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Disinvited speaker says 'politics' to blame

Poet laureate replaced for Concord Academy commencement

By Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

On her visits to Concord Academy, Boston's poet laureate, Porsha Olayiwola, bonded with the students, inspired by their intellect and engagement.

When the private school reached out in January to tell her the senior class had chosen her to speak at their graduation on May 24, she was thrilled.

But in early April, the school announced that a new speaker — Alexandra Berzon, a New York Times reporter and 1997 graduate — was taking her place.



'I didn't have any proof as to why they removed me, but I had an educated guess.'

PORSHA OLAYIWOLA, *who has retweeted posts criticizing Israel and expressing sympathy for Palestinians under siege in Gaza*

Olayiwola said she didn't know she was no longer the speaker until the Globe contacted her about it earlier this month and she checked the school's website to confirm.

"I didn't have any proof as to why they removed me, but I had an educated guess, which is my politics," Olayiwola said.

Olayiwola is active on X, formerly Twitter, and has retweeted several posts criticizing Israel and expressing solidarity with Palestinians under siege in Gaza.

In late October, Olayiwola retweeted a post that included a link

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Columbia's president vows to fight antisemitism

Unlike other leaders, says school taking strong steps as she's grilled by Republicans

By Nicholas Fandos, Stephanie Saul, and Sharon Otterman
NEW YORK TIMES

The president of Columbia University said it had suspended 15 students. She promised that one visiting professor "will never work at Columbia again."

And when she was grilled over whether she would remove another professor from his leadership position, she appeared to make a decision right there on Capitol Hill: "I think I would, yes."

The president, Nemat Shafik, disclosed the disciplinary details, which are usually confidential, as part of an all-out effort Wednesday to persuade a House committee investigating Columbia that she is taking serious action to combat a wave of antisemitism following the start of the Israel-Hamas war.

In nearly four hours of testimony before the Republican-led Committee on Education and the Workforce, Shafik conceded that Columbia had initially been overwhelmed by an outbreak of campus protests. But she said its leaders now agree that some had used antisemitic language and that certain contested phrases — like "from the river to the sea" — might warrant discipline.

"I promise you, from the messages I'm hearing

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POP-UP SPRING



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The season's often slow to materialize here but it's coming on strong on the Esplanade, where cherry blossoms are out.

Suffolk County youths more likely to be held after arrest

Concerns raised about racial disparities

By Sean Cotter
GLOBE STAFF

It can mean falling further behind on schoolwork, missing therapy appointments, or losing a part-time job. The consequences for youths who are detained after being arrested — rather than being released — are serious, and in Suffolk County, it's happening more often.

People under 18 in the county are nearly three times more likely to be held in state detention programs after arraignment than youths in the rest of Massachusetts, according to court data. The Suffolk district attorney's office said it is responding to a rising number of firearm cases among young people while trying to balance how best to help children involved in crimes. But civil rights activists say the growing number of interactions between minors and the justice system reflects worrisome racial disparities and could have serious repercussions if youths end up pushed further down the wrong path.

In Suffolk County, which spans Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, 35 percent of young people who were arraigned between July 2022 and June 2023 were then held in Department of Youth Services detention programs, either because they could not make bail or because prosecutors moved to hold them without bail, according to data from the Massachusetts Trial Court. Statewide, 14 percent of youths were held after arraignment. Without counting Suffolk, the number dropped to 12 percent, data for the same time period show.

Just over half of the youths held after arraignment in Suffolk were Black, and 5 percent were white, the data said, though census estimates say Black people make up about a quarter of the county's population. Black youths were held about 35 percent of the time there, while whites were held 27 percent of the time, according to the data for that 12-month period. The racial disparity is more stark statewide, with 19 percent of Black youths and 8 percent of white youths held.

The amount of time young people are detained can vary widely, from a day or two until a cash bail amount is submitted, to multiple months if the courts deem them dangerous. The median time statewide from July 2022 through June 2023 was 35 days, which rose from 32 the previous year and 31 the year before that, according to a state report. Statewide, around one in four youths who are held after arraignment have a cash bail set but can't afford it, while the rest are held without bail.

Some advocates question this approach to targeting youth crime.

"The idea that a young person goes in and gets scared straight — the research just doesn't back it up," said Leon Smith, executive director

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As legislation languishes, another day of chaos in D.C.

By Jim Puzzanghera and Lissandra Villa de Petrzelka
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WASHINGTON — Senator Ed Markey was rushing to get to the Senate chamber Wednesday to be on time for what he called a waste of time: the impeachment trial of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

"It's complete political theater," the Massachusetts Democrat said before jumping into an elevator in the Capitol with Senators Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent, and Marsha Blackburn, a Tennessee Republican.

►Mayorkas impeachment case dismissed. A2.

"We don't know how long this is going to take today," Markey said, clutching a chicken salad sandwich he hoped to eat during breaks in the proceedings. "Marsha might know, but we don't know."

"I don't know," Blackburn responded. "I'm asking you."

It was one of the many unanswered questions on an unusually chaotic day in Congress. And that's saying something.

Republicans found themselves grappling with a three-headed monster of their own making: the impeachment of a Democratic Cabinet secretary

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On the murk

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Jury selection continued in the Karen Read case, with seven more people added and five more needed. **B1.**

The state Department of Fire Services has identified 50 lithium-ion battery fires in Massachusetts over the past six months, more than double the annual average. **B1.**

Massachusetts General Hospital was cleared to add nearly 100 new beds to its downtown construction project. **D1.**

European diplomats traveled to Israel to plead again for restraint against Iran but said a reprisal seems inevitable. **A4.**

Jontay Porter was banned for life from the NBA after a league probe found he disclosed confidential information to bettors and wagered on games. **C2.**

Low-income areas want voice in greening of the grid

Often saddled with energy infrastructure, neighborhoods push back

By Sabrina Shankman
GLOBE STAFF

On a recent weekday afternoon, the American Legion playground in East Boston was a symphony of the sounds of spring: the crack of a bat during baseball practice, cheers from a soccer field, laughter from parents chasing their toddler.

But there was another sound, too: the shrill *beep-beep-beep* of a construction vehicle just across the street, as it chewed into the ground, building East Eagle Substation, a project by utility Eversource coming to fruition after years of neighborhood opposition and an overwhelming vote in a nonbinding ballot question to stop it.

Across the state, more often than not, energy infrastructure ends up in communities such as East Boston — so-called environmental justice neighborhoods, where the population on average is low-income, has a high percentage of people of color, and/or where a sizable number of households do not speak English very well, if at all.

Advocates worry environmental justice neighborhoods are being saddled with this infrastructure, taking away open space and exposing residents to risks such as fire, while wealthier communi-

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Noemy Rodriguez, a local organizer with GreenRoots, said the new East Boston substation is too close to a playground.

The Nation

Mayorkas impeachment case dismissed

Democrats vote down charges in short order

By Luke Broadwater
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Wednesday dismissed the impeachment case against Alejandro Mayorkas, the homeland security secretary, voting along party lines before his trial got underway to sweep aside two charges accusing him of failing to enforce immigration laws and breaching the public trust.

By a vote of 51-48, with one senator voting "present," the Senate ruled that the first charge was unconstitutional because it failed to meet the constitutional bar of a high crime or misdemeanor. Republicans united in opposition except for Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, the lone "present" vote, while Democrats were unanimous in favor.

Murkowski joined her party in voting against dismissal of the second count on the same grounds; it fell along party lines on a 51-49 vote.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, moved to dismiss each charge, arguing that a Cabinet member cannot be impeached and removed merely for carrying out the policies of the administration he serves.

"To validate this gross abuse by the House would be a grave mistake and could set a dangerous precedent for the future," Schumer said.

It took only about three hours for the Senate to dispense with the matter.

Republicans, for their part, warned that the dangerous precedent was the one that Democrats set by moving to skip an impeachment trial altogether, which they argued was a shirking of the Senate's constitutional duty. They tried several times to delay the dismissal, failing on a series of party-line votes.

"Tabling articles of impeachment would be unprecedented in the history of the Senate — it's as simple as that," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky.

McConnell did not mention that he voted in favor of an unsuccessful Republican effort in 2021 to dismiss a second impeachment case against former President Donald Trump over the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol before the Senate held a trial.



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Voting along party lines, senators moved to skip an impeachment trial, a precedent GOP senators reproached.

Republican senators were outraged at Schumer's maneuvering. Some accused him of degrading the institution of the Senate and the Constitution itself. Others beat their desks as they called for a delay of the trial for two weeks, until next month or even until after the November election. They accused Mayorkas of lying to Congress and impeding Republican investigations.

Senator Mike Lee of Utah, visibly frustrated, rushed around the chamber trying to strategize with his fellow Republicans.

"The Mayorkas-Biden policies have led to the worst border crisis in US history," said Senator John Thune of South Dakota, the No. 2 Republican in the chamber.

Mayorkas is the first sitting Cabinet member in United States history to be impeached. William Belknap, the secretary of war, was impeached in 1876, but he resigned just minutes before the scheduled vote.

Unlike Belknap, Mayorkas was never accused of corruption or of any crime other than carrying out immigration policies that Republicans oppose.

Democrats denounced the impeachment of Mayorkas as illegitimate and politicized. Legal experts have called the case against him groundless, arguing that the accusations against him do not rise to the level of impeachable offenses. But Republicans pushed forward anyway in what was essentially a bid to blame the secretary for President Joe Biden's immigration policies, which they contend have fueled a wave of illegal migration.

The votes came after Republicans spent much of the day railing against chaos at the US border with Mexico and blaming the Biden administration for it. Under Biden, crossings at the southern border have reached record highs.

Johnson pushes ahead on aid bill

Says House will vote on Saturday

By Catie Edmondson
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Speaker Mike Johnson on Wednesday told Republicans that the House would vote Saturday evening on his foreign aid package for Israel and Ukraine, pushing through resistance in his own party to advance a long-stalled national security spending package for US allies.

His announcement came amid a crush of opposition from Republicans who are vehemently against sending more aid to Ukraine, and have vented for days as congressional aides race to write the legislation Johnson proposed Monday.

The speaker, whose job is at risk as he defies his right flank on the measure, also announced that he would hold a separate vote on a border security bill "that includes the core components" of House Republicans' stringent legislation passed in May that would crack down on unlawful immigration and revive severe Trump-era border restrictions. The move was a nod to ultraconservatives who have demanded that the speaker not advance aid to Ukraine without securing sweeping concessions from Democrats on immigration policy.

The legislative package Johnson is trying to advance roughly mirrors the $95 billion aid bill the Senate passed two months ago with aid to Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan, and other US allies, but he has proposed breaking that package into three pieces that would be voted on individually. There would be a fourth vote on a separate measure containing other policies popular among Republicans, including conditioning Ukraine aid as a loan and a measure that could lead to a nationwide TikTok ban.

Johnson released the text of the legislative package Wednesday afternoon.

The multipart plan has been painstakingly structured to cobble together just enough support from Democrats and mainstream Republicans to pass over the opposition of the hard right to funding for Ukraine and left-wing Democrats who do not support unfettered aid for Israel. If all four pieces passed the House, they would then be folded into a single bill for the Senate to take up, in an effort to ensure that senators could not cherry-pick pieces to approve or reject.

Its success will require everything to go right for Johnson this week to prevail.

Johnson has already faced a tough road since announcing his intent Monday evening to advance the aid package, over the vociferous objections of conservatives in his conference. On Tuesday, a GOP lawmaker announced he would join the bid to oust Johnson spearheaded last month by Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia.

The speaker has met with a parade of Republicans who have tried to convince him to abandon his plan in favor of more partisan proposals, such as abandoning aid for Ukraine entirely. To ensure enough lawmakers attend the votes Saturday evening to allow for the legislative package's passage, he has had to manage the schedules of lawmakers anxious to leave Washington this weekend to attend fund-raisers and preplanned delegation trips abroad.

Johnson will also almost certainly need to rely on Democrats to provide the votes necessary to clear the way for it to come to the floor, in an unusual breaking of custom, and for the Ukraine aid itself. A number of Republicans have said they will vote to block the package from coming to the floor in protest.

Daily Briefing

Supreme Court backs officer in job bias case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court unanimously ruled on Wednesday that a female police officer in St. Louis may sue for employment discrimination over a forced lateral transfer to another position in the police department.

The case concerned Jatonya Muldrow, who worked for almost a decade in the St. Louis Police Department's Intelligence Division, where her responsibilities included public corruption, gang violence, and human trafficking.

In 2017, a new supervisor transferred Muldrow to another part of the department, to work as a patrol officer, replacing her with a male officer. Muldrow's salary and rank remained the same, but her responsibilities did not.

In the Intelligence Division, she had weekends off and worked regular hours. The new job had irregular hours and required her to wear a uniform After eight months, she was transferred back to the Intelligence Division.

NEW YORK TIMES

1 killed, 3 hurt as gunfire erupts on Bronx street

NEW YORK — Four people were shot — one fatally — on a street corner in the Bronx by shooters who were riding on scooters, police said.

About 10 shots were fired after two scooters pulled up to the intersection around 6 p.m. Tuesday and passengers on the back of each pulled out guns, Assistant Police Chief Benjamin Gurley said.

Three victims standing on the street corner, ranging in age from 23 to 37, suffered gunshot wounds to their legs. The fourth was hit in the legs and chest and later died, Gurley said. He was later identified as Miguel Doleo, 29, of the Bronx.

"The perpetrators wore masks and hoodies to block their identities and then they fled on the scooters northbound," Gurley said.

One person was taken into custody for questioning Tuesday night. But Gurley said police were unsure if that person was involved in the shooting.

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SCHOOL SHOOTER'S JOURNALS — Covenant School parents and their attorneys huddled in prayer outside a courtroom before a hearing to decide whether documents and journals of a Nashville school shooter can be released to the public, after nearly a year of legal wrangling, Wednesday, in Nashville.

Report raps efforts before Lahaina fire

There were warnings of high wildfire danger in the days before a deadly blaze overtook the town of Lahaina in Hawaii last year, but the Maui Fire Department did little to get crews set in areas at risk, then struggled to launch firefighting vehicles once the blaze began consuming the town, according to an analysis of the wildfire released on Tuesday.

The report, which looked back on the Maui County Fire Department's response to a disaster that left 101 people dead, highlighted the decision to pursue "minimal upstaffing and prepositioning of resources" in the days before the fire despite the dire weather alerts.

The National Weather Service had issued a red-flag warning about the likelihood of high winds that could stoke a fire. But officials found no reason to believe that the risk would be any greater than on other windy and dry days, according to the report.

The Western Fire Chiefs Association, which conducted the investigation, recommended that the department use new technology that can monitor for areas of potential fire danger, and position firefighters and equipment in areas most at risk.

NEW YORK TIMES

Uber aiding in Ohio murder probe

Uber is helping investigators look into the account that sent a driver to the Ohio home where an 81-year-old man allegedly shot the woman to death because he erroneously believed she was part of a scam, the ride-hailing company said Wednesday.

The March 25 shooting death of Loletha Hall is "a horrific tragedy," and that account has since been banned, an Uber spokesperson said. "Our hearts continue to be with Loletha's loved ones as they grieve."

William J. Brock was indicted Monday on charges of murder, felonious assault, and kidnapping for Hall's death.

Police said Brock called 911 before noon to say he had shot someone at his South Charleston home, claiming Hall had tried to rob him. Investigators later said the driver was unaware of the scam call that Brock had received.

The police agency said that when Hall arrived, Brock "produced a gun and held her at gunpoint, making demands for identities of the subjects he had spoken with on the phone."

Police have said Hall's Uber trip to pick up a package was ordered by the same person who made scam calls to Brock, or by an accomplice.

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A MAMMOTH BACKUP — An escaped circus elephant crossed the road in Butte, Mont., Wednesday. The sound of a vehicle backfiring spooked the elephant while she was getting a preshow bath, leading her to break through a fence and take a brief walk, before being loaded back into a trailer.

The first 7 jurors chosen for Trump's N.Y. criminal trial

By Patrick Svitek and Maegan Vazquez
WASHINGTON POST

Jury selection is underway in the historic hush-money trial of former president Donald Trump, with the first seven jurors being seated Tuesday.

There will be 12 jurors total, plus about six alternates, according to the New York judge overseeing the case, Juan Merchan. During questioning, potential jurors were asked dozens of questions about their backgrounds and ability to remain fair and impartial.

The trial, which began Monday, marks the first criminal prosecution of a former US president. Trump faces 34 counts of falsifying business records, part of what prosecutors have described as a scheme during the 2016 presidential campaign to cover up an alleged affair with adult-film actress Stormy Daniels.

Here is what is known about the jurors who have been seated so far, according to The Washington Post's reporting and pool reports:

Juror #B400

This juror gets his news from The New York Times, the Daily Mail, as well as "some" Fox News and MSNBC.

"I've heard some of them," the juror said about Trump's other cases.

He hails from Ireland but now lives in West Harlem and works in sales. He's married and has no children. In his spare time, he enjoys doing anything outdoorsy.

Juror #B280

This juror is a native New Yorker and has lived on the Upper East Side for the past three years. She said she did not really have an opinion about Trump and that "no one is above the law."

"I didn't even know I was walking into this," she said.

She gets her news from The New York Times, CNN, and Google, and she has a Facebook account. She's been an oncology nurse for 15 years, is not married, has no children, and she lives with her fiancé.

Juror #B381

This juror said he doesn't need to be a mind reader to determine intent.

''I am actually not super familiar with the other charges. I don't really follow the news that closely — a little embarrassing to say," he said.

He is a "young to middle-aged" man who works as a corporate lawyer and lives in Chelsea. He's unmarried and says he reads The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. In middle school, he enjoyed watching "The Apprentice."

Juror #B89

Speaking about Trump, this juror said, "I find him fascinating and mysterious," adding that, when the former president walks into a room, "he sets people off."

This juror has served on a jury in a civil trial but said he couldn't remember the verdict. He is a married grandfather who lives on the Lower East Side and is originally from Puerto Rico. He works as an IT consultant and says his hobby is his family. He says he gets his information from the New York Daily News, The New York Times, YouTube podcasts, Google, and X.

Juror #B374

This juror said that, as a "woman of color," she has friends with strong opinions about Trump but that she tries to avoid politics herself and is not very interested in the news. While most of the jurors in the box indicated they were aware Trump faced other criminal cases, this woman signaled she did not.

She did say she likes Trump's candid style.

"President Trump speaks his mind," she said. "I'd rather have that than someone in office that we don't know what he's doing behind the scenes."

This juror has lived in Harlem for her entire life and works in education. She gets her information from Google and TikTok.

Juror #B297

During questioning, this juror said she can treat Trump like any other person on trial.

This juror is a young woman and native New Yorker who has lived in the Chelsea neighborhood for a year and a half. She works as a software engineer, and she gets her news from The New York Times and TikTok.

Juror #B269

This juror said he has "political views as to the Trump presidency" and thinks there were probably Trump administration policies he disagreed with.

''I don't know the man and I don't have opinions about him personally," he added.

The juror also said he does not have any opinions about Trump's character.

"I certainly follow the news. I'm aware there are other lawsuits out there," he said. "But I'm not sure that I know anyone's character."

This juror is a middle-aged man who lives on the Upper East Side and works as a civil litigator. He's married with children and spends time outside with his kids in his spare time. He gets his news from The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the New York Post, and The Washington Post.

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In swing states, fake elector cases advance

By Danny Hakim
NEW YORK TIMES

The chair of the Nevada Republican Party has been indicted. So has the former chair of the Georgia GOP. In Michigan, a former co-chair of the state party is facing charges.

As former president Donald Trump goes on trial in the New York criminal case, other investigations and prosecutions in five crucial swing states are continuing to scrutinize the steps that he and his allies took in trying to circumvent the will of voters after the 2020 election.

The investigations focus largely on the plan to deploy fake electors in states Trump lost. Documents emerging from the state cases highlight divisions among Trump advisers after the 2020 election about whether to use hedging language in the phony certificates they sent to Washington purporting to designate electoral votes for Trump. They also undercut claims by some Trump aides that they played little role in the fake-electors plan.

Georgia, Michigan, and Nevada have already brought charges against a total of 25 fake electors, including current and former Republican Party leaders in those states. The Georgia case, led by Fani Willis, the district attorney of Fulton County, has gone further, bringing charges against Trump himself and a number of his advisers.

Investigations are also playing out in Wisconsin as well as in Arizona, where state Attorney General Kris Mayes is expected to bring charges soon. Grand jury subpoenas were recently issued to the people who acted as fake electors in Arizona, including Kelli Ward, a former state Republican chair. Mike Roman, a former Trump campaign official who is already facing charges in Georgia, is also among those subpoenaed in the Arizona case.

There are so many state investigations going on that "they all kind of run together," said Manny Arora, a lawyer for Kenneth Chesebro, an architect of the fake-electors plan who has emerged as a key witness in the investigations.

"Most of the jurisdictions are keeping it local and leaving the big stuff to the feds," Arora said, adding that he did not expect most of the state cases to "be quite as sweeping as Georgia."

Evidence has also emerged from state civil suits brought on behalf of legitimate 2020 electors for Joe Biden and from the federal case brought by Jack Smith, the special counsel prosecuting Trump.

The state-level inquiries are being led by Democrats, with one exception. Pete Skandalakis, a Republican who leads a nonpartisan state agency in Georgia, said last week that he would investigate Lieutenant Governor Burt Jones over his role as a fake elector. Willis was disqualified from investigating Jones because she had hosted a fundraiser for one of Jones' political opponents.

Whether any of the cases will significantly affect Trump's 2024 campaign is unclear. The former president's most immediate legal challenge is the criminal trial that began this week in New York City, focusing on hush-money payments made to porn actor Stormy Daniels.

In the election interference cases, lawyers for Trump and other defendants have generally not disputed the evidence, choosing instead to challenge the investigations on free speech, immunity, or procedural grounds.

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PAYING RESPECTS — A boy laid flowers on a grave at the cemetery in Kato Tritos village on the northeastern Aegean Sea island of Lesbos, Greece, on Wednesday. After years of neglect, a primitive burial ground for refugees who died trying to reach Greece's island of Lesbos has been cleaned up and redesigned to provide a dignified resting place for the dead.

Israeli response to Iran attack seems inevitable

Despite allies' restraint pleas, officials say

By Matthew Mpoke Bigg and Michael Levenson
NEW YORK TIMES

European diplomats traveled to Israel on Wednesday to make one more plea for restraint in response to the aerial attack that Iran launched this weekend, but Britain's foreign secretary acknowledged that an Israeli reprisal seemed inevitable.

"It is clear that the Israelis are making a decision to act," the British foreign secretary, David Cameron, told the BBC, just before he met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "We hope that they do so in a way that does as little to escalate this as possible."

Israel's allies, including the United States, Britain, and Germany, have joined other world leaders in repeatedly pressing Netanyahu to avoid taking any action that could increase tensions with Iran, which launched more than 300 missiles and drones at Israel on Saturday night, Iran's first direct attack on Israel.

But Netanyahu, after meeting with Cameron and Germany's foreign minister, Annalena Baerbock, said that Israel would "do everything necessary to defend itself."

He thanked Israel's allies for their "support in words and support in actions" in remarks before a Cabinet meeting, according to his office.

But Netanyahu added: "They also have all kinds of suggestions and advice. I appreciate it. But I want to make it clear, we will make our own decisions."

Vedant Patel, a State Department spokesperson, said at a news conference in Washington on Wednesday that the United States was pushing for a "unified diplomatic response" to the Iranian attack and was urging Israel to avoid "further escalation." But he added: "These decisions are for Israel to make as a sovereign, democratic country."

Israel's war Cabinet has met several times since the weekend to discuss when and how to respond to Iran's barrage of ballistic missiles and exploding drones, almost all of which were intercepted by Israel's air defenses, supported by the United States, Britain, France, and Jordan.

Israeli officials are said to be considering a range of options, from a direct strike on Iran to a strike on an Iranian target, such as a Revolutionary Guard base, in a country other than Iran, to a cyberattack or assassinations, trying to send a clear message to Iran while not sparking a major escalation.

"Israel will respond when it sees fit," an Israeli official said Wednesday, adding that it had "multiple ways" to do so. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Iranian leaders have warned that the country will react forcefully to any Israeli strike. "We will respond with more deadly weapons," the Iranian army's commander in chief, Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi, said Wednesday.

Iran said it had attacked Israel in response to an April 1 airstrike on a diplomatic compound in Syria, which killed at least three senior Iranian commanders and four officers overseeing Iran's covert operations in the Middle East.

Baerbock said it was critical to prevent "the highly dangerous situation in the Middle East from turning into a regional conflagration," the German news outlet Deutsche Presse-Agentur reported.

"As the G7, we speak with one voice," Baerbock said after arriving in Italy on Wednesday for a meeting of foreign ministers of the Group of Seven nations. "All players in the region are called upon to exercise maximum restraint."

Cameron said that the Group of Seven, which includes the United States as well as Britain and Germany, should work together to punish Iran with sanctions. US and European officials said Tuesday that they were considering placing additional sanctions on Iran that could target its oil revenue and weapons programs.

Although Iran's attack has shifted international focus away from the war in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli military has continued to bomb some parts of the territory, and many residents of Gaza remain desperate for food.

Attack by Hezbollah injures 14 soldiers

BEIRUT — The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah claimed responsibility for a cross-border drone and missile attack in northern Israel on Wednesday that the Israeli military said had injured 14 soldiers, six of them severely.

It was one of the most damaging attacks in recent months by Hezbollah, Iran's most powerful regional proxy, in its continuing clashes with Israel. The attack came a day after Israel's targeted killing of two Hezbollah commanders as fears continue to grow of a broader conflict between Israel and Tehran, which mounted a wide aerial attack on Israel over the weekend.

An internal Israeli army memo said an initial investigation found that Hezbollah had fired two antitank rockets at an Israeli Bedouin border village, Arab al-Aramshe, before dispatching an exploding drone. An Israeli military spokesperson declined to comment on the memo.

A senior Israeli defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive operational issues, expressed concern about Hezbollah's apparent ability to determine soldiers' whereabouts and subsequently target them.

Hezbollah said its attack on the village was in response to the Israeli airstrikes a day earlier that Israel's military said had killed the commanders. Those strikes triggered a series of retaliatory attacks by Hezbollah on Israeli military bases and barracks.

Hezbollah claimed that the target Wednesday was an Israeli military reconnaissance unit. The military said six soldiers had been severely injured, two moderately injured and six lightly injured. It said it had responded to the attack with strikes on Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon.

Later Wednesday, Lebanese state media reported an Israeli strike deep inside Lebanon in the Bekaa Valley.

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Russian missile strikes kill at least 17, Ukraine says

61 are reported injured in attack north of Kyiv

By Maria Varenikova and Marc Santora
NEW YORK TIMES

KYIV, Ukraine — At least 17 people were killed and scores more injured when three Russian missiles struck a busy downtown district of Chernihiv, north of Kyiv, Ukraine, just before noon Wednesday, Ukrainian officials said.

► **Foreign soldiers fight in trenches, battle drones. A6.**

President Volodymyr Zelensky said the death toll, reported by the office of Ukraine's prosecutor general, might rise and blamed Ukraine's lack of air defenses for the loss of life. The prosecutor general said 61 people had been reported injured.

"This would not have happened if Ukraine had received enough air defense equipment and if the world's determination to counter Russian terror was also sufficient," Zelensky said in a statement. "Terrorists can destroy lives only when they first manage to intimidate those who are able to stop terror and protect life."

Also on Wednesday, explosions and fires were reported at a key Russian air base in the occupied Crimean Peninsula in what appeared to be a Ukrainian attack. Ukrainian officials did not comment on the apparent attack, but Russian military bloggers affiliated with the Kremlin reported that Ukrainian missiles had struck locations around the air base in Dzhankoi, Crimea.

The New York Times verified two videos circulating on social media from Dzhankoi. The first clip showed a large fire and explosions in the area of the base, while another clip filmed nearby also captured the scene. NASA's Fire Information for Resource Management System also detected several hot spots at the base, an indication that fires were blazing.



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Ukrainian rescuers cleared the rubble of a destroyed building after a missile attack in Chernihiv on Wednesday.

Dzhankoi is a hub for Russian roads and railways about 50 miles south of the Ukrainian mainland. It has been a frequent target of long-range strikes by the Ukrainian military, part of a broader campaign to isolate Russian troops fighting in southern Ukraine and undermine Russian logistics.

With US military assistance largely suspended since the start of the year as some Republicans in Congress resist providing Ukraine with more support, the Western-supplied air defense systems needed to shoot down near-daily Russian missile bombardments are nearly out of ammunition.

That has increased the urgency of Ukraine's efforts to target Russian weapons at their source in both occupied parts of Ukraine and inside Russia itself.

Delays in US support have led to recent losses along the front and Zelensky told PBS in an interview broadcast Tuesday that his nation's forces were struggling.

"I can tell you, frankly, without this support, we will have no chance of winning," he said.

At the same time, the toll on civilians is growing and Ukrainian officials said that what happened in Chernihiv on Wednesday was likely only a prelude to further bloodshed.

The district where the missiles struck is a crowded part of the city near a university and hospital.

Rescue workers were still searching for victims in the rubble, he said. "This strike is just one more confirmation that Ukraine urgently needs air defense systems and ammunition," he added.

DAILY BRIEFING

Owners of destroyed Danish landmark pledge to rebuild

COPENHAGEN — Danish firefighters toiled Wednesday to extinguish the last pockets of a fire that gutted Copenhagen's 400-year-old stock exchange building the previous day, as owners of the structure looked ahead to rebuilding the iconic landmark.

Tuesday's blaze, which destroyed half of the building and toppled its dragon-tail spire, was believed to have started on the roof during renovations, but the cause remained unclear and police had yet to enter the burned part of the building to investigate.

No injuries were reported despite a hectic scramble in the first hour of the fire to remove valuables, with citizen volunteers helping officials and firefighters in an effort that managed to salvage much of the building's priceless artwork.

"This is sad, so sad," civil servant Mikkel Jensen said as he looked up at the ruins of the Old Stock Exchange.

The building, which dates from 1615 and is named the Boersen in Danish, is known for its green copper roof and 184-foot spire in the shape of four intertwined dragon tails.

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Nine arrested in 2023 heist at Toronto airport

It was a brazen theft: thousands of gold bars and millions of dollars in bank notes stolen a year ago from Toronto's international airport.

On Wednesday, Canadian authorities announced the arrest of nine people, including an Air Canada employee, in connection with the theft of more than 20 million Canadian dollars, about $14.5 million in gold bars, and $1.8 million in bank notes that vanished from a warehouse at Toronto Pearson Airport in April 2023. Arrest warrants have also been issued for three other people.

The gold theft appeared to be remarkably simple. The gold and cash arrived at the Toronto airport and was moved to one of the airline's warehouses. About two hours later, a truck pulled up at the warehouse. The driver carried a waybill that gave him access to the warehouse, police said. It was actually a duplicate of a waybill for a shipment of seafood that had been picked up a day earlier.

The container with the gold bars and bank notes was loaded into the truck.

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19 dead in Oman as heavy rain spurs major flooding

Record levels of rainfall have brought cities in the United Arab Emirates and Oman to a standstill, with at least 19 people killed in Oman and flights being diverted from Dubai's airport.

In the UAE, authorities urged all residents to stay at home, as videos showed cars submerged on gridlocked highways and planes leaving waves in their wake as they taxied down flooded runways in Dubai. In Muscat, Oman's capital, flash flooding turned streets into raging rivers.

The storm first hit Oman on Sunday, causing widespread flash flooding and leading officials to close schools and government offices. On Wednesday, the heavy rains had eased, although authorities warned residents to remain cautious.

Several areas of Oman received over 9 inches of rain between Sunday and Wednesday. The average annual rainfall in Muscat is about 4 inches.

By Wednesday, 19 deaths had been confirmed by the country's National Committee for Emergency Management.

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Myanmar's jailed former leader moved to secret location

Military says she's being protected from high heat

By Sui-Lee Wee
NEW YORK TIMES

Myanmar's ousted civilian leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, has been moved by the military junta to an unknown location from a prison in the capital, Naypyidaw, raising questions about her safety.

Suu Kyi and Win Myint, the country's former president, were relocated "to a safe place because of the high temperatures in the prison," Zaw Min Tun, the military spokesperson, said Wednesday, without disclosing their location. Temperatures in Naypyidaw hit 114.8 degrees Fahrenheit, or 46 degrees Celsius, in the past week.

Few people in Myanmar believe that the military is genuinely concerned about Suu Kyi's welfare.

The unexpected movement of Suu Kyi, 78, comes as the military is under intense pressure from a rebel alliance. In recent months, it has suffered its worst losses since seizing power in a coup in 2021.

Suu Kyi, who was deposed in the coup and is still widely revered in the country, is serving a 27-year sentence on corruption and other charges. Rights groups and supporters say the charges were trumped up and meant to keep the Nobel Peace laureate from elected office. Kim Aris, Suu Kyi's younger son, said he believes the junta could use his mother as a potential "bargaining chip."

"As the fighting is getting closer and closer" to the capital, he said, "they are getting more desperate and trying to put things in place that might protect them a little bit."

Aris, speaking by telephone from his home in London, said he received a brief letter from his mother at the beginning of the year, the first time he had heard from her since the coup. Suu Kyi told him that it was cold in prison at that time and she had problems with her teeth.



AUNG SAN SUU KYI
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In a separate telephone interview, a lawyer for Suu Kyi, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of a gag order prohibiting him from talking publicly about the case, said he was puzzled about the latest move, adding that he believed the military was exploiting his client.

Some of her supporters fear that the military government could use her as a pawn to mollify opposition forces, or even as a human shield.

She was "escorted away in heavily secured vehicles" late Tuesday, according to Kyaw Htwe, a spokesperson for Suu Kyi's political party, the National League of Democracy. She left all her belongings behind, and her whereabouts was unknown.

"It's challenging to speculate on her situation, as it remains uncertain whether her relocation is temporary or permanent," Kyaw Htwe said.

The military, which has in some way or form ruled Myanmar for nearly a half-century, has long been threatened by Suu Kyi's enduring popularity. For 15 years, it held her under house arrest, briefly freeing her at some points and then detaining her again. It released her in 2010, as it was moving toward a power-sharing arrangement, and she returned to politics, her party winning landslide elections.

In 2020, Suu Kyi repeated that feat, winning by an even bigger margin. On Feb. 1, 2021, just hours before she and her fellow lawmakers were to take their seats in Parliament, the military arrested Suu Kyi, Win Myint, and senior members of her party, accusing them of committing voter fraud.

In the years since, the country's pro-democracy movement has moved on beyond Suu Kyi. But she remains a household name, and analysts have speculated that she could be used as a prop to show that the military is ready to open talks with her.

Since the coup, Myanmar has devolved into a state of civil war. For more than two years, the military battled thousands of armed resistance fighters, with the rebels holding ground in the countryside and the government in the big cities.

But, in recent months, opposition forces have scored significant victories against the military, raising hopes that the end could be near for the junta. Starting in October 2023, an alliance of rebel forces took several key towns from the military in northern Shan State. In western Myanmar, the Arakan Army, an ethnic armed organization, said it had captured several battalions and army bases.

In Ukraine with soldiers from the International Legion

Outsiders fight in trenches while battling drones

By Tyler Hicks
NEW YORK TIMES

EASTERN UKRAINE — The bullet-scarred pickups raced the sunrise along a rough dirt road wending through a dense pine forest. The men inside them — Ukrainian, Brazilian, Colombian, Polish — spoke different languages, but few words. It was not a moment for small talk.

They had come to fight Russians.

The trucks barely came to a halt to discharge their passengers before speeding off again. Armed drones might appear overhead at any moment, and so as the men continued on foot, they, too, did so with urgency.

The soldiers of the 2nd International Legion had arrived.

The path of the soldiers, among thousands of foreign fighters who signed up to help Ukraine after Russia invaded, told a story of war.

The Serebrianka Forest in eastern Ukraine was badly scarred from months of fighting. Now, on this February morning, the bears, deer, foxes, and birds that once lived here undisturbed were nowhere to be seen. Many of the trees and plants that sustained them had been toppled and burned by artillery, mortars, and tank fire.

As the men walked, they saw bomb craters, some old, others so fresh that a green confetti of shredded leaves lay underfoot. They passed a makeshift cross, two sticks crudely bound together, marking where a Ukrainian soldier had stepped on a mine.

Then they were there: the snow-dusted trench line that would be home for their rotation.

The soldiers they had come to relieve were waiting for them and quickly moved off. Within minutes of their arrival, the fresh fighters came under attack, fired on by Russians from a nearby tree line.

Led by their Ukrainian commander, Tsygan, the 2nd International Legion soldiers answered with a barrage of their own, and the incoming and outgoing small-arms fire made for a confused, staccato orchestra.

Thirty minutes later, the fight tapered off, and the soldiers lit up cigarettes. They were going to be on their own at this outpost, with the Russian infantry as close as a football field away.

In many respects, the position had a feeling of timelessness.

A network of dugouts and log-covered bunkers was linked together by a crude labyrinth of hand-dug trenches, some strung with camouflage netting. Ahead was nothing but Russian soldiers.

Snow, rain, wind, and war crumble the trenches and bunkers that help keep soldiers alive in this war. In the lulls between fighting, the soldiers constantly fortify, repair, and deepen them.

But for all the similarity to Europe's trench warfare a century ago, much has changed.



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International Legion soldiers used an antidrone system to jam frequencies near a Russian position in eastern Ukraine Feb. 6.

One soldier raised not a Mauser to his shoulder but an antidrone weapon that he aimed at the sky. It was silent, directing an invisible signal intended to disable enemy drones and send them crashing to the ground.

This type of weapon has become increasingly common on a battlefield where it is nearly impossible for either side to move without detection, with drone operators unceasingly surveying and directing bombing from a laptop as far as 6 miles away.

There are many reasons a foreigner might enlist to fight a war that has nothing to do with him.

One, of course, is money. The open-ended contracts in Ukraine pay, on average, about $2,500 a month, a tempting sum for some of the men who came there from countries with few good economic opportunities for them.

But some fighters at the post in the woods for the 2nd International Legion, which was created at the direction of the Ukrainian president in the days after Russia invaded in February 2022, said they were looking for something more.

One soldier, a Pole who goes by the call sign Konrad 13, described the war as a calling, even a blessing. Back home, he said, he had a troubled upbringing. Then, at age 41, he felt as if he was at a dead end.

Yes, the pay is appealing, Konrad 13 said, but so was feeling a sense of purpose.

"When I came here, my life changed," he said. "I started to grow here. It's been an evolution, and I have felt my life returned to me. I've changed and become a different kind of person. This is my family now — my true family."

Over the course of their rotation — the Ukrainian military forbids saying how long it lasts, and how many fighters are in the unit — the men were involved in repeated engagements with the Russians across the way. During the day, fighting flared up every three or four hours, generally lasting an hour. At night came the bombs.

At the end of their rotation, with a fresh group of soldiers arriving to relieve them, the soldiers prepared their packs for the journey out. But they had to hold off: A Russian drone had appeared overhead at the end edge of the last trench.

US restores oil sanctions on Venezuela as hopes dim for free election

Says Maduro didn't comply with election plan

By Genevieve Glatsky
NEW YORK TIMES

When the government of President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela and his country's opposition signed an agreement in October to work toward free and fair elections this year, it was seen as a glimmer of hope after years of authoritarian rule and economic free fall.

The United States, as a sign of goodwill, temporarily lifted some of the economic sanctions that have crippled the country's crucial oil industry.

But six months later, the Maduro government has made several moves that have dimmed the chances of legitimate elections, and a frustrated Biden administration on Wednesday announced that it was letting the sanctions relief expire.

The reinstatement of the penalties could carry significant consequences for the future of Venezuela's democracy, for its economy and for migration in the region.

"Maduro and his representatives did not fully comply with the spirit or the letter of the agreement," said a senior administration official who spoke with a group of journalists on background to discuss a sensitive diplomatic matter.

Another top official discussing the restored sanctions cited the "disqualification of candidates and parties on technicalities, and what we see as a continued pattern of harassment and repression against opposition figures and civil society."

The sanctions relief was to expire at midnight Wednesday, but the official said there would be a "45-day wind down period for transactions related to the oil and gas sector operations" so that the expiration "does not provoke uncertainty in the global energy sector."

The Venezuelan government did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But in a televised address Monday, Maduro, anticipating that the sanctions would be restored, said, "We are not a gringo colony. Venezuela is going to continue its economic march."

The United States has placed sanctions on some Venezuelan leaders for years, but the Trump administration tightened them significantly in 2019 after the US accused Maduro of fraud in the last presidential election.

The move was meant to force the Maduro government from power, but Maduro has managed to retain his grip, even as the sanctions have led to economic misery for many Venezuelans.



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Opposition leader María Corina Machado was embraced by supporters in San Antonio, Venezuela, on Wednesday.

Venezuelan oil imports to the United States — its biggest customer — have been effectively banned. Oil is Venezuela's main source of export income, and the sanctions have dealt a devastating economic blow that has contributed to a mass exodus of Venezuelans.

The sanctions relief allowed Venezuela to sell its crude freely for a period of six months.

Maduro, who has been in power for 11 years, has long sought the lifting of sanctions, while the United States and its allies in the Venezuelan opposition have demanded that Maduro allow competitive elections that could give his political opponents a legitimate shot at winning.

While the agreement last year, signed in Barbados, was a significant step forward, many were skeptical that Maduro would ever allow an election with any real possibility that he might lose.

Just days after the agreement was signed, a former Venezuelan lawmaker, María Corina Machado, won a primary election with more than 90 percent of the vote. Her victory and a high turnout showed, according to experts, that she stood a strong chance of defeating Maduro in a free and fair election.

Since then, the Maduro government has put up more barriers to prevent the possibility of a competitive vote.

The country's top court disqualified Machado in January over what the judges claimed were financial irregularities that occurred when she was a national legislator. Those types of disqualifications are a common tactic used by Maduro to keep strong competitors off the ballot.

Then, the government, using technical electoral maneuvers, prevented an opposition coalition from putting forward another preferred candidate. The opposition was ultimately allowed to put forth a different candidate, Edmundo González, a former diplomat, but it is unclear if his name will appear on the ballot in the July 28 election.

One opposition party was allowed to officially register another candidate: Manuel Rosales, the governor of the populous state of Zulia, whose candidacy is widely seen as rubber-stamped by Maduro, according to political analysts.

An unclassified US intelligence report in February stated that Maduro was likely to win the election and remain in power "because of his control of state institutions that influence the electoral process and his willingness to exercise his power."

While the Maduro administration had placed allies on Venezuela's electoral council, the intelligence report said it was "also trying to avoid blatant voting fraud."

Six of Machado's campaign aides have been arrested, and six more have gone into hiding since arrest warrants were issued against them. Men on motorbikes have attacked supporters at her events. Many Venezuelans living abroad have been unable to register to vote because of expensive and cumbersome requirements.

Now that sanctions have been reinstated, experts say it is unlikely the Venezuelan government will reconsider its antidemocratic actions.

The Maduro government does not "have any further reason to make more concessions or even maintain some of the concessions that they have made so far," said Mariano de Alba, a senior adviser for International Crisis Group, a think tank. "So we could be walking toward a more uneven playing field on the electoral side."

The move could also affect migration in the region.

‘If it takes a member of Congress to force a university president to fire a pro-terrorist, antisemitic faculty chair, then Columbia . . . is failing.’

REP. ELISE STEFANIK



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‘From the messages I’m hearing from students, they are getting the message that violations of our policies will have consequences.’

NEMAT SHAFIK
Columbia’s president



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Columbia’s president vows to fight campus antisemitism

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from students, they are getting the message that violations of our policies will have consequences,” Shafik said.

Testifying alongside her, Claire Shipman, the cochair of Columbia’s board of trustees, made the point bluntly. “We have a moral crisis on our campus,” she said.

Republicans seemed skeptical. But Shafik’s conciliatory tone offered the latest measure of just how much universities have changed their approach toward campus protests over the past few months.

Many schools were initially hesitant to take strong steps limiting freedom of expression cherished on their campuses. But with many Jewish students, faculty, and alumni raising alarms, and with the federal government investigating dozens of schools, some administrators have tried to take more assertive steps to control their campuses.

With 5,000 Jewish students and an active protest movement for the Palestinian cause, Columbia has been among the most scrutinized. Jewish students have described being verbally and even physically harassed, while demonstrators have clashed with administrators over limits to where and when they can assemble.

In bending toward House Republicans in Washington, Shafik may have further divided her New York City campus, where students pitched tents and set up a “Gaza Solidarity Encampment” early Wednesday in open violation of university demonstration policies. Activists have rejected charges of antisemitism, and say they are speaking out for Palestinians, tens of thousands of whom have been killed by Israel’s invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Shafik, who took her post in July 2023 after a career in education and international agencies, did repeatedly defend the university’s commitment to free speech. But she said administrators “cannot and should not tolerate abuse of this privilege” when it puts others at risk.

Her comments stood in contrast to testimony in December by the presidents of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University. Appearing before the same House committee, they offered terse, lawyerly answers and struggled to answer whether students should be punished if they called for the genocide of Jews. The firestorm that followed helped hasten their ousters.

Shafik missed that earlier hearing because of a preplanned international trip. She made clear Wednesday that she was not about to make similar mistakes.

Asked the same question, about whether calls for genocide violate Columbia’s code of conduct, Shafik answered in the affirmative — “Yes, it does” — along with the other Columbia leaders at the hearing.

Shafik explained that the university had suspended two student groups, Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace, because they repeatedly violated its policies on demonstrations.

Much of the hearing, though, focused on faculty members, not students.

Under persistent questioning from Republicans, Shafik went into surprising detail about disciplinary procedures against university professors. She noted that Columbia has about 4,700 faculty members and vowed that there would be “consequences” for employees who “make remarks that cross the line in terms of antisemitism.”

So far, Shafik said, five faculty members had been removed from the classroom or dismissed in recent months for comments stemming from the war. Shafik said that Mohamed Abdou, a visiting professor who drew ire for showing support for Hamas on social media, “is grading his students’ papers and will never teach at Columbia again.” Abdou did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The president also disclosed that the university is investigating Joseph Massad, a professor of Middle Eastern studies, who used the word “awesome” to describe the Oct. 7 attack led by Hamas that Israel says killed 1,200 people.

Shafik and other leaders denounced his work in striking terms. But Shafik struggled to state clearly, when questioned, whether Massad would be removed from his position leading a university panel.

“Will you make the commitment to remove him as chair?” Representative Elise Stefanik, Republican of New York, asked her during one fast-paced exchange.

Shafik replied cautiously, “I think that would be — I think, I would, yes.”

In an email Wednesday, Massad said he had not watched the hearing but had seen some clips. He accused Republicans on the committee of distorting his writing and said it was “unfortunate” that Columbia officials had not defended him.

Massad said it was also “news to me” that he was the subject of a Columbia inquiry. He noted that he was already scheduled to cycle out of his leadership role at the end of the spring semester.

Shafik’s words deeply worried some supporters of academic freedom.

“We are witnessing a new era of McCarthyism where a House committee is using college presidents and professors for political theater,” said Irene Mulvey, the president of the American Association of University Professors. “They are pushing an agenda that will ultimately damage higher education and the robust exchanges of ideas it is founded upon.”

Democrats on the House committee uniformly denounced antisemitism, but repeatedly accused Republicans of trying to weaponize a fraught moment for elite universities such as Columbia, seeking to undermine them over long-standing political differences.

Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, one of only two Muslim women in Congress, pushed back on Shafik from the left, questioning what the university was doing to help students who were doxxed over their activism for the Palestinian cause or faced anti-Arab sentiment.

Shafik said the university had assembled resources to help targeted students.

By the end of the hearing, Republicans began to fact-check her claims, drawing from thousands of pages of documents the university handed over as part of the committee’s investigation.

Representative Virginia Foxx, Republican of North Carolina and the committee’s chair, said that several of the student suspensions Shafik described had already been lifted and argued that students are still not taking the university’s policies seriously.

In a statement after the hearing, Stefanik said she likewise found Shafik’s assurances unpersuasive.

“If it takes a member of Congress to force a university president to fire a pro-terrorist, antisemitic faculty chair,” she said, “then Columbia University leadership is failing Jewish students and its academic mission.”

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GOP blocks bid to repeal abortion ban in Ariz.

PHOENIX — Republicans in Arizona's Legislature on Wednesday scuttled another effort to repeal the state's 1864 law banning abortion, defying pressure from prominent Republicans, including former president Donald Trump, who had urged them to toss the ban that many voters viewed as extreme and archaic.

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"The last thing we should be doing today is rushing a bill through the legislative process to repeal a law that has been enacted and reaffirmed by the Legislature several times," House Speaker Ben Toma, a Republican, said as he blocked an effort to vote on the repeal.

The Arizona Supreme Court's ruling last week to uphold the Civil War-era near-total abortion ban infuriated supporters of abortion rights, exhilarated abortion opponents, and set off a political firestorm in Arizona, where Republicans narrowly control both houses of the state Legislature but foresaw a grave political threat. Repealing it would revert Arizona to a 15-week abortion ban.

