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'These are things that are within our control.'

PHILLIP ENG, MBTA general manager, speaking about hiring and retention

## MBTA not meeting hiring goals for year

At current rate, could be a decade before all operator roles are filled

By Taylor Dolven

GLOBE STAFF

Good news for commuters: The T is on track to have enough employees to operate its trains and buses more reliably.

The bad news: It could take the agency more than 10 years to get there.

Federal regulators and state lead-

ers have said that staffing up is one of the top priorities for increasing safety and reliability at the MBTA, but growing the workforce has been and is a massive challenge for the agency. At Thursday's board of directors' subcommittee meetings, agency leaders revealed they are falling far short of their staffing goal for this fiscal year, and will not meet the

goal for the next fiscal year, which starts in July, unless the current rate of hiring and retention improves dramatically.

The T has added just 141 people to its staff in the last 10 months, when accounting for people who have left the agency, chief human resources officer Tom Waye told board members.

At that pace, it will take the T more than a decade to fill the 7,643 budgeted positions for next fiscal year with active employees, accord-

ing to calculations by transit advocates and the Globe. The T currently has 5,658 active employees, according to spokesperson Joe Pesaturo.

General manager Phillip Eng acknowledged the hiring and retention challenges in a phone interview and said he is working hard to remove roadblocks and grow the staff.

"These are not insurmountable things," he said. "These are things that are within our control."

The shortage is particularly

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## BY THE SEASIDE



JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

Two people enjoyed the quiet of South Boston's Carson Beach on Friday, the day the Metropolitan Beaches Commission announced an initiative to make beaches more welcoming for underrepresented communities and people with disabilities. The proposal addresses transportation concerns and includes plans for more programming. **B1**.

The Congressional Budget Office said that there was a "significant risk" that the federal government could run out of cash sometime in the first two weeks of June. **A2**.

Fierce cross-border fighting resumed between Israel and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group in the Gaza Strip, with the Israeli military killing another of the group's top commanders. **A4**.

A panel of advisers recommended that the FDA speed up approving a Duchenne muscular dystrophy treatment developed by Cambridge biotech Sarepta Therapeutics, despite questions about its clinical benefit and safety. **D1**.

## Nightmare or daydream? Swift fans scramble to fill blank spaces.

By Beth Teitel

GLOBE STAFF

Right about now there are two types of people in Boston: Those who have only some vague idea that Taylor Swift is coming to town, or who perhaps only vaguely know who she is. And those whose minds have been taken over.

Our subject for today is that second group — or, more precisely, a tormented, angst-ridden, full-on panicked subset of that group. For

them, with the clock ticking down to Swift's May 19 touchdown at Gillette, every waking hour is spent in pursuit of something they do not have, something that is literally the Most Important Thing in their Entire Lives.

Some in this group have not yet scored tickets, and if all else fails, they are planning to show up at the stadium, dressed in their Taylor best, and throw themselves on the mercy of the karma gods. Others

actually have tickets, but even so they are almost equally distraught. Why? Because for a variety of reasons — one of which involves the MBTA in the role of villain — they have no way to get to the stadium.

Erika Civitarese, 28, a social media manager for an artisanal pretzel company in Waltham, is among the ticketless. She fell in love with Swift as a sixth grader at John F. Kennedy Middle School in Hudson, when

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## Bee sides

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## Strickland Wheelock's got a brain for birds and loves to share what he knows

By Billy Baker

GLOBE STAFF

WEST KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Strickland Wheelock was walking down a wooded path, a battered Red Sox cap on his head and a pair of binoculars dangling from his neck, when he stopped suddenly and pointed to the distance.

"There's an Eastern towhee calling its name," he exclaimed. "Hear it? Tow-hee. Tow-hee."

Behind him, the dozen birders following him through the Great Swamp Wildlife Management Area went silent and listened until, yes, yes, they heard it as well. Tow-hee. Tow-hee.

"I call him the Pied Piper," Amy Loveless whispered to a reporter who was tagging along. "I've been birding with him for years, and it's always the same. He's up ahead, we're all trailing behind, and he'll



hear this far-off snippet of a song and know exactly what it is. And no matter how many times he's heard it, he'll still get excited, and then ev-

eryone will get excited."

For generations of New England birders, being infected by Strickland

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## Wu offers new map for council districts

Mayor aims to keep neighborhoods whole, asks officials to act quickly

By Danny McDonald

GLOBE STAFF

Just days after a judge barred Boston from using newly drawn maps for City Council seats, Mayor Michelle Wu on Friday evening proposed an alternative in a bid to bring clarity and direction to a redistricting process that has sunk into confusion.

In submitting a new political map to the City Council, Wu said her goal is to have cohesive neighborhoods remain within a single council district, rather than split among seats as they were in the previous map.

"The result is a City Council district map that unifies communities of interest within districts and attempts as best as possible to reflect how residents experience the city in their daily lives," the mayor wrote in a letter to councilors.

The political map drawn up by the City Council earlier this year after a bitter and protracted debate was challenged in federal court by a group of voters and civic associations. And this week, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction barring the city from using the new districts, determining that the legal challenge had a chance of successfully proving race played too heavy a role in the redrawn lines.

