue approach that the opposition has taken, and it has made people quite confused."

In Clark's view, he has patiently followed every rule and respected the process, while his neighbors have simply delayed an inevitable result. To him, the question comes down to whether he should be able to make choices about his own property, so long as he doesn't infringe on the rights of others.

"We have never attempted to tell somebody else what they can do on their land," he said.

The conflict has grown even more pitched as it lurches to a conclusion. Each faction accuses the other of harassment and intimidation. And the neighbors have complained to the Selectboard about the lavish company parties the Clarks throw on their property each summer, clogging dirt roads with hundreds of vehicles.

The Clarks, meanwhile, have accused town leaders of colluding with airstrip opponents and acting unethically. In a September letter to the Selectboard, their lawyers threatened to sue the town for violating their rights to due process. Clark later clarified in an interview that he has "no interest in doing that."

The airstrip is often the talk of the town in Lincoln — including at the local general store, which the Clarks bought in 2024 — but not everybody has taken a side, and many residents appear eager for the controversy to blow over.

"I hope it has not put a line through the town," said Waugh, the town administrator. "I would hope that people can disagree and still remain neighbors and remain friendly and able to coexist together. Because we all love Lincoln. We're all part of Lincoln."

Casseroles and horses

Perched on the western slopes of the Green Mountains, Lincoln occupies an unusual raised valley about 1,200 feet above sea level. For half the year, when the winding route over Mount Abraham is closed, there's only one paved road out of town, along the steep banks of the New Haven River.

"Geography is destiny here," the novelist Chris Bohjalian wrote in a 1993 cover story for the Globe Magazine. "People do not stumble upon the town by accident."

Bohjalian, who then lived in Lincoln, was documenting a changing town as the last dairy farm sold its herd and flatlanders began to outnumber multigenerational residents. The 1,300-person enclave has continued to evolve, particularly since the pandemic, attracting artists, educators, inventors — and those who just want to be left alone.

There's the Tony Award-winning musician, the lead singer of the popular indie rock band, the in-law of the famous actress. But nobody breathes their names to outsiders.

"The energy of the mountain draws people here," said Jennifer Smith, who runs the Lincoln General Store.

The town has grown increasingly wealthy over the years, but not ostentatiously so.

Lincoln prides itself on its welcoming spirit, as the Clarks initially experienced when they bought their property in late 2021.

One neighbor, Stephanie Atkins, showed up with a casserole. Ganahl heard the Clarks had children, so she brought over two horses.

"She introduced herself as our kids' new riding instructor," Katie Clark said of Ganahl. "She was a lot, but she was very friendly."

The goodwill didn't last long. Neighbors soon caught wind that Kyle Clark had dropped by the town office, asking about an airstrip. Ganahl quickly rallied the opposition.

Michael Dennison, a carpenter who lives uphill from both of them, declined to get involved. He's since noticed a chill in the air when he encounters airstrip opponents.

"In a small town, an issue like this is bound to get personal at some point," said Dennison, who has done some work for the Clarks and Beta.

But there's consequences for such conflict in a place like Lincoln.

"Eventually, one of you will need the other to pull you out of a snowbank," he said.

Chasing a dream

Kyle Clark has always wanted to fly.

When the native Vermonter took time off from Harvard to play professional hockey, he spent his signing bonus on pilot lessons. Now, he tries to get airborne every day.

"The freedom of moving in three dimensions in the sky is just absolutely fascinating," Clark, 46, said in a May interview at Beta's headquarters, after flying there from his Charlotte airstrip.

He and Katie Clark, 45, grew up in modest circumstances in the suburbs of Burlington, and married in their early 20s at an Army surplus store in Portland, Maine. Now they control a $4.5 billion publicly traded company that is racing to build the first electric airplanes to take off and land like a helicopter. The company's rapid growth has already reshaped Vermont's economy, turning the Burlington area into an unexpected tech hub.

Despite his success, Clark claims he'd walk away if he had to keep both feet on the ground. When investors suggest that, for safety reasons, he shouldn't pilot a plane, he tells them, "If you don't believe in me flying, then you don't believe in the mission of the company."

"I would rather be a test pilot here than be the CEO at another company, making five times as much money," he said in the May interview.

As Beta was taking off in 2021, the Clarks and their four children began looking for a new home. They had friends in Lincoln and loved the general store. They found the property, which Katie Clark described as "magical," and put in an offer.

A key factor was that, unlike some towns in Vermont, Lincoln had not limited or outright banned "restricted landing areas." In fact, there were already two in town: a little-used landing strip a mile south of the Clark property and a helipad across the valley. The latter is owned by the chief executive of United Therapeutics, Martine Rothblatt, a helicopter pilot, early investor in Beta, and mentor to Clark.

"It's been my dream forever to be able to fly into my own house," Clark said.

The town administrator quickly signed off on his March 2022 permit request, but Ganahl and other neighbors appealed. Over the next year, two town boards rejected two separate applications from Clark on the grounds it was neither an accessory nor a conditional use of a residential property under existing zoning. He appealed to state court and found a more receptive audience.

In a series of rulings between 2023 and 2025, a judge found that noise and safety issues that had been considered at the town level were preempted by federal law, and that, because Lincoln had not explicitly limited airstrips, it could not do so in this case. The court reversed the town decisions and said Clark could move forward, but capped takeoffs and landings at two a day.

The Federal Aviation Administration approved the airstrip in July 2026 over the objections of neighbors who said it had not addressed their safety concerns. In October the Vermont Transportation Board also signed off.

The Clarks hoped those decisions would bring the matter to a close, but the neighbors continue to appeal. Meanwhile, the family feels under siege by those who live around them.

"It's been hard," Katie Clark said. "We were excited to move to a town and be part of a community, and my husband suggested that he might like to do a thing that he loves to do, on his property, and everything blew up in our face."

'Just a big bully'

The morning after the Vermont Transportation Board approved the airstrip in early October, Ganahl took in sweeping views of the valley below her farm, its autumnal hues muted by clouds.

"It'll be coming in from over there," she said, using her finger to trace a flight path over the village center to the Clark airstrip, half a mile away through fields and forest. "It'll be very disruptive to the peace and the mountain vibe that we have up here to suddenly have low-flying aircraft."

Ganahl, 72, grew up in Connecticut and fell in love with Vermont on ski trips with her family. A pharmacist by training, she lived for decades in Orange County, Calif., where she led what she called "a five-year crusade" against a proposed 600-home development in order to save a historic ranch and surrounding wildlife habitat.

She moved to Lincoln in 2004, buying a property that reminded her, she said, of "The Sound of Music."

"My friends from California come here and say, 'It's like you live in a national park,'" she said.

Ganahl has devoted herself to restoring the land and rescuing animals. By her count, she's cared for 43 horses and 400 dogs over the years. She's released close to 8,000 butterflies on her property and keeps an eye on a group of crows that befriended her.

The airstrip wasn't her first target in Lincoln. In 2021, before the Clarks arrived, she and her neighbors successfully appealed a permit for a seasonal cabin up the road, arguing that it would ruin views of Mount Abraham from various parts of town.

On a tour of the surrounding properties that October day, Ganahl and half a dozen neighbors bemoaned the Transportation Board's recent decision and its refusal to hold a public hearing. Though a variety of regulatory bodies had taken up the matter over the years, they argued, none seriously considered the safety implications of a short, obstructed runway that would require steep takeoffs and landings to clear the valley rim.

"We've been ignored the whole way through," said Sarah Farr, a waitress whose great-grandparents once owned Ganahl's property and who now lives above her horse barn.

Meanwhile, said Sarah Laird, a leader of the neighbor group, the Clarks have used "Trumpian techniques for pushing this thing through." Referring to the no-trespass orders and threats to sue the town, she said, "It's a form of lawfare that fits better with the Hamptons than in a small, rural town."

At the nearby property of Mark and Stephanie Atkins, who made the welcoming casserole for the Clarks when they moved to Lincoln, Mark described Kyle Clark flying barrel rolls overhead in those early days. The neighbors accuse him of "aggressive" flying, while Clark maintains he was safely doing tricks in a rainbow-colored plane for roofers working on his house.

"He's just a big bully," said Atkins, a car mechanic who has lived in Lincoln most of his life. "He's gonna do what he wants. He's got his hands in everybody's pockets. He's bigger than us, so he thinks."

Who's the boss?

Not long after the Clarks moved to town, Vaneasa Stearns, the longtime proprietor of the Lincoln General Store, experienced a downturn in her health and decided to sell.

Community leaders rallied and established a nonprofit to save the store, which had served Lincoln since 1843. But it soon became clear they could not raise enough money on Stearns' timeline.

"'Why don't we buy it?'" Katie Clark said, according to Stearns, who laughed off the offer at first.

In January 2024, the Clarks and Chuck Davis — a private equity executive, local philanthropist, and chair of Beta's board — paid $457,000 to buy the store. The group invested hundreds of thousands more on renovations to the dilapidated building and, perhaps most important, established a creemee stand selling Vermont's cherished soft-serve ice cream.

The investment makes sense, according to Kyle Clark, "if you go down to that general store after a Little League game and see the kids getting a creemee."

"It is so special that, like, why wouldn't you do it?" he said.

David Venman, a local lawyer who led the nonprofit seeking to save the store, describes it as "kind of like a big rolodex for the town." It's where you go when you need firewood or lose your dog or just want to chat.

"General stores don't make money," Venman said. "From my perspective, [the Clarks] are doing all this stuff for the benefit of the town."

Others are skeptical of their motivations. They see it as a form of reputation-laundering to build goodwill after disturbing the peace.

Guy, the retired carpenter, is in that camp. While he appreciates the Clarks' gesture in buying the general store, he now refuses to go there.

"When I totally disagree with somebody and they show me how much of a complete [expletive] they are, there's no way I'm going to patronize anything they own," he said. "I just don't want anything to do with them."

Then, after a pause, he added, "Lincoln's changed pretty dramatically. It just seems like the Clarks are running it now."

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Justice and a reckoning



I keep thinking about that photograph. Eight gangly kids in a parking lot, all wearing their Stoughton Police Explorers T-shirts. Then, at the far end of the line, Sandra Birchmore. Way smaller than the others. Impish grin. Looking far younger than her years. This was 2014, the year she turned 17.

That poor kid.

The teenager in that photo was already being preyed upon by Matthew Farwell, a Stoughton police officer who was supposed to be mentoring her, a girl who worshiped police officers and hoped to be one someday. By then, Farwell had already succeeded in grooming her and sexually assaulting her before she reached the age of consent. She was 15 at the time, and he was 27. When that picture was taken, he was some two years into exploiting and controlling her, and would continue to do so for six more years.

Until Birchmore finally tried to take back some control of her own, threatening to reveal her abuser's secrets, some of which were crimes. Farwell couldn't have that. And so, in February 2021, he killed her to save himself.

On Tuesday, a federal jury found Farwell guilty of killing Birchmore, 23, and pregnant with a child she said was his. He strangled her to death in her Canton apartment, then staged the scene to make it look like she had taken her own life.

It took so very long to get from there to here. By now you know how many people had to work, how hard they had to persist, for authorities to finally take seriously their certainty that Birchmore would not have taken her own life.

The misfortunes and vulnerabilities that made her such a perfect target in life made her an imperfect victim, easy to dismiss in death.

Birchmore had had a difficult childhood, her mother, who was in poor health, struggling to raise her alone. She was needy, an over-sharer. She had had mental health issues and had talked of suicide, particularly after her mother and her beloved grandmother died in 2019.

Over and over, state and local police investigating Birchmore's death gave the benefit of the doubt to Farwell, their fellow police officer. It looked like suicide, and none of the many calls suggesting otherwise from her friends and family, convinced them something far more horrific had happened. Despite damning video footage of a masked Farwell going to her apartment minutes before her phone stopped moving, they were strangely deferential to him, and to his twin brother, William, when conducting interviews following her death.

"I need this like I need a [expletive] bullet in the head," John Fanning, the lead State Police investigator, told William Farwell back then, according to his testimony.

Was Fanning pretending that investigating this woman's death was a drag for him personally, or did he actually feel that way? The answer to that question has implications for every other case Fanning has handled.

And crucially, as we learned during the trial, State Police failed to provide crucial information to the medical examiner — including the fact that Farwell had visited Birchmore on the night she is believed to have died. As a result, the medical examiner ruled Birchmore's death a suicide, a finding that put an enormous hurdle in the way of anyone who would try to prove otherwise in a courtroom. Eventually, the manner of Birchmore's death was changed to "undetermined," but the damage was done.

On Tuesday, outgoing Norfolk DA Michael Morrissey blamed the medical examiner's suicide finding — based on the incomplete information provided by his own investigators — for his decision not to bring murder charges against Farwell. Those investigators must face serious scrutiny now.

It was the Stoughton Police Department, led by Chief Donna McNamara, that pulled on the first crucial threads in this case, uncovering the degree to which Birchmore was exploited, not just by Matthew Farwell, but by others, too.

Former deputy police chief Brian Holmes, now chief of the Kingston Police Department, did heroic work, un-

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Lawrence encampment crackdown leaves many at a loss

City officials, church at odds over homeless situation; pastor fears for vulnerable people

By Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

LAWRENCE — After eight years of homelessness, Richard Bianchi thought he had found something more stable at the House of Mercy Church, a faith-based organization along the Merrimack River where he said people "look out for each other."

But after the city recently ordered the removal of a makeshift encampment on the church grounds, Bianchi, 68, isn't sure where he'll go next.

"If we get torn out of here, now what?" Bianchi said last week by the tent where he's been living for the past several days, one of about a dozen that remained on a gravel lot across the street from the church.

His uncertainty reflects the stakes of an intense dispute between city officials and the House of Mercy, which provides food, showers, clothing, and other assistance for people who are homeless and people who are struggling with addiction.

City officials say the encampment, which went up in late October, is unauthorized and includes structures that present fire and sanitation risks. Roger Farah, who owns the Pentecostal church and surrounding property, said he is trying to give people a safer alternative to life on the streets.

In addition to the tents, Farah also brought in two storage containers converted into small temporary living units for people who are drug-free and working to find permanent housing, he said.

He said the city's push to dismantle the encampment for safety reasons will drive vulnerable people back into far worse conditions.

"We may not have the answer to this homelessness situation," Farah said. "But we are trying to do something about it."

Farah, 61, of Salem, N.H., started the church in 2018 and said he is the lead pastor.

Last week, Farah and a group of volunteers began breaking down the encampment off Bay State Road, where Farah said 50 to 60 people had been staying.

Last Thursday, when a Globe reporter visited the property, only a dozen occupied tents remained. A city in-

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OUR HOME, SWEET HOME



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Joe Morahan, 96, an Army veteran of the Korean War, joined in the singing of "God Bless America" as the German Centre assisted living residence in West Roxbury honored its 25 veteran residents during its annual Veterans Day celebration. **B2.**

Sharon grapples with bias remarks

Questions loom over racial tolerance

By James Vaznis
GLOBE STAFF

A family attending last month's Special Town Meeting at Sharon High School couldn't believe what they heard amid a heated debate over whether to vote no-confidence in the School Committee.

As a woman spoke at a microphone in what sounded like a Chinese accent, a man sitting behind the family in the balcony of the auditorium said, "Why don't you go back to China?" Disgusted, family members confronted the man during the meeting and afterward. He denied making the comment.

The incident was outlined in one of several complaints filed with town leaders about racist remarks and other offensive comments at the Town Meeting, which the Globe obtained under a public records request. Other residents shared various accounts on social media or in testimony to local boards in the aftermath.

The allegations have raised questions about racial tolerance in this suburb of 19,000 people south of Boston, long known for the quality of its schools. Many residents and local officials are disappointed that a debate over a no-confidence vote in five School Committee members — for unexpectedly appointing a new superintendent — devolved into discriminatory incidents.

Residents have expressed concerns about comments they perceived as racist, demeaning to people with disabilities, or xenophobic, including mocking speakers with accents.

The complaints have prompted a strong response from town officials.

"This behavior is abhorrent and unacceptable," the town's Select Board said in a statement a week after the Special Town Meeting. "Strong feelings and passionate disagreement do not excuse it. No disagreement justifies attacking someone based on their race, ethnicity, religion, disability, or any other aspect of who they are."

The turn of events represents a setback for Sharon, which previously confronted allegations of racism in 2020 after the School Committee ousted the district's first Black superintendent, Victoria Greer. That eventually led to a $750,000 payout

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Nurses, MGB reach deal

Accord comes just hours before strike

By Marin Wolf and Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

Unionized nurses at Brigham and Women's Hospital reached a tentative contract deal with management late Wednesday night, just hours before an open-ended strike was set to begin.

The deal between the union's bargaining committee and one of Mass General Brigham's two flagship hospitals would provide Brigham's roughly 4,000 nurses with pro-rated bonuses and new guidelines around the hospital's use of temporary nurses. It must still be voted on by rank-and-file members, who last month rejected an earlier tentative contract forwarded by the committee.

"I'm incredibly proud of the Brigham nurses who stood strong to protect the world-class patient care we provide," said Kelly Morgan, union chair and longtime Brigham labor and delivery nurse. "We secured this agreement with the help of countless community members, patients, unions and elected officials who supported us for many months. By standing together, we protected patients and the future of union nursing care at the Brigham."

Much of the dispute centered on wages. The union had been asking for a 3 percent raise for the first six months of the contract and a 4 percent raise for the next 12 months. The hospital previously wasn't offering any new across-the-board raise, but noted that nurses already receive a 5 percent step increase on the yearly anniversary of their hiring until they reach two decades of service.

Under the tentative agreement, ef-

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Protesters blast Google's school AI stance

Firm's opt-out offer comes with a catch

By Christopher Huffaker
GLOBE STAFF

Dozens protested outside Google's Cambridge office Wednesday against a recently announced plan to cut off Google search for schools that opt out of its artificial intelligence.

The protesters, including parents, children, and teachers concerned about technology's impact on learning and student mental health, chanted "Kids over tech!" and "Books, not Chromebooks!" as part of an organized set of rallies that also targeted Google offices in other cities, including New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

The company said last week that it would no longer automatically turn on its Gemini chatbot for the many schools that use Google Classroom. But the new policy came with a catch: Schools that reject Google's AI offerings will no longer have access to Google's foundational search engine.

This was a "breaking point" for some families, said Sudbury parent Tom Rogan.

"We've been having trouble with big tech in the schools for a long time, and luckily now it's becoming more apparent to parents," said Rogan. "We need to have more control to protect our kids."



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A young girl holding placards was among those protesting Google's policies on the use of school-based artificial intelligence Wednesday.

The protest was joined by the leaders of both the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the AFT Massachusetts, the two large statewide teachers unions. Other groups involved included the Massachusetts AI Action Net-

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Army veteran Paul Laughter walked past the German Centre's wall of honor Wednesday. Below, veteran Daniel Moynihan, 89, rested his hands on the program.

West Roxbury senior home pays tribute to residents who served

By Bryan Hecht
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT



Dozens of residents of a senior care facility in West Roxbury were honored for their military service on Veterans Day, as local leaders expressed gratitude for their commitment to duty.

At a morning ceremony, attendees gathered around a "Wall of Honor" in the home's lobby to show appreciation for residents past and present and staff members who served in the armed forces.

More than 25 veterans were honored at the German Centre's 16th annual Veterans Day celebration, organizers said.

A permanent display with photographs of veterans at the center has grown steadily over the years, said Daffney Guey, the home's director of life enrichment.

"Our veterans mean [so] much to us," Guey said, noting that many look forward to the ceremony and rush to get front-row seats. "Even the residents who haven't served, they have family or know someone [who did]."

The service gives the whole community "a sense of appreciation," she said.

This year's event was particularly "star-studded," Guey said, featuring remarks from Truc DeCoste, a regional liaison for the state's Office of the Veteran Advocate, and Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden. Mayor Michelle Wu, various state representatives, and Boston Police Captain Nicole McMullin also attended.

DeCoste was awarded this year's Deborah Sampson Award in June by the Executive Office of Veterans Services for her service helping other female veterans.

"Seeing a sea of veterans and supporters was incredible" and a strong reminder of the large veteran community in Boston, she said.

DeCoste said her grandfather, an American soldier, died in the Vietnam War and she came to the United States as a child.

Sharing memories of military service, like her time in the Air Force in Afghanistan, "gives future generations something to strive for," she said.

The wall of honor, which was created 16 years ago by Carol Kelly, Guey's former supervisor and a military wife, is intended as a reminder to the residents that their service is not forgotten, Guey said.

"Not a lot of them can remember what age they enlisted or the details, but they remember they're a veteran and are proud that they served," Guey said.

In a crowded hall on Wednesday, Army veteran Michael Segal recalled arriving by train in Berlin in the 1960s, when he could still see the lasting effects of World War II.

Segal, 86, said his favorite thing about the event is its sincere appreciation for veterans.

"It doesn't matter [who's there], I attend every year," he said. "I just like it."

Larry Carbonaro, 97, is a Korean War veteran who was stationed in Germany in the 1950s. He recalled marrying his sweetheart one month after he returned from the war, wedding in September 1953 at a ceremony arranged by her father.

The service opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a performance of the national anthem by students at Roxbury Latin School. It concluded with a performance of "God Bless America."

"The older generations really paved the way for us. The freedoms and the joys we get to experience are because of their service," DeCoste said. "We make it a point to make sure they know."

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Teen murderer is seeking release from life sentence

Fatally stabbed classmate in Sudbury in 2007

By Travis Andersen
GLOBE STAFF

John Odgren, who was 16 when he killed Lincoln-Sudbury High School classmate James Alenson in 2007, went before the state's Parole Board seeking release from his life sentence for a premeditated slaying that shocked his community.

"I am desperately ashamed of taking James Alenson's life," said Odgren, 36, who wore a blazer, collared shirt, and crucifix during his hearing Tuesday before the board in Natick, according to footage by WCVB-TV.

Odgren, who as a juvenile was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism, told the board he began to realize the horror of his actions in the midst of repeatedly stabbing Alenson, a 15-year-old student he didn't know, in a school bathroom with a kitchen knife from home.

"When I was doing what I did to him, the last moment, it just became real for me," Odgren said. "It was like, this is not — "

"At some point during the stabbing?" a board member asked. "Yes," Odgren said.

He told the board he had undergone a transformation while incarcerated with the help of therapy, medication, and deep reflection on his actions. He said he hopes to be paroled initially to a hospital setting.

But Alenson's mother, Carman Alenson, urged the board to reject his bid for release. According to reporting from NBC Boston, she told the panel that her family wonders: "Did James suffer? What was he thinking? Did he know he was loved? ... We grieve the life he didn't get to live."

Daniel Bennett, who prosecuted Odgren, spoke against his release. "He planned it that day, it wasn't a fantasy," Bennett told the board. "He knew what he was doing. And you know what [murder is] the hardest, that I've learned over doing this for 30 years? The first one, and he's got the first one done. I'd ask you not to parole."

In 2010, a Middlesex Superior Court jury found Odgren guilty of first-degree murder in the Jan. 19, 2007, death of Alenson.

Odgren's lawyers conceded that he killed Alenson but argued that long-term psychiatric issues, including depression coupled with Asperger's, made him psychotic at the time.

While first-degree murder normally carries an automatic life sentence with no possibility of parole, Odgren became eligible to seek release after the state's highest court in 2013 struck down life sentences without a chance at parole for juveniles.

In upholding Odgren's murder conviction in 2019, Justice Elspeth B. Cypher of the Supreme Judicial Court wrote that a witness had provided harrowing details of the killing at trial.

"The witness heard a brief struggle between the defendant and the victim, during which he heard the victim exclaim, 'What are you doing? Stop that. Ow, ow. You're hurting me,'" Cypher wrote. "He then heard the victim leave the bathroom and noticed three or four drops of blood at the foot of his stall. The defendant, who was still inside the bathroom, repeated, 'Oh, my God. Oh, my God. What did I just do?' several times and, after a pause, say, 'Whoever is in that stall, I need you to go get help.'"

Family support motivated him to become a better person while incarcerated, he said.

"It started to sink home ... everything that they had gone through to make sure that I turned out OK, and that I didn't," Odgren said.

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Brigham, nurses in tentative deal

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fective Nov. 15, nurses at the top of the wage scale will receive an additional 2.5 percent, while all other nurses will receive a $1,000 bonus pro-rated based on their hours worked. Beginning Sept. 30, 2027, the wage scale will add another top step with a 2.5 percent increase.

Before the deal, the members of the Massachusetts Nurses Association had been preparing to walk off the job Thursday at 7 a.m. and forgo paychecks and Brigham's contributions to their health insurance premiums. MGB had lined up temporary nurses to fill in for them.

The potential resolution of the labor dispute relieved many in Boston health care. Patients, caregivers, and government officials were concerned that a strike could drag on and disrupt care at a time when hospitals are navigating looming federal cuts to Medicaid and other financial challenges.

"We deeply value our Brigham nurses and believe this agreement recognizes their important contributions while supporting the long-term sustainability of our hospital and our ability to care for our patients and communities," Brigham said in a statement.

Last month, the union chapter rejected the hospital's "best and final" contract offer after tense negotiations over the past year. The union had postponed an open-ended strike scheduled for Oct. 14 to let members vote on management's earlier offer.

The strike was then rescheduled for November and had no end date, carrying far higher stakes than a walkout held on July 8. Immediately following that one-day strike, the hospital locked out the nurses for four more days, saying it was contractually obligated to provide its fill-in nurses with five days of work.

Leading up to the potential open-ended strike, the hospital lined up temporary nurses again. The nurses association was readying a fund to cover some of nurses' lost wages if a walkout occurred.

The last time the union staged an open-ended strike in Massachusetts was more than five years ago at Worcester's Saint Vincent Hospital, which is owned by the for-profit company Tenet Healthcare. That strike began in March 2021, lasted 301 days, involving about 800 nurses.

Looming over the impasse were strained finances. MGB says the state's largest health care system must bolster its operating margin and last month began making an unspecified number of layoffs and program changes. Nurses argue they need to be paid more given inflation and the cost of living in Boston.

Before the deal, Brigham nurses started at $86,700 annually, and those with two decades of service earned at least $220,000, according to MGB. Nearly one-third of the local, or 1,322 nurses, earned the maximum amount, MGB said, making them among the highest paid in the state.

In addition to differences over wages, the union said it was demanding that the new contract provide more affordable health insurance options. The potential deal preserves these options and addresses concerns about the use of temporary nurses. Brigham will post 20 new positions to help limit reliability on temporary nurses, and the hospital must provide the union with rationale whenever more than 15 percent of full-time positions in a hospital unit are covered by temps.

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Norwood resident out thousands in cryptocurrency scam

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Federal authorities are seeking to claw back nearly $460,000 lost by a Norwood resident and two other alleged victims of cryptocurrency romance scams in Ohio and California, according to the office of Leah B. Foley, US Attorney for Massachusetts.

A four-page verified complaint for forfeiture was filed in federal court in Boston on Monday seeking $456,602 on behalf of three victims who met scammers on online dating sites and Facebook.

After establishing trust with their victims, the scammers encourage them to make investments on cryptocurrency platforms, charging documents said.

"Perpetrators coach victims through the investment process, show them fake profits, and encourage victims to invest more," FBI Special Agent Brittany Shortall wrote in an affidavit.

After the funds are stolen, the scammers disengage, the affidavit said.

A Norwood resident went to local police on Jan. 14, 2025, to report that they had been fleeced in an online scam.

They said they met a person who went by the name of Shreya Patel on GujaratiMatrimony.com, an Indian dating site, in January 2024, according to court documents.

They made 13 transactions totaling an estimated $882,618 into cryptocurrency accounts, charging documents said, but unbeknownst to the alleged victim, the scammer transferred and dispersed the funds to several illegitimate cryptocurrency wallets.

They made another 13 transactions totaling $1,006,605, the affidavit said.

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This day in history

Today is Thursday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 2026. There are 49 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 83. Rock musician Booker T. Jones is 82. Sportscaster Al Michaels is 82. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 81. Actor Megan Mullally is 68. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci is 65. Former American figure skater Tonya Harding is 56. Olympic gold medal swimmer Jason Lezak is 51. Pakistani filmmaker and journalist Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy is 48. Actor Ryan Gosling is 46. Actor Anne Hathaway is 44. Golfer Jason Day is 39. MotoGP star Marco Bezzecchi is 28. NBA All-Star Paolo Banchero is 24.

►In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

►In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., and gave the green light to traffic.

►In 1936, American playwright Eugene O'Neill received the Nobel Prize in Literature.

►In 1948, Japanese general and former prime minister Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war-crimes tribunal; Tojo was executed in December 1948.

►In 1954, Ellis Island officially closed as an immigration station and detention center. More than 12 million immigrants arrived in the United States via Ellis Island between 1892 and 1954.

►In 1970, the Bhola cyclone struck East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. The deadliest tropical cyclone on record claimed the lives of an estimated 300,000-500,000 people.

►In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, en route to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 people on board and five people on the ground.

►In 2019, Venice saw its worst flooding in more than 50 years, with the water reaching 6.14 feet above average sea level; damage was estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

►In 2021, a judge in Los Angeles ended the conservatorship that had controlled the life and money of pop star Britney Spears for nearly 14 years.

►In 2024, Jack Teixeira, a Massachusetts Air National Guard member, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for leaking classified military documents about the war in Ukraine. Nearly a year after his April 2023 arrest, Teixeira had pleaded guilty to willful retention and transmission of national defense information under the Espionage Act.

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As children played during the protest, Katie Scopelletti watched daughter Sierra King, 5.

Protesters: Let schools opt out of AI, keep Google Search

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work and Sociedad Latina, a Boston nonprofit that has been pushing for technology restrictions in Boston Public Schools, and the Becca Schmill Foundation, which was created in memory of a Canton 18-year-old who died in 2020 after buying drugs on social media.

Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey, a Democrat, demanded Monday that Google reverse its policy.

"That is not a choice," Markey wrote in a letter to Google CEO Sundar Pichai. "It is an ultimatum to effectively force schools to enable generative AI."

Google has said that search and AI are so integrated now that it wouldn't be possible to have one without the other.

The tech giant's products have become ubiquitous in American classrooms. Many schools issue Google's low-cost Chromebook laptops to every student. Google software is also widely used, including the Classroom learning platform that schools use for assignments, grading, and more.

Matt Bach, head of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, said many of his union's members have already grown skeptical of educational technology in the classroom, which he said was reason enough to protest Google even before the AI announcement.

"We really don't need Google in our classrooms," Bach said. "Let's refocus on pedagogy that works for our students."

But Google and other tech companies have faced particularly fierce criticism over the rollout of student-facing AI. The country's two largest school districts, New York and Los Angeles, have banned AI chatbots for some or all grades, and this fall's international PISA test score release came with warnings about the impact of AI usage on science learning. (Boston has been more open, training "AI ambassadors" to teach students to work with AI.)

In August, Google turned on its Gemini A.I. app as the default option for all schools that use Classroom.

Last week, a day before Google's policy linking search and AI was announced, a North Carolina family sued Google, contending their 13-year-old daughter made plans to end her life after months of using Google AI on her school-issued Chromebook.

Google has said it is developing new restrictions on the school version of Gemini, including a function that allows teachers to review chatbot transcripts.

It also said it is no longer turning on Gemini automatically for Classroom users. But the company has not budged on bundling search with AI.

"We hear parents and teachers' concerns about students using AI to shortcut learning, and we share the same goal: help students learn," said Google spokesperson Jackie Berté.

"Gemini app, Gemini Notebook and Search will be off by default until schools decide which services to enable. We are building these experiences in partnership with educators, listening closely to ensure our products support students and teachers."

The outrage about Google's school use policies come amid a broader public backlash against AI.

In the midterm elections last week, voters overwhelmingly opposed the construction of data centers, which are critical to supporting the growth of AI and other computing. Voters across the country have backed data center construction in only one of 47 related ballot measures so far this year.

Google's school hardware is also facing headwinds for the first time in years. Most schools that didn't already have a device for every student bought them during the COVID-19 remote learning period. But an anti-Chromebook movement is now brewing in towns across the city and country, including in Cambridge itself.

Parents, teachers, and administrators, who are worried about everything from costs to AI cheating to children missing out on playtime, are increasingly pushing to cut back on Chromebook time, or even eliminate it entirely for some grades.

Some at the protest said that even if Google rolls back its new policy linking AI and search, schools should take this opportunity to move away from the company entirely.

"I hope this is the start of a new awakening on this topic," said Deb Schmill, founder of the Becca Schmill foundation, which has also advocated for school cell phone bans.

"We have, to my knowledge, there is no evidence of efficacy for these products," Schmill added. "We have only seen scores decline since we brought tech into the schoolrooms."

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Town Meeting remarks raise questions on racial tolerance

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to Greer to settle a racial discrimination complaint she filed and a vow among many residents to improve the town's racial climate.

This time around, emotions have been running high since Superintendent Peter Botelho announced during a School Committee meeting in July that he wouldn't seek a two-year extension to his contract, which expires next June. Botelho, who has led the district since 2021, said in a letter to the community that he was looking forward to bringing his expertise to another district.

On that same night, the School Committee decided, in a 5-2 vote, to appoint Joel Jocelyn, the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction, as the next superintendent.

The decision, made in midsummer and without a formal search, caught many residents by surprise and appears to have violated the School Committee's policy for hiring a superintendent, which calls for engaging the public in the selection process.

"In no case should a candidate be hired as superintendent without sufficient public involvement," the policy reads.

Many parents and other community members immediately raised concerns, but the School Committee refused to reconsider. The majority of the committee believed Jocelyn was well qualified for the job and so, they said, it made little sense to spend the time and money on a search.

More than 800 residents turned out for the Special Town Meeting on Oct. 22, requiring overflow seating in a cafeteria and a lounge. The no-confidence vote was the only item on the warrant, and it passed overwhelmingly.

Town Moderator Andrew Nebenzahl said in an interview with the Globe that he didn't hear any offensive comments during the proceedings.

"My protocol would have been to admonish those comments from the podium and, if it continued, I would have asked a police officer to talk with that person," he said.

Nebenzahl also pointed out that at the start of the meeting he "carefully set the boundaries for discussions to exclude any kind of personal attack."

Still, public records and complaints suggest there were a lot of heated words, some with racial undertones.

Sharon has a sizable Asian community — roughly 30 percent of students in its public schools are of Asian descent, according to state data — and a group of Asian American residents reported being accosted as they left the Special Town Meeting.

"Why don't you Chinese run for School Committee?" they reported one woman asking them.

One of them responded, "What makes you think I'm Chinese? I'm not Chinese."

The woman then followed up: "Sorry, whatever, Asians, Asians. You know what I mean. I bet you think I'm white, huh?"

Another woman from the group attempted to end the conversation, saying, "This is not a racial thing." But the offending woman wouldn't relent.

She eventually raised her voice and began cursing at them, according to the complaint.

Members of the same group also spoke about the incident during public comment at a recent meeting of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, which later issued a formal statement condemning the discriminatory comments during the Special Town Meeting.

One woman in the group said it was the first time she had personally experienced racism in Sharon in the nearly two decades she has lived there, and it was disheartening to read on social media other residents sharing similar incidents from the Special Town Meeting.

"One of the things that disturbed me is that no one stepped in ... to say, 'Hey let's not do that here,'" the woman told the DEI committee.

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Uber driver arrested after fracas over stop

An Uber driver who allegedly refused to move his vehicle while blocking traffic in downtown Boston is due in court Thursday, police said.

Javier Breitling, 27, who allegedly nearly struck a pedestrian when he finally moved his vehicle, was charged with reckless operation of a motor vehicle, refusing to identify himself, and failing to stop for police. He is expected to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court, police said.

Breitling was arrested around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday near the corner of Beacon and Tremont streets after he allegedly blocked traffic as he waited to pick up a fare.

Officers said the suspect declined to follow their orders to leave, then quickly reversed, nearly striking an elderly pedestrian, police said.

He allegedly accelerated forward and tried to drive toward Beacon Street, police said, but soon got stuck in "a traffic jam," and officers were able to catch up to him on foot.

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Lawrence church fined for dwellings

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spector arrived and delivered a violation notice that carried a $1,200 fine, which Farah said the church has been receiving daily.

Farah also received a notice for a Board of Health hearing on Nov. 18, when officials will consider whether portions of three adjoining properties he owns are unfit for habitation.

The city's attorney, Timothy Houten, said Farah had been warned ahead of time not to proceed with the encampment.

"He told us he was going to do it. We told him he couldn't do it," Houten said. "He did it anyway."

Farah said he disagrees with the city's interpretation of the health and zoning regulations, but the mounting fines have left him no choice but to comply.

Farah said he spent about $20,000 preparing the property for people who had been living in encampments scattered across the city. He said his plan was to have people stay in a fenced-in portion of his property, where the church could provide shelter, porta-potties, and trash collection and more easily connect people with social services.

Farah said he envisioned a supportive place where people could find some stability and work toward recovery, with the goal of finding a job and permanent housing.

"Let's create a small little community where they can help themselves to get better," he said.

Instead, the city began issuing violations soon after the tents went up, saying that the encampment violates a range of building, zoning, and sanitation regulations.

"They have a door and no windows," Houten said of the storage containers. "They're a fire hazard and a health hazard."

Farah said no one has lived in the eight units built inside the two containers. Each unit measures about 8 by 9 feet and has power outlets and a smoke detector. To live there, people would have to abstain from drugs and alcohol, have a job, and save half of their paycheck to go toward rent for an apartment, he said.

"Once everything was running, we were going to start putting people in them who met the criteria," he said.