Republicans initially resisted Democrats' attempts to repeal the law last week. But as Democrats slammed the ban — which allows only an exception to save the life of the mother, and says doctors prosecuted under the law could face fines and prison terms of two to five years — Republican leaders including Trump and Kari Lake, the Senate candidate and close Trump ally, said the court had overreached and urged the Legislature to act quickly. Lake, facing a competitive race in November, dialed lawmakers herself and asked how she could help with the repeal effort.

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President Biden walked with children in front of his childhood home in Scranton, Pa., on Wednesday.

Barr says he will support the Republican ticket

Former attorney general William P. Barr effectively endorsed former president Donald Trump on Wednesday, despite having previously criticized Trump's conduct while in office and once comparing him to a "defiant, 9-year-old kid."

Asked Wednesday whether he would vote for Trump, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee, in November, Barr told Fox News that he would vote for the Republican ticket.

"I've said all along, given two bad choices, I think it's my duty to pick the person I think would do the least harm to the country, and in my mind, that's — I will vote the Republican ticket," said Barr, who remains a Republican. "I'll support the Republican ticket."

Barr served as US attorney general under Trump from 2019 to 2020, resigning from Trump's Cabinet on Dec. 14, 2020, after publicly disputing the former president's claims that there was widespread fraud in the 2020 election. Trump would later claim he had demanded Barr's resignation.

Barr also later cooperated with the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection, and defended special counsel Jack Smith's prosecution of Trump as a "legitimate case."

In his 2022 memoir, "One Damn Thing After Another: Memoirs of an Attorney General," Barr wrote about how his relationship with Trump had soured, citing how Trump and his legal team — including Barr's nemesis, Trump lawyer and former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani — pushed absurd claims of mass voter fraud.

"His legal team had a difficult case to make, and they made it as badly and unprofessionally as I could have imagined," Barr wrote. "It was all a grotesque embarrassment."

Trump in turn has castigated Barr, calling his former attorney general a "coward" and vowing that, if reelected, he would not make Barr attorney general again.

Barr refused to endorse Trump in the Republican presidential primary, comparing voting for Trump to "playing Russian roulette with the country."

WASHINGTON POST

New Biden ad highlights ties to organized labor

SCRANTON, Pa. — As President Biden tours Pennsylvania, his campaign will run a new ad promoting his commitment to organized labor and attacking the economic policies of former president Donald Trump.

The ad features JoJo Burgess, who is a steelworker and the mayor of Washington, Pa., a small town southwest of Pittsburgh. Biden spoke Wednesday at the headquarters of the United Steelworkers union in Pittsburgh, where he called on his trade representative to increase some tariffs on steel and aluminum products from China.

"Donald Trump has shown through his history that workers mean nothing to him," Burgess says in the ad, a minute-long spot. "Right now, we have the most pro-American worker president in office that we've ever had in our history."

The Biden campaign said it was spending in the "mid-six figures" to push the message across television and digital platforms in Pennsylvania, separate from a $30 million ad campaign across the major battleground states. It hopes the ad will complement news media coverage of Biden's three-day Pennsylvania visit, which is set to conclude Thursday in Philadelphia. Winning the state, where he narrowly defeated Trump in 2020, is crucial to his reelection strategy.

The new ad amplifies the argument that Biden is pursuing against Trump on the economy, accusing the former president of siding with billionaires over workers. In a speech laying out his tax policy Tuesday in Scranton, his hometown, Biden laid into Trump.

"He learned the best way to get rich is to inherit it," Biden said of his rival.

NEW YORK TIMES

At fund-raiser, Trump blasts wind power

Former president Donald Trump repeatedly ranted about wind power during a fund-raising dinner with oil and gas industry executives last week, claiming that the renewable-energy source is unreliable, unattractive, and bad for the environment.

"I hate wind," Trump told the executives over a meal of chopped steak at his Mar-a-Lago Club and resort in Florida, according to a person with knowledge of the meeting, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe a private conversation.

Trump's comments reveal how he is wooing potential donors with his longstanding hostility to wind farms and pledges to halt this form of renewable energy if he returns to office. His stance poses a potential threat to one of the linchpins of America's clean-energy transition, according to more than a dozen Trump allies, energy experts and offshore wind industry officials.

Even if President Biden were to win reelection, experts say, opponents of offshore wind will remain emboldened by Trump's stance and well positioned to challenge a new generation of projects in federal waters.

And if Trump were to return to the White House?

"If I were in the offshore wind industry, I would probably be pretty, pretty nervous," said a former Trump administration energy official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment publicly.

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As legislation languishes, another day of chaos in Congress

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that had no chance of succeeding, the shaky hold on power of their House speaker, and the ongoing tribulations of their presumptive presidential nominee, Donald Trump, who wasn't swooping in to help them because he's in the midst of a criminal trial.

All the while, crucial priorities, such as sending military assistance to war-torn US allies, sit and wait.

A new type of congressional disarray has arrived in waves since Republicans took control of the House in January 2023. Their historically narrow majority has given oversized clout to far-right Republicans, who've used it to render the House leaderless for significant stretches of time, and are again threatening to create another leadership vacuum with a growing threat to oust Speaker Mike Johnson.

When they've stopped infighting long enough to work, House Republicans have often delivered partisan hot potatoes doomed to cool and rot in the Senate — all while delaying votes on bills with strong bipartisan support, such as a $95 billion foreign aid package to assist Ukraine and Israel. A prime example arrived this week in the form of the Mayorkas articles of impeachment over allegations he has failed to secure the border.

As the Senate slogged toward the inevitable dismissal of the Mayorkas charges, the House scrambled to digest four foreign aid bills released by Johnson, which were doomed to meet conservative opposition no matter what.

Johnson's maneuver greatly complicates the effort to get billions of dollars to Ukraine for its war against Russia, to Israel for its war against Hamas, and humanitarian assistance for war-devastated Gaza. And while the clock is ticking on that desperately needed assistance, time is also running out on another vital piece of legislation: reauthorization of part of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, which expires Friday night.

If the provision does lapse, US officials said, they would lose the ability to launch new spying on foreign enemies to try to thwart terrorist attacks and other threats.

The House approved the reauthorization last week in a bipartisan vote after a typical bout of legislative drama. But the delivery this week of the Mayorkas impeachment articles — approved by the House with only Republican votes — took precedence due to Senate rules.

So the Senate gaveled in shortly after 1 p.m. with the Mayorkas impeachment on the agenda and strict procedures for how to handle it. All 100 senators needed to be in attendance.

It didn't take long for the arguing to begin.

After about 3½ hours, with senators often looking like they were strapped in for an unpleasant flight, they voted along party lines to dismiss both articles of impeachment without any formal presentation of evidence.

Republicans and Democrats both emerged upset.

"Chuck Schumer just nuked our impeachment trials forever," said Senator Eric Schmitt, a Missouri Republican. "So he's going to go down in the annals of history as one of the worst United States senators because he set fire to the Constitution and ignored 200 years of precedent."

Senator John Fetterman, a Democrat from Pennsylvania, wasn't happy either. The trial not only meant an unproductive afternoon, but one in which he had to ditch his usual attire of a hoodie and shorts for a jacket and tie.



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Embattled House Speaker Mike Johnson appeared with Donald Trump in Florida on Friday, and the former president declared, "I stand with the speaker."

"I'm never going to enjoy anything that forces me to wear a suit," Fetterman said as he headed back to his office. "If people . . . decide we want to piss 3½ hours away, well they did that today. I hope everyone feels better after it, but I don't. But at least I am glad that it's over."

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That's not the case with the threat to Johnson's job.

Two House Republicans have threatened to remove him, pointing to the Ukraine aid package as evidence he's pushing a Democratic agenda instead of a conservative one.

Last fall, House Republicans spent more than three weeks struggling to elect Johnson after eight GOP rebels voted to oust Kevin McCarthy from the job. Now, the possibility of a rerun — sinking Johnson without any apparent alternative — wasn't sitting well with some Republicans.

"I think it's despicable. Some folks seem to like anarchy for whatever reason," said Representative Don Bacon, a moderate Republican from Nebraska. "Mike Johnson's a good man, he's trying to do the right thing, and we should stand behind him. Period."

But Republican Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia said she is done standing by Johnson and has filed a motion to remove him. This week, another conservative Republican, Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky, said he'd join her. Massie's move came after Johnson appeared with Donald Trump in Florida on Friday, where the former president declared, "I stand with the speaker."

Trump, whose campaign did not respond to a request for comment on the upheaval on Capitol Hill, could do more to halt the revolt against Johnson. But he has a more personal concern: staying out of jail.

And Trump didn't exactly do Johnson the courtesy of reiterating his support for him again this week.

"Well, we'll see what happens with that," Trump reportedly said Tuesday. "I think he's a very good person."

Representative Brad Wenstrup, an Ohio Republican, said he doesn't understand what the end game is for Johnson's opponents.

"We've got work to do," he said. "Right now, it's just too easy to say, 'If I can't get my bill on the floor, I'm going to make you put it on or I'm going to get rid of you.' I just don't see where that is an effective tool in accomplishing things."

As the House Republican majority shrinks to a one-vote margin with the resignation of Wisconsin Representative Mike Gallagher expected to take effect in the coming days, there's a growing likelihood that Johnson will have to rely on Democrats to take the unprecedented step of coming to his rescue.

For example, Representative Ann Kuster, a Democrat from New Hampshire, said she told Johnson that if the House does vote on the foreign aid measures, then she "personally would have no reason to get rid of him."

House Democrats are beyond frustrated at the inability of Republicans to run the chamber without open revolt breaking out every few months.

"We still have things that need to happen," said Kuster, chair of the moderate New Democrat Coalition. "Congress can't just stop now."

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Low-income areas want voice in greening of grid

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ties that are more able to push back are spared.

A recent report by several advocacy groups found that more than 80 percent of existing infrastructure for generating electricity is located in or within a mile of an environmental justice neighborhood. Of 11 planned substations identified by the authors, seven would be in such neighborhoods.

The green energy transition, powered primarily by electricity generated by solar and wind, promises to be cleaner than power plants of old. But while the substations of tomorrow may not have the same toxic emissions, or any emissions for that matter, they bring an increased risk of fire and can occupy locations that would otherwise be used by the community.

Environmental justice communities have long, collective memories of living near coal- or gas-fired power plants that belch out air pollutants including sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and toxic emissions such as mercury that can lead to health problems.

While the new substation in East Boston won't have air pollutants, it is being built on flood-prone land directly on Chelsea Creek that could become more vulnerable as sea levels rise and near tanks of jet fuel and a gas station. Locals fear that heightens the risk of an explosion.

Eversource has said that the design of the substation exceeds local and federal flood-elevation standards, and that the structure will be built to withstand 500-year flood waters and take into account rising sea levels.

And the energy facilities need to go somewhere. The state's ambitious plans to combat climate change focus on pivoting from fossil fuels to renewable energy, which will require essentially tripling the size of the electric grid by 2050. The two largest electric utilities have proposed building more than 40 new substations combined to deliver all those needed electrons.



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In 2021, activists blocked the entrance to Boston City Hall as they protested the East Boston substation.



EVERSOURCE

A rendering of the substation looks nothing like the typical hulking power generator.

The lead author of the recent report, Paula García of the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the state has an opportunity to think more equitably about where such facilities are sited. "If we do not pay attention to the situation, we're going to be repeating the same mistakes of our current energy system," she said.

The substation in East Boston will be connected to other substations in Everett and Chelsea via two new underground transmission lines. Combined, they will provide power to the area and help support the effort to electrify some of Logan Airport's operations.

In East Boston last month, Noemy Rodriguez, a 37-year-old mother of three and local organizer with the grass-roots advocacy organization GreenRoots, sighed as she watched the construction of the substation. She moved from Newton in 2013 to East Boston, which has long been home to bulk storage tanks for petroleum and other energy infrastructure.

"When I came here, I felt a big difference in the smell of the air," she said, speaking through a Spanish interpreter. "That sulfur smell of the pollution — it was completely different."

Rodriguez, her neighbors, and other advocates fighting the substation said that while the new substation won't spew toxic emissions, it is too close to a playground and on land Boston had previously said would be a park.

Renderings of the new substation in East Boston, which was first proposed in late 2014 and received final approval last year, show a modern building with mural art and vegetation on the outside walls, not a hulking power generator. It's an aesthetically modern design, but not the waterfront park locals had expected, leaving residents to question if wealthier communities are also being asked to give up valuable real estate for the greater good.

John Walkey, director of waterfront and climate justice at GreenRoots, said communities that end up with the infrastructure are often an afterthought in the decision-making process. In neighborhoods such as East Boston, where residents may be disenfranchised or don't speak the language, "before they even realize it's been proposed, [developers] are breaking ground on a project," he said.

In the case of the Eversource substation, many residents felt that they weren't invited to weigh in until late in the process, and that their voices weren't heard. The resulting opposition delayed the project for years, with it now scheduled to go into service at the end of next year.

None of it was ideal, said Eversource spokesperson William Hinkle. "The most important lesson learned from East Boston is we just have to do a better job with community engagement and outreach for siting any project."

Already, Hinkle said, the company has found that engaging earlier with communities led to less conflict and a quicker process.

That's playing out in Hyde Park, another environmental justice neighborhood, where the utility is planning a battery and substation project. Eversource started its "enhanced community engagement approach" earlier this year, Hinkle said.

So far, it's been going well, said Lynn McCall, who lives in a 55-and-older condo complex with 103 units that abuts the land Eversource will develop. "They are at least coming to us in the early stages and not, you know, after they have definitely laid the groundwork to put in whatever it is they have decided," she said.

Statewide, a special commission is working to improve the permitting process, including how to get communities involved earlier. With members from utilities, environmental justice groups, and others, the commission this month recommended the state create a new office to ensure communities are involved in the planning, as well as requiring developers to "meaningfully engage" with those residents early in the process — even before applying for a permit.

"Local officials are very important, but we also need to reach those community members who live near these facilities that we're building and make sure that they have a meaningful way to engage in the process," said Catherine Finneran, vice president of transmission projects development at Eversource and a member of the commission.

The commission also recommended requiring that all permits be issued within 15 months — a big change, considering there is no deadline currently and the review process can take up to four years.

"Massachusetts' current siting and permitting processes are causing significant delays in the clean energy transition," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper.

The recommendations will now be used by the governor and legislators to inform legislation and rule-making going forward, including where to build.

The changes will likely come too late for Rodriguez and her neighbors in East Boston, though advocates are working to appeal the Eversource permits to the Supreme Judicial Court. Construction is well underway, leaving them looking at prime waterfront land and wondering what might have been.

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Suffolk County youths much more likely to be held after arrest

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of youth legal advocacy nonprofit Citizens for Juvenile Justice. "We know when kids touch the formal system, especially through detention, young people actually tend to reoffend."

The higher rate of Black youths entering the "quicksand" of the juvenile justice system, he said, exacerbates existing issues in a community that already has to deal with higher rates of violence, disinvestment, and trauma.

Studies show youth pretrial detention can lead to higher rates of recidivism. One published in 2020 in the journal Crime & Delinquency found it was associated with increases particularly around felony recidivism within a year. The study found there's evidence that young people who are held in detention programs are exposed to more trauma and bad influences, and come out with a new stigma that can limit opportunities.

"It's more important to be smart on crime than tough on crime," said retired judge Jay Blitzman, formerly the first justice of the juvenile court in Middlesex County. "We've really got to be thoughtful about the unintended consequences of what we're doing."

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office defended the way it handles youths, saying it seeks to strike a balance between efforts to divert them away from the justice system and public safety needs in a big city. The office seeks to hold young people only for serious crimes, said Migdalia Iris Nalls, chief of the DA's juvenile unit.

"It is a decision that's not made lightly," she said.

Nalls said that since the pandemic, her unit has seen "an influx" of serious offenses, including firearm cases.

Out of 52 juveniles being held as of mid-March, 21 were for firearm-related offenses, Nalls said. Three were bail revocations because of multiple offenses, and the rest involved some sort of assault, she said.

"We want to get these numbers down, but we also want to be careful about public safety — so we're making very thoughtful decisions," Nalls said.

When the DA's office moves to bring charges against a young person, she said, prosecutors attempt to talk to their parents, community members, and victims, and also check what community support systems or therapy options are available.

Nalls said that she's worked with youths for 13 years, and that both the law and the philosophies of the people who practice it have moved more toward keeping young people out of custody.

"People are trying to get it right, and that includes the DA's office," she said.

In an annual report released in January, the state's Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board wrote that it's "concerned" that the number of young people arrested and charged, which had been dropping in the years before the pandemic, has increased two years in a row, and that racial disparities have increased among those arrested.



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The report noted that comes after the state passed the sweeping 2018 Criminal Justice Reform Act, which deemed that a minor could not be prosecuted for a first misdemeanor and set 12 as the youngest age at which a child could be charged, up from 7. While the number of youths entering the juvenile justice system has declined since then, the report said that if the recent upward trend continues, the number of young people detained before trial will soon surpass the levels they hit before the reform bill.

Dulcineia Goncalves, deputy chief counsel for the Committee for Public Counsel Services' Youth Advocacy Division, said prosecutors and the courts need to focus more on diversionary programs that keep young people who get arrested out of detention by requiring such things as undergoing therapy or attending school.

"To take away their family, their education, whatever supports they have — just one day does damage," she said.

If young people are just punished, Goncalves said, "there's less of a chance that they're going to develop into healthy adults."

Emmett Folgert, a longtime youth worker in Dorchester, said the DA's office is generally doing a good job in its handling of juvenile cases. He said there are uses for detention, especially when a cycle of retaliatory violence is flaring up.

Post-arraignment diversionary programs overseen by probation can provide the structure and support to keep youths on track, he said.

Nalls said Suffolk does both informal diversion, which comes before arraignment and is for low-level offenses, and formal diversion, which includes entering into court-mandated programs. She said more than 400 youth cases were not arraigned because of diversion efforts last year that instead directed young people toward community organizations that included academic help, mentoring, recreational activities, and job opportunities.

Smith, of Citizens for Juvenile Justice, said the DA's office "is doing really great stuff" when it does use its diversionary programs — it just needs to do so more often.

"That's going to pay off in the long run," he said. "We can't punish our way out of a mental health crisis. And having a kid working on their issues isn't a way out of accountability — it is accountability."

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End the fight over North End restaurants

The fight between the Wu administration and a group of restaurant owners in the North End over whether to allow outdoor dining on the neighborhood's streets has dragged on for far too long. Basta! Before summer, when droves of tourists cram the North End's narrow streets foraging for cannoli and pasta, the two sides ought to strike a deal that revives on-street dining but with reasonable limits to protect the neighborhood.

Such a deal is unlikely to completely satisfy the restaurant owners, who want the same generous access to street space that restaurants in the rest of the city get. But it makes sense to treat the North End differently, for the simple reason that the neighborhood *is* different: There are simply too many restaurants, packed too closely together, to operate under the same system as other parts of the city.

But those unique circumstances are reasons to tailor specific street dining rules for the North End — not a justification to prevent on-street dining completely.

The dispute stems from the early days of the pandemic, when public health mandates prohibited indoor dining. As an emergency measure to help restaurants survive — and provide some relief for residents desperate to get out of the house — former Mayor Marty Walsh allowed restaurants to set up outdoor tables on street parking spaces. They were, in effect, patios on city property, a lifesaver for restaurants that didn't have their own outside seating. The widely praised program was popular with both restaurateurs and diners, and the impact on parking was minimal.

With some modifications, that arrangement has now become permanent. In 2024, the city is again allowing qualifying restaurants in most of the city to claim a parking space (they have to pay a fee of up to $399 a month).

But the story in the North End has been different. Initially, in 2020 and 2021, the roughly 95 restaurants in the North End had the same opportunities as those in the rest of the city. Dozens participated. But some North End residents complained about noise, garbage, traffic, and other nuisances they said street dining had exacerbated. The city first limited on-street dining and charged restaurants extra fees in 2022 (fees that were higher than in other areas) and then banned it outright.

Restaurant owners in the North End feel singled out and say the complaints are unfair or exaggerated. But the over-the-top response of some restauranteurs hasn't helped their case. They have accused the mayor of discriminating against them because they are of Italian descent. Some of them have also aligned with anti-vax protesters who picketed Mayor Michelle Wu's house.

Still, if Wu didn't think it was a problem for climate protesters to get arrested outside Charlie Baker's house in 2021, she surely can't hold it against the restaurant owners that some of them legally protested outside hers. And if the North End owners may lack polish, that's sometimes the nature of the kind of mom-and-pop businesses the city claims to value.

So what would a viable compromise look like? We're still partial to the idea of shutting down Hanover Street to car traffic, maybe just on peak summer weekends, which could create a nice European ambiance and provide plenty of outdoor dining space. The city could also go back to the old rules but make restaurants shut down their outdoor tables earlier. The majority of a task force the city formed to look into outdoor dining in the North End offered a list of other recommendations, including placing more trash barrels, hiring crossing guards, and keeping rideshare vehicles off Hanover Street. Drawing from all those ideas, it should be possible to work out a deal.

The exact details of a compromise, though, are less important than that an agreement be reached and the court battles end. From the city's perspective, it's no doubt difficult to negotiate with a group that's also suing you. But North End restaurants are an important part of the city's tourist appeal. Boston residents deserve fun places to dine, too. Restaurateurs shouldn't expect outdoor dining in the North End to look the same as elsewhere in the city — but the city ought to be able to offer a better program than nothing.



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People walked past tables at a dining area set up in parking spots outside Terramia Ristorante on May 10, 2022, in the North End.



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Legalized gambling is not going away in Massachusetts. The people have spoken — and the state is benefitting from the revenue generated by it.

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State hits the jackpot on sports gambling revenue, but what's the social cost?

What a sweet little jackpot. According to a report released this week by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, the state has collected approximately $127.77 million in total taxes and assessments from in-person and online sports betting operations since it legalized this highly addictive activity a little over a year ago.

But that windfall comes with a social cost that is still being calculated. As the Globe recently reported, Massachusetts spent nearly $12 million on problem gambling services in the last fiscal year — more per capita than any other state. As the Globe also reported, a growing number of young gamblers are among those showing up at mental health clinics and Gamblers Anonymous meetings. It's illegal in Massachusetts for anyone under 21 to gamble online on sports. But where there's a will, tech-savvy teenagers and adolescents are finding a way.

"Gambling is anything but painless when you take account of the cost of addiction and problem gambling," the Rev. Richard McGowan, who teaches finance at Boston College and has written several books on the gambling industry, told me via email. "Once again the dilemma is: Can government benefit [from] and regulate an industry at the same time?"

The first instinct seems to be to maximize the benefit — to government. For example, Governor Maura Healey's budget plan includes a proposal that would cut by half the percentage of casino gambling revenues earmarked for a public health fund devoted to helping problem gamblers. As a Healey administration official explained it to the Globe, shifting that money elsewhere is one of the "creative solutions" being explored to balance the 2025 budget in the face of lower than expected tax revenue from other sources.

The change would be a onetime cut to the amount deposited in the Public Health Trust Fund, with the money shifted to support local aid, transportation, education, and economic development and would not impact programming in fiscal 2025. Of course, until a budget is signed into law, it's not a done deal. But this shows Healey's thinking about how gambling revenue can be used, and it isn't just about helping gamblers.

The history of Healey's evolution on legalized gambling is worth recounting. When she was running for attorney general in 2014, she backed a state ballot question to repeal the state casino law, which ultimately failed. At the time, she said she opposed gambling as an economic engine, writing on a liberal blog, "I do not believe a modern economy that is focused on creating opportunities for every person can be built on gambling." In that blog post, Healey said casinos can widen the income gap and disproportionately affect poor people and she expressed concern about the overall consequences of the addictive behavior it encourages.

However, once elected attorney general, she began moderating her tone and position. As a candidate for governor in 2022, she went all-in with sports betting, saying, "It is the way now." She explained that change of heart by pointing to the consumer protections that were put in place for casino gambling, which she said would also come into play with sports betting.

Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell has taken some steps to do that. When sports betting launched a year ago and the public was bombarded with promotions, she pushed for tighter restrictions on ads. Still, some believe the changes adopted by the gaming commission didn't go far enough. Last month, Campbell also announced a partnership between government organizations and professional sports teams to come up with a program to fight the dangers of sports betting.

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At her side was NCAA president Charlie Baker. As governor, Baker in 2022 signed off on legalized sports betting in Massachusetts — whose consequences for some were described as "gut-wrenching" at the press conference. Yet he still managed to praise himself because the state law he backed doesn't allow so-called "prop bets" on collegiate games — wagers on individual players or specific events not directly connected to the outcome of a game. At the same time, Baker also acknowledged that people under the age of 21 are finding ways to bet. Detailed plans to take on the challenges outlined by Campbell and Baker have not yet been announced.

Of course, legalized gambling is not going away in Massachusetts. The people have spoken — and the state is benefitting from the revenue generated by it. According to the gaming commission, in addition to the sports betting revenue, the state's three casinos have generated a total of $1.7 billion in total taxes and assessments since the first one opened in 2015.

As McGowan sees it, the money rolling in provides little incentive to rein in the gambling industry. "It is the classic case of the ends justifying the means," he said.

In the end, the state becomes as addicted to gambling revenue as gamblers can become to gambling.

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Trump won't get a break from the Supreme Court — yet

This week the nation got its first glimpse of Donald Trump as a criminal defendant as he appeared at his New York trial, accused of falsifying business records to conceal hush money payments in an effort to silence allegations of an affair with an adult film star before the 2016 presidential election.

Charging the rioters under this statute is novel, but charging Trump for his actions in pressuring state officials not to certify the election results, trying to "find" additional votes in his favor, and creating a slate of phony electors in an effort to overturn the will of voters is not.

But as he sat, stewed, nodded off, and was admonished by the judge for mouthing off during jury selection in New York, the US Supreme Court mulled a different case that has the potential to wipe out some of the most serious charges Trump faces from special counsel Jack Smith's federal indictment.

The high court is considering whether a charge hundreds of Jan. 6 rioters face, carrying with it a penalty of up to 20 years in prison, should be tossed out. Trump faces the same charge in his federal indictment for his action in connection with the attempted coup in 2021. But based on comments made by the justices during oral arguments, it seems unlikely that Trump will get a break — even if the rioters do.

The justices considered whether the law criminalizing obstruction of an official proceeding, passed in the wake of the Enron accounting fraud scandal, applies to those who stormed the Capitol building. The law closed a legal loophole to ensure third-party actors, such as Enron's outside auditor Arthur Andersen, could still face charges for their role in thwarting the efforts of federal investigators and prosecutors.

Not only does the law criminalize destroying or concealing a government record, it also applies to anyone who "otherwise obstructs, influences, or impedes any official proceeding, or attempts to do so" — a catchall phrase clearly meant to close any other loopholes the wording of the law missed.

That "otherwise" clause is the basis for the charges against those who violently breached the Capitol. Joseph Fischer, a former police officer from Pennsylvania — not to be confused with fellow Jan. 6 participant and former Boston police officer Joseph Fisher who pleaded guilty to federal charges in February — asked the Supreme Court to throw out the charge against him because the law was meant to penalize obstruction of federal investigations or evidence.

He claims that his actions while in the Capitol building, during which he allegedly assaulted a Capitol Police officer, don't fall under the law's meaning.

The Justice Department disagrees, saying that Fischer and other charged rioters entered the Capitol with the intent of stopping the presidential election count, which was an official proceeding under the plain language of the law.

The justices seemed split on that question. But based on their exchanges with the attorneys arguing the case, it seems clear that the actions Trump is accused of — particularly his role in the scheme to create fake slates of electors to send to Washington — fit the charge to a T.

Trump wasn't mentioned by name during the argument. But it seemed clear that his charges were on the mind of Justice Amy Coney Barrett, a Trump appointee, when she asked whether the charge would apply to a defendant who tried "to obstruct evidence because he was trying to obstruct the arrival of the (electoral) certificates to the vice president's desk for counting."

Joseph Green, the attorney arguing on Fischer's behalf, replied that his client's actions were very different from "actually changing a document or altering a document or creating a fake new document."

Funny — that is exactly what Trump is accused of. Trump may demand loyalty from his supporters, but Fischer's lawyer was quick to throw Trump under the legal bus to protect his client.

And he has good reason. Charging the rioters under this statute is novel, but charging Trump for his actions in pressuring state officials not to certify the election results, trying to "find" additional votes in his favor, and creating a slate of phony electors in an effort to overturn the will of voters is not. The Justice Department has brought — and won — the same types of charges against those who hid, falsified, and destroyed documents that were a part of an official federal process, as US Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar told the justices. Jack Smith knew exactly what he was doing when he chose this charge among others to include in Trump's indictment.

Trying to stop the count by violent force, as the Jan. 6 rioters did, should also pass muster. And if the court finds otherwise, that would be an affront to the rule of law. We'll soon see if the justices agree. But when it comes to Trump's charges, it seems the justices see things clearly. Here's hoping that vision also holds next week, when they take up Trump's inane immunity argument.

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Trump trial vs. Karen Read case: What a difference a camera makes

It's a tale of two trials — as different as different can be. And not just because the defendants are so different. Sure, the trial of a former president facing criminal fraud charges is a first. But it's entirely likely that the Dedham trial of Karen Read, charged with the killing of her Boston police boyfriend, will attract nearly as much attention — including national attention — as People v. Trump.

On the one hand, it's a case of sex, politics, and hush money for Donald Trump; on the other, a good old-fashioned murder mystery that Read's lawyers hope to present to a jury, aided by the guerrilla theater of the notorious creator of the Turtleboy blog.

But the real difference?

The public will be getting its news of the Trump trial secondhand. Yes, it will be through the eyes of skilled journalists, trained to observe every movement, every twitch. But secondhand nonetheless because New York doesn't allow cameras in courtrooms, unlike Massachusetts, which has allowed cameras in its courtrooms for nearly four decades.

And so each day as he appears in the courthouse, the former president gets to make his little speech to the cameras before entering the courtroom. Before court begins, still photographers are allowed in to get shots, as they did Tuesday when they captured Trump at the defense table looking grumpy enough to be worthy of a new edition of the last grumpy-face immortalized on a fund-raising T-shirt.

The rest was left to reporters, like this item from The Washington Post saying Trump appeared to have fallen asleep.

"Shortly after the lunch break, after the first batch of about 100 prospective jurors filed in and [Judge Juan] Merchan began to explain the process to them, Trump closed his eyes several times. He then abruptly caught himself and stiffened his posture," Isaac Arnsdorf and Devlin Barrett wrote.

"His attorneys, Todd Blanche and Emil Bove, refilled his drink and gave each other an awkward look at the defense table."

You can almost hear the MAGA crowd saying, oh, sure, that's a photo we'll never have because it's fake news.



GLOBE STAFF/AP

A photo of Karen Read at a pretrial confence in Dedham on April 12, left, and a courtroom sketch of Donald Trump at his trial in New York on April 15.

The camera with its unblinking eye, of course, leaves little room for doubt.

And in a case like that being brought against Karen Read — a case in which it seems everyone in the town of Canton and most of the surrounding communities has an opinion — justice served up with a heavy dose of transparency is critical. It's critical for the credibility of the judicial process. It's important that no matter the outcome, people believe justice was done.

That camera in the courtroom — according to the media protocols set by Judge Beverly Cannone, there will be only one pooled broadcast or streaming camera and one still camera — will be key.

But even with the judge's detailed pretrial ground rules, maintaining order will be no piece of cake.

Media representatives have long played by the rules about cameras — or suffered the consequences for any lapses. But there's a growing phenomenon in Massachusetts courthouses of folks armed with cellphones and a cause deciding to play by their own set of rules.

It's the kind of thing Cannone is trying to ward off — not just with her buffer zone for protesters and prohibition on "Free Karen" buttons and T-shirts in the courtroom but with a line in the sand anyone can understand. "The court prohibits any person from taking photographs, filming, recording, or broadcasting events occurring outside the courtroom in other areas of the courthouse."

Keeping "order in the court" is an increasingly difficult job, as Cannone indicated in her opening remarks to prospective jurors Tuesday.

"John Adams said that we are a government of laws, not of men, and that the law must be deaf to the clamoring of the public," she said. "He meant that while public opinion about a given subject may ebb and flow, the law must be steady, reliable, and evenhanded. We know that in the subject of this case, there are people advocating for one outcome or another with intensity but without the benefit of having heard or seen any evidence at all."

Thanks to that unblinking camera eye, anyone with a TV or a computer will be able to see and hear that evidence without setting foot in the courtroom or depending on someone else's interpretation.

And how unfortunate the same can't be said of the case now unfolding in Manhattan.

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INBOX

Mass. Teachers Association wades into, gets mired in, Israel-Palestinian debate

Re "Don't count on an MCAS compromise" (Opinion, April 10): Thanks to Scot Lehigh for mentioning that a recent webinar on addressing anti-Palestinian racism, hosted by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, "spent the better part of two hours proffering anti-Israel and antisemitic political propaganda," according to a letter from two Massachusetts state lawmakers.

Merrie Najimy, the former MTA president who facilitated the event, opened by saying, "For most of our career as educators, K-12, we've not enjoyed the professional respect to exercise academic freedom. Rather, higher authorities determine our standards and our curriculum. They demand that we teach under the shackles of fidelity, and now broader political forces with their disingenuous motives are attacking education at all levels, especially higher ed."

Academic freedom, as a general concept, is crucial in higher education because it allows academics to experiment with new ideas, shift old paradigms, and do research that could benefit humanity, all without interference from political appointees or others seeking to turn colleges and universities into propaganda factories. However, the same principles are not appropriate in K-12 education. Despite what the MTA might hope, teachers do not enjoy free speech in their classrooms. On the contrary, what they say in front of their students — a captive audience — is a form of government speech.

'Norms' were essentially weaponized to discourage webinar participants from challenging whatever bigotry or bias they were about to hear.

One of the first slides in the MTA's webinar was titled, "Questions to Guide Critical Thinking." It asked, "Does this statement shame and blame the oppressed?" Further bullets asked, "Is this designed to intimidate me from standing in solidarity? Who does the statement advantage? Who does it disadvantage?" "Norms" such as these were essentially weaponized to discourage webinar participants from challenging whatever bigotry or bias they were about to hear.

If this reflects the MTA's understanding of critical thinking, we should be wary that the MTA board of directors is said to be developing a curriculum on Israel and Palestinians for Massachusetts teachers and students.

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The writer, a former public school teacher and administrator, is director of K-12 educator outreach at StandWithUs, an international, nonpartisan Israel education organization that fights antisemitism.

Michael Dukakis asked my mother one question. It changed my life.

Re "For Dukakis, a multigenerational gala: Three successors gather to laud his honesty, compassion, care for people" (Metro, April 12): I am 81 years old, and I am a children's advocate, especially against childhood hunger. This advocacy was driven by Michael Dukakis's message to my widowed mother of three in 1960, two years before he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He asked, "Are you aware, Mrs. Williams, that if your daughter attends a state college and stays on the dean's list, her tuition is paid for?" And that's what I did.

I went on to teach in Boston for five years, taught for two years in the Head Start program in Columbia Point and East Boston, and worked for 32 years as a nutrition teacher to family child-care providers across Massachusetts. I started the Summer Food Service Program in Greater Springfield in 1993 and on the lower and outer Cape in 2013. Food 4 Kids, based at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Orleans, will be 12 years old this summer.

Thank you, Mike Dukakis, for your one sentence to my mom.

RUTH WILLIAMS CAMPBELL
Orleans

Biden's not 'scheming' to ease student debt. It's more complicated than that.

Jeff Jacoby suggests that once the Supreme Court ruled "that President Biden had no authority to unilaterally write off $430 billion in student loans, ... the administration began generating fresh schemes to cancel student debt" ("Defying the Supreme Court on student loans, Biden sets a dangerous precedent," Ideas, April 14). Actually, some of the "schemes" have included ensuring that previously existing loan plans are being enforced correctly: to name one, Public Service Loan Forgiveness, signed into law by George W. Bush in 2007 to encourage college graduates to pursue careers that serve the common good.

There is also renewed focus on the interest rate calculation rules that are allowed in student loans. For more insight on interest rates, I encourage readers to watch the documentary "Loan Wolves." The deck is stacked against some debtors, even while they are making payments in good faith. The reality is more nuanced than simply: You signed up for it, you pay for it.

MARY ELLEN REARDON
Quincy

The 'magic' of childhood is not a trick. It's a way of existing in the world.

Re "Preserving the magic of childhood, however we can" by Kara Baskin (Parenting Unfiltered, Living Arts, April 12): One obvious way to preserve the "magic" is to avoid overcommercialized characters that are doomed to disappoint, or even traumatize, kids when the truth is revealed. Growing up in a secular Jewish family, I never believed in Santa or the Easter bunny, and I knew that my parents, not the tooth fairy, left money under my pillow. Was I deprived? Absolutely not.

Children experience magic in the folk and fairy tales they read, in nature, and in the everyday world. Go ahead and tell stories, but don't build up unrealistic expectations. Kids will more naturally (and gently) transition from believing to understanding. Even better, they'll appreciate your honesty.

CYRISSE JAFFEE
Newton

Disinvited commencement speaker says 'politics' to blame

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to a statement of solidarity with residents of Gaza by a group called the Writers Against the War on Gaza, where her name was included among hundreds of signatories.

The group's statement describes Gaza as "the world's largest open-air prison" and calls Israel "an apartheid state, designed to privilege Jewish citizens at the expense of Palestinians, heedless of the many Jewish people, both in Israel and across the diaspora, who oppose their own conscription in an ethno-nationalist project."

The war between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas has roiled college campuses, sparking protests and complaints of discrimination and hateful rhetoric. This week, the University of Southern California said its class valedictorian would not be delivering a planned graduation speech, citing concerns about security.

"The intensity of feelings, fueled by both social media and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, has grown to include many voices outside of USC and has escalated to the point of creating substantial risks relating to security and disruption at commencement," Andrew T. Guzman, the university's provost, said in a statement. "We cannot ignore the fact that similar risks have led to harassment and even violence at other campuses."

Olayiwola has also voiced support for progressive movements in the past, including Black Lives Matter, said Tyler Tsay, her booking agent.

Tsay said that he and Olayiwola have not received a clear explanation from Concord Academy about why she was removed from the commencement program, but that they believe "there was a unilateral decision to switch her out for reasons we can only guess at due to a complete and total lack of transparency."

"Changes for events happen all the time, and we work closely with organizers to cater to the needs of their audience — in this case, the students," Tsay said in a statement. "However, I think it's pretty clear from our perspective that this change was initiated by the school, administrators, or other stakeholders. If the students truly requested Porsha to begin with, it should have been the students' decision to change the speakership, not the administrators at CA."



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"This 'mutual agreement' is a lie," Porsha Olayiwola said of not participating. "That never happened."

In response to a Globe inquiry last week, head of school Henry Fairfax said, "There was clearly a misunderstanding."

A Chicago native who earned a master's of fine arts degree in poetry from Emerson College, Olayiwola is an Individual World Poetry Slam Champion and the founder of the Roxbury Poetry Festival. She was named Boston's poet laureate in 2018.

She had visited Concord Academy in the past and in late January school officials invited her to deliver the commencement address, saying the senior class had named her their top choice, according to Tsay. They held a meeting to discuss the details, including a $2,000 payment for her appearance, and on March 9, the school publicly announced Olayiwola as its speaker.

"I am grateful to the members of the class of 2024 for their collaboration in the process of selecting this inspiring speaker who combines artistic expression and civic engagement," Fairfax said.

But in the days that followed, something changed. On March 20, Fairfax, who has served as head of school since July 2022, met with Olayiwola to discuss the commencement.

"During the conversation, it became clear to me that there were better opportunities to engage with our students on campus outside of the Commencement address," Fairfax said by email. "We discussed that Porsha's visit as a part of our speaker series would be a better, more interactive venue."

Olayiwola confirmed the meeting and that they discussed other ways for her to work with the students. But it was her understanding that the interactions would be in addition to her commencement speech.

"I thought they were putting together a proposal for me to be there in a longer capacity with the students," she said.

Tsay said the school emailed him two days later to say that Olayiwola and Fairfax had agreed that she would not participate in the commencement ceremony. But Olayiwola said there was no such agreement.

"This 'mutual agreement' is a lie," she said. "That never happened."

On April 2, Fairfax issued another letter to the school community, announcing that Berzon would serve as the commencement speaker. The letter makes no mention of Olayiwola but invites community members to contact Fairfax or other members of the school's administration "if you have any questions."

Berzon declined to comment. Tsay said he and Olayiwola "believe Alexandra Berzon is an excellent choice for a speaker and will serve the student body and its graduating seniors well. We do not want this to diminish her contribution to the graduating class, and we do wish her and all the students a fantastic commencement event," Tsay said.

Olayiwola sent a letter to the school last Wednesday, saying that she was "not interested in working under this administration."

It's a shame, Olayiwola said, because she had grown fond of the school during previous visits.

"It was a great experience," she said. "The atmosphere, just a fostering of ideas . . . the students were having beautiful conversations with each other and sharing poetry and being stimulated by each other. It was beautiful, humbling, and hopeful in terms of education in this country."

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District 118 Kitchen and Bar
118 Needham Street, MA, 02464

Adding outdoor Seating to the license

Pursuant to General Law Chapter 138, S15A or Chapter 140, S6, notice is hereby given that the Newton Licensing Board will hold a public hearing via Zoom Meeting at 7:30PM on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.
Information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting: Newton Board of License Commissioners, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459 or by calling (617) 796-1420.To join Zoom meeting:
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 190 Savin Hill Avenue, Unit 2, 190 Savin Hill Avenue Condominium, Dorchester (Boston), MA 02125

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Adrian C Walker to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Mortgagee, as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc., and now held by **Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC**, said mortgage dated December 21, 2017 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 58987, Page 171, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Network, Inc. to Pingora Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment dated November 21, 2018 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 60442, Page 122; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction on** May 28, 2024 at 01:00 PM Local Time upon the premises, **directly in front of the building in which the unit is located**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The Unit known as Unit No. 2 in the 190 Savin Hill Avenue Condominium located in Dorchester, County of Suffolk, Massachusetts and established pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A by Master Deed dated January 28, 1987, and recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 13361, Page 213 as amended of record. ("The Master Deed".)

Said Unit is shown on the floor plans of the building filed simultaneously with said Master Deed, to which is affixed the verified statement of a professional engineer in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

Said Unit is conveyed together with an undivided 34.4% percentage interest in the common areas and facilities of the property ("Common Elements") as described in said Master Deed as being attributed to the Unit, as may from time to time be amended. The Unit has the exclusive easement to use parking space No. 1.

The Unit is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 183A, and the Master Deed and the Declaration of 190 Savin Hill Avenue Condominium Trust recorded with said Deeds, all as may be amended. (Collectively the "Condominium Documents".)

Together with all rights and easements for the benefits of said unit, as set forth in the Unit Deed to the Mortgagor.

The Unit is intended only for residential purposes. The post office address of this unit is: 190 Savin Hill Avenue, Unit 2 Dorchester, MA 02125

For title reference see Deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 42607 Page 236.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated October 10, 2007 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 42607, Page 236.

Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

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LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: March 8, 2024

THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON April 30, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:

Case #: 2024-06. **Petitioner/ Owner:** Antico Realty Trust; John Antico, Trustee. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Variance. **Subject Matter:** To allow for the construction of a two-family home on a pre-existing vacant lot. **Location and Zoning District:** 64 School Avenue; Residence B Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** §4.11. **Specific Relief Sought:** Petitioner requires a variance from the rear-yard setback requirement for a proposed two-family home with an 18-foot rear-yard setback where 30 feet is required. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** John Sergi, Mark Hickernell, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

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Case #: 2024-07. **Petitioner/ Owner:** MICOL, LLC. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Application for Variances – height, FAR, setback from a public pedestrian way and parking. Application for Modification of Variances Case #2023-06 to modify the plans. **Subject Matter:** Petitioner proposes to raze the existing structure and construct, use, and maintain a hotel with a restaurant, a banquet hall and an owner's residence. Petitioner was granted dimensional variances in Case #2023-06. Due to minor changes to the design, further variances are now required. **Location and Zoning District:** 210 Moody Street, Business C District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** §§4.11, 4.12(13), 5.21, 5.231 and 5.232. **Specific Relief Sought:** §4.11 states maximum height is 65 feet, Case #2023-06 granted a variance for a max height of 67 feet, a height of 75.04 feet is proposed. §4.11 states that maximum number of stories is 5 and 5 stories plus a mezzanine are proposed. §4.11 states that maximum FAR is 2.5; Case #2023-06 granted a variance for an FAR of 3.45, an increased FAR of 4.82 is proposed. §4.12(13) requires a 10-foot side setback from a public pedestrian way; Case #2023-06 granted a variance for 0-foot side setback from a public way, an additional 0-foot setback is proposed. §5.21 requires 1 parking space per hotel room; §5.231 requires 1 space per 500 square feet in excess of 20,000 for non-residential uses and §5.232 requires 1.25 spaces per residential unit. A total of 56 spaces are required and 29 spaces are proposed. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** John Sergi, Mark Hickernell, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

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NOTICE OF FILING AND RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING (NANTUCKET)

D.P.U. 23-150 April 11, 2024

Petition of Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, each d/b/a National Grid, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94 and 220 CMR 5.00, for Approval of a General Increase in Base Distribution Rates for Electric Service, a Performance-Based Ratemaking Plan, and a Capital Recovery Mechanism.

On November 16, 2023, Massachusetts Electric Company ("MECo") and Nantucket Electric Company ("Nantucket Electric"), each doing business as National Grid ("National Grid" or "Company"), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") for an increase in electric base distribution rates. The Department has docketed this matter as D.P.U. 23-150 and has suspended the effective date of the proposed rate increase until October 1, 2024, to investigate the propriety of the Company's request. The Company was last granted an increase in base distribution rates in Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 18-150 (2019).

National Grid seeks to increase its electric base distribution rates to generate $131,232,856 in additional base distribution revenues. The Company also proposes to transfer costs recovered through certain reconciling mechanisms, along with associated income taxes, which results in an increase of $389,766 to distribution revenues, effective October 1, 2024. Based on these proposals, the proposed overall increase to distribution revenues is $131,622,621, which represents an approximately 12.7 percent increase in distribution revenue. The proposed base distribution rate increase is in addition to changes to other rates, such as supply rates and reconciling mechanisms, that occur during the year.

As part of its filing, National Grid proposes a Comprehensive Performance and Investment ("CPI") Plan that includes two main features. First, the Company seeks to implement a performance-based ratemaking ("PBR") mechanism for operation and maintenance ("O&M") costs only, which would allow the Company to adjust its base distribution rates on an annual basis through the application of a revenue-cap mathematical formula. The Company proposes to implement the PBR mechanism for a term of five years. During the PBR term, the proposed revenuecap formula increases base distribution revenues according to an O&M, utility-specific, inflation factor. The PBR plan also contains a component to aid in the recovery of certain operating costs related to capital investments, a component to recover or return exogenous costs outside of the Company's control, a component to share excessive earnings, and an incurred debt recovery factor to request adjustments to revenues to reflect increases or decreases in interest rates during the five-year term.

Second, as part of the proposed CPI Plan, the Company seeks to implement an Infrastructure, Safety, Reliability, and Electrification ("ISRE") reconciling mechanism. According to National Grid, the ISRE reconciling mechanism would recover: (1) the Company's investments in core capital projects necessary to provide safe and reliable electric distribution service to customers; (2) National Grid's investments in capital projects necessary to execute the Company's Electric Sector Modernization Plan ("ESMP"); and (3) expenses that fall under the ESMP. The Company's ESMP will be filed on January 29, 2024, and will be subject to investigation in docket Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, D.P.U. 24-11. In the instant proceeding, the Company is not requesting that the Department review or approve any ESMP investments. Stakeholders who seek to participate in the instant proceeding should recognize that the Department does not intend for this docket to be a second venue for adjudicating issues that may be more appropriately reviewable in docket D.P.U. 24-11.

As part of its filing, National Grid also proposes a series of incentives and penalties associated with the Company's progress and performance under the PBR mechanism and with respect to the core capital projects under the ISRE reconciling mechanism. Further, the Company proposes a set of scorecard metrics to enable tracking and transparency of the Company's operating performance in additional areas.

In addition to these proposals, National Grid makes proposals regarding the continuation of full revenue decoupling, which is a rate mechanism that decouples the Company's revenues from its sales. The Company also makes proposals regarding the recovery of costs related to its vegetation management program and the continuation and expansion of the enhanced vegetation management pilot program. These programs are intended to reduce costs and maintain or improve safety and reliability by providing for the reduction of vegetation-related safety hazards, service interruptions, and disturbances, including through the strengthening of the distribution system. The Company also seeks to modify certain provisions of its storm fund, which is designed to maintain revenue support to address larger-scale weather events. National Grid also proposes adjustments to certain revenue and expense categories; the recovery of certain capital investments made through 2023; a temporary modification of the service quality guidelines; the accelerated depreciation of certain meters; and to transfer recovery of existing meter-related capital costs to the annual advanced meter infrastructure ("AMI") reconciling mechanism.

National Grid's filing also contains various rate design proposals, including changes to the customer and demand charges; an electrification pricing option for residential customers on rate class R-1 using high throughput technologies, such as electric heat pumps and at-home electric vehicle chargers; a multi-tiered low-income discount based on income levels for customers on rate class R-2; revised streetlighting pricing proposals; and a variety of tariff changes.