Now, under the watchful eye of the court, the council will have to devise a new map that complies with a complex tangle of federal legal re-

ADAMS VILLAGE, Page A7

## Ukraine takes back territory in Bakhmut

Recaptured land protects important supply chain

By Samya Kullab

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KYIV — Ukrainian military commanders said Friday that their troops had recaptured more territory from Russian forces at the scene of the war's longest and bloodiest battle, for the eastern city of Bakhmut, but it wasn't clear if this marked the start of Kyiv's long-awaited counteroffensive.

Russia's Defense Ministry, meanwhile, said Ukrainian forces had stepped up attacks north of the region while denying speculation by Russian military bloggers that the Kyiv forces had achieved "defense breakthroughs."

The 1.2 miles of territory that Ukrainian forces south of Bakhmut retook this week represented a significant gain and will protect an important supply chain, according to commanders of Ukraine's 3rd Separate Assault Brigade, a special forces unit that led the attack.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said he met with the top military commanders Friday,

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At left, Strickland Wheelock (left) led a bird tour in the Great Swamp Wildlife Management Area. Among the birds spotted that day were an Eastern towhee.

'No matter how many times he's heard it, he'll still get excited, and then everyone will get excited.'

AMY LOVELESS

Birder on a tour led by Strickland Wheelock

# The Nation

## US at high risk of running out of cash in June

CBO warning amid legislative standoff

By Alan Rappeport  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Budget Office said Friday that there was a "significant risk" that the federal government could run out of cash sometime in the first two weeks of June, setting the United States up for a default.

The warning came as the White House and congressional leaders spent the week in negotiations over how to raise the \$31.4 trillion borrowing cap. The Treasury Department has been using accounting maneuvers known as extraordinary measures to keep paying the country's bills without breaching that debt ceiling, which was officially reached Jan. 19. But the department has said those tools could be exhausted as soon as June 1.

The nonpartisan budget office outlined the fiscal strain facing the government as the legislative standoff continues. It also noted that the timing and revenue coming into the government, as well as its expenditures, were hard to predict.

"If the debt limit is not raised or suspended before the Treasury's cash and extraordinary measures are exhausted, the government will have to delay making payments for some activities, default on its debt obligations, or both," the Congressional Budget Office said in a report released Friday.

It predicted that a default would lead to "distress in credit markets, disruptions in economic activity, and rapid increases in borrowing rates for the Treasury."

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen warned this week that the consequences of a default would be dire.

"A default would threaten the gains that we've worked so hard to make over the past few years in our pandemic recovery," she said at a news conference in Japan on Thursday before a gathering of Group of 7 finance ministers. "And it would spark a global downturn that would set us back much further."

The day the United States runs out of cash — known as the X-date — could come later this summer. The budget office said that if the Treasury Department had sufficient

funds to make it through June 15, an influx of quarterly tax receipts and additional extraordinary measures at its disposal would most likely allow the government to keep paying its bills through "at least the end of July."

President Biden and the four top congressional leaders, including Speaker Kevin McCarthy, were originally scheduled to meet again Friday to discuss the debt limit after an initial face-to-face session Tuesday produced no agreement. The second meeting is now expected to take place next week, before Biden departs Wednesday for Japan to attend the G-7 leaders' meeting.

In the interim, staff from both sides are continuing to try to reach some type of deal to avert a default.

While the decision to delay the meeting was viewed as a positive development that could allow both sides to reach consensus, it remains unclear whether an agreement can be reached in time. McCarthy has insisted on

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JANET YELLEN,  
Treasury secretary

deep spending cuts and a rollback of Biden's clean energy agenda as a prerequisite to raising the debt limit. The president has insisted that Republicans raise the borrowing cap, arguing that it simply allows the United States to pay bills that Congress has already approved.

The nation's long-term fiscal outlook continues to be problematic and could only harden the Republican position that the government must rein in spending. In a separate report released Friday, the Congressional Budget Office said it projected a federal budget deficit of \$1.5 trillion this year — slightly higher than its forecast in February.

Annual deficits are projected to nearly double over the next decade, totaling more than \$20 trillion through 2033.



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Migrants lined up between two border walls in San Diego as they waited Friday to apply for asylum in the United States.

## At US-Mexico border, a pause

### Relative calm after lifting of restrictions

By Valerie Gonzalez,  
Elliot Spagat,  
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL PASO — The border between the United States and Mexico was relatively calm Friday, offering few signs of the chaos that had been feared following a rush by worried migrants to enter the United States before the end of pandemic-related immigration restrictions.

Less than 24 hours after the rules known as Title 42 were lifted, migrants and government officials were still assessing the effect of the change and the new regulations adopted by President Biden's administration to stabilize the region.

"We did not see any substantial increase in immigration this morning," said Blas Nunez-Neto of the Department of Homeland Security. He said the agency did not have specific numbers because it was early in the day.

Migrants along the border continued to wade into the Rio Grande River to take their chances getting into the United States while defying officials shouting for them to turn back. Others hunched over cellphones trying to access the appointment app that is a centerpiece of the

new measures. Migrants with appointments walked across a bridge hoping for a new life. And lawsuits sought to stop some of the measures.