Jeffrey Denner, a criminal defense lawyer who recently began representing Farah, said he believes the city's enforcement action raises questions around religious freedom and the rights of homeless people, especially on private property.

He questioned whether the tents qualify as structures under the city's permitting requirements and argued the church's religious mission is protected under the Constitution. He said he hopes to find a resolution that addresses safety concerns without forcing people back onto the streets.

"Everyone should sit down and try to get a real sense of what's going on and how this can settle as a win-win," Denner said. "It's going down the lose-lose path pretty dramatically."

Houten said the city has a homeless services coordinator and offers assistance to people living on the streets, but some refuse.

"If they were from here, they have more than likely at some point been offered services," Houten said. "Some people won't accept them. They don't want to be in a so-called 'sober house.'"



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From top: Roger Farah, the pastor at the House of Mercy Church, thumbed through the violation notices he has received from the city of Lawrence; tents once filled the lot across from House of Mercy, but as of last Thursday, only a dozen remained; converted storage containers into temporary living units.

> 'Compassion and compliance with the law are not mutually exclusive.'
>
> LAWRENCE MAYOR BRIAN DEPEÑA, *while defending the city's enforcement action.*

Since the city can't force people into treatment or housing if they refuse assistance, it should not be expected to allow an unauthorized encampment as an alternative.

"We don't have to make them a tent city," he said.

Mayor Brian DePeña said the homeless problem in Lawrence has strained municipal resources and placed a burden on residents, businesses, and public safety workers.

In a statement, DePeña said the city estimates it has spent more than $1.9 million responding to homelessness-related conditions this fiscal year. He called for greater state and regional cooperation, saying Lawrence can't shoulder such a wide-ranging issue on its own.

DePeña, who faces state and federal criminal charges in a separate matter, defended the city's enforcement action, saying charitable organizations must comply with the city's rules.

"Compassion and compliance with the law are not mutually exclusive," he said. "We can help people in need while insisting that facilities serving them meet basic health and safety standards."

Farah, who said he founded House of Mercy nearly nine years ago, said he understands the need for safety regulations but believes the city is overlooking the harsh reality facing people who are living on the street with easy access to drugs.

He said House of Mercy provides daily meals and laundry machines and helps connect people with addiction treatment and housing programs.

Those services continued last week, even as the encampment was winding down.

Volunteer Carrie Wieland was juggling requests for help from several people gathered near the remaining tents.

One man approached her and asked in a soft voice whether she could get him a bed.

"You're ready to detox?" Wieland asked. The man nodded yes.

"I'm proud of you," she told him. "You're definitely gonna go?"

He nodded again.

Wieland pulled out her phone and called a detox center. As she spoke with someone on the other end, another woman approached and said she, too, wanted treatment.

Wieland handed the phone to the man so he could speak directly with the treatment provider.

"Don't hang up," she told him.

Bianchi, who said he has been coming to House of Mercy for about six years for food and a place to wash his clothes, said he previously worked as an equipment operator in Boston before he lost his home.

He said he worries about what will happen to him and the others who have come to depend on the camp, especially as winter approaches.

"This man gave us a place to live," Bianchi said of Farah. "We're like family here."

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Tenants rally for East Boston family facing eviction

Landlord says it's tech-forward

By Camilo Fonseca
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As dozens of rent-control protesters gathered outside Groma's headquarters in downtown Boston, an executive came outside offering fresh doughnuts and coffee.

The response from the protesters, holding placards accusing the property management firm of greed and neglect, was frosty.

"They can pay for the good stuff when they're milking tenants," said Grace Holley, a spokesperson for the advocacy group City Life/Vida Urbana. "Don Jose is probably paying for those."

Jose Velasquez, 70, is facing a no-fault eviction from the East Boston apartment on Meridian Street that he's lived in for two decades after the building was bought by Groma last year. Gripping a megaphone, he told the crowd gathered on Tuesday morning the choice he's now facing: accept a rent increase of nearly 38 percent, or possible eviction.

He and other tenants say that Groma, a real estate tech startup, are forcing them out to renovate their properties and then charge higher rents to new tenants.

"We're seeing what happens when corporate landlords buy up our neighborhoods and put profits before people," said organizer Suleika Soto. "They see buildings, they see property, they see dollar signs, but we see homes, we see families, and we see our communities."

Groma rejects the notion that it is extorting the tenants, and maintains that virtually all of their conversions are market-rate.

"These are not exorbitantly priced units; they're significantly cheaper in most cases than new luxury developments," said executive Chris Lehman. "But again, they are market-rate units, so they conform to the general market factors."

Velasquez said shortly after Groma bought his building last year, the new owners terminated his three-year lease and offered him a new one — with a hefty rent increase.

But Velasquez, who lives in the unit with his 67-year-old wife, their adult daughter who suffers from epilepsy and schizophrenia, and their adult grandchild — said in Spanish that his retirement savings simply "don't add up to the exorbitant increases they want."

It's not the first time he's fought an eviction from the apartment. In 2017, shortly after another company took over the building, he and several other residents were served with eviction notices as part of a mass clear-out.

Back then, Velasquez was able to outlast the owners without litigation. But now, a jury trial in housing court is set to begin next week to determine whether he and his family can remain.

Groma operates dozens of properties in Greater Boston, most of them in East Boston, Roxbury, and Mission Hill. Founded in 2020, it bills itself as a tech-forward real estate startup, with its own cryptocurrency ("GromaCoin") and a new initiative that will allow renters to build equity through monthly payments ("rentvestment").

Lehman, the company's cofounder, conceded that many of the company's properties "have not gotten adequate care over the past few decades."

"It's sometimes the case that we acquire a property that has previously been managed by somebody else, owned by somebody else, and upon detailed inspection, we determine it's not at our standard for habitability for general resident quality of life," Lehman said in an interview.

Lehman declined to comment on Velasquez's case, citing privacy concerns, but said that the company always honors its existing leases.

"If it's determined that a unit is not at the quality standards that we require for our portfolio … we do our best to help tenants find other places to live while a renovation happens," he added.

Unlike other local management firms drawing controversy, Groma touts itself as a data-driven enterprise whose goal, Lehman said, is "taking these properties and making them run more efficiently."

But organizers have been rankled by the company's lofty ethos, arguing that tenants struggle with living conditions such as mold, rotting floors, and rat infestations.

"The thing about Groma [is] you guys give us so much ammunition," said organizer Antonio Ennis. "You're bragging and boasting on your websites; you are pretty much the perfect villain."

Demonstrators railed against the company's AI property management tool.

"'Anything going wrong, call the Grobot,'" said Ennis. "'He'll come and get the rats out, he'll come and get the mold out, he'll come and fix things.' No, that's a lie. That's a big lie."

Lehman said the company's rent increases are market-rate, rather than luxury conversions.

"We understand what Boston-area renters demand in terms of unit quality, what drives rents, et cetera," he said. "When we're working in a given neighborhood, [we] understand what the demand is for in that neighborhood, and bring units up to that standard."

That argument doesn't sway the protesters.

"Tenants can do everything right and still be evicted for no cause," said Nikki Stone, a renter in Mattapan who donned the Grobot costume. "It's a shame. It's a shame."

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Finally: justice and a reckoning

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tangling a sickening web of officers and others who had sex with Birchmore, some of it while they were on the clock and supposed to be protecting the public. Not just Matthew Farwell, but his brother William, too. And an animal control officer and a military recruiter, who, it turned out, was the father of the fetus both Birchmore and Matthew Farwell apparently believed was his.

"They passed her around like a toy," her family's attorney said.

The men all said the sex was consensual. Holmes's report also suggested Robert Devine, a former deputy police chief in the department, had an inappropriate relationship with Birchmore, which he denied.

Those findings provided details of what was a textbook case of grooming and exploitation. Abusers look for kids like Birchmore — kids who are vulnerable, kids with parents who can't be as vigilant because of health or money problems.

"People are always going to believe the person with the good reputation in the community, versus the struggling and vulnerable young person," said Elizabeth Jeglic, professor of psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. I interviewed Jeglic back when my colleague Laura Crimaldi and I wrote about Birchmore's life and death shortly after federal prosecutors charged Farwell with killing her in 2024, building their case almost entirely on evidence already available to State Police.

At the time, I worried that the vulnerabilities that had made it so easy for state prosecutors to dismiss Birchmore as a victim would make a jury reluctant to convict Matthew Farwell.

Like so many abuse victims who are groomed and exploited, Birchmore made decisions as an adult that I was afraid would make jurors judge her. She had multiple sexual partners up until her death. A defense expert testified that she engaged in "edgy" sexual acts with partners, that included choking. Such risky behavior is a common consequence of abuse.

"We know that once a child has been sexually abused they are at increased likelihood for future instances of sexual victimization," said Jeglic, an expert on sexual grooming. "If they are being reinforced for sexual behaviors, and they are seeking attention, that might be a behavior that is repeated."

Before Tuesday, I was afraid Farwell's lawyers would succeed in using Birchmore's sexual history to discredit her. The difference between sexual agency and exploitation can be hard for some people to recognize — as the public debates over any number of high-profile rape cases demonstrate.

But, to their immense credit, these jurors saw that distinction. After 15 hours of deliberations, they saw Birchmore for who she was: A victim of sexual assault and murder, a woman who had plenty to live for, whose friends and family loved her, and who would never have left this world without a fight.



STOUGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK

Sandra Birchmore (far right) at a Stoughton Police Explorers event in 2014.

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ICE officer in fatal shooting expressed hatred of migrants

By Katie Benner and Alexandra Berzon
NEW YORK TIMES

AUGUSTA, Maine — David Brouillette, the rookie Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer who fatally shot a Colombian migrant in Maine this summer, has a troubling work history, past complaints of domestic violence and abuse, as well as mental health issues.

He also has a record of deep-seated anti-immigrant hostility, especially against Colombians.

In 2021, four years before he joined ICE, Brouillette, a former Army sergeant, raged against his sister and their relatives in a series of emails, castigating her for her longtime relationship with a Colombian man, with whom she had two children.

"He can takes his non citizen ass back to his country and enjoy his third world luxuries," Brouillette wrote in an email thread riddled with typos, a copy of which was shared with The New York Times.

Brouillette continued that the man's "bloodline knows nothing about what it takes to earn and then CHERISH the freedom America offers."

The man who sparked Brouillette's anger was at the time a 37-year-old graduate student studying for a doctorate in education. Born in Colombia, the man was living in the United States legally and had dated Brouillette's sister for five years.

The email exchange was shared by Elizabeth Emen, Brouillette's sister, and confirmed by a friend who discussed the email with her at the time, as well as a family representative. Brouillette's comments were a snapshot, they said, of his views toward people born outside the United States.

"David had no basis for saying that my partner was undocumented," Emen, a licensed therapist in Maryland, said in an interview. "It was about how he saw him based on his race."

Brouillette, 38, fatally shot Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero on July 13 during an attempted traffic stop in Biddeford, Maine.

The emails, which have never been made public, add another layer to Brouillette's high-profile shooting and could factor into the pending state and federal investigations.

It is illegal in Maine to infringe on a person's rights because of their actual or perceived race, color, ancestry or national origin, among other identifiers. Federal law prohibits an officer from depriving a person of their constitutional rights "on account of such person being an alien or by reason of his/her color or race."

Brouillette's family said he didn't hide his sentiments about immigrants. Those views, along with publicly accessible court records documenting claims of abuse, mental health challenges and workplace struggles underscore concerns about the federal government's hiring of Brouillette, who applied for a job with ICE as the agency relaxed its vetting process and added thousands of new officers.

"He is dangerous and should not have weapons," Brouillette's mother, Susan Bedard, said of her son in a text message to the Times. "Believe his victims, not him."

Durán Guerrero, 25, was shot four times in the face and neck, said Sean P. Murphy, a lawyer for Durán Guerrero's family. The Department of Homeland Security said "the vehicle attempted to flee" and the officer, "fearing for public safety," fired his weapon. Evidence confirming this account has yet to emerge.

The agency declined to confirm that Brouillette had fatally shot Durán Guerrero or describe his employment status. Brouillette's family, however, identified him as the man pictured at the scene of the shooting being consoled by other officers.

His ex-wife and daughter told the Times that Brouillette said he fired the fatal bullets. Also, federal and state investigators examining the shooting have asked people who knew Brouillette about his background and whether they thought he should be fired over the killing of Durán Guerrero.

DHS initially said that Durán Guerrero had illegally entered the country but later recanted that statement to Senator Angus King of Maine, the senator's office said. The lawyer for the Durán Guerrero family said he was authorized to work in the United States and was not the target of ICE's investigative efforts.

The shooting sparked a sharp outcry in Biddeford, and state officials from both parties condemned ICE's actions.

The Department of Homeland Security said in a statement that "any claims of substandard training or vetting are FALSE" and that ICE officers were "trained to use the minimum amount of force necessary to resolve dangerous situations."

Brouillette declined to speak with a Times reporter who knocked on the door of his home in Maine and left a letter for him. In response, he called the local sheriff to warn the reporter not to return.

This article is based on court records, emails, and interviews with Brouillette's relatives, including Emen; his mother; his first ex-wife and daughter; as well as a former classmate, neighbors, former colleagues, and people with knowledge of his hiring at ICE. His two ex-wives and some former co-workers had previously spoken to the media about their concerns.

He struggled with mental health issues, having been diagnosed with bipolar disorder and hospitalized "multiple times," his mother, Bedard, said.

This type of health history is typically disqualifying for federal agents, according to federal hiring guidelines.



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

A memorial for Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, the man killed by an ICE officer in Maine.



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF

A DRAWN-ON BRIDGE — Graffiti covered the underside of a drawbridge in Woods Hole on Water Street, opened Wednesday as a boat made its way to Eel Pond.

Get set for latest nor'easter

When and where snow, rain expected in New England

By Ken Mahan
GLOBE STAFF

A developing nor'easter is set to deliver the first snow of the season to parts of New England, though the Boston area will mainly contend with a cold, windswept rain starting Thursday and lasting into Friday. Several inches of wet snow are forecast for the highest elevations of Massachusetts and Northern New England.

This system will eventually slide off the mid-Atlantic coast late Thursday and strengthen into a nor'easter, bringing more rain, wind, and some wet snow through Friday. But unlike the others we've seen this fall, we should avoid major impacts like flooding. This one is more of an inconvenience for Greater Boston and Southern New England.

This storm holds a decent shot of delivering a coating to a couple of inches of snow along Route 2, west of I-495, and a coating to 3 inches of wet snow in a few higher-elevation spots across the Berkshires, northern Worcester County, and most of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, with isolated spots seeing 3 to 6 inches across the highest terrain.

For the lower elevations and by the coast, it just won't be that cold for widespread snow. Greater Boston should end up with about a half inch of cold, windswept rain, a lot less than what we experienced last week. The same rain scenario plays out as you head south to Cape Cod, the South Coast, and Rhode Island.

East of I-495 and south of the Mass. Pike should all stick to light and steady rain. There is a chance for a few snowflakes mixing in at low elevations at times, especially overnight to early Friday, but the odds of anything sticking, like along I-95 and I-495, are close to zero.

Light snow and rain start moving into Western Massachusetts, Connecticut, and parts of western Vermont late Thursday morning. Rain will extend into Greater Boston, Southeastern Mass., Cape Cod, and Rhode Island in the afternoon — about an hour before or after the evening commute — and last into the night.

Scattered pockets of precipitation will continue overnight and all day on Friday. Cold rain showers will continue across Greater Boston and most of Southern New England, turning into steady rain. Northern New England and the higher elevations across Massachusetts will see a wintry mix as Thursday night arrives and temperatures fall — eventually changing over to all snow overnight into Friday.

As the storm winds down, scattered light rain and snow showers will taper off Saturday morning.

Thursday will see temperatures slowly climb into the upper 40s and low 50s across most of Southern New England under mostly cloudy skies.

Now we can't have a storm-turned-nor'easter without wind, right? We'll see gusty conditions beginning Thursday afternoon and lasting through much of Friday, but even with the storm slated to intensify once reaching the ocean, we should see wind gusts top out at 20 and 30 miles per hour along the coast.

With New England on the western side of the storm on Friday, you'll feel the cold air funneling south while snow continues up north. Friday morning is the best chance for snowflakes to mix with the rain as far south as the Mass Pike and the I-495 to I-95 belt. There's another chance for a few morning flakes on Saturday, but I don't expect any accumulation as the snow shouldn't stick to the ground.

Storms often develop on the eastern side of a U-shaped dip, or trough, in the jet stream. That's because winds aloft in that area are fastest and spreading apart, creating what we call upper-level divergence. As air spreads out high in the atmosphere, that triggers air near the surface to rapidly rise to fill the void, creating an area of low pressure. Those fast winds also allow the low to intensify while following along the jet stream "highway."

This week's system will tap into the strong jet stream winds and intensify just south of New England on Friday.

It'll be interesting to see how much snow does actually accumulate, with wet snowflakes and ground melting coming into play. Snow totals just might wind up slightly below what is forecast.

As far as Boston rain, keep in mind that the city usually sees its first inch of snow around Dec. 11, and I suspect we'll still be waiting for that 1 inch of snowfall after this storm passes.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David B. Mareira to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Leader Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns, dated July 20, 2016 and recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 56478, Page 156 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage NewRez LLC F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Leader Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association dated April 26, 2021 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 65343, Page 56, and Assignment from JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to NewRez LLC F/K/A New Penn Financial, LLC D/B/A Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing dated September 15, 2021 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 66323, Page 327, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 102 Richmond Street, Dorchester, MA 02124 will be sold at a Public Auction at 12:00 PM on December 1, 2026, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated on Richmond Street, in the Dorchester District of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, and now numbered 102 on said Richmond Street, bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by Richmond Street, sixty (60) feet;

Easterly by land now or late of one Preston, one hundred fourteen and one half (114 1/2) feet;

Westerly by land now or late of John E. Dodge, one hundred thirteen (113) feet;

Northerly by land now or late of the City of Boston, sixty (60) feet.

Be all of said measurements more or less.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 42869, Page 304.

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 $5,000.00 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.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT
Docket Number: 26 SM 003374
ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: Sandy Cantave, Huguener Cantave, Elizabeth Cantave aka Elizabeth M. Cantave

and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON f/k/a THE BANK OF NEW YORK as Trustee for CWABS, Inc. Asset- Backed Certificates, Series 2003-2

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in 4 Richard Street, Medford, MA 02155, given by Sandy Cantave, Huguener Cantave, and Elizabeth Cantave aka Elizabeth M. Cantave to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for America's Wholesale Lender, its Successors and Assigns, dated April 4, 2003 and recorded in the Middlesex Land Court Registry District in Instrument No. 1265108, Certificate Title No. 0205408, and recorded with the Middlesex District Registry of Deeds in Book 1157, Page 58, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at: Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before 12/07/2026 or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on 10/20/2026.
Attest: Deborah J. Patterson, Recorder

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS: NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is soliciting bids from Contractors to conduct woody fuel reduction during Fiscal Year 2027 on approximately 40 acres at the Frances Crane (North) Wildlife Management Area in Falmouth and Plymouth, MA. Project shall be completed in accordance with specifications prepared by MassWildlife for project DFW-2027-040. The estimated project value is $140,000.00. Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished by MassWildlife in the bid package and shall be received at the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581, at 10:00 AM, local time, Monday, November 30, 2026, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held onsite Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the contract documents and shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the value of the bid. Bid deposits, payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, shall be in the form of a bid bond or certified, cashier's or treasurer's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company. Contract documents will be available after November 11, 2026, at www.commbuys.com, enter DFW-2027-040 in the description field under bid search. Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by M.G.L. under Chapter 149, Section 26 to 27D, inclusive. Proposals that do not have the Affidavit (of non-collusion, etc.) properly completed will be declared informal. Bids are subject to provisions M.G.L. Chapter 30, Sections 39F, 39G, 39H, 39K and 39M and Chapter 149, Sections 44A to 44H, inclusive. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

By: Everose Schlüter, Director, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

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 Kathy Monaco to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated May 17, 2006 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15927, Page 1 (the "Mortgage") of which mortgage U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to CitiMortgage, Inc. dated July 2, 2009 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 17885, Page 374, and Assignment from CitiMortgage, Inc. to Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R, by MCM Capital Partners, LLC its Trustee dated February 11, 2015 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 20594, Page 137, and Assignment from Ventures Trust 2013-I-H-R, by MCM Capital Partners, LLC its Trustee to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Hilldale Trust dated July 20, 2017 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 21833, Page 341, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, D/B/A Christiana Trust, not individually but as Trustee for Hilldale Trust to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-E dated December 19, 2019 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 23910, Page 267, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-E to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-D dated September 8, 2022 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 24720, Page 66, and Assignment from Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust V-D to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCAF Acquisition Trust dated January 8, 2025 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 25762, Page 116, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 15 Colonial Street, Palmer, MA 01069 will be sold at a Public Auction at 2:00 PM on December 8, 2026, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain parcel of land located northeasterly of Colonial Street, Palmer, Hampden County, Massachusetts known and designated as Lot 45 (REV) on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Depot Village, Palmer, MA Prepared for Breton Estates, Inc. & William and Jean Andresen, Sherman and Woods, Surveyors" which plan is recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book of Plans 336, Page 130 and to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description.

Containing 32,265 square feet (0.740 acres) according to said plan.

Subject to restrictions set forth in Book 3702, Page 435.

Subject to utility easements granted to New England Telephone and Telegraph Company dated March 19, 1976 and October 4, 1978 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 4254, Page 166 and Book 4692, Page 54, respectively, if applicable.

Being a portion of premises described in a deed from Richard N. Levine and Sherry L. Levine to William Andresen and Jean L. Andresen dated June 10, 1999 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 10818, Page 391 and all of the premises described in a deed from Breton Estates, Inc. recorded in Book 15007, Page 329.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15397, Page 454.

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 $5,000.00 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.

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MIDDLESEX, SS. CASE NO. 25 MISC 000700 (DRR)

Focus Properties LLC
v.
Ramyar Ghandriz, et al.

TO: all persons with a legally cognizable interest in certain real property in Billerica, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being known as and numbered 524 Middlesex Turnpike:

The Plaintiff(s) has/have filed a Complaint with the Land Court in Boston, Massachusetts in which you are named as an interested party. This Complaint may be examined at said Court or online at www.masscourts.org. The Complaint concerns certain real property in Billerica, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being known as and numbered 524 Middlesex Turnpike. Plaintiff seeks an order declaring that a so-called division line through the Property and shown as Lots 198 and 199 on Plan of Land in Billerica, Surveyed for Dwight Cummins, Prepared by James B. Monahan, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 16, 1949 and recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 76, Page 20, was intended to represent a right to draw water and is not a boundary line. Plaintiff contends the so-called division line may have been added by mistake and in fact relates to historic and extinguished right to use a well previously located on the Property.

If you intend to make any defense, you are required to file an answer with the Land Court on or before the return day, December 14, 2026, and serve a copy upon the plaintiff's attorney, Neil Kreuzer, Esq., 268 Newbury Street, 4th Floor, Boston, MA 02116. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief demanded in the complaint.

It is ORDERED that notice be given by publishing a copy of this notice once in the Boston Globe, a newspaper published in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, at least thirty days before the return day, December 14, 2026.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of the Land Court, the 27th day of October, 2026

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At Roadrunner, Geese prove they're breaking the mold

By James Sullivan
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

MUSIC REVIEW

GEESE
With Gwenifer Raymond.
At Roadrunner, Tuesday



LAURA OLIVERIO/GLOBE STAFF

Geese performed at Roadrunner in Brighton on Tuesday.

Just five years ago the Brooklyn foursome of Geese were fresh out of high school, releasing their major-label debut. They thought about breaking up — members were considering attending Boston University and Oberlin College, among other schools — but they chose to pursue music.

That's good news for us. After a year in which they appeared on "Saturday Night Live," played Coachella, and frontman Cameron Winter played Carnegie Hall, Geese have emerged as an unadulterated celebration of rock 'n' roll sound in 2026.

At Roadrunner on Tuesday, the first of two nights on the band's ongoing tour behind its fourth album, "Getting Killed" (frequently cited as one of 2025's best), Geese showed their reverence for every style of art-rock — prog, metal, glam — by messing with all of them.

Often compared with the signposts of New York City's underground rock heritage, from Television to Parquet Courts, the band hints at many mainstream cliches — arena rock singalongs, Zeppelin-esque bombast — but then yanks them back with a deliberately sour note or a tripped-up tempo, as if to say, "Psych!"

After a well-received opening set by the Welsh acoustic guitarist Gwenifer Raymond, whose hard-strummed, open-tuned arrangements were a small orchestra, Winter kicked off Geese's set on an electric keyboard. He hammered out a pair of notes to open the soaring "Long Island City Here I Come." Drummer Max Bassin perched behind his kit on a riser; guitarist Emily Green, bassist Dominic DiGesu, and touring keyboardist Sam Revaz all faced stage right, as if following Winter's every cue.

But the beauty of the band is each member's relentless interrogation of their instruments. Bassin is a driving force, often playing intricate polyrhythms. Green occasionally laid down her guitar and kneeled to manipulate her effects pedals by hand, adding buzzing and blips.

The 90-minute set featured nearly every song from "Getting Killed" and five more from the band's previous release, 2023's "3D Country." On crossed-eyed ballads like "Husbands" and "Au Pays du Cocaine," Winter sometimes crooned like a big shaggy dog. To him, lyrics are mostly just pitch.

At several points, the packed crowd on the floor of the venue organized itself into a huge mosh pit. "There is only dance music in times of war," as Winter warbled (we think) on "100 Horses."

Geese saved their closest stabs at traditional song structure for the second half of the show, including "Cowboy Nudes" (with its petition to "Be my warrior!") and "Taxes," the lead single from "Getting Killed."

But the band ended the night not with the usual sop but the spiky, willfully weird extended jam of "Trinidad." Winter seemed to improvise lines of nonsense poetry: "No more knick-knacks to leverage... No more nickels in the piggy bank." It was exhilarating.

Given the band's rapid rise, it's probably inevitable that some skepticism would creep in. But like, say, Talking Heads or Pixies before them, Geese are legitimately breaking the mold.

"Can they even do that?" a new recruit to the band's singular concoctions might ask.

Why, yes. Yes they can.

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AMAZON MGM STUDIOS

Masked robbers' bank heists go viral in "How to Rob a Bank."

'How to Rob a Bank' gives a lesson on making an enjoyable heist flick

By Odie Henderson
GLOBE STAFF

MOVIE REVIEW

★★★
HOW TO ROB A BANK
Directed by David Leitch. Written by Mark Bianculli. Starring Nicholas Hoult, John C. Reilly, Zoë Kravitz, Pete Davidson, Anna Sawai, Rhenzy Feliz, Christian Slater. At AMC Boston Common, Alamo Drafthouse Seaport, AMC Causeway, suburbs. 122 minutes. R (the usual shootouts and cuss outs)

"How to Rob a Bank" is a heist movie that's three parts "Robin Hood" and two parts "Bonnie and Clyde." Ryan (Nicholas Hoult from "Superman") leads a team of masked bank robbers on carefully planned hits of small to mid-size banks. After each successful robbery, the crew hits YouTube to promote their latest caper using clips they filmed. The host of these videos wears a wolf mask while giving advice on how to rob banks. Tips include surviving police interrogations and dismantling exploding dye packs.

There's also a primer on how the bank's money is insured by the FDIC, so any stolen funds will be replaced. The way these antiheroes pitch it, it's a guilt-free way of sticking it to a corrupt system designed to keep the working class down. "What's more powerful than a gun?" asks the Big Bad Wolf.

"An audience," he replies.

Wolfie — or should I say Ryan — is right. As his alter ego, he has narrated 61 videos, which have gone viral with 900 million views and inspired a movement that includes an occasional copycat crime. His crew includes girlfriend Emi ("Shogun"'s Anna Sawai), tech whiz Hugo (Rhenzy Feliz), and family man Vince (former "SNL" veteran Pete Davidson). They're a contemporary Barrow Gang whose reputation grows through the low-attention span flash and pizazz of a TikTok reel rather than folk songs or newspaper clippings.

As in Warren Beatty's 1967 heist classic, this version of the Barrow gang's humiliation of a lawman will come back to bite them. That lawman is an FBI agent named John West. West is played by John C. Reilly, perfect casting for a character we're conflicted about rooting for in this story. Even in his most sinister registers, Reilly somehow emits a ray of likability. Screenwriter Mark Bianculli makes him an amenable, empathetic schlub, but never lets us forget he's still the law.

Frustrated by his organization's inability to capture the Big Bad Wolf's crew, West turns to Reagan (Zoë Kravitz), a hacker on house arrest for writing software that resulted in someone doxxing a federal judge. She called the product FYPOS (an acronym whose meaning is too profane to publish here). Her original intent was stalking her ex-boyfriend using AI to figure out his location. West thinks she can be of use as a tracker; their chatty relationship forms the buddy cop portion of "How to Rob a Bank."

The line between good and bad guys is blurred to the point where you can't say that there are any true blue heroes. However, there is one incontrovertible villain, Walton, a bank CEO played by a hissable, sleazy Christian Slater. His bank is the one institution the gang refused to hit because it was too big.

Once director David Leitch ("The Fall Guy") gets the heavily stylized, somewhat annoying quick cut, video-mimicking first hour out of his system, "How to Rob a Bank" settles into a more enjoyable standard actioner. The requisite car chases and narrow escapes are balanced by the backstories of all the members of the Big Bad Wolf crew. It's hard to disagree with their anger at a system that makes rich people richer at the expense of everyone else, and their donations to charities give them a hint of nobility.

But as in every heist movie you've seen, somebody is bound to make a mistake or turn on the team. This film adds a few welcome twists to those scenarios, building to a climactic high stakes battle that is best described as organized chaos tempered with genuine emotion.

Hoult, who is in the running to play 007, continues to be a charismatic figure onscreen. At times, Ryan wears black eye makeup reminiscent of Hoult's character Nux in "Mad Max: Fury Road." Ryan has the same faith in his actions that Nux did, though there's no Valhalla for this wounded character.

As Emi, Sawai is given much more to do than the usual girlfriend role allows. Feliz brings a palpable glee as the crew's hype man. And Davidson is shockingly good as a tragic figure of sorts, a man for whom the stakes are highest.

If there's a weak link, it's Kravitz. I don't know if her laissez-faire take on the character is because Reagan is perpetually high on weed or because Kravitz is disinterested. While she has a give-and-take comic chemistry with Reilly, he's doing the heavy lifting in their scenes.

Though it raises more questions than it can answer, "How to Rob a Bank" is still a fun, diverting fable about getting one over on the man. It would make a great double feature with F. Gary Gray's superior 1996 Queen Latifah heist movie, "Set It Off." Like that film, this one doesn't forget that, while risk often brings rewards, the house always wins.

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'The town's really happening'

Bill Murray praises New Bedford, talks surprise Mass. visit during guest appearance on 'Kimmel'

By Matt Juul
GLOBE STAFF

NAMES

Bill Murray stopped by "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" earlier this week to chat about his voyage to the Emerald Isle for his new golf show "A Course Called Ireland." However, the late-night host also had a few questions about the comedy legend's recent trip to a certain Massachusetts destination.

From the Back Bay to Mattapoisett, Murray is no stranger to popping up around the Bay State, and the former "Saturday Night Live" star was back in the area over the summer to make a surprise appearance at the Zeiterion in New Bedford. The historic theater, which reopened earlier this year following a $37 million restoration, kicked off a movie marathon featuring Murray flicks with a screening of the 1991 comedy "What About Bob?" on Aug. 3, where the actor surprised attendees by hopping on stage after the film ended.

"The town's really happening," Murray told Kimmel on Monday of his trip to New Bedford. "Once it was a famous whaling town, but right now it's having a great rebirth."

Murray noted that an acquaintance of his friend is on a local film committee, so he decided to make a stop at the theater as he passed through the area (Murray was on his way to Martha's Vineyard, Penny Pimentel, the Zeiterion's senior director of marketing and communications, told Boston.com over the summer).

"What's cool is they've made this beautiful theater," Murray told Kimmel. "I just thought, OK, so I'm only going to be 125 miles away, I can get there."

"It was just kind of fun to walk out at the end of the movie," he added. "They had a standee, in case I didn't show up, they had like a cardboard me."

Murray went on to explain that he snuck behind the standee as he walked on stage, appearing as Zeiterion president and CEO Rosemary Gill was making a few remarks.

"She was about to give like a seven-minute speech, and I just didn't have that kind of time," Murray joked to Kimmel about interrupting the speech. "So I walked out behind the thing, you know, and then I just put it down and then I was like 'Hey!'"



RANDY HOLMES/DISNEY

Bill Murray appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" this week.

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ALEX SPEIER
ON BASEBALL

Duran seems available, but still an enigma

LAS VEGAS — Jarren Duran occupies a familiar place: a spinning rumor mill.

The Red Sox have discussed the possibility of dealing Duran on and off for multiple years, including prior to the start of the 2026 season — the team had numerous conversations with the Astros about infielder Isaac Paredes — and leading up to this year's deadline.

Given that history, it should come as little surprise that — according to several industry sources — Duran has been an oft-discussed player thus far this offseason, including at the GM meetings.

How available? It depends on who is answering.

"Very available," said one National League evaluator. "They're looking to move him."

"Clearly available," said another.

"More available than a year ago," said one American League evaluator.

At the same time, members of the Sox — while describing the organization as open-minded to numerous moves involving players on the big league roster — have downplayed their need and desire to move the 30-year-old.

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CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Cam Schlittler has two postseason wins and a 0.00 ERA vs. the Red Sox after a start in each of the Yankees' Wild Card Series victories in 2025 and '26.

AL Cy Young for Schlittler, unanimously

By Tim Healey
GLOBE STAFF

▶ Breslow gets title update, perhaps to help woo GM. C4

It was not a question, but a coronation.

Cam Schlittler's greatest accomplishment yet became official Wednesday night, when he was named the winner of the American League Cy Young Award, bestowed annually upon the best pitcher in the league — a capstone to the first full year in the majors for the Walpole native and Northeastern University product.

He was selected unanimously, listed first by all 30 voting members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, who cast ballots before the start of the postseason. That was good for a perfect 210 points overall.

"Realistically, when you come into your first full season, do you think you're going to do that?" Schlittler said in a teleconference. "Maybe not. But you also have the confidence that you can.

"I definitely have conversations with guys in spring training, and that's kind of a minor goal you put for yourself. I'm just glad to live up to those expectations."

Schlittler is the first Massachusetts native to win a Cy Young since 1998, when Billerica's Tom Glavine nabbed his second with the Braves.

To celebrate, the 25-year-old righthander went home. He spends his offseason up and

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MATT SLOCUM/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jaylen Brown had 13 points, 5 rebounds, 4 turnovers, and was a minus-27 on Tuesday.

GARY WASHBURN
ON BASKETBALL

Brown fails to seize moment

PHILADELPHIA — While Jaylen Brown made all the declarations and served as the modern-day Don King in hyping up this 76ers-Celtics matchup, the first since his controversial trade in July, the Celtics quietly stood on business and turned Tuesday's showdown into a celebration at Xfinity Mobile Arena.

Hopefully, a chapter of this saga is over. Brown blew off Tatum as he tried dapping him before the opening tip, and the two had a couple of one-on-one matchups (and no postgame interaction) after the Celtics, led by the brilliant Paul George, bombarded Philadelphia with 3-pointers and ran away with a satisfying 123-101 win.

After the game, while Brown greeted some of his former teammates, including Derrick White and Payton Pritchard, Tatum stood near the Celtics' bench because he had postgame interview obligations with NBC. The winner gets the spoils.

As for the defeated, Brown accepted his fate. On one of the biggest nights of his career — at least personally — he faltered, scoring just 13 points with five rebounds, four turnovers, and a minus-27 in 26 minutes. He wanted so badly to show his former team it made a mistake, that his game is suited for any system and he is a franchise cornerstone.

Brown looked overwhelmed by the moment, trying too hard to make plays but also swallowed up by a Celtics defense that knew his every move —

ON BASKETBALL, Page C2

Celtics dig deep, top Raptors



CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

An emphatic second-half dunk was part of Jayson Tatum's stellar 24-point effort in the Celtics' road win over the Raptors.

Down 22, Tatum's 24 erases deficit

By Adam Himmelsbach
GLOBE STAFF

Celtics 98
Raptors 93

TORONTO — Often after road games, the Celtics rush to get on the plane to get to their next city. But their flight home to Boston after Wednesday's game against the Raptors was slightly delayed due to a mechanical issue, so the players took extra time in the locker room to soak up this perfect 4-0 road trip together.

Some sipped wine from paper cups, and others munched on fresh banana bread. The conversation was loud and lively, and the lyrics from the Kodak Black song, "Like Dat," thumping from a portable speaker summed up the team's current state nicely.

"All I do is win. I hate to lose."

After the Celtics won Tuesday's highly anticipated game against Jaylen Brown and the 76ers, star forward Jayson Tatum told his team the result would not mean much if the Celtics followed it up with a dud in Toronto on Wednesday.

When they took the floor for their third road game in four nights, there were signs of fatigue and flatness as they fell behind by 22 points. But that spiral was temporary.

The Celtics needed just 11 minutes to roar back and take the lead, then mounted one smaller fourth-quarter comeback before eventually securing a gritty 98-93 win to stretch their winning streak to five games.