The foregoing is not intended to be an exhaustive list of proposals set forth in the Company's filing. Additional information regarding the foregoing proposals, and all other proposals set forth by National Grid, can be found in the Company's filing, which is located on the Department's website as noted below.

National Grid states that if its petition is approved as requested, customers can expect the bill impacts set forth below. The following bill impacts do not include potential rate changes resulting from the Company's proposal to transfer meter-related capital costs to the AMI reconciling mechanism, as noted above:

For MECo customers:

- A residential basic service customer receiving service under Rate R-1 that uses on average 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of $7.86 (3.7 percent).
- A residential basic service customer receiving service under Rate R-1, with the electrification pricing option, that uses on average 1,000 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of $17.88 (5.1 percent).
- A residential basic service customer receiving service under Rate R-2 that uses on average 600 kWh of electricity per month can expect bill impacts to vary depending on the applicable lowincome discount percentage:
  - o Customers with a 32 percent discount will experience a monthly bill increase of $5.35 (3.9 percent);
  - o Customers with a 36 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $2.99 (2.2 percent);
  - o Customers with a 44 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $19.66 (14.4 percent);
  - o Customers with a 49 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $30.08 (22.1 percent); and
  - o Customers with a 55 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $42.59 (31.2 percent).
- Commercial and industrial ("C&I") basic service customers can expect bill impacts to vary depending on usage and rate class. The Company states that the average monthly bill impact for C&I customers at each class's average use will range from an increase of 0.7 percent to an increase of 16.4 percent. C&I customers should contact the Company, as indicated below, for specific bill impacts.

For Nantucket Electric customers:

- A residential basic service customer receiving service under Rate R-1 that uses on average 600 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill increase of $7.86 (3.7 percent).
- A residential basic service customer receiving service under Rate R-1, with the electrification pricing option, that uses on average 1,000 kWh of electricity per month will experience a monthly bill decrease of $17.88 (5.1 percent).
- A residential basic service customer receiving service under Rate R-2 that uses on average 600 kWh of electricity per month can expect bill impacts to vary depending on the applicable lowincome discount percentage:
  - o Customers with a 32 percent discount will experience a monthly bill increase of $5.35 (3.9 percent);
  - o Customers with a 36 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $3.03 (2.2 percent);
  - o Customers with a 44 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $19.77 (14.4 percent);
  - o Customers with a 49 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $30.24 (22.1 percent); and
  - o Customers with a 55 percent discount will experience a monthly bill decrease of $42.80 (31.2 percent).
- C&I basic service customers can expect bill impacts to vary depending on usage and rate class. The Company states that the average monthly bill impact for C&I customers at each class's average use will range from an increase of 0.7 percent to an increase of 16.2 percent. C&I customers should contact the Company, as indicated below, for specific bill impacts.

Additional bill impact information and additional detail about the Company's filing can be found at: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dpu-23-150-national-grid-electric-base-distribution-rate-case.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General") has filed a notice of intervention in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's filing and the Department approved the Attorney General's request to spend up to $550,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company's rates.

On December 15, 2023, the Department issued a Notice of Filing and Public Hearings and scheduled six in-person public hearings across Massachusetts and two public hearings over Zoom. One of the in-person public hearings was scheduled for April 4, 2024, in PSF Community Room, 4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA 02554. That hearing was postponed due to inclement weather.

For purposes of rescheduling the Nantucket hearing, the Department will conduct a virtual public hearing using Zoom videoconferencing on **May 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** Attendees can join either session by entering the link, https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84929948888 from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audioonly access to the public hearing, attendees can dial in at +1 646 931 3860 (not toll free) and then enter the Webinar ID: 849 2994 8888. Interpretation services in Spanish will be available over the Zoom platform by clicking the "Interpretation" button on the menu at the bottom of the Zoom application screen and selecting your language (i.e., English or Spanish).

The Department will accept written comments on the Company's filing until the close of business **(5:00 p.m.) on April 30, 2024**. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, the Hearing Officer at marc.tassone@mass.gov, and the Company's attorney, Robert J. Humm, Esq. at rhumm@keeganwerlin.com. **Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments.** The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in **.pdf format** by email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, and to the Hearing Officer and Company's attorneys at the above email addresses. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23150); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document.

All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website through our online File Room as soon as practicable (enter "23150") at: https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Marc J. Tassone, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at marc.tassone@mass.gov or visit: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/dpu-23-150-national-grid-electric-base-distribution-rate-case.

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Case Number: **669-2023-GM-00006**

Division for Children, Youth and Families has filed a Petition for Guardianship of Minor asking that Division for Children, Youth and Families be appointed as guardian(s).

Date: May 31, 2024
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You have received this notice because you are an interested party to the case or an attorney of record.

The followino persons are reouired to be present at the hearing:
• The parents of the child, unless excused by order of the court.
• The child, if 14 years of age or older, unless excused by order of the court.
• The Petitioner(s).
• The proposed guardian(s).

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• Guardian named under a will.
• DHHS/DCYF when petition identifies a juvenile proceeding affecting the child.
• Any parent or any sibling, aunt, uncle, or adult child of the parents of the minor if both parents are deceased.

LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: April 10, 2024

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

Case #: 2024-09. **Petitioner/ Owner:** Weston Development Company, LLC. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Amend Prior Variance and Variance. **Subject Matter:** Petitioner proposes five (5) residential units in a former warehouse/ manufacturing building with sufficient parking thereon and to amend the prior decision and plan. **Location and Zoning District:** 76 Bacon Street (f/k/a 74R bacon Street); Residential C Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** §§ 4.11 and 7.2. **Specific Relief Sought:** Petitioner seeks a Variance to increase the number of units per acre allowed from two (2) to five (5) units. In addition, Petitioner seeks to amend the Decision and Plan from Zoning Case 2022-32 to reflect the relief herein. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** John Sergi, Mark Hickernell, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

LEGAL NOTICE

DATE FILED: April 5, 2024
THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE GOVERNMENT CENTER, 119 SCHOOL STREET, WALTHAM, MA ON May 7, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M. ON THE FOLLOWING:
Case #: 2024-08. **Petitioner:** Revive City Church. **Owner:** Diaz Clematis LLC. **Nature of Appeal/Petition:** Special Pemit and Variance. **Subject Matter:** The Petitioner, Revive City Church, requests a special permit for remote parking in an adjacent lot. **Location and Zoning District:** 62 and 70 Clematis Avenue; Commercial Zoning District. **Provisions of Zoning Ordinance Involved:** §§4.225, 5.2 and 5.8. **Specific Relief Sought:** Revive City Church, located at 70 Clematis Avenue, is seeking approval for a special permit for remote parking at 62 Clematis Avenue. The proposal aligns with §5.8 of the Waltham Zoning Ordinance, which allows for the granting of a special permit when on-site parking cannot be reasonably provided. With the assembly capacity requiring 30 parking spaces per §5.21, and the property offering 13 spaces, utilizing an additional 17 spaces at the nearby property would allow Petitioner to meet this requirement. Further information and plans concerning this case may be viewed at the Zoning Board of Appeals' Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451; Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30. **MEMBERS:** John Sergi, Mark Hickernell, Glenna Gelineau, Matthew Deveaux, Stephen Taranto. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Edward McCarthy, Oscar LeBlanc, Sarah Hankins, Joseph Attardo.

WANTED TO LEASE
OFFICE SPACE IN BOSTON (BACK BAY, GOVERNMENT CENTER) within 1.6 miles of the John W. McCormack Building at 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108 and in close proximity of the MBTA green line between Government Station and Copley Station.

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Proposals must be submitted to:

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance
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15th Floor, Room 1500
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

or by e-mail to:
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Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of May 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals will be opened at that time.

The RFP can be downloaded from www.mass.gov/service-details/leasing-property-to-the-commonwealth Under Requests for Proposals (RFP) to Lease Space, click on "COMMBUYS" and then click on "Find It". You may also email leasing.dcamm@mass.gov or call 857-204-1355 to request a copy of the RFP, referencing Project Number 202313400. For further information, email william.mcgowan@mass.gov or call William McGowan 857-999-5472. This notice is also available at www.masspublicnotices.org

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Proposals must be submitted by the deadline of **May 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.** Proposals will be opened at that time.

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OLD GLORIES AND NEW CITIZENS



Carmindo Alves Barbosa Amado (top), originally of Cabo Verde, and Almira Temirbulatova, originally of Kazakhstan, joined about 200 others at a naturalization ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Dorchester Wednesday.

How the jury is being chosen in Read trial

11 of 16 members have been seated

By Sean Cotter and Travis Andersen
GLOBE STAFF

DEDHAM — Do you conduct "regular business" in Canton? Have you ever donated money to an organization that opposes drunken driving? Would you be able to handle viewing graphic autopsy photos?

These are among the questions the court is asking potential jurors in the murder case against Karen Read, according to a sample juror questionnaire filed in Norfolk Superior Court on Wednesday. The document contains 29 questions and serves as a starting point for how the judge and attorneys in the case seek to sort through hundreds of potential jurors to pick the 16 who will sit for the high-profile trial to determine whether Read murdered her boyfriend, John O'Keefe.

The attorneys in the case and Judge Beverly J. Cannone trundled through more than four hours of jury selection on Wednesday, seating seven more jurors for a total of 11 so far, according to defense attorneys. Selection began Tuesday, when the court sat four jurors out of a pool of around 90, with 16 needed in total.

Jury selection will pick back up Thursday morning, though the pool of potential jurors will be much smaller, Cannone said.

Read, who has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder and other charges, is staring down a trial that could take two months. Prosecutors say she drunkenly and intentionally backed her SUV over O'Keefe after dropping him off at a house party in Canton in the middle of a blizzard after a night of barhopping on Jan. 29, 2022. The couple's relationship had been falling apart, prosecutors say, amid allegations of cheating.

Read, 44, of Mansfield, maintains she's being framed as part of a massive police coverup and that O'Keefe was actually beaten by people at the party and left for dead. His body was discovered the following morning in the snowy front lawn of the home, which is owned by a fellow Boston police officer.

Jury selection has been ongoing since Tuesday. Each day, approximately 90 new jurors file in and hear the same patter from Cannone: "Our system of justice simply doesn't work without you," the judge intones as part of a lengthy soliloquy, walking the jurors through the facts of the case and telling them that despite the intense media focus, it will be decided in the courtroom.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers then introduce themselves to the jury pool. On Wednesday, Read did too, saying, "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen."

Then, each day, Cannone has some questions, to which jurors are told to raise their individually numbered white card if the answer is yes. When asked if they've heard of the case, a ma-

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Advocates denounce O'Malley op-ed

Cardinal condemns bill to permit physician-assisted suicide

By Nick Stoico
GLOBE STAFF

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley called on the Massachusetts Legislature to reject a bill that would legalize physician-assisted suicide in a Boston Globe opinion column, reaffirming his condemnation of a practice that he said contradicts deeply held religious convictions and violates principles held by many in the health care community.

O'Malley, the head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, said society holds a "collective responsibility to address a person's psychological, physical, and spiritual needs as they face the end of life or debilitating illness."

"To instead instigate death with physician-assisted suicide presents a moral and ethical threat to society, the medical profession, the disability community, and the common good," O'Malley wrote in the column, which was published Monday.

"Physician-assisted suicide is just that: suicide. And it is always tragic whether administered under a doctor's care or self-inflicted," he added.

But advocates for medical aid in dying said the cardinal is using fearmongering tactics and basing his arguments on policies in other countries that are unlike the End of Life Options Act being considered by state lawmakers.

The bill before state lawmakers would allow a terminally ill patient — someone who suffers from a diagnosed illness or condition "which can reasonably be expected to cause death within six months, whether or not treatment is provided" — to request medical aid in dying.

The bill says the patient must be a mentally capable adult who has been determined by the patient's attending physician to be terminally ill. The law would allow them to make an oral request for medical aid in dying, followed by a written request submitted no sooner than 15 days later.

In his column, O'Malley took issue with the six-month timeline, saying such a diagnosis is often wrong.

"There are numerous examples of individuals across the country who have outlived that diagnosis and have lived for many years," O'Malley wrote. "They get to share the comfort, love, and companionship of family and friends, and that wouldn't have happened if they had opted for physician-assisted suicide."

One of the bill's sponsors, state Representative James O'Day, rejected O'Malley's arguments against the bill.

"Listen, I'm OK with it being opposed," O'Day, a Worcester Democrat, said in an interview Monday. "But if I'm in excruciating pain, who is he, or anyone else for that matter, to insist that I have to live through that horrible, tragic pain?"

O'Malley, who also spoke out against medically assisted death at a Washington, D.C., conference in January, wrote that allowing the bill to pass could lead to a slippery slope of possibilities. He pointed to a 2017 report by the Bioethics Observatory at the Catholic University of Valencia, which said more than 400 mentally ill people in the Netherlands were euthanized without their consent among more than 7,000 "assisted suicides" from 2010 to 2015.



Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley said the bill "presents a moral and ethical threat to society."

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Lawrence and Methuen make amends

On verge of a breakup, agree to keep public health alliance alive

By Jason Laughlin
GLOBE STAFF

Lawrence and Methuen have, for now, salvaged a partnership to provide public health services to their residents after a rift nearly cost both cities almost $2 million in state grant money.

Just a few weeks ago, Lawrence and Methuen were on the cusp of a messy breakup after Methuen officials complained Lawrence had not met standards needed to maintain a functional collaboration. To repair the relationship, Lawrence officials have agreed to fill some key public health positions and reform its public health service.

Without a working partnership, Lawrence and Methuen would have both missed out on renewing a Public Health Excellence grant worth $1.75 million over the next three years. The state Department of Public Health is in the midst of renewing those grants, which are available to municipalities that participate in shared services agreements.

A spokesperson for the department confirmed Methuen and Lawrence are eligible to receive the grant.

The disagreements and differences between the two cities — Methuen is smaller but wealthier; Lawrence is larger and poorer — are stark examples of the challenges Massachusetts faces in its effort to regionalize public health delivery in the state.

"Change isn't easy, and these agreements take time, as evidenced in this relationship," said state Senator Joanne Comerford, a Democrat from Northampton, who is sponsoring a bill currently in the House Ways and Means Committee that would require municipal health departments to meet state performance standards.

Public health, which includes the work of ensuring restaurants, swimming pools, and homes are safe, is largely handled in Massachusetts by 351 local health departments. In small communities, or those that aren't devoting money to public health services, those departments can be

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Arrest in bomb case
A suspect was arrested in Oklahoma after a pipe bomb was tossed earlier this month onto the porch of the Satanic Temple in Salem. B4.

Postal theft
A Lowell teenager has been charged with robbing a mail carrier in New Hampshire. B3.

A bid for parole
A man who has served more than half of his life in prison for his role in the 2001 stabbing deaths of two married Dartmouth College professors is getting his first chance at parole. B2.

Lithium-ion battery fires on rise in Mass.

50 blazes identified over past 6 months

By Travis Andersen
GLOBE STAFF

The state Department of Fire Services has identified 50 lithium-ion battery fires in Massachusetts over the past six months, more than double the annual average documented by a national fire reporting system, the agency said Wednesday.

In October, the state agency said it unveiled a checklist for investigators to collect basic information about fires in which lithium-ion batteries were a factor. The database made clear what officials had long suspected: that lithium-ion batteries were involved in far more fires than what the national system showed.

"We knew anecdotally that lithium-ion batteries were involved in more fires than the existing data suggested," State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine said in a statement. "In just the past six months, investigators using this simple checklist have revealed many more incidents than we've seen in prior years."

From 2019 to 2023, an average of 19.4 lithium-ion battery fires were reported each year to the state's Fire Incident Reporting System, Davine said.

The increase could be linked to the growing number of electronic devices powered by such batteries, increased awareness by local fire investigators, or other factors, officials said. Lithium-ion battery fires were reported in 38 communities over the past six months officials said.

Lithium-ion batteries power everything from small devices such as electronic cigarettes and iPhones to scooters, electric bikes, and electric cars, officials said. If overcharged or overheated, they can erupt in an explosion of toxic gases and flames, officials said.

Nine of the 50 fires involved devices such as scooters, e-bikes, and hoverboards, according to the data. Eight involved laptops and another eight involved cell phones, tablets, or similar devices, officials said. Power tools were involved in six fires. More than half of the devices weren't charging when they caught fire, officials said.

Water and traditional fire extinguishers are far less effective against lithium-ion battery fires, officials said.

Davine urged people to take a number of precautions, including having working smoke alarms on every level of a home, using only a device's original batteries and charging equipment as opposed to mixing and matching with chargers for other items, charging batteries from wall outlets rather than extension cords, charging only one device at a time and unplugging them when they're fully charged, and storing scooters and e-bikes outside when possible.

In August, an electric car parked in a driveway in Wareham spontaneously burst into flames, forcing firefighters to douse the charred vehicle with 11,000 gallons of water over three hours. Firefighters put the initial blaze out in a half-hour, but it reignited so they had to keep spraying the car.

"We've been going through train-

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Man convicted in professors' fatal stabbings up for parole

Was a teenager during '01 attack

By Kathy McCormack
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. — A man who has served more than half of his life in prison for his role in the 2001 stabbing deaths of two married Dartmouth College professors as part of a plan to rob and kill people before fleeing overseas is getting his first chance at parole.





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James Parker (left) was 16 when he was part of a conspiracy with his best friend that resulted in the deaths of Dartmouth College professors Half (right) and Susanne Zantop in Hanover, N.H. Now, almost 40, Parker has served nearly the minimum term of his sentence.

James Parker was 16 when he was part of a conspiracy with his best friend that resulted in the deaths of Half and Susanne Zantop in Hanover, N.H. Now just shy of 40, he's scheduled for a state parole board hearing Thursday, years after pleading guilty to being an accomplice to second-degree murder.

Parker has served nearly the minimum term of his 25-years-to-life sentence.

"I'm sorry," Parker said, crying at a brief hearing in 2002. "There's not much more I can say than that. I'm just really sorry."

Years later, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in prison and created paintings that are displayed in the building, according to a 2018 motion filed by his lawyer. He's been a part of theatrical, musical, and sports activities and has helped develop inmate education guides. Parker received earned time credits toward his sentence and he lives in a transitional housing unit, which is usually the final placement for a resident prior to their release from incarceration, said a Department of Corrections spokesperson.

Parker sought a sentence reduction in 2018, his accomplishments praised by corrections staff at the time. Under the law, he was eligible to do so because he had served two-thirds of his term, but he withdrew the petition in 2019 after the Zantops' two daughters objected.

"The Zantops were not killed in self-defense or in the heat of the moment," prosecutors said in the objection. "Instead, their deaths were the result of months of detailed criminal planning that included the purchase of weapons and failed attempts to rob and kill others."

Parker's lawyer, Cathy Green, said Parker remains deeply sorry for his actions.

"He has spent his time in prison very constructively with dedication not only to his own rehabilitation, but to making it a better place for others," she said in a recent statement.

Parker and then-17-year-old Robert Tulloch, bored with their lives in nearby Chelsea, Vt., wanted to move to Australia and estimated they needed $10,000 for the trip. They eventually decided they would knock on homeowners' doors under the pretext of conducting a survey on environmental issues, then tie up their victims and steal their credit cards and ATM information. They planned to make their captives provide the pin numbers before killing them.

For about six months, they had tried to talk their way into four other homes in Vermont and New Hampshire, but were turned away or found no one home.

Parker, who cooperated with prosecutors, said they picked the Zantop house the morning of Jan. 27, 2001, because it looked expensive and it was surrounded by trees. Half Zantop let them in. Parker told police the interview lasted at least 10 minutes before Tulloch stabbed Zantop and then directed him to attack Susanne Zantop. Tulloch also stabbed her.

They fled with Half Zantop's wallet, which contained about $340 and a list of numbers, but then realized they had left sheaths to their knives at the house. They attempted to go back but saw a police officer in the driveway. Fingerprints on a knife sheath and a bloody boot print linked them to the crime, but after being questioned by police, they fled and hitchhiked west. They were arrested at an Indiana truck stop weeks later.

In his interviews with police, Parker said he and Tulloch developed a different sense of morality.

"We thought, you know, what everybody was doing was silly. Like going to school and like wasting half your life with education that you're not ever going to use," he had said at the time.

Parker agreed to testify against Tulloch, who had planned to use an insanity defense at his trial. But Tulloch abruptly changed his mind and pleaded guilty to first-degree murder. He got the mandatory sentence of life without parole.

Now 40, Tulloch is scheduled for a resentencing hearing in June. The US Supreme Court ruled in 2012 that it is unconstitutional to sentence juvenile offenders to mandatory life imprisonment without parole, and the state Supreme Court ruled in 2014 that Tulloch and four other men who received such sentences for murders they committed as teenagers should be re-sentenced.

Susanne Zantop, 55 and Half Zantop, 62, were born in Germany. She was head of Dartmouth's German studies department. He taught Earth sciences. Respected in their fields, the professors were beloved by colleagues and students.

A campus memorial garden in their name has trees, perennial flowers, and ferns. The college also holds an annual Zantop lecture in Susanne Zantop's honor on comparative literature.

"There's no statement in the entire world that can capture the absolute horror, disbelief, pain, sadness and anger that my sister, my family, and friends have experienced since the murders," said Veronika Zantop, a daughter of the victims and a psychiatrist who lives in the Seattle area, had said before Tulloch's sentencing.

"Rather than focus on the inhumanity and monstrosity and the sheer stupidity of their brutal and senseless deaths, I try to console myself by trying to perpetuate the essence of my parents."

She did not respond to requests seeking comment before Parker's parole board hearing.

Beloved school bus at Salem school trashed

Damage done in middle of day

By Zenobia Pellissier Lloyd
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

An old minibus parked at The Greenhouse School in Salem was vandalized Tuesday while students were gardening on a sunny afternoon, according to the school's directors.

A home security camera near the small private school on Route 1A caught four youths, who appear to be high school age, allegedly breaking into the bus, a fixture at the grade school since its founding in 1983.

For years, it was driven by "Mr. Frank," the husband of founder Patricia Jennings Welch, whose son and daughter-in-law now run the grade school.

The youths allegedly marked it up with crude graffiti, said Julia Nambalirwa-Lugudde, one of the school's directors.

Unlike public institutions, The Greenhouse School does not close for school vacation weeks. Instead, the books are put away while students attend a "recreation week" during which they take on special projects.

"We were gardening outside, just a few feet from where this happened," said Nambalirwa-Lugudde. "Then we came in, ate lunch, and went on a bike trip, discovering the damage on our return."

Salem police were notified and responded. An investigation is underway.

"It's just shocking," said Dan Welch, a school director, "to see kids act so brazen, right out in the open, in the middle of the day."

Although no longer on the road, "the bus is a bit of a school relic, or heirloom," a reminder of the institution's early years. In 2020, the school observed the 25th anniversary of the death of "Mr. Frank" with a special ceremony.

"We have always intended to raise money to fix it up or put it to some other use" Welch said. " My dad drove it, so it has some sentimental value."

There were no updates on Wednesday, Welch said.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact the school or Salem police.

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PETAL POWER — A daffodil leaned in the foreground of the four-vaned Robert Sherman Windmill on Prescott Farm in Middleton, R.I. The 30-foot tall windmill was built in Warren, R.I., in 1812 and has been moved several times, including from a Fall River location.

This day in history

Today is Thursday, April 18, the 109th day of 2024. There are 257 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Actor Clive Revill is 94. Actor Robert Hooks is 87. Actor Hayley Mills is 78. Actor James Woods is 77. Actor-director Dorothy Lyman is 77. Actor Cindy Pickett is 77. Actor Rick Moranis is 71. Actor Eric Roberts is 68. Author Susan Faludi is 65. Actor Jane Leeves is 63. Talk show host Conan O'Brien is 61. Actor Eric McCormack is 61. TV chef Ludovic Lefebvre is 53. R&B singer Trina (Trina and Tamara) is 50. Actor Melissa Joan Hart is 48. Former Detroit Tigers first baseman Miguel Cabrera is 41. Actor America Ferrera is 40. Actor Vanessa Kirby is 36. Actor Alia Shawkat is 35. Actor Moises Arias is 30.



1966 — Bill Russell was named the player-coach of the Boston Celtics. The league's first Black coach, he would lead the team to two more championships.

►In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, warning colonists that British Regular troops were approaching.

►In 1865, Confederate General Joseph Johnston surrendered to Union General William Sherman in North Carolina, bringing further closure to the Civil War, which had formally ended.

►In 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range between 3,000 and 6,000.

►In 1923, the first game was played at the original Yankee Stadium in New York; the Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

►In 1954, Gamal Abdel Nasser seized power as he became prime minister of Egypt.

►In 1955, physicist Albert Einstein died in Princeton, N.J., at age 76.

►In 1965, Prudential building opened; construction began in 1960

►In 1966, Bill Russell was named player-coach of the Boston Celtics, becoming the NBA's first Black coach.

►In 1978, the Senate approved the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the turnover of control of the waterway to Panama on the last day of 1999.

►In 1983, 63 people, including 17 Americans, were killed at the US Embassy in Beirut by a suicide bomber.

►In 2002, police arrested actor Robert Blake in the shooting death of his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, nearly a year earlier. (Blake was acquitted at his criminal trial and found liable for her death in a civil trial.)

►In 2013, the FBI released surveillance camera images of two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing and asked for the public's help in identifying them, hours after President Obama and first lady Michelle Obama attended a service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. MIT officer Sean Collier was shot to death on the campus by the two suspects, Dzhokhar and Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

►In 2015, a ship believed to be carrying migrants from Africa sank in the Mediterranean off Libya; about 500 are believed to have died.

►In 2016, "Hamilton," Lin-Manuel Miranda's hip-hop stage biography of America's first treasury secretary, won the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

►In 2019, the final report from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation was made public; it outlined Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election but did not establish that members of the Trump campaign conspired with the Russians.

►In 2022, Russia launched a long-feared, full-scale offensive to take control of Ukraine's east, the country's mostly Russian-speaking industrial heartland, where Moscow-backed separatists had been fighting Ukrainian forces for eight years.

►Last year, Fox and Dominion Voting Systems reached a $787 million settlement in the voting machine company's defamation lawsuit in a case that exposed how the top-rated network chased viewers by promoting lies about the 2020 presidential election.

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Man charged in mail carrier robbery

Lowell teen was arrested in N.H.

By Emily Sweeney
GLOBE STAFF

A Lowell teenager has been arrested and charged with robbing a US Postal Service mail carrier in New Hampshire, police said.

Baraka Janvier, 18, of Lowell, was arrested in Nashua on Wednesday. He is being held at the Hillsborough County House of Corrections and is scheduled to appear in court at 1 p.m. Thursday, police said.

The robbery is the latest in a series of crimes that have been committed against Postal Service employees over the past year. In January, two Brockton men were arrested in connection to the assault and robbery of a mail carrier on Dec. 27. The next day, a postal worker said his mail key was stolen at gunpoint in Dorchester.

On Oct. 31, a letter carrier was taken to the hospital after he was assaulted and robbed while delivering mail in Medford. In March 2023, a letter carrier was robbed in Randolph, and another postal employee was assaulted while delivering mail in a snowstorm in Lowell.

In Nashua, the mail carrier said he was held at gunpoint by a male suspect who was later identified as Janvier, police said.

"Janvier demanded the victim's postal keys, which grants access to every mail dispenser" in the city, police said in a statement. "Officers were able to make contact with several witnesses and also located video surveillance of the incident."

Investigators were able to identify "multiple people of interest and the vehicle the suspects used," police said. "Detectives are still investigating the incident and no other arrests have been made at this time."

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call the Nashua Police Department's crime line at 603-589-1665.

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PART OF THE SCENERY — Four-wheel drive? Not for this rusted vehicle embedded in a field in Concord, off Route 117.

Rail cart derails during Blue Line track work

By John R. Ellement
GLOBE STAFF

The MBTA's latest effort to eliminate slow zones on the Blue Line started Wednesday — with a derailment.

Crews working on the tracks near the Orient Heights Station in East Boston could not keep a rail cart where it belonged — on the rails — around 9 a.m. Wednesday, officials said.

"The rail cart, which was part of the equipment used for this project, experienced a low-speed, controlled derailment within the safety parameters in place for such incidents," spokeswoman Lisa Battiston wrote in an email to the Globe.

All train service between the Maverick Station in East Boston and Wonderland in Revere was suspended Wednesday as part of a three-day effort Track Improvement Program by the T to upgrade tracks and signals to eliminate slow zones, according to Battiston. The repairs are supposed to be completed by Friday, according to the T.

Shuttle buses are in use between Maverick and Wonderland while the track repair work is underway, according to the T.

No injuries were reported by the T.

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Man, 30, arraigned on arson charges

By Ava Berger
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

A 30-year-old Boston man was arraigned on arson charges Wednesday after he allegedly started a small fire in a Mattapan home and threw two "incendiary devices" into the kitchen, police said.

Around 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Ladarrell Murchison allegedly broke the front window of a house on West Main Street and "ignited the surrounding area of the window and curtains," according to a police report.

Murchison was arraigned Wednesday in West Roxbury Municipal Court, where he pleaded not guilty to charges of arson of a dwelling, attempted arson of a dwelling, breaking and entering in the daytime to commit a felony, and throwing or launching explosives, records show.

Judge John E. Garland ordered Murchison held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing slated for April 22, according to legal filings.

A voicemail seeking comment was left Wednesday afternoon for Murchison's attorney, John Himmelstein.

The police report said Murchison went to the back door, broke a window, and threw "two additional incendiary devices" in a grocery bag.

A woman, who was not identified, told police she was in the back of her home when she heard glass breaking in the front of the house.

She then saw the man "come around and break her back door, the storm door glass pane, with a shovel and throw a Stop and Shop bag containing plastic bottles into her unit," the report said. The man "began to argue with her while holding a knife in his hand."

The woman told police she grabbed a garden tool and told him to "stay away from her or she would stab him with it." She said she knew the man and that they had been friends since high school.

"Lately we haven't even really been friendly," she said. She told officers she had "no idea why Ladarrell would do this."

Police arrested Murchison a few minutes later at a home on Deering Road.

Murchison said he had been with his mother all day and had not left his home, the police report stated.

He said he had only texted the woman that day and "was only trying to look out for her," the report stated.

A Boston Fire Department canine reacted positively to "the presence of an accelerant in the kitchen area" of the residence on West Main Street, the report said.

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A CHAMPIONS' VIEW, IF NOT LEAGUE — Wednesday brought perfect weather for some East Boston residents to play a late weekday morning neighborhood soccer game at Lo Presti Park in East Boston with the backdrop of downtown Boston.

Quabbin region being studied for expansion

Western towns could see benefit

By Sam Drysdale
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

As House Democrats eye the expansion of its public drinking water service area, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority is considering whether the communities where that water comes from should finally get to reap the benefits of the system.

The MWRA board is undertaking a preliminary study to direct water from the Quabbin Reservoir -- which provides Boston and other eastern Massachusetts communities with drinking water -- to the western Mass. towns that surround and protect the reservoir.

The agency currently provides wholesale water and sewer services to 3.1 million people and more than 5,500 businesses in 61 communities in eastern and central Massachusetts, though the system's primary source, the Quabbin Reservoir, lies in the western part of the state.

"The Quabbin Reservoir provides life for eastern Massachusetts and allows the eastern part of the state to grow and expand -- and yet for far too long, far too long, the recompense for towns that steward this water has been a pittance relative to the value," Senator Jo Comerford of Northampton said last year.

Comerford and Representative Aaron Saunders of Belchertown filed a bill that would impose a 5-cent per 1,000 gallon excise on Quabbin water. The lawmakers estimate the tax would produce $3.5 million, which would be directed to Quabbin watershed communities and local nonprofits with a focus on these towns' health, welfare, safety, and transit.

That bill would also mandate that the MWRA explore opportunities to expand into new communities in the Quabbin watershed, as well as towns in the Westfield River, Chicopee River, Connecticut River, and Millers River Valley basins. The bill is currently in a gray area as the Senate waits for the House to agree on whether to extend its reporting deadline until June.

The study the MWRA is considering would expand the water service to Ludlow, Belchertown, Ware, Hardwick, Barre, Petersham, Phillipston, New Salem, Orange, Wendell, Shutesbury, and Pelham.

Some lawmakers, however, say the preliminary study is not ambitious enough.

Board members said they had met with some western Massachusetts lawmakers who think the MWRA should explore a broader scope, including some of the larger communities in western Massachusetts.

"I think the staff is viewing this as kind of the first good step," said Colleen Rizzi, director of environmental and regulatory affairs at the MWRA. "And that's to look at the communities right in and around the Quabbin itself, see what's viable, what's feasible before extending that to a larger geography."

The expansion study, set to be completed by the end of 2024, will add to a growing pile of ways the MWRA has looked to expand its service.

Arrest made in attack on Satanic Temple

By Tonya Alanez
GLOBE STAFF

An Oklahoma man was arrested Wednesday in his home state and charged with allegedly throwing a pipe bomb onto the porch of the Satanic Temple in Salem earlier this month, according to acting US Attorney Joshua S. Levy's office.

Sean Patrick Palmer, 49, will make an initial court appearance Thursday in the Western District of Oklahoma. He will be brought to federal court in Boston at a later date, Levy's office said.

Palmer, of Perkins, Okla., was charged in a criminal complaint filed Monday on one count of using an explosive to cause damage to a building used in interstate or foreign commerce. An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday, records show.

The explosive device was thrown at the Bridge Street building around 4:15 a.m. on April 8. No one was there at the time and it wasn't found until the afternoon, police said.

The device, made from a plastic pipe filled with a powder-like substance and covered in metal nails, fizzled out and scorched the front of the building that operates as a temple, headquarters, and an art gallery, according to the complaint.

A single human hair and a dark dog hair were found on the pipe bomb. The human hair contained a DNA profile from a Caucasian male, Levy's office said.

Security cameras on the property captured images of a man outside the building wearing black pants, a black jacket, a black covering on his face, a tan-colored tactical vest, and gloves. The man can be seen igniting the bomb, throwing it toward the main entrance, and running away, the complaint said.

A six-page handwritten note was found in a nearby flower bed. It was addressed "Dear Satanist," and repeatedly referred to Elohim, a Hebrew name for God.

"Elohim now send me to smite Satan and I happy to obey," the note said. "And Elohim want me to contact you to tell you repent. Turn from sin. Elohim no like this place and plan to destroy it."

Surveillance footage in the area recorded images of a 2007 black Volvo S40 sedan with Oklahoma plates registered to Palmer driving erratically, the complaint said.

Salem police Chief Lucas J. Miller commended the combined forces that captured Palmer, from the investigation by Salem police officers and detectives to FBI special agents, Massachusetts State Police, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Authorities have previously investigated bomb threats and hate crimes at the temple.

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Woman walking on I-195 killed

By Ava Berger
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A New Bedford woman was killed while walking on Interstate 195 in Westport Monday night after she got into an argument with her boyfriend and left his car, officials said.

Sherry M. Henderson, 51, was hit by a 2010 Ford Fusion shortly after 10 p.m. in the right lane of the highway, according to David Procopio, a spokesperson for the State Police.

Henderson was pronounced dead at the scene.

During the argument, Henderson's boyfriend pulled the car over, police said in a statement. She got out and started walking away. At some point, she went into the right travel lane.

The Ford Fusion was heading east toward New Bedford when the driver, a 21-year-old New Bedford woman, "suddenly observed" the car in front of her move from the right lane to the middle lane, police said.

"The Fusion then struck the victim, who was on foot, and then immediately pulled over and called 911," police said. The driver had no visible signs of impairment, police said.

Two witnesses told State Police they saw Henderson "suddenly" run into the road, "causing one car to swerve to avoid her, before she was struck by the second car, which was not able to avoid hitting her," police said.

Henderson's boyfriend drove away before emergency responders arrived, police said.

A short time later, he called police in New Bedford to report that she had been hit on the highway.

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Advocates decry O'Malley on assisted death

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He also referenced the debate surrounding medical aid in dying in Canada, where in 2016, the criminal code was amended to allow for assistance in dying in some circumstances. Four years later, the law was again changed to expand access to medically assisted suicide to "persons with disabilities, whose natural death is not reasonably foreseeable," according to human rights authorities.

O'Day said he has a 40-year-old son with cerebral palsy and found this argument offensive.

"I am not going to be involved in engaging with a piece of legislation that I feel in any way, shape, or form would put that kid at risk," he said. "That continues to really be their focus on this, focusing on scenarios that have been proven to be unfounded."

A local disability rights advocacy group, meanwhile, expressed support for the cardinal's stance.

> 'Physician-assisted suicide is just that: suicide. And it is always tragic whether administered under a doctor's care or self-inflicted.'
>
> CARDINAL SEAN O'MALLEY

John B. Kelly, director of Second Thoughts Massachusetts, which opposes physician-assisted suicide, said his group broadly agrees "with the cardinal, but from a secular, progressive social justice perspective."

"We agree that disabled people are especially vulnerable," said Kelly, who lives in Boston's Fenway neighborhood.

In Massachusetts, a doctor who provides life-ending medication to a patient can be prosecuted for manslaughter, the state's highest court ruled in 2022. In that unanimous decision, the Supreme Judicial Court declared that the state constitution does not protect the right to physician-assisted suicide.

In 2012, Massachusetts voters narrowly rejected a "death with dignity" ballot measure. O'Day said he believes the public's views have shifted in favor of assisted suicide in the 12 years since. In a Boston Globe/Suffolk University poll in 2022, 77 percent of respondents said they favored a right-to-die law, up from 70 percent in a 2019 poll.

The cardinal's column drew criticism from human rights organizations that have supported the bill in Massachusetts and similar legislation in other states.

> 'If I'm in excruciating pain, who is he, or anyone else for that matter, to insist that I have to live through that horrible, tragic pain?'
>
> JAMES O'DAY, *one of the bill's sponsors*

Dr. Peg Sandeen, chief executive of the Oregon-based group Death with Dignity, criticized O'Malley for citing sources that she said show just one side of the argument. Oregon voters in 1994 narrowly approved a ballot initiative granting eligible patients the authority, under strict conditions, to obtain a lethal prescription.

"It's notable that the Cardinal built the core of his arguments against the proposed medical aid in dying legislation in Massachusetts on data from Canada and the Netherlands — which have little in common with the experience in the United States," Sandeen said in a statement. "It's like comparing apples to oranges, and 30 years of Death with Dignity in Oregon demonstrates there is no slippery slope — no expansion of the law, explicit bans on coercion, and strong protections for vulnerable individuals."

Danny McDonald of the Globe staff contributed to this report. Nick Stoico can be reached at nick.stoico@globe.com.



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Michael Gilpatrick and his wife left court Wednesday after he testified about abuse at the Sununu Youth Services Center.

Ex-N.H. youth center resident testifies

Says workers assaulted him

By Holly Ramer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRENTWOOD, N.H. — A former resident of New Hampshire's youth detention center testified that his house leader and another staffer restrained him in a stairwell while two other workers sexually assaulted him.

The four members of what he and other teens called "the hit squad" then carried him back to his room and tossed him in, he said.

"It felt like I hovered over and watched it," Michael Gilpatrick said Tuesday, wiping away tears in Rockingham Superior Court. "My body just went blank."

Gilpatrick, 40, was the first former resident to testify at the first civil trial seeking to hold the state accountable for alleged abuse at the Sununu Youth Services Center, formerly called the Youth Development Center. The three years he spent at the Manchester facility in the late 1990s overlapped with the plaintiff, David Meehan, who alleges the state's negligence in hiring, staffing, and training led to the near-daily rapes, beatings, and long stints in solitary confinement he endured. The state, however, argues it was not responsible for the actions of what it calls "rogue" employees.

Meehan has yet to take the witness stand in the trial, which began last week and has included testimony from multiple former workers. He and Gilpatrick, who will continue testifying on Wednesday, are among more than 1,100 former residents who have sued the state. Eleven former state workers are facing criminal charges, including several who are accused of abusing Gilpatrick and Meehan.



Plaintiff David Meehan listened to testimony. On screen were "hit squad" members, clockwise from left, Bradley Asbury, James Woodlock, Stephen Murphy, and Jeffrey Buskey.

Meehan's lawyers displayed police booking photos Tuesday of the so-called hit squad alongside a photo taken of Gilpatrick when he arrived at the center at age 14.

"The four of them used to roll together, and they would go to different cottages and beat kids," he said. "They would literally come over and just go door to door and beat every single one of us, down the line."

"They were grown men, and we were children, and they would literally swipe us to the ground, bang our heads off the floor, twist our arms behind our backs," he said. "Anything they felt like doing, they did."

Gilpatrick testified that he ended up at the center after running away from multiple group homes, committing a burglary, and stealing food to survive on the street. The sexual assault on the stairwell happened after he ran away while on a furlough, he said. He had already spent several days locked in his empty room wearing only his underwear when the workers brought him to the house leader's office and then the stairwell, he said.

Gilpatrick said he referred to the house leader, Bradley Asbury, as "Hitler."

"He was a very bad man," he said. "Not only did he have power over all the kids, he had power over the staff as well."

Asbury has pleaded not guilty to charges of being an accomplice to Gilpatrick's assault. Earlier Tuesday, jurors heard from a former ombudsman who said Asbury was particularly resistant to her attempts to investigate complaints and demanded to be present during any interviews with his staff.

"He definitely sent a message to the students and staff that I was not going to be looking into anything there, and if I did he'd micromanage the process," said Rochelle Edmark, who started her job just before Meehan left the facility.

Edmark testified that she often felt like staffers stonewalled her investigations, and administrators failed to act on her recommendations. Lawyers for the state, however, suggested statements she made to investigators in the criminal case painted a different picture.

"They didn't micromanage you, they weren't contentious with you, they would check in with you for periodic updates and they would compliment your work," said attorney Martha Gaythwaite.

Gaythwaite also pushed back against Edmark's testimony that the residential cottages did not provide a therapeutic environment, noting that residents were provided individual and group therapy.

The youth center, which once housed upward of 100 children but now typically serves fewer than a dozen, is named for former governor John H. Sununu, father of current Governor Chris Sununu. Since Meehan went to police in 2017, lawmakers have approved closing the facility, which now only houses those accused or convicted of the most serious violent crimes, and replacing it with a much smaller building in a new location. They also created a $100 million fund to settle abuse claims.

Lawrence, Methuen agree to keep public health alliance alive

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woefully understaffed and underfunded. The need to regionalize public health became apparent during the COVID-19 pandemic, officials said, when some smaller departments were overwhelmed by the need to provide contact tracing, health guidance, and disease testing at a massive scale.

For the past three years, the state has encouraged Massachusetts' 351 local health departments to pool resources, ideally providing better services than many could individually.

"The real story here is the story of the transformational change we can achieve across the state if we focus on this model," Carlene Pavlos, executive director of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, said in an interview in March.

The Lawrence and Methuen partnership, though, has been beset by problems, due in part to a huge disparity in the cities' public health spending. Lawrence, a city of nearly 90,000, spends less than $2 per resident on public health per year, compared with $21.62 per resident in Methuen, public health officials in Lawrence and Methuen said last month. Lawrence officials disputed that number, saying it doesn't include funding for inspections, though they didn't provide a more accurate number.

In a scathing review of Lawrence's health services during a City Council meeting last month, Ethan Mascoop, the shared services coordinator for Lawrence and Methuen, described a city that either is not keeping up with required inspections or is doing them incorrectly. The city has also mismanaged grant money meant to bolster public health services, he said.

In a previous interview, Lawrence officials acknowledged deficiencies in its health services but said they were working on improvements.

Mascoop has himself become a focal point of the dispute, with Lawrence officials saying in February they would not work with him, which appeared to end the shared services agreement. Methuen responded by exploring the possibility of partnering with Haverhill, instead.

Methuen officials did not respond to requests for comment this week.

The level of discord between Lawrence and Methuen is unique among the 320 municipalities participating in 51 public health shared services agreements statewide, Pavlos said. There are challenges, though, she said, harmonizing public health services among communities that differ in size, capacity, and priorities.

"Local public health is expected to keep up with those priorities at the same time as they're building this critical infrastructure," she said. "It is hard work, no question about it."

Lawrence officials recognize the need to put more money into public health, said Joel Gorn, chair of the city's board of health.

Gorn intends to push the city to ensure that happens, including by hiring a new director of Inspectional Services, an office that also oversees public health. Eventually, he said, the city would hire a public health director to give public health independence from Inspectional Services. That would require the city council's approval, officials said.

"I do have a vested interest in the city and making sure this public health agreement stays intact," he said.

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Lithium-ion battery fires on the increase in Mass.

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ing on this topic not just for vehicles but because lithium-ion batteries are all over now," Wareham Fire Chief John Kelley said at the time.

He said his firefighters used specially designed hose nozzles for electric vehicles.

The setting was fortuitous, Kelley said, otherwise the incident could've been worse.

"This could have been a different story if that vehicle was parked under someone's home or in their garage. It could have been a lot different," he said.

In April 2023, a four-alarm fire that displaced four people in Medford was started by two lithium-ion battery-powered scooters, officials said. The following month, six people were displaced when a charging lithium-ion battery ignited a fire in an apartment in New Bedford.

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How jury members are being chosen for the Read trial

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jority of hands fly up — about 70 of 90 on Tuesday and then just under 60 on Wednesday. The court officers read the juror numbers out loud to be recorded. Then the next questions: Has anyone formed an opinion about the case? And does anyone believe they have a bias against one side or the other?

Those questions draw fewer raised cards — about two dozen each day saying they have an opinion, and a dozen that they have a bias.

Next, they fill out the 29-question form. Many of the questions are boilerplate of jury questionnaires, including whether the potential juror can be fair and impartial, whether they believe the defendant has to prove their innocence, and whether they have any religious or philosophical beliefs that could make it difficult to follow the law.

Multiple questions focus on attitudes around drunken driving, law enforcement, and domestic violence, as well as the fact that this is a sensational and controversial case that will continue to have significant media attention.

The survey asks if people have ever taken part in demonstrations that were either supportive or critical of law enforcement. It also asks if people have witnessed a car crash, have been in a relationship that included domestic violence, or if they've donated money to an anti-drunk-driving organization such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Another question reads, "Do you, any family members, or any close friends, reside in or conduct regular business in Canton, MA?" The town, residents have told the Globe, has been torn apart by the case.

People are meant to select "yes," "no," or "not sure" in response to each question. Both the prosecution and defense had submitted questions to the judge to build out the questionnaire, including many that were agreed upon, according to previous court filings.

After they have filled out the questionnaire, each is interviewed in sidebar, a quiet conversation between the prospective juror, Cannone, prosecutors Adam Lally and Laura McLaughlin, and defense attorneys Alan Jackson, David Yannetti, and Elizabeth Little. The court turns on a dull, steady white noise to help mask what they're saying.



PAT GREENHOUSE/GLOBE STAFF

Troopers removed a sign Karen Read supporters placed near the courthouse on Wednesday.

The only generally audible lines are sometimes after Cannone has sent a potential juror to go sit down while the attorneys discuss further, when she calls out informing them that they are excused from sitting on this jury.

And then they head out the back door of the courtroom, to be assembled into a group of about 10 for court staff and state troopers to walk back to the parking lot.

After the full jury — who are going to be randomly sorted into 12 jurors and four alternates — are impaneled, arguments will begin with opening statements.

The case has drawn heavy media coverage and become a topic of intense speculation. Acting US Attorney Joshua S. Levy's office convened a grand jury to investigate law enforcement's handling of the case, and federal authorities have provided thousands of pages of sealed materials to prosecutors and Read's defense team.

Protesters, pushed back from the courthouse by a "buffer" order from Cannone, continue to advocate that Read is innocent, all wearing pink in a show of support. There was not a large crowd outside the courthouse on Wednesday, though police barricades remained up.

Before prospective jurors entered the courtroom Tuesday, Cannone said from the bench that lawyers for Read won't be permitted to raise a third-party culprit theory — the argument that someone else committed the crime — during opening statements but will have a chance "to develop it through relevant, competent, admissible evidence" as the trial progresses.

During a hearing on Friday, Read's attorneys named three potential suspects who were in the Canton home on the night in question: the now-retired police officer who owned the home, his nephew, and a federal law enforcement agent who her attorneys say had a romantic interest in Read.

Lawyers for the men have said that they are not targets of the federal investigation, and none have been charged in connection with the case.

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Al Roker cooks up a murder mystery

The 'Today' personality talks writing, cooking, and favorite Massachusetts grocery store ahead of 'Murder on Demand'

By Lauren Daley
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When I Zoom with Al Roker, he's walking on a treadmill in his New York office, dressed for work: suspenders, tie, pressed white shirt.

The multi-tasking feels on brand. Roker's a busy dude.

The longtime weather presenter/"Today" cohost/Sirius radio show cohost/author has two books releasing this year. "Al Roker's Recipes to Live By," a cookbook with his daughter Courtney Roker Laga, a professional chef, is slated to release this fall.

Much sooner: a murder mystery.

Yup, some 13 years since his last installment, Roker has revived his murder-mystery series starring morning show host/chef/amateur sleuth Billy Blessing. "Murder on Demand," co-written with Matt Costello, hits shelves April 23.

The first three in Roker's series — "The Morning Show Murders" (2009), "The Midnight Show Murders" (2010), and "The Talk Show Murders (2011), all co-written with Dick Lochte — have been recently rereleased by Blackstone Publishing.

You needn't have read them to enjoy this one. Like the first three, "Murder on Demand" is a cozy mystery: warm and funny.