The Biden administration has said the new system is designed to crack down on illegal crossings and to offer a new legal pathway for migrants who pay thousands to smugglers to get them to the border.

Migrants are now essentially barred from seeking asylum in the United States if they did not first apply online or seek protection in the countries they traveled through. Families allowed in as their immigration cases progress will face curfews and GPS monitoring.

Across the river from El Paso in Ciudad Juárez, many migrants watched their cellphones in hopes of getting a coveted appointment to seek entry. The application to register to enter the United States had changed, and some were explaining to others how to use it.

Nearby, other migrants were charging their phones on a lamppost to try to get an appointment. Most of them were resigned to wait.

"I hope it's a little better and that the appointments are streamlined a little more," said Jeremy Depablos, 21, a Venezuelan traveling with seven cousins who has been waiting in the city for a month.

Fearing deportation, Depab-

los did not want to cross illegally. "We have to do it the legal way."

The legal pathways touted by the administration consist of a program that permits up to 30,000 people a month from Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela to enter if they apply online with a financial sponsor and enter through an airport.

About 100 processing centers are opening in Guatemala, Colombia, and elsewhere for migrants to apply to go to the United States, Spain, or Canada. Up to 1,000 can enter daily through land crossings with Mexico if they snag an appointment on the app.

If it works, the system could fundamentally alter how migrants come to the southern border.

But Biden, who is running for reelection, faces withering criticism from migrant advocates, who say he's abandoning more humanitarian methods, and from Republicans, who claim he's soft on border security.

On Friday morning, small groups of Haitian migrants with appointments to request asylum crossed the Gateway International Bridge connecting Matamoros, Mexico, with Brownsville, Texas. They crossed with the assistance of a nongovernmental organization, passing the usual commuter traffic of students and workers lined up on the pedestrian path of the bridge. Car traffic appeared normal.

Melissa López, executive director for diocesan migrant and refugee services at El Paso said the streets were calm Friday, with few migrants present.

After talking with many migrants, she said they are willing to follow the pathway created by the federal government, but there is also fear about deportation and possible criminal penalties for people who cross the border illegally.

The lull comes after days in which large numbers of migrants crossed the border in hopes of being allowed to stay in the United States before the Title 42 restrictions expired.

Farther west, hundreds of migrants, mostly families, sat in two dozen rows between the border walls between San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico, as Border Patrol agents walked among them and selected who would be allowed to leave to be processed. When some got up with them, those left behind cheered.

Gloria Inigo of Peru said she hoped her family would be next. Inigo, her husband and two girls, ages 5 and 8, crossed the border Wednesday before the new rules went into effect. She said she had heard about the rules and wanted to get in before then, but she was surprised so many others were doing the same thing.

"I have faith," she said of being able to get asylum in the United States.

### DAILY BRIEFING

#### NYC plans for congestion pricing

New York City may begin charging motorists traveling into major parts of Manhattan as soon as April 2024.

The congestion pricing plan — the first of its kind in the United States — is expected to get final approval next month. It would charge E-ZPass motorists driving south of 60th Street, the city's central business district, as much as \$23.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which runs the city's subways, buses, and commuter rail lines, released a final environmental assessment of the plan that includes new concessions for low-income motorists as well as Uber and Lyft drivers.

The transit agency anticipates the US Department of Transportation will give final approval after a 30-day public review period, a significant milestone that would allow construction to begin on the tolling gantries.

"Congestion pricing means less traffic, cleaner air, safer

streets, better transit," said Jano Lieber, the MTA's chief executive officer.

MTA officials expect congestion pricing to bring in \$1 billion in new revenue a year that the agency will bond against to raise \$15 billion. Those funds would help finance major capital projects like expanding the Second Avenue subway to Harlem, updating the subway signal system, and adding more elevators and escalators to stations to make them accessible.

A six-member Traffic Mobility Review Board will determine the specific tolling structure and discounts or exemptions. Drivers using an E-ZPass may pay as much as \$23 during peak hours and \$17 during off-peak periods.

But the final environmental assessment includes concessions.

Passenger cars, taxis, and for-hire vehicles like Uber and Lyft would only be charged once a day.

BLOOMBERG

#### McDonald's at fault in McNugget burn

FORT LAUDERDALE — McDonald's and a franchise holder are at fault after a hot Chicken McNugget from a Happy Meal fell on a little girl's leg and caused second-degree burns, a jury in South Florida found in a case reminiscent of the famous hot coffee lawsuit of the 1990s.

A second jury will determine how much McDonald's USA and its franchise owner, Upchurch Foods, will pay the child and her mother, the South Florida SunSentinel reported.

Thursday's decision was split, with jurors finding the franchise holder liable for negligence and failure to warn customers about the risk of hot food, and McDonald's USA liable for failing to provide instructions for safe handling of the food.

McDonald's USA was not found to be negligent, and the jury dismissed the argument that the product was defective.

Jurors heard two days of tes-

timony and arguments about the 2019 episode that left the 4-year-old girl with a burned upper thigh.

Philana Holmes testified that she bought Happy Meals for her son and then-4-year-old daughter at a drive-through window at a McDonald's in Tamarac, near Fort Lauderdale, the SunSentinel reported. She handed the food to her children, who were in the back seat.