"Anybody could have got excited to play yesterday," Tatum said. "Philly, they were the No. 1 seed, an unbelievable team. It's not hard to get excited to play that game. But getting to the hotel last night, 3 in the morning, off a back-to-back, feeling good about that win, it's a little bit tougher. Whether you're fatigued mentally or physically, if you want to be great, these are games that you have to win."

The Raptors led, 93-90, with 1:14 left, before the Celtics closed the game with an 8-0 run. And that 8-0 run was somehow just the night's second most impressive surge. During a 7-minute, 50-second stretch that started midway through the second quarter and bled into the third, the Celtics held the Raptors to just 2 points, improbably flipping the game in their favor.

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NFL WEEK 10
PATRIOTS VS. LIONS
At Munich
Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Fox

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Points to prove
Patriots' defense aims to show historically bad Sunday at Gillette was an aberration. **C4**

Like he never left
Eyssimont, who made most of his time in AHL, keeps up the scoring touch with Bruins. **C5**

Revere reverses fortune
Two second-half goals, goal-line clearance bring Panthers' boys soccer back in Div. 2. **Schools, C6**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
Boston	10	2	.833	—	W 5	5-0	10-1
Philadelphia	9	3	.750	1	L 1	4-2	9-3
New York	6	5	.545	3½	L 1	4-3	6-5
Toronto	5	6	.455	4½	L 2	2-3	4-2
Brooklyn	3	8	.273	6½	W 1	1-3	2-7
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
Detroit	7	3	.700	—	W 1	3-2	7-2
Cleveland	6	6	.500	2	W 1	4-2	5-4
Indiana	4	8	.333	4	W 1	1-4	2-5
Chicago	1	9	.100	6	L 8	0-4	1-8
Milwaukee	1	11	.083	7	L 8	1-6	1-8
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
Atlanta	7	5	.583	—	L 1	3-3	7-1
Miami	5	6	.455	1½	W 2	1-3	2-2
Charlotte	4	7	.364	2½	W 1	3-4	4-7
Orlando	4	7	.364	2½	W 2	0-4	2-4
Washington	4	8	.333	3	L 5	2-2	4-7

WESTERN CONFERENCE							
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
LA Lakers	11	2	.846	—	W 7	5-1	6-2
Golden State	8	3	.727	2	W 8	6-1	6-3
Phoenix	4	6	.400	5½	W 1	4-3	3-6
LA Clippers	2	8	.200	7½	L 1	2-3	2-6
Sacramento	1	10	.091	9	L 4	0-6	1-8
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
San Antonio	10	2	.833	—	W 10	4-2	9-2
Houston	8	3	.727	1½	W 1	5-1	4-3
Dallas	7	4	.636	2½	W 3	5-2	3-4
Memphis	7	4	.636	2½	L 1	2-4	6-3
New Orleans	4	8	.333	6	L 4	3-4	3-6
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Streak	Home	Conf.
Minnesota	8	3	.727	—	W 4	4-1	4-2
*Oklahoma City	8	3	.727	—	L 1	5-0	5-3
*Portland	7	3	.700	½	W 1	2-2	7-3
Denver	6	4	.600	1½	W 1	2-2	4-4
Utah	1	11	.083	7½	L 10	1-6	1-9

* — Not including late game

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

BOSTON 98	at Toronto 93	San Antonio 124	at Chicago 119
At Indiana 114	Washington 101	Brooklyn 145	at New Orleans 111
Cleveland 115	at New York 107	Orlando 123	at Utah 108
Denver 123	at Memphis 118	At Houston 115	Golden St. 108
LA Lakers 123	at Milwaukee 112	Okla. City	at Portland

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Toronto at Philadelphia	7	Dallas at Minnesota	8
Detroit at Washington	7	Charlotte at Phoenix	9

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

BOSTON 123	at Philadelphia 101	Miami 115	at Utah 109
At New York 117	Milwaukee 85	Orlando 107	at Sacramento 100
At Phoenix 133	LA Clippers 110	At Portland 123	Okla. City 103



MICHAEL HICKEY/GETTY IMAGES

Brockton's AJ Dybantsa, who had 13 points for the Wizards, encountered stiff resistance from the Pacers' Kelly Oubre Jr. in Wednesday night's 114-101 road loss in Indianapolis.

PACERS 114, WIZARDS 101

WASHINGTON

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Davis	34	7-20	7-9	7-13	0	2	21
George	39	9-20	2-2	1-9	3	1	25
Sarr	25	2-6	0-0	1-8	0	3	5
Dybantsa	34	6-15	1-4	1-4	2	4	13
Young	34	5-10	2-2	0-3	4	2	15
Carrington	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Johnson	29	5-10	3-3	2-3	1	3	15
Coulibaly	25	2-5	1-2	2-6	2	3	5
Ayton	9	1-2	0-0	1-2	0	2	2
Totals		37-90	16-22	15-48	12	20	101

FG%: .411, FT%: .727. 3-pt. goals: 11-35, .314 (Davis 0-3, George 5-8, Sarr 1-3, Dybantsa 0-4, Young 3-8, Carrington 0-2, Johnson 2-4, Coulibaly 0-3). Team rebounds: 9. Team turnovers: 15 (24 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Davis 2, Dybantsa, Coulibaly). Turnovers: 14 (Davis, George 6, Sarr 2, Dybantsa 3, Johnson, Ayton). Steals: 7 (Davis, Dybantsa, Young, Johnson 3, Coulibaly).

INDIANA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Oubre	34	7-15	0-0	1-6	1	1	14
Siakam	32	7-17	12-12	3-8	5	1	28
Zubac	31	9-15	2-2	6-12	1	2	20
Nesmith	22	1-6	0-0	1-1	1	2	2
Nembhard	34	6-11	2-2	0-2	10	3	17
Slawson	12	1-2	0-0	0-3	1	2	2
Nance	5	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	5
Jackson	21	1-4	1-2	0-2	2	1	4
McConnell	14	3-6	1-1	1-3	7	0	7
Toppin	16	3-7	0-0	0-3	1	1	8
Huff	11	2-3	2-3	1-4	0	1	6
Walker	7	0-1	1-2	1-1	0	1	1
Totals		42-89	21-24	14-45	29	15	114

FG%: .472, FT%: .875. 3-pt. goals: 9-30, .300 (Oubre 0-5, Siakam 2-7, Nesmith 0-4, Nembhard 3-5, Nance 1-1, Jackson 1-2, Toppin 2-4, Huff 0-1, Walker 0-1). Team turnovers: 11 (14 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Oubre, Zubac 2). Turnovers: 11 (Siakam 2, Zubac 2, Nembhard, Jackson, Toppin 2, Huff 2, Walker). Steals: 9 (Oubre 4, Siakam, Slawson, Jackson, McConnell, Huff).

Washington	25	25	27	24	—	101
Indiana	26	29	22	37	—	114

A — 16,679 (18,165). T — 2:09. Officials — Tyler Ford, Dedric Taylor, CJ Washington.

SPURS 124, BULLS 119

SAN ANTONIO

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Castle	29	5-13	0-0	0-1	3	3	11
Champagnie	35	4-7	1-1	0-0	2	2	12
Wembanyama	32	13-18	4-5	1-9	1	3	32
Fox	31	7-17	1-2	1-4	9	1	17
Harper	36	7-18	2-2	1-6	10	2	18
K.Johnson	28	4-6	2-4	3-6	4	4	10
Kornet	14	3-7	1-2	4-5	1	2	7
Barnes	13	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	1	3
Bryant	15	4-7	0-0	0-1	2	0	10
Garcia	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Reed	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
McLaughlin	2	1-1	2-2	0-0	0	0	4
Totals		49-98	13-18	11-33	32	20	124

FG%: .500, FT%: .722. 3-pt. goals: 13-34, .382 (Castle 1-5, Champagnie 3-6, Wembanyama 2-6, Fox 2-7, Harper 2-4, Barnes 1-2, Bryant 2-4). Blocks: 7 (Champagnie, Wembanyama 5, Harper). Turnovers: 6 (Castle 2, Wembanyama, Fox, K.Johnson, Barnes). Steals: 16 (Castle 2, Champagnie 2, Wembanyama 2, Fox 3, Harper 4, K.Johnson 2, Bryant).

CHICAGO

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Buzelis	31	5-12	0-0	0-3	2	1	13
Wilson	15	5-7	3-3	1-5	0	0	15
Smith	30	8-9	2-2	3-4	3	4	23
Okoro	23	0-2	0-0	0-2	4	0	0
Giddey	25	4-9	0-0	0-2	7	3	9
Williams	28	4-4	1-1	0-7	4	2	9
T.Jones	28	5-11	2-2	0-1	3	0	13
Hawkins	24	3-8	0-0	0-4	2	0	7
Essengue	11	3-5	1-1	0-4	3	5	8
Claxton	16	5-6	7-9	3-6	1	2	17
Collins	3	1-2	0-0	0-2	1	1	2
Miller	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Sellers	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	3
Totals		44-76	16-18	7-40	33	19	119

FG%: .579, FT%: .889. 3-pt. goals: 15-29, .517 (Buzelis 3-7, Wilson 2-2, Smith 5-5, Okoro 0-1, Giddey 1-3, T.Jones 1-2, Hawkins 1-5, Essengue 1-3, Sellers 1-1). Blocks: 4 (Williams, Hawkins, Essengue, Claxton). Turnovers: 19 (Buzelis 6, Wilson 2, Okoro, Giddey 7, T.Jones 2, Hawkins). Steals: 3 (Wilson, Hawkins 2).

San Antonio	29	27	34	34	—	124
Chicago	41	29	19	30	—	119

A — 19,699 (20,917). T — 2:07. Officials — Kevin Scott, Brian Forte, J.D Ralls.

CAVALIERS 115, KNICKS 107

CLEVELAND

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Watson	30	2-12	1-2	1-5	4	4	7
Mobley	33	4-8	2-4	3-5	3	2	10
Allen	32	4-7	3-3	4-14	3	2	11
Mitchell	36	8-15	5-5	0-7	6	2	23
Harden	33	9-14	9-11	0-2	4	1	32
Hezonja	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Thomas	22	6-11	0-0	3-4	1	2	14
Proctor	23	6-12	0-0	0-3	1	2	15
Tyson	23	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	1	3
Totals		40-85	20-25	11-40	23	18	115

FG%: .471, FT%: .800. 3-pt. goals: 15-38, .395 (Watson 2-5, Mobley 0-2, Mitchell 2-7, Harden 5-7, Thomas 2-4, Proctor 3-8, Tyson 1-5). Team rebounds: 10. Team turnovers: 10 (19 pts.). Blocks: 9 (Watson 4, Mobley, Allen, Mitchell, Hezonja, Tyson). Turnovers: 9 (Mitchell 4, Harden 2, Thomas, Proctor, Tyson). Steals: 8 (Allen, Mitchell 2, Harden 2, Hezonja, Thomas 2).

NEW YORK

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Hart	26	3-8	0-0	1-4	3	4	6
Anunoby	34	3-9	6-6	1-6	2	1	14
Towns	34	7-11	5-5	0-11	8	3	21
Bridges	17	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	1	2
Brunson	35	12-23	0-0	0-3	5	3	27
Kolek	13	2-3	0-0	1-1	4	3	4
Diawara	11	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Shamet	29	5-8	0-0	0-2	4	1	12
Drummond	14	0-2	0-0	2-4	3	3	0
McBride	27	7-13	0-0	1-2	2	2	19
Totals		41-83	11-11	7-34	33	21	107

FG%: .494, FT%: 1.000. 3-pt. goals: 14-39, .359 (Hart 0-3, Anunoby 2-6, Towns 2-5, Brunson 3-8, Kolek 0-1, Diawara 0-2, Shamet 2-4, McBride 5-10). Team rebounds: 8. Team turnovers: 12 (9 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Anunoby, Towns, Brunson, Drummond). Turnovers: 11 (Anunoby 3, Towns 2, Bridges 2, Brunson 2, Shamet, Drummond). Steals: 5 (Anunoby 2, Brunson, Kolek, McBride). Technicals: Hart, 3:30/3rd.

Cleveland	33	26	23	33	—	115
New York	23	30	23	31	—	107

A — 19,812 (19,763). T — 2:26. Officials — Karl Lane, Marat Kogut, Jenna Reneau.

TRAIL BLAZERS 123, THUNDER 103

Tuesday night game
OKLAHOMA CITY

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Ken.Williams	19	1-3	0-0	0-2	0	4	3
Mitchell	28	6-10	2-2	1-3	3	4	14
Hartenstein	24	3-6	1-2	2-9	5	3	7
McCain	31	6-12	5-6	0-3	3	2	21
Alexander	29	8-22	10-11	2-8	3	1	26
Clifford	20	2-4	0-0	0-4	1	2	4
Mara	26	5-9	0-1	4-10	2	2	10
Stirtz	18	5-8	1-1	0-1	1	3	13
Caruso	19	1-5	2-2	0-2	1	2	5
Peavy	21	0-4	0-2	1-2	0	1	0
Barnhizer	5	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	0
Totals		37-84	21-27	11-45	20	24	103

FG%: .440, FT%: .778. 3-pt. goals: 8-22, .364 (Ken.Williams 1-1, Mitchell 0-1, McCain 4-7, Alexander 0-4, Clifford 0-1, Stirtz 2-3, Caruso 1-3, Peavy 0-2). Blocks: 4 (Hartenstein, Alexander, Mara, Caruso). Turnovers: 12 (Mitchell 3, McCain, Alexander 2, Clifford, Stirtz 2, Caruso 3). Steals: 4 (Mitchell, Stirtz, Peavy, Barnhizer).

PORTLAND

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Camara	30	3-9	4-4	3-3	3	1	12
Cissoko	33	5-14	4-4	1-3	3	4	17
Clingan	26	3-6	0-0	4-13	3	3	7
Avdija	34	8-15	6-8	0-6	8	0	24
Lillard	24	8-15	5-5	0-3	3	2	25
Williams	15	3-3	0-0	2-4	0	2	6
Holiday	25	4-8	1-1	0-1	2	2	11
Youngblood	14	2-5	2-2	0-1	0	2	8
Henderson	23	3-12	2-2	0-1	4	3	11
Carlson	8	1-3	0-0	1-5	0	0	2
Yang	5	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	2	0
Potter	5	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Totals		40-91	24-26	11-44	26	21	123

FG%: .440, FT%: .923. 3-pt. goals: 19-50, .380 (Camara 2-7, Cissoko 3-10, Clingan 1-2, Avdija 2-4, Lillard 4-10, Holiday 2-6, Youngblood 2-4, Henderson 3-5, Carlson 0-1, Potter 0-1). Blocks: 4 (Clingan 2, Carlson 2). Turnovers: 8 (Clingan, Avdija 3, Williams, Holiday, Henderson, Potter). Steals: 4 (Cissoko, Avdija, Lillard, Youngblood).

Oklahoma City	27	32	21	23	—	103
Portland	26	33	38	26	—	123

A — 19,367 (19,980). T — 2:16. Officials — Curtis Blair, Eric Dalen, Brandon Schwab.

Celtics 123, 76ers 101

Tuesday night game
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BOSTON

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt	PPG
Tatum	32	8-17	2-2	1-6	4	0	21	26.5
George	30	14-22	2-2	2-5	1	3	36	22.0
Queta	22	2-4	0-0	1-6	3	1	4	9.0
White	22	2-6	0-0	0-1	3	4	5	12.2
Walsh	19	3-7	1-1	0-2	2	2	8	4.4
Robinson	17	1-5	0-0	4-6	2	3	2	6.0
Scheiermn	18	2-3	0-0	0-3	2	1	5	5.8
Hauser	18	4-6	0-0	0-5	2	1	12	8.1
Pritchard	30	7-15	0-0	0-6	5	2	18	13.3
Gonzalez	19	4-6	0-0	0-2	2	1	10	4.4
Garza	9	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	6.5
Harper	4	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	1.3
Totals		48-95	5-5	8-43	28	19	123	

FG%: .505, FT%: 1.000. 3-pt. goals: 22-49, .449 (Tatum 3-7, George 6-11, White 1-4, Walsh 1-5, Scheierman 1-1, Hauser 4-6, Pritchard 4-8, Gonzalez 2-4, Garza 0-1, Harper 0-2). Team rebounds: 6. Team turnovers: 9 (9 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Tatum 2, Robinson, Gonzalez). Turnovers: 8 (Tatum 3, George, Queta, White, Gonzalez, Harper). Steals: 6 (Walsh, Robinson, Pritchard, Gonzalez 3).

PHILADELPHIA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt	PPG
James	29	4-12	2-2	1-8	5	2	11	15.1
Brown	26	4-9	4-6	2-5	2	4	13	21.5
Embiid	31	2-9	11-13	2-6	1	1	16	17.7
Edgecombe	32	4-11	0-0	0-4	5	2	8	12.7
Maxey	34	8-12	5-5	0-1	4	2	24	26.7
Pope	16	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	5.3
Wade	22	3-5	0-0	2-9	0	0	8	3.7
Simons	18	7-13	0-0	1-3	0	1	17	9.7
Walker	15	1-3	0-0	0-4	0	0	2	4.9
Edwards	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1.0
Rupert	6	0-2	0-0	0-1	1	0	0	1.0
Philon	6	0-1	2-2	0-1	3	0	2	2.4
Totals		33-79	24-28	8-42	23	13	101	

FG%: .418, FT%: .857. 3-pt. goals: 11-37, .297 (James 1-6, Brown 1-4, Embiid 1-3, Edgecombe 0-4, Maxey 3-4, Pope 0-2, Wade 2-4, Simons 3-7, Walker 0-1, Rupert 0-2). Team rebounds: 6. Team turnovers: 14 (21 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Brown, Edgecombe, Pope). Turnovers: 13 (James, Brown 4, Embiid 2, Edgecombe, Maxey 2, Walker, Edwards, Philon). Steals: 4 (Brown 2, Edgecombe, Rupert).

Boston	30	32	29	32	—	123
Philadelphia	23	28	31	19	—	101

A — 21,497 (20,318). T — 2:10. Officials — James Capers, Ed Malloy, Intae Hwang.

LAKERS 123, BUCKS 112

LA LAKERS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
LaRavia	21	0-4	0-0	7-9	6	2	0
Thybulle	23	3-6	0-0	1-5	1	1	8
Kessler	29	5-10	0-0	4-11	3	4	10
Reaves	25	6-10	5-5	1-3	5	0	18
Doncic	32	10-25	7-10	1-5	5	4	32
Sexton	13	4-8	2-2	0-1	3	2	10
Vanderbilt	9	2-2	0-0	0-3	1	0	4
Williams	20	4-5	0-0	1-1	5	4	9
Mamukelashvili	26	9-15	0-0	0-3	2	0	23
Carr	13	0-3	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Thiero	14	0-3	2-2	2-2	1	3	2
Looney	4	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Hardy	4	1-3	0-0	0-1	0	2	3
James	4	0-1	4-4	0-0	0	2	4
Totals		44-95	20-23	19-48	32	25	123

FG%: .463, FT%: .870. 3-pt. goals: 15-40, .375 (LaRavia 0-1, Thybulle 2-4, Reaves 1-3, Doncic 5-12, Sexton 0-3, Williams 1-1, Mamukelashvili 5-8, Carr 0-3, Thiero 0-1, Hardy 1-3, James 0-1). Team rebounds: 11. Team turnovers: 18 (22 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Thybulle, Kessler, Vanderbilt, Thiero). Turnovers: 17 (LaRavia, Thybulle 2, Kessler, Reaves, Doncic 5, Sexton, Mamukelashvili 2, Carr 2, Thiero 2). Steals: 14 (Thybulle 3, Kessler, Reaves 3, Doncic 2, Sexton, Williams 2, Mamukelashvili, Thiero). Technicals: .

MILWAUKEE

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Ament	22	1-3	0-0	0-4	1	1	2
Kuzma	24	2-8	4-4	0-1	1	6	9
Ware	23	3-8	2-2	4-5	1	2	8
Burries	23	3-7	1-2	3-5	1	0	8
Herro	35	8-16	9-10	0-2	7	3	27
Green	8	1-1	0-0	0-1	1	1	3
Sims	18	0-1	0-0	1-4	1	2	0
Jaquez	30	7-16	9-9	2-5	3	1	25
Rollins	24	3-10	0-0	3-7	4	1	8
Dieng	18	3-5	1-2	0-2	4	6	9
Markovic	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Nance	4	1-2	1-2	0-1	1	0	3
Jakucionis	4	1-2	2-2	1-2	0	0	4
Trent	4	2-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	6
Totals		35-81	29-33	14-40	25	23	112

FG%: .432, FT%: .879. 3-pt. goals: 13-38, .342 (Ament 0-1, Kuzma 1-6, Ware 0-2, Burries 1-2, Herro 2-7, Green 1-1, Jaquez 2-7, Rollins 2-6, Dieng 2-3, Nance 0-1, Trent 2-2). Team rebounds: 5. Team turnovers: 18 (28 pts.). Blocks: 7 (Ament, Kuzma, Ware 3, Herro, Sims). Turnovers: 17 (Ament 2, Kuzma 3, Ware, Burries 2, Herro 3, Sims, Jaquez, Rollins 4). Steals: 10 (Kuzma 2, Ware, Burries 2, Jaquez 2, Rollins, Dieng, Jakucionis).

LA Lakers	30	31	33	29	—	123
Milwaukee	28	22	23	39	—	112

A — 15,356 (17,500). T — 2:22. Officials — Tony Brothers, Jason Goldenberg, Chelisa Painter.

NUGGETS 123, GRIZZLIES 118

DENVER

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Gordon	27	3-11	2-2	0-3	2	1	9
Johnson	30	9-15	1-1	2-4	3	1	23
Jokic	37	10-16	6-8	2-11	8	3	27
Braun	37	5-13	0-0	2-5	4	2	12
Murray	32	12-19	2-3	2-4	8	4	30
S.Jones	22	1-3	0-0	1-1	0	3	3
Brazile	12	3-4	0-0	0-5	0	1	7
DeRozan	20	4-9	0-2	0-1	4	1	8
T.Jones	10	0-2	0-0	0-1	4	0	0
Bagley	12	2-6	0-0	2-2	1	0	4
Totals		49-98	11-16	11-37	34	16	123

FG%: .500, FT%: .688. 3-pt. goals: 14-38, .368 (Gordon 1-7, Johnson 4-7, Jokic 1-3, Braun 2-6, Murray 4-7, S.Jones 1-3, Brazile 1-2, DeRozan 0-2, T.Jones 0-1). Team rebounds: 13. Team turnovers: 6 (2 pts.). Blocks: 11 (Gordon 2, Jokic, Braun, Murray 2, S.Jones, Brazile, DeRozan, T.Jones, Bagley). Turnovers: 4 (Gordon, Jokic, Murray, S.Jones). Steals: 4 (Gordon, Johnson, Jokic, Braun).

MEMPHIS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Boozer	33	5-13	1-2	3-11	5	2	13
Wells	31	6-13	5-5	1-2	1	2	22
Edey	20	1-4	0-0	1-5	0	3	2
Coward	27	5-12	4-4	3-11	4	2	15
Jerome	32	9-18	3-3	0-2	5	0	22
Small	15	1-5	0-0	0-1	4	1	3
Hendricks	11	1-1	4-4	1-2	1	1	7
Spencer	20	5-7	2-2	0-3	3	1	15
Jackson	13	1-3	0-1	0-1	0	2	2
Stewart	18	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	5	3
Grant	20	6-9	0-0	1-2	2	2	14
Totals		41-88	19-21	11-41	27	21	118

FG%: .466, FT%: .905. 3-pt. goals: 17-41, .415 (Boozer 2-7, Wells 5-10, Coward 1-4, Jerome 1-5, Small 1-4, Hendricks 1-1, Spencer 3-4, Jackson 0-1, Stewart 1-2, Grant 2-3). Team rebounds: 12. Team turnovers: 12 (15 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Edey, Small, Spencer, Jackson). Turnovers: 11 (Boozer 2, Wells 2, Edey, Coward, Jerome, Spencer 2, Stewart, Grant). Steals: 2 (Boozer, Jackson). Technicals: Spencer, 6:33/3rd. Flagrant fouls: Spencer, 4:45/3rd.

Denver	35	30	29	29	—	123
Memphis	24	28	38	28	—	118

A — 13,917 (18,119). T — 2:18. Officials — James Williams, Tre Maddox, Pat O'Connell.

NETS 145, PELICANS 111

BROOKLYN

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Randle	29	6-16	5-6	1-4	5	2	17
Porter	28	7-14	4-4	1-6	3	0	22
Sharpe	19	5-6	3-4	2-4	5	2	15
Wolf	29	3-8	3-4	3-11	4	2	10
Demin	23	5-8	8-10	1-1	1	1	22
Mann	18	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	2	6
Wagner	19	6-8	2-2	0-3	4	4	16
Ellis	26	3-4	3-3	0-4	3	2	11
Clowney	19	5-7	4-5	2-3	0	2	16
Johnson	15	1-2	2-2	1-3	2	5	4
Minott	7	0-0	0-0	0-2	0	2	0
Powell	7	2-2	1-2	0-0	0	1	6
Totals		45-79	35-42	11-42	30	25	145

FG%: .570, FT%: .833. 3-pt. goals: 20-41, .488 (Randle 0-5, Porter 4-10, Sharpe 2-3, Wolf 1-2, Demin 4-6, Mann 2-3, Wagner 2-4, Ellis 2-3, Clowney 2-3, Johnson 0-1, Powell 1-1). Team rebounds: 8. Team turnovers: 15 (19 pts.). Blocks: 8 (Sharpe 4, Wolf 2, Clowney, Johnson). Turnovers: 13 (Randle 2, Porter, Sharpe 2, Wolf 2, Demin, Wagner, Ellis, Clowney, Johnson, Minott). Steals: 8 (Porter, Sharpe, Wolf, Demin, Mann, Ellis, Clowney 2). Technicals: Clowney, 4:46/4th, Mann, 4:46/4th.

NEW ORLEANS

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
H.Jones	25	1-6	0-0	0-2	3	4	2
Williamson	30	8-14	12-14	2-4	2	4	29
Matkovic	22	2-6	0-0	1-4

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PATRIOTS NOTEBOOK

Defense has much to prove against Lions

By Khari Thompson
BOSTON.COM STAFF

FOXBOROUGH — The upcoming trip to Munich will give the Patriots' defense a chance to show its performance in last Sunday's 45-27 loss to the Packers at Gillette Stadium was more of an aberration than a marker of where the unit stands.

The 45 points were the most surrendered by the Patriots at home since 1970.

"We have something to prove every week, but obviously after giving up 45 points that's nowhere near who we are," said safety **Kevin Byard**. "We have to get back to who we are and we're very eager to prove that this week."

Linebacker **Robert Spillane** said the Patriots are at a critical point in the season. Sunday's clash with the Lions is the 10th and last before the bye week. A win would keep the Patriots (5-4) above .500; Spillane said there's a big difference in the NFL between being 6-4 and 5-5.

The defense hopes to answer questions the blowout loss raised about its effectiveness.

"I'm really excited to see our defense go out there with a chip on our shoulder, knowing that people are counting us out, knowing that people are going to say whatever they want," Spillane said. "We're going to go out there and trust each other and work together to be connected as 11 on every play."

The Lions could pose another tough test. They are top-five in both points (27.8) and yards (379.8) per game. Running back **Jahmyr Gibbs** leads the league in carries (177) and is tied for second with nine rushing touchdowns.

"It all starts with Jahmyr Gibbs," Spillane said. "He's an elite athlete out of the backfield. He's the No. 1 player to touch the ball in the NFL, so they get him the ball in a variety of ways.

"But, the easiest thing to do is just give him the ball 7 yards deep in the backfield and let him do what he does best, which is to run with it where they're not. So we know we'll be 11 people at a point of attack at all points with him."

Lions wide receiver **Amon-Ra St. Brown** is fifth in catches (61), and **Jameson Williams** is averaging 16.7 yards per catch. Quarterback **Jared Goff** has 15 touchdown passes against two interceptions.

"Great skill players, speed, physical," said Patriots coach **Mike Vrabel**. "The defense has played really well the last three weeks, and they stay aggressive on fourth down. They stay aggressive on special teams. So, certainly it'll be a huge challenge. They don't turn the ball over offensively at all."

Gilliam, Brown return

Receiver **A.J. Brown** returned to practice on Wednesday after missing the past two games with a knee injury. Vrabel confirmed Brown will travel with the team to Germany, but indicated it didn't necessarily mean Brown would be available to play.

"There'll be a lot of guys that'll go to Germany that won't be active," Vrabel said. "I don't know who those are."

Fullback **Reggie Gilliam** also returned to practice, starting the 21-day clock on his activation from injured reserve. And the Patriots added rookie tight end **Tanner Arkin** to the practice squad after releasing him earlier this week.

Numbers game

Running back **Rhamondre Stevenson** is expected to miss Sunday's game. Vrabel said there's a chance Stevenson could land on injured reserve, but he did not want to speculate.

NFL teams can bring up to eight players back from injured reserve during the regular season. Gilliam is the fifth Patriots player to, along with Brown, offensive tackle **Marcus Bryant**, receiver **Mack Hollins**, and guard **Greg Van Roten**.

Receiver **Romeo Doubs**, guards **Alijah Vera-Tucker** and **Mike Onwenu**, safety **Dell Pettus**, and linebacker **Kahlil Jacobs** are among the players still on injured reserve.

The injuries have been a factor in the team's performance, but they aren't an excuse, Hollins said.

"If I had wheels, I would be a bicycle," Hollins said. "Jokes aside, it's just hard to say, 'Hey, if we were healthy we could do this.' Well, we're not. We have the guys we have and that's who has to come to battle."



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Lions running back Jahmyr Gibbs leads the league with 177 carries and is tied for second with nine touchdown runs.

NFL NOTEBOOK

Rams just fine waiting on Adams

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Although the Rams are running awfully low on healthy wide receivers, coach **Sean McVay** said they didn't acquire one at the trade deadline in part because they're optimistic about **Davante Adams** returning "sooner than later."

With **Puka Nacua** and **Jordan Whittington** joining Adams on the sideline with significant injuries this week, it's not exactly the ideal scenario for McVay, **Matthew Stafford**, and the Rams to keep a three-game winning streak going.

But after examining the trade market this week and finding it much too rich for their taste, the Rams (5-4) will try to stay afloat somehow until their injured receivers can get back in uniform — not before December, however.

"We've had a lot of unique things in terms of managing the [roster] and the practice squad," McVay said Wednesday. "This is as much as I can remember with the roster mechanics, just because it's different than previous years, when you've had a high volume [of injuries] in certain positions. We've just had a lot of different things across the board at a number of spots."

Adams has been on injured reserve since he strained his hamstring on the penultimate snap of a loss to Arizona last month. McVay says Adams returning against Kansas City on Dec. 3 is "a realistic timeline for us."

Ryan surrenders to police

Former NFL coach **Rex Ryan** turned himself in to Nashville police Wednesday on misdemeanor charges after he allegedly hit two pedestrians with his truck in a popular area downtown last week and then drove off after an argument, police said.

Ryan was driving a pickup truck when he allegedly ran over the feet of both individuals, who had the right of way crossing a main street in Nashville's honky-tonk and music tourist district Thursday night, police said in a release Wednesday.

Ryan, an ESPN football analyst, was on the network Sunday for the NFL pregame show and Monday for a morning show, both of which are taped in New York. He "immediately surrendered" himself to authorities after learning of the charges, his attorney, **David Raybin**, said.

Browns sticking with Watson

Deshaun Watson will start at quarterback for Cleveland on Sunday against the Texans after missing last week's game at New Orleans with a concussion and watching **Shedeur Sanders** nearly rally the Browns (5-4) to a win. Coach **Todd Monken** wouldn't address his QB situation with reporters on Monday, insisting he wanted to speak with his staff first. "I had no intention of Deshaun not being our starter," said Monken on Wednesday, dismissing the idea he would make a change midseason . . . The Panthers opened the 21-day practice windows for cornerback **Mike Jackson**, wide receiver **Xavier Legette**, and running back **Jonathon Brooks** to return from injured reserve. Outside linebacker **Jaelan Phillips**, guard **Damien Lewis**, and cornerback **Will Lee III** returned to practice after missing time with injuries, while versatile offensive lineman **Brady Christensen** entered his second week in the 21-day practice window and is nearing his return . . . The Falcons released kicker and team captain **Nick Folk** and signed **Jake Moody** off the Ravens' practice squad. Folk, 42, was 13 of 18 on field-goal attempts this season, his first with the Falcons, after having only one miss in each of his three previous seasons.

Globe staff's pro picks WEEK 10

	Las Vegas line	Chad Finn	Christopher Price	Tara Sullivan	Scott Thurston	Ben Volin	Nicole Yang
Last week		9-6	8-7	10-5	8-7	6-9	11-4
Season		65-67-4	59-73-4	58-74-4	64-68-4	61-71-4	61-71-4
Best bets		3-6	5-4	4-5	6-2-1	5-4	1-7-1
Washington at NY Giants	NY Giants by 2½	Washington	NY Giants	Washington	Washington	Washington	NY Giants

Selections are against the pointspread.



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Red Sox president of baseball operations Craig Breslow is at the GM Meetings this week.

Same operation, but new title for Breslow

By Alex Speier
GLOBE STAFF

LAS VEGAS — Craig Breslow has a new title.

Three years after Breslow was hired to run the Red Sox' baseball operations department as its chief baseball officer, and less than two months after the team announced it was picking up his contract options for 2029 and '30, the Sox have changed his title to president of baseball operations. The change occurred in recent weeks without a formal announcement.

The term reflects a more standard title for someone overseeing an MLB baseball operations department.

"We felt that title is more reflective of the breadth of responsibilities that he has," Red Sox president and CEO Sam Kennedy said.

In three years under Breslow, the Sox have gone 257-229 in the regular season, a .529 winning percentage that ranks ninth-best in the league. They have made the playoffs in each of the last two seasons, but are yet to win a playoff series in Breslow's tenure.

The title change could make it easier to bring in front office talent from outside the organization. With former assistant general managers Paul Toboni (president of baseball operations for the Nationals) and Taylor Smith (Athletics president of baseball operations) gone, Breslow has discussed front office additions as one of his top priorities.

"There's an opportunity given the departures of Taylor and Paul over the last year . . . to figure out who in the organization is ready to take on greater leadership responsibilities, and then also people around the industry or even outside of the industry who can come in and help us," Breslow said at the GM Meetings.

The renaming of Breslow's role, Kennedy said, also serves as a reflection of the view of team owners of his leadership of the baseball operations department.

"It has been impressive," Kennedy said. "He has made some incredibly hard decisions on behalf of the organization, and he is building something special here in terms of the roster and the front office. We are very pleased with the direction of the overall baseball operation."

Breslow expressed appreciation for the title change, though he noted it didn't meaningfully affect his job.

"Obviously grateful for whatever the confidence is that it demonstrates that ownership has in the job that we're doing here," he said. "From a responsibility standpoint, [I'm] still going to do everything I can to build the best team and best organization possible."

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RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Contreras, club continue discussions into offseason

By Peter Abraham
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LAS VEGAS — Red Sox president of baseball operations **Craig Breslow** said Wednesday that his communication with **Willson Contreras** continued beyond the in-person meeting they had a few days after the season.

"Willson and I have spoken a bunch since then as well," Breslow said. "When you have the chance to get feedback from somebody like him — somebody who is so passionate and competitive, and somebody who cares about winning above everything else — you've got to listen."

Contreras criticized the Sox for being too reliant on analytics following the season-ending 9-2 loss against the Yankees in the Wild Card Series on Sept. 30. That led to a meeting with Breslow and Tracy at Fenway Park.

After attending Game 5 of the World Series to support his brother, Brewers catcher **William Contreras**, the Sox first baseman said "things were in a good place" with the team and they were on the same page.

Breslow concurred.

"We welcome it," he said. "The conversation we had at the end of the season was great. I think it was really, really productive."

Reviewing medical care

Breslow said the Sox are conducting an internal review of how the team diagnoses, treats, and communicates about injuries.

"What does the best kind of medical department and process look like, and then understand where we are and figure out how we bridge the gap between the two," Breslow said.

With **Roman Anthony** and **Garrett Crochet** in particular last season, diagnosing their injuries and mapping out a timeline for recovery was difficult. Breslow said one of his goals was making sure information was shared correctly between the players, coaches, medical staff, front office, and media.

"So that there is consistency, and everybody in the organization understands exactly kind of where things are," he said. "Without a doubt, there are things that we can do better, and we'll look across all of those."

Boras: Players emboldened

Scott Boras, the game's most prominent agent, said players are "emboldened" to resist MLB's attempt to install a salary cap in the next collective bargaining agreement.

"They're standing on truth, absolute truth, of the fact that we have record franchise revenues in every quadrant of the market," he said. "We have record viewership. We have record sponsorship. We have record attendance."

Boras pointed to the Padres selling for $3.9 billion in August and the Angels selling for $4 billion in September.

"Fans want competitiveness. They want great players," Boras said. "They want familiarity of knowing that the players that are in their market, that the ownership has the wherewithal to keep them there."

Boras feels the Red Sox are "building" after a quick exit from the postseason.

"They want to advance. I think they had goals of getting in the playoffs, but they also have a barrier they want to jump over, and that's beating the Yankees. So I think that's very clear that they want to make their team better and add to it."

Does he see the Sox as being aggressive?

"I'll let them decide aggressive," Boras said. "All I know is that the communication's been heavy, and there's a real understanding from the ownership on down that they want to advance."