"It's almost like 'Murder She Wrote' except with a bald Black guy instead of Angela Lansbury," Roker told me.

And, as with the first three, Roker, 69, does a solid job bringing the audiobook to life with character voices, inflection, and thoughtful narration.

In the book, streaming is beating out cable, and Billy is no longer a TV host. He's now a chef on Long Island. One night — in a hardboiled moment — a woman walks into the restaurant needing Billy's help. Her father's boat washed up, but Dad can't be found…

We talked mysteries, cooking, his dream gig, favorite Massachusetts grocery stores, and the New England restaurant on his bucket list.

Q. So why murder mysteries?
A. I've always been a fan. My first mystery reads were The Hardy Boys, then I got into Sherlock Holmes, and as I got older, Chester Himes's works.

My mother [loved] thrillers, mysteries. I'd written a few books, and listen: We all end up trying to impress our parents. My mother was: "Oh, you wrote a couple of books." When I decided to write a murder mystery, she really perked up.

Q. [laughs] Right.
A. They say write what you know. Billy likes to cook, he's a chef — it's wish fulfillment. I'd love to have a restaurant. I'd love to be a world-renowned chef with a TV show. We came up with a chef [and] cohost on a popular morning TV show, who gets pulled into different mysteries. He's an alter-ego. An amalgam of who I am and who I'd like to be. The idea for this book was to set Billy back on his heels. He's back to square one. Sure enough, he gets involved in — what a surprise — a murder mystery.

Q. Why the 13-year hiatus between book 3 and 4?
A. It was the folks at Blackstone who reached out and said, "We really like this character, we think he should come back. Are you interested?" I went "Oh!" I'd kind of put him to bed. Listen, not that I didn't enjoy doing [the first three], but you move on, you got other things, I had some health issues — just the "Today" show will keep you busy.

Q. I bet.
A. Life kept moving. Just like I wasn't thinking about a cookbook — it was Courtney's idea. I said, "I'll help you with the recipes and talking to the family, but you're going to have to do all the work because Daddy's busy."

Q. [laughs] You mentioned health issues. How are you feeling?
A. Feeling great. Part of the tonic is a new grandbaby. Having a great time at "Today." Life is good.

Q. Would you open a restaurant?
A. They're a risky business. They open and close at the drop of a hat. It's a lot of work. You don't want to do something that's just a vanity — slap your name on it, and you're never there. So not at this moment. Maybe in a couple of years.

Q. What about a cooking show?
A. If somebody said, "We'd love you to do a food show," I'd jump at it.

Q. You have a new co-writer for this book.
A. Matt Costello, who's really good at this light touch. I'm good at ideas and characters, but I don't know how to get from point A to point Z. He's a great traffic cop.

Q. There was a line with a character asking about the weather, and another says, "Who am I? Freakin' Al Roker on 'The Today Show'?" Was that your line?
A. Yes.

Q. How does mystery co-writing work?
A. When I'm working on a book, I get up maybe a half hour earlier than I normally do. I'm most productive then. I ship it off, wait for his reactions, and back and forth. He'll comment, expand. I come back, punch it up.

Q. What time do you usually get up?
A. About 4 a.m.

Q. So you wake up at 3:30 a.m. to write?
A. Yeah, sometimes 3:15 a.m.

Q. How did "Today" inspire the story line, with Billy working on a morning show?
A. In the original three he was part of "Wake up, America!," which was loosely based on, obviously, "Today." But that was pretty much as far as it went. I mean, in the first book, the executive producer ends up dead. It had nothing to do with how I feel about my executive producer.

Q. [laughs] Right.
A. A lot of times books set on TV [shows] or movies are disingenuous. I think we gave people a decent peek behind the curtain.

Q. Your son goes to school in Vermont. Any other New England connections?
A. We have a house in the Berkshires on the New York side, but we spend a lot of time in Great Barrington, Pittsfield, and Lenox. There's a great grocery store in Pittsfield and Great Barrington, Guido's. I shop there a lot.

Q. Favorite restaurants in Massachusetts?
A. Cafe Adam in Great Barrington is terrific. In Lenox, Bistro Zinc, that's terrific. Daniel Boulud has a great restaurant, Cafe Boulud at Blantyre; the hotel is closed for renovation. There's a place in Maine on my bucket list: The Lost Kitchen.

Q. That's the one where you have to send a postcard to get in.
A. Exactly. I've not been but I want to go.

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Jeffrey Gibson installation to open at Mass MoCA this fall

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Jeffrey Gibson, the artist named the official representative of the United States at the 2024 Venice Biennale, which opens this week, has another really big show in store. The Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams will open Gibson's "Power Full Because We're Different," a new installation commissioned by the museum, on Nov. 2. Gibson's project will occupy the museum's massive Building 5, which most recently hosted EJ Hill's "Brake Run Helix," a working, rideable roller coaster. Gibson, who is a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and of Cherokee descent, is the first Native American artist to represent the United States at the Biennale, a once-every-two-years event that is arguably the most prominent and significant contemporary art event in the world. The Mass MoCA commission is the second major exhibition of his work in New England recently; in 2021, the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum hosted "Infinite Indigenous Queer Love," which showcased older work alongside an array of new, monumental sculpture.



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Ten places to shop for pre-loved clothing in the Boston area

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Secondhand clothing had a very big year last year. According to the annual Resale Report from online consignment retailer ThredUp, the resale market grew 15 times faster than the overall clothing market in 2023 in the US. The Boston area reflects the trend, with plenty of secondhand stores where you can try on items before buying, and consign what you're ready to part with — some offer online shopping, too. The inventory is ever-changing, with no two things alike and some items up to a century old. Here are 10 places to refresh your wardrobe with pre-loved items.



DIVERSITY CONSIGNMENT

Diversity Consignment is located in the heart of Jamaica Plain.

YES, I CAN! CONSIGNMENT: Since January, Yes, I Can! Consignment has aimed to make higher-end brands accessible to more shoppers. The boutique stocks a selection of brand-name business casual clothing, shoes, and accessories. (It has a strict policy against accepting fast fashion brands, like Shein.) Consignors receive half of the sale price once an item is sold. Most items cost between $11 and $40, with select designer items, such as a Burberry wallet, surpassing $500. Some items are also for sale on their website. *807 Boylston St., Brookline. yesicanconsignment.com*

VICO STYLE: The vintage-filled racks at Vico Style's Beacon Hill flagship are filled with items at least a couple of decades old. Most are priced around $50 (none more than $300), and helpful tags translate vintage sizing to a modern equivalent. Vico's Harvard Square outpost sells accessories — such as scarves, handbags, and jewelry — in a 200-square-foot former bank ATM. You can also browse and order online, or subscribe to its personal vintage fashion box program. *125 Charles St., Boston; 73 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge. vico.style*

HIGH ENERGY VINTAGE: This eclectic outpost offers a hand-selected mix of shoes, vinyl records, video games, and vintage clothing from the 1930s to the early 1990s. The store sources its collection in various ways, including from estate sales and textile recyclers. The venture started as a pop-up at the SoWa Vintage Market about 15 years ago and moved to its Union Square storefront in 2016. *429 Somerville Ave., Somerville. highenergyvintage.com*

DIVERSITY CONSIGNMENT: Located in the heart of Jamaica Plain, Diversity Consignment stands out with its vibrant blue storefront and mission: using secondhand fashion to promote inclusivity, creativity, and social impact. Its inventory includes clothing for all genders, plus-size options, and items handmade by BIPOC and LGBTQ+ designers, typically priced between $16 and $70. The shop's Instagram account (@diversityconsign) also posts new inventory, available for purchase via its Instagram Stories. *713 Centre St., Jamaica Plain. diversityconsign.com*

BUZZY'S BAZAAR: The Arlington consignment store is packed from floor to ceiling with clothing and home goods dating back to the 1920s. Recent offerings included mink coats from the 1940s priced at $40-$60 each, elegant bridal and prom gowns (displayed hanging from the ceiling, $50 and up), and a selection of Coach handbags for $12-$40 each. Bargain hunters can head to the back, where you'll find a rack of vintage and new clothing selling for $5 per item. *25b Massachusetts Ave., Arlington. buzzysbazaar.com*

ON AGAIN CONSIGNMENT: Luxury brands — Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Gucci, for example — are the exclusive focus of On Again Consignment in Charlestown. The 400-square-foot boutique sells secondhand designer clothing, shoes, handbags, and jewelry. Prices range from $48 to more than $1,000, and each item is evaluated and priced based on its rarity, condition, and trendiness. The inventory changes frequently due to a 60-day consignor cycle. *233 Main St., Charlestown. onagainconsignment.com*

COVET: With locations on Beacon Hill and in Back Bay and South Boston, Covet curates its clothing, shoes, handbags, and jewelry based on the current season's trends. Recent trips have surfaced $28 Zara jeans and a $630 Gucci handbag. The stores also offer consignors the option to "Drop & Go," instead of waiting for an in-person consultation. Shopping is also offered via Instagram Stories (@covetboston). *109 Charles St., Beacon Hill; 176 Newbury St., Back Bay; 391 W. Broadway, South Boston. covetboston.com*

40 SOUTH ST. VINTAGE: The Jamaica Plain vintage clothing store began in 2005 as a women's clothing rack called "Honey Spot." When she started the business, owner Hilken Mancini would drive to upstate New York and warehouses in Atlanta and Texas to fill her car with thrifted discoveries to resell. Now, sellers come to her. The inventory ranges from the 1970s to Y2K, typically priced between $24 and $35; online shopping is available, too. *40 South St., Jamaica Plain. fortysouthst.com*

THE BLESSING BARN: The nonprofit Compassion New England operates the Blessing Barn Beacon Hill, a Charles Street shop that carries carefully selected secondhand and vintage clothing, accessories, and home goods. Proceeds from your donated items go toward Room in the City, which provides short-term housing to people seeking medical care in Boston-area hospitals and their families. *122 Charles St., Beacon Hill. theblessingbarn.com*

VIVANT VINTAGE: After a past life as a vintage-slinging streetcart, this brick-and-mortar shop (also offering online shopping) specializes in trend-driven thrift finds — ranging from 1990s slip dresses to Levi's denim and Carhartt carpenter pants to Juicy Couture tracksuits. Most items range in price from $25-$100. *318 Lincoln St., Allston; online shopping is offered through their website. vivantvintage.com*

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Leading opinions

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ON FOOTBALL

A lot of NFL Draft experts aren't buying McCarthy hype

Dozens of draft experts and former NFL scouts analyzing the 2024 draft seem to be in agreement about Michigan's J.J. McCarthy: He's the fourth-best quarterback prospect behind Caleb Williams, Jayden Daniels, and Drake Maye.

Most mock drafts have the Patriots at No. 3 taking Maye or Daniels, whichever one falls to them. ESPN's Mel Kiper has McCarthy rated as his 14th-best prospect, NFL Network's Daniel Jeremiah has him at 20, The Athletic's Dane Brugler has him at 21, and so on.

"Based on his 2022 and 2023 Michigan tape, McCarthy is much more of a developmental prospect than a Week-1-ready starter at the next level," wrote Greg Cosell of NFL Films and The 33rd Team. "His tape in college showed an efficient system quarterback lacking any special throwing or athletic traits."

But recent reports tell a different story. Longtime draftnik Tony Pauline of Sportskeeda wrote that McCarthy to the Patriots "was the buzz on the pro-day circuit," and that "Eliot Wolf is pushing hard for McCarthy, and he believes he has as much upside as any quarterback in this draft."

ESPN's Matt Miller mock-drafted McCarthy to the Patriots at No. 3, writing, "Enough sources around the NFL are

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A report said Robert Kraft (left) may have affected the Falcons' decision to pass on Bill Belichick as coach. C2

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CHRISTOPHER L. GASPER

Patriots have chance to go big, and they'd better not miss



We don't know which quarterback the Patriots, possessors of their highest draft pick (No. 3 overall) since taking Drew Bledsoe No. 1 in 1993, will target in the 2024 NFL Draft. The Next Great New England Quarterback remains an open question. The approach to getting said player is not.

The Patriots know they need to shoot for the moon and hope they land a star. P.T. Barnum was credited as saying, "Comfort is the enemy of progress." If the new regime in New England, led by coach Jerod Mayo and director of scouting Eliot Wolf, focuses more on not completely whiffing than on hitting a home run, then the search for a rightful heir to Tom Brady won't end this April. Caution won't cut it. They seem to understand that. Unwelcome news for the "trade down" delegation.

You can't be cautious when you're facing a QB quandary and a smoking crater at the most important position in North American team sports. It's "go big or go home" with an Alex Smith or Derek Carr you're constantly trying to replace/upgrade. That's why the Patriots should motor up their draft card in Detroit if either North Carolina's Drake Maye or Heisman Trophy winner Jayden Daniels of Louisiana

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Houck: Whole nine

Sox righthander completes the job

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox 2
Guardians 0

It was as if Red Sox manager Alex Cora had nothing to say.

If you saw it in person or on television, or even if you listened to it on the radio, you felt the dominance on display from Tanner Houck Wednesday evening at Fenway Park. You knew that it only took 1 hour and 49 minutes for him to dismantle the Cleveland Guardians in a 2-0 win.

So, at the start of his news conference following an outing that Houck called his greatest, all Cora could do was throw his hands up, smile, and shrug.

"He was really good," Cora said.

This is the pitcher the Red Sox envisioned. This version of Houck. Since he was called up in 2020, you saw glimpses of his special ability. But ugliness always followed. For the first three innings of most any outing before this season, Houck at times appeared invincible, only to falter, shrivel, and become vulnerable over the ensuing three frames.

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But Houck is a different pitcher now. At least over his first four starts of 2024, punctuated by Wednesday's outing in which he yielded just three hits and fanned nine.

The confident strut around the mound always was a part of his disposition. The steady demeanor in the midst of high-stake moments or struggles always endured in Houck. His breastplate seemed as though it was made of Teflon.

That character trait and a triumphant outcome merged in front of 32,024 fans.

"I think this is one of those nights where you probably get one — maybe two — of these a season if you're lucky,"

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Tanner Houck, who allowed just three hits, needed only 94 pitches to shut out the Guardians, then received a victory waterbath from his teammates.

PETER ABRAHAM

ON BASEBALL

One game offers hope that all is not lost

Alex Cora's pregame session with reporters on Wednesday was a grim affair.

The Red Sox have 10 players on the injured list and the manager gave updates on most of them. Cora also discussed the various mental mistakes his players had been making in recent days and how he coped with the stress by going on 5-mile runs.

"I move on," he said.

But that's not so easy with the Sox leading the majors in errors, unearned runs, and times caught stealing.

Cora was talking to bench coach Ramón Vázquez on Tuesday night when lumbering first baseman Triston Casas was thrown out foolishly trying to steal third with no outs in the second inning and the Sox down by two runs.

The other topic was how the Red Sox would fill out their rotation with Garrett Whitlock joining fellow starters Lucas Giolito and Nick Pivetta on the injured list.

"Sometimes you get mad and sometimes you're like, there's [another] game tonight and hopefully we can be better," Cora said.

Little did he know.

A few hours later, Cora walked back into the same room smiling after Tanner Houck threw a three-hit shutout with nine strikeouts and no walks in a 2-0 victory against Cleveland.

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Bruins will face a potent but flawed Leafs team

By Conor Ryan
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NHL PLAYOFFS
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Game 1, Saturday, 8 p.m.

For the fourth time in 12 seasons, the Bruins and Maple Leafs will collide in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Toronto has not won a playoff series against Boston since 1959, with the Bruins triumphing in seven games in 2013, 2018, and 2019.

Even though it's been five years since their last postseason showdown, the Maple Leafs' DNA hasn't changed much, with a roster buoyed by elite forwards but marred with flaws at the other end of the ice.

Here's what you need to know about the Bruins' familiar first-round foe:

■ Toronto's strength is on offense — especially at five-on-five.

It's no surprise that a team anchored by Auston Matthews (69 goals, 107 points), William Nylander (40, 98), Mitch Marner (26, 85), and John Tavares (29, 64) relies heavily on its high-powered offense to put opponents on the ropes.

The Bruins will have their work cut out when it comes to allocating defensive-zone reps for blue liners Brandon Carlo, Hampus Lindholm, and Charlie McAvoy — especially with Maple Leafs coach Sheldon Keefe sprinkling his top forwards across the depth chart.

Toronto also has received secondary scoring and much-needed jam with Max Domi (47 points) and old friend Tyler Bertuzzi, who has 14 goals and 21 points over his last 26 games.

Despite their high-end talent,

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Belichick's job search didn't go as planned

By Nicole Yang
GLOBE STAFF

ESPN.com published a report Wednesday morning detailing Bill Belichick's failed job search this offseason as well as his relationship with Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

Here are some takeaways:

1. Belichick thought the Falcons coaching job was his.

According to ESPN, four days after he and Kraft agreed to "mutually part ways," Belichick met with Falcons owner Arthur Blank one-on-one aboard a yacht in Antigua. The two discussed the possibility of Belichick coming to Atlanta, then scheduled a second interview later that week with Falcons CEO Rich McKay and other executives.

Belichick, who was the first of Atlanta's 14-candidate pool to earn a second interview, proceeded with confidence knowing that his résumé stood above those of his competitors. He operated as if he would be coaching in 2024. Yet when Blank and his colleagues voted on who should be the team's coach, not one person ranked Belichick in the top three.

Atlanta's decision to hire Raheem Morris "blindsided" Belichick, per ESPN.

2. Kraft spoke to Blank about Belichick — and may have affected the Falcons' decision.

Blank consulted Kraft, who ESPN says is his "closest friend" among NFL owners, about the possibility of hiring Belichick.

According to ESPN, Belichick told Blank he wasn't looking to maintain the same level of organizational power he held throughout the majority of his tenure in New England. But Kraft told Blank "not to trust Bill," adding that he'll never have "a warm conversation" with him.

Per ESPN: "Multiple sources said that Kraft spoke with 'some candor' to Blank about Belichick, though the sources declined to elaborate. One source close to Belichick said Kraft 'was a big part' of why the Falcons passed on hiring him."

Patriots spokesman Stacey James confirmed that Blank and Kraft spoke about Belichick, but denied that Kraft's remarks were negative. Instead, James said, Kraft advocated for Belichick.

Both Kraft and Belichick declined to comment for ESPN's story. As did Belichick's longtime agent, Neil Cornrich.

3. Belichick has a list of teams he would be interested in coaching.

According to ESPN, Belichick has told people close to him he would be interested in coaching the Cowboys, Eagles, or Giants.

None of those teams was among the seven outside of the Patriots with a head coaching vacancy this offseason, but Philadelphia apparently mulled the possibility. According to ESPN, Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie asked a confidant about Belichick. General manager Howie Roseman also checked in with Belichick after his exit from New England, though the two did not discuss the possibility of Belichick working for the Eagles.

ESPN laid out concerns some teams had about hiring Belichick: 1. His hierarchical structure within the organization; 2. the effectiveness of the "Patriot Way"; and 3. the overhaul necessary for a potentially short tenure, as many believe Belichick will coach only until he secures 15 more wins to pass Don Shula as the winningest coach in NFL history.

4. Belichick will stay busy during his season away.

According to ESPN, Belichick is expected in the coming weeks to sign a deal to become an analyst for Peyton Manning's Omaha Productions.

He also will stay busy in 2024 by traveling abroad and speaking to football programs. This year, he has already spoken at college coaching clinics in Washington and Nebraska. He also visited with the Northwestern women's lacrosse team.

Belichick has plans to write a book, which ESPN described as "a football leadership guide." According to ESPN, the book (not a memoir) will be based on Bill Walsh's "Finding the Winning Edge," one of Belichick's strongest influences.

5. Other information from the story.

■ Commanders minority owner Magic Johnson "lobbied hard" for Belichick to be the team's next coach, but principal owner Josh Harris wanted to go in a different direction.

■ The "bad blood" between Kraft and Belichick is no secret across the league.

■ Patriots president Jonathan Kraft talked his father out of moving on from Belichick after the 2022 season, when the Patriots finished 8-9.

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Belichick will be cohosting "The Pat McAfee Show" on ESPN to broadcast the draft in Detroit, he announced on McAfee's show Wednesday.

"Yeah, I'm looking forward to it," Belichick said. "Draft weekend is always an exciting time for everybody, for the teams that are building their teams, for the fans, for everyone involved in it. It's a great event. I'm looking forward to seeing it from the other side."

It'll be Belichick's first draft without a team affiliation in almost 50 years, but he seems to be having fun with it.

"It'll be fun to be in Detroit, be with you guys, and get your expertise," Belichick told McAfee with a laugh.

Belichick, a six-time Super Bowl winner as a head coach — a few of his trophies were visible behind him as he appeared on the McAfee show — celebrated his 72nd birthday Tuesday.

"Yeah, we called the fire department to put out the candles," he joked.

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J.J. McCarthy threw 44 touchdown passes and just nine interceptions in two years as Michigan's starter.

Experts don't buy McCarthy hype

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whispering that McCarthy could very well be the second quarterback off the board that it has to be considered possible at this point."

Locally, NBC Sports Boston's Michael Holley said, "I'm hearing more and more chatter that J.J. McCarthy is high, if not first, on the boards of the Washington Commanders and the New England Patriots."

No player in the first round may have a greater disparity between how he is graded as a prospect and the hype he is generating than McCarthy.

"I see him as a first-round pick, but I do think the hype has gotten a little bit overblown," said former Buccaneers general manager Mark Dominik, who is working the draft for SiriusXM College. "But I'm not surprised the buzz happens. Every year, quarterbacks get really talked up a ton, and that's just the way it goes."

There is a lot to like about McCarthy. He threw 44 touchdown passes and just nine interceptions in two years as Michigan's starter. He completed 72.3 percent of passes and averaged an impressive 9.0 yards per attempt in 2023. He has a solid frame at 6 feet 2 inches, 220 pounds. And he went 27-1 with a national championship as Michigan's starter.

"NFL teams describe him as a 'winner' and love the way he is wired," Brugler wrote in The Athletic. "His passing skills, pocket athleticism, and mental makeup are all ascending and create optimism for his NFL future."

But it's hard finding a draft expert who believes McCarthy is a better prospect than Daniels, last year's Heisman Trophy winner and one of the most dynamic dual-threat athletes to come out in years, or Maye, who looks like he was produced in a quarterback factory with ideal size, arm strength, and athleticism. Williams is not in the conversation because he is a lock to go No. 1 to the Bears.

"I didn't see anything in college football that said, 'Oh my God, that's the No. 3 pick in the draft,' " former receiver Keyshawn Johnson said on FS1.

It's tough to gauge whether the McCarthy hype is real or the usual predraft bluster. Baker Mayfield got hyped late in the 2018 process, and ended up going No. 1 overall. Mac Jones got hyped in 2021 as the expected choice when the 49ers traded up to No. 3, but instead fell to No. 15. In 2022, Matt Corral and Malik Willis got hyped as first-round picks yet fell to the third round.

"The J.J. McCarthy thing, to me, is a smokescreen," WFAN host Tiki Barber said. "He's getting inflated because Jim Harbaugh won't stop talking about him. Now all of a sudden, he's a top-four quarterback? I don't buy it."

Some of the biggest knocks on McCarthy are that he played for a great team with elite talent, an offensive line that gave him all day to throw, and a smart coach whose run-based offense didn't require him to put the team on his back.

"I have said he is an acquired taste," said Jeremiah, who compared McCarthy to former Chiefs QB Alex Smith. "You are watching TV, and you are like, 'Gosh, they don't ask him to do much.' They run the ball. They play great defense. He will manage the game and get them through it and make a couple of plays here and there."

Brugler wrote that McCarthy's evaluation "feels incomplete," noting that he finished his college career with only 713 pass attempts, compared with 952 for Maye and 1,438 for Daniels.

McCarthy threw just eight passes in a win over Penn State, 20 against Ohio State, and just 18 in the national championship win over Washington.

"Against top competition the last two years, you'd be lucky to cobble together more than a dozen throws that directly translate to the next level," wrote scout Diante Lee of The 33rd Team, comparing McCarthy to Mayfield, Ryan Tannehill, Kirk Cousins, and Brock Purdy.

When asked on a podcast why McCarthy seems to be rising up draft boards, Cosell responded, "I'm going to be honest with you, I don't know the answer to that."

Cosell's draft report states, "My sense watching McCarthy is he projects to the NFL as much more of a system-based quarterback . . . rather than a dynamic playmaker with either his arm or his legs."

Dominik has McCarthy graded behind Maye and Daniels, in that order, and rates McCarthy closer to Bo Nix and Michael Penix, two quarterbacks projected to be drafted later in the first round or early in the second.

If the Patriots do decide they want McCarthy, Dominik thinks it's likelier that they could trade down with, say, the Bears at No. 9 (who would want to draft receiver Marvin Harrison at No. 3) and still get McCarthy.

"That could be a really interesting move for a Patriots team that needs draft picks and collateral," Dominik said. "You still might get the same quarterback at 9 than where they were picking at 3, plus some really nice draft collateral."

But it's hard finding a draft expert who believes McCarthy will be taken ahead of Maye or Daniels.

"What you hear, I'm not buying it," Kiper said. "But I do have him going in the top group. This is hard, because you hear a lot of things."

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Patriots have a chance to go big in the draft

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State is on the board after Chicago and Washington anoint their signal-caller saviors with the first two picks.

There are no sure things in an enterprise that is far closer to football fortune-telling than science. But if the Patriots decide to trade down for multiple first-round picks (hello, Vikings) or dance up and down the top 10 or kick the QB can down the team-building road, they're playing it too conservatively.

The same is true if they pass on Maye (the choice here) or Daniels at No. 3 to select draft-industrial-complex darling J.J. McCarthy of Michigan, the national championship-winning QB with intangibles galore and a desirable demeanor forged from days as a high school hockey player.

McCarthy is the Subaru of top-five QBs — safe, sensible, and low-maintenance. He won't be a high-performance passer a la Patrick Mahomes, Joe Burrow, or Josh Allen, but he's not likely to be a lemon.

At this point, McCarthy would be an upset selection at No. 3. But he can't be ruled out. The Patriots brought McCarthy to Foxborough for one of their 30 in-house predraft visits this week, following visits by Maye and Daniels. The Michigan Man has moxie, mobility, a strong arm, and a winning pedigree (27-1 as a starter).

He doesn't have the Josh Allen/Justin Herbert ceiling of Maye or the dynamism of Daniels, requirements for a low-wattage, un-weaponized Patriots offense.

Mayo discussed how this brain trust weighs the value of ceiling vs. floor as it tries to rise from the 4-13 post-Belichick ashes.

"The exciting part about a guy like Drake Maye is there's really no ceiling with a guy like that," Mayo said at the NFL owners meetings last month. "Now, in saying that, when we're trying to put together this roster, I know a lot of people look at the ceiling, but you also got to kind of see how low is the floor?"

When I'm trying to alter the trajectory of a fallen franchise, I'm not concerned with a QB's floor.

Forget scouting systems; philosophy matters here.

You can't play it safe for the sake of not being wrong. Mac Jones was "safe," billed as the most NFL-ready QB in his class. Where did that get you?

The Patriots have been investigating all options because they can't predict what will happen in front of them with Maye and Daniels or behind them with a team getting antsy and potentially desperate to move up.

Yet, hitting on multiple picks at multiple positions to prop up a "high-floor" QB is a more arduous path than nailing one pick at the most influential position. They recognize this reality.

Sure, more quarterbacks taken high in the draft go bust than boom. But you can't shy away because of that. You can't err on the side of caution when trying to procure a true franchise-fate-altering quarterback.

There are outliers like Joe Montana (a third-round pick in 1979), Russell Wilson (a third-round pick in 2012), and the ultimate anomaly, Brady (a sixth-rounder in 2000). But you'd better break out the rosary beads with the scouting reports if you're banking on duplicating such outrageous fortune.

Even finding a Drew Brees or a Brett Favre with a second-round pick would qualify calling the Vatican seeking confirmation of a miracle.

Wolf's father, legendary executive Ron Wolf, famously traded for Favre one season after the Falcons selected Favre in the second round. The elder Wolf surrendered a first-round pick (No. 17 in the 1992 draft) for Favre, a virtually unprecedented act of prescience. He said at the time he understood his job was riding on the deal.

Hopefully, that boldness runs in the Wolf family, and Eliot Wolf, who will have the final say on this pick, pulls the trigger on Maye, if he's available.

Maye comes with as much upside — and downside — as any 2024 QB. He's your classic NFL Draft QB Rorschach test. Do you see the next Sam Darnold- or Zach Wilson-esque flameout, or Allen or Herbert? Maye's talent is undeniable, but he engages in cowboy quarterbacking that leaves you peering between your fingers.

After a 38-touchdown pass, seven-interception tour de force in 2022, he played behind a porous offensive line last fall — the Tar Heels ranked 108th out of 130 Division 1 schools in sacks per game — and didn't produce as expected.

Maye didn't play with the weapons Daniels enjoyed at LSU — projected first-round wide receivers Malik Nabers and Brian Thomas and potentially another in 2025, Kyren Lacy. He didn't play on the juggernaut that McCarthy did. During the regular season, Michigan trailed for just 23 minutes and 33 seconds. Maye had more adversity and less talent to deal with.

There's no foolproof pick for the Patriots as they stare down the barrel of a daunting rebuild.

"We need that franchise player at the position," said a Patriots source. "There's never a guarantee . . . I think in some way [all the QBs] are risky."

But they're ready to risk being wrong to shoot for the big-play QB instead of settling for the QB version of a checkdown. In that respect, they've already gotten it right.

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NBA bans Porter for life following gambling probe

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Jontay Porter has been banned for life from the NBA after a league probe found he disclosed confidential information to sports bettors and bet on games.

Porter, who was a two-way player for the Toronto Raptors, is the second person to be banned from the league by commissioner Adam Silver for violating league rules. The other was now-former Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling in 2014.

The investigation started once the league learned about unusual betting patterns surrounding Porter's performance in a game on March 20. The league determined that Porter gave a bettor information about his own health status prior to that game, and another individual — known to be an NBA bettor — placed an $80,000 bet that Porter would not hit the numbers set for him in parlays through an online sports book. That bet would have won $1.1 million.

Porter took himself out of that game after only a few minutes, claiming illness, none of his stats meeting the totals set in the parlay. The bet was frozen and not paid out, and the NBA started an investigation.

"There is nothing more important than protecting the integrity of NBA competition for our fans, our teams and everyone associated with our sport, which is why Jontay Porter's blatant violations of our gaming rules are being met with the most severe punishment," Silver said.

Silver cautioned last week that this move was possible, saying what Porter was accused of represented "cardinal sin" in the NBA. Porter has not commented since the investigation began, and never played for the Raptors again — he was listed as out for all of Toronto's games for the remainder of the season citing personal reasons.

The league also determined that Porter — the brother of Denver Nuggets forward Michael Porter Jr. — placed at least 13 bets on NBA games using someone else's betting account. The bets ranged from $15 to $22,000; the total wagered was $54,094 and generated a payout of $76,059, or net winnings of $21,965.

Those wagers did not involve any game in which Porter played, the NBA said. But three of the wagers were multi-game parlays, including a bet where Porter wagered on the Raptors to lose. All three of those bets lost.



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The NBA learned about unusual betting patterns involving Jontay Porter.

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CELTICS NOTEBOOK

They expect the unexpected

By Adam Himmelsbach
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Throughout this season Celtics coach **Joe Mazzulla** has stressed to his players that no two wins will be exactly alike. He wants the team to have an open mind as it follows different routes to success on different nights.

As the Celtics prepare for their first-round playoff series this week, Mazzulla has expanded on that philosophy a bit. The coach has shown clips and details of the paths of other NBA champions, stressing that there is no predetermined route to a title.

Point guard **Jrue Holiday** said it was startling to see the game log of Boston's 2008 team that won a championship despite starting the playoffs by losing six road games in a row.

"That's tough to win a series when you're not winning on the road," Holiday said. "Because if you get one on the road, obviously anything can happen. You can tell that they obviously protected home court, which is huge, but getting one on the road once in every series is cool."

Forward **Jayson Tatum** said it was notable that the 2008 Celtics were pushed to Game 7 in both the first and second rounds. Of course, this is not an unfamiliar challenge for this Celtics core that has played in four Game 7s over the last two seasons.

"It's not always going to go maybe how we expected or wanted it to go, but we've got to be ready for it," Tatum said. "We've got to be ready for the unexpected. The playoffs present a lot of different challenges from game to game, and you've got to be ready to respond and react, because you never know exactly what's coming."

Celtics vs. TBA

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The Celtics have time this week to consider these things because they will not know their first-round opponent until late Friday night, after the loser of the Heat/76ers play-in game faces the winner of the Bulls/Hawks play-in game.

When Game 1 tips off at TD Garden on Sunday afternoon, 10 days will have passed since Boston's starters appeared in a real game. So the coaching staff is doing what it can to keep the group fresh.

Tuesday's three-hour practice was filled with intense cardio work. Holiday said that at the start the Celtics completed several minutes of full-court drills in which dribbling was not allowed. Wednesday's session was more centered on execution.

"By the end of [Wednesday] we just wanted to be a better team, a smarter team, and just keep working at that," Mazzulla said. "So it wasn't as competitive as it was mentally competitive."

Surprise delivery

USA Basketball managing director **Grant Hill** surprised Tatum and Holiday at their homes this week and presented them with their jerseys for the upcoming Paris Olympics. The 12-man roster featuring the two Celtics stars was officially released Wednesday morning.

"Sitting on the couch watching TV and the doorbell rang and it was Grant Hill," Tatum said. "So, I definitely was not expecting that."

Added Holiday: "It's pretty random. I didn't see that coming. I thought my wife was better than that. She usually warns me or something, but she didn't warn me. It was cool. It was cool to see."

Both players were members of the national team that won the gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, but many COVID-19 restrictions were still in place then, so they were unable to soak up the true Olympic experience.

"I'm just excited for this opportunity," Holiday said. "It's going to be a lot different being able to be just more open, go to different events, see different professional athletes from around the world."

Home court edge

Last season the Celtics were 32-9 at home during the regular season before going just 5-6 at TD Garden during the playoffs, which ended with a Game 7 conference finals loss to the Heat in Boston. This year the Celtics were even more dominant on the parquet during the regular season, crafting a 37-4 home mark. Now, they are hoping that success will continue when games matter most.

"I think in the past, we just felt like coming back home we had the advantage and we were supposed to win, and maybe relaxed a little bit," Tatum said. "Probably take the opposite approach that maybe feels like our back is against the wall when we come home, and have some better outcomes."

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The Maple Leafs' Auston Matthews leads the NHL with 69 regular-season goals.

Bruins will face potent but flawed Leafs team

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the Maple Leafs aren't a rush-heavy team, doing most of their damage with a steady dose of shots from the slot and Grade A ice.

Toronto is one of the best teams in the league at five-on-five, entering Wednesday ranked seventh in goal differential (plus-33), per Money Puck.

If the Bruins are going to hold off Toronto's potent offense, they're going to need their D-zone structure to hold its own at the net front.

The Bruins relinquished 11.42 five-on-five high-danger scoring chances per game this season, which ranked 24th (per Natural Stat Trick). The Leafs, meanwhile, averaged 12.61 high-danger chances at five-on-five, third in the league.

The Bruins' lackluster slot protection has been covered up by the play of goaltenders Linus Ullmark and Jeremy Swayman. But the Bruins will be playing with fire if those lapses continue.

■ **The defense is in flux.**

Though Toronto has added some heft on the blue line with 6-foot-5-inch Joel Edmundson, Simon Benoit (247 hits), and Jake McCabe (129 blocks), it is still a relatively pedestrian defensive club.

The Bruins rank sixth in goals against per game (2.70), while Toronto is 20th at 3.15. Some of those faults might be attributed to goaltending, but Toronto also is 17th in five-on-five high-danger scoring chances allowed per game at 11.19.

Keefe has some decisions to make when it comes to choosing the top six defensemen for the playoffs. This season, Toronto rolled out a whopping 20 different D-pairings that logged at least 50 minutes of five-on-five ice time, per Natural Stat Trick.

■ **There are some problems on special teams.**

For all of the firepower up front, Toronto's power play has fallen into a rut, cashing in at only 12.5 percent (9 of 72) in the last 22 23 games. Even the Bruins' slumping power play was stronger over a similar stretch (17.9 percent since March 2).

But the Bruins' penalty kill still will have its hands full against the Maple Leafs' power play, which entered Wednesday seventh overall at 24.3 percent. Toronto was 1 for 11 on the power play against the Bruins this season.

Toronto's penalty kill has been an issue all season, ranking 23rd at 76.9 percent. The Bruins' power play cashed in on 30 percent of its opportunities while sweeping four games against Toronto this season.

■ **There are question marks in net.**

The most jarring difference between the Bruins and Maple Leafs is between the pipes.

While the Bruins boast arguably the best goalie tandem in the league with Ullmark and Swayman, Toronto has yet to identify a solid option between Ilya Samsonov and Joseph Woll.

Samonsov posted an .890 save percentage over 40 games this season, and is just 1-2-2 with an .899 save percentage against the Bruins over seven career games.

Woll, who played three seasons at Boston College, has stronger numbers this season (.907 save percentage over 25 games, .890 since the All-Star break). But the 25-year-old is 0-2-1 with an .865 save percentage and a 3.97 goals-against average against the Bruins in his career.

Even with Toronto's impressive offense, the Leafs' success may not translate to the postseason if Woll and Samsonov can't keep them afloat in tight contests.

Down the other end of the ice, Ullmark has been on a roll since the trade deadline — going 6-3-0 with a .935 save percentage. But it's Swayman who has had Toronto's number over the last two seasons. The Bruins have won seven straight against Toronto, with Swayman going 4-0-0 with a stellar .961 save percentage.



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Zion Williamson exited with about three minutes left in Tuesday's loss to the Lakers.

NBA NOTEBOOK

Embiid and 76ers rally to drop Heat

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joel Embiid showed why Philadelphia always has a shot at a long postseason run as long as he's in the lineup.

Embiid had 23 points, 15 rebounds, and one huge assist to **Kelly Oubre Jr.** on a go-ahead 3-point play that led the 76ers to a 105-104 win over the Heat at Philadelphia in the Eastern Conference Play-In Tournament on Wednesday night.

The 76ers earned the No. 7 seed and advanced to play the second-seeded Knicks in the opening round of the Eastern Conference playoffs. Game 1 is Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

The Heat — who went from the play-in tourney to the NBA Finals a year ago — host the winner of the night's late play-in game between Chicago and Atlanta on Friday night, with the winner getting the No. 8 seed, and the Celtics.

Embiid exploded out of a quiet game late in the fourth and carried the Sixers back from 14 down in the second half.

Embiid, who missed 43 games this season, was a non-factor as **Nicolas Batum** and **Buddy Hield** improbably sparked the 76ers in the second half. Batum had 20 points.

Heat's Butler injured

Miami guard **Jimmy Butler** said he will need an MRI on his right knee after he was injured in the first half against the 76ers.

Butler was hurt late in the first quarter when he tried to fake out Oubre on a bucket, only to have his knee buckle and he fell to the court. Oubre appeared to land on the Heat star, who led the franchise last season to the NBA Finals.

"I fell, he landed and my knee just didn't do well, I guess," Butler said. "I don't know. It's not a good feeling, I can tell you that."

Butler remained in the game and scored 19 points.

White (42) leads Bulls

Coby White scored a career-high 42 points and the Bulls advanced in the play-in tournament, knocking out the Hawks with a 131-116 victory at Chicago.

White, whose previous high was 37, went hard at the rim throughout the game and had fans chanting his name down the stretch as the Bulls rolled past the Hawks. Chicago visits Miami on Friday for a shot at the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs and a first-round matchup with the Celtics.

Dejounte Murray led Atlanta with 30 points. But the Hawks came up short again after dropping their final six regular-season games.

Nikola Vucevic had 24 points and 12 rebounds for Chicago. **DeMar DeRozan** finished with 22 points and nine assists.

Ayo Dosunmu added 19 points after missing the final four regular-season games because of a bruised right quadricep.

Williamson out

Zion Williamson has been ruled out of the Pelicans' Western Conference play-in game against the Kings on Friday night because of a left hamstring injury — and is expected to miss up to two weeks should New Orleans advance to the NBA playoffs.

The injury occurred with about three minutes remaining in a 110-106 loss to the Lakers in New Orleans's Play-In Tournament opener at home on Tuesday night.

Leonard yet to practice

Kawhi Leonard has yet to practice five-on-five with the Clippers as they prepare to face the Mavericks in the first round of the playoffs.

Leonard hasn't played in a game since March 31 because of inflammation in his surgically repaired right knee.

76ERS 105, HEAT 104

MIAMI

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Jovic	14	2-2	0-0	0-5	0	2	5
Butler	40	5-18	7-8	2-4	5	2	19
Adebayo	31	5-9	0-0	4-12	1	3	10
Martin	24	2-3	0-2	2-5	1	1	5
Herro	41	9-27	3-3	0-2	9	1	25
Love	17	3-5	2-2	1-2	0	3	10
Highsmith	28	4-8	1-2	3-6	3	3	9
Jaquez	22	6-11	1-2	2-5	2	3	15
Wright	23	2-7	0-0	4-6	2	1	6
Totals		38-90	14-19	18-47	23	19	104

FG%: .422, FT%: .737. 3-pt. goals: 14-39, .359 (Jovic 1-1, Butler 2-6, Adebayo 0-2, Martin 1-1, Herro 4-14, Love 2-4, Highsmith 0-4, Jaquez 2-4, Wright 2-3). Team rebounds: 5. Team turnovers: 13 (16 pts.). Blocks: 4 (Adebayo 2, Highsmith, Wright). Turnovers: 13 (Jovic, Butler, Adebayo, Martin, Herro 5, Love, Jaquez 3). Steals: 12 (Butler 5, Love, Highsmith 3, Jaquez, Wright 2). Technicals: def. 3-second, 5:38/1st.

PHILADELPHIA

	Min	FG M-A	FT M-A	Reb O-T	A	F	Pt
Harris	33	4-10	1-2	5-10	4	2	9
Oubre	37	3-9	5-5	3-8	1	5	11
Embiid	38	6-17	9-10	3-15	5	3	23
Lowry	29	3-10	0-0	1-5	1	3	7
Maxey	44	6-16	6-6	0-3	6	1	19
Reed	10	3-3	0-0	0-2	0	1	6
Batum	28	7-12	0-0	2-5	0	2	20
Hield	18	3-8	0-0	1-1	6	0	7
Payne	3	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	3
Totals		36-86	21-23	15-49	23	17	105

FG%: .419, FT%: .913. 3-pt. goals: 12-35, .343 (Harris 0-3, Oubre 0-1, Embiid 2-4, Lowry 1-5, Maxey 1-6, Batum 6-10, Hield 1-5, Payne 1-1). Team rebounds: 8. Team turnovers: 16 (22 pts.). Blocks: 3 (Oubre, Reed, Batum). Turnovers: 15 (Harris 2, Oubre, Embiid 3, Lowry 2, Maxey 3, Batum 2, Hield 2). Steals: 4 (Oubre, Embiid, Lowry 2). Technicals: def. 3-second, 11:44/2nd, team, 1:58/3rd.

Miami	23	28	23	30	— 104
Philadelphia	22	17	30	36	— 105

A — 19,788 (20,318). T — 2:29. Officials — Tony Brothers, Bill Kennedy, Mitchell Ervin.

NBA playoffs

Play-in games

Tuesday, April 16

LA Lakers 110.....at New Orleans 106
At Sacramento 118.....Golden State 94

Wednesday, April 17

At Philadelphia 105.....Miami 104
At Chicago 131.....Atlanta 116

Friday, April 19

Chicago at Miami.....7
Sacramento at New Orleans.....9:30

Eastern Conference

NEW YORK VS. PHILADELPHIA

Schedule

Sat., April 20 at New York.....6
Mon., April 22 at New York.....7:30
Thu., April 25 at Philadelphia.....7:30
Sun., April 28 at Philadelphia.....1
*Tue., April 30 at New York.....TBA
*Thu., May 2 at Phildelphia.....TBA
*Sat., May 4 at New York.....TBA

MILWAUKEE VS. INDIANA

Schedule

Sun., April 21 at Milwaukee.....7
Tue., April 23 at Milwaukee.....8:30
Fri., April 26 at Indiana.....5:30
Sun., April 28 at Indiana.....7
*Tue., April 30 at Milwaukee.....TBA
*Thu., May 2 at Indiana.....TBA
*Sat., May 4 at Milwaukee.....TBA

CLEVELAND VS. ORLANDO

Schedule

Sat., April 20 at Cleveland.....1
Mon., April 22 at Cleveland.....7
Thu., April 25 at Orlando.....7
Sat., April 27 at Orlando.....1
*Tue., April 30 at Cleveland.....TBA
*Fri., May 3 at Orlando.....TBA
*Sun., May 5 at Cleveland.....TBA

Western Conference

OKLAHOMA CITY VS. TBA

Schedule

Sun., April 21 at Oklahoma City.....9:30
Wed., April 24 at Oklahoma City.....9:30
Sat., April 27 at TBA.....3:30
Mon., April 29 at TBA.....TBA
*Wed., May 1 at Oklahoma City.....TBA
*Fri., May 3 at TBA.....TBA
*Sun., May 5 at Oklahoma City.....TBA

DENVER VS. LA LAKERS

Schedule

Sat., April 20 at Denver.....8:30
Mon., April 22 at Denver.....10
Thu., April 25 at LA.....10
Sat., April 27 at LA.....8:30
*Mon., April 29 at Denver.....TBA
*Thu., May 2 29 at LA.....TBA
*Sat., May 4 at Denver.....TBA

MINNESOTA VS. PHOENIX

Schedule

Sat., April 20 at Minnesota.....3:30
Tue., April 23 at Minnesota.....7:30
Fri., April 26 at Phoenix.....10:30
Sun., April 30 at Phoenix.....9:30
*Tue., April 30 at Minnesota.....TBA
*Thu., May 2 at Phoenix.....TBA
*Sat., May 4 at Minnesota.....TBA

LA CLIPPERS VS. DALLAS

Schedule

Sun., April 21 at LA.....3:30
Tue., April 23 at LA.....10
Fri., April 26 at Dallas.....8
Sun., April 28 at Dallas.....3:30
*Wed., May 1 at LA.....TBA
*Fri., May 3 at Dallas.....TBA
*Sun., May 5 at LA.....TBA
* if necessary

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OL	Pts.	ROW	GF	GA
Florida	82	52	24	6	110	49	268	200
Boston	82	47	20	15	109	43	267	224
Toronto	82	46	26	10	102	41	303	263
METROPOLITAN	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
NY Rangers	82	55	23	4	114	51	282	229
Carolina	82	52	23	7	111	50	279	216
NY Islanders	82	39	27	16	94	38	246	263
WILD-CARD	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
Tampa Bay	82	45	29	8	98	42	291	268
Washington	82	40	31	11	91	36	220	257
Detroit	82	41	32	9	91	38	278	274
Pittsburgh	82	38	32	12	88	36	255	251
Philadelphia	82	38	33	11	87	34	235	261
Buffalo	82	39	37	6	84	37	246	244
New Jersey	82	38	39	5	81	38	264	283
Ottawa	82	37	41	4	78	32	255	281
Montreal	82	30	36	16	76	26	236	289
Columbus	82	27	43	12	66	24	237	300

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OL	Pts.	ROW	GF	GA
*Dallas	81	51	21	9	111	48	296	233
Winnipeg	81	51	24	6	108	51	255	197
Colorado	81	49	25	7	105	47	299	253
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
Vancouver	81	50	22	9	109	50	277	219
*Edmonton	80	49	25	6	104	47	291	227
Vegas	81	45	28	8	98	41	266	241
WILD-CARD	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts.**	**ROW**	**GF**	**GA**
Nashville	82	47	30	5	99	44	269	248
Los Angeles	81	43	27	11	97	41	251	211
*St. Louis	81	43	33	5	91	38	238	248
Minnesota	81	39	32	10	88	36	248	259
Calgary	81	37	39	5	79	37	248	270
Seattle	81	33	35	13	79	30	213	233
*Arizona	81	35	41	5	75	33	251	272
Anaheim	81	26	50	5	57	25	200	294
Chicago	81	23	53	5	51	22	175	285
San Jose	81	19	53	9	47	18	180	326

* — Not including late game; ROW — Regulation plus overtime wins

THE PLAYOFF FORMAT

Eight teams in each conference qualify. The top three teams from each division comprise the first six spots. The two remaining teams with the most points, regardless of division, qualify for the final two wild-card spots.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

At NY Islanders 5	Pittsburgh 4	St. Louis	at Dallas
At Tampa Bay 6	Toronto 4	Edmonton	at Arizona

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at Minnesota	7	Edmonton at Colorado	9:30
Vancouver at Winnipeg	8	Anaheim at Vegas	10
San Jose at Calgary	9	Chicago at Los Angeles	10:30

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 3	at Boston 1	At Florida 5	Toronto 2
At Columbus 6	Carolina 3	At Winnipeg 4	Seattle 3
Detroit 5	at Montreal 4 (SO)	At Vegas 3	Chicago 1
Washington 2	at Philadelphia 1	At Vancouver 4	Calgary 1

LIGHTNING 6, MAPLE LEAFS 4

Toronto	1	0	3	— 4
Tampa Bay	2	3	1	— 6

First period — 1. TB, Paul 24 (Duclair, Dumba), 3:58. 2. TB, Kucherov 44 (Hagel, Stamkos), 6:14. 3. Toronto, Reaves 4 (Kampf, Dewar), 13:18. Penalties — Hagel, TB (tripping), 10:15. Point, TB (holding), 18:54.