After she drove away, her daughter started screaming. The mother testified she didn't know what was wrong until she pulled over to help the girl, Olivia Caraballo, who is now 7, the newspaper reported. She saw the burn on the girl's leg and took photos on her iPhone, which included audio clips of the child's screams.

The sound of the girl's screams were played in court. The child, who is autistic, did not testify, the newspaper reported.

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#### Mother convicted of killing children

A jury in Idaho found Lori Vallow Daybell guilty on Friday of murdering two of her children and of conspiring to murder her husband's former wife in a case that drew widespread attention for what prosecutors described as her "doomsday" religious beliefs.

Prosecutors described her as a negligent mother who believed she was on a "religious mission." They said she believed her children were "zombies" possessed by evil spirits.

NEW YORK TIMES

#### Little damage from Calif. quakes

EAST SHORE, Calif. — Earthquakes rattled a large area of Northern California this week, but only minor damage was reported.

A magnitude 5.5 quake centered in the Sierra Nevada's Lake Almanor resort region struck at 4:19 p.m. Thursday and a magnitude 5.2 aftershock occurred at 3:18 a.m. Friday, according to the US Geological Survey.

Survey.

ABC10 reported businesses were cleaning up minor damage in the area about 180 miles northeast of San Francisco.

The magnitude 5.5 quake was the largest in California since the magnitude 7.1 Ridgecrest sequence in 2019, according to former USGS seismologist Lucy Jones.

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# The World

## Fierce fighting resumes in Gaza Strip

**Strike kills top commander of Islamic Jihad**

By Isabel Kershner  
NEW YORK TIMES

Fierce cross-border fighting resumed Friday between Israel and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad militant group in the Gaza Strip, with the Israeli military killing another of the group's top commanders in a missile strike on a residential building after rockets fired out of Gaza reached as far as the hills around Jerusalem.

The Israeli military identified the person killed Friday as Iyad al-Hassani, a commander of Islamic Jihad military operations in Gaza. Along with holding a senior position as a military decision-maker, the military said, al-Hassani had replaced Khalil Bahitini, a leader of the group's operations who was killed in Israel's opening assault Tuesday.

The Israeli military said another of the group's operatives was also killed in Friday's strike. The Palestinian Health Ministry confirmed that two people were killed and said that five were injured.

Israel also said Friday that it had struck command centers and rocket-launching sites operated by the militant group as the latest confrontation stretched into a fourth day, despite overnight mediation efforts to reach a cease-fire.



BASHAR TALEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

People took cover as a building was hit by an Israeli airstrike in the northern Gaza Strip on Friday.

Israel suspended its participation in Egyptian-led ceasefire talks Friday, officials said, after Islamic Jihad — which is classified by Israel, the United States, and many other Western countries as a terrorist organization — had launched rockets toward Jerusalem.

Israel had already killed five Islamic Jihad commanders since the hostilities erupted Tuesday. On Friday, the military expanded its targets to include what it described as command centers of the group, several of which appeared to be in houses in residential areas across the Palestinian coastal enclave.

The militant group has responded to Israeli attacks by firing nearly 1,000 rockets and mortar rounds into Israel from Gaza, the Israeli military said.

More than 30 Palestinians have been killed, six of them

children, the Palestinian Ministry of Health said Friday. More than half of them appeared to be civilians. The ministry said more than 90 Palestinians had also been injured.

A rocket fired from Gaza on Thursday evening struck a residential building in Rehovot, a city in central Israel. One person was killed in that attack, Israeli officials said — the first casualty on the Israeli side in the several days of fighting. Five more people were injured in that rocket attack, according to Israel's ambulance service.

The fighting, Israel's third confrontation with Islamic Jihad in Gaza since last summer, began with the targeted assassinations of three of the militant group's top commanders. Ten civilians, four of them children, were also killed in those initial airstrikes, according to Palestinian

officials.

Israel has said that the Islamic Jihad commanders it targeted were responsible for firing rockets into Israel, including more than 100 projectiles that the group fired out of Gaza on May 2.

Islamic Jihad has responded to the Israeli attacks by firing rockets into southern and central Israel.

Israel's military has also conducted scores of airstrikes against Islamic Jihad targets in Gaza over the past few days, killing more of the group's senior commanders.

Egypt and other regional powers have been pressing the two sides to agree to a ceasefire. But after several hours of calm early Friday, it became clear that those efforts had not succeeded as the cross-border exchanges of fire resumed.

The sides had appeared close to a cease-fire earlier as well, on Wednesday night, but hopes of a deal faded the next day as the fighting surged again. Islamic Jihad has presented several conditions for a cease-fire, including an Israeli commitment to halt assassinations.

Despite the mediation efforts, both sides vowed Thursday to fight on if necessary.

"Whoever harms us will pay the price, as will his replacement," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said. "We are in the midst of a campaign of both offense and defense."

Islamic Jihad said in a statement, "The enemy continues its crimes against those who are safe in their homes, and it will pay the price for that."

Hamas, the larger Islamic militant group that controls Gaza, has voiced its support for Islamic Jihad's actions and Thursday praised the strike that resulted in the Israeli death.