Boras, the only agent who holds press conferences at the GM meetings and Winter Meetings, intended to meet reporters on a floor above the casino. Security moved the gathering to the conference center's lower level, apparently to avoid distracting gamblers/diners.

Quicker pace to chatter

Breslow said the "frequency of conversations" with agents and other clubs is more than usual at this time of year with the Dec. 1 lockout approaching. "I think everybody is trying to make sure they're prepared," he said. "Obviously there's a ton of uncertainty." . . . Former Red Sox reliever **Chris Martin**, 40, announced his retirement. The righthander had a 2.16 ERA over 100 games for the Sox from 2023-24 . . . **Manny Delcarmen**, **Bob Montgomery**, and **Bob Stanley** represented the Sox in visits to veterans' facilities in Boston, Bristol, R.I., and Manchester, N.H., respectively. The team also hosted 50 veterans and their families for lunch at the Time Out Market near Fenway Park . . . Contreras and now-free agent starter **Sonny Gray** were named second-team All-MLB. The selections were based on fan voting and voting from a panel of media members, broadcasters, former players, and league officials.

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Schlittler's Cy win unanimous in AL

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down the East Coast — mostly in Tampa, partly in New York City, holidays in the Bay State — but knew what felt right for this occasion.

Joining him for the announcement were his parents, John and Christine, and his siblings, Conor and Carly, plus extended family.

"Walpole is always home for me," Schlittler said. "I consider New York and Tampa [where the Yankees have spring training] second homes as well ... but it's also special to come home and be with the family for the holidays and special events like this. So there's always definitely some sentimental value."

Dylan Cease finished second, garnering 110 points in the first season of his seven-year, $210 million contract with the Blue Jays. The Guardians' Parker Messick was third (84 points) after finishing second in the AL Rookie of the Year race.

Sonny Gray, now a free agent after one season with the Red Sox, landed fifth (21 points).

Making the announcement on behalf of the BBWAA on MLB Network: Roger Clemens, who won three Cy Youngs with the Red Sox and one with the Yankees (seven total).

Schlittler called the Clemens inclusion "a special moment, especially being a Yankee."

He is the seventh Yankee to win the Cy Young — which has existed since 1956 — and just the third among his pinstriped brethren to do so unanimously. He joined Ron Guidry (1978) and Gerrit Cole (2023) in that category.

This year, there was little doubt. He led the AL in ERA (1.95) and was tied for first in fielding-independent pitching (2.56), second in WHIP (0.92), innings (193⅔), strikeouts-per-walk (4.88), and opponents' batting average (.183), and tied for second in strikeouts (239).

"Cam had as dominant a season as a starting pitcher can have from start to finish," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said in a statement released by the team. "He's shown an astonishing amount of growth since we drafted him, and his success is no accident. Cam has a tireless appetite for hard work and refinement that has allowed his talents to truly flourish. This Cy Young is richly deserved.

"Cam was the most dominant pitcher in our league and continues to grow into a foundational player for this franchise."

It wasn't the result of some late push, either. Schlittler went wire to wire as one of the game's best. By the end of April, he owned a 1.51 ERA — a hot start that proved to be the foundation for a historic season.

In May, he had a 1.48 ERA. In June, it was 3.38. He was back at 1.93 in July and 2.33 in August. Finally, in September, his finishing kick featured a 1.20 ERA — followed by another scoreless gem against the Red Sox in Game 1 of the AL Wild Card Series.

As Schlittler pitched more than ever, he stayed strong, threw hard, and won games. His fastball averaged 98 miles per hour.

That heat is part of his improbable ascent from Walpole High (Class of 2019) to Northeastern (2020-22) to professional baseball. The Yankees selected him in the seventh round of the draft in 2022 and brought him to the majors in July 2025.

In the National League, the Brewers' Jacob Misiorowski won the Cy Young, also unanimously and also in his first full season. He led the majors in ERA (1.80) and strikeouts (252) and is perhaps best known for his extreme fastball velocity, measured all the way up to 105.5 m.p.h. (just shy of Aroldis Chapman's record of 105.8 for the Reds in 2010).

Also announced Wednesday: the new Reliever of the Year awards. Mason Miller (Padres) won in the NL, Louis Varland (Blue Jays) in the AL.

Chapman finished fourth behind Varland, a placement that increases his 2027 salary with the Red Sox by $250,000 to $13.25 million. Fellow Sox reliever Garrett Whitlock was ninth.

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AL Cy Young voting

Total points on a 7-4-3-2-1- basis.

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	Pts.
Cam Schlittler, Yankees	30	-	-	-	-	210
Dylan Cease, Rays	-	22	6	2	-	110
Parker Messick, Guardians	-	7	12	9	2	84
Drew Rasmussen, Rays	-	1	12	15	2	72
Sonny Gray, Red Sox	-	-	-	3	15	21
Reid Detmers, Angels	-	-	-	1	7	9
Cade Smith, Guardians	-	-	-	-	2	2
Bryan Baker, Rays	-	-	-	-	1	1
Michael Wacha, Royals	-	-	-	-	1	1

Duran's value tough to pin

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Though his performance unraveled in 2026 — he hit .207/.266/.361, all his worst marks since his first cup of coffee in 2021 — Duran still offered glimpses of his athleticism and potential dynamism, hitting 20 homers and stealing 21 bases for the second 20/20 season of his career. Per Statcast, he also graded as four fielding runs above average, the sixth most valuable defensive left fielder in baseball.

"Jarren will be the first person to say that his 2026 season was disappointing from a performance standpoint," said Sox president of baseball operations Craig Breslow. "We also know what he's capable of. We've seen that in '24 and '25. He's just such a dynamic athlete that he really fits what we're trying to build. So we're glad that he's on our roster and part of the team."

The Sox have faced a theoretical outfield logjam, given a roster featuring Duran, Roman Anthony, Ceddanne Rafaela, Wilyer Abreu, and Masataka Yoshida. Yet that quintet has rarely been healthy at the same time, and so Duran — despite an up-and-down performance — has averaged 156 games over the last three seasons.

Still, his performance has slid considerably over that time. He was an All-Star and top-10 MVP candidate in 2024, a player whose final 2025 numbers (.256/.332/.442) remained those of an above-average outfielder despite some significant peaks and valleys, and one of the least productive hitters in baseball in 2026.

That three-year span suggests a huge gap between Duran's ceiling and floor — a fact that can complicate his value in the trade market. Some teams have suggested the Sox are seeking major league value for Duran commensurate with his pre-2026 performance.

No team wants to sell low on a player if it anticipates a bounceback. At the same time, no team acquiring a player coming off the worst year of his career would want to ignore the season that just occurred.

"When you're approaching taking trades, I think what 30 teams are trying to do is decouple what someone just did from what we think they're going to do," said Breslow. "Selling high or selling low is going to be a look back on what their performance just was. What we're trying to evaluate is, what is their talent and therefore what type of season or seasons are they going to have in the future? . . . Ultimately, the position that I would take is, if there isn't a team who values a player in the way that we value them, then there probably isn't a trade partner for us with respect to that player."

There are other complications to trading Duran aside from his 2026 downturn. Right now, he has two remaining years of arbitration-eligible team control. (MLB Trade Rumors projects Duran to receive a salary just north of $11 million in 2027.)

But one evaluator noted that discussions about trades for players with one or two seasons of remaining team control are particularly difficult given the forthcoming work stoppage could upend the sport's labor rules.

A team could be trading for a partial season in 2027, which might limit what it's willing to sacrifice in terms of players with additional years of control. Further, it's at least possible that the path to free agency could be shortened on the other side of the lockout, meaning a team that trades for Duran might only get one pre-free agent year if acquiring him.



JARREN DURAN
Is he long for Sox?

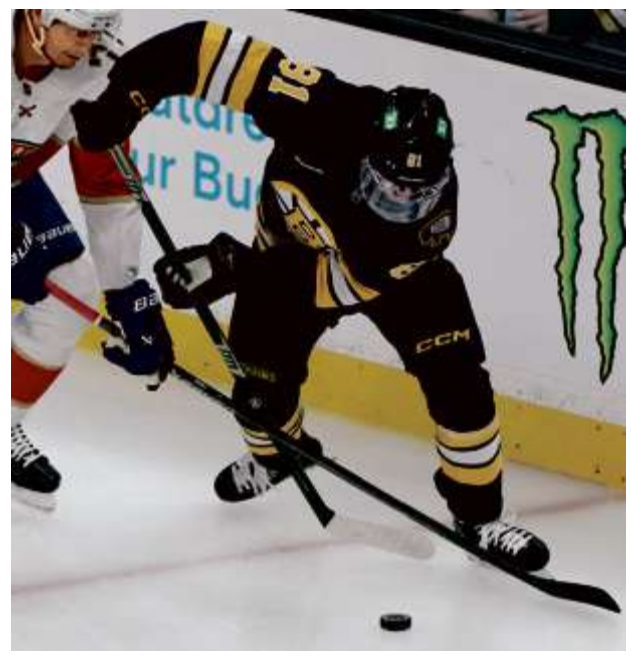
There are other trade ideas that could sidestep such long-term questions. For one example: Perhaps the Sox could explore a trade with the Dodgers involving righthander slugger Teoscar Hernández, who had a slightly above-average line of .256/.308/.441 while averaging 21 homers over the last two years.

The Sox are looking to add righthanded thump to take advantage of Fenway — the team, according to major league sources, also has checked in on free agent outfielder Seiya Suzuki — while the Dodgers are looking to add athleticism.

Perhaps there are other matches of shorter-term options on the market. For now, teams have seen the GM meetings as a chance to begin trade conversations rather than finalize them. Deals involving Duran — or, for that matter, other Sox players — don't appear imminent.

Instead, there are two certainties surrounding Duran: The Red Sox are open to exploring trades involving the outfielder, and establishing his value is complicated. Just as they've been for much of the last two years.

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Bruins forward Mikey Eyssimont scored Sunday against the Panthers in his NHL season debut.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OL	Pts.	ROW	GF	GA
Boston	18	13	4	1	27	12	68	41
Tampa Bay	18	12	4	2	26	12	71	56
Montreal	18	11	3	4	26	9	62	55
Ottawa	19	11	6	2	24	9	60	57
Florida	19	10	7	2	22	10	60	56
Buffalo	18	8	7	3	19	8	53	65
Toronto	20	8	10	2	18	8	67	70
Detroit	19	7	9	3	17	5	51	59
METROPOLITAN	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	19	14	3	2	30	14	78	45
New Jersey	19	13	6	0	26	12	68	55
NY Rangers	20	11	8	1	23	11	59	56
Washington	16	10	6	0	20	10	56	53
NY Islanders	17	7	6	4	18	6	49	52
Philadelphia	21	5	10	6	16	5	47	69
Columbus	16	7	9	0	14	5	41	51
*Pittsburgh	18	6	10	2	14	5	58	65

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OL	Pts.	ROW	GF	GA
Minnesota	20	13	3	4	30	13	65	44
Colorado	19	11	6	2	24	11	78	59
*Nashville	18	9	4	5	23	8	55	51
Dallas	17	10	5	2	22	9	49	41
*Utah	18	10	7	1	21	10	63	63
Winnipeg	19	8	8	3	19	8	53	65
St. Louis	18	8	8	2	18	8	53	55
Chicago	18	4	13	1	9	4	39	76
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
Edmonton	20	14	3	3	31	13	81	58
*Vegas	19	12	5	2	26	11	64	51
*Anaheim	18	10	7	1	21	10	69	66
Seattle	16	9	6	1	19	7	57	57
Calgary	19	8	10	1	17	8	47	66
*San Jose	20	8	11	1	17	6	51	71
Los Angeles	16	5	9	2	12	5	45	55
Vancouver	20	3	16	1	7	3	56	90

* — Not including late game; ROW — Regulation plus overtime wins

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Tampa Bay 8	at Buffalo 3	Utah	at Vegas
NY Rangers 3	at Calgary 1	Nashville	at Anaheim
At Edmonton 3	Philadelphia 2 (OT)	Pittsburgh	at San Jose

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Boston	7	Detroit at Florida	7:30
Carolina at Seattle	12	Buffalo at Chicago	8
Tampa Bay at Columbus	7	Winnipeg at Dallas	8
Minnesota at Toronto	7	St. Louis at Utah	9
Washington at New Jersey	7	NY Islanders at Los Angeles	10
Colorado at Ottawa	7		

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 3	at Ottawa 2 (OT)	Florida 4	at Columbus 1
Colorado 6	at Toronto 3	At St. Louis 3	Detroit 2
Minnesota 2	at Montreal 1 (OT)	Nashville 3	at Los Angeles 0
At Winnipeg 4	New Jersey 2		

LIGHTNING 8, SABRES 3

Tampa Bay	2	2	4	8
Buffalo	0	2	1	3

First period — 1. TB, Sabourin 1 (Geekie, Guentzel), 18:49. 2. TB, Carlson 6 (Guentzel, D'Astous), 19:38 (pp). Penalties — Benson, BUF (hooking), 7:02. Cernak, TBL (tripping), 10:13. Doan, BUF (delay of game), 19:22.

Second period — 3. TB, Hagel 10 (Cirelli, Carlson), 4:33. 4. TB, Gourde 1 (Guentzel, O'Reilly), 13:02. 5. Buffalo, Doan 4 (McLeod, Norris), 15:54 (pp). 6. Buffalo, Zucker 2 (Ostlund, Quinn), 19:32. Penalties — Holmberg, TBL (holding stick), 6:24. Mikheyev, TBL (roughing), 14:06.

Third period — 7. Buffalo, Thompson 11 (Krebs, Samuelsson), 0:33. 8. TB, Kucherov 6 (Hagel, Carlson), 1:25. 9. TB, Kucherov 7 (Carlson, Cirelli), 4:11. 10. TB, Kucherov 8 (Carlson, Guentzel), 14:13 (pp). 11. TB, Hagel 11 (Kucherov, Cirelli), 15:06. Penalties — Moser, TBL (high stick), 4:42. Norris, BUF (roughing), 4:42. McLeod, BUF (slashing), 7:54. Quinn, BUF (interference), 13:18.

Shots on goal — TB 9-4-9 — 22. Buffalo 9-7-15 — 31.

Power plays — TB 2-4; Buffalo 1-3.

Goalies — TB, Vasilevskiy 9-4-1 (31 shots-28 saves). Buffalo, Ellis 3-3-0 (8 shots-5 saves). Buffalo, Luukkonen 5-4-3 (14 shots-9 saves).

Referees — Beaudry Halkidis, Frederick L'Ecuyer. Linesmen — Shandor Alphonso, Tommy Hughes.

A — 19,070 (19,070). T — 2:37.

RANGERS 3, FLAMES 1

NY Rangers	0	2	1	3
Calgary	0	0	1	1

First period — None. Penalties — Perreault, NYR (hooking), 1:13.

Second period — 1. NY Rangers, Zibanejad 4 (Lafreniere, Pettersson), 0:59. 2. NY Rangers, Zibanejad 5 (Dorofeyev, Lafreniere), 10:52 (pp). Penalties — Pospisil, CGY (tripping), 3:50. Strome, CGY (holding), 10:39.

Third period — 3. Calgary, Klapka 4 (Strome, Sharangovich), 7:41 (pp). 4. NY Rangers, Kartye 7 (Miller), 19:53 (en). Penalties — Klapka, CGY (cross check), 2:11. Gavrikov, NYR (holding), 5:47.

Shots on goal — NY Rangers 8-10-6 — 24. Calgary 9-12-10 — 31.

Power plays — NY Rangers 1-3; Calgary 1-2.

Goalies — NY Rangers, Korpisalo 2-0-0 (31 shots-30 saves). Calgary, Cooley 5-4-0 (23 shots-21 saves).

Referees — Christopher Schlenker, Kendrick Nicholson. Linesmen — Caleb Apperson, Andrew Smith.

A — 17,298 (19,289). T — 2:29.

LEADERS

Not including Wednesday's games

SCORING

	G	A	Pts.
McDavid, Edm	11	37	48
Draisaitl, Edm	18	18	36
Kaprizov, Min	17	15	32
Bouchard, Edm	10	21	31

OILERS 3, FLYERS 2

Philadelphia	0	1	1	2
Edmonton	0	2	0	1	3

First period — None. Penalties — None.

Second period — 1. Edmonton, Hyman 2 (Ekholm, Dach), 4:13. 2. Edmonton, Hyman 3 (McDavid, Bouchard), 14:03 (pp). 3. Philadelphia, Foerster 4 (Tippett, Dvorak), 16:49 (pp). Penalties — Mukhamadullin, EDM (roughing), 1:43. Murphy, EDM (interference), 7:50. Bonk, PHI (interference), 13:43. Jarry, EDM, served by Podkolzin (tripping), 15:25.

Third period — 4. Philadelphia, Sanheim 3 (Ristolainen, Michkov), 11:42. Penalties — , EDM, served by Dach (delay of game), 11:42.

Overtime — 5. Edmonton, Bouchard 11 (Draisaitl), 0:47. Penalties — None.

Shots on goal — Philadelphia 13-15-4-0 — 32. Edmonton 6-7-9-2 — 24.

Power plays — Philadelphia 1-4; Edmonton 1-1.

Goalies — Philadelphia, Vladar 3-4-4 (24 shots-21 saves). Edmonton, Jarry 5-1-3 (32 shots-30 saves).

Referees — Brandon Schrader, Eric Furlatt. Linesmen — Anthony Lapointe, Travis Toomey.

A — 18,347 (18,347). T — 2:29.

PREDATORS 3, KINGS 0

Tuesday night game

Nashville	1	1	1	3
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0

First period — 1. Nashville, Forsberg 6 (Hoglander), 5:20. Penalties — Panarin, LAK (high stick), 7:41. Forsberg, NSH (slashing), 14:15.

Second period — 2. Nashville, Forsberg 7 (Hoglander, Skjei), 10:32. Penalties — Doughty, LAK (interference), 4:08. AEdstrom, NSH, major (fighting), 14:59. AEdstrom, NSH, served by Colton (instigator), 14:59. AEdstrom, NSH (misconduct), 14:59. Lee, LAK, major (fighting), 14:59. Perry, LAK (tripping), 20:00.

Third period — 3. Nashville, Wilsby 1, 17:43 (en). Penalties — Connors, LAK (holding), 11:00.

Shots on goal — Nashville 11-10-9 — 30. Los Angeles 7-8-15 — 30.

Power plays — Nashville 0-4; LA 0-2.

Goalies — Nashville, Saros 6-3-4 (30 shots-30 saves). LA, Forsberg 0-5-1 (29 shots-27 saves).

Referees — Jon McIsaac, Kyle Rehman. Linesmen — Jonny Murray, Benjamin O'Quinn.

A — 15,008 (18,230). T — 2:35.

LEADERS

Not including Wednesday's games

GOALS

	GP	G
Draisaitl, Edm	19	18
Kaprizov, Min	20	17
Gauthier, Ana	17	15
Connor, Wpg	19	15

ASSISTS

	GP	A
McDavid, Edm	19	37
Tkachuk, Fla	19	23

Canadiens thumbnails

- **When, where:** Thursday, 7 p.m., at TD Garden
- **TV, radio:** NESN, WBZ-FM (98.5)
- **Goals:** Cole Caufield 11, Nick Suzuki 7, Josh Anderson 7
- **Assists:** Lane Hutson 15, Juraj Slafkovsky 10, Suzuki 9
- **Goaltending:** Jacob Fowler (8-1-2, 2.14 GAA), Jakub Dobes (3-2-2, 4.04)
- **Head to head:** This is the first of four meetings. The Bruins went 2-1-1 vs. the Canadiens last season.

Miscellany: After an 8-0-3 stretch, the Canadiens (11-3-4) are 1 point behind the Bruins (13-4-1) for first place in the Atlantic Division . . . Montreal is 6-1-1 on the road this season . . . The Canadiens entered Wednesday with the fourth-worst power play (14.8 percent) in the NHL . . . Forward Jake Evans (hand) was listed as a game-time decision Tuesday and logged 15 minutes of ice time in a 2-1 overtime loss to the Wild . . . Fowler will get the start in goal.

BRUINS NOTEBOOK

Eyssimont doesn't miss beat in first game back

By Jim McBride
GLOBE STAFF

Mikey Eyssimont went from gut punch to scoring punch.

Despite a strong training camp, Eyssimont was caught in a numbers game when it ended, with the Bruins waiving the veteran forward with the hopes of sneaking him on Providence's roster.

Eyssimont cleared waivers and went on a tear in the AHL, collecting 13 goals and three assists in just eight games.

He connected for three goals last Friday night in Hamilton, Ontario — his third trick of the season — before being summoned to take **James Hagens's** roster spot.

While the majority of forwards that received the call to the show go from top-six minutes to a bottom-six role, Eyssimont was slotted in on the second line for his season debut against the Panthers on Sunday, allowing him to continue to play the style that has him off to a hot start. He proved worthy of the assignment, collecting a goal in the Bruins' 4-1 win while playing left wing with **Fraser Minten** at center and **Morgan Geekie** on the right side.

"You're slotted in with two really good linemates who make the game really easy," Eyssimont said after Wednesday's practice at Warrior Ice Arena. "Geekie has kind of just a knack for offense and his shot, and Minten's always in the right place. So, there obviously is some expectation there right now, but for me it's about playing my game and doing what I can to make them better and make their lives easier."

Marco Sturm said Eyssimont's versatility played a role in his recall.

"That was one of the reasons why we grabbed Mikey, because he can do that. He can play on the fourth line, but also, we can put him on a third or second [line]," said the coach. "And he played good down there. So, good for him. He had a really good game [against the Panthers], I thought, but he's just one of those players I can put in different situations and that's why he got the call."

It was the prototypical Eyssimont goal, a player adept at getting to the greasy areas. He worked his way to the front of the net and jammed home his own rebound. It's a small sample size, but Eyssimont's gritty, sandpaper style is a nice fit.

"I think for me it's just about getting pucks back instead of just one try off the rush and going back," said Eyssimont, asked how he can complement his linemates. "I think what I can provide is getting pucks back and creating more O-zone time, driving the play that way. And the more you do that, the more it opens up for the other lines and for your linemates."

Though disappointed in not making the Opening Night roster — he called it a "gut punch" — Eyssimont channeled his energy in a way that has always worked best for him.

"I think the goal for me is the same as it was up here, just trying to get better as a hockey player every game. I alluded to getting better in practice, and there's a lot of practices [in the AHL], so I'm always trying to develop as a player and not be satisfied with where I was the previous season," said Eyssimont. "And I think I've done that. I've reached a new level every year. It was just kind of an opportunity to see if I can refocus and keep doing what I've been doing this whole time, which is just getting better."

Eyssimont's familiarity with the personalities and dynamics of the locker room made his return simple and comfortable.

"I didn't feel like I skipped a beat at all coming into the game [against Florida]," he said. "I hadn't seen any of the guys for a bit and I just kind of fell right back into my routines the way I prepare for any game. And obviously it was good to see the guys, but we were trying to get a win, and it was just really nice."

We meet again

The Bruins and Canadiens will renew acquaintances Thursday night at TD Garden. It's a rivalry that felt dormant for a few seasons, but was rekindled last season. It should heat up even more with the top spot in the sizzling Atlantic Division on the line.

"We had some of those years where we were really good and they were kind of rebuilding and trying to figure out into what they are now," said defenseman **Charlie McAvoy**. "The game is better, the rivalry is better, the NHL is better when both of us are great hockey teams, and that's what we are now."

Facing the Canadiens always gets Sturm's juices flowing.

"I actually just got this question from a friend of mine yesterday, 'What's your biggest rivalry?' I said, 'It's Montreal, for sure. Not even close,' " Sturm said.

The Bruins are billing this the "Causeway University Homecoming Game," with the debut of their Hometown Remix brown uniforms. The Canadiens will also wear their alternates.

Boston University alum McAvoy was particularly jazzed to find out Northeastern's band will be playing Thursday.

"That's a good band, too. The Dog [House] doesn't mess around," said McAvoy. "That's awesome. That's going to be so cool."

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Schools

QUARTERFINAL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Contrasting styles clash in Division 3 battle

By Nate Weitzer
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Whether they score in a flash, or with a 15-play drive taking up the majority of a quarter, the Marshfield and North Attleborough football teams will happily take a positive result in Friday's Division 3 quarterfinal.

The two highly successful programs use contrasting styles on offense — with North (6-2) milking the play clock with a power running game, and Marshfield (7-1) employing a unique offense built around speed and misdirection.

"Really we try to make [the opponent] defend sideline to sideline, every blade of grass, or at least create some type of threat on every play," said Marshfield coach Chris Arouca. "I'm lucky to have a bunch of great coaches with me that find ways to do that every week, and great kids that learn to execute it."

Arouca, a three-year starter at guard during Marshfield's first two title runs in 1995 and '96, became head coach in 2018.

Over the past half-decade his program has fine-tuned an up-tempo system that wears out opponents.

With great options at tailback and a strong offensive line led by senior Aidan Nicholson (6 feet 6 inches, 290 pounds), the Rams have leaned into their ground game this season, and Jack Giannetti (120 carries, 724 yards, 8 TDs) and Austin Bossey (86 carries, 610 yards, 9 TDs) have answered the bell. Tight ends Sean Chesebro (242 receiving yards, four TDs), Khalil O'Brien, and James Finucane play integral roles.

"When we get a big play we tend to go even faster," said second-year center Adam Nutley, the son of Rams assistant and former Hingham head coach Mark Nutley. "We always line up quick. We really don't let our foot off the gas. We always go pedal to the metal to try to tire out the defense."

North Attleborough, by contrast, will line up deliberately and go through several checks and signals before each snap. It's certainly working for a program that rode workhorse back Frankie Strachan Jr. to the Super Bowl last fall, and has piled up nearly 3,000 rushing yards this season while earning a share of the Hockomock Davenport title.

Joseph Ruggiero (121 carries, 1,014 yards, 13 TDs) leads the backfield and Nick O'Brien (61 carries, 394 yards, 6 TDs), who transferred from Tri-County, has been a vital piece as a versatile back and elite linebacker.

While methodical and physical, the Rocketeers' offense is far from simple. NA will use two or three tailbacks in the same formation along with multiple heavy tight-end sets. Quarterback Nathaniel Robin (252 passing yards, 775 rushing yards, 11 total TDs) is a dual threat and Milo House and Ryan Gustafson are threats to catch passes or use their speed on jet sweeps.

At free safety, House is responsible for organizing North's defense and calling out checks and signals as an extension of coach Michael Strachan. The junior is preparing for a tall task Friday.

"It's going to be a lot different from [Hockomock] League play. We know a lot of trickery, false motions, and movement are coming our way," said House. "But we just have to key our reads and play our game."

Nose guard Sean Folan, linebacker Keigan Holt, and cornerback Mike Appel are the leaders of Marshfield's defense. Defensive back Luke Richardson, a standout receiver, is the only two-way player, so the Rams will try to use their depth as an advantage by playing at a fast pace.

The Rams' defensive line will match up with a North Attleborough front that includes four returning starters and talented freshman Jake Green (6-3, 275 pounds) who is filling in for left tackle Drew Custodio.

Senior captain Cam Vialpando moved from guard to fullback, adding another physical blocker.

"We know what Marshfield can do. They can score from anywhere on the field, so we really want to limit their possessions," said Strachan ('85), who led his alma mater to a state title in 2024.

"For us, we have to control the line of scrimmage to be successful. You never know what you're going to get from week-to-week in the Northeast. It could be snow, rain, heat, but no matter what I've always felt you need to control the line of scrimmage in November and December."

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GIRLS' TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Franklin's emphasis on scoring pays off

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A point of emphasis for Franklin girls' soccer has been finding more scorers.

On Wednesday, the fifth-seeded Panthers enjoyed four of them. Four players tallied in a 4-1 win over No. 12 Acton-Boxborough in the second round of the Division 1 tournament.

"We've been working on it very hard in practice," coach Jodi Klein said. "The more goal scorers we can generate, we're going to be that much more dangerous."

In the 25th minute, the Revolution (13-4-3) appeared to take the lead, but senior Natalie Stouch's goal was disallowed for an offside infraction.

A minute later, Franklin (16-4-0) officially opened the scoring. After some chaos in the box, junior Anna Carosi drilled a shot home to give the Panthers a 1-0 lead.

"As we get further into playoffs, we have to capitalize on those goal-scoring opportunities, and we did that tonight," Klein said.

The Panthers doubled their lead in the 47th minute. Rosen played a free kick from beyond midfield to Lily Strong, who finished. Senior BB Vallee made it 3-0 in the 53rd minute off a long throw-in.

"It's really important for us to continue working as a team to score," Carosi said. "Our energy helps us build off each other."

Wellesley 3, Hopkinton 0 — Sophomore Presley Brady slotted the opening goal on a feed from Kaitlyn Bohlin in the 22nd minute, and sophomore Zoe Sebaratnam finished off an Annie Huber assist at the end of the first half to spur a second-round triumph for the second-seeded Raiders (16-1-3) against No. 18 Hopkinton (8-9-2). Senior Alexa Hoff slammed the door with an acrobatic goal.

Division 2 State

Duxbury 4, Northampton 0 — Senior Lilah MacQuarrie fired in three goals and senior Liv Coperine added one tally for the top-seeded Dragons (16-0-5) who registered a dominant second-round victory against No. 17 Northampton (14-4-3).

Division 3 State

Medfield 8, Medway 0 — Sidney Heavey exploded for five goals, carrying the top-seeded Warriors (20-0-0) to a second-round romp of No. 16 Medway (7-9-4).

Cardinal Spellman 3, Bishop Fenwick 2 — Addie Bernazzani scored the winner off a cross from Brynn Nickley to lift the No. 8 Cardinals (16-2-2) to the second-round victory over No. 9 Bishop Fenwick (13-4-3).

Tewksbury 3, Hanover 2 — Sophia Nazarro lifted the No. 10 Redmen (17-2-1) to victory with the winning goal in double-overtime to top No. 7 Hanover (12-6-2) in a second-round matchup. CJ Zwirek and Ashley Ponte netted goals in regulation.

Field hockey

Division 2 State

Milton 3, Norwood 2 — The sixth-seeded Wildcats (14-1-3) won a second-round shootout when sophomore Taylor Scully, the daughter of coach Lindsey Scully, delivered the winner. Scully took the ball and practically walked it up, bouncing it off her stick, and lifted it over the head of the Norwood goalie to send the No. 11 Mustangs (5-8-6) home.

Division 3 State

Dover-Sherborn 5, Ursuline 0 — Junior Reese Bent recorded a hat trick with one assist for the No. 3 Raiders (15-3-2) in their second-round triumph over No. 14 Ursuline (15-4-1).

Gloucester 5, Falmouth 1 — Junior Mia Rodolosi delivered four goals and senior Julia Palk added one goal and an assist for the No. 6 Fishermen (20-0) in their second-round victory over No. 11 Falmouth (10-10).

Division 4 State

Manchester Essex 2, Sutton 1 — Wren Lewis and Kiernan Day scored in the first half as the No. 8 Hornets (12-4-3) took down No. 9 Sutton (11-7-3) in the second round.

Girls' volleyball

Division 1 State

Bishop Feehan 3, Andover 1 — Seniors Mia Barnes (13 kills), Ella Perkoski (10 kills), Brooke Mitchell (19 assists), and junior Lauren Ritchie (16 assists) helped the No. 11 Shamrocks (13-8) upset No. 6 Andover (16-6) in the second round. "They brought tears to my eyes," coach Abigail Soutter said.

Division 2 State

Barnstable 3, Norwood 1 — Senior Ava Johnston hammered 31 kills and sophomore Maddy Campbell delivered a season-high 50 assists to propel the fifth-seeded Red Hawks (18-5) to a second-round win over No. 12 Norwood (15-5).

Reading 3, Milton 0 — Junior Victoria Reposa fired off 13 kills and eight aces, and junior Claire Puglielli recorded 15 assists and eight digs for the No. 2 Rockets (17-3) in a second-round victory over No. 15 Milton (12-8).

Division 3 State

Bellingham 3, Medfield 0 — Seniors Mia Milani (12 kills, 11 digs) and Sophia Soto (15 digs, six aces) powered the No. 1 Blackhawks (21-0) to a second-round victory over No. 16 Medfield (10-12).

Division 4 State

Hamilton-Wenham 3, West Bridgewater 1 — Serving runs from juniors Tessa Zielinski (17 service points) and Mary Thompson (18 service points), along with senior Grace Harres's nine kills, helped the eighth-seeded Generals (16-6) defeat No. 9 West Bridgewater (12-10) in the second round.

Correspondents Tony Gleason, Alex Yu, and Webb Constable contributed.



KEN MCGAGH FOR THE GLOBE

Revere's Sebastian Rueda (left) celebrated Jeronimo Agudelo Alvarez's winning goal.

BOYS' SOCCER TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Revere rallies to stun Holliston

By Mike Puzzanghera
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Jeronimo Agudelo Alvarez knows Revere is counting on him.

The Greater Boston League MVP is no stranger to scoring goals. But given the competition, the stage, and the impact, Wednesday may have been his biggest takeover yet.

The senior scored twice in the second half and cleared a Holliston chance off his own goal line, powering the comeback as the 11th-seeded Patriots took down the host No. 6 Panthers, 2-1, in a Division 2 second-round match.

"He's amazing," said Revere coach Gerardo Rodriguez. "We're reaping the benefits of having him on our team."

The Patriots (16-1-1) will face the winner of Thursday's clash between No. 3 Northampton and No. 14 Amherst-Pelham in the quarterfinals.

In the first half, Holliston (14-4-2) controlled play. It opened the scoring 10 minutes in, with Jack Whitten latching onto Jesse Brodsky's cross, and the Panthers kept forcing the issue at that end of the pitch.

Revere's one clear-cut chance in the first half fell to Agudelo Alvarez, but his low shot was turned aside.

"I know that a lot of people are counting on me," he said. "I know that if the first time, I miss, I'm going to have to score the next one. I just try in the moment to completely forget about it."

Forget about it he did.

Fifteen minutes into the second half, he swept in Alejandro Hernandez's free kick at the front post for the equalizer.

Nine minutes later, he cleared a corner off his own goal line after goalie Cristian Flores got a touch on it. Agudelo Alvarez doesn't normally drop that deep, but he was ready.

A few minutes later, the Patriots launched up the field on the counter. Agudelo Alvarez flicked the ball to Francisco Navarrete, then kept his run going. He got the return ball and powered in a low shot to put the Patriots ahead.

"I feel like the momentum from that save allowed me to just run in and take the other shot and actually score," Agudelo Alvarez said.

A frenetic finish followed, with the taller Panthers squad getting plenty of set piece opportunities. But Flores and his defense were up to the task.

Oliver Ames 5, Bedford 0 — Sophomore Jack Donahue tallied two goals and two assists for the top-ranked Tigers (18-0-2) in a second-round romp over No. 17 Bedford (9-10-1).

Division 1 State

Cambridge 2, Winchester 0 — Junior Elias Hyland connected on a penalty kick to the lower-left corner in the 57th minute and added an insurance goal from the top of the 18-yard box in the 70th to lead the top-seeded Falcons (13-1-3) to a second-round victory over the No. 16 Red & Black (11-5-2).

Cambridge extended its winning streak to 11 with its second victory in two weeks over Winchester, which it dispatched, 4-1, in the regular season finale on Oct. 30.

"We knew [Winchester] would come in really hot," said Cambridge coach Olf Mouyaka. "To us, it was about not getting scored on in the first [half] and then turning on the screws and playing our game in the second half, and that happened."

Division 3 State

Medfield 6, Foxborough 0 — Junior Calvin Frey netted four goals in a second-round shutout for the top-ranked Warriors (19-1-0) over No. 16 Foxborough (9-7-4).

Nantucket 3, Fairhaven 1 — Juniors Stoyan Popov, Tigger Sirisophapong, and Aldo Lemus all scored for the eighth-ranked Whalers (14-4-2) in a second-round victory over No. 9 Fairhaven (13-4-2).

Division 4 State

Cohasset 4, Tyngsborough 1 — Seniors Tavin Casey and Mikey Giglio each tallied a pair of goals for the No. 1 Skippers (16-3-1) in a commanding second-round win over No. 17 Tyngsborough (13-5-2).

West Bridgewater 2, South Hadley 1 — Senior George Baroud's corner kick was headed twice and glanced off the crossbar before sophomore Drew Spadea finally nodded it in to tie the game with six minutes remaining.

"This year, we've been a bit less formal with our corners, but with the clock starting to run out, we had to call a play and it worked," said coach Mark Alessandri.

Spadea slotted the winner six minutes into overtime to propel the second-ranked Wildcats (17-2-1) past No. 15 South Hadley (8-7-5) in the second round.

"It really was just great communication between our six [defenders] who kept their poise, and were able to get the ball back up to our midfielders to be able to put our offense back on," said Alessandri.

Division 5 State

Hopedale 4, Holbrook 0 — Seniors Guilherme Cardoso (two assists) and Luke Carneiro, and freshman Noah Westfield recorded goals for the top-seeded Blue Raiders (15-2-3) in a dominant second-round win over No. 16 Holbrook (12-7-1).

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Football picks

THURSDAY

Barnstable at No. 8 Milford: A couple of pivotal plays doomed Barnstable in a 33-20 loss at Milford back in Week 4. The class of the Cape looks to write a different story in the Division 3 rematch. **Pick:** MILFORD.