Second period — 4. TB, Duclair 24 (Paul, Stamkos), 6:37. 5. TB, Point 46 (Kucherov, Raddysh), 17:05 (pp). 6. TB, Hagel 26 (de Haan), 17:57. Penalties — Marner, Tor (tripping), 8:00. Matthews, Tor (hooking), 13:59. Dumba, TB (roughing), 16:28. Timmins, Tor, served by Robertson (elbowing), 16:28. Timmins, Tor (roughing), 16:28. Benoit, Tor (hooking), 20:00.

Third period — 7. TB, Jeannot 7 (Eyssimont, Chaffee), 11:27. 8. Toronto, Brodie 1 (Dewar, Kampf), 14:02. 9. Toronto, Holmberg 7 (Robertson), 16:20. 10. Toronto, Tavares 29 (Nylander, Timmins), 19:25. Penalties — Hagel, TB (tripping), 5:11.

Shots on goal — Toronto 16-9-13 — 38. Tampa Bay 10-14-8 — 32.

Power plays — Toronto 0-3; Tampa Bay 1-4.

Goalies — Toronto, Jones 11-8-1 (32 shots-26 saves). Tampa Bay, Tomkins 3-2-1 (38 shots-34 saves).

Referees — Kyle Rehman, Jean Hebert.

A — 19,092 (19,092). T — 2:26.

ISLANDERS 5, PENGUINS 4

Pittsburgh	1	2	1	— 4
NY Islanders	1	2	2	— 5

First period — 1. NY, Nelson 34 (Holmstrom), 4:56. 2. Pittsburgh, Rakell 15 (Bunting, Malkin), 18:29. Penalties — Rust, Pit (tripping), 0:39.

Second period — 3. Pittsburgh, Malkin 27 (Crosby, Karlsson), 6:14 (pp). 4. NY, Cizikas 10 (Romanov, Bolduc), 13:19. 5. Pittsburgh, Puustinen 5, 14:37. 6. NY, Palmieri 30 (Nelson, Reilly), 19:44 (pp). Penalties — Aho, NYI (tripping), 5:53. St. Ivany, Pit (interference), 18:30. Pit, served by Puustinen (delay of game), 19:44.

Third period — 7. NY, Bolduc 2 (Pulock, Iskhakov), 1:36 (pp). 8. Pittsburgh, Carter 11 (Crosby, Bunting), 10:56 (pp). 9. NY, Holmstrom 15 (MacLean), 14:27. Penalties — Bortuzzo, NYI (interference), 9:06.

Shots on goal — Pittsburgh 15-13-16 — 44. NY 12-11-9 — 32.

Power plays — Pittsburgh 2-2; NY 2-3.

Goalies — Pittsburgh, Nedeljkovic 18-7-7 (32 shots-27 saves). NY, Sorokin 25-19-12 (44 shots-40 saves).

Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Wes McCauley.

A — 17,255 (17,113). T — 2:40.

CANUCKS 4, FLAMES 1

Tuesday night game

Calgary	0	0	1	— 1
Vancouver	2	1	1	— 4

First period — 1. Vancouver, Myers 5 (Blueger, Lindholm), 12:00. 2. Vancouver, Hoglander 24 (EliasPettersson, Mikheyev), 13:28. Penalties — Joshua, Van (elbowing), 10:28.

Second period — 3. Vancouver, Joshua 18 (Garland, Myers), 1:58. Penalties — Cole, Van (high stick), 9:49. Pospisil, Cgy (tripping), 9:49. Hoglander, Van (cross check), 16:40. Garland, Van (roughing), 16:40. Garland, Van (misconduct), 16:40. Klapka, Cgy (roughing), 16:40. Klapka, Cgy (misconduct), 16:40.

Third period — 4. Calgary, Pachal 2 (Kadri, Solovyov), 10:56. 5. Vancouver, Miller 37 (Suter), 15:02. Penalties — Huberdeau, Cgy (roughing), 8:35. Hoglander, Van (roughing), 18:44. Andersson, Cgy, served by Kuzmenko, double minor (roughing), 18:44.

Shots on goal — Calgary 9-15-16 — 40. Vancouver 12-10-9 — 31.

Power plays — Calgary 0-2; Vancouver 0-2.

Goalies — Calgary, Markstrom 23-23-2 (31 shots-27 saves). Vancouver, Demko 35-13-2 (40 shots-39 saves).

Referees — Ghislain Hebert, Chris Schlenker. A — 18,918 (18,910). T — 2:30.

LEADERS

Not including Wednesday's games

SCORING

	G	A	Pts.
Kucherov, TB	43	99	142
MacKinnon, Col	51	87	138
McDavid, Edm	32	100	132
Panarin, NYR	49	71	120

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RED SOX NOTEBOOK

Whitlock to the IL, but Devers OK to play

By Julian McWilliams
GLOBE STAFF

Rafael Devers texted Red Sox manager **Alex Cora** Wednesday morning and indicated he was OK to play after tweaking his knee in Tuesday's game. Devers was in the lineup against the Guardians as the DH and went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts in the Sox' 2-0 win..

However, the Sox couldn't totally escape the injury bug, placing **Garrett Whitlock** on the 15-day injured list late Wednesday afternoon.

The Sox removed Whitlock from Tuesday's game because of tightness in his left oblique after just four innings and 54 pitches.

"I felt a little something in the third inning and that was it," Whitlock said after the game.

Whitlock has pitched well this season, going 1-0 with a 1.96 ERA in four starts. Yet health has always been a question mark for Whitlock. But the Sox don't see his latest injury as a big issue, considering he's dealt with elbow/arm injuries — including Tommy John surgery — throughout his career.

"This [injury] is not difficult," Cora said before Wednesday's game. "I mean, actually, he fought us and I was like, you don't have to prove to people that you can stay healthy. This is on us. We actually took it away from his hands. It's early enough that it doesn't make sense to push him then something worse might happen."

Head athletic trainer **Brandon Henry** initially noticed Whitlock grinding through Tuesday's start. That's when he urged Cora that he needed to pull Whitlock from the game.

"He's like, 'We've got to take him out,' " added Cora. "And then today, Brandon was on point with what thought it was, and he recommended this."

The Sox don't believe Whitlock will need more than the minimum amount of days before returning.

Lefthander **Joe Jacques** was recalled from Triple A Worcester to fill the roster spot vacated by Whitlock.

Rotation shuffle

The Sox are now down two starting pitchers in **Nick Pivetta** (elbow) and Whitlock. Cora ruled out **Josh Winckowski** joining the rotation, preferring the righthander remain in the bullpen.

"We'll see how it goes in the upcoming days," said Cora. "We've got an offday right after Pittsburgh, so the schedule is going to give us a blow."

Cooper Criswell, who pitched in place of Pivetta last Saturday, plugs just one of the spots in the rotation. Pivetta, who went on the IL April 9 (retroactive April 6), could return Sunday, but he is just playing catch at this point and has yet to throw off a mound. There's a chance he could need a rehab start, too.

Whitlock's turn in the rotation would be Sunday. The team could employ an opener or make it a bullpen game. The Sox could then reset their bullpen Monday, an offday.

The rotation would then turn back to **Tanner Houck**, **Brayan Bello**, Criswell, and **Kutter Crawford**, buying the Sox a bit more time.

O'Neill OK, not great

Tyler O'Neill is doing just OK, and the team is still monitoring him for a concussion. Cora said that O'Neill, who collided with Devers on Sunday in an attempt to catch a fly ball, had difficulty getting through a workout Wednesday.

"I want to say not great, but not bad," said Cora. "He's like in between. So we'll keep checking on him. Nothing baseball-related. He'll stay inside and we'll see how he feels tomorrow."

Injury scare

Devers looked distraught after Tuesday's game while seated at his locker. Almost in disbelief as if he knew something occurred in his left knee other than regular soreness.

That Devers played Wednesday, based on his emotions Tuesday night, was unexpected.

"He just got scared," said Cora. "Hopefully, that's the case. We will take care of him. If he says he can play, he can play."

The Red Sox ultimately determined that Devers didn't require imaging on his knee, despite initially indicating that he did.

Setback for Gonzalez

Romy Gonzalez (left wrist sprain) had a setback and will undergo some imaging. Cora said that it's tough for Gonzalez to swing . . . **Rob Refsnyder** (toe) will play in the outfield Thursday and DH Friday for Worcester. Refsnyder is close to a return . . . **Vaughn Grissom** will play second base Thursday for Worcester after being the DH in his first three games.

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Houck's job is complete

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Houck said. "It's where you just go out there and you feel like you can do no wrong. You can throw no wrong pitch in any count."

Houck, unquestionably, did everything he wanted on the mound. His command was surgical. Of the 29 batters he faced, Houck tossed 21 first-pitch strikes. Houck is prone to walks, but he has just two on the season and none on Wednesday. He leaned on his slider and splitter mix for the most part, leaving the Guardians' hitters on skates as they swung and missed at 18 pitches.

Houck's shutout was the first by a Red Sox pitcher since Michael Wacha's in June 2022, and the first at Fenway since Brian Johnson accomplished it in May 2017.

Houck also achieved a Maddux, a term used to describe a pitcher who throws a shutout with fewer than 100 pitches. Houck needed just 94.

"I love it," said Houck. "It's definitely a compliment. I mean, obviously, everyone knows Greg Maddux, what he did for the game and how special he was. So to have that terminology used is definitely fun."

Houck's job wasn't an easy one. He had to make pitches in high-leverage moments because the offense mustered only two runs: the first scoring on a balk in the third inning and the second on Connor Wong's homer run in the fourth. But Wong had confidence that the Sox would pull through. His teammate was too locked in.

"Obviously, insurance is great, but the way he's doing it tonight, it almost felt like we just needed the one," Wong said.

At one point last season, when the Red Sox considered putting Houck back in the bullpen, Houck asked the coaching staff what he needed to do to prove he was a starter.

The message was simple, and Cora was upfront with the righthander: He needed to throw more strikes.

Houck took the initiative to work on his body control, saying that he's naturally flexible with long and loose limbs. That can lead to him being "too whippy" as he calls it, and in turn his mechanics can get out of sorts and he can lose command.

But there's a control factor to his delivery this year. It's clean. Never rushed. Houck knows exactly what he wants to do.

"I think the ability of repeating his delivery [has helped]," said Cora. "Obviously, he has some other weapons."

In the ninth inning, faint cheers began to form.

The fans, much like Cora, knew what was taking shape. The cheers swelled to a crescendo of roars when shortstop David Hamilton recorded the final out.

"I felt very comfortable on the mound," said Houck. "I love pitching on Fenway. It's always a blast."

If Houck keeps pitching like this, Fenway will love him, too.

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Rafael Devers, who tweaked his knee in Tuesday's loss, was the DH on Wednesday and went 0 for 4 with three strikeouts.



BARRY CHIN/GLOBE STAFF

Connor Wong connected for an insurance solo homer that, it turns out, the Sox didn't need.

It's one game, but it offers hope that all is not lost

▶ON BASEBALL
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After scoring 16 runs in the first two games of the series, the Guardians didn't advance a runner beyond first base. Houck retired the final 13 batters and threw 69 of his 94 pitches for strikes.

Cora said he never considered getting a relief pitcher up as Houck looked like he was playing catch with catcher Connor Wong, throwing three pitches for strikes and controlling the game.

Houck and Wong worked so quickly the game lasted only 1 hour, 49 minutes.

"If he can throw that stuff over the plate, he's tough to hit," Cora said.

Houck had a 5.01 earned run average in 21 starts last season and had to earn his spot in the rotation in spring training. Wednesday was his third quality start in four outings.

Houck had never reached the eighth inning in a major league game before Wednesday night. His last professional shoutout was a six-inning game ended by rain when he was with Double A Portland in 2019.

His last nine-inning shutout was for the University of Missouri in 2016 against Vanderbilt.

A shutout in less than 100 pitches is unofficially called a Maddux in honor of Hall of Famer Greg Maddux, a master of efficiency who accomplished the feat 13 times.

No Red Sox pitcher had done it since Clay Buchholz on Aug. 31, 2014 at Tampa Bay. Yoenis Cespedes hit cleanup and a rookie named Mookie Betts started in center field that day.

That Houck accomplished something Buchholz did somehow makes perfect sense. Like Houck, Buchholz was a first-round pick with considerable talent and scraggly facial hair who was held back by injuries and bouts of inconsistency.

Buchholz more or less figured it out, winning 90 games in his career, making the All-Star team twice, and helping the Sox win the 2013 World Series.

Maybe Houck can do the same. He showed what was possible on Wednesday.

"I just felt comfortable throwing anything at any time," Houck said. "It felt really good being under control."

The Sox felt Houck was taking positive strides before he was hit in the face by a batted ball in June and was out 9½ weeks recovering from fractures.

He made the rotation in spring training and is now 3-1 with a 1.35 ERA.

Sox starters have a 1.85 ERA through 19 games under new pitching coach and apparent miracle worker Andrew Bailey. That's not sustainable, but it offers some hope that they can stay in the mix despite the injuries, poor defense, and other woes.

Before the game, Cora said it was too early in the season to quit on his players just because they were making mistakes.

Turns out he was right. One beautifully pitched game changed the atmosphere around the team. At least for one night.

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Guardians starter Ben Lively questions a balk call, which scored Pablo Reyes to give the Sox a 1-0 lead in the third.

Red Sox 2, Guardians 0

At Fenway Park

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.354
Giménez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Ramírez 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.250
JNaylor 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.328
Brennan dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.208
Florial rf	3	0	0	0	0	3	.167
Arias cf	3	0	1	0	0	2	.314
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.095
Rocchio ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.212
Totals	**29**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**9**	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Duran lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.304
Devers dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	.188
Casas 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.246
Abreu rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.176
Valdez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.143
Dalbec 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wong c	3	1	2	1	0	0	.382
Hamilton ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Reyes 3b-2b	3	1	1	0	0	2	.200
Rafaela cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.155
Totals	**28**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**1**	**11**	

Cleveland	000	000	000	—	0	3	0
Boston	001	100	00x	—	2	5	0

LOB—Cleveland 2, Boston 3. **2B**—Duran (5). **HR**—Wong (3), off Lively. **SB**—Abreu (4). **Runners left in scoring position**—Boston 3 (Casas, Hamilton, Reyes). **RISP**—Boston 0 for 5. **Runners moved up**—Hamilton. **GIDP**—Brennan. **DP**—Boston 1.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lively L 0-1	5	3	2	2	1	7	79	3.60
Sandlin	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	1.93
Parsons	2	2	0	0	0	3	25	6.00

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Houck W 3-1	9	3	0	0	0	9	94	1.35

Balk—Lively. **Umpires**—Home, Roberto Ortiz; First, Alfonso Marquez; Second, Lance Barrett; Third, Mark Ripperger. **T**—1:49. **A**—32,024 (37,755).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

THIRD INNING

RED SOX — Reyes singled to right. Rafaela struck out. Duran doubled to left, Reyes to third. Devers struck out. On balk, Reyes scored, Duran to third. Casas struck out.

FOURTH INNING

RED SOX — Abreu popped out to third. Valdez struck out. Wong homered to left. Hamilton lined out to right.

Guardians 10, Red Sox 7

Tuesday night game
At Fenway Park

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	5	2	3	0	1	0	.372
Giménez 2b	4	2	2	1	1	0	.303
Ramírez 3b	4	1	1	2	1	0	.247
JNaylor 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.328
Rocchio pr-ss	0	1	0	0	0	0	.224
BNaylor c	5	0	1	0	1	1	.186
Laureano rf	2	1	0	0	1	0	.176
Florial ph-rf	3	0	1	2	0	0	.185
Brennan dh	5	1	1	1	1	0	.222
Arias ss-1b	6	0	2	2	0	3	.313
Freeman cf	5	2	2	1	0	2	.184
Totals	**44**	**10**	**14**	**9**	**6**	**7**	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Duran lf	5	1	1	0	1	1	.293
Devers 3b	2	0	1	2	2	0	.205
Dalbec 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Yoshida dh	6	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Casas 1b	4	1	2	1	1	1	.258
Abreu rf	4	2	0	0	1	1	.188
Valdez 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.152
Reyes 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.188
Wong c	4	1	2	3	0	1	.355
Hamilton ss	5	0	2	0	0	2	.222
Rafaela cf	5	1	1	0	0	1	.164
Totals	**42**	**7**	**11**	**7**	**5**	**10**	

Cleveland	020	030	001	13	—	10	14	0
Boston	000	105	000	10	—	7	11	1

E—Abreu (3). **LOB**—Cleveland 12, Boston 10. **2B**—Brennan (1), Arias (3), Freeman (2), Duran (4), Devers (3), Casas (3), Hamilton (1), Rafaela (2). **HR**—Freeman (2), off Rodríguez, Casas (5), off Beede, Valdez (2), off Bibee, Wong (2), off Beede. **SB**—BNaylor (1), Abreu (3). **CS**—Casas (1). **S**—Giménez, Rocchio. **SF**—Ramírez, Wong. **RISP**—Cleveland 7 for 19, Boston 1 for 11.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee	5	5	1	1	2	3	92	4.82
Beede	⅓	2	3	3	1	1	20	6.48
Smith BS 1	⅔	2	2	2	1	1	17	1.86
Morgan	2	1	0	0	1	2	29	2.16
Gaddis	1	0	0	0	0	1	10	0.00
Clase W 1-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	16	1.13
Barlow S 1	1	0	0	0	0	2	14	4.32

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Whitlock	4	3	2	2	1	1	54	1.96
Rodríguez	2	4	3	2	0	3	31	4.91
Bernardino	1	0	0	0	2	2	19	1.69
Martin	1	0	0	0	0	0	13	5.14
Jansen BS 1	1	3	1	1	0	0	14	2.70
Weissert	1	2	1	0	1	0	21	2.08
Wnckwski L 1-1	1	2	3	2	2	1	26	4.63

IBB—off Bernardino (Ramírez), off Weissert (Brennan), off Winckowski (BNaylor). **WP**—Clase, Bernardino. **Umpires**—Home, Mark Ripperger; First, Roberto Ortiz; Second, Alfonso Marquez; Third, Lance Barrett. **T**—3:37. **A**—30,133 (37,755).

HOW THE RUNS SCORED

SECOND INNING

GUARDIANS — Naylor grounded out to second. Naylor lined out to second baseman Valdez. Laureano walked. Brennan doubled to right, Laureano scored. Arias doubled to left, Brennan scored. Freeman struck out.

FOURTH INNING

RED SOX — Casas grounded out to third. Abreu struck out. Valdez homered to right. Wong struck out.

FIFTH INNING

GUARDIANS — Arias struck out. Freeman homered. Kwan singled. Giménez singled, Kwan to third. Ramírez hit a sacrifice fly to center, Kwan scored. Naylor singled to right, Giménez to third. On right fielder's fielding error, Giménez scored, Naylor to second. Naylor struck out.

SIXTH INNING

RED SOX — Casas homered to right. Abreu walked. Valdez struck out. Wong homered to left, Abreu scored. Smith pitching. Hamilton struck out. Rafaela doubled to center. Duran walked. Devers doubled to center, Rafaela and Duran scored. Yoshida popped out to left.

NINTH INNING

GUARDIANS — Arias lined out to center. Freeman doubled to left. Kwan singled to left, Freeman to third. Giménez singled to center, Freeman scored, Kwan to second. Ramírez lined out to right, Kwan to third. Naylor grounded into fielder's choice, second to short, Giménez out.

10TH INNING

GUARDIANS — On initial placement, Naylor to second. Rocchio pinch-running for Naylor. Naylor singled, Rocchio to third. Naylor stole second. Florial fouled out to third. Brennan was intentionally walked. Arias singled, Rocchio scored, Naylor to third, Brennan to second. Freeman popped out to left. Kwan grounded out to pitcher.

RED SOX — On initial placement, Abreu to second. Reyes grounded out to short, Abreu to third. Wong hit a sacrifice fly to right, Abreu scored. Hamilton doubled to left. On wild pitch, Hamilton to third. Rafaela flied out to center.

11TH INNING

GUARDIANS — On initial placement, Kwan to second. Giménez walked. Ramírez singled, Kwan scored, Giménez to second. Rocchio sacrificed, pitcher to second, Giménez to third, Ramírez to second. Naylor was intentionally walked. Florial singled, Giménez and Ramírez scored, Naylor to second. Brennan grounded out to second, Naylor to third, Florial to second. Arias struck out.

Baseball

AL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
New York	13	6	.684	—	3-3	6-4	W 1
Baltimore	12	6	.667	½	3-0	7-3	W 4
Toronto	10	9	.526	3	5-5	6-4	L 1
Tampa Bay	10	9	.526	3	2-2	6-4	L 1
Boston	10	9	.526	3	0-3	4-6	W 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Cleveland	12	6	.667	—	4-1	6-4	L 1
Kansas City	12	7	.632	½	7-3	7-3	L 1
Detroit	10	8	.556	2	5-2	4-6	L 1
Minnesota	6	11	.353	5½	4-5	3-7	L 4
Chicago	3	15	.167	9	2-11	2-8	W 1
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Texas	10	9	.526	—	4-6	4-6	W 1
Los Angeles	9	9	.500	½	0-0	4-6	W 1
Seattle	9	10	.474	1	0-0	5-5	W 3
Oakland	8	11	.421	2	2-1	6-4	W 1
Houston	6	14	.300	4½	4-3	3-7	L 3

NL

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	12	5	.706	—	5-4	7-3	W 4
Philadelphia	11	8	.579	2	3-3	7-3	W 3
New York	10	8	.556	2½	2-1	8-2	W 4
Washington	8	10	.444	4½	1-2	6-4	W 1
Miami	4	15	.211	9	1-2	4-6	L 1
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Milwaukee	11	6	.647	—	2-1	6-4	W 1
Chicago	11	7	.611	½	0-0	6-4	W 1
Pittsburgh	11	8	.579	1	0-0	4-6	L 3
Cincinnati	9	9	.500	2½	1-2	4-6	L 3
St. Louis	9	10	.474	3	0-0	4-6	L 1
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**	**Div.**	**Last 10**	**Streak**
Los Angeles	12	9	.571	—	5-3	4-6	L 1
San Diego	11	10	.524	1	6-6	6-4	L 1
Arizona	9	10	.474	2	5-2	5-5	L 1
San Francisco	8	11	.421	3	4-6	5-5	W 1
Colorado	4	15	.211	7	2-5	2-8	L 5

RESULTS

WEDNESDAY

At Boston 2	Cleveland 0	Atlanta 5 (10 inn.)	at Houston 4
1st: Kansas City 4	at Chi. White Sox 2	NY Yankees 6	at Toronto 4
2nd: At Chi. White Sox 2	Kansas City 1	Washington 2	at LA Dodgers 0
San Francisco 3	at Miami 1	At Oakland 6	St. Louis 3
At Baltimore 4	Minnesota 2	Chi. Cubs 5	at Arizona 3
At NY Mets 9	Pittsburgh 1	At Seattle 5	Cincinnati 1
At Milwaukee 1	San Diego 0	At Philadelphia 7	Colorado 6
Texas 5	at Detroit 4	LA Angels 5	at Tampa Bay 4

TUESDAY

Cleveland 10 (11 inn.)	at Boston 7	Kansas City (ppd.)	at Chi. White Sox
At Detroit 4	Texas 2	San Diego 6	at Milwaukee 3
At Baltimore 11	Minnesota 3	Atlanta 6	at Houston 2
At Philadelphia 5	Colorado 0	At Arizona 12 (10 inn.)	Chi. Cubs 11
At Miami 6	San Francisco 3	At Seattle 3	Cincinnati 1
At Tampa Bay 7 (13 inn.)	LA Angels 6	St. Louis 3	at Oakland 2
At Toronto 5	NY Yankees 4	At LA Dodgers 6	Washington 2
At NY Mets 3	Pittsburgh 1		



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Juan Soto rounded third base with a little flair after hitting a solo home run — his fourth — in the eighth inning to help the Yankees beat the Blue Jays.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2024 W-L	2024 ERA	Team rec.	2023 vs. opp W-L	2023 vs. opp IP	2023 vs. opp ERA
CLEVELAND AT BOSTON, 1:35 p.m.							
Carrasco (R)	Off	0-1	3.55	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
LA ANGELS AT TAMPA BAY, 1:10 p.m.							
Canning (R)	+130	0-2	9.88	0-3	0-0	0.0	0.00
Pepiot (R)	-150	1-2	5.40	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
TEXAS AT DETROIT, 1:10 p.m.							
Leiter (R)	+100	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Maeda (R)	-120	0-1	6.00	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00
MIAMI AT CHICAGO CUBS, 7:40 p.m.							
TBA	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Taillon (R)	Off	—	—	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
ARIZONA AT SAN FRANCISCO, 9:45 p.m.							
Nelson (R)	+145	1-2	5.27	1-2	0-0	4.2	7.71
Webb (R)	-170	1-1	3.80	2-2	0-0	7.0	1.29

Team rec. — Record in games started by pitcher this season.

LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Through Tuesday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Altuve, HOU	76	14	29	.382
Kwan, CLE	78	18	29	.372
Turner, TOR	50	7	18	.360
O'Hoppe, LAA	48	6	17	.354
Peña, HOU	74	10	26	.351
Volpe, NYY	63	14	22	.349
Perez, KC	62	8	21	.339
Naylor, CLE	58	11	19	.328
Soto, NYY	68	11	22	.324

HOME RUNS

Trout, LAA	7
O'Neill, BOS	7
Ward, LAA	6
Casas, BOS	5
Tucker, HOU	5
Paredes, TB	5
Henderson, BAL	5
Altuve, HOU	5
Witt, KC	4
Westburg, BAL	4
Julien, MIN	4
Alvarez, HOU	4
Stanton, NYY	4
Langeliers, OAK	4
García, TEX	4
Naylor, CLE	4
Mullins, BAL	4
O'Hearn, BAL	4
Perez, KC	4
Cowser, BAL	4

RUNS BATTED IN

Ward, LAA	20
Semien, TEX	16
Perez, KC	15
García, TEX	15
Soto, NYY	15
Cowser, BAL	15
Ramírez, CLE	15

TOTAL BASES

Altuve, HOU	52
Witt, KC	46
Trout, LAA	45
Ward, LAA	41
Henderson, BAL	39
Tucker, HOU	38

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Through Tuesday's games

BATTING

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Betts, LAD	80	22	31	.388
Contreras, MIL	64	16	24	.375
Winker, WSH	51	11	19	.373
Smith, LAD	65	7	24	.369
Arcia, ATL	57	10	21	.368
Ozuna, ATL	66	12	24	.364
McMahon, COL	67	7	24	.358
Ohtani, LAD	82	15	28	.341
Merrill, SD	63	12	21	.333
Frelick, MIL	61	11	20	.328

HOME RUNS

Ozuna, ATL	7
Betts, LAD	6
Alonso, NYM	6
Busch, CHC	6
Tatis, SD	5
Yelich, MIL	5
Gurriel, ARI	5
Hernández, LAD	5
Toglia, COL	4
Abrams, WSH	4
Marsh, PHI	4
Contreras, MIL	4
Chapman, SF	4
Ohtani, LAD	4
Conforto, SF	4
Marte, ARI	4
Machado, SD	4
Harper, PHI	4
Muncy, LAD	4
De La Cruz, CIN	4

RUNS BATTED IN

Ozuna, ATL	22
Gurriel, ARI	20
Steer, CIN	18
Betts, LAD	18
Hernández, LAD	18
Contreras, MIL	17
Smith, LAD	15
Burger, MIA	15

TOTAL BASES

Betts, LAD	56
Ohtani, LAD	52
Ozuna, ATL	48
Hernández, LAD	41

NOTEBOOK

Orioles walk off with win on Mullins's two-run HR

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Cedric Mullins hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Orioles a 4-2 victory over Minnesota on Wednesday and a three-game sweep of the Twins in Baltimore.

It was the first walkoff homer for Mullins.

Gunnar Henderson and **Anthony Santander** also went deep for the Orioles, their fifth straight game with at least three home runs. Baltimore also accomplished the feat in 1996 and 1987.

With one on and one out, Mullins hit a drive to right field off **Griffin Jax** (1-2) for his fifth homer of the year. **Craig Kimbrel** (3-0) worked a 1-2-3 top of the ninth.

Pablo López allowed a leadoff homer to Henderson in the first but was stellar after that. He exited after six innings and 87 pitches, having allowed a run and two hits with seven strikeouts.

Baltimore's **Albert Suárez** pitched 5⅔ scoreless innings in his first big league appearance in seven years. The 34-year-old was called up from Triple A before the game because **Tyler Wells** went on the injured list Tuesday.

"I worked hard for it. I think when you work hard and you have faith in something, it happens," Suárez said. "I think I enjoyed this moment more than the first time I got called up."

The righthander allowed three hits and struck out four without a walk.

The Twins scored twice in the seventh to take the lead. **Austin Martin's** single scored **Manuel Margot** from first. One out later, **Kyle Farmer's** single scored Martin.

Santander tied it in the bottom of the inning with a solo shot.

Suárez pitched for the Giants from 2016-17. He pitched in Triple A in 2018, then spent a few years in Japan and South Korea. The Orioles signed him to a minor league deal in September.

Arcia, Braves top Astros in 10th

Marcell Ozuna hit his major league-leading eighth homer and **Orlando Arcia's** RBI single in the 10th inning lifted the Braves to a 5-4 win and three-game sweep of the Astros in Houston.

The Braves scored two in the eighth to tie it at 4-4. **Michael Harris II** started the 10th on second and there was one out in the inning when **Seth Martinez** (1-1) intentionally walked **Matt Olson**.

Ozuna lined out to send Harris to third. Arcia singled on a grounder to score Harris.

Jake Meyers was on second when **Kyle Tucker** walked in the 10th. Meyers moved to third on a fly out by **Yainer Diaz** but **Jeremy Peña** grounded into a double play to end it.

A.J. Minter (3-1) got the last two outs of the ninth and **Raisel Iglesias** earned his fifth save.

Ozuna also leads the majors with 23 RBIs and he extended his hitting streak to 16 games, which ties his career best and is the longest active streak in the majors.

Yordan Alvarez and **Mauricio Dubón** both homered for the Astros, who fell to 6-14 and are last in the AL West.

Alvarez homered in the first to put Houston up, 1-0.

Ozuna opened the second with his 432-foot shot to left to tie the game.

Acuña put the Braves up, 2-1, when he sent the first pitch of the fifth to straightaway center.

The Astros tied it in the fifth on an RBI single by **Alex Bregman** and took the lead on **Kyle Tucker's** RBI double.

Dubón hit his first home run of the year in the sixth to push the lead to 4-2.

Harris singled to start the seventh before a ground-rule double by **Austin Riley**. Olson reached, and Harris scored on an error by first baseman **José Abreu**. There was one out when Riley scored on a sac fly by Arcia to tie it at 4-all.

Judge lifts Yankees in ninth

Aaron Judge broke a 4-all tie with a two-run single in the ninth inning, **Juan Soto** and **Giancarlo Stanton** hit solo home runs, and the Yankees rallied to beat the Blue Jays, 6-4, in Toronto to avoid their first sweep of the season.

Daulton Varsho hit two home runs for the Blue Jays, but Toronto's four-game winning streak was snapped.

Blue Jays manager **John Schneider** was ejected by plate umpire **Ryan Wills** for arguing in the bottom of the ninth.

Victor González (1-0) got one out for the win and **Clay Holmes** finished for his seventh save.

Judge was 0 for 12 against Toronto in the series before coming through on a full-count pitch from lefthander **Tim Mayza** with two outs and the bases loaded.

The Yankees trailed, 4-1, through seven, but Soto homered off **Génesis Cabrera** in the eighth and Stanton connected off **Erik Swanson** (0-1) to begin the ninth.

Pinch hitter **Jose Trevino** greeted Mayza with a tying single over the drawn-in infield. **Anthony Volpe** fouled out and Soto walked before Judge broke the deadlock with a single down the third-base line.

Varsho hit a two-run homer off **Marcus Stroman** in the second and added a solo blast off **Caleb Ferguson** in the seventh.

Blue Jays starter **Kevin Gausman** finished five innings for the first time in four starts after missing most of spring training because of a sore shoulder. He allowed one run and four hits, walked three, and matched a season high by striking out six.

RANGERS 5, TIGERS 4

TEXAS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Semien 2b	4	2	0	0	0	0	.269
Seager ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	.297
Langford dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.254
García rf	3	1	1	2	0	0	.304
Heim c	4	0	1	2	0	0	.270
Duran 1b	4	1	1	0	0	3	.250
Carter lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Wendzel 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Smith ph-3b	1	0	1	1	0	0	.319
Taveras cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.217
Totals	**33**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**1**	**6**	

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Greene dh	3	0	1	0	2	2	.222
Canha lf	3	0	0	0	2	1	.211
Pérez pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Torkelson 1b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.211
Carpenter rf	5	1	1	1	0	3	.292
McKinstry 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.241
Vierling ph-3b	2	1	1	0	0	1	.310
Keith 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.197
Báez ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.151
Meadows cf	3	1	1	1	1	0	.077
Rogers c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.091
Urshela ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.294
Totals	**34**	**4**	**7**	**3**	**6**	**11**	

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Detroit.....010 001 110 — 4 7 3

E—Seager (2), Keith (1), Skubal (1), Torkelson (1). **LOB**—Texas 4, Detroit 9. **2B**—García (4), Smith (4), Torkelson (6). **HR**—Carpenter (3), off Dunning, Meadows (1), off Pruitt. **SF**—García. **DP**—Texas 1; Detroit 3.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Dunning	5	3	2	1	4	5	3.91
Latz	⅔	0	0	0	0	1	0.93
Pruitt	⅔	2	1	1	0	0	11.57
Robertson BS 2	1⅓	2	1	1	1	1	1.69
Yates W 2-0	1⅓	0	0	0	1	4	0.00

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skubal	6⅓	5	4	2	1	6	2.28
Vest	1⅔	0	0	0	0	0	1.93
Miller L 3-1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1.93

HBP—by Skubal (Carter). **NP**—Dunning 97, Latz 13, Pruitt 13, Robertson 27, Yates 24, Skubal 86, Vest 12, Miller 13. **T**—2:37. **A**—10,259 (41,083).

BRAVES 5, ASTROS 4

ATLANTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Acuña rf	5	1	2	1	0	2	.294
Harris cf	5	2	1	0	0	1	.278
Riley 3b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.284
Olson 1b	3	0	0	1	2	1	.261
Ozuna dh	5	1	1	1	0	1	.352
Arcia ss	4	0	2	2	0	1	.377
d'Arnaud c	4	0	0	0	1	2	.200
Kelenic lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.359
Guillorme 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
Duvall ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Totals	**39**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**3**	**13**	

HOUSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	0	1	0	.388
Alvarez lf	5	2	2	1	0	1	.289
Bregman 3b	2	0	1	1	3	0	.250
Tucker rf	4	0	1	1	1	2	.260
Diaz dh	5	0	2	0	0	1	.293
Peña ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.329
Dubón cf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.279
JAbreu 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	.078
Singleton ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250
Caratini c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.269
Totals	**36**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**6**	**7**	

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Houston.....100 021 000 0 — 4 9 2

E—Harris (1), JAbreu (2), Peña (3). **LOB**—Atl. 9, Hou. 9. **2B**—Riley (8), Arcia (8), Tucker (5). **HR**—Acuña (1), off France, Ozuna (8), off France, Alvarez (5), off Fried, Dubón (1), off Chavez. **SB**—Altuve (2). **SF**—Arcia. **DP**—Atl. 3.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Fried	5	7	3	3	4	2	7.71
Chavez	1	2	1	1	0	2	1.93
Johnson	1	0	0	0	1	2	4.15
Jiménez	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.13
Minter W 3-1	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	2.00
Iglesias S 5	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.84

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
France	5	4	2	2	1	4	7.08
Montero	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.80
BAbreu	1	0	0	0	0	2	6.00
Pressly BS 1	1	2	2	1	1	2	9.45
Hader	1	0	0	0	0	3	8.31
Martinez L 1-1	1	1	1	0	1	2	2.25

IBB—off Martinez (Olson). **NP**—Fried 96, Chavez 22, Johnson 22, Jiménez 17, Minter 5, Iglesias 12, France 90, Montero 16, BAbreu 15, Pressly 27, Hader 15, Martinez 17. **T**—3:11. **A**—29,073 (41,168).

NATIONALS 2, DODGERS 0

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Abrams ss	4	1	1	1	0	1	.295
Winker lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.364
Young cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Thomas rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.192
García 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.294
Meneses 1b	2	0	0	1	1	0	.196
Gallo dh	2	0	0	0	1	2	.136
Senzel 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.182
Rosario cf-lf	2	0	1	0	1	1	.140
Adams c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Totals	**28**	**2**	**4**	**2**	**4**	**11**	

LA DODGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Betts ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.369
Ohtani dh	4	0	3	0	0	0	.360
Freeman 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.276
Smith c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.348
Muncy 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.257
TeHernández lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.275
Outman cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.193
KHrnández ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.195
Pages rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.143
Lux 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.148
Totals	**31**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**9**	

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LA Dodgers.....000 000 000 — 0 5 0

LOB—Wash. 5, LA 6. **2B**—Muncy (5), Outman (2). **HR**—Abrams (5), off Knack. **SB**—García 2 (3), Meneses (1), Ohtani (4). **CS**—Rosario (1). **SF**—Meneses. **DP**—Wash. 1; LA 1.

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Irvin W 1-1	6	4	0	0	1	6	3.13
Garcia	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	3.38
Harvey	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	2.70
Finnegan S 7	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.24

LA Dodgers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Knack L 0-1	5	4	2	2	1	4	3.60
Vesia	1	0	0	0	2	2	2.61
Grove	3	0	0	0	1	5	6.75

HBP—by Grove (Gallo). **NP**—Irvin 73, Garcia 12, Harvey 20, Finnegan 13, Knack 75, Vesia 29, Grove 36. **T**—2:16. **A**—44,428 (56,000).

GIANTS 3, MARLINS 1

SAN FRAN.	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Slater rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.111
Wade ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.378
Yastrzemski rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.121
Flores 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Lee cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.270
Soler dh	3	1	2	0	1	0	.239
Chapman 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	.208
Estrada 2b	4	1	2	1	0	1	.239
Bailey c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.286
Ahmed ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.268
Fitzgerald lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.316
Totals	**35**	**3**	**9**	**2**	**2**	**10**	

MIAMI	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.276
De La Cruz dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.288
Chisholm cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.231
Bell 1b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.200
JeSánchez rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.184
Anderson ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	.267
Gordon lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.206
Lopez 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.167
García ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.220
Pereda c	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Rivera ph-3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.208
Totals	**30**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**6**	

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LOB—SF 7, Mia. 3. **2B**—Chapman (4), Estrada (4). **HR**—De La Cruz (3), off Winn. **SB**—Bailey (1). **CS**—Chisholm (1). **DP**—SF 2; Mia. 1.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Winn W 1-3	6	4	1	1	1	4	4.09
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.00
TylRogers	1	2	0	0	0	0	3.68
Doval S 3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.60

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
TreRogers	5⅔	4	1	1	0	6	3.92
Cronin L 0-2	1⅓	2	1	1	1	1	1.69
Bender	1	3	1	1	0	1	5.63
SiSánchez	1	0	0	0	1	2	7.11

NP—Winn 81, Miller 14, TylRogers 13, Doval 13, TreRogers 93, Cronin 26, Bender 23, SiSánchez 21. **T**—2:24. **A**—8,179 (37,446).

PHILLIES 7, ROCKIES 6

COLORADO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tovar ss	5	1	3	2	0	1	.306
Doyle cf	5	1	1	0	0	0	.286
McMahon 3b	5	1	2	0	0	3	.361
Díaz dh-c	5	1	1	1	0	1	.310
Montero 1b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.216
Jones pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.171
Bouchard lf	3	1	1	0	2	1	.333
Toglia rf	3	1	0	1	1	2	.122
Trejo 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.133
Blackmon ph	1	0	0	1	0	0	.254
Stallings c	3	0	2	0	1	0	.333
Totals	**37**	**6**	**11**	**6**	**4**	**12**	

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Schwarber dh	5	2	2	3	0	2	.230
Turner ss	5	2	3	1	0	0	.329
Harper 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.217
Realmuto c	4	1	1	1	0	2	.262
Bohm 3b	3	1	1	1	1	1	.242
Marsh lf	4	0	2	1	0	0	.288
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.159
Stott 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Rojas cf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.200
Totals	**36**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**2**	**11**	

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E—Bohm (4). **LOB**—Colo. 9, Phil. 7. **2B**—Turner (6), Bohm (3), Rojas (2). **HR**—Schwarber 2 (5), off Feltner, off Lambert, Turner (2), off Feltner. **SB**—Doyle (1), Jones (2), Rojas (4). **SF**—Montero. **DP**—Phil. 1.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Feltner L 1-2	5⅓	9	6	6	2	8	5.06
Lambert	1⅔	2	1	1	0	2	2.31
Lawrence	1	1	0	0	0	1	8.10

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sánchez W 1-2	6	5	1	0	1	10	2.53
Marte	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.04
Soto	⅓	3	5	5	2	0	9.53
Hoffman	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	2.00
Alvarado S 3	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.40

NP—Feltner 95, Lambert 26, Lawrence 15, Sánchez 97, Marte 16, Soto 27, Hoffman 13, Alvarado 18. **T**—2:51. **A**—35,706 (42,792).

ORIOLES 4, TWINS 2

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Julien 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.175
Jeffers c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.275
Buxton dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.193
Kirilloff rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.288
Miranda 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.280
Larnach lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Margot ph-lf	1	1	0	0	1	1	.184
Martin cf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.242
Castro ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.122
Farmer 3b	3	0	1	1	0	1	.097
Totals	**32**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**2**	**9**	

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Henderson ss	4	1	2	1	0	2	.288
Rutschman c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.275
O'Hearn rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.319
Hays ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.073
Santander dh	4	1	1	1	0	1	.203
Mountcastle 1b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.317
Mullins cf	4	1	1	2	0	2	.259
Cowser lf-rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.400
Westburg 3b	3	0	1	0	0

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' LACROSSE NOTEBOOK

Wellesley's Palli fell hard for game as a relative newcomer

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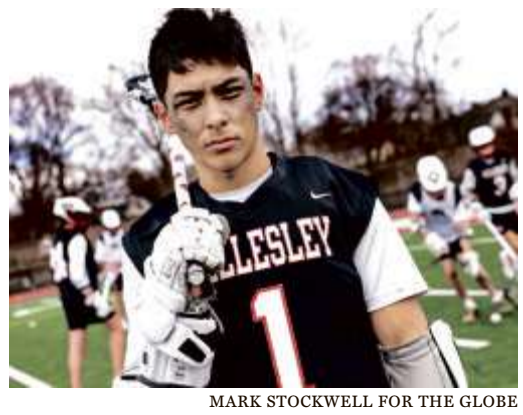

MARK STOCKWELL FOR THE GLOBE

At 5-6, Ben Palli saw no future in basketball, but he'll play college lacrosse.

Ben Palli was all in on basketball growing up. He loved everything about the game and earned a spot in Wellesley's starting lineup as a sophomore. He was a Bay State Conference honorable mention selection as a junior.

He played as much as he could during the offseason. The only problem? Palli only stands about 5 feet, 6 inches tall. While height was not going to eliminate his chances of landing a spot on a college roster, it was certainly going to hamper them.

"Growing up in a hotbed of lax like Wellesley, I always hear about it, but my family was always a basketball family, first," Palli said.

"I'd have friends that'd play [lacrosse], and I'm like, 'No, I'm more of a basketball guy.' Then I get to sophomore year, I'm trying to get recruited for basketball and I hear some other guys who haven't played before playing. I'm like, you know I want to go out there and play. I just finished my baseball career, maybe I'll give it a try."

He had never picked up a lacrosse stick before, but Palli earned a spot on the junior varsity. He said it was fun and he scored a few goals, but he didn't really catch the bug until a rash of injuries on the varsity led to his battlefield promotion.

"I just noticed the similarities of basketball and lacrosse," he said. "I love the game. You don't have to be 6-5 to play at a high level, and I just fell in love with it ever since."

Wellesley coach **Jim Connolly** is the exact opposite; he was born into the game — his father, **Steve**, captained the undefeated UMass team in 1969 and went on to coach at Billerica and North Andover, where Jim finished with 523 career points, a state record at the time.

"In my opinion, basketball players make the best lacrosse players," said Connolly, now in his seventh year leading the Raiders. "The pick and roll, obviously. The defense is pretty much the same, how to space out, passing lanes, how to get open, back cut somebody.

Connolly said Palli's lacrosse IQ has been "incredibly high" for someone who has been playing for such a short period of time.

"It's a combination of him working at the wall, his personality and being willing to dive into something and the box lacrosse is probably the best way to develop players, in my opinion, and the proof is in the pudding with Benny," said the coach.

The traits that made Palli a standout on the hardwood gives an indication why he has quickly found success on the field and committed to play collegiately at Roger Williams University.

"Ben is quite athletic. Good hand-eye coordination," said **Mike Reidy**, who recently announced he was stepping down after 18 seasons as boys' basketball coach at Wellesley. "He is quick and strong – very powerful with his center of gravity. He is highly competitive and always willing and able to defend and make the tough plays."

The type of attributes that can carry over into any sport.

Connolly has full faith in putting Palli wherever he needs him in key situations. The Raiders were holding a two-goal lead late at Milton recently, and Palli, who had spent the first three-plus quarters with a short stick, came out of a timeout with a long stick, and he forced a turnover and gathered the ground ball with just over a minute remaining helping to secure a 6-4 win.

Palli had three goals and two assists in the season-opening win over Natick, scoring in the final seconds of the first half to help spark the Raiders' comeback in the second half.

"[The coaches] just look at each other sometimes and we're like, 'Can you believe this kid's only been playing for two years?' " Connolly said. "He does everything the right way, does everything we ask, he's passionate, he's into it."

Quick sticks

■ Vacation week tournaments continue Thursday and culminate Saturday with the Players Cup final at BC High, the Coaches Cup final at Knowlton Stadium in Winchester, and the Chowda Cup final at Scituate. Consolation games may precede the tournament finales, which are scheduled for 4 p.m. The Beantown Brawl final between Dracut and Pentucket is Thursday, 2:30 p.m. at Westford Academy.

■ Billerica sophomore **Kam Tremblay** tied a school record with nine goals and became one of the youngest players in state history to reach 100 career goals during last Friday's 21-8 win over North Andover . . . Scituate junior **Will Robinson** also recorded nine goals in Tuesday's 19-8 win over Hanover, a career-high for Robinson, but one short of the program record . . . Shrewsbury coach **Nate Skermont** guided the Colonials to victory for the 200th time in his career Saturday in a 9-5 defeat of North Middlesex . . . Junior midfielder **Connor Terrien** became the first player in Seekonk school history to surpass 100 career points in a 12-5 win over Attleboro on April 11 . . . **Lincoln Moore** recorded his third five-goal game of the season, this time the last coming in overtime to give Foxborough a 6-5 nonleague win over Natick.

Globe correspondent Nate Weitzer contributed to this report.

Globe Top 20

No.		Rec.	Last
1.	St. John's Prep	4-0	1
2.	Acton-Boxborough	5-1	3
3.	Hingham	4-0	4
4.	Franklin	5-0	5
5.	Reading	5-0	12
6.	BC High	3-1	2
7.	Marshfield	5-0	8
8.	Duxbury	5-1	10
9.	Andover	3-0	6
10.	Xaverian	3-3	7
11.	Medfield	4-1	13
12.	Winchester	5-0	17
13.	Billerica	3-1	14
14.	Catholic Memorial	4-1	—
15.	Lincoln-Sudbury	2-3	9
16.	Concord-Carlisle	2-2	15
17.	Norwell	3-1	11
18.	Nauset	5-1	18
19.	Falmouth	5-0	19
20.	Framingham	4-0	—

SportsLog

NHL says it will not change playoff format

Sixteen teams, each one needing to win 16 games over four rounds of best-of-seven series to lift the Stanley Cup, has been the way the NHL decides its champion for nearly four decades. That isn't changing any time soon. The NHL is the only one of the major four North American professional sports leagues not to expand its playoffs in recent years. It is content with the current format and isn't looking to add more teams, a play-in round or anything else amid plenty of discussion about doing so. "We're not giving any thought to expanding the playoffs," commissioner **Gary Bettman** said in advance of the playoffs, which begin Saturday. "We have no interest in it. What we have is working very well. When you look at how our playoffs play out, the number of six- and seven-game series, the competitiveness of it, nothing in anybody else's playoffs rivals that."

Wild sign G Fleury for a year

The Wild signed goalie **Marc-Andre Fleury** to a one-year, $2.5 million contract extension, bringing back the veteran for his age-40 season. Fleury, who turns 40 Nov. 28, has had a prolific season in which he passed **Patrick Roy** for second place behind **Martin Brodeur** on the NHL's all-time list in career goaltending wins. Brodeur (691) is still 130 ahead of Fleury, but don't expect him to stick with that long-shot pursuit . . . The Canadiens exercised the two-year option of the contract of coach **Martin St. Louis**, committing him to the team for the next three seasons.