Ismail Radwan, a Hamas official, described the strike as retaliation for the assassination of the two Islamic Jihad commanders Thursday and for other Israeli "crimes."

But Israeli officials say that Hamas has not actively joined in the rocket launching itself, a factor that could limit the scope of hostilities.

Hamas, which bears responsibility for the population of more than 2 million Palestinians in Gaza, has been less eager to engage in fighting with Israel over the past year since Israel issued almost 20,000 permits for Gazans to work in Israel.

Gaza is a largely impoverished territory that operates under a strict air, land, and sea blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt.

Millions of Israelis in areas within range of the rocket fire have been told to stay close to safe rooms and shelters.

Israel's air defense systems intercepted most of the other rockets that appeared headed toward population centers, although a few slipped through and caused damage to several houses.

### DAILY BRIEFING

#### Cyclone brings threat of floods

A new storm forecast to be the strongest to hit Myanmar in more than a decade is expected to make landfall near the Bangladesh border Sunday, raising the prospect of a major humanitarian disaster.

The storm, Cyclone Mocha, formed over the southern Bay of Bengal on Thursday and has already started drenching western Myanmar as it churned northeast Friday, with heavy rain, strong wind, and storm surges forecast to continue through Sunday, according to the Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System.

Myanmar and Bangladesh began deploying thousands of volunteers and ordering evacuations from low-lying areas, Agence France-Presse reported, in a region that is home to some of the world's poorest people, who are especially vulnerable to increasingly severe weather events.

NEW YORK TIMES

#### Myanmar villagers slain by soldiers

BANGKOK — Soldiers from Myanmar's military government raided a village in the country's central region, killing 19 villagers including four children and burning their bodies, independent media and a resident said Friday.

The killings on Wednesday in Nyaung Pin Thar village in Bago region's Htantabin township may have been in retaliation for an attack by resistance forces opposed to army rule.

Radio Free Asia, a US-funded news service, quoted a member of the locally formed People's Defense Force as saying the killings occurred after fighting the same day between the army and his group and its allies from the Karen National Liberation Army, an ethnic rebel group that operates in the area.

A farmer from the village said he lost his wife, 7-year-old daughter, and nine other relatives in the raid by 10 soldiers.

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#### Contest welcomes Ukrainians

LIVERPOOL, England — This weekend's Eurovision Song Contest is taking place in a city brimming with Ukrainian flags, Ukrainian food, Ukrainian musicians, and Ukrainian fans: Liverpool.

The English port city that gave the world the Beatles is using the contest to offer displaced Ukrainians a taste of home — free from war, and glittering with sequins and sparkle.

Britain is hosting the glitzy pan-continental music competition for the first time in 25 years after stepping in to hold it on behalf of last year's winner, Ukraine.

Organizers have vowed to make the event a celebration of Ukrainian spirit and culture.

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## Humanitarian deal in Sudan offers hope for cease-fire

**UN envoy says it's important step toward peace**

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CAIRO — The UN envoy for Sudan on Friday welcomed a deal between the country's warring generals promising safe passage to civilians fleeing the conflict and protection for humanitarian operations in the East African nation.

The envoy, Volker Perthes, said the agreement was an important first step toward a cease-fire to the fighting which is about to enter its fourth week.

The Sudanese military and the country's paramilitary, the Rapid Support Forces, signed a pact late Thursday vowing to alleviate humanitarian suffering across the country, although a truce remains elusive.

Both sides also agreed to re-

frain from attacks likely to harm civilians. The violence has already killed over 600 people, including civilians, according to the UN health agency.

"The most important element is that both sides commit to continue talks," Perthes said during an online UN news conference from his office in Port Sudan. International efforts to turn the deal into a cease-fire have already started, he added.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the agreement, which outlines a series of shared pledges and promises to "facilitate humanitarian action in order to meet the needs of civilians."

The deal signing-ceremony, brokered by the United States and Saudi Arabia, was aired by Saudi state media in the early hours of Friday morning. Neither the military nor the RSF immediately issued statements acknowledging Thursday's pact.

Despite the signing, residents in Khartoum said fighting continued throughout Friday morning.

"I woke up to an airstrike [landing] nearby," said Waleed Adam, a resident living in the

east of the capital.

Over the past weeks, the fighting has turned the capital Khartoum into an urban battlefield, and triggered deadly ethnic clashes in the western Darfur region. Around 200,000 people have fled the country, said United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees spokeswoman Olga Sarrado, who was also present at Friday's news conference.

The US State Department late Thursday said talks in Jeddah will now focus on arranging "an effective cease-fire of up to approximately 10 days."

The United Nations and several rights groups have accused both sides — the military, led by General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, and the Rapid Support Forces, commanded by General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo — of numerous human rights violations.

Consumer groups have accused producers of speculation and filed an official complaint, asking authorities to investigate. Producers say a mix of factors — including higher energy costs and supply chain disruptions and inflation — is driving up their costs.

has been condemned for widespread looting, abusing residents, and turning civilian homes into operational bases. Both continue to level blame at each other for the violations.

Perthes, who has received death threats and calls to resign, said he is committed to staying in Port Sudan and overseeing the humanitarian effort taking place in the coastal city.