Joseph Case at Abington: Aedan Borges put No. 11 Case on his back for an upset win over the reigning Division 6 champion Fairhaven. Third-seeded Abington looks to stop the Cardinals' surprising run in its tracks. **Pick:** ABINGTON.

Amesbury at Cohasset: While Cohasset's defense has tightened up during the second half of the season, Amesbury's straight-T attack presents a unique challenge. We'll be bold and take the No. 9 seed to pull off a massive upset in the Division 7 bracket. **Pick:** AMESBURY.

FRIDAY

No. 12 Xaverian at No. 6 Central Catholic: Round 2 of this heavyweight fight should provide a close finish regardless of the tempo. Central has the horses to win a physical battle, or another shootout. Watch the livestream at Globe.com/Schools. **Pick:** CENTRAL CATHOLIC.

Andover at No. 1 St. John's Prep: Andover has been game for upset bids all season, but has not managed to pull one off against the state's elite programs. Facing Prep is the biggest challenge yet for the Golden Warriors. **Pick:** ST. JOHN'S PREP.

Peabody at No. 18 Billerica: Peabody has the offense to keep this Division 2 clash interesting, but Billerica's beef on the offensive line should prove a decisive advantage. **Pick:** BILLERICA.

Westford at No. 16 Bridgewater-Raynham: The Ghosts' great run continued with their first playoff win in eight years. Now, in D2, they face a Trojans squad that is firing on all cylinders since a 1-2 start. **Pick:** BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM.

No. 15 North Attleborough at No. 10 Marshfield: This intriguing Division 3 clash of styles pits a slow-paced North Attleborough run-heavy attack against a Marshfield team that can ramp up the tempo. **Pick:** MARSHFIELD.

Milton at No. 5 Mansfield: After getting pushed by No. 16 Malden Catholic for a couple of quarters, top-seeded Mansfield should be locked in for another tough D3 matchup against a perennial contender. **Pick:** MANSFIELD.

No. 13 Walpole at No. 11 Duxbury: Duxbury hasn't lost a home playoff game since 2013. In this D4 showdown, will Walpole become the first to slay the Dragons in Duxbury? **Pick:** DUXBURY.

Northeast at Swampscott: With last year's quarterback, Isaiah Robles, leading the charge at fullback, Northeast has blitzed opponents out of a double-wing formation. However, fourth-seeded Swampscott has the defensive chops to hold up in Division 5. **Pick:** SWAMPSCOTT.

Lynn Tech at Cape Cod Tech: Riding a 15-game win streak that seemingly formed out of nowhere, third-seeded Cape Cod Tech hosts a D8 showdown with a surging Lynn Tech program that capped the regular season with a pivotal win over Nashoba Valley Tech. **Pick:** LYNN TECH.

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Football schedule

MIAA PLAYOFFS

Quarterfinals
DIVISION 1
Thursday
Haverhill at St. John's (Shrewsbury), 6.
Friday
Andover at St. John's Prep, 6; Xaverian at Central Catholic, 6; Springfield Central at Wachusett, 7.
DIVISION 2
Friday
Bishop Feehan at Catholic Memorial, 6; Westford at Bridgewater-Raynham, 6; Peabody at Billerica, 7; Winchester at Chelmsford, 7.
DIVISION 3
Thursday
Barnstable at Milford, 6.
Friday
DIVISION 4
Friday
Tantasqua at Danvers, 6:30; Grafton at Scituate, 7; Shepherd Hill at Tewksbury, 7; Walpole at Duxbury, 7.
DIVISION 5
Friday
Foxborough at Gloucester, 7; Northeast at Swampscott, 7; Norton at Watertown, 7.
Saturday
St. Mary's at Shawsheen, 2.
DIVISION 6
Thursday
Joseph Case at Abington, 6; Old Rochester at Hudson, 6.
Friday
Winthrop at Bellingham, 6; Lynnfield at Norwell, 7.
DIVISION 7
Thursday
Amesbury at Cohasset, 7.
Friday
Blue Hills at St. Bernard's, 6; Rockland at Tyngsborough, 6; Wahconah at Northbridge, 6.
DIVISION 8
Friday
Lynn Tech at Cape Cod Tech, 6; Oxford at Randolph, 6; Blackstone-Millville at Nashoba Valley Tech, 7.
Saturday
KIPP at Lee, 6.

NON-PLAYOFF GAMES

Thursday
EASTERN MASS.
PATRIOT — Silver Lake at Quincy, 6.
NONLEAGUE — Dighton-Rehoboth/Bristol Aggie at Falmouth, 4; Latin Academy at Cathedral, 4; Archbishop Williams at Nauset, 5; Bristol-Plymouth at Carver, 5; East Boston at Lowell Catholic, 5; Franklin at Natick, 5; Apponequet at Dennis-Yarmouth, 6; Atlantis at Bourne, 6; Boston Latin at Belmont, 6; Braintree at Westwood, 6; Greater New Bedford at Southeastern, 6; Lowell at Arlington, 6; Pembroke at East Bridgewater, 6; Revere at North Reading, 6; Waltham at Woburn, 6; Wilmington at Pentucket/Georgetown, 6; Bishop Stang at Mashpee, 6:30; Medford at Dracut, 6:30; Acton-Boxborough at Methuen, 7; Millis at Wareham, 7; North Andover at Lincoln-Sudbury, 7.
CENTRAL MASS.
MID-WACH — Narragansett at Clinton, 6; Shrewsbury at Nashoba, 6; Maynard/AMSA at Marlborough, 7.
NONLEAGUE — Leominster at Minnechaug, 6.
WESTERN MASS.
NONLEAGUE — Chicopee at Athol, 4; Ludlow at Monument Mtn., 6; Quabbin at Mahar, 6; Springfield International at South Hadley, 6; Chicopee Comp at Frontier, 7.
Friday
EASTERN MASS.
CAPE ANN — Essex Tech at Triton/Ipswich, 6.
GREATER BOSTON — Malden at Lynn English, 7:30.
MAYFLOWER — Upper Cape at Old Colony, 7.
PATRIOT — North Quincy at Hingham, 6; Whitman-Hanson at Plymouth South, 6.
TRI-VALLEY — Ashland at Medway, 6.
NONLEAGUE — Burlington at Lynn Classical, 5; Arlington Catholic at Brighton, 6; BC High at Durfee, 6; Bedford at Masconomet, 6; Beverly at Concord-Carlisle, 6; Canton at Medfield, 6; Cardinal Spellman at Sandwich, 6; Chelsea at Manchester Essex, 6; Fairhaven at Middleborough, 6; Holliston at Oliver Ames, 6; Hopkinton at Wellesley, 6; Lawrence at Newton South, 6; Needham at Taunton, 6; Newburyport at Wakefield, 6; Newton North at Attleboro, 6; Reading at Malden Catholic, 6; Salem at Hamilton-Wenham, 6; Somerville at Wayland, 6; Stoneham at Bishop Fenwick, 6; Stoughton at Brookline, 6; West Bridgewater at Hull, 6; Weston at English High, 6; Saugus at O'Bryant, 6:30; Weymouth at New Bedford, 6:30; Somerset Berkley at Dartmouth, 7.
NEPSAC
CLASS C — Portsmouth Abbey at Worcester Academy, 7.
NONLEAGUE — Dexter Southfield at St. Paul's, 6.
CENTRAL MASS.
NONLEAGUE — Algonquin at Doherty, 6; Gardner at Millbury/Sutton, 6; Nipmuc/Hopedale at Ayer Shirley/Littleton, 6; Westborough at Worcester South, 6; Worcester North at Fitchburg, 6; David Prouty at Lunenburg, 6:30; Auburn at Oakmont, 7; Burncoat at Groton-Dunstable/NM, 7; Leicester at West Boylston, 7; Murdock at Abby Kelley Foster, 7.
WESTERN MASS.
AA — Longmeadow at Holyoke, 6; Smith Vocational at Putnam, 6;
INTERCOUNTY — Ware at Belchertown, 6; West Springfield at Easthampton, 6;
NONLEAGUE — Amherst-Pelham at Westfield, 7.
SUBURBAN — Northampton at Agawam, 6.
Saturday
EASTERN MASS.
NONLEAGUE — Dover-Sherborn at Sharon/Dedham, 10a; Framingham at Brockton, 12.
NEPSAC
CLASS A — Avon Old Farms at Salisbury (Conn.), 7; Deerfield at Choate, 7; Hotchkiss at Taft, 7; Kent at Loomis Chaffee (Conn.), 7; Suffield Academy at Cheshire Academy, 7; Phillips Exeter at Phillips Andover, 3; Williston Northampton at Brunswick, 4.
CLASS B — Belmont Hill at Trinity-Pawling, 2; BB&N at Tabor, 4:30.
CLASS C — Canterbury at Kingswood-Oxford, 7; Greenwich CD (Conn.) at Berkshire, 7; Rivers at Roxbury Latin, 11a; Middlesex at St. George's, 1; St. Mark's at Groton, 1:30; Lawrence Academy at Governor's Academy, 2; Austin Prep at New Hampton, 5; Brooks at Pingree, 5.
NONLEAGUE — Hamden Hall Country Day at St. Luke's, 7; St. Sebastian's at Thayer, 11a; Milton Academy at Nobles, 1;

Toledo stifles UMass as Watson gets hurt again

By Keith Pearson
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Toledo 24
UMass 0

Connor Walendzak accounted for 158 yards and two first-half touchdowns as host Toledo handled UMass, 24-0, Wednesday night at the Glass Bowl in Ohio.

The Minutemen (5-5, 2-4 MAC) lost quarterback Pop Watson with an apparent lower-body injury in the first quarter. Watson completed 2 of 4 passes for 22 yards before he hobbled off during the Minutemen's second series.

Logan Inagawa struggled in relief, finishing 10-for-27 passing for 99 yards, and threw an interception that Nicholas Thompson returned 62 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter.

Walendzak took a direct snap straight up the middle for a 69-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter to open the scoring. He finished the scoring on a 17-yard touchdown reception on a quick throw from John Alan Richter in the face of a blitz with 1:54 remaining in the first half.

UMass managed to keep Toledo from scoring in the second half. Linebacker Timmy Hinspeter had a game-high 12 tackles, including one for loss.

The Rockets (8-2, 5-1) won their fourth straight and had a 436-188 edge in total yardage.

After Thompson's pick-6 gave Toledo a 17-0 lead, UMass kick returner TJ Magee had a 98-yard return for a touchdown negated by a penalty.

The Minutemen never reached the red zone. They had their deepest penetration to the Toledo 23 in a drive spanning the third and fourth quarters, but a fourth-down pass fell incomplete.

It was the Rockets' first MAC shutout since October 2000.

UMass will host Akron in its final home game of the season next Wednesday.

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UMass in 2026

RESULTS (5-5)

At Rutgers	W, 37-21
Sacred Heart	W, 37-10
Stonehill	W, 36-14
At Sacramento St.	W, 35-6
E. Michigan	L, 38-14
Miami (Ohio)	L, 20-19
At Buffalo	L, 25-18
At UConn	L, 35-16
Ball State	W, 31-30
At Toledo	L, 24-0

SCHEDULE

Nov. 18	Akron 7 p.m.
Nov. 28	at Bowling Green 12 p.m.

SportsLog

NCAA says multiple transfers are drag on graduation rates

The NCAA released data Wednesday that showed the graduation rate for a set of Bowl Subdivision football players who transferred more than once was 27 percent lower than those who stayed put their entire career, numbers it portrayed as a "warning sign" in the ongoing legal wrangling over eligibility and player movement. The NCAA provided the data to The Associated Press during a season in which it is being sued around the country by players seeking a fifth year of eligibility, with that fifth year almost always involving a transfer. Courts have ruled against the NCAA's new eligibility rules in multiple cases. The statistics analyzed the six-year graduation rate — considered on time when redshirts and other factors were weighed in — for around 36,000 athletes who enrolled in college in the 2018-19 school year. Black athletes across all sports saw the most precipitous decline — from an 82 percent graduation rate with no transfers, to 74 percent with one, and 62 percent with more than one. The data showed that regardless of race, gender, or sport, multiple transfers typically had graduation rates 10 percentage points lower than those who transferred once and 15 to 20 percentage points lower than peers who never transferred.

Wang lifts UMass men's basketball late

Junjie Wang scored 8 of his game-high 28 points during a 14-3 run late in the second half to help UMass (2-1) pull away from UMass Lowell (3-1), 72-62, at Mullins Center. Wang was 10 of 16 from the floor and added nine rebounds . . . **Tristen Wilson** had 20 points, 14 rebounds, and 5 assists, but Holy Cross (0-3) dropped a 80-67 decision to Furman at the Hart Center . . . In women's basketball, **Jocelyne Grier** scored a game-high 23 points as Boston College (1-2) earned its first win, 86-57, over UMass Lowell (2-2) at Conte Forum . . . Harvard (3-1) handled UMass (1-2), 78-65, at Lavietes Pavilion behind 13 points, 10 rebounds, 5 assists, and 6 steals from **Olivia Jones** and a game-high 22 points from **Abigail Wright** . . . **Justice Tramble** had 16 points on 7-of-10 shooting and eight rebounds as Northeastern (2-1) defeated host Sacred Heart, 61-46.

SOCCER

Man United considering Pochettino

Manchester United is working on a potential deal to have United States men's national team coach **Mauricio Pochettino** replace **Michael Carrick**, who is under pressure after a dismal start to the season, a source with knowledge of the situation said. United is in 18th place in the Premier League standings after 10 rounds, the club's worst start in the modern era. Pochettino is a candidate to succeed Carrick even though the 54-year-old Argentine is under contract with the US through the 2030 World Cup. A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press that preparations to appoint Pochettino had been carried out as a matter of "due diligence."

American men skipping U-17 World Cup

The United States will pull out of the FIFA men's Under-17 World Cup over safety concerns, according to multiple reports. The tournament, set to begin Nov. 19, is being played in Qatar, where last month the State Department issued a Level 3 travel advisory for the region due to risk of armed conflict. The New England Revolution Academy was going to be represented on the squad by **Makai Wells** and Easton's **Judah Siqueira**.

HOCKEY

Knight nets three as US preps for quarters

Hilary Knight scored a hat trick and the defending champion United States cruised past Czechia, 8-1, at the women's ice hockey world championship in Esbjerg, Denmark, to finish the preliminary stage with a perfect record in Group A. The 37-year-old captain took her tally to six goals in the tournament and a total of 73 in 91 games at the worlds. **Abbey Murphy** scored twice, **Alex Carpenter** and **Laila Edwards** got a goal and an assist each, and **Grace Zumwinkle** had one goal. The US will face host Denmark in Friday's quarterfinals . . . Canada's Secretary of Sport says the country will not allow Russian players to compete at the upcoming world junior championships, even if they already hold valid visas. **Adam van Koeverden's** statement comes a week after the Canadian government threatened to supersede the Court of Arbitration for Sport's decision to force the International Ice Hockey Federation to allow Russia back by refusing to offer visas for the tournament the country is hosting . . . **Nikita Kucherov** had a natural hat trick and an assist — all in the third period — leading the Lightning past the host Sabres, 8-3.

BASKETBALL

Cavaliers best Knicks in New York return

James Harden scored a season-high 32 points and the Cavaliers beat the Knicks, 115-107. **Donovan Mitchell** added 23 for the Cavaliers in their first trip to Madison Square Garden since the Eastern Conference finals, when the Knicks erased a 22-point deficit in the fourth quarter of Game 1 to win in overtime en route to a four-game sweep.

Scoreboard

Schools

FIELD HOCKEY

ISL
Groton 7 ..... Lawrence Acad. 3

MIAA tourney

DIVISION 1
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Attleboro at Franklin, 4.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
Winchester at Belmont, 1; Andover at Lincoln-Sudbury, 2; Walpole at Acton-Boxboro, 3.
DIVISION 2
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Milton 3 ..... Norwood 2 (2OT)
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
Hingham at Somerset Berkley, 1; Westwood at King Philip, 1; Reading at Canton, 5:30.
TBA — Quarterfinals
Milton at Nashoba, TBA.
DIVISION 3
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Dover-Sherborn 5 ..... Ursuline 0
Gloucester 5 ..... Falmouth 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
E. Longmeadow at Sandwich, 1:30.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Foxboro at Watertown, 3:30.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
Gloucester at Dover-Sherborn, 2; Medway at Uxbridge, 2.
DIVISION 4
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Cohasset 8 ..... Westport 0
Manchester 2 ..... Sutton 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
W. Bridgewater at Dennis-Yarmouth, 2.
Sun., Nov. 15 — Quarterfinals
Quabbin at Frontier, 2; Hopedale at Monomoy, 4.
TBA — Quarterfinals
Manchester at Cohasset, TBA.

FOOTBALL

MIAA tourney

DIVISION 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Haverhill at St. John's (S), 6.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Andover at St. John's Prep, 6; Xaverian at Central Cath., 6; Springfield Central at Wachusett, 7.
DIVISION 2
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Bp. Feehan at Cath. Memorial, 6; Westford at Bridge.-Raynham, 6; Peabody at Billerica, 7; Winchester at Chelmsford, 7.
DIVISION 3
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Barnstable at Milford, 6.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Melrose at King Philip, 6; Milton at Mansfield, 6; N. Attleboro at Marshfield, 6.
DIVISION 4
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Tantasqua at Danvers, 6:30; Grafton at Scituate, 7; Shepherd Hill at Tewksbury, 7; Walpole at Duxbury, 7.
DIVISION 5
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Foxboro at Gloucester, 7; Northeast at Swampscott, 7; Norton at Watertown, 7.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
St. Mary's at Shawsheen, 2.
DIVISION 6
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Joseph Case at Abington, 6; Old Rochester at Hudson, 6.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Winthrop at Bellingham, 6; Lynnfield at Norwell, 7.
DIVISION 7
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Amesbury at Cohasset, 7.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Blue Hills at St. Bernard's, 6; Rockland at Tyngsboro, 6; Wahconah at Northbridge, 6.
DIVISION 8
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Lynn Tech at Cape Cod Tech, 6; Oxford at Randolph, 6; Blackstone-Millville at Nashoba VT, 7.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
KIPP at Lee, 6.

SOCCER

BOYS
ISL
Middlesex 3 ..... BB&N 0
GIRLS
EIL
Concord Acad. 1 ..... Berwick 1

MIAA tourney

BOYS
DIVISION 1
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Cambridge 2 ..... Winchester 0
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Framingham at Lincoln-Sudbury, 4; Brookline at Wellesley, 4:30; Newton South at Newton North, 4:30; Arlington at Needham, 6; St. John's (S) at Cath. Memorial, 6; Bp. Feehan at Concord-Carlisle, 6:30; Shrewsbury at BC High, 7.
TBA — Quarterfinals
TBA at Cambridge, TBA.
DIVISION 2
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Melrose 5 ..... Duxbury 3
Milford 4 ..... Milton 0
Oliver Ames 5 ..... Bedford 0
Revere 2 ..... Holliston 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Sharon at Wakefield, 5; Amherst-Pelham at Northampton, 6; Dartmouth at Marshfield, 6; Sharon at Wayland, 6.
TBA — Quarterfinals
TBA at Milford, TBA; TBA at Revere, TBA; Melrose at Oliver Ames, TBA.
DIVISION 3
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Medfield 6 ..... Foxboro 0
Nantucket 3 ..... Fairhaven 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
E. Boston at Pembroke, 4:30; Pittsfield at Pope Francis, 4:30; Auburn at Gr. New Bedford, 6; Falmouth at Weston, 6; Latin Acad. at Chicopee, 6; Assabet at Norwell, 7.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
Nantucket at Medfield, 2:30.
DIVISION 4
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Cohasset 4 ..... Tyngsboro 1
Littleton 1 ..... Bromfield 0
Monomoy 3 ..... Rockland 1
Monument Mtn. 3 ..... Frontier 0
W. Bridgewater 2 ..... S. Hadley 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Hampshire at Westport, 2; AMSA at Abington, 3; Mystic Valley at Sutton, 4:30.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
Littleton at W. Bridgewater, 12.
TBA — Quarterfinals
TBA at Frontier, TBA; Monomoy at Cohasset, TBA.
DIVISION 5
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Hopedale 4 ..... Holbrook 0
Keefe Tech 6 ..... Franklin Cty. Tech 2
St. John Paul II 3 ..... Roxbury Prep 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Fenway at Dearborn STEM, 4; Cape Cod Tech at Pioneer Charter I, 4:15; Collegiate Charter at Hull, 4:30; Nashoba VT at Brighton, 5; Upper Cape at Rockport, 5.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
TBA at Hopedale, 4.
TBA — Quarterfinals
TBA at St. John Paul II, TBA; TBA at Keefe Tech, TBA.
GIRLS
DIVISION 1
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Franklin 4 ..... Acton-Boxboro 1
Wellesley 3 ..... Hopkinton 0
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Arlington at Concord-Carlisle, 4; Beverly at Needham, 4; Shrewsbury at Bp. Feehan, 4; Lexington at Braintree, 5; Newton North at Winchester, 5; Brookline at Central Cath., 6.
TBA — Quarterfinals
TBA at Wellesley, TBA; Franklin at TBA, TBA.
DIVISION 2
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Duxbury 4 ..... Northampton 0
Oliver Ames 2 ..... Newburyport 0
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Silver Lake at Masconomet, 2; Minnechaug at Notre Dame (H), 5; Sharon at Milton, 5:30; Grafton at Whit.-Hanson, 6; Holliston at Hingham, 6; Westwood at King Philip, 6.
DIVISION 3
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Card. Spellman 3 ..... Bp. Fenwick 2 (OT)
Dover-Sherborn 4 ..... Norton 2
Medfield 8 ..... Medway 0
Tewksbury 3 ..... Hanover 2 (2OT)
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Lynnfield at Foxboro, 4:30; Wilmington at Norwell, 5; Dedham at Belchertown, 6; Ursuline at Pope Francis, 6:30.
TBA — Quarterfinals
TBA at Dover-Sherborn, TBA; Card. Spellman at TBA, TBA; Tewksbury at , TBA.
DIVISION 4
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Douglas 4 ..... Wahconah 0
S. Hadley 1 ..... Ham.-Wenham 0
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
Ipswich at Hampshire, 3; Georgetown at Cohasset, 4; W. Bridgewater at Sandwich, 4; AMSA at Rockland, 6; Littleton at Tyngsboro, 6; Lunenburg vs. Sutton at Millbury High School, Millbury, 6:30.
DIVISION 5
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Granby 4 ..... St. John Paul II 0
Hopedale 5 ..... Rising Tide 0
Thu., Nov. 12 — Second round
David Prouty at Hopkins, 2; Holbrook at Monson, 2; Lenox at Norfolk Aggie, 2; Smith Voc. at Whit. Christian, 2; Drury at Rockport, 4; Palmer at Hull, 6:30.

VOLLEYBALL

GIRLS
EIL
Berwick 3 ..... Beaver CD 2
ISL
BB&N 3 ..... Middlesex 0
Groton 3 ..... Lawrence Acad. 0

MIAA tourney

GIRLS
DIVISION 1
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Bp. Feehan 3 ..... Andover 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Franklin at Chelmsford, 6:30.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Newton North at Brookline, 4:30.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
Wellesley at Central Cath., 4.
TBA — Quarterfinals
Bp. Feehan at Winchester, TBA.
DIVISION 2
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Barnstable 3 ..... Norwood 1
Reading 3 ..... Milton 0
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Barnstable at Hingham, 5; Duxbury at Reading, 5.
TBA — Quarterfinals
Canton at Melrose, TBA; Longmeadow at Oliver Ames, TBA.
DIVISION 3
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Bellingham 3 ..... Medfield 0
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Weston at Lynnfield, 5:30.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Groton-Dunstable at Old Rochester, 6; Newburyport at Joseph Case, 6.
Sat., Nov. 14 — Quarterfinals
Pembroke at Bellingham, 5.
DIVISION 4
Wed., Nov. 11 — Second round
Ham.-Wenham 3 ..... W. Bridgewater 1
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Mt. Greylock at Gr. Lawrence, 4; Carver at Ursuline, 5.
Fri., Nov. 13 — Quarterfinals
Ipswich at Cohasset, 6.
TBA — Quarterfinals
Ham.-Wenham at E. Bridgewater, TBA.
DIVISION 5
Thu., Nov. 12 — Quarterfinals
Renaissance at St. John Paul II, 5; New Mission at Calvary Chapel, 5:30; Old Colony at Lenox, 5:30; Franklin Tech at Pioneer Valley, 6.

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Colleges

FOOTBALL

OTHER NEW ENGLAND
Toledo 24 ..... UMass 0
MIDWEST
Buffalo 28 ..... Ball State 7
Central Mich. 28 ..... Sacramento St. 7

Toledo, 24-0

UMass (5-5)	0	0	0	0	0
Toledo (8-2)	7	17	0	0	24

First quarter
TOL—Connor Walendzak 69 yd run (Reice Griffith kick), 4:20.
Second quarter
TOL—Reice Griffith 27 yd FG, 12:59.
TOL—Nicholas Thompson 62 yd interception return (Reice Griffith kick), 10:32.
TOL—Connor Walendzak 17 yd pass from John Alan Richter (Reice Griffith kick), 1:51.
Attendance: 19,137
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—UMass, Inagawa 10-40, Kimmons 11-33, Faulkner 2-3; TOL, Walendzak 14-117, Miller 15-83
PASSING—UMass, Inagawa 10-27-1-99, Watson 2-4-0-22; TOL, Richter 13-22-0-197
RECEIVING—UMass, Adkins 5-33, Alsup 2-35, Lewis 2-28, Owens 1-13, Dowling 1-9, Dia-Johnson 1-3; TOL, Dabbs 7-144, Walendzak 3-41, Newell 1-6, Hammer 1-4, Miller 1-2

NFL

AFC East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	1	0	.875	32.0	23.4
New England	5	4	0	.556	23.4	23.0
NY Jets	2	7	0	.222	20.2	24.8
Miami	1	7	0	.125	15.8	25.0
North						
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	22.5	18.0
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750	30.0	21.9
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	17.9	21.8
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	21.0	26.2
South						
Jacksonville	6	2	0	.750	28.6	15.1
Houston	3	5	0	.375	26.1	24.0
Indianapolis	2	7	0	.222	20.4	27.7
Tennessee	1	7	0	.125	18.0	24.9
West						
Denver	7	2	0	.778	22.0	20.7
Kansas City	6	2	0	.750	25.3	17.9
Las Vegas	4	5	0	.444	26.4	29.8
LA Chargers	0	8	0	.000	15.1	27.4
NFC East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
NY Giants	5	2	1	.688	22.8	21.5
Dallas	4	5	0	.444	27.3	26.2
Washington	2	5	1	.313	21.5	25.3
Philadelphia	2	7	0	.222	16.4	24.6
North						
Chicago	7	2	0	.778	26.8	20.4
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	27.8	23.6
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	18.3	14.5
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	24.0	21.2
South						
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	24.9	27.4
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	23.1	27.0
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	22.4	19.8
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	20.9	24.8
West						
San Francisco	7	1	0	.875	29.4	19.5
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	22.4	18.0
LA Rams	5	4	0	.556	23.8	20.1
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	19.8	28.3

THURSDAY'S GAME
Washington at NY Giants 8:15
SUNDAY'S GAMES
New Englandvs. Detroit* 9:30a
Jacksonville at Tennessee 1
Buffalo at NY Jets 1
Carolina at New Orleans 1
Miami at Indianapolis 1
Minnesota at Green Bay 1
Houston at Cleveland 1
Kansas City at Atlanta 1
LA Rams at Arizona 4:05
Seattle at Las Vegas 4:05
San Francisco at Dallas 4:25
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 8:20
* at Munich
MONDAY'S GAME
LA Chargers at Baltimore 8:15

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	OL	SL	Pts.
Charlotte	9	6	1	0	19
Hartford	8	8	1	0	17
Hershey	8	6	0	0	16
W-B/Scranton	7	5	1	0	15
Providence	7	8	0	0	14
Lehigh Val.	5	7	1	0	11
Springfield	4	6	2	1	11
North Division	W	L	OL	SL	Pts.
Laval	11	3	1	0	23
Utica	10	2	0	0	20
Toronto	7	4	3	0	17
Belleville	7	6	2	0	16
Rochester	7	5	0	1	15
Cleveland	6	7	0	0	12
Syracuse	5	6	2	0	12
Hamilton	5	9	0	2	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE Pacific Division	W	L	OL	SL	Pts.
Tucson	9	2	2	0	20
Abbotsford	9	3	0	2	20
Colorado	8	6	1	1	18
Henderson	8	4	0	0	16
Calgary	8	7	0	0	16
Coachella Val.	5	5	3	1	14
San Diego	5	5	3	0	13
Ontario	6	7	1	0	13
San Jose	6	7	0	0	12
Bakersfield	4	7	1	0	9
Central Division	W	L	OL	SL	Pts.
Grand Rapids	11	2	1	1	24
Manitoba	11	4	0	0	22
Milwaukee	8	5	0	0	16
Iowa	6	7	2	1	15
Chicago	6	6	0	1	13
Rockford	5	8	0	1	11
Texas	3	8	1	2	9

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Providence 4 ..... at Charlotte 2
At Grand Rapids 6 ..... Rockford 3
At Utica 1 ..... Belleville 0
Hamilton 4 ..... at Hershey 1
Laval 5 ..... at Syracuse 0
At Abbotsford 4 ..... Colorado 3
Manitoba ..... at Texas
San Jose ..... at San Diego
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Calgary at Henderson 10
San Jose at Coachella Val. 10

ECHL

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Idaho 2 ..... at Wichita 0
Reading 3 ..... at Trenton 1

	THU 11/12	FRI 11/13	SAT 11/14	SUN 11/15	MON 11/16	TUE 11/17	WED 11/18
Patriots				DET 9:30a Fox			
Bruins	MON 7:00 NESN		MIN 7:00 NESN			LA 7:00 NESN	DET 7:30 TNT
Celtics				DAL 6:00 NBCSB	ORL 7:00 NBCSN		DEN 9:00 NBCSB*
Revolution							

Home games shaded
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ON THE AIR

BASEBALL

7 p.m.	MVP announcement	MLB

PRO BASKETBALL

8 p.m.	Dallas at Minnesota	NBA

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.	Tennessee Tech at Indiana	Big Ten

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6 p.m.	Oklahoma St. at Tulsa	ESPNU
6:30 p.m.	UConn at Ohio State	FS1
7 p.m.	South Carolina at Clemson	ESPN2
8 p.m.	Louisville at Ball St.	CBSSN
8:30 p.m.	Northern Iowa at Iowa	Big Ten
10:30 p.m.	Arizona at UCLA	Big Ten

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

8 p.m.	Memphis at South Florida	ESPN
9 p.m.	Louisiana at La.-Monroe	ESPN2

PRO FOOTBALL

8:15 p.m.	Washington at NY Giants	Amazon

GOLF

11 a.m.	LPGA: The Annika	Golf
2 p.m.	PGA: Austin Championship	Golf
5 p.m.	Champions: Charles Schwab Cup	Golf
2 a.m. (Fri.)	DP World: Tour Championship	Golf

PRO HOCKEY

12 p.m.	Carolina vs. Seattle	NHL
7 p.m.	Montreal at Boston	NESN

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

7 p.m.	Michigan St. at Notre Dame	NBCSN

SOCCER

12 p.m.	UEFA: Turkey vs. Belgium	FS1
2:30 p.m.	UEFA: Italy vs. France	FS1
4:50 p.m.	CONCACAF: Aruba vs. Martinique	FS2
6:50 p.m.	CONCACAF: Curacao vs. Panama	FS2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

8 p.m.	Louisville at SMU	ESPNU
10 p.m.	San Diego at Pepperdine	ESPNU

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College basketball

MEN
NEW ENGLAND
Dartmouth 85 ..... Albany 76
Furman 80 ..... Holy Cross 67
UMass 72 ..... UMass-Lowell 62
UNH 114 ..... Thomas 55
OTHER EAST
American 66 ..... Drexel 64
Charleston (S.C.) 91 ..... Temple 81
James Madison 71 ..... Delaware 61
Princeton 69 ..... Stony Brook 59
Rider 83 ..... William Paterson 53
Saint Joseph's 83 ..... South Florida 80
St. Bonaventure 88 ..... Cornell 64
St. John's 90 ..... Colgate 59
Wagner 117 51
SOUTH
Alabama St. 66 ..... Panhandle St. 60
Bellarmine 99 ..... Franklin 82
East Carolina 72 ..... N. Carolina A&T 67
East Tennessee St. 68 ..... Campbell 53
Fla. Atlantic 95 ..... William & Mary 90
Gardner-Webb 88 ..... Erskine 66
Kansas City 87 ..... Florida A&M 65
Navy 81 ..... Penn 76
Old Dominion 71 ..... Norfolk St. 60
South Carolina 77 ..... Saint Peter's 41
Southern Miss 84 ..... Jackson St. 80 (OT)
UNC Asheville 73 ..... West Georgia 70
UNCG 91 ..... Lees-McRae 84
UNCW 91 ..... Kent State 73
USC Upstate 104 ..... Bob Jones 49
VCU 87 ..... NJIT 49
VMI 65 ..... N.C. Central 51
W. Carolina 136 ..... Va.-Lynchburg 68
Western Ky. 78 ..... Campbellsville 51
Wofford 91 ..... Voorhees College 47
MIDWEST
Eastern Ill. 102 ..... Blackburn 44
IU Indy 74 ..... Southern Indiana 70
Michigan 84 ..... Marquette 70
Milwaukee 82 ..... Indiana St. 73
Nebraska 94 ..... Lindenwood 60
Notre Dame 99 ..... S. Carolina St. 59
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 76 ..... Robt. Morris 53
Houston 92 ..... Jacksonville St. 46
Sam Houston St. 85 ..... Pepperdine 77
Tulsa 80 ..... Oral Roberts 71
WEST
Air Force 107 ..... Loyola Chicago 93
Boise St. 111 ..... Oakland 79
Colorado St. 87 ..... Portland St. 71
Grand Canyon 99 ..... Cal Poly 71
UC Davis 81 ..... UIW 69
UC Santa Barbara 76 ..... Nevada 63
UCLA 106 ..... UAPB 37

UMass, 72-62

At Amherst
UMASS LOWELL (3-1) — Harris 3-12 2-2 9, Okojie 5-14 1-3 13, Walter 2-4 0-0 5, Newton 2-9 3-10 8, Jones 3-7 2-4 10, Diallo 0-1 2-3 2, Giles 1-3 0-0 3, Robertson 1-1 2-2 4, Cannady 3-9 1-2 8. Totals 20-60 13-26 62.
UMass (2-1) — Wimbley 3-11 3-6 9, Wang 10-16 5-7 28, Ahmed 0-3 0-2 0, Carbuccia 3-10 0-1 6, Clayton 6-12 2-2 17, Castineyra 0-1 0-0 0, Helgason 0-1 0-0 0, Martin 0-1 0-0 0, Zemljic 0-2 0-0 0, Clerc 2-4 0-0 4, Sylla 4-5 0-0 8. Totals 28-66 10-18 72.
Halftime: UMass Lowell, 37-31. 3-pt. goals: UML 9-31 (Harris 1-6, Okojie 2-6, Walter 1-3, Newton 1-4, Jones 2-4, Giles 1-3, Cannady 1-5), UMass 6-23 (Wimbley 0-2, Wang 3-7, Carbuccia 0-3, Clayton 3-7, Castineyra 0-1, Helgason 0-1, Martin 0-1, Zemljic 0-1). Rebounds: UML 35 (Harris 6), UMass 55 (Wimbley Jr. 10). Assists: UML 11 (Cannady 4), UMass 16 (Carbuccia 7). Fouls: UML 18, UMass 22. A: 3,034.

Furman, 80-67

At Worcester, Mass.
FURMAN (4-0) — Johnston 4-9 4-4 12, Kell 5-12 2-2 14, House 4-9 1-2 9, Toews 5-11 0-0 11, Franklin 6-14 3-5 15, Butler 0-0 0-0 0, Samuel 0-0 1-3 1, Bell 1-1 0-0 2, Molnar 2-2 1-1 5, O'Neal 2-2 0-0 5, Elwer 1-4 3-4 6. Totals 30-64 15-21 80.
HOLY CROSS (0-3) — Richard 1-8 0-0 3, Hare 2-6 0-0 4, St. Germain 1-5 1-2 4, Hanson 2-5 0-0 5, Wilson 8-15 3-9 20, Haigh 0-2 0-0 0, Flowers 1-3 0-0 2, Germany 4-9 3-4 12, Alijosius 5-10 2-3 17. Totals 24-63 9-18 67.
Halftime: Furman, 42-28. 3-pt. goals: Furman 5-16 (Johnston 0-1, Kell 2-6, House 0-2, Toews 1-2, Franklin 0-1, O'Neal 1-1, Elwer 1-3), HC 10-27 (Richard 1-5, St. Germain 1-4, Hanson 1-2, Wilson 1-2, Haigh 0-2, Flowers 0-1, Germany 1-2, Alijosius 5-9). Rebounds: Furman 45 (Johnston 10), HC 34 (Wilson 14). Assists: Furman 11 (Johnston 4), HC 13 (Wilson 5). Fouls: Furman 17, HC 22.