COLLEGES

Transfers play immediately

NCAA athletes will be immediately eligible to play no matter how many times they transfer — as long as they meet academic requirements — after the association fast-tracked legislation to fall in line with a recent court order. The NCAA posted on social media that the Division 1 Council's decision becomes official Thursday when its meeting adjourns. It still needs to be ratified by the D1 Board next week, but that is expected. The new rules will go into effect immediately, though in reality they already have been enacted through a lawsuit filed late last year.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Michigan's Reed to UConn

Former Michigan center **Tarris Reed Jr.** is transferring to UConn. The 6-foot-10-inch sophomore averaged 9.0 points and 7.2 rebounds this past season. He entered the transfer portal shortly after Michigan fired coach **Juwan Howard** in the wake of an 8-24 campaign . . . The US Basketball Writers Association will name its annual women's national coach of the year award after UConn's **Geno Auriemma**. The 70-year-old Hall-of-fame coach just completed his 39th season at the school, guiding the Huskies to their record 23rd Final Four. He has led UConn to 11 national championships and six perfect seasons, winning the USBA award six times, more than any other coach.

TENNIS

Nadal bounced at Barcelona

Rafael Nadal's first tournament since January lasted only two matches with the Spaniard losing, 7-5, 6-1, to **Alex de Minaur** at the clay-court Barcelona Open. Nadal, back from an injury layoff, looked like his old self for brief moments in the second-round match but couldn't keep up with the 11th-ranked De Minaur. Nadal is a 14-time winner at the French Open, which begins next month. He said he will try to play at the Madrid Open next week but didn't fully commit.

Scoreboard

Schools

BASEBALL

Drury 12, Franklin Cty. Tech 1
Longmeadow 7, W. Springfield 5
Minnechaug 10, Chicopee 0
Taconic 10, Agawam 5
Westfield 12, E. Longmeadow 1
Worcester Acad. 4, Deerfield 2
BI-COUNTY
Springfield Sci-Tech 5, Gateway 1
COLONIAL
Bay Path 11, Monty Tech 2
DUAL COUNTY
Westford 3, Boston Latin 1
EIL
Pingree 3, Berwick 2
GREATER BOSTON
Somerville 8, Lynn Classical 0
ISL
Lawrence Acad. 6, BB&N 3
Nobles 5, Governor's 2
Rivers 4, St. Mark's 2
Tabor 5, Roxbury Latin 1
Thayer 12, Groton 0
MID-WACH
Groton-Dunstable 7, Nashoba 4
Maynard 14, Murdock 6
Narragansett 7, W. Boylston 6
Oakmont 4, Clinton 3
Tahanto 6, Bromfield 2
MIDDLESEX
Belmont 8, Woburn 5
Burlington 6, Wakefield 0
Lexington 12, Winchester 4
Melrose 13, Wilmington 4
Reading 6, Arlington 2
NORTHEASTERN
Marblehead 5, Beverly 4
Masconomet 3, Danvers 2
Saugus 12, Winthrop 0
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 6, Somerset Berkley 3
Digh.-Rehoboth 6, Fairhaven 1
Joseph Case 10, Bourne 2
Seekonk 2, W. Bridgewater 1
TRI-VALLEY
Bellingham 4, Dover-Sherborn 3
NONLEAGUE
Abington 5, Card. Spellman 3
Algonquin 2, Milford 1
Attleboro 8, Ashland 3
Ayer Shirley 10, Gardner 0
Bp. Fenwick 5, Gloucester 4
Blackstone Valley 5, Auburn 4
Braintree 8, Brockton 0
Brookline 6, Sharon 0
Cath. Memorial 6, Franklin 3
Chicopee Comp. 21, Am.-Pelham 5
Dennis-Yarmouth 11, Marshfield 1
Fitchburg 7, St. Bernard's 3
Grafton 12, Doherty 1
Hopkinton 3, North Attleboro 1
Lynnfield 11, Swampscott 3
Marianapolis 5, Portsmouth Abbey 1
McCann Tech 20, Mohawk Trail 3
Mt. Everett 10, Athol 0
Newton North 4, Newton South 3
Pittsfield 11, Northampton 0
St. John's (S) 14, Pope Francis 4
St. John's Prep 4, Mansfield 0
St. Mary's 6, Sch. w/o Walls (D.C.) 5
Southbridge 5, Blackstone-Millville 3
Southbridge 11, Blackstone-Millville 1
Springfield Central 13, Holyoke 0
Taunton 7, Xaverian 1
Tewksbury 4, Bedford 2
Turners Falls 11, Lee 1
Walpole 6, King Philip 3
Wellesley 7, Medway 1

LACROSSE

BOYS
Agawam 9, Pope Francis 7
Phillips Andover 14, Austin Prep 4
CAPE & ISLANDS
Cape Cod Acad. 15, St. John Paul II 9
CATHOLIC CENTRAL
Bp. Fenwick 9, Card. Spellman 8
ISL
Belmont Hill 17, St. George's 4
Groton 7, Thayer 5
Middlesex 16, Brooks 7
Nobles 17, Governor's 10
St. Sebastian's 18, Milton Acad. 13
NORTHEASTERN
Marblehead 12, Masconomet 5
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 9, Old Rochester 4
Bourne 21, Somerset Berkley 3
Digh.-Rehoboth 16, Gr. N. Bedford 10
Fairhaven 9, Seekonk 5
NONLEAGUE
Bedford (N.H.) 18, Lexington 8
Belmont 10, Wilmington 9
Bp. Stang 7, Abp. Williams 6
Blackstone Valley 15, Auburn 5
Cath. Memorial 9, Bp. Feehan 8
Exeter (N.H.) 12, Chelmsford 2
Longmeadow 11, Billerica 10
Newton North 15, Waltham 4
Tewksbury 11, Amesbury 5
Watertown 7, Salem 3
Worcester Acad. 17, Portsmouth Ab. 7
GIRLS
Austin Prep 12, Proctor 9
Granby 20, McCann Tech 2
Wilb. & Monson 13, Marianapolis 4
ISL
Governor's 21, Brooks 11
St. George's 9, BB&N 8
St. Mark's 15, Lawrence Acad. 4
SOUTH COAST
Old Rochester 12, Apponequet 3
TRI-VALLEY
Ashland 18, Hopkinton 7
NONLEAGUE
Auburn 9, Blackstone Valley 7
Bedford 22, Nashoba 11
Dana Hall 18, Worcester Acad. 5
Hingham 10, Medfield 9
Methuen 16, Wilmington 10
Northeast 14, Revere 0
Quincy 10, Bridge.-Raynham 9
PATRIOT
Staycation Cup
First round
Marshfield 14, Silver Lake 3
Whit.-Hanson 15, Abp. Williams 8

SOFTBALL

Lee 8, Westfield Tech 3
Ludlow 15, W. Springfield 7
Monson 7, Chicopee Comp. 5
Phillips Andover 1, St. Paul's 0
S. Hadley 4, Agawam 2
CAPE ANN
Amesbury 16, Ham.-Wenham 0
COLONIAL
Bay Path 9, Monty Tech 1
COMMONWEALTH
Whittier 13, Northeast 0
GREATER BOSTON
Everett 16, Revere 7
Lynn Classical 21, Somerville 2
Lynn English 9, Chelsea 1
Medford 15, Malden 0
ISL
Brooks 13, Rivers 1
Lawrence Acad. 13, St. Mark's 8
MAYFLOWER
Old Colony 26, Upper Cape 5
South Shore 18, Bristol Aggie 14
MID-WACH
Algonquin 9, N. Middlesex 5
Ayer Shirley 16, Gardner 3
Clinton 6, Oakmont 0
Maynard 14, Murdock 0
MIDDLESEX
Burlington 12, Wakefield 6
Lexington 10, Winchester 6
Reading 13, Arlington 6
Wilmington 17, Melrose 0
NORTHEASTERN
Peabody 13, Danvers 3
SOUTH COAST
Apponequet 10, Somerset Berkley 2
Digh.-Rehoboth 12, Fairhaven 2
Gr. New Bedford 17, Old Rochester 3
Joseph Case 17, Bourne 2
NONLEAGUE
Austin Prep 16, Thayer 4
Bp. Feehan 13, Bridge.-Raynham 0
Bristol-Plymouth 25, Nauset 1
Doherty 13, Auburn 5
Gr. Lawrence 13, Ipswich 1
King Philip 7, Cumberland (R.I.) 2
Latin Acad. 11, Boston Latin 10
Leicester 10, Burncoat 6
Lincoln-Sudbury 2, Silver Lake 1
Milton 20, New Bedford 15
Newburyport 13, Masconomet 1
Oliver Ames 7, E. Bridgewater 6
St. Paul 9, Needham 2
Tantasqua 17, Worcester South 5
Taunton 4, Westfield 3
Turners Falls 3, Blackstone Valley 0

TENNIS

BOYS
Longmeadow 4, Belchertown 1
BAY STATE
Newton North 3, Wellesley 2
EIL
Beaver CD 4, Bancroft 1
ISL
Roxbury Latin 5, Nobles 2
St. George's 5, St. Sebastian's 2
GIRLS
Frontier 5, Turners Falls 0
Longmeadow 5, Belchertown 0
S. Hadley 5, Holyoke 0
EIL
Bancroft 3, Berwick 2
GREATER BOSTON
Revere 4, Lynn English 1

TRACK

BOYS
MIDDLESEX
Burlington 108, Wilmington 28
NONLEAGUE
Bp. Feehan 82, North Attleboro 58
GIRLS
NONLEAGUE
Bp. Feehan 71, North Attleboro 69

VOLLEYBALL

BOYS
Springfield Central 3, Belchertown 0
W. Springfield 3, Ludlow 2
Westfield 3, Chicopee 0
MID-WACH
Leominster 3, Nashoba 0
NONLEAGUE
Andover 3, Essex Tech 0
Lexington 3, Central Cath. 0
O'Bryant 3, Xaverian 0

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	THU 4/18	FRI 4/19	SAT 4/20	SUN 4/21	MON 4/22	TUE 4/23	WED 4/24
Red Sox	CLE 1:35 NESN	PIT 6:40 NESN	PIT 4:05 NESN	PIT 1:35 NESN		CLE 6:10 NESN	CLE 6:10 NESN
Bruins			TOR 8:00 TBS				
Celtics				TBA 1:00 ABC			TBA 7:00 NBCSB, TNT
Revolution			TOR 7:30 AppleTV				
Wild	TOR 7:00 NESN		NY 3:30				OTT 7:00 NESN+

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Radio: Red Sox, WEEI-FM 93.7; Bruins, Celtics, and Revolution, WBZ-FM 98.5

ON THE AIR

BASEBALL		
1:10 p.m.	Texas at Detroit	MLB
1:35 p.m.	Cleveland at Boston	NESN
3 p.m.	Triple A: Durham at Worcester	NESN+
9:45 p.m.	Arizona at San Francisco	FS1
FUTSAL		
7:55 p.m.	CONCACAF semifinal	FS2
9:55 p.m.	CONCACAF semifinal	FS2
GOLF		
8 a.m.	PGA: Corales Puntacana	Golf
10 a.m.	LPGA: Chevron Championship	Golf
2 p.m.	PGA: RBC Heritage	Golf
WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS		
4:30 p.m.	NCAA tournament	ESPN2
9 p.m.	NCAA tournament	ESPN2
PRO HOCKEY		
7 p.m.	PWHL: Toronto at Boston	NESN
7 p.m.	Seattle at Minnesota	ESPN
9:30 p.m.	Edmonton at Colorado	ESPN
HORSE RACING		
1 p.m.	America's Day at the Races	FS2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE		
5 p.m.	Syracuse at Boston College	ESPNU
RODEO		
11 p.m.	PBR: Everett, Wash.	CBSSN
MEN'S SOCCER		
2:55 p.m.	Europa: AC Milan at AS Roma	CBSSN

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PWHL

	W-L	OW-L	Pts.
Toronto	10-6	3-0	36
Minnesota	8-4	4-3	35
Montreal	7-5	3-4	31
Ottawa	7-6	0-6	27
Boston	4-9	4-2	22
New York	3-9	4-3	20

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Boston, 7
Minnesota at Montreal, 7

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Miami	9	4	3	2	15
NY Red Bulls	8	4	3	1	15
Philadelphia	7	3	4	0	13
Columbus	8	3	4	1	13
Cincinnati	8	3	3	2	12
Atlanta	7	3	2	2	11
Charlotte	8	3	2	3	11
Montreal	7	3	1	3	10
Toronto	8	3	1	4	10
D.C. United	8	2	4	2	10
Chicago	8	2	3	3	9
NYCFC	8	2	2	4	8
Orlando	7	2	2	3	8
Nashville	7	1	4	2	7
New England	7	1	1	5	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
LA Galaxy	8	4	3	1	15
Vancouver	7	4	1	2	13
Houston	7	4	1	2	13
Real Salt Lake	8	3	3	2	12
Colorado	8	3	3	2	12
LAFC	8	3	2	3	11
Minnesota	7	3	2	2	11
St. Louis	8	2	5	1	11
Sporting KC	8	2	4	2	10
Portland	8	2	3	3	9
Austin	8	2	3	3	9
Seattle	7	1	3	3	6
Dallas	7	1	2	4	5
San Jose	8	1	0	7	3

Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	Pts.
Manchester City	32	22	7	3	73
Arsenal	32	22	5	5	71
Liverpool	32	21	8	3	71
Aston Villa	33	19	6	8	63
Tottenham	32	18	6	8	60
Newcastle	32	15	5	12	50
Man. United	32	15	5	12	50
West Ham	33	13	9	11	48
Chelsea	31	13	8	10	47
Brighton	32	11	11	10	44
Wolverhampton	32	12	7	13	43
Fulham	33	12	6	15	42
Bournemouth	32	11	9	12	42
Crystal Palace	32	8	9	15	33
Brentford	33	8	8	17	32
Everton	32	9	8	15	27
Nott. Forest	33	7	9	17	26
Luton Town	33	6	7	20	25
Burnley	33	4	8	21	20
Sheffield	32	3	7	22	16

Tennis

BARCELONA OPEN

At Real Club de Tenis, Barcelona
Men's singles
Second Round

Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (11), def. Tomas Machac, ; Roberto Bautista Agut, def. Andrea Vavassori, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; Marco Trungelliti, def. Nicolas Jarry (9), 7-6 (5), 6-3; Jordan Thompson (14), def. Jaume Munar, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; Casper Ruud (3), def. Alexandre Muller, 6-3, 6-4; Dusan Lajovic, def. Ugo Humbert (6), 6-4, 6-4; Alex De Minaur (4), def. Rafael Nadal, 7-5, 6-1; Fabian Marozsan (17), def. Luca Van Assche, 6-0, 3-2; Roberto Carballes Baena, def. Lorenzo Musetti (10), 7-6 (4), 6-4; Stefanos Tsitsipas (5), def. Sebastian Ofner, 6-4, 7-5; Arthur Fils (16), def. Daniel Altmaier, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.

BMW OPEN

At MTTC Iphitos, Munich, Germany
Men's singles
Second Round

Jack Draper (6), def. Rudolf Molleker, 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; Alexander Zverev (1), def. Jurij Rodionov, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

PORSCHE GRAND PRIX

At Porsche Arena, Stuttgart, Germany
Women's singles
First Round

Ons Jabeur (7), def. Ekaterina Alexandrova, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (1); Marta Kostyuk, def. Laura Siegemund, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4; Anastasia Potapova, def. Liudmila Samsonova, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Emma Raducanu, def. Angelique Kerber, 6-2, 6-1.

Second Round

Coco Gauff (3), def. Sachia Vickery, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

TIRIAC OPEN

At Nastase & Marica Sports Club, Bucharest, Romania
Men's singles
First Round

Gregoire Barrere, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis, 7-5, 6-3.

Second Round

Alejandro Tabilo (4), def. Arthur Rinderknech, 6-3, 6-4.

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	OL	SL	Pts.
Hershey	53	13	0	5	111
Providence	40	20	6	3	89
WB/Scranton	38	23	8	1	85
Charlotte	38	25	7	0	83
Hartford	32	27	7	3	74
Lehigh Valley	30	30	6	3	69
Springfield	30	35	3	2	65
Bridgeport	24	37	7	2	57
North Division					
Syracuse	38	23	4	5	85
Rochester	38	23	6	3	85
Cleveland	37	24	5	3	82
Toronto	34	24	10	2	80
Belleville	36	28	3	3	78
Laval	33	29	6	2	74
Utica	31	27	5	6	73

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	OL	SL	Pts.
Milwaukee	46	22	1	1	94
Grand Rapids	35	22	8	4	82
Rockford	37	25	5	2	81
Texas	33	31	4	2	72
Manitoba	32	35	2	1	67
Chicago	23	33	6	7	59
Iowa	25	37	4	3	57
Pacific Division					
Coachella Valley	45	14	6	4	100
Tucson	41	23	3	2	87
Ontario	40	22	3	4	87
Abbotsford	38	25	5	2	83
Colorado	38	24	5	2	83
Bakersfield	38	27	2	2	80
Calgary	35	27	5	3	78
Henderson	27	35	3	5	62
San Diego	25	34	9	1	60
San Jose	23	33	10	4	60

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Belleville 2, Syracuse 1
Hershey 4, Charlotte 3
Rochester 3, Toronto 1
Milwaukee 6, Manitoba 4
Grand Rapids, at Iowa
San Diego, at Colorado
Ontario, at Bakersfield
Tucson, at Coachella Valley

ECHL Playoffs

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Norfolk 4, Trois-Rivières 2 (Game 1)
Kansas City 4, Tulsa 2 (Game 1)
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Florida at Jacksonville, 7 (Game 1)
Tulsa at Kansas City, 7:05 (Game 2)

Eastern League

NORTHEAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hartford	7	2	.778	—
New Hampshire	7	4	.636	1
Portland	5	4	.556	2
Binghamton	4	5	.444	2½
Somerset	4	7	.364	4
Reading	3	7	.300	4½
SOUTHWEST				
Erie	6	4	.600	—
Akron	6	5	.545	½
Bowie	6	5	.540	½
Harrisburg	5	5	.444	1
Altoona	4	6	.400	2
Richmond	4	7	.363	2½

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Portland 5, New Hampshire 2
Bowie 5, Altoona 0
Harrisburg 5, Richmond 4 (11 inn.)
Hartford 6, Somerset 5
Erie 4, Akron 0
THURSDAY'S GAMES
New Hampshire at Portland, 12:05
Reading at Binghamton, 6:05
Richmond at Harrisburg, 6:30
Altoona at Bowie, 6:35
Erie at Akron, 6:35
Hartford at Somerset, 6:35

Portland, 5-2

At Hadlock Field, Portland, Maine

NEW HAMPSHIRE	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Roden lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.318
Kasevich ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.422
De Jesus 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.273
Spain cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Clarke c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Nunez 1b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.216
Brown rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.179
Turconi dh	2	0	0	0	1	2	.240
Hiraldo 2b	3	0	1	1	0	1	.233
Totals	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**1**	**10**	

PORTLAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Anthony cf	5	0	0	0	0	4	.242
Mayer ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	.333
Teel c	4	1	1	0	0	3	.286
Jordan 1b	3	2	1	1	1	0	.120
Yorke 2b	3	0	2	1	0	0	.273
Paulino 3b	4	0	0	0	0	4	.258
Sikes rf	2	1	1	0	1	0	.148
Gasper dh	1	1	0	0	0	1	.250
Lugo lf	4	0	2	3	0	2	.313
Totals	**30**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**2**	**16**	

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LOB—New Hampshire 5, Portland 8. **2B**—Hiraldo, Roden, Nunez, Jordan. **3B**—Lugo. **SB**—Hiraldo, Sikes 2. **CS**—Brown, Sikes, Anthony, Mayer.

New Hampshire	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Wallace	4	4	2	2	0	8	4.15
Gregory	2⅓	3	0	0	0	4	2.16
Burnette	1⅔	1	3	3	2	4	4.76
Portland	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Coffey	5	5	2	2	1	7	4.66
Webb	2	1	0	0	0	2	1.42
Kwiatkowski	2	1	0	0	0	1	2.84

HBP—by Wallace, by Gregory, by Burnette. **Balk**—Wallace. **WP**—Wallace, Burnette. **T**—2:29. **A**—3,968.

Latest line

NHL

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Line
At Minnesota	-145	Seattle	+125
At Winnipeg	Off	Vancouver	Off
At Calgary	-260	San Jose	+210
At Colorado	Off	Edmonton	Off
At Vegas	-345	Anaheim	+275
At LA	-355	Chicago	+285

Transactions

BASEBALL

Arizona: P Justin Martinez called up from minors. P Eduardo Rodriguez transferred to 60-day IL. P Logan Allen purchased from minors.
Baltimore: C David Bañuelos designated for assignment. P Albert Suárez purchased from minors.
Chi. Cubs: P Luke Little, P Daniel Palencia sent to minors. P Hayden Wesneski called up from minors. P Julian Merryweather transferred to 60-day IL. P Colten Brewer purchased from minors.
Chi. White Sox: P Jared Shuster called up from minors.
Cleveland: P Pedro Avila acquired via trade from San Diego. 2B Angel Martínez transferred to 60-day IL.
Colorado: 1B Sean Bouchard called up from minors. 3B Kris Bryant placed on 10-day IL.
Kansas City: P Anthony Veneziano called up from minors.
LA Angels: P Bryan Shaw signed to a minor league contract.
LA Dodgers: P Eduardo Salazar sent to minors. P Landon Knack called up from minors.
Miami: P George Soriano sent to minors. P Declan Cronin called up from minors.
Milwaukee: P Jared Koenig sent to minors. P Vladimir Gutierrez designated for assignment. P Tobias Myers purchased from minors.
NY Mets: P Michael Tonkin sent to minors. P Tyler Jay designated for assignment. P Michael Tonkin acquired off waivers.
San Diego: P Logan Gillaspie called up from minors. P Yu Darvish placed on 15-day IL.
Seattle: LF Sam Haggerty sent to minors. LF Sam Haggerty recalled from minors rehab. LF Sam Haggerty removed from 10-day IL.

NBA

Toronto: Power Fo Jontay Porter league suspension.

NFL

Cleveland: T Justin Murray retired.
Dallas: RB Royce Freeman signed/unrest FA.
Miami: LB Cam Brown signed/unrest FA.

NHL

Arizona: RW Aku Raty called up from minors.
Boston: RW Jayson Megna called up from minors. D Derek Forbort, LW John Beecher sent to minors.
Buffalo: RW Lukas Rousek sent to minors.
Carolina: LW Max Comtois, D Dylan Coghlan called up from minors.
Columbus: C Luca Del Bel Belluz called up from minors.
Los Angeles: LW Alex Turcotte called up from minors. C Akil Thomas sent to minors.
Montreal: LW Luke Tuch signed. D Logan Mailloux called up from minors.
New Jersey: RW Graeme Clarke, C Shane Bowers sent to minors.
NY Islanders: D Marshall Warren signed as free agent.
Vancouver: G Arturs Silovs sent to minors.
Vegas: LW Jonas Rondbjerg called up from minors.

International League

EAST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Scranton/W.-Barre	11	5	.688	—
Jacksonville	10	7	.588	1½
Buffalo	9	7	.563	2
Syracuse	9	7	.563	2
Rochester	7	6	.538	2½
Lehigh Valley	7	7	.500	3
Worcester	7	9	.438	4
Norfolk	7	10	.412	4½
Charlotte	6	11	.353	5½
Durham	6	11	.353	5½

WEST	W	L	Pct.	GB
Iowa	11	6	.647	—
Omaha	11	6	.647	—
Toledo	9	7	.563	1½
Gwinnett	9	8	.529	2
Indianapolis	8	9	.471	3
Nashville	8	9	.471	3
Columbus	7	9	.438	3½
St. Paul	7	9	.438	3½
Louisville	7	10	.412	4
Memphis	7	10	.412	4

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Worcester 6, Durham 2
Toledo 0, Rochester 1 (susp.)
Charlotte 4, Syracuse 2
Indianapolis 1, St. Paul 0
Buffalo 12

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OUT OF STATE

NEW HAMPSHIRE
MIGNON, Michael J. Jr.

DOHERTY, Arlene G. (Smith)



Age 91, of Rockland, formerly of Dorchester, passed away on April 11, 2024, after a short illness.

Arlene was born on November 24, 1932 to Charles Smith and Grace Seale in Quincy, MA. She graduated from Quincy H.S. in 1952. Arlene survives her husband, Arthur D. Doherty, who passed in 1980. She is survived by her sister, Loise Snowden of New Brunswick, Canada; her daughter, Teresa; son, Charles and wife, Patti Jo; and their children, Elyse and Adoh; son, Steven and wife, Tammy; and their two sons, John and Kyle.

Arlene was a longtime USPS employee, until cancer forced her to retire in 2002, at age 70. Thereafter, she enjoyed spending time with her family and pets and reading. Her love of pandas was second only to her love of Boston sports, of which she was an avid fan,

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the ASPCA or a veteran's organization. A Celebration of life will be held at a later date.

GENTILLE, Richard E.



Age 74, former longtime resident of Holliston, MA, passed away Monday, April 15, after a long battle with cancer. Born in Baldwin, NY, he was the son of the late Edward and Ruth (Clarke) Gentille. Richard was the loving husband of Jean (Smith) Gentille for 54 years. Richard and Jean owned and operated Ben's Deli in Southborough together for 25 years.

In addition to his wife, Richard is survived by three children, Renee Massauro and her husband, Frank of Ashland, Heather Carew and her husband, Bryan of Foxborough and Ryan Gentille and his wife, An of East Milton; six grandchildren, Anthony and Danielle Massauro, Brielle and Cadence Carew and Logan and Arya Gentille; two sisters, Karen Irving of Carver and Gail Ronayne and her husband, Mark of Bridgewater; nephew, Richard Irving and his wife, Laura of East Bridgewater; as well as several additional nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, April 19, at 11:00am, in St. Mary's Parish, 8 Church St., Holliston, MA, with Burial to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Holliston. Visiting Hours, will be held Thursday, from 4:00-7:00 PM, in the Matarese Funeral Home, 325 Main St., ASHLAND, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168, in support of Pancreatic Cancer research.

HAYDEN, Robert L.

Of Wakefield, January 21. Bob is survived by his daughter, Linda Miceli and her husband, Eric and his son, Thomas and his wife, Patricia. Visitation for relatives and friends at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., Wakefield on Sunday, April 21 from 2-4pm. Private Graveside service at Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Bob's name to the Mass Audubon Society at https://www.massaudubon.org. For additional information and guestbook, www.mcdonaldfs.com

KULIOPULOS, Theophilos "Theo"



Of North Reading, MA, born on June 11, 1937, passed away on April 14. Beloved husband and devoted father and grandfather, engineer, sailor, gardener, church choir member, MIT alumnus, enthusiastic storyteller and member of dozens of clubs. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, April 20, at Sts. Constantine and Helen, 71 Chandler Rd., Andover, at 11:30 am. Visitation will be on Friday, April 19, at the Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow St., NORTH READING, from 4 to 8 pm. For the online guestbook, please visit croswellfuneralhome.com

Croswell Funeral Home
978-664-3031

LADOULIS, William T.



William of Framingham, formerly of Wayland, died on April 15, 2024.

Beloved husband for 70 years of Bessie (Booras) Ladoulis. Devoted father of Lauren M. Perlman and her husband, Noah of Sudbury, Carol Iturralde and her husband, Terrance Graf of Framingham, Sandra Brennan and her husband, Matthew of Wayland and Janet Nicosia and her husband, Edward of North Reading. Brother of Dr. Charles Ladoulis and his wife, Barbara of Silver Springs, MD, he was predeceased by sister, Beatrice Angel and her husband, Byron, sister, Dimitra Yianilos and her husband, John, brother, Steven Ladoulis and his wife, Lillian; and son-in-law, Roberto Iturralde of Ecuador, SA. Cherished Papou to nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 am to 10:00 am, on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 57 Brown Street, Weston. Funeral Services will begin at 10:00 am, followed by interment in Lakeview Cemetery, Wayland.

In lieu of flowers, his family kindly suggests that gifts in his memory may be sent to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215-5450, www.danafarberjimmyfund.org

Arrangements entrusted to the care of the John C. Bryant Funeral Home, of WAYLAND. For condolences, please visit www.johncbryantfuneralhome.com

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We regret to announce the death of our Brother Scott G. Grandmaison, on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Visiting Hours on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 10:00 to 11:45 AM. Farwell Funeral Home, 18 Lock Street, NASHUA, NH 03064. Followed by a Prayer Service.
Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends.

Frank Murray
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MAINEN, Barbara K

Barbara Karl Mainen, 80, of Andover, Massachusetts, passed away the morning of April 17, 2024.

Barbara was born on May 30, 1943 to Stanley and Rose Karl in Sioux City, Iowa. After graduating from Central High School (aka Castle on the Hill), Barbara went on to the University of Iowa and graduated with a degree in dental hygiene. One highlight of her career as a hygienist was a one-day assisting her brother, Dr. Edward Karl, on a dental procedure for their mother. Friends of their mother later said what a cheap procedure it was, to which she replied that it wasn't cheap at all, since she paid for their education.

While at the University of Iowa, Barbara met Eugene Mainen, who was pursuing his PhD in chemistry. Married in 1966, Barbara and Gene relocated to Minnetonka, Minnesota and went on to have two children, David and Sarah. The family moved to Old Bennington, Vermont in 1983, and settled in Andover, Massachusetts in 1984.

Even while successfully battling breast cancer, Barbara stayed very active. She absolutely loved to play bridge, completed multiple Danskin sprint triathlons, participated in fundraiser runs, and loved every step of her walks with Sarah and her granddog, Freyja. Barbara enjoyed working at the Town of Andover's Senior Center, and was a valued member of the Council on Aging.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents, Stan and Rose, and her husband, Gene. She is survived by her son and daughter, David and Sarah, four grandchildren, her brother, Ed, and his wife, Tobye and their two children, Kimberly and Jonathan, Barbara's niece and nephew. Barbara will also be missed dearly by her three cousins, Margie, Julie, and Carol, and their beautiful families.

A small family Service will be held on April 18, 2024. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Barbara's memorial fund at The American Cancer Society. https://raiseyourway.donordrive.com/campaign/Barbara-Mainen

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McGRAY, David Scott



God has called home his beloved son, David Scott McGray, on April 11, 2024, at 58 years of age. David passed away at his home, surrounded by his loving family. David was born on May 25, 1965, the seventh of nine children of Carolyn McGray of Peabody MA, with whom David lived happily for his entire life, along with his twin brother Michael. David had Down syndrome and graduated from Peabody Veterans Memorial High School in 1987. He worked at New England Biolabs for 32 years as a Materials Handler. David lived a full and rich life. David was passionate about African Drumming, WWE wrestling, music, and dancing. A Special Olympics athlete, he won silver and bronze medals at the International Summer Special Olympics in 1987. He was a devoted member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Peabody.

David was adventurous, outgoing, and gregarious. He loved to meet new people and had a kind, devoted, sweet, welcoming and genuine nature. He blessed everyone with unconditional love. He was the best "hugger" and said, "I love you" often to his friends and family. David was a beautiful gift from God. Hearts are broken everywhere with his passing and he will be missed forever.

David leaves behind his beloved and devoted mother, Carolyn; twin, Michael McGray; siblings, William McGray, (Mary Blaisdell), Linda McGray, Laurie Wilson (Charles Wilson), Susan Ricciardelli (Albert Ricciardelli), Julie Carleton (Tom Carleton), Kevin McGray (Cathy McGray) and Mary Hall (Eric Hall); Goddaughter, Sarah McGray; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, grandnieces and grandnephews. David was predeceased by his long-time sweetheart, Terry Duff; and his nephew, Benjamin Blaisdell. A Visitation will be held at the Conway Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 82 Lynn St., PEABODY, MA, on Sunday, April 21, from 2 to 5 pm. His Funeral Mass, will be held at 10 am, on Monday, April 22, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 17 Chestnut Street, Peabody MA. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, 226 North Street, Salem MA.

For directions and online guestbook, please visit www.ccbfuneral.com/obituaries/david-scott-mcgray

MEUSE, Elizabeth A. (Malonson)

Of Wakefield, April 12. Predeceased by her husband, F. Harold Meuse. Sister of Helen Amirault. Predeceased by siblings, Catherine (Kitty) Muise, William Meuse, Wilfred Meuse and Marion (May) Cooper. Loving mother of Joseph H. Meuse and wife, Jeanne, Ronald P. Meuse and wife, Jennifer, Cynthia L. McSweeney and husband, Kevin and Janet M. Bloom and husband, Bill. She also leaves her grandchildren, Amy Meuse and wife, Heather, Joey Meuse and wife, Elizabeth, Scott Meuse, John McSweeney and wife, Clara Logan, James McSweeney and wife, Nicole, Shannon McSweeney, Billy Bloom; and great-granddaughter, Ava McSweeney. Visitation for relatives and friends will be held at the McDonald Funeral Home, 19 Yale Ave., WAKEFIELD, on Thursday, April 18, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph Church, 173 Albion St., Wakefield, on Friday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m. Interment, Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to American Diabetes Association or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For additional information and guestbook, www.mcdonaldfs.com

MIGNON, Michael J. "Mickey" Jr.



Age 82, of Merrimack, NH, passed away on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH, after a period of declining health.

He was born in Abington, PA on October 5, 1941 to the late Helen J. (MacKenzie) and Michael J. Mignon, Sr. Raised in Hatboro, PA, he was a graduate of Hatboro Horsham High School.

Mickey joined the U.S. Air Force in 1959 and served for 22 years before he honorably retired in 1981, at the rank of MSgt. After leaving the military, Mickey went to work for the MA Department of Corrections in the radiology department, then, as a Consultant for Trident.

He enjoyed family gatherings, the sun and the beach, cooking and fine dining, football and horseracing, he was quite the handicapper.

Along with his parents, Mickey was predeceased by his daughter, Gina Mignon in 2012; and two siblings, Joanne Naper and John Mignon.

He will be forever loved and remembered by his wife of 20 years, Leeann (Barrett) Mignon; three children, Michael J. Mignon, III and his wife, Arlene, Angela Carrington Curran and her husband, David and Nicole Calley Daley and her husband, Thomas; two stepdaughters, Kerri Leo and Kristen Leo; ten grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Linda Prentice and her husband, Bruce; along with several nieces and nephews.

Visitation Hours will be held at the Rivet Funeral Home, 425 Daniel Webster Highway, MERRIMACK, NH, on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 11 AM to 1 PM. A Memorial Service will follow in the funeral home chapel at 1 PM.

For those who would like to make a memorial contribution in Mickey's memory, you may do so to Home, Health and Hospice, C/O Community Hospice House, 7 Executive Park Drive, Merrimack, NH 03054 or to DAV Disabled American Veterans, www.dav.org

Kindly visit rivetfuneralhome.com to leave an online condolence for the family.

BARRY, Lillian T. (Mulhern)



Age 91, of Norwell, Massachusetts, passed away, April 13, 2024, at home with her family by her side.

She was born to the late James and Jeannette C. Mulhern in Boston. Lillian moved to Holbrook in 1940 and graduated from Holbrook High School in 1950.

She married her high school sweetheart, J. Leo Barry, Jr. in 1954, in Holbrook and joined him at Fort Carson in Colorado. They returned to Massachusetts in 1955 and over the next 43 years, Lillian raised their family and was active in the community of Whitman before moving to Norwell.

She is survived by Michael Barry and his wife, Karen, of Duxbury, Gregg Barry and his wife, Amy of Long Island City, NY, Lisa (Barry) Lyons and her husband, James of Norwell; her daughter-in-law and beloved companion, Lisa Ann Barry of Whitman; and daughter-in-law, Cresca Barry of Peterborough, NH. She was the proud Nana to ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Sadly, Lillian was predeceased by her eldest son, Mark of Hancock, NH.

She has a long legacy of community service. During her years in the town of Whitman, she served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, Parent Teacher's Association, Whitman School Study Committee, Middle School Building Committee and The Arts Council. She volunteered at the Cardinal Cushing School. She was a member of The Holy Ghost Church in Whitman.

She was generous and kind-hearted and always made room for one more at her table. A full house was how she liked it.

All are welcome to Visiting Hours on Sunday, April 21, 2024, from 2 to 5 pm, and Monday, April 22, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Mary's of the Sacred Heart Church, 392 Hanover St., Hanover, MA. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am, on Monday, April 22. The Mass can be viewed directly on YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yb2mVfhtmEU or through Our Lady of the Angels website, https://ourladyshanover.com/lillian-barry-funeral The Burial will be at St Mary's Cemetery, 245 North St., in Randolph, MA. In lieu of sending flowers, a donation can be made in Lillian's name to South Shore Health Foundation, 55 Fogg Road, Weymouth, MA 02190. For online guestbook, visit www.thehurleyfuneralhomes.com

BERNAZZANI, James F. Jr.



Passed away, March 24. He is survived by his loving wife, Noelle Bernazzani of New Orleans; as well as his two children, James, III and Alexis of Austin, TX; and two stepsons, Santino and Vincenzo Impastato of New Orleans. Jim is also survived by his siblings, Edward J. of Cape Elizabeth, ME, Elaine M. of Canton, Jane F. Zoppo of Walpole, Mary L. Mullin of Braintree, Steven G. of Mansfield, Nancy J. of Denver, CO, Daniel A. of Fairfax, VA, and Lynne M. of Canton. Jim is also survived by 13 nieces and nephews. Visiting Hours will be held Friday, April 19, from 4 to 7 p.m., at Dockray and Thomas Funeral Home, 455 Washington St., CANTON, MA. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Oscar Romero, Canton, Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. Burial at St. Mary's Cemetery, Canton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to https://www.911memorial.org/donate. For additional information see www.dockrayandthomasfuneralhome.com

BRUTON, William J. MD



William of Concord, NH and Harwich, MA, previously of Summit, NJ, died unexpectedly in Concord, on Monday April 8.

Dr. Bruton was member of Concord Orthopaedics, and prior to that, the Summit Medical Group, where he served as president and a Chief Orthopaedic Surgeon at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ.

He was a graduate of Georgetown Medical School and Georgetown University and trained at NY Hospital for Special Surgery and Yale New Haven Medical Center.

William leaves his beloved wife, Barbara; as well as daughter, Catherine Bruton Vrountas and her husband, Christopher Vrountas of Andover, MA, daughter, Susan Bruton Waggoner and her husband, David Waggoner of Midway, Utah, daughter, Elizabeth Bruton Charapp and her husband, David Charapp of Boxford, MA; grandchildren, Sarah Vrountas, Anna Vrountas, Daniel Charapp, Jake Waggoner, Lauren Waggoner and William Charapp.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 11 am, at Holy Trinity Church in West Harwich, MA. Interment will follow at the Holy Trinity Church Columbarium.

Notes of comfort may be made to his family, at www.chapmanfuneral.com

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POWERS, John "Jack" E. Jr.



Of Taunton, formerly of West Roxbury. Son of the late John E. and Mary P. (Prendergast) Powers. Loving brother of Nancy P. Ferris and her husband, Jack of Westwood, Paula O'Connor and her husband, Brian of Dedham, Karen Powers of West Roxbury and Sheila O'Shea and her husband, Jim of Harwich. Devoted Uncle of John and Kate Ferris, Alex and Carrie Ferris, Andrew Ferris, Justin and Lindsey Ferris, Brendan, Mary and Fr. Patrick O'Connor. Jack attended Holy Name School, Boston Latin School and Boston College. He was a phenomenal athlete with hockey being his specialty, still participating in leagues in the greater Boston area. Nothing pleased him more than spending a quiet afternoon on the beach reading. He could not be beat at Jeopardy and his knowledge of sports and 70's music was unparalleled. He was a longtime employee of the Boston Red Sox and will be sorely missed by his students and fellow staff members at Bridgewater-Raynham High School. Funeral from The Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home, 1803 Centre St., WEST ROXBURY, on Monday, April 22, at 9:00 am. A Mass of Christian Burial, will be celebrated in the Holy Name Church, at 10:00 am. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting Hours, in the funeral home, on Sunday, April 21, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Interment, St. Joseph Cemetery. Donations may be made in his memory to House of Possibilities www.houseofpossibilities.org

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SHAW, Bonnie June (Deering)



Age 92, of Lexington, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. Bonnie was born in Kentucky and raised in Clarksville, Tennessee. She was predeceased by her parents, James H. Deering and Ella (Eison) Deering; as well as her siblings, Mary Evelyn (Deering) Holland, James H Deering, Jr. and Paul W. Deering, Sr. Bonnie is survived by her five children, Richard W. Shaw and wife, Valerie of Lexington, Gary A. Shaw of Boxborough, Susan J. Shaw of Concord, John F. Shaw and wife, Jackie of Chelmsford and Mark W. Shaw and wife, Judy of Chelmsford. Bonnie is also survived by sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Bonnie spent many summers on the Cape at her second home in Dennis Port and loved to go to Aruba in winter, she was an entrepreneur and part owner in "Through the Looking Glass", a small clothing boutique in Lexington center. Bonnie was also a member and Past Queen (2002) of Oppela Temple #40, Daughters of the Nile. Visiting Hours will be Monday, April 22, at the Douglass Funeral Home, 51 Worthen Rd., LEXINGTON, from 4pm to 7pm. A Service will be held Tuesday, April 23, at 10am, at the Douglass Funeral Home, followed by Burial in the Westview Cemetery. In leu of flowers, donations to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation, at https://donfdn.org to benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children are requested.

SALAH, George J.



Firefighter, Town of Brookline, ret.. Of Brookline, passed away peacefully, in his 101st year, on April 16, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of the late Virginia F. (Hojlo) Salah. Loving father of Joseph G. Salah and his fiancée, Paula Powers of Kingston, Noreen Salah Burpee and her husband, Willard A. Burpee of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. and Thomas C. Salah and his wife, Beverly of Canton. Adored grandfather of Megan Fearnow, Frederick D. Churbuck, George J. Taylor, Cristen Gardner, Lauren Salah and her fiancé, Patrick Goggin, Ashley and Katelyn Salah and the late Elizabeth N. "Liz" Salah. Cherished great-grandfather of Cole Fearnow, James and Jack Taylor, Emma, Thomas and George Goggin, Benjamin, Matthew, Jacob and Charlotte "Lucy" Gardner. Dear brother of the late James Salah and Isabel Kreckel. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the Bell-O'Dea Funeral Home, 376 Washington St., BROOKLINE, on Saturday morning, at 9:00, followed by a Funeral Mass in Our Lady of the Cedars of Lebanon Church, 61 Rockwood St., Jamaica Plain, at 10:00. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting Hours in the funeral home on Friday, from 4:00 to 7:00. Interment in Forest Hills Cemetery. Late Navy Veteran, WWII. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of George may be made to the above named church or the Brookline Firefighters Assoc. Dept. Local 950, P.O. Box 470771, Brookline Village, MA. 02447.

VITAGLIANO, Richard Guy



Of East Falmouth, age 76, passed away peacefully in his home, on April 14, 2024.

Richard was born in Medford, MA, a son of the late Guy and Eleanor Vitagliano. A resident of Falmouth for 50 years, 33 of which were spent with his beloved wife, the late Maria Vitagliano.

After a career in retail management, Richard worked for the town of Falmouth for over 15 years. In his retirement, Richard loved to spend time working in his yard or with his family by the pool, especially his granddaughter.

Richard had a strong faith and was a member of Saint Anthony's parish in East Falmouth. He will be truly missed by all who loved him. Richard is survived by his children, Sarah Correia of Falmouth, ME, Timothy Vitagliano of Somerset, MA and Andrew Vitagliano of Warwick, RI; as well as granddaughter, Evelyn Maia Rice of Falmouth, ME.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call at the Chapman Funerals & Cremations, 475 Main Street, FALMOUTH, on Friday, April 19, from 4:00 to 7:00pm. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on April 20, at 11:00am, at St. Anthonys Church, 167 East Falmouth Highway, East Falmouth.

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Fritz Peterson, who traded his wife with a teammate, 82

By Bruce Weber
NEW YORK TIMES

Fritz Peterson, who was a stalwart pitcher for the ineffectual New York Yankees of the late 1960s and early '70s, but whose lingering renown derived more from one of baseball's most notorious "trades" — his exchange of wives with a teammate — has died. He was 82.

His death was announced Friday by Northern Illinois University, his alma mater, and the Yankees. Neither announcement said when or where he died or cited a cause.

Mr. Peterson had previously battled prostate cancer, and in 2018, he disclosed in an interview with The New York Post and in a Facebook post that he had Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Peterson had the misfortune of joining the Yankees in 1966, when the team finished last in a 10-team American League, near the start of one of the more miserable stretches in team history.

Over his eight full seasons in New York, the Yankees never finished higher than second and managed to win more than they lost just four times. Mickey Mantle, the last vestige of sustained Yankee glory, retired; attendance in the Bronx slid to its lowest since World War II, just before George Steinbrenner and other investors bought the team from CBS, which sold it at a loss for $10 million, essentially a pittance.

In this gloomy era, Mr. Peterson was a leading light. Sharing the top of the rotation with another unlucky Yankee, Mel Stottlemyre (who had at least gotten to pitch for the pennant-winning 1964 squad), Mr. Peterson won 109 games, including 20 in 1970, when he made his only All-Star team, and averaged more than 17 wins over a four-year stretch from 1969 to 1972.

A left-hander, he did not overpower hitters. But he changed speeds effectively, employing a variation on a change-up called a palm ball, and he had superb control. He had the fewest walks per nine innings in the AL for five straight seasons. For his career, he averaged just 1.7 walks per game.

He was also known as a prankster who relished the childishness that flourished in the locker room. On the road with the Yankees, he roomed for a time with Jim Bouton, the pitcher and baseball iconoclast who would later become best known for his memoir "Ball Four." The book undermined their friendship, but before that, they were partners in clubhouse mischief; they once loaded the hair dryer of their coiffure-sensitive, toupee-wearing teammate Joe Pepitone with talcum powder.

Mr. Peterson's own memoir, "Mickey Mantle Is Going to Heaven" (2009), is one of the odder artifacts of baseball literature. A combination of storytelling — from the ballpark and from the meandering path of Mr. Peterson's journey to Christian evangelism — it ends several chapters by speculating about which of Mr. Peterson's former teammates would go to heaven (Mantle and Bobby Murcer) and which would not (Bouton).

But none of Mr. Peterson's on-field achievements or off-field eccentricities proved to be as memorable as the disclosure, in March 1973, that he and another Yankee pitcher, Mike Kekich, were living in each other's



MARTY LEDERHANDLER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mr. Peterson (front) and Mike Kekich sat on a schooner's bowsprit with their wives, Marilyn Peterson (left) and Susanne Kekich, in 1972 on Long Island Sound in New York.

house with each other's wife and children. As a headline in The Daily News declared, "2 Yank Pitchers Trade Wives: Peterson, Kekich Hurl Change-Ups."

The two men, who each had two young children, had known each other since 1969 after Kekich was traded to the Yankees by the Los Angeles Dodgers. They had become close friends, had gotten to know each other's wives, and by the summer of 1972 were discussing the evident fact that Mr. Peterson and Susanne Kekich had fallen in love, as had Kekich and Marilyn Peterson.

Their solution was for the men to switch not just wives but families, with the Kekiches' daughters, Kristen, 5, and Reagan, 2, joining their mother at Mr. Peterson's house, and the Petersons' sons, Gregg, 5, and Eric, 2, moving in with Kekich. In interviews at the time, the couples both said that the so-called scandal was hardly scandalous. "It wasn't a wife swap," Kekich said. "It was a life swap. We're not saying we're right and everyone else who thinks we're wrong are wrong. It's just the way we felt."

The relationship between Mike Kekich and Marilyn Peterson dissolved shortly after it was made public. Fritz Peterson and Susanne Kekich were married in 1974 and remained so. She survives him. Complete information on survivors was not immediately available.

Fritz Peterson was born Fred Ingels Peterson in Chicago on Feb. 8, 1942, the eldest of three children of Fred and Annette (Ingels) Peterson. His father was a switchboard installer for the local phone company; his mother oversaw the household.

The family lived for a time in Crystal Lake, Ill., northwest of Chicago, and Fred went to high school in Arlington Heights, Ill., where he played hockey as well as baseball. He attended Northern Illinois University, where he starred as a pitcher, and earned a bachelor's degree in 1965, two years after signing with the Yankees and playing the first of three minor league seasons.

On April 15, 1966, in his big league debut, Mr. Peterson pitched the Yankees to their first victory of the season, beating the Baltimore Orioles.

He went 12-11 in his rookie year for a team whose woeful record was 70-89-1. The next offseason, 1972-73, as the Peterson and Kekich marriages intertwined, Mr. Peterson worked as a radio commentator for the New York Raiders of the short-lived World Hockey Association.

Ken Holtzman, 78, MLB's winningest Jewish pitcher

By Richard Sandomir
NEW YORK TIMES

Ken Holtzman, a left-hander who pitched two no-hitters for the Chicago Cubs and won three World Series with the Oakland A's in a 15-season career, died Monday in St. Louis. He was 78.