He described those who threatened him as marginal "extremists" and said that there is a wide appreciation of UN efforts in Sudan.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres welcomed the signing of the agreement, which could boost relief operations for millions of Sudanese in need, spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

The UN chief reiterated his call for a halt in fighting but the organization would "continue to deliver humanitarian aid, cease-fire or not," Dujarric said.

#### Pasta price hike rattles Italy

ROME — In Italy, a simmering debate over a jump in pasta prices forced the government to convene a crisis meeting this week.

Adolfo Urso, the country's business enterprise minister, called the Thursday meeting of a new commission to discuss the increase in the price of pasta, according to an official at the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy. Pasta prices were up 17.5 percent year-over-year in March.

Consumer groups have accused producers of speculation and filed an official complaint, asking authorities to investigate. Producers say a mix of factors — including higher energy costs and supply chain disruptions and inflation — is driving up their costs.

WASHINGTON POST



AAMIR QURESHI/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Police escorted Imran Khan, former prime minister of Pakistan, as he arrived at the high court in Islamabad on Friday.

## Pakistan's ex-PM freed after unrest

**Out on bail with protection from being rearrested**

By Munir Ahmed

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan left a high court in Islamabad on Friday after being granted broad protection from arrest in multiple legal cases against him. The ruling struck a blow to the government in a stand-off that has sparked days of rioting by Khan's followers and raised the specter of widespread unrest in the country.

After the court granted him bail, Khan spent hours more in the building, as he and his legal team were locked in apparent negotiations over his exit from the site.

As he headed to his home in the eastern city of Lahore, Khan put out a video statement from his vehicle saying the Islamabad police tried to keep him within the courthouse through different tactics, and authorities allowed him to travel only when he threatened to tell the public he was being held there against his will.

Security was extremely tight around the court ahead of Khan's departure as authorities have expressed concerns for the former leader's safety. In the evening, shots were heard in the area of the courthouse. Police were investigating who opened fire, the interior minister said. Clash-

es between his supporters and

police have periodically erupted outside the building.

The long list of around 100 court cases, on charges ranging from fomenting violence to corruption, still stands against Khan. But the week's turmoil illustrated the danger of moving against him. After he was abruptly arrested on Tuesday, widespread protests erupted, turning into clashes with police and mob attacks on government buildings and military installations.

The court's ruling was a victory for Khan, and averted any new arrest for the time being. The Islamabad High Court gave him protection for two weeks on one graft charge and protection until Monday on a host of other charges in a measure called "anticipatory bail." The protections in each case can be extended, but it was not immediately clear if that meant a new court hearing on Monday.

The charismatic 70-year-old Khan, a former cricket star turned Islamist politician, has a broad base of support around Pakistan, presenting himself as an outsider victimized by the military and the political dynasties that have long run Pakistan. Opponents, meanwhile, call him a corrupt demagogue stirring his followers into violence. He was removed as prime minister in April last year in a vote of no-confidence by Parliament.

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah Khan, who is not related to the former prime minister, told the independent GEO television that the government will re-

spect the court order. He said he could not say whether another attempt would be made to arrest Khan in the coming days but said all those involved in violence will "not be spared" prosecution.

When asked by reporters in the court building whether he could be arrested despite the rulings, Khan replied, "So who will control my people if I am arrested?" He said he had not been aware of the violence that followed his arrest until Thursday.

Friday's broad rulings were unusual, fueling government complaints that the judiciary was biased in favor of the former prime minister.

"This is judicial activism and politicizing of the judiciary," legal expert Arfan Qadir told The Associated Press, calling the rulings unprecedented. "Such decisions will continue to come until the supremacy of the Parliament is ensured."

The standoff threatens to open a deeper vein of turmoil in a country that has seen multiple military takeovers and bouts of violence. The unrest has echoed what followed the 2007 assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto during an election rally. Her supporters at the time, outraged by her killing, rampaged for days across Pakistan.

It was not clear what prompted Tuesday's initial arrest of Khan, who has been free despite the multiple cases against him since he was ousted from office.

Whatever the reason, it was startlingly heavy-handed: Agents from the National Ac-

countability Bureau burst into the Islamabad High Court where Khan was attending a session on other charges — the same court where he appeared Friday — and dragged him away, putting him into an armored vehicle.

The response from his followers was swift. Protesters clashed with police, burned vehicles, and looted shops in various parts of the country. Mobs attacked the headquarters of the military in Rawalpindi and ransacked and burned the residence of a top general in Lahore, Pakistan's second largest city, along with attacks on other military and government buildings.

The violence left at least 10 Khan supporters dead. Dozens of protesters and more than 200 police officers were injured. The government responded with a crackdown, arresting nearly 3,000 people. During Friday's court hearing, Khan supporters set fire to a police vehicle nearby when security forces wouldn't let them approach the building.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled that Khan's arrest was unlawful and asked the Islamabad High Court to review its own previous decision allowing the arrest. In the meantime, Khan was released from custody and spent the night under security forces' protection in a government rest house.

Fazalur Rehman, the head of the ruling coalition parties, said its supporters would stage a sit-in Monday outside the Supreme Court, which ruled on Thursday that Khan's arrest was illegal.