UNH, 114-55

At Durham, N.H.
THOMAS — Corson 0-0 0-0 0, Desimone 1-8 0-0 2, Blackmon 2-6 0-0 4, Deloach 4-8 0-0 8, MItchell 3-7 2-2 10, Adams 0-3 0-0 0, Cureton 0-2 0-0 0, Girumugisha 0-1 0-0 0, Rivera 0-2 0-0 0, Mitchell 0-0 1-2 1, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Alston 1-3 2-2 4, Benitez 2-4 2-2 6, Hebert 7-13 0-0 18. Totals 21-61 7-8 55.
NEW HAMPSHIRE (3-1) — Squire 4-5 0-0 8, Zan 6-9 2-2 15, Coleman 2-9 0-0 4, McKenna 5-7 0-0 10, Blackley 8-10 0-0 20, Poser 0-4 0-0 0, Myers 1-3 1-1 3, Miglani 0-6 4-4 4, Xanthopoulos 2-3 1-1 6, Faumuina 2-4 4-4 8, Oliver-Bush 4-5 2-3 11, Sangermano 4-7 2-2 11, Squire 5-7 1-1 14. Totals 43-79 17-18 114.
Halftime: UNH, 51-26.

WOMEN
NEW ENGLAND
Boston College 86 ..... UMass-Lowell 57
Bryant 53 ..... Providence 47
Dartmouth 51 ..... UNH 46
Harvard 78 ..... UMass 65
Northeastern 61 ..... Sacred Heart 46
Oregon 81 ..... Vermont 56
St. John's 73 ..... Quinnipiac 52
OTHER EAST
Army 80 ..... Geo. Mason 75 (OT)
Binghamton 59 ..... Colgate 36
Duquesne 72 ..... Marist 67
Fordham 78 ..... Bucknell 71
Hofstra 58 ..... Coppin State 54
Lehigh 79 ..... Mount St. Mary's 44
NJIT 64 ..... Lafayette 60
Robt. Morris 69 ..... E. Michigan 51
Rutgers 64 ..... Monmouth 62
St. Bonaventure 73 ..... Mercyhurst 64
Stony Brook 71 ..... Niagara 40
Syracuse 82 ..... Siena 58
Temple 89 ..... La Salle 67
SOUTH
Alcorn St. 91 ..... Miss. Univ for Women 44
Appalachian St. 71 ..... Davidson 67
Coastal Carolina 89 ..... Jacksonville 78
East Tennessee State 65 ..... Elon 60 (OT)
FGCU 99 ..... Ave Maria 31
Fla. Atlantic 85 ..... South Alabama 57
Florida St. 86 ..... West Florida 58
Georgia 84 ..... Kennesaw St. 42
Georgia St. 84 ..... Toccoa Falls 41
High Point 67 ..... East Carolina 54
James Madison 77 ..... Navy 61
Kentucky 98 ..... Evansville 30
Mercer 54 ..... Charleston So. 45
Mississippi 95 ..... Albany 41
Mississippi St. 79 ..... Troy 57
N.C. State 71 ..... Liberty 47
North Carolina 109 ..... N.C. Central 40
Radford 83 ..... Campbell 56
UAB 87 ..... Stillman 47
UCF 64 ..... Austin Peay 59
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Vanderbilt 101

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The beloved matriarch of a vast and close-knit family, passed away peacefully, on November 9, 2026, at the remarkable age of 100. Born on August 28, 1926, Gert was the daughter of the late Dr. James Joseph and Gertrude Mabel Breen. She was the devoted wife of the late Herbert Alfredson.

Gert's life was defined by intelligence, dedication, and an extraordinary commitment to her career and community. She graduated from St. Bernard's High School at just 16 years old and went on to earn her degree from Regis College in 1947. Shortly after graduation, she began working as a secretary for the insurance firm Storer, Damon & Lund. Through decades of hard work and sharp business acumen, she rose through the ranks to become a partner, dedicating approximately 50 years to the company before her retirement.

Her alma mater held a special place in her heart throughout her life. As a dedicated member of the Regis College family, Gert served on the Alumni Board, the Friends of Fine Arts, and Lifelong Learners at Regis College (LLARC), alongside holding several class officer roles. Her lifetime of devotion was recognized with multiple prestigious honors, including the Alumnae Loyalty Award, the President's Leadership Award, and the Betty Ann Hynes Elliott & Service to Regis Award. She was also a proud member of the 1927 Leadership Society and the Higgins Society.

An avid golfer and vibrant social presence, Gert was a long-time, active member of the Woodland Golf Club beginning in 1962. For many years, she spent her days on the course. Gert served as the secretary of WWGA for over 40 years. She chaired the 9 Holers and shared her knowledge and experience with all who helped run the group. Gertrude was the only female member to ever have been voted an Honorary Life Member.

Above all accomplishments, family was the cornerstone of Gert's life. As the matriarch of a sprawling Irish family, her legacy lives on through a remarkable lineage of 150 nieces, nephews, children and grandchildren. She took immense joy in the family's annual reunion weekend, a cherished tradition dedicated to celebrating and staying connected. The most recent reunion served as a beautiful celebration honoring Gert and her milestone 100th birthday.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Marie Pope, James Breen, Kathleen Johnston and John "Bates" Breen. She is survived by her loving siblings, Helen Litchfield of Bedford, MA, Marjorie Knuuti of Searsport, ME and Robert Breen of Falmouth, MA; and her longtime friend, Kevin P. Horigan from Dartmouth, MA. She also leaves behind her 27 nieces and nephews, as well as their partners and children and their children, all of whom will deeply miss her guidance and enduring spirit.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 10AM, in St. Bernard Church, West Newton, followed by interment in Newton Cemetery. Visiting Hours will be Monday evening, from 4-7PM, at the Burke & Blackington Funeral Home, WEST NEWTON.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Gertrude Alfredson's name may be made to Regis College, https://alumni.regiscollege.edu/g/regisfund

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CARELLLA, Vincenzo A. "Jimmy"



Passed on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Visitation on Sunday, November 15, from 2 pm until 5 pm, at the Edward V. Sullivan Funeral Home, 43 Winn St., BURLINGTON. His Funeral will be held from the funeral home, on Monday, November 16, at 9 am, with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10 am, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Woburn. Burial will immediately follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester. As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to either the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

For full obituary, please visit www.sullivanfuneralhome.net

DAY, Otis Lee



Age 89, of Boston. Husband of the late Effie Day. Beloved father of Arlena Cooper, Ronald Hobson Sr., Andrea Cox and Joslyn Day. Proud grandfather of 11; Otis also leaves a host of extended family and friends to mourn his passing. Funeral, Saturday, 11AM, at Davis Funeral Home, 654 Cummins Hwy., MATTAPAN. Visiting with the family Saturday, 10AM, at funeral home. Interment at Oaklawn Cemetery. To post a sympathy message, visit www.DavisofBoston.com

KALIONTZIS, Kaliopy



Age 94, of Somerville, passed away peacefully, on November 6, 2026. She was the beloved daughter of the late Alexander and Anastasia Kaliontzis; and sister of the late George Kaliontzis and his late wife, Ernestine. She leaves behind her loving nieces, Joanne Kaliontzis of Boston and Maria Tinglof and her late husband, Michael of Matlacha, FL; as well as two great-nephews, Seth and George.

Relatives and friends are invited to Visit in the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 29 Central St., Somerville, MA ,on Saturday, November 14, from 10:00 - 11:00am. Her Funeral Service will begin at 11:00am. Interment to follow at The Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery, in West Roxbury.

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McLAUGHLIN, Eugene Joseph Sr.



Age 94, lifelong Bostonian, died on Friday, November 6, 2026, surrounded by family, having received the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

Gene was born in Roxbury to Francis and Nora (Hoar) McLaughlin, on December 23, 1931, the third of seven brothers and one sister. He attended St. Patrick's Grammar School and Roxbury Memorial High School. A veteran of the Korean War, he served in the U.S. 5th Air Force in Bryan, TX, and in Korea and Japan. After his service, he attended night school at Boston College and Suffolk University Law School. He worked as an attorney for the IRS, retiring after 38 years.

Gene's greatest joy was his family. He married his beloved wife, Palma (Reade), on June 30, 1962. They moved to the Fields Corner area of Dorchester, where they lived for 64 years.

He is survived by his wife, Palma; his children, Palma, Mary, Ann, Eugene Jr., Judith, William, Andrew, Bridget and John; and 13 grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Francis, Richard, Maureen and Daniel. He was predeceased by his brothers, James, Stephen and Fr. John. Awaiting him in heaven is his son, Mark.

Gene will be remembered as genial and street smart, the first guy you called when there was trouble. He could always be counted on to protect his family. He donated time and money to many charitable organizations. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a friend of Bill W., an Orchard Park Old-Timer, and an all-around standup guy. Donations may be made to Rosie's Place or the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Visiting Hours: Friday, November 13, 4-8pm, at Mortimer N. Peck Funeral Home, in BRAINTREE. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 14, at 10:30am, at St. Mark's Church in Dorchester. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in West Roxbury.

SAUNDERS, Arthur J.



A resident of Quincy, formerly of Mattapan and South Boston, passed away peacefully at the age of 97. He was a devoted family man and a proud veteran.

The beloved husband of the late Helen (Pavidis), with whom he shared 70 beautiful years of marriage. Father of John (Susan), Paul (Robin,) and Jeanne Harte (Jimmie).

"Grandad" took immense pride in his family, leaving behind a rich legacy through his seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren all of whom brought immense joy to his life.

A passionate Boston Red Sox fan, Arthur rarely missed a game and spent a lifetime cheering on his team. He loved nothing more than the simple pleasures of South Boston, especially his time spent at Sully's at Castle Island, enjoying the sea breeze and a hot dog. His warmth, sharp wit, and deep love for his family will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Saint Agatha Church, 432 Adams Street, Milton, Monday, November 16, 2026, at 10:30 am. Visiting hour at Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Avenue, EAST MILTON SQUARE, Monday from 9-10 am. Interment at Massachusetts National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Arthur's memory to Shriners Children's Boston at shrinerschildrens.org. For a complete obituary, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com.

SEELEY, Thomas J. Jr.



November 8, lifelong of Malden. Beloved husband of June (Peterson) Seeley. Also survived by his brother and many other family members and friends. Funeral services will be held from the Weir MacCuish Funeral Home, 144 Salem St., MALDEN, on Friday, November 13, at 9AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM, in the Immaculate Conception in Malden. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, at Weir MacCuish Golden Rule Funeral Home, 144 Salem St., Malden MA 02148.

www.weirfuneralhome.com

SMITH, Michael J. Jr.



Late owner of the Smith Funeral Home in Chelsea and Carroll Funeral Home in Malden.

In Saugus, formerly of Chelsea, on November 7, at his home, with his family by his side, following a long illness at 67 years. He was the beloved husband of 38 years to Susan M. (Mazzarella) Smith of Saugus. The loving father of Ryan P. Smith and his wife, Rachel of Auburn, MA and Matthew J. Smith of Saugus and his partner, Kiley Ruelle. The devoted son of the late Michael J. Smith, Sr. and Catherine T. (Ryan) Smith. The cherished grandfather of Raleigh, Callum and Mason. He is the dear son-in-law of the late Vincent J. Mazzarella and Emily (Bergamasco) Mazzarella. He is lovingly survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of Kim Clifford and her husband. Family and friends are kindly invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, November 13th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., REVERE. Onsite parking available in rear of funeral home. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., REVERE. Please meet directly at church. Interment immediately following in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Michael was licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 45 years,and late member of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, Cary Square Club, and the Knights of Columbus. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com.

SULLIVAN, Rita A. (Yokell)

Of Bedford, died November 10, 2026. Survived by her six daughters, Ann Fereshetian of North Port, FL, Joan Kirby of Chelmsford, Gail Valbona and her husband, Robert of Burlington, Tracey Brinson and her husband, Mark of Lowell, Laura Lesniak and her husband, William of Lowell and Christine Goscila and her husband, John of Lowell; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Paul G. Sullivan; and her siblings, Raymond Yokell, Helen Howlett, Marjorie Blanch, William Yokell and James Yokell. Visitation will be held at the Bedford Funeral Home, 167 Great Rd., BEDFORD, on Sunday, November 15, from 1:00-4:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Michael Church, 90 Concord Rd., Bedford, on Monday, November 16, at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Michael Church, 90 Concord Rd., Bedford, MA 01730. For obituary, visit www.bedfordfuneralhome.com

WALKER, Edith Linda



Age 78, a pioneering educator, died October 26, 2026. Born in Boston to Richard Marion and Adelaide Frances (Holbrook) Walker, she graduated from Principia College in 1969 as one of its first Black graduates and earned a master's degree in history from UMass Amherst.

Edith taught at Boston Latin School and Phillips Academy, where she led the Mathematics and Science for Minority Students (MS)^2 program, expanding educational opportunities for underrepresented students. At Commonwealth School, she taught mathematics and developed a course on Boston history.

She sang with Cambridge Community Chorus, served on the board of the Museum of African American History, and ushered at The First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Predeceased by her brother, Richard L. Walker; she is survived by her nephew, Hamilton Walker; cousin and godson, Jay Butler; and many beloved relatives and friends.

Funeral service, 1 PM, Friday, November 13, at Forsyth Chapel at Forest Hills Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Ave., Boston, MA. Arrangements Davis Funeral Home, BOSTON. To post a sympathy message, visit www.Davisof-Boston.com

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Gary Fisketjon; discovered and edited literary greats

By Clay Risen
NEW YORK TIMES

Gary Fisketjon, whose discovery and cultivation of an army of literary talents, including Jay McInerney, Bret Easton Ellis, Donna Tartt, and Cormac McCarthy, earned him a reputation as one of the greatest literary editors of his generation, died Saturday at his home in Salem, Ore. He was 72.

His wife, Diana Fisketjon, said the cause was a stroke.

As a young editor at Random House in the early 1980s, Gary Fisketjon emerged as a champion of young, urban writers like McInerney, whose debut novel he published through his imprint, Vintage Contemporaries.

Less expensive than hardback editions but with an eye-catching design palette that captured the 1980s zeitgeist, Vintage Contemporaries allowed Mr. Fisketjon to take risks on new authors and resurrect the careers of respected but underselling midcareer writers, like Raymond Carver and Thomas McGuane.

McInerney's novel, "Bright Lights, Big City" (1984), immediately sold out its first several print runs and established him as a chronicler of New York City in the '80s — at the same time establishing Mr. Fisketjon as an editor on the rise.

"It's kind of amazing — we went from being punks, wannabe litterateurs, to being celebrated in New York, the literary center of the United States," McInerney said in an interview.

Mr. Fisketjon developed a reputation for methodical editing and close personal relationships with his writers. Armed with a green pen, he would go slowly, reading just five pages an hour, covering each with a spider web of notes, suggestions, and cuts.

"Editing's just a more relentless and specific form of reading in which you read a book more closely than any sane person would ever think of doing," he wrote in The Washington Post in 2023.

He could be an exacting editor, but when pressed he always ceded to the author — "It's your name on the cover," he would say.

"Gary always respected the basic premise, the basic architecture," McInerney said. "He didn't try to make a book different, but just make it the best version of itself."

But Mr. Fisketjon was also a born literary showman, with a keen eye for marketing — to celebrate a new book from another of his authors, Richard Ford, he rented out the Palladium, one of the era's hottest night clubs.

Beginning in 1986, he regularly attended the Frankfurt Book Fair, where he used his literary clout to promote his authors to foreign publishers.

"Gary's sort of imprimatur and passion for a book would carry over, and there would be 10 or 15 publishers from around the world who would line up to to want to acquire the rights," Morgan Entrekin, CEO of Grove/Atlantic and a longtime friend of Mr. Fisketjon's, said in an interview.

After a four-year stint at the Atlantic Monthly Press, in 1990 Mr. Fisketjon joined Knopf as an editor-at-large.

There he expanded his remit beyond the young and hip to include established writers like Cormac McCarthy and foreign authors like Martin Amis and Haruki Murakami.

As his job took on more management responsibilities, he found himself struggling to make space for the deep concentration he needed to edit. Eventually he bought an old farmhouse outside Nashville, Tenn., where he would flee with a stack of manuscripts whenever he could.

He also continued to look for promising new talent, pawing through manuscript slush piles and obscure literary magazines.

"I don't know how many new writers' work I look at over the course of a year but hundreds and hundreds and hundreds," he told Chapter 16, a literary website, in 2013. "And ninety-nine times out of a hundred you're going to say, 'Thanks, not for me.' When you can actually say, 'Yes, this is for me,' it's quite a wonderful feeling."

Gary Lynn Fisketjon was born Sept. 3, 1954, in Salem and grew up working on the mink ranch owned by his parents, Carl and Agnes (Johnsrud) Fisketjon.

Against his parents' desire that he take over the family business, he enrolled at the University of San Francisco on academic and golf scholarships.

He transferred to Williams College for his sophomore year, where he befriended McInerney. He graduated with a degree in philosophy and history in 1975.

After a year spent working in a cannery in Oregon, he returned east, where he enrolled in the Radcliffe Publishing Course, a boot camp for editors in Boston (renamed, it is now at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in New York). He met Entrekin on his first day; students were seated in alphabetical order.

Mr. Fisketjon spent a year working at William Morrow before being hired as an assistant to Jason Epstein, editor-in-chief of Random House, in 1978.

He became an editor in 1980. The first book he acquired was Gilbert Sorrentino's "Aberration of Starlight" (1980). It was a finalist for the Pen/Faulkner Award the next year.

For a time, he and McInerney lived in a vast loft in the East Village, where they would throw parties that merged Manhattan's literary world with its raucous nightlife, and a young copy editor might brush up against George Plimpton or Harold Brodkey.

"Lots of writers, lots of drinks and whatnot, lots of hangovers," he told the Nashville Scene in 2006. "Mostly it was just young people having fun, a few of them leaving somehow without their eyeglasses or their shoes."

Mr. Fisketjon's first marriage, to Anne Mansbridge, ended in divorce. He married Diana Howard in 1997.

Along with her, he is survived by his son from his first marriage, Matthew Fisketjon, and his sister, Betty Ostrom.

His arrival in the New York publishing industry came at the right time. The industry, like the city, was suffering, though in both cases a heady intellectual ferment was beginning to emerge.

"In a way, there was a missing generation in publishing," he told the Nashville Scene. "Companies were looking around, saying, 'We're all old; we should get some young people.' "

By the late 1980s, Mr. Fisketjon and his authors were facing something of a backlash, part of national trend that saw itself as moving away from 1980s excesses. Some critics even dismissed Fisketjon as a literary huckster, someone who got lucky riding a wave of trendy writers.

His arrival at Knopf, and his subsequent success working with notoriously difficult writers like McCarthy, signaled that Mr. Fisketjon was a writer's editor at heart.

"While the various stages in the publication process are all interesting, my favorite is the editing," he told Vice in 2007, "getting into the DNA of the book by reading it so closely, figuring out where it works best and where it might be improved, but mostly to understand what makes it so good."

Knopf fired Mr. Fisketjon in 2019, citing a "breach of company policy." The publisher did not reveal details, but journalist Ash Carter reported in Airmail in 2025 that Mr. Fisketjon had come to the office drunk, then placed his hands on the shoulders of a female employee in a way that made her uncomfortable.

He and his wife sold their home in Tennessee in 2020 and moved to Salem, his hometown.

He got sober, and after several years as a freelance editor, joined County Highway, a publication focused on rural America, and its books imprint, Panamerica, as its literary editor.

David Samuels, editor of County Highway, said he had created Panamerica with an editor like Mr. Fisketjon in mind.

"He was the most important editor of American fiction in the last 50 years," Samuels said in an interview. "The idea that Gary was available to us was a no-brainer."

Obituaries

Stacy Keach, 85, charismatic star of stage and 'Mike Hammer' series

By Barry Singer
NEW YORK TIMES

Stacy Keach, a larger-than-life actor who triumphed as Hamlet on the boards and as Mike Hammer, Mickey Spillane's tough-guy detective, on network television, died Tuesday. He was 85.

In a statement, his wife and children said he died at the family's home in Magdalenka, Poland, after a lengthy battle with a serious heart condition and heart failure.

Mr. Keach's ability to play disparate roles in weekly television series, large-scale miniseries, and television movies of the week for more than 50 years while sustaining equally vibrant film and stage careers was uncommon in American entertainment.

He became the instantly identifiable voice of both "Nova" on PBS and "American Greed" on cable television. He costarred in movies as diverse as "The New Centurions," "Fat City," directed by John Huston, and not one but two Cheech and Chong epics, "Up in Smoke" and "Nice Dreams."

His unapologetically peripatetic acting life was launched, in a sense, by the parts he missed out on. On the verge of movie stardom in the 1970s, he was offered the starring role of Father Damien Karras in "The Exorcist," only to have his agent blow the deal during contract negotiations. The part went to Jason Miller. He then lost out to Jack Nicholson for the role of McMurphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

These near-misses brought a realization. Rather than wait for the role that might make him a movie star, he would accept whatever roles came his way.

"I try not to dwell on mistakes and wallow in regret," Mr. Keach wrote in his memoir "All in All: An Actor's Life On and Off the Stage." "If a script interests me, or a character intrigues me, or the cast features someone I've always wanted to work with, or the location is somewhere exotic, then sign me up. I'm not going to wait for a call that may or may not come."

Walter Stacy Keach Jr. was born June 2, 1941, in Savannah, Ga., to Mary Cain Peckham, the youngest daughter of a Texas oilman, William H. Peckham, and Walter Stacy Keach Sr., an actor and jack of all theatrical trades, who also worked under the name Stacy Keach.

Soon after the younger Keach was born, his father was invited to join the Pasadena Playhouse as an actor and a director. The family moved to California, where the elder Keach later created, produced, and directed a 1950s radio series, "Tales of the Texas Rangers," for NBC. Watching his father work on this series inspired the son to want to become an actor.

On the surface, it was an unlikely calling. Mr. Keach had been born with a cleft lip and a partial cleft palate that required four surgeries during his first four years of life and brought him endless abuse and derision as a young boy. While his parents encouraged him to overcome his birth defects by treating him as if he had none, they also sought to dissuade him from becoming an actor.

This, of course, only led Mr. Keach to pursue acting with ardor. He acted at Van Nuys High School and then at the University of California, Berkeley, graduating in 1963 with degrees in English and dramatic arts.

Proceeding to the Yale School of Drama, Mr. Keach, in the winter of 1964, wrote a letter, cold, to Joseph Papp, impresario of the New York Shakespeare Festival, enclosing his résumé, a sheaf of good reviews from two summers at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and recommendations from a few directors.

Papp not only invited Mr. Keach for an interview, after a brief audition he offered him a job: Marcellus in "Hamlet" in the park for the upcoming summer. Mr. Keach accepted the part, played it, then infuriated Papp by announcing that he was going to London on a Fulbright scholarship to study at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts.

Immersing himself in all things Shakespeare during his year in London, while grabbing every opportunity to observe his idol, Laurence Olivier, onstage (and even briefly meet him), Mr. Keach returned to the United States in 1965 and almost immediately became an in-demand stage actor.

He was invited to join the repertory company being put together for Lincoln Center's new Vivian Beaumont Theater. A rocky first season ensued for the company, but Mr. Keach emerged from it unscathed with an offer to play the lead in a highly satirical new work written by a Berkeley-schooled playwright named Barbara Garson. The play loosely crossed the darkening narrative of the then-president of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, with Shakespeare's Macbeth. It was called "MacBird!"

Mr. Keach's first film work soon followed (under the name Stacy Keach Jr.) in "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter" in 1968. His proclivity for gaining and losing important movie roles also kicked in at this time as Mike Nichols cast and then uncast him in his film version of "Catch-22." To take the part, Mr. Keach had passed up Robert Altman's offer of the role of Hawkeye Pierce in the movie "M-A-S-H."

Mr. Keach made his Broadway debut in 1969 playing Buffalo Bill in "Indians," Arthur Kopit's scathing deconstruction of America's Wild West legend. The role brought Mr. Keach a Tony nomination for Best Actor in a Play and won him a Drama Desk Award.

In 1972, he returned to the New York Shakespeare Festival and the Delacorte Theater in Central Park to assay Hamlet, leading a cast that included James Earl Jones, Colleen Dewhurst, Barnard Hughes, Sam Waterston, Raul Julia, and Charles Durning.

The reviews were extraordinary, with Clive Barnes calling Keach "one of the great Hamlets of our time" and "the finest American classical actor since John Barrymore." This theatrical acclaim led to film work for Mr. Keach, with parts in a host of movies throughout the 1970s, including "The New Centurions" and "Fat City," as well as "The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean" in 1972, "The Killer Inside Me" in 1976 and the two Cheech and Chong movies in 1978 and 1981.

Still, true breakthrough success eluded Mr. Keach in Hollywood. With the window closing on his opportunity for major movie stardom in the late 1970s, Mr. Keach opted to, in his own words, just "get out there and hustle," increasingly taking any film job that amused him, while also beginning to look beyond the big screen to television.

The golden age of the television miniseries ignited by "Roots" in 1977 swept up Mr. Keach, with parts in "Jesus of Nazareth" (as Barabas), directed by Franco Zeffirelli (1977); "A Rumor of War" (1980); and a lead in the Civil War potboiler "The Blue & the Gray" (1982).

This led to his being cast as Spillane's Mike Hammer for a new CBS television series that debuted in January 1984. The show would run successfully for three seasons, stamping Keach with the imprimatur of Hammer's signature trench coat and fedora.

This ascent, however, was interrupted by Mr. Keach's arrest at Heathrow Airport in London on April 4, 1984, on charges of cocaine possession. Mr. Keach pleaded guilty and, to his surprise, was sentenced to nine months in Reading Prison.

His Mike Hammer show producers were able to keep him on the air with an assist from impersonator Rich Little, who, in Mr. Keach's absence, mimicked his narrative voice-overs for episodes that had already been shot. A chastened Mr. Keach was released after six months, resuming his work on the series and ultimately kicking his cocaine habit.

After the show's cancellation on network television in 1987, Mr. Keach reprised the role of Hammer in 1997 for a syndicated series that lasted one season.

The breadth of his activity on television, in film and on the stage was expansive — from portraying Ernest Hemingway in a 1988 made-for-TV movie (and winning a Golden Globe Award), to starring in the national tour of the Cy Coleman musical "Barnum" (1981), to a memorable regular role as Ken Titus, alcoholic father of the title character in the Fox sitcom "Titus" (2000-2002).

Mr. Keach lent his voice to "Simpsons" episodes as Duff Brewery's president, Howard K. Duff VIII, and guest starred on TV sitcoms and dramas, including "Will & Grace," "ER," and "30 Rock."

In May 2017, Mr. Keach suffered a heart attack onstage as Ernest Hemingway on opening night at the Goodman Theater in the one-man play "Pamplona." He returned after bypass surgery to complete the run a year later.

Mr. Keach was married four times, and for a brief but star-crossed handful of years, beginning in 1969, was involved in a relationship with Judy Collins, traveling with her to Woodstock and even singing backup on her recording of "Amazing Grace."

His first three marriages, to Kathryn Baker, Marilyn Aiken, and Jill Donahue, ended in divorce.

He married Polish-born actress Ma gosia Tomassi in 1986, and she survives him, along with their son, Shannon, and daughter, Karolina Keach. He is also survived by a brother, James, an actor, television director, and occasional collaborator on film projects such as the 1980 western "The Long Riders," in which the Keach brothers played the outlaw James brothers and also served as their own co-producers.

"Big stars get to be choosy," Mr. Keach observed in his 2013 memoir. "Paul Newman amassed 82 credits in his filmography, Dustin Hoffman has 73, and Al Pacino just 50. I'm at 187 and counting.

"Sure, some of these projects were frustrating to work on, or fell apart in the editing room, or otherwise just flopped at the box office. In most cases I enjoyed the role I was playing, and I learned something about myself in the process."



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JOSH REYNOLDS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE



RICHARD FELDMAN

Clockwise from top: Actors James Earl Jones, Colleen Dewhurst, and Mr. Keach (as the titular character) for a 1972 performance of "Hamlet"; Mr. Keach as Ebenezer Scrooge during a 2003 performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston; and Mr. Keach with actor Alan Cox at a Boston University panel discussion in 2009.

Beverly Whipple, female sexuality researcher; at 85

By Randi Hutter Epstein
NEW YORK TIMES

Beverly Whipple, a nurse, psychologist, and sex educator whose 1982 book about the G-spot encouraged a generation of women to search for their erogenous zones, died on Nov. 2 at her home in Voorhees, N.J. She was 85.

Her husband, Jim Whipple, said her death was from complications of an illness consistent with Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Whipple's book "The G Spot: And Other Recent Discoveries About Human Sexuality," which she wrote with Alice K. Ladas and John D. Perry, was a New York Times bestseller. It examined the concept of female sexual pleasure, and specifically the idea of the G-spot, a sensitive area on the upper vaginal wall. The book has been translated into 19 languages and has sold more than 1 million copies.

Dr. Whipple's plain language and accepting attitude about sexual tastes and orientations informed, amused, and shocked global audiences.

In 1981, on "The Phil Donahue Show," Dr. Whipple inserted her finger into a plastic replica of female genitalia, pressing on what she said was a sensitive area. "It's not easy to find on yourself, but a partner can find it quite easily," she said.

Spectators in the studio giggled. Dr. Whipple appeared unfazed.

Dr. Whipple's study of female eroticism began in the 1970s, while she was teaching nursing students and providing counseling to women in New Jersey. Several of her clients confided they worried about occasionally urinating during intercourse. Seeking answers in the medical literature, Dr. Whipple unearthed a 1950 article by Ernst Gräfenberg, a German doctor, documenting women's ability to ejaculate. The same article mentioned an especially sensitive area in the vagina.

Seeking to confirm the findings, Dr. Whipple, along with Perry, a sexologist and psychologist, recruited 400 women for a study. At a 1980 meeting of the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists, Dr. Whipple reported that all the volunteers seemed to have an erogenous area on their vaginal walls somewhere between "11 o'clock and 1 o'clock." Many participants, she added, had released a fluid similar to male ejaculate.

A colleague suggested that she call the area the Whipple Tickle. Instead, Dr. Whipple and Perry called it the Gräfenberg spot, after the earlier researcher. That moniker was later shortened to G-spot.

After the "The G Spot" was published, Dr. Whipple appeared on more than 300 television and radio programs, podcasts, and videos, and gave more than 800 talks in the United States and abroad. She also wrote more than 100 scientific articles and book chapters.

In later years, Dr. Whipple downplayed the term G-spot, opting instead to use the phrase "clitourethrovaginal complex." Along with most experts, she no longer talked about a "spot," but instead promoted the idea that erogenous areas may vary among women and could include the clitoris, urethra, and vagina.

Beverly Hoehne was born June 30, 1941, in Jersey City, N.J., and grew up in nearby Secaucus. Her father, Howard Hoehne, was a vice president of Bankers Trust. Her mother, Beatrice (Bodei) Hoehne, was a nurse.

Beverly attended Weehawken High School and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Wagner College on Staten Island, N.Y.

After she graduated, in 1962, she married Jim Whipple. In addition to him, she leaves two children, Allen and Susan Whipple; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Her first job after graduation was teaching nursing at West Jersey Hospital in Camden, N.J. In 1975, when administrators refused to let her include lessons on sexuality, she quit and started a sex education course at Gloucester County College (now Rowan College of South Jersey) in Sewell, N.J.

That experience piqued her interest in female sexuality. She went on to earn three degrees from Rutgers University: a master's degree in counseling, a master's in nursing, and a doctorate in psychobiology.

Her doctoral research investigated the neurophysiology of female orgasms, focusing on the way sexual stimulation can dull pain response.

"Her interest in being able to research sex and make it a legitimate place for scientific study legitimized pleasure as a healthy force for wellness and for research," said Nan Wise, a Rutgers University neuroscientist and sex therapist who trained under Dr. Whipple.



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Dr. Whipple's plain language and accepting attitude about female sexual pleasure helped to educate global audiences.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY CHRIS VOGNAR

Comedy classics 'Police Squad!' and 'SCTV' return to glory on Netflix



NETFLIX

Eugene Levy (left) and Joe Flaherty in "SCTV: The Greatest Show You've Never Heard Of."

The two funniest things on TV right now are not from right now. They're vintage outliers that their original networks didn't really know what to do with. They showed that silliness could be hyper-intelligent, even inspired. And thanks to Netflix, they're back in all their decades-old glory.

You can and should get lost in the laughter of "Police Squad!" and the documentary "SCTV: The Greatest Show You've Never Heard Of," both emissaries from a late-'70s/early-'80s period of comedy that offer far more than mere nostalgia.

As "The Greatest Show" reminds us, the sketch comedy series "SCTV" played like "Saturday Night Live"'s eccentric, fun-loving cousin from up north, clearly Canadian and riotously funny to anyone who had ever turned on a TV. The premise was simple enough: Each episode represents a broadcast day of a TV station in the fictional town of Melonville. The cast was blindingly talented: John Candy, Catherine O'Hara, Eugene Levy, Martin Short, Andrea Martin, Joe Flaherty, Dave Thomas, and Harold Ramis formed a dynamic core that satirized anything and everything having to do with television. From 1976 to 1984, the show bounced around in Canada and the US, in various forms, delighting adventurous comedy fans who couldn't quite believe what they were seeing. (The series itself is also available on Netflix.)

Newton's Jason Hehir filmed the documentary before O'Hara died earlier this year, and much of the film captures her, Levy, Short, Martin, and Thomas reminiscing over favorite clips. They, and we, have much to savor. There's Moranis's Dick Cavett, interviewing ... Moranis's Dick Cavett. There's Levy as clueless, fatuous comedian Bobby Bittman, and O'Hara as a feisty, tangent-prone Katharine Hepburn. As an ensemble, the "SCTV" gang formed a single organism, connected by uncommon improv instincts and a contagious mandate: Have fun.

Things didn't always go smoothly. Egos were bruised when a throwaway skit from Moranis and Thomas turned into the runaway McKenzie Brothers phenomenon; both actors express regret for their part in the schism. There's also been a lot of loss in the SCTV family: Candy, Flaherty, O'Hara, and Ramis have all passed away. But the surviving cast members are all happy to celebrate what they brought us. So are Tom Hanks, Bob Odenkirk, Kathryn Hahn, and Conan O'Brien, who are among those testifying here to SCTV's impact.

"Police Squad!" burned much faster than "SCTV," lasting all of six episodes on CBS in 1982. During that sprint, it brought more sight gags, puns, wordplay, experimentation, and flat-out lunacy than most comedies generate in a full year. Not until the "Naked Gun" movie franchise launched in 1988 did audiences get a full dose of Leslie Nielsen's Detective Lieutenant Frank Drebin and a police procedural that plays like "Dragnet" on laughing gas.

"Police Squad!" arrived on the heels of "Airplane!," which also features the deadpan insanity of Nielsen and creators Jim Abrams, David Zucker, and Jerry Zucker. But where "Airplane!" became a comedy phenomenon, "Police Squad!" moves so quickly, with such gleeful abandon, that the network (and, to some extent, the audience) didn't know what to do with it. There aren't jokes so much as nesting dolls full of gags, each setup lovingly laid out for maximum payoff.

From the very start, when the death of a shooting victim named Twice sets up a routine worthy of "Who's On First" (wonder if Elizabeth Holmes would appreciate it?), "Police Squad!" moves at a seemingly impossible comedic pace. Episode 5 delivers what might be the perfect joke: Drebin, who has gone undercover as a locksmith, enters a crime kingpin's office. "Who are you, and how did you get in here?" asks the kingpin. Drebin's reply: "I'm a locksmith. And I'm a locksmith." And, scene. Kudos and thanks to Netflix for giving "Police Squad!" the streaming home it deserves.

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ASKING ERIC

New mother chafes at being mistaken for grandmother

Q. I am the mother of a beautiful 4-year-old girl. On seven separate occasions strangers have asked me if I am her grandmother.

I struggled with fertility issues for many years, and finally resorted to IVF, which took another few years to be successful. So my husband and I had our first (and only) child a bit later than average. However, we live in an area where, culturally, people are having babies later, so we didn't think much of it.

The people around our age, or younger, have no issue with our age, and have never said anything. But it's people in my mother's generation that become prying and inquire if I'm my daughter's grandma.

I always feel shocked, embarrassed, and a little sad when this question/comment broadsides me. I usually reply, "I'm her mother" or "She's my daughter" with a casual smile, and move on (sometimes, walking away in a daze). Yet it still bothers me.

Is there a response that would make me feel a little more empowered, or that could teach a polite lesson to the presumptuous stranger? Something that opens their minds, or that makes me feel stronger rather than humiliated and unworthy? (Note: I'm not wrinkled and my hair is not gray, as if that matters. And yet...)

MOTHER NOT GRANDMOTHER

A. What you're already saying is the most empowering thing, because it's the truth.

It's helpful to flag that teaching lessons to strangers might be too large a task to take on. Other people's opinions of us are none of our business. But easier said than done, right?

You're carrying around a narrative about your motherhood journey and the perception of yourself as a mother that's being exacerbated by strangers' comments. But if you work to change that narrative, it may make those comments sting less.

It's worth asking yourself if you have underlying sensitivity about your age, even though it's not a problem and you don't see it that way. Sensitivity is not a weakness. It's just a feeling; accepting it may take some of the power away.

I'm not saying this issue is your fault — at all. But we can't control others; we can only control ourselves.

Consider telling yourself a different story about these questions. These people don't know you; they only know their world, so they're working off of the information available to them.

Therefore, when you get a question that strikes you the wrong way, instead of thinking "They see me as too old to be my child's mother" try thinking "What they're seeing is reminding them of something in their lives." This removes all implied judgment, which is ultimately the goal.