He had been hospitalized for the past three weeks with heart and respiratory illnesses, his brother, Bob, said in confirming the death.

Mr. Holtzman won 174 games, the most for a Jewish pitcher in Major League Baseball — nine more than the Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax, who is considered one of the best pitchers ever, but had a shorter career.

In addition to his win total, Mr. Holtzman, who at 6 feet 2 inches and 175 pounds cut a lanky figure, had a career ERA of 3.49 and was chosen for the 1972 and 1973 All-Star teams.

Mr. Holtzman, at 23, threw his first no-hitter Aug. 19, 1969, a 3-0 victory over the Atlanta Braves — a performance distinguished by the fact that he didn't strike out any Braves. It was the first time since 1923 that a no-hitter had been pitched without a strikeout.

"I didn't have my good curve, and I must have thrown 90 percent fastballs," Holtzman told The Atlanta Constitution afterward. "When I saw my curve wasn't breaking early in the game, I thought it might be a long day."

His second no-hitter came June 3, 1971, against the Cincinnati Reds at their ballpark, Riverfront Stadium, where he struck out six and walked four.

"The fans in the first row behind our dugout wouldn't let me forget I had a no-hitter going tonight," he told The Chicago Tribune. "I guess from the fourth inning on, they would yell at me that I was going to lose my no-hitter."



HARRY HARRIS/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mr. Holtzman (right), then with the Yankees, with fellow pitcher Jim Catfish Hunter at Yankee Stadium, Oct. 6, 1977.

But it was a high point in a difficult season, in which his record was 9-15 and his ERA jumped to 4.48 from 3.38 the year before. He also had a fractious relationship with manager Leo Durocher.

In the offseason, the Cubs traded Mr. Holtzman to Oakland for outfielder Rick Monday.

"The air is cleared now," Holtzman told the Tribune. "I wouldn't have cared if the Cubs had traded me for two dozen eggs."

The trade revived his career.

Kenneth Dale Holtzman was born Nov. 3, 1945, in St. Louis. His father, Henry, was a machinery dealer. His mother, Jacqueline (Lapp) Holtzman, managed the home.

Mr. Holtzman had a 31-3 record at University City High School, outside St. Louis, and played for the University of Illinois. As a sophomore, he won six games and struck out 72 batters in 57 innings. He was selected by the Cubs in the fourth round of the 1965 amateur draft.

He spent most of the 1965 season in the minor leagues, where he compiled an 8-3 record, before being called up by the Cubs.

Mr. Holtzman left the Cubs in 1971 with a 74-69 record. He fared substantially better with the A's, a 1970s dynasty whose players included Reggie Jackson, Sal Bando, Catfish Hunter, and Rollie Fingers. In Oakland's World Series championship years, from 1972-74, Mr. Holtzman had a 59-41 regular-season record. In World Series games, he was 4-1.

In early 1976, Mr. Holtzman was one of nine A's players whose unsigned contracts were renewed with 20 percent salary cuts by Charles O. Finley, the team's capricious owner.

"The man doesn't care if I leave or not," Mr. Holtzman, a union activist who was the team's player representative, told The New York Times during spring training that year.

Soon after, he and Jackson were traded to the Baltimore Orioles. But in late June, Mr. Holtzman was sent to the New York Yankees in a 10-player trade. With New York, though, his pitching was not as efficient as it been in Oakland, and manager Billy Martin declined to use him in the postseason rotation in 1976, when the Yankees were swept by the Reds, and again in 1977, when the Yankees defeated the Dodgers in six games.

Mr. Holtzman, who was an insurance broker during his playing days, ran the athletic department for several years at the Jewish Community Center in St. Louis after his retirement.

He returned to baseball in 2007 as the manager of a team in the Israel Baseball League. Dan Kurtzer, the commissioner, recalled in a phone interview that Mr. Holtzman's experience in the Major League Baseball Players Association made being a manager difficult for him.

In addition to his brother, Bob, a former minor league pitcher, Mr. Holtzman is survived by his daughters, Robyn Schuster, Stacey Steffens, and Lauren Fyle; four grandchildren; and a sister, Janice Koertel. His marriage to Michelle Collins ended in divorce.

Mr. Holtzman, as a Cub, and Koufax, with the Dodgers, faced each other once, at Wrigley Field in Chicago on Sept. 25, 1966.

It was Mr. Holtzman's first full season and Koufax's last. In the fifth inning, at which point Mr. Holtzman had not given up a hit, Bob Holtzman told their father that he was going to the men's room. "He said, 'You're not going anywhere, he's pitching a no-hitter,'" the brother recalled in a phone interview. "He wouldn't let me leave my seat."

Mr. Holtzman carried the no-hitter into the ninth inning, but it was broken up by the first hitter, Dick Schofield, who singled to center field. Holtzman then surrendered the shutout, but won, 2-1, on a two-hitter, with eight strikeouts. Koufax gave up four hits.

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Bob Graham, former Florida governor and senator, 87

By Robert D. McFadden
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Above, Mr. Graham chaired the first public joint congressional hearing regarding the 9/11 attacks at the Capitol in Washington on Sept. 17, 2002. Right, he unloaded bags from a USAir jet on the tarmac at Tampa International Airport in January 2001.

Bob Graham, a Florida Democrat who, as a little-known state senator, cleaned stables and waited on tables in a clever populist strategy that helped to boost him into the governorship, the US Senate, and a run for the presidency, died Tuesday at his home in Gainesville, Fla. He was 87.

His death was announced in a family statement sent by Chris Hand, a family spokesperson who is a former aide to Mr. Graham and his coauthor on books about effective citizenship in democracy. Mr. Graham was disabled by a stroke in May 2020.

The son of a Florida state senator, Mr. Graham had gained little political traction after 13 years in the state Legislature. He seemed destined to rise no higher than his father. Then he had an idea. Besides his official duties, he resolved to work eight hours a day in hundreds of mostly entry-level jobs to bond with his constituents. He performed what he called "Workdays" off and on for the rest of his career.

He was, for a day, a short-order cook, a bellhop, a social work aide, a plumber. He saw a murder victim on a night riding with cops. He was a department store Santa, a citrus packer, and an office temp. He applied for food stamps. He picked tomatoes under a broiling sun, filled potholes, collected garbage, cut down tree limbs broken after a storm, and was a circus clown.

Voters and the press, especially television news programs, loved these "Workdays," which became a campaign staple. Mr. Graham would win two terms as governor (1979-1987) and three terms in the Senate (1987-2005) and launched a heady but hopeless run for the White House in 2003.

When he retired from the Senate after 38 years of public life, Mr. Graham, an obsessive diarist of minutiae that read like an hourly log, had itemized all his "Workdays" experiences as well as his activities as governor, senator, and presidential aspirant. The record showed that, outside his official duties, he had worked in 921 more-or-less ordinary jobs in 109 cities and five states.

"I have a reputation, that is not undeserved, as being more of an understated person, and I'm not easily aroused to fervent, some people would say charismatic levels," he said in a campaign interview with The New York Times in 2003. "But I think maybe what the American people want right now is someone who can give them a sense of steady leadership, as opposed to an emotional jolt."

He always relied on steady progress. As Florida's 38th governor, he won high marks for educational strides in public schools and universities, as well as for economic programs that added 1.2 million jobs and raised per capita income above national averages for the first time. His environmental policies brought fragile lands, including the Everglades, under state protection. He was easily reelected in 1982, and he left office as one of Florida's most popular politicians, with an 83 percent voter-approval rating.

In the 1986 Senate election, he beat the Republican incumbent, Senator Paula Hawkins, 55 percent to 45 percent, and he won reelections over Bill Grant in 1992 and Charlie Crist in 1998 with about two-thirds of the votes. Mr. Graham was chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee during and after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, which killed some 3,000 people.

After the attacks, he became a national spokesperson on intelligence and security issues, and he was a severe critic of President George W. Bush and his administration's response to terrorism and the long and costly US involvement in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mr. Graham and 22 other senators voted against the invasion of Iraq by a US-led coalition in 2003 — an attack rationalized by Bush's claims that Iraq's President Saddam Hussein supported Al-Qaeda and possessed weapons of mass destruction. Mr. Graham led the joint congressional investigation into 9/11, which in 2004 found no evidence of any ties between Hussein and Qaeda. Weapons of mass destruction were not found in Iraq.

Throughout Mr. Graham's Senate years, his name was raised in vice presidential politics. He was called a possible running mate to Michael Dukakis in 1988, to Bill Clinton in 1992, to Al Gore in 2000, and to John Kerry in 2004. Mr. Graham announced his own candidacy for the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination in December 2002.

But that bid was a short dream. Within weeks, he had open-heart surgery, and the campaign faltered. He withdrew from the race in October 2003 and a month later said he would not seek reelection to the Senate in 2004. He retired when his term ended in January 2005.

Daniel Robert Graham, who never used his given name, was born on Nov. 9, 1936, in Coral Gables, Fla., to Ernest R. Graham, known as "Cap," and Hilda (Simmons) Graham. By a previous marriage, to Florence Morris, Ernest Graham had three children, Mary, Philip, and William Graham, Robert's half siblings. Phil Graham and his wife, Katharine (Meyer) Graham, whose family owned The Washington Post, were co-owners of the newspaper, and he also became publisher.

Ernest Graham, a dairy farmer, mining engineer, real estate developer, and Democratic politician, was a Florida senator from 1937 to 1944. His second wife was a teacher.

Mr. Graham received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Florida in 1959 and earned a degree from Harvard Law School in 1962.

In 1959, he married Adele Khoury. They had four daughters: Gwen, Cissy, Suzanne, and Kendall. Gwen Graham was a US representative from Florida from 2015-17, ran unsuccessfully for governor of Florida in 2017, and became an assistant secretary of education in the Biden administration.

He leaves his wife, his daughters, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Graham lived in Miami Lakes, a town founded by his family. He began his political career in 1966 with election to the Florida House of Representatives from Dade County. He won a seat in the Florida Senate, also from Dade, in 1970 and was reelected in 1972 and 1976 in a redrawn district that encompassed parts of northern Dade and southern Broward counties.

Mr. Graham was a member of the Senate Education Committee when it held public hearings around the state in 1974. In Miami, he spoke of a dearth of civic awareness among students. In response, a frustrated high school teacher, Sue Reilly, complained that no one on the committee had any experience with education, and she challenged Mr. Graham to teach a civics class for a day.

He agreed, thinking it would never happen. But Reilly fixed a date at Carol City High School in Miami. Teaching for a day inspired Mr. Graham's "Workdays" idea, and he decided to teach the civics class for a semester. In succeeding years, he incorporated such days into all his election campaigns, and in 1978, when he won the governorship, he published "Workdays: Finding Florida on the Job," an account of his experiences in many occupations.

Bennett Braun, doctor who fueled 'satanic panic;' at 83

By Clay Risen
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Bennett Braun, a Chicago psychiatrist whose diagnoses of repressed memories involving horrific abuse by devil worshippers helped fuel what became known as the "satanic panic" of the 1980s and '90s, died on March 20 in Lauderhill, Fla, north of Miami. He was 83.

Jane Braun, one of his ex-wives, said the death, in a hospital, was from complications of a fall. Dr. Braun lived in Butte, Mont., but had been in Lauderhill on vacation.

Dr. Braun gained renown in the early 1980s as an expert in two of the most popular and controversial areas of psychiatric treatment: repressed memories and multiple personality disorder, now known as dissociative identity disorder.

He claimed that he could help patients uncover memories of childhood trauma — the existence of which, he and others said, were responsible for the splintering of a person's self into many distinct personalities.

He created a unit dedicated to dissociative disorders at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago (now Rush University Medical Center); became a frequently quoted expert in the news media; and helped found what is now the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, a professional organization of over 2,000 members today.

It was from that sizable platform that Braun publicized his most explosive findings: that in dozens of cases, his patients discovered memories of being tortured by satanic cults and, in some cases, of having participated in the torture themselves.

He was not the only psychiatrist to make such a claim, and his supposed revelations keyed into a growing national panic.

The 1980s saw a vertiginous rise in the number of people, both children and adults, who claimed to have been abused by devil worshippers. It began in 1980 with the book "Michelle Remembers," by a Canadian woman who said she had recovered memories of ritual abuse, and spiked following allegations of abuse at day care centers in California and North Carolina.

Elements of pop culture, such as heavy metal music and the role-playing game Dungeons and Dragons, were looped in as supposed entry points for cult activity.

Such stories were fodder for popular TV formats that reveled in the salacious, including talk shows such as "Geraldo" and newsmagazines such as "Dateline," which broadcast segments that promoted such claims uncritically.

The psychiatric profession bore some responsibility for the growing panic, with respected researchers including Dr. Braun giving it a gloss of authority. He and others ran seminars and distributed research papers; they even gave the phenomenon a quasi-medical abbreviation, SRA, for satanic ritual abuse.

Dr. Braun's inpatient unit at Rush became a magnet for referrals and a warehouse for patients, some of whom he kept medicated and under supervision for years.

Among them was a woman from Iowa named Patricia Burgus. After interviewing her, Dr. Braun and his colleague, Roberta Sachs, claimed that she was not only the victim of satanic ritual abuse, but was also herself a "high priestess" of a cult that had raped, tortured, and cannibalized thousands of children, including her two young sons.

Dr. Braun and Sachs sent Burgus and her children to a mental health facility in Houston, where they were held apart for nearly three years with minimal contact with the outside world.

By then Burgus, heavily medicated, had come to believe the doctors, telling them she recalled torches, live burials, and eating the body parts of up to 2,000 people a year. After her parents served her husband meatloaf, she had him get it tested for human tissue. The tests came back negative, but Dr. Braun was not convinced.

The satanic panic began to wane in the early 1990s. A 1992 FBI investigation found no evidence of coordinated cult activity in the United States, and a 1994 report by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect surveyed over 12,000 accusations of satanic ritual abuse and found that not a single one held up under scrutiny.

"The biggest thing was the lack of corroborating evidence," Kenneth Lanning, a retired FBI agent who wrote the 1992 report, said in a phone interview. "It's the kind of crime where evidence would have been left behind."

Many people distanced themselves from their earlier enthusiasms; in 1995, Geraldo Rivera apologized for his episode covering the falsehood. However, even in 1998, "Dateline" ran an episode on NBC claiming to show widespread satanic activity in Mississippi.

Burgus sued Rush, Dr. Braun, and her insurance company over claims that he and Sachs had implanted false memories in her head. They settled out of court in 1997 for $10.6 million.

"I began to add a few things up and realized there was no way I could come from a little town in Iowa, be eating 2,000 people a year, and nobody said anything about it," Burgus told The Chicago Tribune in 1997.

A year later Dr. Braun's unit at Rush was shut down, and the Illinois medical licensing board opened an investigation into his practices. In 1999, he received a two-year suspension on his license — though he did not admit wrongdoing.

Casey Benjamin, free-spirited saxophonist

By Alex Williams
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Mr. Benjamin had many collaborations during his musical career. However, in recent years, he toured with his own band, with a solo album scheduled to be released later this year.

Casey Benjamin, who brought colorfully expansive saxophone flourishes to the Grammy-winning Robert Glasper Experiment and added rich layers of texture to recordings by Solange, A Tribe Called Quest, and many others, died March 30 in Maryland. He was 45.

The cause was pulmonary thromboembolism, his brother, Kevin, said. He did not say where in Maryland Mr. Benjamin died.

Known for his willingness to experiment, his exuberant stage persona, and his trademark swirl of locs, often streaked with teal or red, Mr. Benjamin was a founding member of pianist Robert Glasper's combo, which, critic Nate Chinen wrote in The New York Times in 2012, "specializes in deep, immersive grooves, nourished as much by hip-hop and R&B as any known species of jazz."

"Black Radio," the band's fourth album on the venerable Blue Note label, featured guest appearances by neo-soul singer Erykah Badu, rappers Lupe Fiasco and Yasiin Bey (formerly Mos Def), and others. It won the 2012 Grammy Award for best R&B album and rose to No. 15 on the Billboard album chart. Mr. Benjamin shared another Grammy with the band in 2015 when "Jesus Children," a Stevie Wonder cover, won for best traditional R&B performance.

Whether collaborating with Glasper or critically acclaimed vibraphonist Stefon Harris in the band Blackout, Mr. Benjamin showed off his distinctive voice on his primary instrument, alto saxophone. In an obituary, the jazz bible DownBeat wrote that he "possessed a fluid, round sound on the alto saxophone and a unique sense of phrasing."

But he never let himself be limited by genre, style, or even instrument; he created a rainbow of sounds using not only reeds and woodwinds but also a vocal synthesizer manipulated with a keytar (a keyboard instrument worn with a strap around the neck), along with other synthesizers and effects pedals.

"Everything is basically about textures," he said in a 2012 video interview. "My love for synths, I try to translate it into everything I'm doing. Even with a woodwind instrument, I try to emulate a Moog, or some sort of keyboard or analog synthesizer."

As Derrick Hodge, the bassist and composer who worked with Mr. Benjamin in both the Experiment and Blackout, put it in an interview: "Before Casey would ever play a note, you would see him, and something about his energy just exuded freedom — 'Hey, let's get into something that just speaks to us, that feels real.' "

Mr. Benjamin's many collaborations included appearances on "We Got It From Here ... Thank You 4 Your Service," the 2016 comeback album by A Tribe Called Quest, and on Solange's chart-topping album "A Seat at the Table" that same year.

Along with Glasper, Hodge, and many others, Mr. Benjamin played on "Love Will Find a Way" (2019), the first solo album in nearly two decades by Earth, Wind & Fire vocalist Philip Bailey.

Earlier that decade he had toured with Patrick Stump, the lead singer of the band Fall Out Boy, in support of his 2011 solo album, "Soul Punk."

During a recent Fall Out Boy concert in Milwaukee, Stump paused to pay an emotional tribute to Mr. Benjamin: "I don't say this lightly. He was probably the most talented musician I've ever met anywhere."

Even when playing in support of other artists, Mr. Benjamin viewed himself less as a sideman than as a fellow musical voyager.

"Ninety-nine percent of my career I've been hired to be myself," he said in a 2018 interview with the website HighBreedMusic. " 'I want Casey Benjamin; just let him do what he does.' Because I've created this lane for myself, I created this sort of thing that only I can do."

Casey Bryon Benjamin was born Oct. 10, 1978, in Brooklyn, the youngest of three children of Gentle Benjamin, a television video producer from Grenada, and Julieta (McAlmon) Benjamin, a nurse assistant from Panama.

Casey was already showing an interest in jazz by the time he was 4, and by 8 he was learning to play piano, with saxophone soon to follow. Growing up in South Jamaica, Queens, he was also surrounded by the sounds of the Caribbean that were percolating in his neighborhood. "With Caribbean and Latin culture, the party aspect is always deeply ingrained in the music," he told HighBreedMusic.

After graduating from the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in Manhattan in 1996, he studied music at the New School for Social Research in Greenwich Village, where he met Glasper, setting in motion collaborations that would help define his career.

In recent years, he toured with his own band, with a solo album scheduled to be released later this year.

In addition to his parents and his brother, Mr. Benjamin leaves his sisters, Nicole Benjamin and Cristina King, and his partner, Whitley Davis.

Addressing the audience at the recent Fall Out Boy concert, Stump recalled his own taciturn stage persona in the band's early years, and said that Mr. Benjamin had helped change that. "His authority for joy was pervasive," he said. "And to be in his presence was to understand that music is supposed to be joy. We're supposed to share this together."

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY DON AUCOIN



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Thanks to streaming, 'Suits' is wearing pretty well

"Suits" is having a moment.

The soapy, high-voltage legal drama ran on the basic-cable USA Network from 2011-19, with a cast that included Gabriel Macht, Patrick J. Adams, Gina Torres, Sarah Rafferty, Rick Hoffman, and Meghan Markle.

Markle is the only member of that ensemble who can be considered a household name, and that has to do with her title (and experiences) as the Duchess of Sussex, not with "Suits."

While "Suits" always had loyal fans and was an important part of the USA Network's prime-time lineup, it was not a particularly buzzy series in the wider culture.

It is now. Three developments, in rapid succession, attest to the newfound cachet of the series.

First, "Suits" became a streaming phenomenon last year, breaking viewership records on Netflix, with viewing minutes reportedly in the tens of billions. The series could also be viewed on Peacock, NBCUniversal's streaming service.



IAN WATSON/USA NETWORK VIA AP

Meghan Markle (above) and Gabriel Macht (top) in "Suits," which ran from 2011-19.

Then, last month, NBC confirmed that a "Suits" spinoff is in the works, set in Los Angeles and titled, inevitably, "Suits L.A."

Finally, it was announced this week that "Suits" will make its broadcast debut this fall. All nine seasons of the series will be aired on MyNetwork TV, a syndication service owned by the Fox Corporation. That means that fans new and old will be able to watch the series for free.

"Suits," which is no longer in active production, was not exactly an awards magnet during its run — a fact alluded to by Adams and Macht during January's Golden Globes ceremony, when they presented the award for Outstanding Drama series.

"There's nothing more dramatic or anxiety-inducing than waiting all night to hear that your category [has] finally arrived," said Macht.

Replied Adams dryly: "Yes, that's true. It's hard to imagine having to wait so long to see your show get that kind of recognition."

Bottom line: Revenge is a TV dinner best served cold.

ASK AMY

Guest is baffled by need to shower

Q. How should I react to some of the baffling requests for gifts and money when invited to wedding showers, weddings, and baby showers?

I just received an invitation for my niece's baby shower (my sister is her mom). Request number one was for a book instead of a card. OK, fine, but she is asking people to give this, along with a gift. She then offered for guests to enter in a raffle if they would bring a package of diapers. This is in addition to the gift and the book. She then said not to wrap the gift, and to have the gift sent directly to their home, so she could visit with her guests instead of opening these gifts in front of them (not, of course, because opening gifts and acknowledging the people giving them is tedious or schlepping the gifts home is annoying.)

At a baby shower for a friend's daughter, I felt I'd broken the rules when I gave a gift that was not on the registry. This was in addition to giving a wedding shower gift and a wedding gift to someone I barely know.

Am I just overly sensitive because I got married at the courthouse and don't have kids? Can I decline some of these events and send a not-so-extravagant gift? Do I have to suck it up, even though I think this trend continues to bring out money grubbing expectations that have very little to do with connecting with others?

PETTY?

A. Remember this: Anyone can ask for anything. It's a free country! But receiving a request does not obligate you to do anything about it, except to politely RSVP to an invitation.

Back in the Stone Age when I was an expectant mother, baby showers were held in someone's living room; gifts were opened in front of the guests and a parade of tiny onesies were held up for everyone to appreciate. The guests were thanked and acknowledged at the time and — if the expectant mother was savvy and polite — a note would be sent to each of the guests afterward.

My insight into modern baby showers comes from a few I've attended more recently which are held in banquet halls and attended by dozens of women. Unwrapped gifts are placed on a table and guests pick up their preprinted "thank you" note on the way out of the venue. (I do like the trend toward not wrapping gifts at these huge events, due to the waste.)

Registries can be extremely helpful (they tell you what the recipient wants or needs), but you are not obligated to buy a gift off of a registry.

Q. I need a gut check.

I've been with my girlfriend, "Stella," for three years. We are in our late-20s. Stella is great. She is gorgeous and loving and very nice. Everyone loves her. I do, too.

The problem I'm having is that she is extremely gullible. She believes whatever conspiracy nonsense has most recently floated through her social media feed. Most of this misinformation has to do with health-related issues and because she follows and comments on it, she is fed more of it.

Her latest bit is that she believes that cellphones cause brain cancer. She can believe whatever she wants, but now this is starting to interfere with my own life because she is trying to influence me.

I'm tired of this and thinking of breaking up with her, but this seems like a trivial reason to break up with someone who is so great in every other respect.

Can you weigh in?

BORED

A. What a person thinks — and how a person thinks — is not a trivial matter. According to you, your girlfriend is also trying to control you.

Do you want to go through life having to defend your own rational choices? Do you want to possibly have a family with someone whose views about health and wellness are so radically different from your own?

I sincerely doubt it.

Q. "Tricked in Illinois" believed her mother was manipulating her by asking for a ride to church.

My late mother wanted a ride to church on Christmas Eve and I was too busy and selfish to notice. She got a ride with my brother-in-law, who was divorced from my sister. He understood!

I will always regret that day.

WANDA

A. "Tricked in Illinois" described a history of manipulation, but I hope she will make her choice based on your perspective.

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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	Greater Boston	R. Steves	This Old House	Old House	Secrets of the "Windsor Castle"		Local, USA		Amanpour and Company (N)	
4 WBZ CBS	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Sheldon (N)	Ghosts (N)	So Help Me Todd "Is the Jury Out?" (N)		Elsbeth "Ball Girl" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Colbert
5 WCVB ABC	News (N)	Chronicle	9-1-1 "Abandon Ships"		9-1-1 "Rock the Boat"		9-1-1 "Capsized"		NewsCe-nter 5 (N)	(:35) J. Kimmel
6 WLNE ABC	Hollywood	Inside Ed.	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1 "Capsized"		ABC6Ne..	J.Kimmel
7 WHDH	Inside Ed. (N)	Extra (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	7 News at 9PM (N)		7 News at 10PM (N)		7 News at 11PM (N)	(:35) Inside Ed.
9 WMUR ABC	Chronicle	News (N)	9-1-1		9-1-1		9-1-1 "Capsized"		News (N)	J.Kimmel
10 NBC Boston	Boston News (N)	Holly-wood (N)	Law "Inconvenient Truth" (N)		Law-SVU "Combat Fatigue" (N)		Law & Order "Crossroads" (N)		Boston News (N)	(:35) J. Fallon
10 WJAR NBC	News (N) (Live)	Extra (N)	Law "Inconvenient Truth" (N)		Law-SVU "Combat Fatigue" (N)		Law & Order "Crossroads" (N)		News (N) (Live)	(:35) J. Fallon
11 WENH PBS	Travels-cope	Granite State (N)	Windows	Stories-Stage	Train "Norway's Bergen Railway"		The Merrimack: River at Risk		Amanpour and Company (N)	
12 WPRI CBS	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Sheldon (N)	Ghosts (N)	So Help Me Todd "Is the Jury Out?" (N)		Elsbeth "Ball Girl" (N)		12 News at 11 (N)	(:35) Colbert
25 WFXT FOX	ET (N)	TMZ (N)	Next Level "Picture Perfect" (N)		Farmer "Final Solo Dates" (N)		Boston 25 News at 10PM (N) (Live)		News (N) (Live)	(:35) News (N)
27 WUNI	Rosa "Enorme mentira" (N)		Tu vida es mi vida (N)		Mujer (N)		El amor no tiene receta (N)		Noticias Univisión	SaborDe/ (:35) Noti..
36 WSBE PBS	Cook's Country	Story-Public Sq	Double Feature: Presented by RI		PBS NewsHour		Roots Ciara, Alanis Morissette		PBS NewsHour	
38 WSBK	Big Bang	Big Bang	WBZ News 8p (N)		News (N)	Daytime Jeopardy	48 Hours (N)		Big Bang	Seinfeld
44 WGBX PBS	Test Kitchen	Antiques	The Outlaws "Episode Three"		Ms. Fisher's Modern "Death Alley"		Vienna Blood "The Lost Child, Part 1"		PBS NewsHour (N)	
50 WWJE	South-Homicide		Heartland Homicide		Dateline		Dateline		Almost "Trooper"	
56 WLVI CW	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Patti Stanger: The Matchmaker (N)		Lovers and Liars (N)		7 News at 10PM on CW56 (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family
64 WNAC FOX	Family Feud	Family Feud	Next Level "Picture Perfect" (N)		Farmer "Final Solo Dates" (N)		12 News on Fox Pr (N)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld
68 WBPX ION	Chicago P.D. "Out of the Depths"		Chicago P.D. "You Only Die Twice"		Chicago P.D. "The Bleed Valve"		Chicago P.D. "Fight"		Chicago P.D. "New Life"	
PREMIUM CABLE										
Cinemax	(6:35) ★★ Scary Movie 3 ('03)		★ Gulliver's Travels ('10) Jason Segel, Jack Black.		(:25) ★★ Kingpin ('96) Randy Quaid, Woody Harrelson.				(:20) ★★ Out of Time ('03)	
Flix	(6:25) ★ A Thousand Words		★★★ Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events		(:50) ★★★ Ghost Town ('08) Téa Leoni, Greg Kinnear, Ricky Gervais.					(:35) ★★ Clerks II
HBO	(5:55) ★★★ The Social Network ('10)		The Sympathizer "Death Wish"		★★★ The Zone of Interest ('23) Christian Friedel.		(:50) Brandy Hellville & the Cult of Fast Fashion ('24)			
HBO 2	(:55) The Synanon Fix		Jerrod Car	Alex Edelman: Just for Us			The Sympathizer "Death Wish"		★★★ Parasite ('19) Song Kang-ho.	
Showtime	(6:00) ★★ Deliver Us From Evil (P)		★★★ Talk to Me ('22) Sophie Wilde.		(:35) Fear the Night ('23) Kat Foster, Maggie Q.				(:10) Gentleman "The Last Rostov"	
Showtime 2	(5:30) Carol	Kokomo City ('23)		(:45) ★★ The Aggressives ('05)			Beyond the Aggressives: 25 Years Later ('23)			Frank Miller's ...
Starz!	(:05) ★★ The Bone Collector ('99) Angelina Jolie, Denzel Washington.				(:05) Mary & George "The Hunt"		★★ Operation Fortune: Ruse de guerre ('23) Aubrey Plaza, Jason Statham.			
TMC	(6:30) Crawlspace ('22) Henry Thomas.		★★ Indecent Proposal ('93) Demi Moore, Woody Harrelson, Robert Redford.				★ Sliver ('93) William Baldwin, Tom Berenger, Sharon Stone.		(:50) Rift ('22)	
SPORTS										
CBSSN	(6:00) Football	Inside Football	Inside College Football		Cornhole ACL Teams: Missouri Maize vs. Virginia Cutters (N) (Live)				PBR UTB: Everett (N) (Live)	
ESPN	NHL Hockey Seattle Kraken at Minnesota Wild From the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. (N) (Live)				NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Colorado Avalanche From Ball Arena in Denver. (N) (Live)					
ESPN2	NFL 2024 NFL Draft	NFL Live Marcus Spears		Welco-me/NFL	Gymnastics NCAA Championship, Evening Session (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
Fox Sports 1	WWE Friday Night SmackDown The fallout from WrestleMania XL.				Pregame (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at San Francisco Giants (N) (Live)			
Golf	(6:00) Chevron Ch.		Central (N) (Live)		PGA Tour Golf RBC Heritage, First Round					
NBA	(6:30) NBA Play.		GameTi..	GameTi..	NBA Playoff Playback			GameTi..	GameTi..	NBA Play.
NBC Sports	Early Edition		Best of Felger & Mazz Radio		Best of Zolak and Bertrand		Boston Sports (N) (Live)		Boston Sports	
NESN	Pro Women's Hockey Toronto at Boston (N) (Live)				My Story		C. Moore	C. Moore	New Eng.	Bensinger
FAMILY										
Cartoon	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	American	Rick
Disney	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Hailey's on It!	Hailey's on It!	Marvel's Moon Girl	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	Jessie	Jessie
Encore Family	(6:30) Tarzan ('13)		(:05) After the Ball ('15)				(:50) According to Greta ('09)		(:25) Nutty Professor	
Nickelodeon	LoudHou..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	SpongeB..	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends		Friends	Friends
Nick Jr.	(5:55) TBA	(:45) PA..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	PAWPatr..	Rubble	Rubble

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BASIC CABLE										
A&E	The First 48 "Meet Up for Murder"		The First "Forensics Don't Lie" (N)		Accused: Guilty or Innocent? (N)		Raw "Massacre in Maine" (N)		(:05) Secrets-Hells "Hell's Agents"	
AMC	★★ The Mummy ('99) Brendan Fraser.						(:45) ★★ The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser.			
Animal Planet	Catch "Brother in the Bight"		Deadliest Catch "Clash of Kings"		Deadliest Catch "Becoming Captain"		Deadliest Catch "Bad Moon"		Deadliest Catch "450 Mile Storm"	
BBC America	(6:00) ★★★ The Fifth Element ('97)				★★★★ The Terminator ('84)					Movie
BET	Celebrity Squares	Celebrity Squares	Neighbor	Neighbor	The Temptations					
Bravo	(5:00) Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azka...		Summer House "Point Break"		Summer House "Close Encounters" (N)			McBee "Family Succession"		Summer House
CMT	Mama's	Mama's	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNN	OutFront (N) (Live)		Cooper 360 (N)		The Source With (N)		CNN (N) (Live)		Laura (N) (Live)	
Comedy Central	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show (N)	(:35) South Pa..
CSPAN	(3:30) U.S. House (N) (Live)				Public Affairs Events					
CSPAN2	(2:45) US..	Public Affairs Events								
Dest. America	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront	Lakefront
Discovery	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized	
Discovery Life	Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Untold Stories of ER		Sex "Get a Room"		Sex Sent Me	
E!	★★★ Easy A ('10) Emma Stone.				★★ Bad Teacher ('11) Cameron Diaz.				E! News	Sex-City
Encore	(:10) ★★ The Lawnmower Man ('92)				★★ Act of Valor ('12)			(:55) ★★ Basic ('03)		
Food	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	24 in 24: Last "Shift 1: Speed" The first three-hour shift tests chefs' speed.			
Fox News	Ingraham (N) (Live)		Jesse (N) (Live)		Hannity (N) (Live)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News (N) (Live)	
Freeform	★★★ The Lion King ('94)				★★★★ The Little Mermaid ('89)				The 700 Club (N)	
FUSE	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Malcolm	Go Back to China ('19) Anna Akana.			
FX	(5:30) Free Guy		★★ Old School ('03) Luke Wilson.				★★ Old School ('03) Luke Wilson.			
FXM	Movie	(:45) ★★★ The Rock ('96) Nicolas Cage, Sean Connery.						(:35) ★★★ The Rock ('96)		
Hallmark	The Presence of Love ('22)				Legend of the Lost Locket ('24)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark Myst.	Flower "Snipped in the Bud"				Flower "Dearly Depotted"				Murder, She Wrote	
HGTV	House Hunters	House Hunters	House (N)	House	Down Home "Baby Makes Five" (N)		Hunters Int'l (N)	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	House Hunters
History	Swamp People "Boom or Bust"		Swamp People "Ice Cold Gamble" (N)			(:35) Swamp People "Backyard Blitz" (N)	(:35) Swamp People "Swamp Jaws"			
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
HSN	Comfort Code (N)		Gabor Wigs (N)		The List With (N)		The List With (N)		The List With (N)	
ID	Monster "Friends Outside of Work"		Psycho-path	Psycho-path	Psycho-path	Psycho-path	Psycho-path	Psycho-path	Psycho-path	Psycho-path
IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
Lifetime	Castle "Sleeper"		Theresa Caputo (N)		Theresa Caputo (N)		(:05) T. Caputo		(:05) T. Caputo	
LMN	(6:00) Surrogate Sca...		Locked in My House ('24) (P)				Beware the Night Nurse ('23)			
MAGN	Off the Grid		Off the Grid		Off the Grid (N)		Off the Grid		Off the Grid	
MSNBC	ReidOut (N) (Live)		All In (N) (Live)		Wagner (N) (Live)		Last Word (N) (Live)		11th Hour (N) (Live)	
MTV	Jersey Shore		Jersey Shore (N)		Jersey Shore		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
National Geographic	Conquistadors "A New World"		Conquistadors: The Rise and Fall		Conquistadors: The Rise and Fall (N)		Conquistadors "The Inca Conquest" (N)		Lost Treasures-Maya	
NatGeoWild	The Incredible		Cesar Millan		Cesar Millan		Cesar Millan		Cesar Millan	
NECN	necn NOW (N)		Dateline		Dateline		HUBToday	OpenHou..	1st Look	Rescue
NewsNation	On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N) (Live)		Dan Abrams (N)		Banfield (N) (Live)		Cuomo	
Ovation	Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries		Murdoch Mysteries	
OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN	
Oxygen	Dateline: Unforgettable "Twisted"				Unforgettable		Unforgettable		Unforgettable	
Paramount	Two Men	Two Men	★★ Tommy Boy ('95) David Spade, Chris Farley.					★★ We're the Millers ('13)		
QVC	Effy Diam. (N) (Live)		From Diamonds to Diamonique				Affinity Diamond Jewelry (N) (Live)			
Science	Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of		Mysteries of	
Sundance	Law & Order "Rebels"		Law & Order "Savages"		Law & Order "Jeopardy"		True Crime Story (N) (SP)		Law & Order "Hot Pursuit"	
SyFy	(6:00) ★ R.I.P.D.		(:05) ★★★ Tombstone ('93) Val Kilmer, Kurt Russell.						★★ Snitch ('13)	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Jokers	Jokers	★★★ Pitch Perfect	
TCM	(6:15) Merrily We Live		★★★★ The Thin Man ('34)			(:45) ★★ Killer's Kiss ('55)			★★ Real Life ('79)	
TLC	My Strange		My 600-Lb. Life (N)				600-Lb. Life "Sean"			
TNT	(5:30) ★★ The Meg		★★ Godzilla vs. Kong ('21) Alexander Skarsgård.					★★★ Kong: Skull Island ('17)		
Travel	Unknown		Beyond the Unknown				Mystery "The Void"		Blind Frog Ranch	
TruTV	Steam Room-EJ		★★ The Replacements Keanu Reeves.					Jokers	Jokers	Jokers
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King	King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
USA	Law & Order: SVU "Wet"		★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy ('14) Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Chris Pratt.					(:35) ★★ The Wolverine ('13) Hugh Jackman.		
VH-1	(5:30) ★ Grown Ups		★ Grown Ups 2 ('13) Kevin James, Adam Sandler.					★★ I Feel Pretty ('18)		
WE	Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones		Bones	

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Mass. General addition gets OK

Construction to include 94 new beds; critics fear rise in health care costs

By Travis Andersen and Chris Serres
GLOBE STAFF

State regulators on Wednesday approved a request from Massachusetts General Hospital to add nearly 100 new beds to its massive downtown construction project, the hospital said.

In a statement, Mass. General said the Massachusetts Public Health Council unanimously approved a "net increase of 94 licensed inpatient beds" at the hospital. The State House News Service previously reported on the approval.

The beds, the hospital said, will become available gradually with the phased opening of a new clinical building along Cambridge Street in 2027 and will help alleviate a capacity crisis that often forces patients to wait for extended periods in the Emergency Department for a bed.

"Patients are at the center of everything we do throughout all of Mass General Brigham as we work to address the most complex, nuanced health care issues facing the communities we serve," said Dr. Anne Klibanski, president and CEO of Mass General Brigham, the hospital's parent company, in the statement.

She said the vote "affirms our ongoing commitment to providing the best care possible in the most advanced, therapeutic environments. We thank the Massachusetts Public Health Council for their support in these efforts and for fostering a thoughtful dialogue throughout the application process."

The Globe reported in January that Mass. General, in seeking the extra beds, had argued that its capacity was growing urgently low.

The hospital initially asked to add the same number of beds when it first proposed its new, $1.8 billion Philip and Susan Ragon Building, which is currently under construction. The new building will be home to the Mass General Cancer Center and will include inpatient rooms as well as exam rooms, operating rooms, and an underground parking garage, according to the project's website.

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MGH AND NBBJ

A rendering of the planned expansion of Massachusetts General Hospital.



Joe D'Avena got an extra $200 after a pursuit to redeem his gift card to the now-closed Flutie's Sport Pub in Plainville's Plainridge Park Casino

SEAN P. MURPHY
THE FINE PRINT

At age 85, Joe D'Avena is a regular at Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville.

He says he loses money almost every time he goes (who doesn't?), yet finds it strangely relaxing to pass a few hours totally engrossed in the pursuit of a promised jackpot (somebody has to win it!).

D'Avena sees his losses playing the slots as an acceptable price to pay for a form of entertainment he's enjoyed for decades. And who knows, maybe he'll hit the jackpot next time.

But what D'Avena doesn't find acceptable is losing out on a $50 gift card given to him as a Christmas gift by a favorite niece.

"It's not the money, it's the principle," he told me about his years-long quest to get his gift card redeemed at the casino. "I'm a regular customer, and they should treat me better than that."

Plainridge Park became the state's first casino when it

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Joe D'Avena was given a $50 gift card by niece and was disappointed when he could not redeem it when he tried.

Sage stock plunges 20% after failed drug trial

Parkinson's treatment dropped in new setback for Cambridge biotech

By Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

Shares of Sage Therapeutics closed down nearly 20 percent Wednesday after the Cambridge biotech announced that its experimental drug for mild cognitive impairment in patients with Parkinson's disease failed a mid-stage study.

Sage said it would scrap the medicine, called dalzanemdor, as a potential treatment for Parkinson's because it failed to perform better than a placebo.

"We are disappointed by the results of the [mid-stage] study given the significant burden of mild cognitive impairment on people and families affected by Parkinson's Disease," Barry Greene, Sage's chief executive, said in a statement.

'We are disappointed by the results of the [mid-stage] study.'

BARRY GREENE, *Sage Therapeutics CEO*

It was the latest setback for Sage, which in August announced it would lay off 40 percent of its workforce, roughly 275 employees, and shake up its leadership team. The layoffs followed a decision that month by federal regulators to approve the firm's new drug for postpartum depression but not for major depressive disorder, a far bigger market. That new drug, Zurzuvae, was co-developed by Cambridge-based Biogen.

Sage is also testing dalzanemdor in two mid-stage trials on cognitive impairment that stems from two other neurological disorders, Huntington's disease and Alzheimer's disease. The results of those studies are expected later this year. Greene said dalzanemdor's failure in Parkinson's shouldn't dampen hopes for its potential to treat those conditions.

The way Parkinson's affects the brain and causes symptoms is "distinctive," Greene said,

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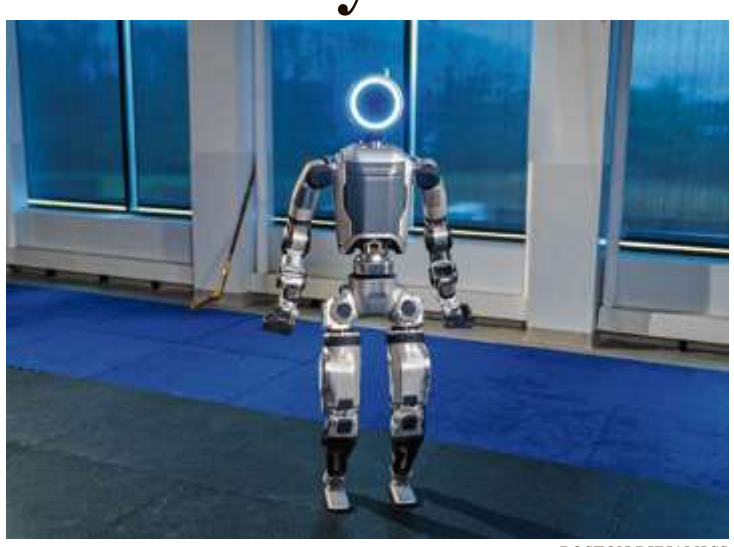
Boston Dynamics' dancing robot will go on sale



BOSTON DYNAMICS

Boston Dynamics said its Atlas robot will be developed commercially and sold to the manufacturing industry.

After years as an experimental effort (and YouTube star), Atlas will be purchasable

By Aaron Pressman
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Waltham robotics pioneer Boston Dynamics is entering the increasingly crowded market for humanoid robots.

For years, the company has released wild videos of its human-shaped robot, Atlas, performing tricks such as dancing, doing back flips, and starring in a Super Bowl commercial. But the hydraulic-powered "research platform," as the company called it, was never intended for sale.

Until now. On Wednesday, Boston Dynamics announced it has created a commercial version of Atlas that will be sold — eventually — to the manufacturing industry.

The new Atlas is electric-powered and able to lift heavy items with strength exceeding an elite human athlete, the company said. The robot can also twist its body and move in ways that a human cannot, such as bending its knees backwards and spinning its torso 360 degrees.

The announcement comes as interest and investment in humanoid robots has taken off. In less than two years since Elon Musk unveiled Tesla's Optimus robot, startups led by Agility Robotics in Oregon and Figure AI in California have raised billions of dollars. And, in October, Amazon said it would try using Agility's

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AVIATION

ALASKA AIRLINES BRIEFLY GROUNDS PLANES OVER TECHNICAL ISSUE

Alaska Airlines briefly grounded all flights Wednesday due to a technical issue. The Seattle-based airline said in a statement it requested a ground stop for all Alaska and Horizon air flights out of an abundance of caution after it "experienced an issue while performing an upgrade to the system that calculates our weight and balance." The grounding came as Senate committees held dual hearings Wednesday examining allegations of major safety failures at Boeing, which has been pushed into crisis mode since a door-plug panel blew off a 737 Max jetliner during an Alaska Airlines flight in January. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUTOMOTIVE

FORD RECALLING BRONCOS AND MAVERICKS OVER BATTERY ISSUE

Ford is recalling more than 456,000 Bronco Sport and Maverick vehicles due to a battery detection issue that can result in loss of drive power, increasing crash risks. According to documents published by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the body and power train control modules for these cars may fail to detect changes in battery charge. And when undetected, a low battery charge can cause an unexpected loss of drive power — including sudden stalling or inability to restart — and the use of other electric capabilities like hazard lights. The recall covers about 403,000 model year 2021-2024 Bronco Sports produced between February 2020 and March 2024, as well as more than 53,000 model year 2022-2023 Mavericks manufactured from February 2021 to October 2022, a recall report dated Friday notes. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDIA

HUGH GRANT SAYS HE GOT LARGE SETTLEMENT FROM THE SUN OVER PHONE TAPS, BUGS



Hugh Grant received "an enormous sum of money" to settle a lawsuit accusing The Sun tabloid of unlawfully tapping his phone, bugging his car, and breaking into his home to snoop on him, the actor said Wednesday after the agreement was announced in court. Grant, who along with Prince Harry had sued News Group Newspapers, said he settled reluctantly because he could have been stuck with a huge legal bill even if he prevailed at trial. Under civil court rules, he would have had to pay legal fees to both sides if he was awarded a penny less than the settlement offer. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

NATIONAL GUARD TO USE AI TO ASSESS DISASTERS

Google on Wednesday said it is providing artificial intelligence tools to help the National Guard analyze images of disaster areas so it can respond to them faster and more effectively. Bellwether, a new group inside "X," the innovation lab that is part of Google's parent company Alphabet, has developed tech that can ingest photos taken at an angle by airplanes, compare them with satellite imagery and maps, and automatically identify locations, roads, buildings, and other important infrastructure. Bellwether has been testing the tech with the National Guard, which will deploy it in time for the summer wildfire season. — WASHINGTON POST

INTERNATIONAL

TOSHIBA TO LAY OFF 5,000

Toshiba is seeking to cut 5,000 jobs or roughly 10 percent of its headcount in Japan, the Nikkei reported, underscoring the fading stigma of layoffs in a country grappling with chronic labor shortages. The Tokyo-based company is downsizing noncore businesses and will book a one-time cost of roughly $650 million as a result, the Nikkei reported without saying where it got the information. Layoffs have been rare in a country that has some of the world's strictest worker protection laws. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

RESTAURANTS

RED LOBSTER CONSIDERING FILING FOR BANKRUPTCY



Seafood restaurant chain Red Lobster is mulling a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing as it looks to restructure its debt, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The dining chain is considering a possible Chapter 11 filing to shed some long-term contracts and renegotiate a swath of leases, the people said. Red Lobster's cash flows have been weighed down by onerous leases and labor costs, among other issues. Restructuring discussions are ongoing and a final decision hasn't been made, they said. Filing for bankruptcy would allow the company to keep operating while it works on a debt-cutting plan. Red Lobster traces its roots to a single restaurant in Lakeland, Fla., in 1968, according to its website. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

FINANCE

STATE STREET MAY ACQUIRE CUSTODY BUSINESS

State Street is exploring a potential acquisition of Societe Generale's custody business, people with knowledge of the matter said, as the French lender pushes to streamline its operations. Boston-based State Street has been discussing terms of a possible purchase of Societe Generale Securities Services, known as SGSS, the people said. Societe Generale has been seeking more than $1.1 billion for the business, according to the people, who asked not to be identified because the information is private. The unit also attracted interest from other suitors, and there's no certainty State Street will reach a deal, according to the people. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

PHARACEUTICALS

LILLY'S WEIGHT LOSS DRUG SHOWS PROMISE WITH SLEEP APNEA

Eli Lilly's weight-loss drug Zepbound improved sleep-related breathing problems in highly anticipated studies that may convince more insurers to cover the $1,000-a-month treatment. In two late-stage trials of patients with obstructive sleep apnea, a condition closely linked to obesity, Zepbound reduced the number of times breathing slowed or stopped during sleep by up to 63 percent from the baseline, Lilly said in a statement Wednesday. Patients in the 52-week studies also lost as much as 20 percent of their body weight, Lilly said. Lilly said it plans to share full results from the trials at the American Diabetes Association conference in June. The drug giant plans to submit those results to the US Food and Drug Administration and other regulators beginning mid-year. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

THEME PARKS

EXPANSION OF DISNEYLAND APPROVED



Visitors to Disney's California parks could one day walk through the snow-covered hamlet of Arendelle from "Frozen" or the bustling, critter-filled metropolis of "Zootopia" under a park expansion plan approved by the Anaheim City Council. Disney would spend at least $1.9 billion over the next decade to transform its 490-acre campus in densely-populated Southern California. It would be the biggest expansion of Disney's Southern California theme parks in decades, aiming to create more immersive experiences for guests. Disney would also be required to spend tens of millions of dollars on street improvements, affordable housing, and other infrastructure in the city. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEDIA

NPR EDITOR RESIGNS AFTER SUSPENSION OVER LIBERAL BIAS ESSAY

A National Public Radio editor who wrote an essay criticizing his employer for promoting liberal views resigned on Wednesday, a day after it was revealed that he had been suspended. Uri Berliner, a senior editor on NPR's business desk, posted his resignation letter on X, formerly Twitter. NPR would not comment on the resignation. Its head of public relations said the organization does not comment on individual personnel matters. While Berliner said that he wishes NPR to thrive and do important journalism, he wrote that "I cannot work in a newsroom where I am disparaged by a new CEO whose divisive views confirm" problems that he discussed in his essay. Katherine Maher, a former tech executive appointed in January as NPR's chief executive, has been criticized by conservative activists for social media messages that disparaged former president Donald Trump. The messages predated her hiring at NPR. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCKLAND TRUST BANK

Mass. General addition gets OK from state panel

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But though state regulators in 2022 approved the tower — largely intended to transition from double to single rooms — they blocked the addition of the beds over concerns that they could increase health care costs. The Department of Public Health said then that MGH could come back with the proposal to add beds later.