## US looks to move past spy balloon incident with China

**Talks signal that relations could be thawing**

By Cate Cadell

WASHINGTON POST

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told China's top diplomat Wang Yi that the administration wants to move beyond the spy balloon spat, according to a senior White House official, in a tentative sign that relations could be thawing between Beijing and Washington, three months after the wayward airship derailed high-level talks and caused a diplomatic tailspin.

Sullivan and Wang met in Vienna this week for around eight hours of talks over two days, a meeting that Chinese and US officials said was pulled together quickly.

The senior US official described the talks as "constructive" and "candid." Sullivan raised the cases of detained American citizens in China and counternarcotics operations as well as regional security issues including Taiwan. Sullivan also discussed Ukraine and shared concerns about Beijing supplying weapons to Moscow.

"This meeting comes as the United States and the PRC have sought to increase high-level engagement to maintain channels of communication and manage competition" said the US official. Describing the balloon incident as "unfortunate," they said the administration is now "seeking to look beyond that."

China's official news agency Xinhua said on Thursday the talks discussed "removing obstacles in China-US relations and stabilizing the relationship from deterioration." Beijing's rhetoric appears positive compared to previous recent statements, which have been sharply critical of US calls to install "guardrails" on the relationship, calling them hypocritical.

Relations between the world's two largest economies eased momentarily late last year when President Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in Bali in November, relieving some of the tension that followed an August visit by then House speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan, which spurred a major Chinese military exercise in the Taiwan strait. The leader-level talks set the stage for a visit to Beijing by Secretary of State Antony Blinken for more in-depth discussions in late February.

Blinken postponed his departure on the eve of the trip when

the Chinese spy balloon was discovered traversing the United States before being shot down by an American fighter jet off the coast of South Carolina.

The talks between Wang and Sullivan in Vienna represent the highest level of in-person engagement between the two countries since Wang met with Blinken in an informal meeting on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference in February, shortly after the balloon incident became public. At the time, Wang sharply criticized the US administration, warning there would be consequences for the downed balloon.

Analysts and lawmakers in the United States have since shared concerns over the lack of crisis communications between Washington and Beijing, worried that a minor military confrontation could snowball into a major conflict. Following this week's talks in Vienna, both sides expressed a willingness to de-escalate tensions and said

**US analysts and lawmakers have shared concerns that a minor military confrontation with China could snowball into a major conflict.**

they intend to maintain a strategic communication channel.

It's the latest in a series of signs that conditions could soon be right for Blinken to reschedule his visit to Beijing. Earlier this week, US ambassador to China Nicholas Burns met with Chinese foreign minister Qin Gang, while other US officials including Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen and special climate envoy John F. Kerry have also made recent inroads with their Chinese counterparts.

Timing of a potential Blinken trip was not discussed during this week's talks, according to the US official.

One Chinese official familiar with the talks and who requested anonymity to discuss sensitive negotiations said that Beijing is hoping to reschedule the talks, but that there are "barriers" to overcome before they can take place. China "has always been willing... It's now the responsibility of the US side to ensure their actions match their words."

## Ukraine retakes land in Bakhmut; Zelensky says Russian morale low

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noting that General Oleksandr Syrskyi reported his forces "stopped the enemy and even pushed him back in some directions."

In his nightly address to the Ukrainian people, Zelensky praised his troops and noted the low morale of the Russian forces.

"The occupiers are already mentally prepared for defeat. They have already lost this war in their minds," he said. "We must push them every day so that their sense of defeat turns into their retreat, their mistakes, their losses."

In a statement on Telegram on Friday, Deputy Defense Minister Hanna Maliar confirmed that Ukrainian forces gained ground around Bakhmut, reiterating statements from military commanders earlier this week.

In Washington, White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the United States has assessed that Bakhmut remains contested territory.

"Ukrainians have not given up their defense of Bakhmut and the Russians haven't given up their attempts to take Bakhmut," Kirby said. "Every single day, the lines change back and forth. I mean, sometimes block by block."

The United States maintains that Bakhmut has limited strategic value but that Russia has ab-



Ukrainian soldiers fired a cannon near Bakhmut in the Donetsk region of Ukraine on Friday.

sorbed an enormous loss of troops and weaponry in the battle for the former salt-mining town that has been grinding on for eight months.

Yevgeny Prigozhin, the millionaire owner of Russia's private military contractor Wagner who is a frequent critic of the Russian military, slammed it again for losing ground around Bakhmut and exposing his forces battling for the city.

In a video statement Friday, Prigozhin mocked the Russian Defense Ministry's report claiming that its forces regrouped to take more favorable positions, saying they effectively fled and "our flanks are crumbling."

He warned that the Ukrainians

an forces have reclaimed key heights around the city and effectively unblocked the key supply link to Bakhmut. Prigozhin again accused the military leadership of refusing to provide sufficient ammunition to Wagner.

"You must immediately stop lying," Prigozhin said, addressing Russia's military leaders. "If you fled, you must prepare new defensive lines."

Prigozhin — who seems to use harsh criticism to pressure the Kremlin for more support and improve his stature — alleged the Defense Ministry's failure to protect Wagner's flanks amounted to high treason and could result in a "great tragedy" for Russia.

Addressing the nation Friday evening, Zelensky said more arms were coming "to defeat the aggressor and restore peace."