Q. I felt bad for the girl who bought concert tickets as a surprise for her friend's birthday but then found out the friend's boyfriend was going to take the friend instead ("Concert Conflict"). I imagine she was very excited to do something so special and looked forward to her friend's excitement and the fun they'd have at the concert.

I've found it's important to distinguish a goal from a desire. A goal is something which depends solely upon yourself to achieve. For example, "I'm going to make my husband's favorite dinner."

If I add a desire to that goal ("and make it a romantic evening"), it takes away my ability to control the outcome. Fulfilling a desire depends upon somebody else's cooperation.

Looking at it from that perspective removes any blame when things don't turn out like I wanted. I'm disappointed, but not angry at the other person.

GOAL ORIENTED

A. This is a great distinction! Thanks!

Q. As a retired school district HR director, I recommend the teacher who is experiencing job-related stress to talk with her HR staff ("No More Rose-Colored Glasses").

Districts often provide outside confidential and free counseling services to employees. These services are for any situations where the employees need assistance that often include legal, financial, family medical, or job stress. Teaching is a job with high burnout. Teachers can't help change the world when they are stressed.

HELP FOR TEACHERS

A. Thanks for sharing this resource. I hope the letter writer and any other teacher who needs help makes use of their district's HR or Employee Assistance Plan.

Dear Readers: From time to time, I prepare a column dedicated to a specific theme.

Do you have what you might consider a petty grievance or a tiny problem that, despite its size, you can't quite fix? This isn't a call for complaints. We're looking for problems you want to solve.

Additionally, is there something from the past, something that seems settled — for better or worse — that you want to take another look at? Again, I'm all ears. Send them to the regular address below.

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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 The	R. Steves	This Old House	Old House	Six Locked Doors			Curiosity Desk	Amanpour and Company (N)	
4	WBZ CBS	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Georgie & M. (N)	Eternally Yours (N)	Elsbeth "All About Eats" (N)		Cupertino "Yungwood" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Comics
5	WCVB ABC	News (N)	Chronicle	9-1-1 "Who's Your Daddy?" (N)		911: Nash "Ding-Dong-Ditch" (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		NewsCenter 5 (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel
6	WLNE ABC	Videos		Whose	Whose	Whose	Whose	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live	
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)	9-1-1 (N)		9-1-1: Nashville (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)		News (N)	J.Kimmel
10	NBC Boston	NBC 10 Boston News at 7pm (N)		The Traitors (N)		Law & Order: SVU "Obedience" (N)		Law & Order "Do No Harm" (N)		Boston News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)
10	WJAR NBC	News (N) (Live)	Extra (N)	The Traitors (N)		Law & Order: SVU "Obedience" (N)		Law & Order "Do No Harm" (N)		News (N) (Live)	(:35) J. Fallon (N)
11	WENH PBS	Weekends	P Allen "Seeds"	Windows (N)	Native Waters	The American Buffalo "Into the Storm"				Amanpour and Company (N)	
12	WPRI CBS	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Georgie & M. (N)	Eternally Yours (N)	Elsbeth "All About Eats" (N)		Cupertino "Yungwood" (N)		12 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Comics
25	WFXT FOX	ET (N)	TMZ (N)	Kitchen "Thumbthing's Cooking" (N)		Special Forces (N) (SF)		Boston 25 News at 10PM (N) (Live)		News (N) (Live)	(:35) News (N)
27	WUNI	Noche de estrellas: Latin Grammy		Latin Grammy 2026 (N) (Live)						Noticiero N+	SaborDe/ (:35) Noti..
36	WSBE PBS	Cook's Country	Story-Public Sq	Harvesting Rhode Island		Roots Richard Branson, Maya Lin		Frontline "Scammed"			Ocean State RI
38	WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News 8p (N)		Patriots	Jeopardy!	Perfect (N)	Perfect	Flip Side (N)	Flip Side
44	WGBX PBS	Test Kitchen	Antiques	Hope Street		TURN: Washington's Spies "Epiphany"		Velvet "A Coup De Theatre"			PBS News (N)
50	WWJE	Murder USA		Heartland Homicide		Killer Cases		Crime Stories		The FBI Files	
56	WLVI CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Scrabble (N)		Trivial Pursuit "By the Books" (N)		7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
64	WNAC FOX	Family Feud (N)	Family Feud (N)	Kitchen "Thumbthing's Cooking" (N)		Special Forces (N) (SF)		12 News on Fox Pr (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
68	WBPX ION	FBI "Daybreak"		FBI "Confetti"		FBI "Fanatics"		FBI "Forgiven"		FBI "Codename: Ferdinand"	
	PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax		(6:00) A Good Da...	(:40) ★★★ Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga ('24) Chris Hemsworth, Tom Burke, Anya Taylor-Joy.					(:05) ★★★ Ocean's Eleven ('01) Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, George Clooney.			
Flix		(5:35) John Grisham's Rainmaker		★★ The Outsiders ('83) C. Thomas Howell, Matt Dillon.		(:35) ★★★ First Blood ('82) Sylvester Stallone.				(:10) ★★★ Risky Business ('83)	
HBO		(:25) ★★★ The Cabin in the Woods ('11) Chris Hemsworth, Kristen Connolly.				War (N)		(:50) War		(:40) Gilded "You Won't Hear Me Beg"	(:35) War
HBO 2		(5:55) Thanksg...	(:45) Gilded "You Won't Hear Me Beg"	(:35) ★★★ The Conjuring ('13) Patrick Wilson, Lili Taylor, Vera Farmiga.						★★★ The Conjuring 2 ('16) Vera Farmiga, Patrick Wilson.	
Paramount-Sho		(5:45) Manchurian Candidate		★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18) Pedro Pascal, Ashton Sanders, Denzel Washington.				Dexter "Fallen"		It Gets "Ethan"	It Gets "Abi"
Showtime 2		(5:15) ★★★ Troy ('04) Brad Pitt.		★★★ 300 ('07) Lena Headey, David Wenham, Gerard Butler.				Ballistic ('24) David Lamont, James Jaysen Bryhan.			(:35) 300: Rise of a...
Starz!		(6:00) ★ Pixels	(:50) ★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15) Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr..					(:15) Outlander "The Dance"		(:10) S.W.A.T. Exiles "The Project"	
TMC		(5:55) ★★★ Love & Basketball		★★ Shall We Dance? ('04) Jennifer Lopez, Susan Sarandon, Richard Gere.				★★★ Urban Cowboy ('80) Debra Winger, Scott Glenn, John Travolta.			
	SPORTS										
CBSSN		UFC Countdown		Women's College Basketball Louisville at Ball State (N) (Live)				UFC Reloaded UFC 207: Nunes vs. Rousey (N)			
ESPN		Sports. (N)	Countdown (N)	College Football Memphis at South Florida From Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2		Women's College Basketball South Carolina at Clemson (N) (Live)				College Football Louisiana at Louisiana-Monroe From JPS Field at Malone Stadium in Monroe, La. (N) (Live)					
Fox Sports 1		(6:30) Wm. Basketball UConn at Ohio State (N) (Live)		Veteran Golfers			Speed With (N)	Kevin (N)	Joel Klatt	Big Noon Kickoff	Gronk & Jules (N)
Golf		Central (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf Austin Championship, First Round						PGA Champions	
NBA		(6:00) W..	Pregame	NBA Basketball					Postgame (N) (Live)		Postgame
NBC Sports		(6:30) Early (N)	Early Edition		Quick Slants	Quick Snap	Quick Slants	Boston Sports (N) (Live)		Boston Sports	
NESN		NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Boston Bruins					Bruins	Bruins	Boston's Entered		NHLHock..
	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	Phineas and Ferb	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Kiff	Ladybug	Ladybug
Encore Family		(6:55) The Great Gilly Hopkins			The Dog Who Saved Summer			A Dog and Pony Show ('18)			Movie
Nickelodeon		★★★ Shrek ('01) Mike Myers.				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang	Big Bang
Nick Jr.		PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	The Mars	PAWPatr..	Rubble	PAWPatr..	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig
	BASIC CABLE										
A&E		The First 48			The First 48: Rookie Year (N)			After the First 48 (N)		Killer "The Fire Chief's Wife" (N)	(:05) The First 48 "Gangland"
AMC		(6:15) Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle						TNA iMPACT! (N) (Live)			★★★★ Die Hard
Animal Planet		Monsters "Killers From the Abyss"			Monsters "Killers From the Abyss"			Monsters "Return of the Killer Catfish"		River Monsters	Monsters "Volcanic Island Terror"
BBC America		(5:15) Replacements			★★★ A League of Their Own ('92) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks.						G. Norton (N)
BET		(6:40) Celebrity	(:50) Celebrity Family Feud Jason George, Jaina Lee Ortiz					★ Money Train ('95) Woody Harrelson, Jennifer Lopez, Wesley Snipes.			
Bravo		Housewives/OC "Reunion, Part 1"			Housewives/OC (N)			(:15) Southern Charm "Grey Area Gardens" (N) (SP)		(:45) Charm "Grey Area Gardens"	(:45) Housewi..
CMT		Cheers	Cheers	Reba	(:35) Reba	(:10) Reba	(:40) Reba	(:15) Reba		(:50) Reba	GoldGirls
CNN		OutFront (N) (Live)			Cooper 360 (N)			The Source With (N)		CNN NewsNight (N)	Laura (N) (Live)
Comedy Central		The Office	(:35) The Office		(:10) The Office	(:45) The Office		(:20) The Office "New Boss"		(:55) The Office	The Office	The Daily Show (N)	(:35) Family G..
CSPAN		(6:00) Public Affairs			C-SPAN Primetime			WJ Primetime		C-SPAN Primetime	
CSPAN2		(6:00) Public Affairs			Public Affairs Events					Public Affairs Events	
Dest. America		Island	Island		Island	Island		Island	Island	Island	Island	Island	Island
Discovery		MythBusters			MythBusters			MythBusters		MythBusters			Myth "Car vs. Rain"
Discovery Life		Skin Tight			Body Bizarre			Body Bizarre		Body Bizarre			Body Bizarre
E!		Movie		★★★ Dodgeball ('04) Vince Vaughn. (P)				★★★ Dodgeball ('04) Vince Vaughn.			Kingpin
Encore		(:15) ★★★ Tracks ('13) (P)						★★★ Ant-Man ('15) Paul Rudd.			★★★ The Furious
Food		Baking "Holiday Imagination"			Holiday Baking Championship "Reasons for the Season"					Holiday Baking Championship "Holiday Gifts Galore"	
Fox News		Ingraham (N) (Live)			Jesse (N) (Live)			Hannity (N) (Live)		Gutfeld! (N)	Fox News (N) (Live)
Freeform		(6:20) ★★★ Encanto ('21)				★★★ Coco ('17) Anthony Gonzalez.					The 700 Club
FUSE		The Beatles: In the Life				Killing John Lennon				Elvis	Cheaters	Cheaters
FX		(:20) ★★ The Equalizer 3 ('23) Denzel Washington.						(:50) ★★ Venom: Let There Be Carnage ('21)			
FXM		(6:50) ★★★ The Night House ('20)						(:05) ★ The Unholy ('21)			The Night House
Hallmark		(6:00) Who's Comin...			Mistletoe (N)			The Christmas Secret ('14)			Following Yonder Star
Hallmark Myst.		(6:00) Naughty or Nice			A Shoe Addict's Christmas ('18)					The Christmas Promise ('21)	
HGTV		Big B. "Snow Place Like Home"			House Hunters	House Hunters		House Hunters International (N)		House (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters
History		The UnXplained "Sacred Bones"			The UnXplained			The UnXplained		(:05) The UnXplained		(:05) The UnXplained	
HLN		Forensic	Forensic		Forensic	Forensic		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
HSN		PRAI Be. (N) (Live)			MarlaWynne (N)			Season's (N) (Live)		Season's (N) (Live)		Season's (N) (Live)	
ID		People Magazine "Valley of Death"			People Magazine "Playing With Fire"			Mean Girl Murders "Built for Murder"		Deadly Women 2.0 "Malicious Moms"		Murders "Double Trouble"	
IFC		Two Men	Two Men		Two Men	Two Men		Two Men	Two Men	Cue	Cue	Two Men	Two Men
Lifetime		NCIS "Rekindled"			NCIS			NCIS "Up in Smoke"		(:05) NCIS		(:05) NCIS	
LMN		(6:00) Boy With My ...			My Granddaughter Has Your Son's Face					Secret Life of the Pastor's Wife ('24)	
MAGN		Fixer Upper			Fixer Up.			Fixer Upper		Fixer Up.		Fixer Upper	
MSNBC		The Weeknight (N)			All in (N) (Live)			Briefing (N) (Live)		Last Word (N) (Live)		The 11th (N) (Live)	
MTV		★ Grown Ups ('10) Adam Sandler.						(:20) ★ Grown Ups 2 ('13) Adam Sandler.			Movie
National Geographic		(6:00) Mars: One Day			Area 51: The CIA's Secret			Cars That Changed "Pickup Trucks" (N)		Cars "Performance Cars" (N)		Area 51: The CIA's Secret	
NatGeoWild		Port Protection			Port Protection			Port Protection		Port Protection		Port Protection	
NECN		Your News (N)			Your News (N)			Your News (N)		Your News (N)		Your News (N)	
NewsNation		Vargas Report (N)			Cuomo (N)			On Balance (N)		Katie Pavlich (N)		Jesse Web (N)	
Ovation		Doc Martin			Doc Martin			Doc Martin		Doc Martin		Doc Martin	
OWN		Videos			Videos			★★★ Do the Right Thing ('89) Danny Aiello. (P)			First-Time
Oxygen		(6:00) Unforgettable			Dateline (N) (SP)			Homicide Hol.		Homicide Hol.		Unforgettable	
Paramount		(6:00) Planes, Train...			(:15) ★★ Tommy Boy ('95) Chris Farley.						Planes, Trains & Automobiles	
QVC		La-Z-Boy (N) (Live)			Makeup (N) (Live)			Inside Q (N) (Live)		Checking It (N) (Live)		
Science		Greatest Myst.			Greatest Myst.			Greatest Myst.		Conspiracies (N)		Conspiracies	
Sundance		Law & Order "The Family Hour"			Law & Order "Called Home"			Law & Order "Darkness"		Law & Order "Misbegotten"		Law & Order "Bottomless"	
SyFy		(6:00) ★★ Migration			★★ The Super Mario Bros. Movie ('23)					★★★ The Croods: A New Age ('20)	
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Foul Play
TCM		(6:00) The Swan			★★★ Love With the Proper Stranger (P)					★★★ Come September ('61) (P)	
TLC		Sister Wives			Crown of (N) (P)			Crown of Dec. (N)		Crown of Dec. (N)		Fat Fabulous	
TNT		Movie		★★ The Accountant ('16) Ben Affleck.						★★ The Equalizer 3 ('23)	
Travel		The Alaska Triangle			The Alaska Triangle			The Alaska Triangle		The Alaska Triangle		The Alaska Triangle	
TruTV		(6:30) DA..			★★★ Glory Road ('06) Derek Luke, Josh Lucas.					★★★ Glory Road ('06) Josh Lucas.	
TV Land		Raymond	Raymond		Raymond	Raymond		(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One		CosbySh..	CosbySh..		Uncensored			Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
USA		Law & Order: SVU "Liberties"			★★ The Longest Yard ('05) Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler. (P)					★★ The Longest Yard ('05) Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.	
VH-1		Chris	Chris		Basketball Wives			Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives		Basketball Wives	
WE		NCIS			NCIS			NCIS "Short Fuse"		NCIS		NCIS "Dead Air"	

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Cities scrutinize police use of surveillance technology

Boston council members grill officials; Quincy passes ordinance

By Yogev Toby
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Elected officials in Boston and Quincy are putting pressure on their police departments' use of surveillance technologies amid growing public uproar.

Boston city councilors fired questions at police officials at a hearing Tuesday over the department's deployment of social media surveillance tools and what some councilors described as a "loophole" in the city's surveillance ordinance.

The ordinance requires police to seek the council's approval whenever it adopts new technologies, but that didn't happen when police piloted automatic license plate readers with Flock Safety and its competitors, nor when it continued to use social media monitoring after the council rejected it last summer.

City Councilor Ben Weber, who serves on Boston's Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board, pointed to a "loophole" used by police to use new surveillance technologies, such as when it switches vendors or under circumstances like an immediate violent threat, to waive that requirement.

In Quincy, city officials overwhelmingly passed an ordinance Monday that would, similar to Boston, require public hearing and council approval before the police can adopt surveillance tech-

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Boston city councilors fired questions at police officials at a hearing over the department's deployment of social media surveillance tools.



MARK STOCKWELL FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Residents spoke out against a data center plan at a crowded Select Board meeting in Sutton Tuesday evening. The Kraft Group has proposed building a $16 billion data center campus in the rural Central Massachusetts town.

Sutton reacts to Kraft data center gambit

'I don't want to see this town sell its soul,' says one skeptic

By Yogev Toby
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

SUTTON — The subtle shuffling of coats and squeaks of metal chairs disrupted the eerie silence as more than 100 people stood and listened to a sound they could soon become closely familiar with: the constant hum of a massive data center.

Elena, a Sutton resident who requested to not share her last name, was the last in-person speaker to comment about the Kraft Group's proposal to build a $16 billion data center campus in the rural Central Massachusetts town. During a Select Board meeting on Tuesday night, she used her two-minute allotment of the public comment period to play a sound she said that a data center endlessly produces.

When her two minutes were up, she said, "I can turn that off. A data center never turns off."

The Select Board was meeting to hear about the project, for the first time in public, from the town manager amid a packed hearing room that spilled into the surrounding hallways.

The board allowed only about 15 minutes of public comments at the start of the meeting and all six speakers said they opposed the project.

"I don't want to see this town sell its soul and get stuck as kind of the dumping ground of the AI industry," said resident Michael Galli at the meeting.

The proposed project would include 10 buildings, erected on land owned by the Krafts' Unified Packaging box business about 10 miles south of Worcester. It would push Massachusetts into the world of big data centers, as the fourth-biggest current facility in the United States, according to the research firm Cleanview.

Select Board Chair Jonathan Anderson said the board would not immediately vote on the matter and planned to hold multiple public forums to discuss the proposal with the community.

"This is not a project that's a done deal," he said. "It's far from it. This is the very, very beginning of the process."

Later in the meeting, town manager Austin J. Cyganiewicz, who initially sent a letter Monday to the Select Board, presented a preliminary analysis of the proposed project.

The crowd remained tense throughout the night. Disapproving whispers and scoffs darted across the room as some residents continued to

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INNOVATION BEAT

New play highlights anxieties over AI

Modern-day take on 'No Exit' examines societal debate

By Aaron Pressman
GLOBE STAFF

In Davis Square on a recent fall night, I found myself descending into a basement, both literally and metaphorically.

The basement was The Rockwell, a theater space underneath a couple of restaurants on Elm Street, one of those Somerville blocks that's managed to maintain an air of 1980s grittiness amid the waves of gentrification.

The metaphorical underworld was a play I had come to see — also pretty gritty — called "The Commute." The one-act drama is playwright Karin Anell's modern-day take on Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit," with an AI twist.

You'd have to be living in a cave, or a dark basement, not to notice that everyone is talking about artificial intelligence: Will it cure cancer, eliminate millions of jobs, end the world, or just help manage the kids' carpool? Existential dread about the technology also was a driving force in last week's midterm elections, as candidates and ballot measures promising to stop the data center construction boom for AI won overwhelmingly nationwide.

So, of course, it's a subject ripe for a talky drama featuring three strangers — a busy money manager, a doctor, and a back office worker at a bank — who find themselves on a Red Line train, stranded between stations. As they discuss their predicament and start to quarrel, the obvious comparisons to "No Exit" arise.

Once the group decides they're not dead (unlike the characters in "No Exit") the discussion turns to more personal details of their life woes and regrets. Then comes the crisis: A homeless man who's been asleep in the subway car stirs and then collapses, confronting the three with a question of how to react. Without giving too much away, there's eventually an AI factor that recasts all that came before.

Here's where we get to art imitating life.

The play's examination of people's responsibility to act when faced with a

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Papa Gino's to get Chicago owners

Marks another ownership change for New England pizza chain

By Alexa Gagosz
GLOBE STAFF

The company that calls itself the "official pizza" of New England is getting another shot at a comeback — under new ownership yet again.

Craveworthy Brands, a Chicago-based restaurant company, announced Tuesday it has signed an agreement to acquire New England Authentic Eats LLC, the Dedham-based parent company of both Papa Gino's and D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches, bringing the 65-year-old chain into a portfolio of nearly 500 restaurants. The deal is expected to close by Dec. 31.

"Papa Gino's is a New England institution. People grew up on this pizza, and we're going to honor that," Craveworthy chief executive Gregg Majewski said in a statement.

Klaudia Myszewski, a spokesperson for Craveworthy, declined to provide the financial terms of the deal. She said there are "currently no planned changes" to the Dedham headquarters or existing restaurant footprint.

The sale marks another ownership change in the long history of Papa Gino's, which was once dominant regionally and has seen expansion and financial turmoil.

The company's parent filed for bankruptcy protection in 2018. At the time, it closed 47 Papa Gino's restaurants and 45 D'Angelo Grilled Sandwich locations, eliminating roughly 1,100 jobs.

Private equity firm Wynnchurch Capital, of Rosemont, Ill., acquired the business in 2019. At the time, CEO Bill Van Epps, previously a top executive at pizza competitor Papa John's, had plans to bring back wine and beer to the chain's locations, drop unpopular menu items, and invest in its footprint. Van Epps died following a cycling accident in Ken-

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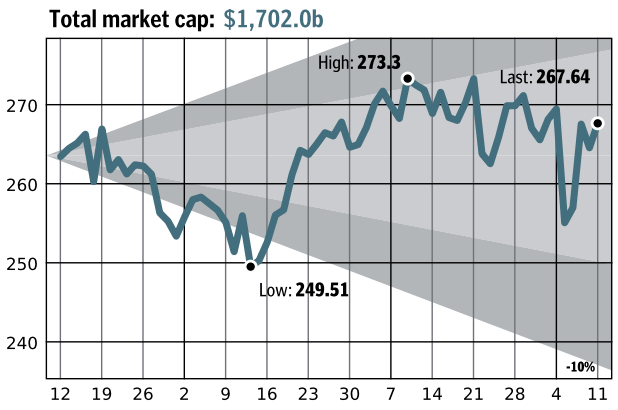
A Papa Gino's location in Newton in 2018. The chain was once dominant regionally and has seen expansion and financial turmoil.

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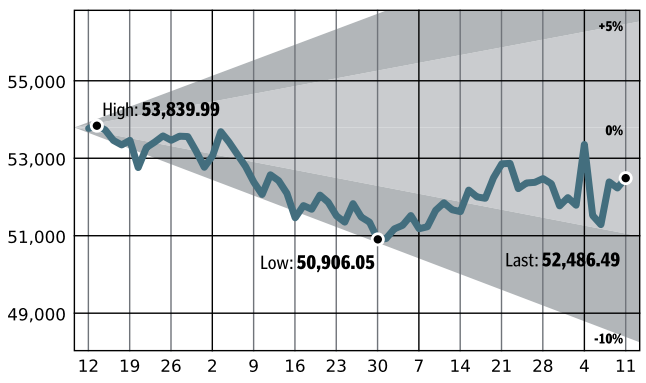
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TOAST INC-A (TOST)	34.10	-0.42	-1.2	19.8
MACOM TECHNOLOGY (MTSI)	249.86	+23.38	+10.3	19.1
REVVITY INC (RVTY)	158.25	-0.85	-0.5	17.7
CLEAN HARBORS (CLH)	290.02	-0.02	-0.0	15.3
MKS INC (MKSI)	226.00	+12.53	+5.9	15.3
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Markets

AI industry finds new darling

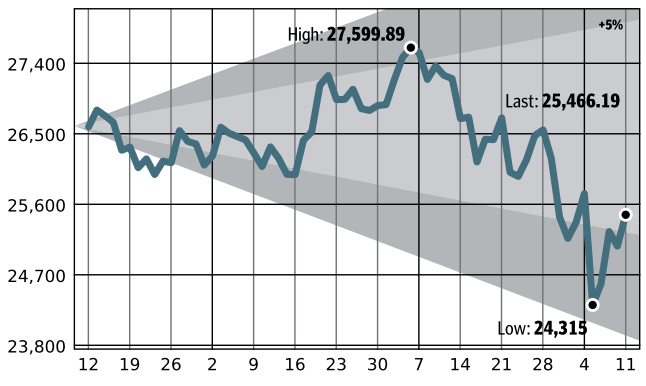
A rebound for stocks in the artificial intelligence industry lifted the US market on Wednesday. Leading the way was one of the stocks that's been at the center of the AI industry's manic recent swings. CoreWeave, which rents out access to AI chips to customers over the cloud, leaped 24.7 percent after showing investors that it lost less money during the summer than analysts expected. It also made announcements that could allay some of the worries dogging it and the wider industry. For one, concerns are high about how CoreWeave and other companies will handle higher interest rates in the bond market. CoreWeave CEO Michael Intrator said his company has roughly $9 billion in customer prepayments and deposits expected in the next three months, along with other sources of cash to help pay its bills. That had some analysts saying it's making progress toward being able to self-fund its business. Worries have also been rising about a potential slowdown in the overall industry given longstanding worries about whether AI will produce enough profit and productivity to make the expensive investments worth it. Concerns accelerated following victories for Democrats in the midterm elections. (AP)

DOW JONES industrial average



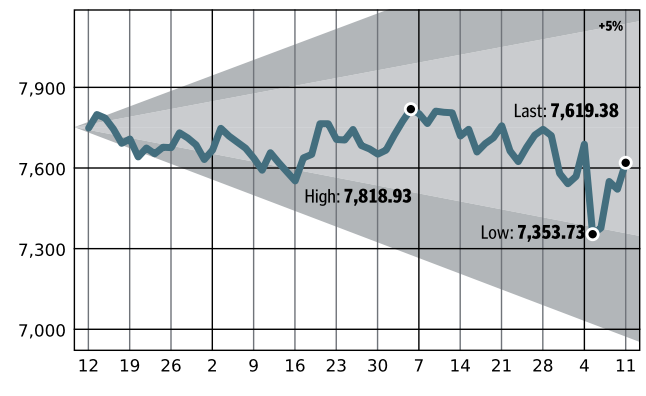
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Yesterday 7,619.38 ▲ 98.45 ▲ 1.3% ▲ YTD 11.3%

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

Huang said to also be in affair with subordinate



MANUEL ORBEGOZO/NEW YORK TIMES

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang has been under intensifying scrutiny.

By Ryan Mac, Tripp Mickle, and Georgia Gee
NEW YORK TIMES

Jensen Huang, the leader of Nvidia who is under investigation for an affair with a woman who US intelligence determined is a Chinese spy, also had an extramarital relationship with an executive who reports to him, according to five people who worked at the company.

The relationship, which has not been previously reported, was with Kimberly Powell, Nvidia's vice president of health care, said the people, who spoke under the condition of anonymity to describe sensitive information. Under Nvidia's code of conduct, employees are told to "avoid situations where our actions create conflict" including "personal relationships," and the company states that it "promptly investigates reports of misconduct."

Huang, 63, and Powell, 48, were captured on video being affectionate at a San Jose, Calif., hotel during a Nvidia conference in March, according to two of the people who worked at the company. The New York Times has not seen the video.

Both Huang and Powell are married to other people.

Huang, who co-founded Nvidia in 1993 and has turned it into the premier supplier of artificial intelligence chips, has been under intensifying scrutiny.

This month, after Huang acknowledged the affair with the Chinese businesswoman, Nvidia's board opened an investigation into the matter that is being led by the law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. The Republican leaders of three influential House committees have also asked Huang to appear for a closed-door briefing on his interactions with the woman, who goes by the name Alice Huang.

China has denied the espionage claims. Alice Huang has not responded to requests for comment.

When reached by phone Wednesday and asked about his relationship with Powell, Jensen Huang said, "I don't think you should be talking to me directly." He then hung up.

Nvidia declined to provide a statement. Powell did not respond to a request for comment.

Jensen Huang's relationship with Powell has been discussed inside the company, the five people said.

Powell joined Nvidia in 2008. She oversees programs that could apply Nvidia's chip technology to higher education and health care, particularly medical imaging devices, according to the company's website.

Nvidia's board meets to discuss future of CEO

By Tripp Mickle and Maggie Haberman
NEW YORK TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO — Nvidia's board of directors was meeting on Wednesday to discuss the future of CEO Jensen Huang, according to two people with knowledge of the situation, after revelations that he had an affair with an executive who reports to him as well as with a woman whom US intelligence has identified as a Chinese spy.

Huang's potential exit would open an uncertain chapter for Nvidia, the premier maker of artificial intelligence chips, and would have widespread ripple effects. The Silicon Valley firm is a linchpin of the AI boom and one of the world's most valuable public companies, controlling an estimated 90 percent of the AI computer chip market.

Huang, 63, manages all aspects of Nvidia's business, and his family members have steadily risen through the company's ranks. He is also Nvidia's largest individual shareholder with a 3.56 percent stake. He has had such a tight grip on the company that there is no clear successor.

Public scrutiny of Huang began after The New York Times reported that US intelligence agencies discovered he developed a close relationship with a Chinese citizen and chip buyer, who officials concluded was gathering intelligence for Beijing.

The chip buyer was known as Alice Huang or Huang Le, who worked in China as a TV reporter before becoming an executive at a Singapore-based data-center company and one of Nvidia's biggest customers. Her company bought more than $4.8 billion in chips since June 2024.

In Sutton, they're not embracing data center

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The crowd remained tense throughout the night. Disapproving whispers and scoffs darted across the room as some residents continued to interrupt the presentation. "End it now," resident Max Provo shouted. "You can't drink cash."

Provo was eventually physically removed from the meeting by a police officer after ignoring repeated requests from board members to cease the heckling. He yelled, "kill it now," on his way out.

And the select board could, in theory, pull the plug on the process from the get-go, as a recent executive order from Governor Maura Healey requires local approval of data centers before any state permits will be issued.

In some ways, the Kraft Group plan could be a tempting proposal for a small town like Sutton, which is struggling with a budget deficit of about $350,000, projected to grow to $2.5 million in the next budget cycle and to about $10 million by 2033, Town Manager Cyganiewicz told the Globe.

"We're looking for any source of revenue to balance [the deficit]," Cyganiewicz said in an interview.

The full data center facility would be worth several times the $2.8 billion of assessed value of all the existing property in Sutton, per Cyganiewicz.

The first two buildings on the data center campus would pay $10.4 million annually in property taxes starting in fiscal year 2031. That sum would rise to about $27.8 million a year on all 10 buildings in 2035, Cyganiewicz estimated in the presentation.

And yet, even with a potential financial relief, most of those who attended the meeting staunchly rejected the project. Mirroring the national uproar against the hyper-scale computing behemoths, residents brought up concerns over excessive water and electricity usage, environmental harm, disruption of quality of life, and a hit on property values.



MARK STOCKWELL FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Residents packed the Sutton Select Board's meeting room Tuesday night to air their concerns about a massive data center propsed for their town.

"How can you ensure that long term this deal won't cost more than it returns?" resident Jen Heck asked the board.

The proposed project would consume 900 megawatts of electricity, enough to power a small city, raising concerns over the electrical grid's capacity and power generation. Healey's executive order mandated that larger data centers be powered using renewable energy, and that developers cover the costs instead of ordinary utility consumers.

Resident Sophia Swartz told the board that she does not see a data center in mind when she thinks of Sutton. "I see trees, I see lakes, I see landscapes, I see rural communities," she said. "Data centers are not something that need to come in here and poison that."

Even members of neighboring towns, like Sheila Brady-Savard, a real estate broker from Millbury, warned of the regional impact a data center could have on home and property values.

"You might save a little on tax in Sutton, but these neighboring communities are going to be negatively impacted," she said. Shortly after she learned about the data center, she said she texted her husband, "we need to sell the house."

Members of the Select Board also appeared hesitant to jump on the data center band wagon. Some argued that the town should create a zoning bylaw to regulate data centers before moving forward with the Kraft proposal. Select Board member Christine Watkins cautioned against writing a bylaw just for the proposed site.

"Zoning is the opportunity for the community to decide what they want to let in and not let in," she told the board.

Anderson, the board chair, said he has "a really strong dose of skepticism and concern about this project."

"We need to really make sure that we're not allowing our financial situation to cause us to make really bad decisions," he said.

Town Manager Cyganiewicz told the Globe that the town can block the process at any point and that he plans to keep the public aware as the process moves ahead. He said the town received the initial data center proposal at the end of October.

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Papa Gino's will soon have Chicago owners

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tucky in 2023.

Seven years later, Wynnchurch is preparing to hand the business to Craveworthy, which was founded in 2022 and has spent the last four years building a portfolio of restaurants through acquisitions. This acquisition will be its largest to date.

Papa Gino's has been a regional staple for generations, founded in East Boston in 1961 by Michael Valerio, an Italian immigrant, and his wife, Helen.

The couple sold it to investors in 1991, and the business has struggled to keep pace as competition intensified and consumer tastes shifted.

Before its bankruptcy filing, the company had been owned by yet another private equity firm, Bunker Hill Capital, since 2005. It was carrying more than $100 million in debt at the time.

Papa Gino's closed out 2025 with 70 locations, all in New England, and nearly $50 million in sales, representing a 9.5 percent year-over-year decline.



DIANE BARROS/GLOBE STAFF

Papa Gino's was founded in East Boston in 1961 and has been a regional staple for generations.

Craveworthy, which also owns brands including Wing It On!, Gregorys Coffee, and the Dirty Dough cookie company, has broader ambitions than adding another chain to its portfolio. The company aims to become a $1 billion business in the next three years. Founder Gregg Majewski told National Restaurant News this week that purchasing Papa Gino's will push the company to more than $550 million.

"This deal allows us to become extremely profitable at a faster pace to grow and continue to acquire other brands. This is the deal we wanted to get to," Majewski told the trade publication.

After the deal closes, Craveworthy plans to add its Wing It On! concept inside Papa Gino's locations, making them co-branded units.

"Pizza and wings belong together," Majewski said in a statement.

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TALKING POINTS

MEDIA

JUDGE GIVES OK FOR TRUMP'S DEFAMATION SUIT AGAINST BBC TO PROCEED



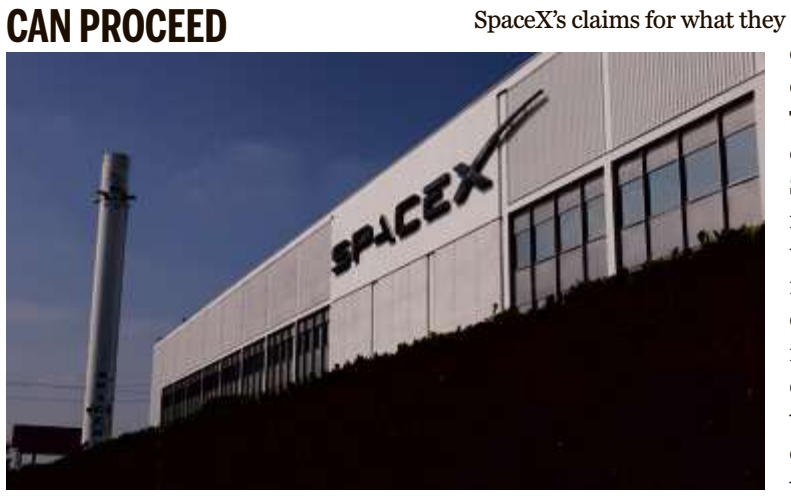
A federal judge in Florida on Tuesday allowed President Trump's defamation lawsuit against the BBC to proceed, rejecting the British broadcaster's bid to dismiss it. Trump sued the BBC over its documentary "Trump: A Second Chance?" which aired a week before the 2024 presidential election. The program spliced together two portions of remarks that Trump delivered roughly 55 minutes apart on Jan. 6, 2021, giving the impression that he was encouraging his supporters to storm the US Capitol. Trump's legal team has accused the BBC of "intentionally, maliciously, and deceptively doctoring his speech" in an effort to interfere with the election, and is seeking $10 billion in damages. The BBC has apologized, acknowledging that its editing gave "the mistaken impression that Trump made a direct call for violent action," a controversy that prompted the resignations of its director-general, Tim Davie, and news chief, Deborah Turness. But it says it was not evidence of a fundamental bias in the BBC's news reporting and did not constitute defamation. On Truth Social, Trump described Tuesday's ruling as a "A Huge Victory against Fake News BBC." A spokesperson for the BBC said in an emailed statement: "We are surprised by this decision but respect the court's authority and note the case will now proceed to the next stage. We remain confident in our position and will continue to respond through the proper legal process." The judge, Jeffrey T. Kuntz of US District Court for the Southern District of Florida, who was appointed to the bench by Trump, dismissed a secondary claim Trump made against the BBC, that it had breached Florida's Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act. Trump faces a Dec. 11 court deadline to sit for a deposition in the case. — NEW YORK TIMES



LEGAL

COURT RULES THAT SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE AGAINST SPACEX CAN PROCEED

A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that a sexual harassment lawsuit brought by eight former employees of the rocket company SpaceX can proceed in court. The company had attempted to shift the case to a private arbitration process, arguing that the plaintiffs had signed agreements requiring that move. But the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals concluded that the case could proceed under a federal law that allows plaintiffs in sexual harassment cases to sue in court even if they've signed arbitration agreements. Tom Moline, one of the former workers, said in a statement, "The Ninth Circuit correctly recognized SpaceX's claims for what they are: an attempt to hide and distract from the toxic culture of sexual harassment and retaliation that persists to this day." SpaceX did not respond to a request for comment.