Paul Hattis, a senior fellow at the Lown Institute, a Needham-based health care think tank, called the approval "puzzling," given the state Department of Public Health had previously rejected the proposal to add the in-patient beds as too costly.

He noted that the state's Health Policy Commission estimated that the expansion would increase state health care spending by up to $40 million a year.

"It's not in the best interests of the residents of the Commonwealth to have health care spending go up," Hattis said. "I know that [MGH] and the industry is capacity-challenged now, but they may not be in 2027 when the new tower comes online."

Alan Sager, a Boston University professor of health law, policy, and management, said the expansion would drive up costs without addressing long-standing inefficiencies in the health care system.

"One of the reasons our hospital care is so expensive is that we rely so heavily on major teaching hospitals to care for us — even for routine problems that could be handled elsewhere," Sager said. "If we keep adding beds in the most expensive hospitals, health care in Massachusetts will become increasingly unaffordable for more and more of our seven million citizens."

MGH said in January that nearly every day for the prior 16 months, its emergency department had been so full that all the hospital's inpatient beds and monitored hallway stretchers were full.

On some occasions, the hospital has triggered "capacity disaster" status, a term used to denote that more than 45 inpatients have been admitted to the hospital but are stuck in the emergency department, because there isn't yet a bed available for them.

In September alone, MGH said, a quarter of patients admitted to the hospital waited in the emergency room for more than 24 hours. Because of capacity constraints, the hospital declined nearly half of requested in-patient transfers from community hospitals in the last fiscal year, according to an MGH spokesperson.

"We are deeply grateful to our partners in state government who recognize, as we do, that we are at a critical moment for patients," said Dr. David F. M. Brown, the Mass General Brigham president of academic medical centers and former MGH president, in Wednesday's statement.

The bed expansion drew significant support from Boston-area lawmakers.

State Representative Jay Livingstone, a Beacon Hill Democrat and House chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, and nine other legislators sent a letter this week urging state regulators to approve the expansion, citing a "persistent and worsening capacity crisis" at MGH.

The approval Wednesday comes as state officials are grappling with a separate crisis involving eight Massachusetts hospitals run by Steward Health Care.

Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey on Monday sent a letter to two companies that own Steward's hospital buildings in Massachusetts calling on them to reduce lease payments or terminate their leases to enable new owners to buy the financially squeezed hospitals.

The move is the latest by members of the state's congressional delegation to focus attention on other businesses that helped Dallas-based Steward craft a controversial $1.2 billion sale-leaseback deal in 2016 that saddled Steward's eight Massachusetts hospitals with heavy debt as the system seeks to turn them over to new owners.

Governor Maura Healey has also called publicly for Steward to relinquish ownership of its Massachusetts hospitals, but state officials have taken a quieter approach in their efforts to keep the hospitals open.

The state Department of Public Health is hosting a series of closed-door regional meetings with hospitals and community health centers starting Thursday to prepare for an influx of patients if Steward were to cut services or close hospitals in the coming months. But pressure is mounting on state officials to be more transparent about their steps.

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VW workers in Tennessee start vote on joining UAW

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NEW YORK TIMES

Last fall the United Automobile Workers union won big pay increases from the Detroit automakers, and the impact rippled quickly through the nonunion auto plants scattered across the South.

Afterward, Toyota, Honda, Volkswagen, Nissan, Hyundai, and Tesla raised wages for their own hourly workers in the United States, none of whom are unionized. On production lines in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and elsewhere, those pay increases have been referred to as the "UAW bump."

Now 4,300 workers at Volkswagen's plant in Chattanooga, Tenn., will test whether the union can achieve an even greater bump. On Wednesday, they begin voting on whether to join the UAW, and the prospects of a union victory appear high. About 70 percent of the workers pledged to vote yes before the union asked for a vote, according to the UAW.

"I think our chances are excellent," said Kelcey Smith, 48, who has worked in the VW plant's paint department for a year and is a member of a committee working to build support for the UAW. "The energy is high. I think we are going to nail it."

Volkswagen has presented reasons it believes a union is not needed at the plant, including pay that is above average for the Chattanooga region. But it has also said it encourages all workers to vote in the election, which is to conclude on Friday, and decide for themselves. "No one will lose their job for voting for or against the union," a company spokesperson said.

The vote at VW will be followed by another election — as yet unscheduled — at a Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance, Ala., where the UAW says a majority of workers have signed up to back the union.

Boeing whistle-blower says shortcuts could lead to crash

By Mark Walker
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — A Boeing engineer who went public last week with safety concerns about the company's 787 Dreamliner told a Senate panel on Wednesday that he was concerned that shortcuts the company was taking would eventually lead to a crash if they continued unchecked.

The engineer, Sam Salehpour, testified that in an attempt to address bottlenecks, Boeing introduced production shortcuts with the potential to lead to planes breaking apart during flights. Salehpour said that the company was knowingly putting out defective planes and that he was punished by his superiors for raising his concerns.

"I have analyzed Boeing's own data to conclude that the company is taking manufacturing shortcuts on the 787 program that may significantly reduce the airplane's safety and the life cycle," Salehpour told the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee's investigations subcommittee.

He added that details "the size of a human hair can be a matter of a life and death."

Salehpour, who has been at Boeing for more than a decade, said the problems resulted from changes in how sections of the Dreamliner were fastened together during the manufacturing process. Boeing has acknowledged that manufacturing changes had been made but said that the durability of the airframe was not affected, and the company has continued to express confidence in the plane and its safety.

"Extensive and rigorous testing of the fuselage and heavy maintenance checks of nearly 700 in-service airplanes to date have found zero evidence of airframe fatigue," Boeing said in a statement issued before the hearing, adding that the company was "fully confident in the safety and durability" of the plane.

The subcommittee's chair, Senator Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, said that the panel did not want Boeing to fail but added that the company needed to be held accountable.

"It is a company that once was preeminent in engineering and safety," Blumenthal said. "We want to restore the luster of that reputation and its business, which have been so sadly battered."

Salehpour appeared on Capitol Hill about a week after The New York Times reported his claims about the Dreamliner, a widebody jet that is both a key product for Boeing and one that has caused the company a litany of problems over the years.

Salehpour went public at a time when Boeing was already facing questions over the quality and safety of its passenger jets after a door panel blew off a 737 Max during an Alaska Airlines flight in January. Since then, the company has come under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Justice Department over the episode.

Salehpour's allegations about the Dreamliner, which relies heavily on lightweight composite materials, were the latest blow to the plane maker's reputation. He has said that sections of the plane's body were improperly fastened together and could break apart during flight after thousands of trips.

The company tried to rebut Salehpour's claims Monday by hosting reporters at the South Carolina plant where the Dreamliner is assembled. Two high-ranking engineers detailed the extensive testing that the aircraft had received and said that the company had found no evidence of fatigue in the plane's composite structure.



KENT NISHIMURA/GETTY IMAGES

Sam Salehpour, an engineer who has been at Boeing for more than a decade, told a Senate panel Wednesday that in an attempt to address bottlenecks, the company introduced production shortcuts with the potential to lead to planes breaking apart during flights.

No one from Boeing was among the witnesses at the hearing. Last month, Blumenthal and the top Republican on the subcommittee, Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, wrote to Boeing's CEO, Dave Calhoun, and asked him to testify Wednesday. Boeing is in talks with the senators about appearing.

"Boeing understands the important oversight responsibilities of the subcommittee, and we are cooperating with this inquiry," the company said in a statement. "We have offered to provide documents, testimony and technical briefings, and are in discussions with the subcommittee regarding next steps."

Johnson said during the hearing that the panel was seeking information from Boeing and the FAA about Salehpour's allegations but had yet to receive responses. Johnson warned that the committee would subpoena the information if it faced any attempts of stonewalling.

Biden vows to bar US Steel buyout, add more tariffs

By Chris Megerian and Will Weissert
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PITTSBURGH — President Biden promised cheering unionized steelworkers on Wednesday that his administration would block the acquisition of US Steel by a Japanese company, and he called for a tripling of tariffs on Chinese steel, seeking to use trade policy to win over working-class votes in Pennsylvania, an election-year battleground.

Biden said during a visit to the headquarters of the United Steelworkers union that US Steel "has been an iconic American company for more than a century, and it should remain totally American."

"American owned, American operated by American union steelworkers — the best in the world — and that's going to happen I promise you," the Democratic president said.

His administration is reviewing the proposed acquisition by Japan's Nippon Steel. Biden said last month he would oppose the deal, saying it was "vital for it to remain an American steel company that is domestically owned and operated."

But in front of a pro-union audience, he went far further. "The backbone of America has a steel spine," Biden said.

In another move that his administration argues can protect domestic steelworkers, Biden is pushing for the higher tariffs on Chinese steel and aluminum, aiming to insulate American producers from a flood of cheap imports.

While the announcements reflected the intersection of Biden's international trade policy with his reelection effort, the White House insisted they were more about shielding American manufacturing from unfair trade practices overseas than firing up a union audience.

The current tariff rate is 7.5 percent for both steel and aluminum but could climb to 22.5 percent. Biden said he was asking his trade representative to raise the tariffs.

The administration also promised to pursue investigations against countries and importers that try to saturate existing markets with Chinese steel and said it was working with Mexico to ensure that Chinese companies cannot circumvent the tariffs by shipping steel there for subsequent export to the United States.

"The president understands we must invest in American manufacturing. But we also have to protect those investments and those workers from unfair exports associated with China's industrial overcapacity," White House national economic adviser Lael Brainard said.

As Biden was greeted by a small group of steelworkers upon his arrival, one said, "Keep US Steel in America." Biden responded: "Guaranteed." And in his speech, the president told the crowd, "It ain't labor, it's unions."

He was on a three-day Pennsylvania swing that began in his childhood hometown of Scranton on Tuesday and will include a visit to Philadelphia on Thursday.

In a brief exchange with reporters before leaving Scranton, Biden was asked about the escalating trade tensions with China, and he responded, "No trade war." Later, at Scranton's war memorial, Biden crouched down and ran his fingers along the name of one of the fallen — uncle Ambrose J. Finnegan Jr., who died in World War II.

The announcement on steel tariffs was cheered by US steelmakers. Kevin Dempsey, president of the American Iron and Steel Institute, accused China of disrupting "world markets both by subsidizing the production of steel and other products and by dumping those products in the US and other markets."

The tariff move, however, is largely symbolic.

The US imported roughly $6.1 billion in steel products in the 12 months ending in February 2023, but just 3 percent of those imports came from China, according to Census Bureau figures. Citing already existing trade barriers, the American Iron and Steel Institute said China last year accounted for just 2.1 percent of US steel imports, making it America's seventh-biggest source of foreign steel.

Meanwhile, US Trade Representative Katherine Tai announced that her office, acting on a petition from five national labor unions, was investigating China for "targeting the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors for dominance."

"The allegations reflect what we have already seen across other sectors," Tai said in a statement.

The administration has accused China of more broadly distorting markets and eroding competition by unfairly flooding the market with below-market-cost steel.

"China's policy-driven overcapacity poses a serious risk to the future of the American steel and aluminum industry," Brainard said. Referencing China's economic downturn, she added that Beijing "cannot export its way to recovery."



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President Biden spoke to members of the United Steel Workers Union at the union headquarters on Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

FTC is said to consider blocking major fashion merger

By Lauren Hirsch
NEW YORK TIMES

The Federal Trade Commission is preparing to sue to block a luxury fashion megamerger, Tapestry's $8.5 billion takeover of Capri Holdings, two people with knowledge of the matter said.

The FTC's five commissioners are expected to meet next week to discuss the case, a move that could precede a formal vote on whether to file a lawsuit, the two people said. The duo, not authorized to discuss the deliberations, said it was still possible that the agency could opt not to sue.

The deal, intended to bring together labels such as Tapestry's Coach and Kate Spade with Capri's Versace and Michael Kors, would create an American luxury conglomerate to compete with European powerhouses like Louis Vuitton's parent, LVMH, and Kering, the owner of Gucci.



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Tapestry, parent company of luxury handbag retailer Coach, wants to buy Capri Holdings.

Monopoly cases in the fashion industry are rare because there is no shortage of new labels looking to undercut legacy brands. "It is the paradigmatic part of the economy where there is ample competition," said Howard Hogan, chair of the fashion, retail, and consumer practice at the law firm Gibson Dunn.

Investors have increasingly bet against the deal, which was announced last August, being completed. Shares of Capri have fallen more than 20 percent this year, while Tapestry's have gained 6 percent. (Typically, shares of the target of a takeover gain while shares of the buyer fall.) Capri's shares slipped further in trading Wednesday, closing down 6.41 percent, while while Tapestry's was down just 0.91 percent.

The FTC has been scrutinizing the deal for months, even as it was approved by regulators in the European Union and Japan. US regulators could argue that putting Michael Kors and Coach under the same roof may limit the need for those brands to compete on price, which could in turn make their products more expensive for consumers.

Tapestry and Capri could point to the rise of upstart brands like Cult Gaia and Aupen, which celebrities like Taylor Swift have helped make popular.

Tesla wants $56b Musk pay package reinstated

By Tom Krisher and Michelle Chapman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Tesla will ask shareholders to reinstate a $56 billion compensation package for CEO Elon Musk that was rejected by a judge in Delaware this year, and to move the electric car maker's corporate home from Delaware to Texas.

In a filing with federal regulators early Wednesday, the company said it would ask shareholders to vote on both issues during its annual meeting on June 13.

In January, Chancellor Kathaleen St. Jude McCormick ruled that Musk is not entitled to a landmark compensation package awarded by Tesla's board of directors that is potentially worth about $55.8 billion over 10 years starting in 2018.

Five years ago, a Tesla shareholder lawsuit alleged that the pay package should be voided because it was dictated by Musk and was the product of sham negotiations with directors who were not independent of him.

Musk said a month after the judge's ruling that he would try to move Tesla's corporate listing to Texas, where he has already moved company headquarters.

Almost immediately after the judge's ruling, Musk did exactly that with Neuralink, his privately held brain implant company, moving its corporate home from Delaware to Nevada.

In a letter to shareholders this week, chairperson Robyn Denholm said that Musk has delivered on the growth it was looking for at the automaker, with Tesla meeting all of the stock value and operational targets in a 2018 CEO pay package that was approved by shareholders.

"Because the Delaware Court second-guessed your decision, Elon has not been paid for any of his work for Tesla for the past six years that has helped to generate significant growth and stockholder value," Denholm wrote. "That strikes us — and the many stockholders from whom we already have heard — as fundamentally unfair, and inconsistent with the will of the stockholders who voted for it."

Tesla posted record deliveries of more than 1.8 million electric vehicles worldwide in 2023, according to a regulatory filing. But the value its shares has eroded quickly this year as sales of electric vehicles soften.

Future growth is in doubt and it may be a challenge to get shareholders to back a fat pay package in an environment where competition has increased worldwide and demand for electric vehicle sales is fading.

Tesla's shares have lost more than one third of their value this year as massive price cuts have failed to draw more buyers. The company said it delivered 386,810 vehicles from January through March, nearly 9 percent fewer than it sold in the same period last year.

Shareholders also will be asked to cast a nonbinding advisory vote on 2023 executive compensation.

But the proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission does not address Musk's demand to own 25 percent of Tesla shares for him to pursue artificial intelligence and robotics at the company. At present he owns 20.5 percent of the company.

In January Musk challenged the Tesla board in a post on X, the social media platform he now owns, to come up with a new compensation package. Unless he gets 25 percent, he wrote that he'd prefer to build products outside of Tesla, apparently with another company.

Wedbush analyst Dan Ives, who is normally bullish on Tesla, said in an interview that the filing doesn't address multiple issues including Musk's future compensation.

"It's the elephant in the room because Musk has threatened over X, and it's been a massive overhang" for Tesla stock, Ives said.



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In January, a Delaware judge ruled that Tesla CEO Elon Musk was not entitled to the package awarded by Tesla's board.

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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts

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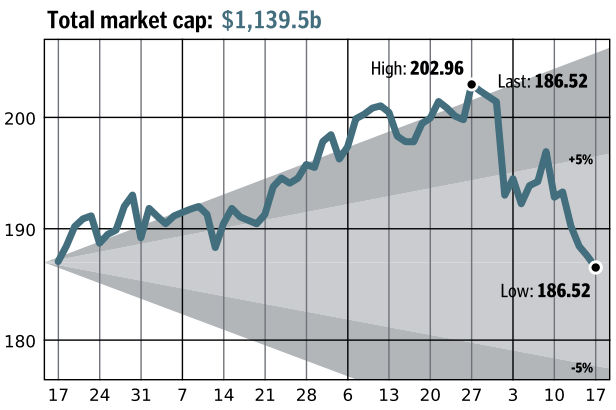

Yesterday 186.52 ▼ 1.03 ▼ 0.5% ▼ YTD 1.1%

	Price	Chg	% chg	Market cap (bil.)
Thermo Fisher Sci (TMO)	547.25	-7.30	-1.3	208.7
TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	93.13	-0.25	-0.3	105.5
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	393.10	-1.07	-0.3	101.6
Boston Scientific (BSX)	67.96	-0.16	-0.2	99.9
Analog Devices (ADI)	189.43	-1.80	-0.9	93.9
American Tower Corp (AMT)	172.02	-0.19	-0.1	80.3
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	30.88	+0.44	+1.4	42.8
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	103.44	-0.35	-0.3	39.6
GE Vernova Inc (GEV)	134.75	+4.68	+3.6	36.7
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	633.45	-0.40	-0.1	32.1
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	192.16	-2.99	-1.5	27.9
Symbotic Inc (SYM)	41.96	+1.08	+2.6	24.7
Veralto Corp (VLTO)	90.55	-0.34	-0.4	22.3
Iron Mountain (IRM)	75.15	+0.44	+0.6	22.0
State Street Corp (STT)	72.81	-0.21	-0.3	22.0
PTC (PTC)	177.48	-1.14	-0.6	21.2
Eversource (ES)	58.51	+1.31	+2.3	20.5
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	42.21	-2.73	-6.1	20.1
Entegris Inc (ENTG)	129.25	-1.75	-1.3	19.5
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	145.32	-1.40	-1.0	18.3
Waters Corp (WAT)	304.18	-9.54	-3.0	18.0
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	74.92	-0.19	-0.3	17.6
Teradyne Inc (TER)	102.07	-2.86	-2.7	15.6
Akamai (AKAM)	100.34	-0.99	-1.0	15.4
Dynatrace Inc (DT)	44.43	-0.09	-0.2	13.2

Markets

Wall Street slide continues

Sinking technology stocks sent Wall Street lower again on Wednesday, and the S&P 500 fell to its fourth straight loss. Tech stocks slumped after ASML, a Dutch company that is a major supplier to the semiconductor industry, reported weaker orders for the start of 2024 than analysts expected. Its stock trading in the United States slumped 7.1 percent. Nvidia dropped 3.9 percent and Broadcom sank 3.5 percent. United Airlines soared 17.4 percent after reporting stronger results for the start of the year than analysts expected. Travelers slumped 7.4 percent after the insurer's quarterly results fell short of forecasts. It had to contend with more losses from catastrophes. J.B. Hunt Transport Services fell 8.1 percent after reporting weaker revenue and results than expected. Omnicom Group rose 1.6 percent after reporting stronger profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected. The stock of Donald Trump's social media company also continued to swing sharply, this time jumping 15.6 percent. That followed two straight losses of more than 14 percent. In the bond market, the 10-year Treasury yield sank to 4.58 percent from 4.67 percent late Tuesday. The two-year yield fell to 4.92 percent from 4.99 percent.

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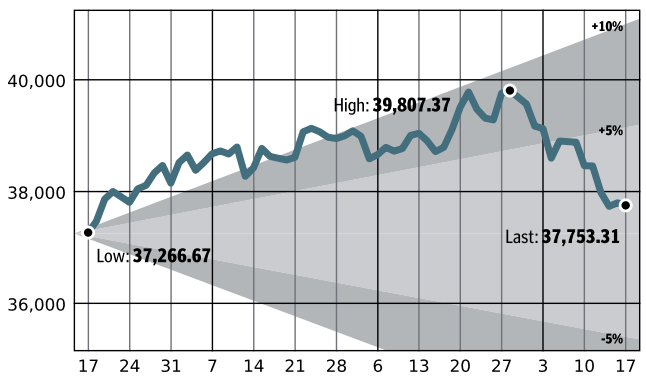

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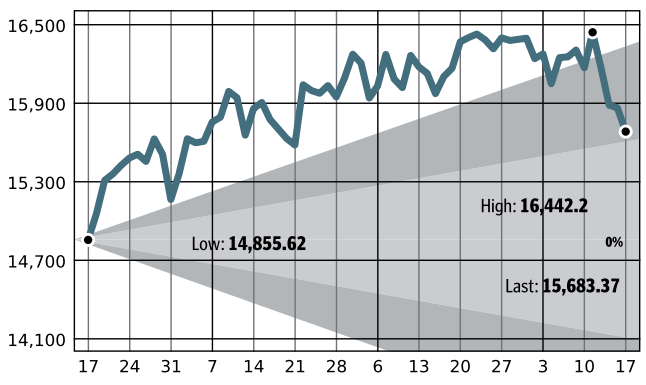
NASDAQ Composite index



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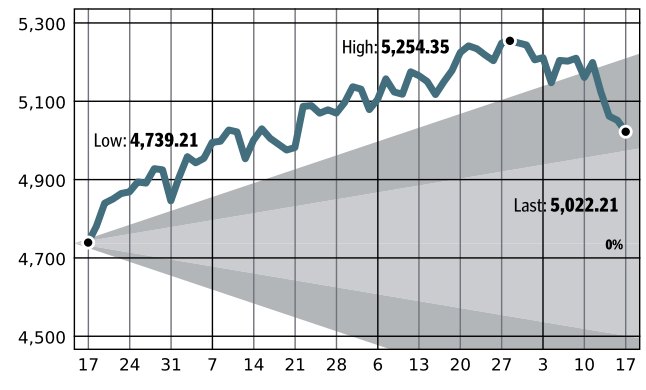
S&P 500 index



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SOURCE: Bloomberg News



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Flutie's Sport Pub at Plainridge Park Casino seen in 2015. The pub closed amid the pandemic and never reopened.

Persistence pays off at casino

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opened its doors to great fanfare in 2015. Since then, it has paid a staggering $633 million in taxes to the state and now employs hundreds, from wait staff to on-site management. It's owned and operated by Penn Entertainment, a publicly traded national corporation with billions in annual revenue. Penn Entertainment is very much Big Business.

So big, perhaps, that the likes of Joe D'Avena can get overlooked.

But D'Avena, a retired salesman who lives on the Cape and still works part time delivering auto parts, persisted. And his persistence — with a little help from the Globe — finally paid off.

It all began a few years ago when his niece, Linda Muren, gave him a gift card which she thought was exclusively for use at Flutie's Sport Pub.

The pub, named for BC football great Doug Flutie, opened with the casino, but closed when the pandemic decimated the hospitality industry and never reopened.

It closed before D'Avena got to use his gift card. Since then, he has approached casino personnel several times asking to use the $50 on the slots or at another restaurant. But he says he repeatedly got brushed off.

On March 12, D'Avena sat down for lunch at the restaurant that replaced Flutie's, The Sportsbook at Plainridge Park (you can place a bet while waiting for your burger and beer). He asked the waitress if the restaurant would accept his gift card, but she said no, after checking with the restaurant manager.

"It's too old," D'Avena said the waitress told him.

A couple of weeks later, D'Avena's niece wrote an email to me. She said I might be able to help convince her stubborn uncle that his quest for $50 was a bit quixotic.



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Joe D'Avena and his niece, Linda Muren, outside the Plainridge Park Casino in Plainville.

Muren believed that the restaurant manager was right, that the card was worthless. As she wrote to me, "when a company goes out of business … the money's gone."

D'Avena, however, was adamant that Plainridge Park should validate his gift card.

"He feels respecting a regular patron and honoring the gift card is the right thing to do," especially because the casino is owned by a company "with lots of money," Muren wrote to me.

Then she cast me into the role of arbiter.

"He wants your opinion," Muren wrote, adding that D'Avena is a regular reader of this column. "I think your opinion can help settle this for him."

I was flattered, but, honestly, my first reaction was to agree with Muren. If a restaurant goes under (and so many of them do), what's the point of chasing the owner for a refund if there are no assets. And for $50?

Nevertheless, I asked Muren to send me pictures of the card, front and back. And that's when I realized it was issued by Plainridge Park, not Flutie's, even though it's embossed with "Flutie's Sports Pub" in big lettering on the front.

On the back of the card, in much smaller lettering, it says, "You may use this card at any participating Plainridge Park Casino outlet." Bingo.

I contacted Plainridge Park on D'Avena's behalf and management quickly apologized to him, promised to redeem his card and give him an extra $200 to spend on future lunches.

"While we strive to be perfect, we certainly are not," said North Grounsell, casino general manager. "We're sorry for the mistake."

I give Plainridge Park credit for belatedly owning up to its lapse, but a lot more credit to D'Avena and Muren for their doggedness.

Regarding gift cards in general, the most important thing is to use it before you lose it. If you don't use it in the first few months, the likelihood of you ever using it plummets.

Gift cards issued by most big national companies have no expiration date. And gift cards issued by merchants in Massachusetts expire no sooner than seven years under state law. (So the waitress was apparently mistaken in saying it was too old.)

Fifty bucks may not be a lot of money in today's world, but getting it rightfully back in Joe D'Avena's hands feels a little like hitting a consumer jackpot.

Got a problem? Send your consumer issue to sean.murphy@globe.com. Follow him @spmurphyboston.

Sage stock drops 20% after failed drug trial

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adding that "these results do not necessarily predict results with dalzanemdor in other neurodegenerative conditions."

Brian Abrahams, an analyst for RBC Capital Markets, was skeptical.

"We believe that confidence in these subsequent trials may be negatively impacted given the lack of any improvement in cognition" in the Parkinson's study, he said.

Sage compared how 86 Parkinson's patients who received either dalzanemdor or a placebo once a day fared on a test called the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale after six weeks. The drug made no statistically significant difference.

Parkinson's is a brain disorder that causes unintended or uncontrollable movements, such as shaking, stiffness, and difficulty with balance and coordination, according to the National Institute on Aging. Symptoms usually begin gradually and worsen over time.



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Sage CEO Barry Greene said the drug might work on other conditions.

Some people with Parkinson's experience mild cognitive impairment, according to the Parkinson's Foundation. Feelings of distraction or disorganization can occur, along with finding it hard to focus, plan, and accomplish tasks.

With Sage's decision to shelve dalzanemdor for Parkinson's, attention will turn to the company's first-quarter financial results on April 25. Sage is expected to have an update on sales of Zurzuvae, the new drug for postpartum depression, which has a list price of $15,900 for a 14-day course of treatment.

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Boston Dynamics will sell its dancing robot

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robots in its warehouses.

"We wanted to have a machine that, when we did announce, said to the world that Boston Dynamics just set the bar for humanoids again," Robert Playter, chief executive at Boston Dynamics, said in an interview. The new Atlas robot could move heavy and odd-shaped items around in a factory but isn't aimed at moving boxes in warehouses, he said.

"It's really the logistics within factories of moving the part to the assembly line," Playter said, noting that many parts have a shape or weight that it makes it difficult for typical factory robots to handle. "I don't really think it's boxes. If you're going to pick up boxes or bins, there's another robot you should go build."

Boston Dynamics has been working on the commercial version of Atlas for a while but did not want to unveil it publicly until it was close to finished, said Playter, who took over from founder and former MIT professor Marc Raibert as CEO in 2019. He declined to reveal how much the robot would cost.

At first, Boston Dynamics owner Hyundai will test the robot in its factories next year. Then, if things go according to plan, over the next few years, Atlas will expand to a small set of customers in the manufacturing sector, Playter said.

Atlas would be Boston Dynamics' third wide-scale commercial robot in its 32-year history. The company started selling its dog-like robot Spot in 2019. And Stretch, which can unload boxes from a truck, hit the market in 2022.

All of the robots, including the new version of Atlas, use machine learning and artificial intelligence technology to help navigate their environments. The company last year started using ChatGPT in software to control its Spot robot.

Playter said Atlas will need to be able to handle hundreds or even thousands of different tasks. "AI software is going to be essential for enabling that level of generality," he said.

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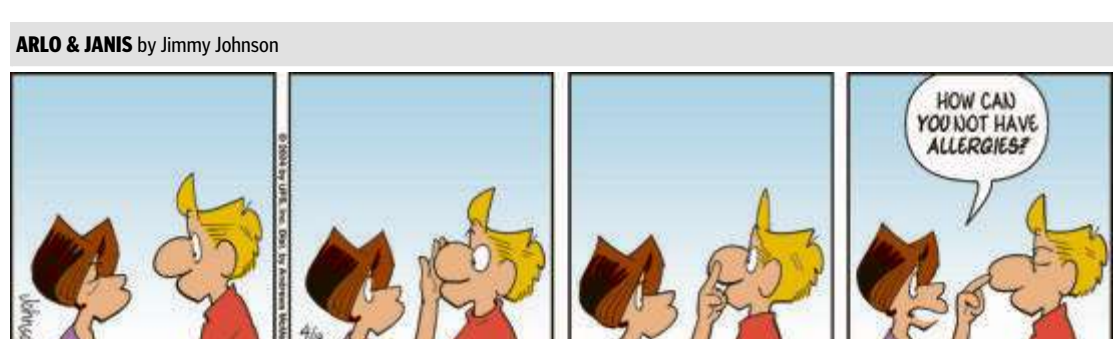

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25 Under a large tree on a sunny day, say
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49 Stereotypical teenage feeling
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52 Got up
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57 Some Punjabis, religiously
58 Shakespeare's river
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62 Church benches
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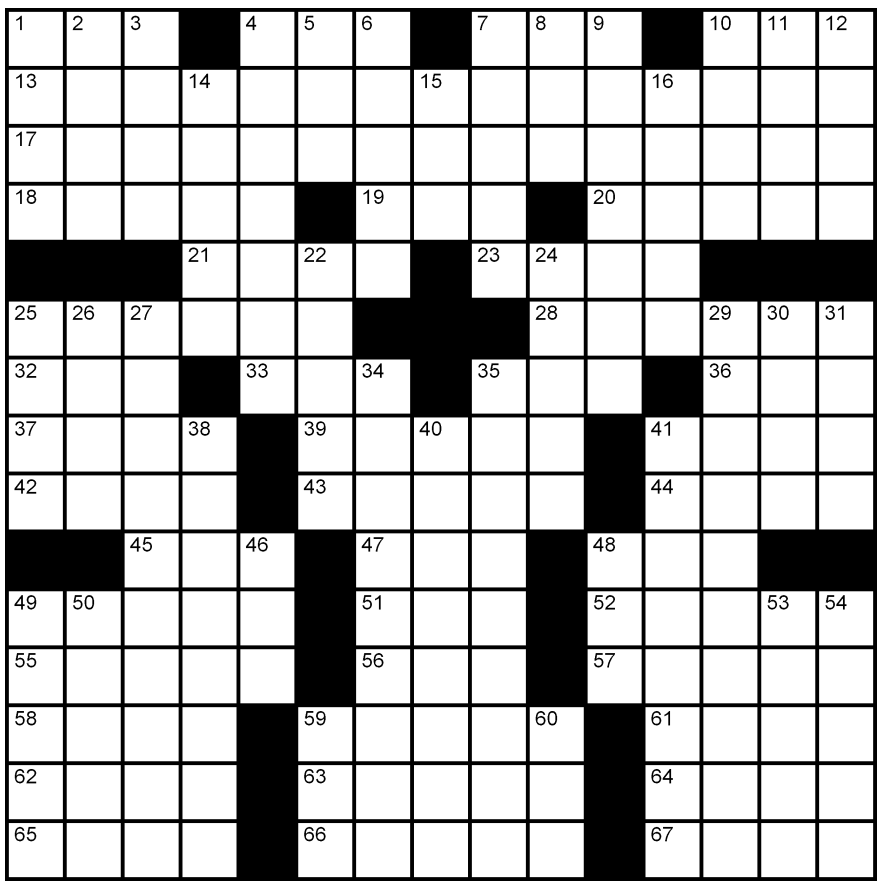
1 Recipe instruction
2 Unleavened cornbread
3 Against
4 Like someone who does not identify as cis or trans, maybe
5 Mauna ___ (Hawaiian volcano)
6 Grace under pressure
7 Decide that one will
8 Batman and Robin, e.g.
9 Certain hosp. worker
10 Runs at a gentle pace
11 Tennis champ Arthur
12 Dole (out)
14 "Good heavens!"
15 "Black-ish" dad
16 Yearns (for)
22 "That is," in Latin
24 German mathematician Carl Friedrich
25 Design detail, briefly
26 Get better
27 *With 29-Down, Betty Smith book set in New York City
29 See 27-Down
30 Meh
31 Little devils
34 Game played in a swimming pool
35 One-on-one conversation
38 Balderdash
40 Investigate further, and what the starts of the starred clues' answers can do?
41 Awful
46 Hog's home
48 Faux ___
49 Visibly shocked
50 Author's work, perhaps
53 Low on cash
54 ___ Park, Colorado
59 Speedometer letters
60 Cone's partner in the eye



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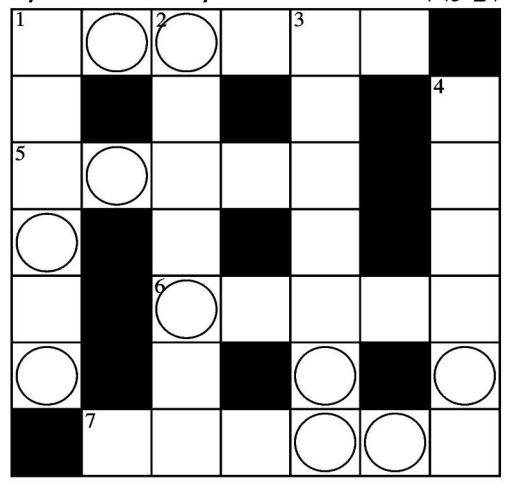

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. See	LHOEDB
5. "The ____ Limits"	EUORT
6. African mammal	HYNAE
7. Copy ____	RODEIT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Scan, skim	SWOBRE
2. Hooked, connected	HCITDEH
3. Biggest	ELASTRG
4. Debilitate	RIAIMP

CLUE: Construction on the ____ ____ began on Oct. 13, 1792.

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-Behold 5A-Outer 6A-Hyena 7A-Editor 1D-Browse 2D-Hitched 3D-Largest 4D-Impair B-White House

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Boston's forecast

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TODAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **47-52** LOW **38-43** | Mostly cloudy and damp. Winds ENE 10-20 mph. Mostly cloudy and damp tonight. Winds E 7-14 mph.

FRIDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **51-56** LOW **44-49** | Cloudy. Winds SE 8-16 mph. Cloudy at night with a brief shower or two. Winds SSW 7-14 mph.

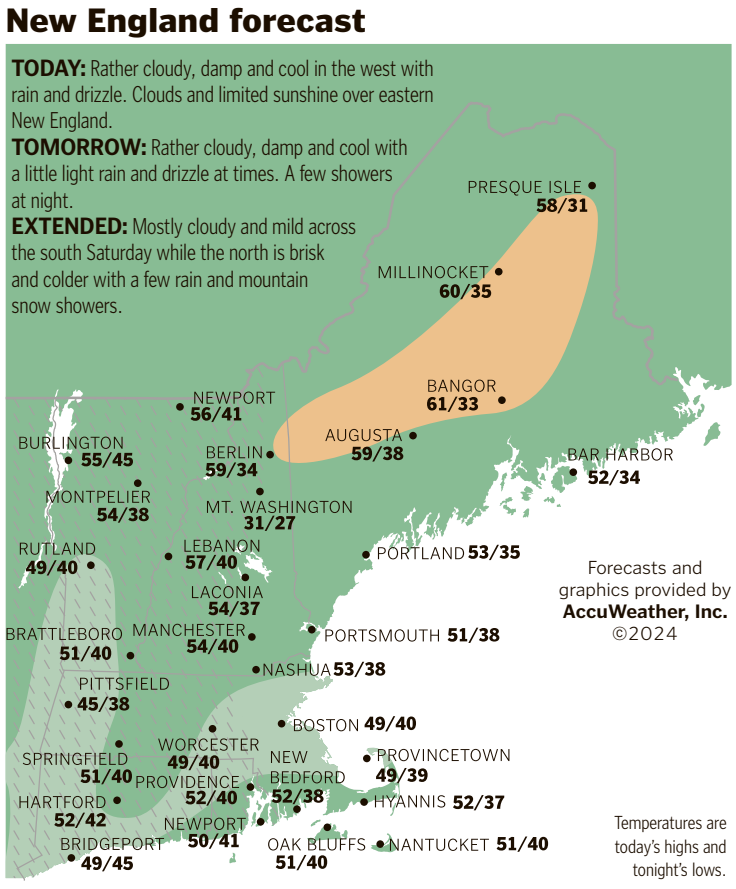
SATURDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **61-66** LOW **41-46** | Mostly cloudy and warmer. Winds W 10-20 mph. Clear to partly cloudy at night. Winds WNW 10-20 mph.

SUNDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **56-61** LOW **42-47** | Mostly sunny. Winds W 10-20 mph. Mainly clear at night. Winds W 8-16 mph.

MONDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.
HIGH **57-62** LOW **44-49** | Mostly sunny. Winds NE 7-14 mph. A moonlit sky at night. Winds SW 6-12 mph.

New England forecast

TODAY: Rather cloudy, damp and cool in the west with rain and drizzle. Clouds and limited sunshine over eastern New England.
TOMORROW: Rather cloudy, damp and cool with a little light rain and drizzle at times. A few showers at night.
EXTENDED: Mostly cloudy and mild across the south Saturday while the north is brisk and colder with a few rain and mountain snow showers.



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Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Almanac

Yesterday's high/low	50°/42°
Sunrise	5:58 a.m.
Sunset	7:30 p.m.
Moonrise	2:24 p.m.

Mount Washington (5 p.m. yesterday)

Weather	Partly sunny
Visibility	130 miles
Wind	northwest at 7 m.p.h.
High/low temperature	28/18
Snow depth at 5 p.m.	3.0"

Allergies Source: Asthma & Allergy Affiliates, Inc.

Trees	Weeds	Grass	Mold
High	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Yesterday's mold and spore rating.

Eastern Massachusetts air quality

GOOD 40 MOD. UNHEALTHY HAZARDOUS
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	2.43"	Year to date	19.66"
Precip days in April	11	Norm. month to date	2.18"	Norm. year to date	13.08"

Climate data are compiled from National Weather Service records and are subject to change or correction.

Tides

	A.M.	P.M.
Boston high	8:13	8:54
Height	8.8	8.5
Boston low	1:53	2:35
Height	2.1	1.5
High tides		
Old Orchard ME	8:08	8:48
Hampton Beach NH	8:22	9:02
Plum Island	8:18	8:55
Ipswich	8:03	8:40

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Gloucester	8:16	8:57
Marblehead	8:13	8:54
Lynn	8:20	9:00
Scituate	8:18	8:57
Plymouth	8:18	8:58
Cape Cod Canal East	8:06	8:47
Cape Cod Canal West	7:09	
Falmouth	7:57	8:38

High tides	A.M.	P.M.
Hyannis Port	9:11	9:59
Chatham	9:13	9:54
Wellfleet	8:27	9:08
Provincetown	8:18	8:57
Nantucket Harbor	9:13	9:51
Oak Bluffs	8:57	9:18
New Bedford	4:45	5:11
Newport RI	4:58	5:19

New England marine forecast

Small craft advisory · Gale warning · Storm warning

	Wind	Seas	Temp
Boston Harbor	E 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	49/43
East Cape Cod Canal	E 8-16 kts.	1-2 ft.	50/41
Buzzards Bay	E 8-16 kts.	1-2 ft.	51/42
Martha's Vineyard	SE 8-15 kts.	2-3 ft.	50/40
Nantucket	SE 10-20 kts.	2-3 ft.	51/42
Provincetown	SE 8-16 kts.	1-3 ft.	50/41

For current Charles River Basin water quality, call (781) 788-0007 or go to http://www.charlesriver.org.

Cities

Forecast high and low temperatures and conditions

● Travel delays possible, **C** Clouds, **F** Fog, **H** Haze, **I** Ice, **Pc** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **Sh** Showers, **S** Sun, **Sn** Snow, **Fl** Flurries, **T** Thunderstorms, **W** Windy

	Today		Tomorrow	
Atlanta	88/66	S	83/64	T
● Atlantic City	59/44	R	55/47	C
Charlotte	89/62	S	85/61	T
Chicago	60/42	Pc	60/38	Pc
● Dallas	88/58	T	70/59	T
Denver	45/34	C	53/29	R
Detroit	68/52	C	61/39	Pc
Fort Myers	87/67	Pc	88/67	S

	Today		Tomorrow	
Los Angeles	74/55	Pc	69/54	Pc
Miami	83/72	Pc	87/72	S
New Orleans	83/69	C	84/69	C
● New York City	50/46	R	56/48	C
Philadelphia	58/45	R	61/50	C
Phoenix	94/66	Pc	95/65	S
Salt Lake City	58/42	S	65/47	Pc
San Francisco	70/52	Pc	64/52	Pc

	Today		Tomorrow	
● Seattle	62/41	S	67/45	S
Washington	78/49	Pc	68/55	C
Beijing	82/56	Pc	70/53	C
● Cancun	88/73	Pc	87/75	S
Mexico City	86/59	S	84/57	Pc
● Montreal	51/42	R	56/42	R
Toronto	63/48	R	61/39	R
Vancouver	59/39	S	61/39	S

	Today		Tomorrow	
● Jerusalem	78/54	S	75/51	S
London	57/48	Pc	58/39	Pc
● Moscow	53/43	R	58/33	Sh
Paris	55/42	C	56/40	Pc
Rome	65/47	S	68/48	S
● San Juan	86/76	Sh	84/74	Sh
Stockholm	38/27	Pc	39/24	Sn
Tokyo	68/57	C	74/59	S

SUDOKU

		8	2				1	
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3	7				5			
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	5			3			6	
	4		6					
			3				5	8
			8	7				1
	8				1	4		

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

East dealer — N-S vulnerable

North
♠ K 10 6 3
♡ 6 3
♢ 8 5 3
♣ A Q 4 2

West
♠ 7
♡ 10 8 7 2
♢ J 9 6 2
♣ J 9 8 5

East
♠ 8 5 2
♡ A K J 5 4
♢ K Q
♣ 10 7 6

South
♠ A Q J 9 4
♡ Q 9
♢ A 10 7 4
♣ K 3

East	South	West	North
1 ♡	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

Opening lead — ♡ 2

"It was bad enough that I had a K-Q doubleton," Cy the Cynic told me, "but my partner was Grapefruit."

A K-Q tight is Cy's nemesis; it reminds him of marriage, an institution he distrusts. Grapefruit is the bane of my club; he berates his partners mercilessly.

Against four spades, Grapefruit led a heart, and Cy took the K-A and led the king of diamonds. South won, drew trumps, cashed three clubs to pitch a diamond, and led dummy's fourth club. When the Cynic threw a heart, South ruffed and exited with a diamond. Cy had to lead a heart, and South threw his last diamond as dummy ruffed. Making four.

"Sorry," Cy said, hoping to avoid the impending storm. But trying to placate Grapefruit is throwing meat to a lion and hoping it will become a vegetarian. He announced that Cy must be reincarnated because nobody could get so dumb in one lifetime.

On the fourth club, Cy must discard his queen of diamonds to avoid the end play. South always succeeds with better play.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ K 10 6 3 ♡ 6 3 ♢ 8 5 3 ♣ A Q 4 2. Your partner opens one diamond, the next player bids one heart and you double. Partner bids two spades. What do you say?

ANSWER: Your negative double promised four spades and enough values to respond, plus either club length or diamond tolerance. Partner's two spades does not show great strength; he has just "raised" the suit your double indicated. (He might bid one spade with A Q 4, 8 5 2, A K 7 2, J 7 3.) Pass.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 18, 2024:
You're energetic and dependable, and you have conviction. You stand by your beliefs. You are also confident and dignified. Lucky you! This is a playful, fun-loving year! Make time to let your hair down and enjoy yourself. Seek out pleasure, but don't lose sight of your goals.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*
Roll up your sleeves today, because anything that you do to get better organized will please you. With the Sun in your sign, you've got lots of energy. Meanwhile, Mercury is also retrograde in your sign creating hiccups, delays and goofy mistakes. Get busy! Tonight: Work.

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*
This is wonderful day to socialize! There are many activities that you will enjoy pursuing -- sports events, movies, the theater, social outings, playful activities with kids, as well as chances to express your creativity. It's a happy day, but you might prefer to be private or low-key. Tonight: Play!

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*
Welcome any opportunity to hunker down at home and relax among familiar surroundings. You'll enjoy your own company today. You might be involved in family activities. Old friends from the past plus people you know who are creative and talented might figure in your day. Tonight: Cocoon.

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*
You'll enjoy talking to others today, especially bosses, parents and people in authority. In turn, they will be happy to talk to you. In fact, someone might want your advice about how to make something look more attractive -- be it a garden or a webpage. Tonight: Discussions.

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*
Travel for pleasure will appeal to you today. You want a change of scenery and a chance to explore more of the world and expand your horizons. Perhaps you see now that you can financially swing this. Or you might see ways to make money by dealing with another country. Tonight: Check your belongings.

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*
Today the Moon is in your sign, which will make you more emotional than usual. However, the good news is that when the Moon is in your sign (which happens for two and a half days every month), it will slightly improve your luck! Ask the universe for a favor. See what happens. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*
This has been a social time for you lately due to hanging out with creative friends, spouses, partners, as well as contact with people from your past. However, today you will welcome an opportunity to lie low and contemplate your navel. Chill out. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*
This is a friendly day. Make an effort to reach out to others and talk to them, especially female colleagues. You might be surprised to find that a discussion will prompt you to modify your future goals. This interaction also might improve your job or even your health. Who knew? Tonight: Friendships.

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*
People notice you today. This could be because personal details about your private life are available for some reason to some people. Some of you might want to do some damage control. Meanwhile, this is a playful, fun-loving time. Accept invitations to socialize. Tonight: Be courteous.

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*
Do something different today. You want to explore and have a sense of learning something new. Your involvement with family and redecorating projects at home are time-consuming right now. You also might have family camped on your doorstep. Tonight: Explore!

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*
This is a busy, fast-paced week for you. Transportation delays and confused communications along with missed appointments might be maddening. Fortunately, Venus in your House of Communications will make you charming and diplomatic no matter what happens. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*
Be open to the suggestions of others today, especially partners and close friends. Be cooperative. This is the best way for you to make the most of this day because the Moon is opposite your sign. Moneymaking ideas along with shopping for beautiful things will appeal to you. Tonight: Cooperate.

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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



Today's Crossword Solution

S	P	A	■	A	L	P	O	D	E	■	H	O	P	E	D	E	N	T	S
T	O	N	O	G	O	O	D	P	U	R	P	E	W	S	■	L	Y	R	E
I	N	T	H	E	A	I	R	T	O	N	I	G	H	T	■	B	L	O	T
R	E	I	G	N	■	S	E	E	T	■	U	N	S	E	E	S	I	K	H	S
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Today's Sudoku Solution

7	8	6	9	5	1	4	3	2
5	3	4	2	7	8	6	9	1
1	2	9	3	4	6	7	5	8
9	4	3	6	2	8	1	7	5
2	5	1	4	3	7	8	6	9
8	6	7	5	1	9	3	2	4
3	7	2	1	8	5	9	4	6
6	1	5	7	9	4	2	8	3
4	9	8	2	6	3	5	1	7