The case dates back to a letter the employees wrote and circulated within the company in 2022, in which they urged SpaceX to separate itself from social media comments made by Elon Musk, the company's founder and chief executive, including one in which he poked fun at sexual harassment accusations against him. The company fired five employees shortly after, and four more employees over the next few months. In many instances, the company cited the employees' role in producing and distributing the letter when firing them. A top company official also told several of them that they had wasted large amounts of company time on the letter. Eight of the nine employees filed charges with the National Labor Relations Board, arguing that the company had violated their federally protected right to engage in collective activity at work. The employees also later filed a lawsuit in California with several accusations from some or all members of the group, including claims that the company had illegally retaliated against them and failed to prevent harassment. The labor board eventually dismissed the case on jurisdictional grounds, while SpaceX successfully moved the California case to federal court. Once there, the company argued that the employees had signed agreements requiring them to pursue the case before an arbitrator. But a US District Court ruled last year that the case could proceed under the federal law that allows plaintiffs in sexual harassment cases to avoid arbitration. A three-judge panel on the appeals court affirmed that ruling on Tuesday. SpaceX can now ask the full appeals court to reconsider the case. If it doesn't, or if the court denies the company's request, the case will go back before the district court judge. — NEW YORK TIMES



ECONOMY

FED HAS TO RAISE RATES. HOW FAST HAS OFFICIALS DIVIDED.

Officials at the Federal Reserve are in broad agreement that interest rates need to rise in order to tame inflation that continued to accelerate this year. Less settled is the pace of those increases and how aggressive the Fed will need to be in order to return inflation to its 2 percent target, which has overshot that level for nearly six years. The debate deepened on Tuesday after new data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that price pressures broadened out in October, resulting in a swifter pickup in inflation than was expected. The central bank, which embraced a gradual approach to raising rates just a few weeks ago, must now decide whether to ratchet up its response — either by delivering a big move when it next meets in December, or signaling increases at back-to-back meetings going forward. Financial markets have for now leaned into the latter option, penciling in more rate increases in 2027 than previously. So too have many economists, who have largely downplayed the idea that the Fed will raise rates by half a percentage point next month even as they affirm the need for a faster pace of tightening. "The latest inflation data reinforced the idea that price pressures remain sticky and elevated and are not just due to one-off shocks," said Matthew Luzzetti, chief US economist at Deutsche Bank. "Therefore, the Fed probably has more work to do and in order to balance the risks better, it makes sense to do that at a somewhat quicker pace than we were previously anticipating." Luzzetti now expects the Fed to raise rates by a quarter-point not only in December, but also in January and March. — NEW YORK TIMES



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Revere's legendary 'Ashcan' to shutter

Longtime dive bar will be replaced by condo building

By Camilo Fonseca
GLOBE STAFF

The dive bar scene in Greater Boston has lost another landmark.

Bill Ash's Lounge, the longtime, low-key staple of Revere Beach Boulevard, closed last month, the bar announced in a social media post.

The seaside bar's final day of operation was Oct. 31, according to the post. Management could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

The low-slung beachfront establishment, just a stone's throw away from the Revere Beach MBTA Station, is set to be replaced by a mixed-use housing development, according to city assessing records.

In March, city officials approved the construction of a condominium building with 80 residential units and one commercial space, records show.

On its final night of operation, the bar hosted a special Halloween Party show, according to social media. Michael Firicano, a member of local rock band MSF/The Radio, said it was bittersweet to take the stage for the last time at "what I consider a legendary venue."

Firicano, in a social media post, thanked the bar's staff as well as "salut[ing] all the bands that have ever performed there."

"It's yet another great live music venue gone, but the music and memories live on," he wrote on social media.

The curators of HomeTown Rocks, a music-focused exhibit of the Revere History Museum, also posted a memorial to the establishment that many referred to fondly as "the Ashcan."

"We walked past Bill Ash's bar hundreds of times in the early 1970s and never dared to go inside," read the post. "Firstly because we were under the drinking age, and secondly, we were more interested in that next-door 25 cent slice of pizza and the jukebox. ... Who would have thought, that 10 or so years later, a Zeppelin song would be blasting out of the "lounge" door, covered live by a top Revere band."

Bill Ash's, curators said, was one of the few beachfront establishments along the boulevard to survive the Blizzard of 1978, which leveled parts of the coastal city with harsh waves and high winds.

Over the years, it became a favorite spot for film crews. "City on a Hill," a Ben Affleck-produced crime drama series, filmed scenes of its pilot episode there in 2018, according to the Chelsea Record. Before that, the Globe reported, the bar was transformed into a Miami Beach restaurant for the Whitey Bulger biopic "Black Mass."

The bar's longtime proprietor, James R. Bruce, died in 2020 at the age of 83, according an obituary in the Globe.

Former patrons took to social media to mourn the demise of the establishment, which many saw as a unique holdover of the beachfront's colorful past.

"If the new Revere Beach has become increasingly generic, Bill Ash's has remained the opposite," wrote one resident in a eulogy posted online.

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Homeowners using oil heat this winter could pay as much as 70 percent more than last year.

Average heating costs to rise 7% this winter

By Ivan Penn
NEW YORK TIMES

Home heating costs are expected to rise more than 7 percent on average across the country this winter, putting further strain on households that have been struggling with rising energy costs for many months.

A new report by the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, an organization that represents state officials in seeking federal funding, warned that the disruptions caused by the war with Iran has contributed to high heating costs.

The organization said households that rely on heating oil, most of which are in the Northeast and Alaska, face some of the biggest increases. The typical household that uses oil — almost 5 million nationwide — could pay as much as 70 percent more than last winter or about $2,977 for the season.

"Continued uncertainty about global oil supplies makes it difficult to predict where prices will go," said Mark Wolfe, executive director of the association. "We hope we're wrong, but states need to prepare for the possibility that prices will stay high."

Heating oil is very similar to diesel, which is used in trucks and other heavy equipment. Supplies of diesel and related fuels have become strained because many refineries in the Middle East and Russia have shut down or reduced production as a result of the US-Israeli war with Iran and Russia's long-running war with Ukraine.

Rising energy costs have led to as many as one in six households falling behind on natural gas and electricity bills, according to data the US Energy Information Administration released in April.

The agency's report found that utilities disconnected more than 15 million customers in 2024 for not paying their bills.

While people using heating oil have been hit the hardest, others will also pay more. Households that use electricity to heat their homes could see an increase of about 6 percent, to $1,215. And those that use propane will pay $1,350 on average, or about 5 percent more than last year.

Natural gas heating costs are expected to be $686, about the same as last winter.

Lowell council votes to reinstate Flock cameras for police surveillance

By Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF



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Flock cameras, which use AI to collect data, have been deployed across the country.

Recently released minutes from a closed meeting of the Lowell City Council shows councilors voted heavily in favor of reinstating the Police Department's use of Flock automated license plate reader cameras in October, less than two weeks after the council voted to suspend the program.

During it's Oct. 6 meeting, the City Council entered an executive session to discuss, among other topics, the use of Flock cameras in the city. The technology has become a controversial public safety tool across the country, facing pushback over concerns about privacy violations, unconstitutional mass surveillance, and misuse by law enforcement officers.

The councilors in Lowell voted 8-1 to authorize police to resume using the cameras without sharing data. Councilor Sean McDonough cast the lone dissenting vote and "stressed that [the] vote should have been in public session," according to the minutes.

The minutes do not say when the cameras would be reactivated.

During the discussion, Lowell Police Superintendent Greg Hudon and other police officials defended the cameras as an important investigative tool. They said the city has 47 cameras with a 30-day retention period, according to the meeting minutes.

Several councilors raised concerns about privacy and data sharing, including Councilor Vesna Nuon, who questioned whether Flock data could be used by federal immigration enforcement agents, according to the minutes.

A spokesperson for the Lowell Police Department and City Hall had no comment Wednesday.

The decision to reinstate the cameras followed a previous decision by the council at its Sept. 22 meeting, where the members voted 6-5 in favor of suspending the use of Flock cameras while gathering more information about the technology and its data-auditing process.

At the September meeting, Councilor Kimberly Scott said she was concerned by recent news that Flock Safety had allowed Boston's license plate data to be accessed by outside law enforcement agencies during a pilot last year, which was against the city's wishes.

"I applaud some of the crimes that they've been able to stop across the city," Scott said, according to Boston.com. "What alarmed me was what happened in Boston."

Boston police dropped the vendor following the trial period.

Flock is the largest manufacturer of AI-enabled license plate cameras, boasting a network of more than 120,000 cameras in 49 states. The cameras capture 20 billion license plate scans a month, according to the company. The surveillance network can be accessed by agencies through a nationwide database or direct sharing between departments.

Flock's license plate readers have triggered a backlash from communities across the country who criticize the surveillance network that can be accessed without a warrant or subpoena. The ease with which information is accessed and shared has allowed some police officers, including in Massachusetts, to misuse it and track former wives or romantic partners.

ICE has also been able to access Flock data, according to published reports, though the company says it does not have a contract with the federal immigration enforcement agency.

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Officials scrutinize police use of tech

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Long-serving Quincy Mayor Tom Koch is moving forward with a plan to replace the city's 49 Flock license plate cameras with those of a different vendor.

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But the next day, Mayor Tom Koch's administration raised legal questions over the council's authority over Quincy's police chief.

In Boston, police launched pilots this summer for artificial intelligence-enabled license plate cameras with Axon Enterprise and Motorola Solutions, as previously reported by the Globe. Those pilots followed a different, undisclosed pilot with Flock Safety, a company that's drawn nationwide controversy in recent months over cases of police misconduct and privacy concerns.

But Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox, who took the hot seat at the Tuesday council hearing, insisted "there is no loophole" and that in the department's view, technology that has been approved in the past, such as license plate readers, does not require additional approval for every vendor, even with the introduction of artificial intelligence.

Cox implored the city to "be careful not to establish additional bureaucracy" that would "delay access to critical technologies or hinder our ability to prevent and investigate crime."

Weber and other councilors also pressed Cox and police officials over why the department had continued to use social media analysis tools, despite an overwhelming rejection from the council last summer. The department cited circumstances when it used social media monitoring tools in 2023 and 2024, which it said were related to emerging threats online around the 2024 elections.

Then, this summer, the department disclosed its use of a new AI-powered social media analysis tool, LifeRaft, in its annual surveillance report.

"What was the actual threat?" City Councilor Miniard Culpepper said at the hearing. "Was there an actual threat?"

Ryan Walsh, director of the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, said at the hearing that the department had consulted with the city's law department, which said it was "legitimate" to continue using the social media tools. Walsh added that the addition of LifeRaft came in response to the large events Boston hosted this summer, such as the FIFA World Cup and Sail Boston.

Moving forward, Cox said, "We need to do a better job to be transparent."

Advocates from the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, the Muslim Justice League, and other groups asked the council to reject additional surveillance tools, pause use of license plate readers, and amend the ordinance to bolster reporting requirements.

"To say that one policy covers any tool that would be described as a social media analysis tool misses the point that the council will not be informed about exactly what this new technology is doing," said Chris Conley, a Boston University law professor and member of Boston's Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board, at the hearing.

The five-hour hearing concluded with no immediate action. Meanwhile, similar discussions echo in cities across the state.

In Quincy, the 8-to-1 vote Monday on surveillance technology passed as Koch moves forward with a plan to replace the city's 49 Flock license plate cameras with those of a different vendor.

Koch would need to sign the ordinance for it to take effect.

Chris Walker, Koch's chief of staff, said in a statement that "under no circumstances will the mayor support any effort that fundamentally weakens the vital role held by the chief."

Walker added that the solicitor's office is conducting a review, which they expect will be completed in the coming days.

The Quincy council vote came after months of advocacy from residents who raised concerns over privacy and oversight. Last week, Koch and Police Chief Mark Kennedy announced the city will switch to cameras outfitted with OdinEye, a data-aggregation software that promises similar capabilities to Flock. That company, however, generated new concerns about the reliability of the software, as it is run solely by a Connecticut-based police detective.

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In a statement, the airline cited concerns that AI agents could reveal customers' personal data to third-party companies.

United Airlines blocks AI agents from booking flights for customers

By Ishani Desai
NEW YORK TIMES

United Airlines is banning artificial intelligence agents acting as personal assistants from access to user accounts and from booking its flights, citing privacy concerns and other potential disruptions or violations if humans are not involved, the company announced on Wednesday.

The decision came as Silicon Valley giants engaged in a heated race to have users adopt their digital assistants.

The top companies with AI models — Meta, Google, OpenAI, and Anthropic — have recently released AI agents that users can deploy as assistants, moving away from just answering prompts to completing specific tasks on their behalf.

The AI agents can manage everyday matters such as booking restaurant reservations and shopping.

In a statement, the airline cited concerns that AI agents could reveal customers' personal data to third-party companies, take actions that might "result in unintended purchases" or alter customers' account details.

An AI agent could also violate regulations from the Federal Aviation Administration or the US Department of Transportation, the statement said.

"As an example, flight check-in requires human acknowledgment that bags do not contain banned substances like explosives," United Airlines said in a statement.

United Airlines' move to restrict AI access echoed growing concerns that advanced models and agents could go rogue after bypassing human commands. In recent months, companies have been hacked and AI agents have acted on their own and have even submitted false information to government websites, such as an episode in which an AI model from Anthropic sent a fake homicide tip to a police department.

Meta, Google, OpenAI, and Anthropic did not respond to requests for comment Wednesday.

United Airlines said that it would continuously review how to respond to the use of AI agents as those personal assistants evolve, "with a focus on protecting our customers."

New play highlights AI worries

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ELENA CLAMEN

In a new play called "The Commute," four people are stranded in a subway car. The play was performed on Nov. 1 at The Rockwell in Somerville.

crisis brought to mind our current societal debate about what to do, if anything, to slow or stop the advance of artificial intelligence. There's also the question of how AI will likely have a different impact on people based on their socioeconomic status.

"What concerns me more is how these voices are not part of the conversations around technology or the development of these tools," said Sulagna Ghosh, a multidisciplinary scientist and founder of the nonprofit Joint Family, which runs neighborhood workshops around Boston about tech issues. "And yet they're often the ones impacted by it."

Ghosh, who was part of a discussion after the show, said she also supports stronger regulation of AI to protect people. She noted that for her husband to become a licensed social worker, he had to get a degree and become certified. "And yet we have AI chatbots that are offering therapy and emotional support to young people with zero regulation or guardrails," she said.

Anell, the playwright, is looking for new venues to present her show, after a short run at The Rockwell. When I asked about her inspiration for "The Commute," Anell said when she studied psychology, she'd been fascinated by the work of Stanley Milgram, whose experiments tested people's tolerance to harm others. And lately, she's been following the spread of AI and incidents where the tech was misused or went rogue.

"It's a wonderful tool, but I think it's a dangerous tool to put in the hands of of humans," she said, combining the way both human psychology and unchecked AI can be harmful.

In the end, my thoughts returned to the metaphor of a basement. Author Stephen King has said that his darkest tales come from a layer in his subconscious he's dubbed "the boys in the basement," which isn't bound by higher-level ethical concerns.

For me, "The Commute" conjured a similar thought, that negative human inspirations could bring out the worst in AI. And that could be very bad for the rest of us.

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IRS's inflation adjustments to raise child tax credit

By Ken Sweet
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The IRS released its annual inflation adjustments for the 2027 tax year, raising the standard deduction and the child tax credit. These adjustments will apply for tax returns filed in 2028.

Many of the increases, which the IRS released last Thursday, are routine and rise each year based on how much prices climbed. For 2027, that increase is about 3.2 percent. But several of the most popular tax breaks that Republicans included in their 2025 law remain fixed and do not adjust for inflation, meaning they will be worth slightly less each year.

The standard deduction for single filers will increase to $16,600 from $16,100. For married couples filing jointly the standard deduction will rise to $33,200 from $32,200. The standard deduction for heads of household will be $24,925, up from $24,150.

> The child tax credit will rise by $100 to a maximum of $2,300 per child, and the refundable portion will rise by $100 to $1,800.

For a married couple earning $100,000 who use the standard deduction, their federal income tax bill would fall to $7,504 from $7,640, according to an Associated Press calculation. A single filer earning $60,000 would see their tax bill drop to $4,952 from $5,020. Those calculations assume the household's income stays the same. Because these are inflation adjustments, workers whose pay increases with inflation will see their tax bills stay roughly unchanged.

The maximum earned income tax credit for a worker with no children will rise to $685 from $664. For a family with two children, the maximum credit will rise to $7,552 from $7,316.

The child tax credit will rise by $100 to a maximum of $2,300 per child, and the refundable portion will rise by $100 to $1,800. The 2025 law set the credit at $2,200 and tied future increases to inflation.

Several breaks from the 2025 law are not adjusted for inflation. Workers can still deduct up to $25,000 in tip income and up to $12,500 in overtime pay, or $25,000 for joint filers. People 65 and older will be able to claim an additional $6,000 deduction. All three tax breaks are set to end after the 2028 tax year unless Congress extends them.

The estate tax exclusion, which the 2025 law made permanent at $15 million, will rise with inflation to $15.48 million.

The top income tax rate stays at 37 percent, and in 2027 it will apply to income above $661,375 for single filers and above $793,650 for married couples filing jointly.

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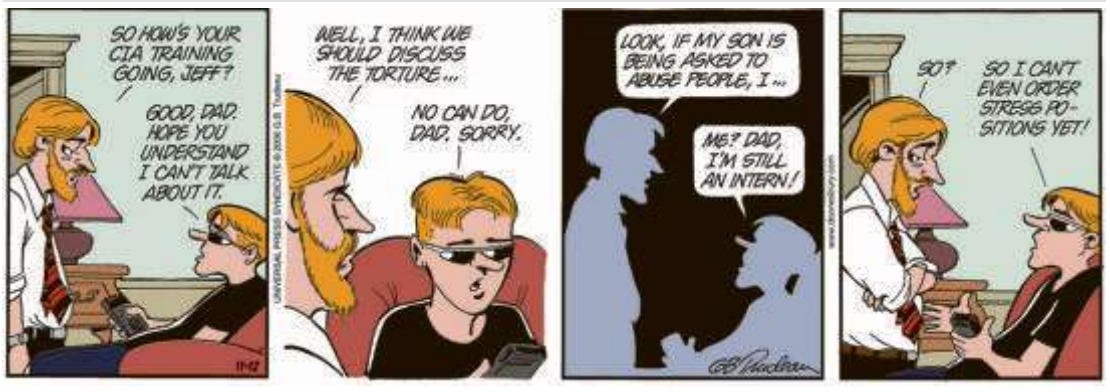


PLUGGERS by Rick McKee



The expression, "It's as easy as riding a bike," doesn't come without a few bandages for a plugger.

DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau



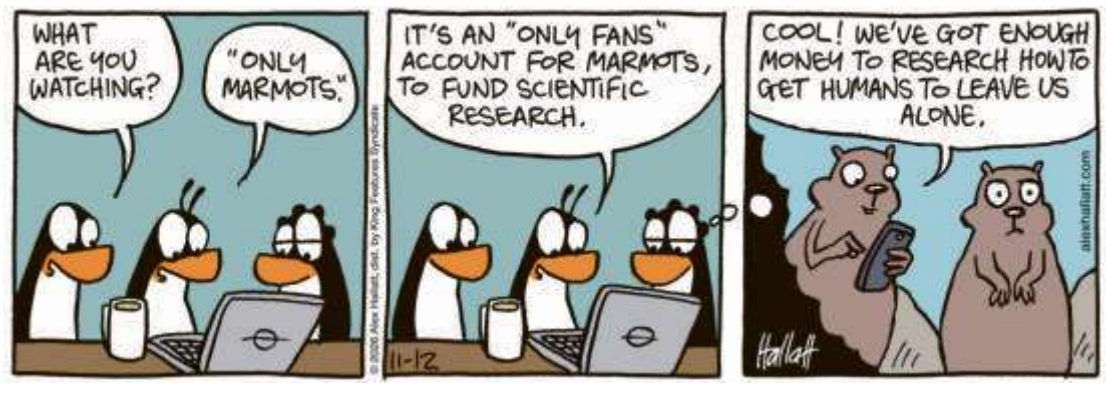
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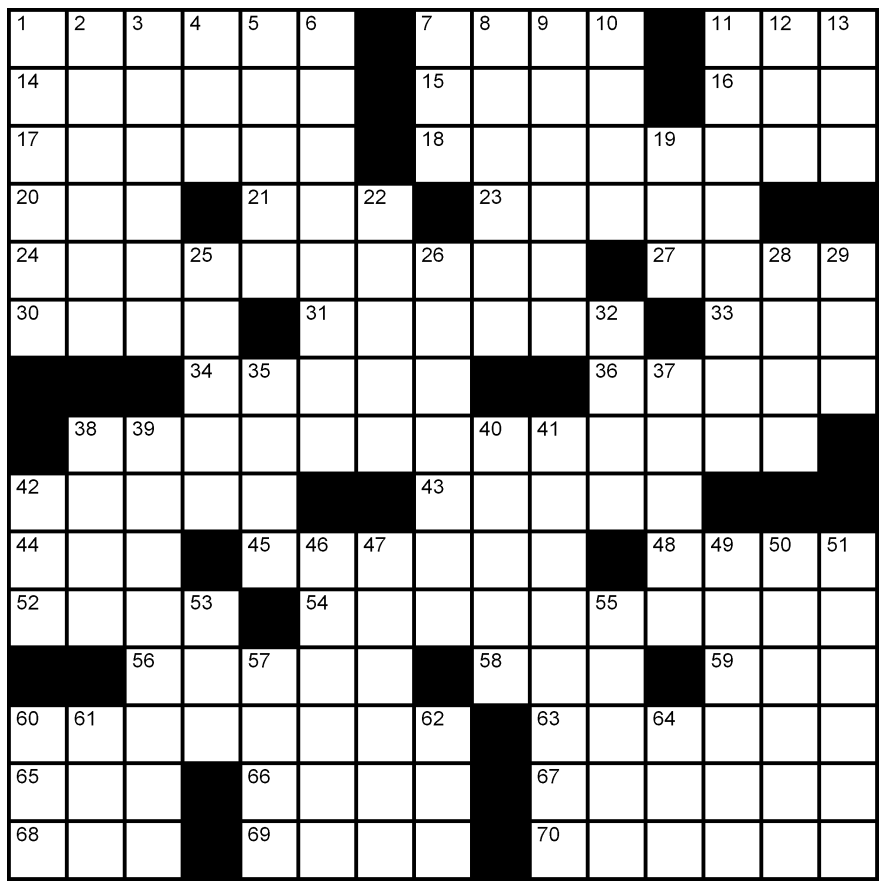
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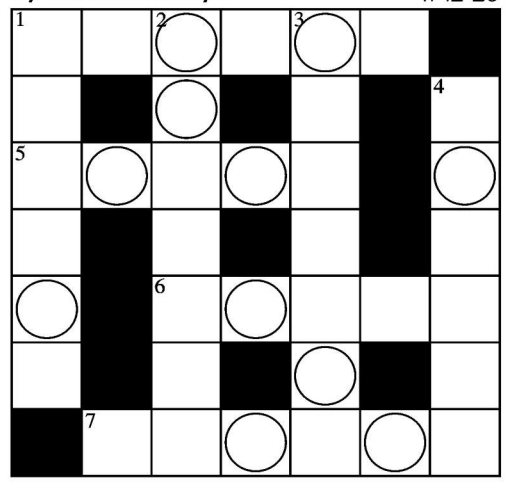
1 Minded a Maine Coon
7 Amend or emend
11 Vietnamese noodle soup
14 Be excessive with
15 Number of reindeer in Santa's team (including Rudolph)
16 Hat, slangily
17 Declining from age
18 Straighten out?
20 Lasso from Kansas City
21 Skating legend Midori
23 Aquarium structures
24 Spirits?
27 CPR pros
30 Cheer (for)
31 Head of TLC?
33 "Odds ___ ..."
34 Emotionally distant
36 Empire ruled by Montezuma
38 A mistaken test result ... or a theme hint
42 Harding whose biopic stars Margot Robbie
43 Potato chip, to a Brit
44 Director Aster
45 Sampler
48 What a veep may get promoted to
52 Tractor-trailer
54 Oust?
56 Love so much
58 Web browser hidden in "court order"
59 Subj. for Bill Nye
60 Away from?
63 "Keep it up!"
65 Slimy stuff
66 To be, to a Quebecois
67 One might be repurposed as a dustcloth
68 Angry utterance
69 Campus bigwig
70 Composition of Mexico and Australia

DOWN

1 Person sharing top billing
2 Oat-based skin care brand
3 Have the habit
4 ___ Lanka
5 "You're gonna need a bigger boat" in "Jaws," famously
6 Facing off
7 Key that scrolls all the way down
8 Got a little lighter, maybe
9 To be safe
10 "Common" shore bird
11 Dated living room fixture
12 Word before "Majesty"
13 Lyrical tribute
19 Squeak (out)
22 Nickel___ (early theater)
25 Country with the most UNESCO World Heritage Sites
26 Compromises, as a computer network
28 Olive or coconut, but not kiwi or banana
29 Short time, for short
32 Tattletales
35 Future JD's exam
37 Little lighter, maybe
38 Golfer's warning
39 Expert in art movements?
40 ___ blue heron
41 Norway's BOO and Alaska's EEK, for two
42 Ph.D. students, often
46 Price for a promo
47 One after Romeo?
49 "___ for the biscuit!"
50 Concert crowd chant
51 Periods spent working
53 Bachelor's final words
55 Oktoberfest toast
57 Was behind, in a way
60 Sheepskin boot brand
61 "Neither snow ___ rain ..."
62 Hibernation home
64 When doubled, a dance



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Creditor	DREENL
5. ____ pants	HKAIK
6. Evade	DEUEL
7. Unflinching	TLYEES

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Probable	KLEIYL
2. Closest	NSETERA
3. Fine food connoisseur	EICREUP
4. Cure	MYRDEE

CLUE: She published her autobiography, "The Story of My Life," in 1903 at the age of 22.

BONUS

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Lender 5A-Khaki 6A-Elude 7A-Steely 1D-Likely 2D-Nearest 3D-Epicure 4D-Remedy B-Helen Keller

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **52-57** | LOW **38-43**
Cloudy with periods of rain late this afternoon. Winds ENE 8-16 mph. Rain tonight. Winds NE 12-25 mph.

FRIDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **41-46** | LOW **37-42**
Cooler with rain; wet roads and lower visibility may lead to travel disruptions. Winds N 12-25 mph. Occasional rain at night. Winds NW 7-14 mph.

SATURDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **42-47** | LOW **37-42**
A bit of rain in the morning; otherwise, remaining cloudy. Winds NW 7-14 mph. Mainly clear at night. Winds WNW 7-14 mph.

SUNDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **47-52** | LOW **36-41**
Partly sunny. Winds WNW 8-16 mph. Partly cloudy at night. Winds WNW 7-14 mph.

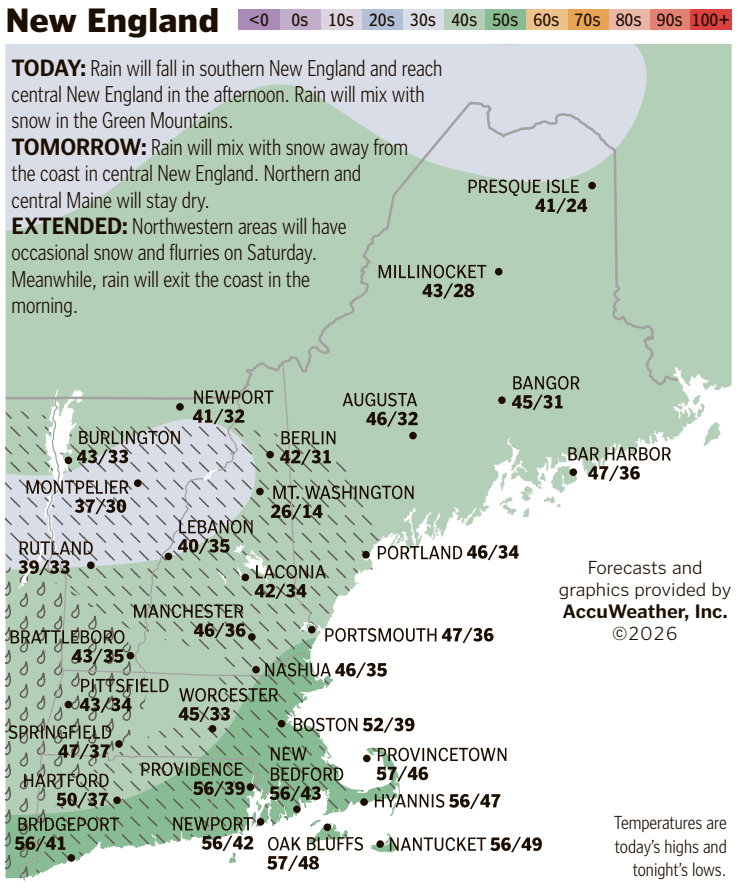
MONDAY
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH **47-52** | LOW **35-40**
Sunshine. Winds NW 7-14 mph. Clear at night. Winds WNW 6-12 mph.

New England

<0 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100+

TODAY: Rain will fall in southern New England and reach central New England in the afternoon. Rain will mix with snow in the Green Mountains.
TOMORROW: Rain will mix with snow away from the coast in central New England. Northern and central Maine will stay dry.
EXTENDED: Northwestern areas will have occasional snow and flurries on Saturday. Meanwhile, rain will exit the coast in the morning.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	57°/46°
Sunrise today	6:31 a.m.
Sunset today	4:25 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:59 a.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Dense fog
Visibility	1/16 of a mile
Wind	west-northwest at 51 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	24/19
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	2.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
Absent	Absent	Absent	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality

GOOD MOD. UNHEALTHY VERY UNHEALTHY
35
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	0.00"	Month to date	3.66"	Year to date	28.68"
Precip days in November	5	Norm. month to date	1.31"	Norm. year to date	36.94"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	12:48	12:48
Height	8.8	10.0
Boston low	6:39	7:15
Height	1.5	0.5
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	12:39	12:36
Hampton Beach NH	12:53	12:50
Plum Island	12:54	1:00
Ipswich	12:39	12:36

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	12:45	12:45
Marblehead	12:48	12:48
Lynn	12:57	12:59
Scituate	12:47	12:49
Plymouth	12:48	12:54
Cape Cod Canal East	12:34	12:35
Cape Cod Canal West	11:35	
Falmouth	12:32	12:32

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	2:08	1:51
Chatham	1:56	1:38
Wellfleet	1:02	1:02
Provincetown	12:57	1:00
Nantucket Harbor	2:00	1:46
Oak Bluffs	1:03	1:21
New Bedford	9:35	9:54
Newport RI	9:22	9:45

New England marine forecast

● Small craft advisory ● Gale warning ● Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	E 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	54/40
East Cape Cod Canal	E 10-20 kts.	1-3 ft.	57/46
Buzzards Bay	E 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	57/46
Martha's Vineyard	E 15-25 kts.	1-3 ft.	58/47
Nantucket	E 15-25 kts.	2-4 ft.	56/49
Provincetown	E 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	57/48

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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	66/42	C	54/39	Pc
● Atlantic City	65/42	T	47/37	R
Charlotte	70/43	Pc	57/37	S
● Chicago	46/33	Sh	44/31	Pc
Dallas	77/52	S	71/48	S
Denver	67/39	S	65/35	Pc
● Detroit	47/34	Sh	42/31	C
● Fort Myers	80/69	Sh	77/55	T

	Today		Tomorrow	
Los Angeles	77/60	S	71/60	Sh
● Miami	85/70	T	80/58	T
New Orleans	77/55	Pc	71/49	S
● New York City	59/42	R	46/38	R
● Philadelphia	61/44	T	46/38	R
Phoenix	85/62	S	79/62	C
Salt Lake City	58/42	Pc	65/44	Pc
San Francisco	71/60	Pc	62/54	R

	Today		Tomorrow	
Seattle	61/50	C	57/48	Sh
● Washington	63/45	Sh	52/40	C
Beijing	59/30	Pc	59/30	S
● Cancun	86/73	R	83/70	C
● Mexico City	70/52	Sh	68/50	Sh
Montreal	42/30	C	41/34	Sn
Toronto	44/32	R	40/31	C
Vancouver	59/49	C	57/50	R

	Today		Tomorrow	
Jerusalem	68/52	S	73/55	S
London	47/32	S	46/29	S
Moscow	36/32	C	38/35	R
Paris	50/39	C	49/34	S
● Rome	71/66	Sh	71/52	Pc
● San Juan	92/78	T	92/80	Pc
● Stockholm	40/29	R	33/25	Sn
Tokyo	64/54	S	67/54	S

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
♠ K 2
♡ A J 9 4
♢ J 4 2
♣ Q 7 5 3

West
♠ Q 10 7 5 4
♡ 8 7 6
♢ Q 8 7 6
♣ 2

East
♠ J 9 8 6
♡ K 3
♢ K 9 3
♣ J 9 8 6

South
♠ A 3
♡ Q 10 5 2
♢ A 10 5
♣ A K 10 4

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♡	Pass	4 ♡	All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ 2

When you are declarer, and a defender leads a short suit in search of a ruff, you can't always prevent that from happening; it's a fact of life. But maybe you can arrange things so the defense doesn't gain anything thereby.

Against today's four hearts, West led his singleton club. Declarer won with the ace and, seeing the danger of an impending ruff, he refused the trump finesse and instead cashed the ace and led dummy's four. East took the king and returned a club, and West ruffed and led a spade. South won, but no matter how he attacked the diamonds, the defenders were due two tricks there. Down one.

South couldn't avoid the club ruff, but he could make the contract anyway. All he had to do was take the A-K of spades before leading the ace and a second trump. Then when East won and gave West a club ruff, West would be end-played.

If West led a diamond, declarer would follow low from dummy to assure a second diamond trick; if instead West led a spade, declarer would ruff in dummy and discard a diamond from his hand for the same result.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K 2 ♡ A J 9 4 ♢ J 4 2 ♣ Q 7 5 3. Your partner opens one spade, you respond two clubs, he bids two diamonds and you try 2NT. Partner then rebids three diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your call is pass. Your partner heard you bid 2NT, trying for game. He suggests a minimum opening bid with five spades and five diamonds. He wants no part of either game or notrump. Trust your partner. If he holds A 9 5 4 3, K 5, K Q 10 5 3, 2, you need to play right where you are.

HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026: You're energetic, purposeful, and idealistic. You're also organized, imaginative, straightforward, and a perfectionist. This is a year of service, perhaps service to family. Take care of yourself so you can be a resource to those who turn to you for guidance, comfort, and courage. Is it time for a makeover?

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
This is your kind of day! It's the perfect time to explore exciting new things, meet new people, and discover new romance. Push yourself out of your comfort zone and find new ways to enjoy your day. Sports, the arts, and playful times with kids will delight. Tonight: Explore your world!

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
This is a super positive day! Specifically, you can negotiate financial deals or have helpful discussions about shared property, jointly held items, favors, or gifts that could benefit your home and family. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Grab every opportunity to explore romantic connections and subtle flirtations. Love is in the air today. However, it will also promote warm exchanges with siblings, relatives, and neighbors. Accept invitations to socialize! Be open to receive what comes your way. Tonight: Be agreeable.

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
This is certainly a positive day for those of you who are working, because relations with customers and co-workers will not only be friendly, they could lead to ways for you to boost your income now and in the future. Working from home is particularly beneficial today. Tonight: Get better organized.

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
You have lots of positive energy today to enjoy socializing with others, especially children, siblings, and relatives. Look for ways to express your creativity. You're in the zone! Romance will sizzle today because you feel attractive and confident! Tonight: Socialize and have fun!

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
Enjoy entertaining at home today. People are energized, alive, and full of ideas. Be open to discussions about moneymaking opportunities. Although it's a great day to socialize, some of you might enjoy relaxing at home and being grateful for your good fortune. Tonight: Relax at home.

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
This is a winning day for you. Your interactions with friends and groups will be energized and positive. Because you feel so good about yourself, this is also a great day to buy wardrobe items. (Check the Moon Alert.) Everyone wants to see your face! Tonight: Interesting discussions.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
This is a friendly, sociable, upbeat day, and most people are in a great mood. Because of this, you can explore financial opportunities, especially if you have to pitch an idea to a boss. You will be surprised at how quickly things go your way. Ka-ching! Tonight: Check your money.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with Mars and Jupiter, which makes you feel sympathetic, generous, and genuinely concerned for others. Grab opportunities to travel. You also might see ways to benefit someone from a different background. Tonight: You're strong!

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
This is a popular time for you, and today in particular is a feel-good day. You might explore fun times with friends and groups, or you might choose to seek out your own privacy in a rewarding, relaxing way. Discussions about shared property, loans, debts, and inheritances will go well. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
Today is the perfect day to accept invitations from others. Interactions with groups, clubs, and organizations, as well as individual friends, are all excellent choices. Romance with someone "different" might be smoldering on the back burner. Tonight: Friendships.

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
People notice you today, and fortunately, it's in a positive way! You project an image of being proactive, confident, and generous, which is impressive. Keep your pockets open, because money and favors from others can come to you. This is a successful day at work! Tonight: You're admired.

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Today's Sudoku Solution

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