The territorial gains occurred

apparently denying Prigozhin's claim of abandonment, Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said Russian airborne units are still supporting ground forces to "stop the attempts of the Ukrainian armed forces to counterattack on the flanks."

The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, explained the spat as being "reflective of increased panic in the Russian information space over speculations about planned Ukrainian counteroffensives." This indicates increased concern among leaders of Wagner and the Russian Defense Ministry as well as "reflecting Kremlin guidance to avoid downplaying Ukrainian successes," it said.

Ukrainian military officials have dismissed speculation that the fighting and forward movement in Bakhmut signaled that its anticipated counteroffensive was underway. Zelensky said in remarks broadcast Thursday that Kyiv was delaying the campaign because it lacks enough Western weapons. Some saw the comments as designed to keep Russia guessing about Ukraine's next move.

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The territorial gains occurred near the Siversky-Donets canal, between the villages of Ivanivske and Kurdiuvivka, according to a commander of the 1st Assault

Battalion of the 3rd Separate Assault Brigade. He spoke on condition he be referred to only by his call sign of "Rollo," in line with Ukrainian military protocol.

"This was the enemy's bridgehead, which they intended to use in their future attacks along the canal, in the direction of Kostiantynivka," he said. "We had to neutralize the enemy and push them to the other side of the canal."

Another commander and a military spokesman corroborated his account.

Kostiantynivka is part of an important logistics chain that leads to the city of Kramatorsk.

Rollo said the gains followed other successes, including one that secured an access road near Khromove, north of Bakhmut, and another that allowed Ukrainian forces to reclaim lost positions in the Industrial College inside Bakhmut city.

The assault south of Bakhmut was followed by a reported increase in Ukrainian offensive actions near the city of Soledar on Thursday, Russia's Defense Ministry said. Russia repelled 26 Ukrainian attacks carried out by over 1,000 soldiers, the ministry said, adding that up to 40 tanks were involved.

The slow and grinding fight for Bakhmut has been costly for both sides, with Ukraine seeking to deny Russia any territorial gains despite its marginal strategic significance. Ukrainian forc-

es are stationed in the city, while Russian troops are attacking from the north, east and south.

In other fighting, at least two people were killed and 22 injured elsewhere in the country since Thursday, according to figures from the Ukrainian President's Office.

Donetsk Governor Pavlo Kryvenko said a Russian strike hit Kramatorsk, destroying a school and residential building. Russian shelling hit 11 cities and villages in the region, killing 12 civilians, he said.

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# Veteran charged in death of NYC subway rider

Turns himself in after weeks of protests, uproar

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NEW YORK — A US Marine veteran who placed an agitated New York City subway passenger in a chokehold, killing him and sparking outrage as bystander video went viral, surrendered Friday on a manslaughter charge filed nearly two weeks after the deadly encounter.

Daniel Penny, 24, was freed pending trial hours after turning himself in at a police station and appearing in court to answer criminal charges in the May 1 death of Jordan Neely, a former subway performer with a history of mental illness. Penny did not enter a plea.

Neely's death prompted protests, while others embraced Penny as a vigilante hero. His lawyers have said he was acting in self-defense. Lawyers for Neely's family said Neely wasn't harming anyone and didn't deserve to die. An autopsy ruled Neely's death a homicide due to compression of the neck.

"Jordan Neely should still be alive today," Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said.

A judge authorized Penny's release on \$100,000 bond and ordered him to surrender his passport and not to leave New York without approval. Prosecutors said they are seeking a grand jury indictment. Penny is due back in court on July 17.

Penny didn't speak to reporters. At a brief arraignment, Penny faced straight ahead, his hands cuffed. He spoke softly, offering one-word answers to Judge Kevin McGrath as his lawyer, Steve Raiser, placed an arm around his shoulder. If convicted, he could face up to 15 years in prison.

Assistant District Attorney Joshua Steinglass said Neely had been making threats and "scaring passengers" when Penny approached him from behind and placed him in a chokehold. Penny "continued to hold Mr. Neely in the chokehold for several minutes," even after he stopped moving, Steinglass said.

A freelance journalist who recorded Neely struggling to free himself, then lapsing into unconsciousness, said he had been shouting at passengers and begging for money aboard the train but had not gotten physical with anyone. Penny pinned Neely to the floor of the



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Daniel Penny left the New York Police Department's Fifth Precinct on Friday for his arraignment in Jordan Neely's death.

subway car with the help of two other passengers and held him in a chokehold.

Neely's death has raised an uproar over many issues, including how the city treats people with mental illness, as well as crime, race, and vigilantism. Police questioned Penny, who is white, in the aftermath but released him without charges. Neely was Black.

Thomas Kenniff, a lawyer for Penny, said he didn't mean to harm Neely and is dealing with the situation with the "integrity and honor that is characteristic of who he is and characteristic of his honorable service in the United States Marine Corps."

Donte Mills, a lawyer for Neely's family, disputed Penny's version of events, saying the veteran "acted with indifference. He didn't care about Jordan, he cared about himself. And we can't let that stand."

"Mr. Neely did not attack anyone," Mills said at a news conference Friday. "He did not touch anyone. He did not hit anyone. But he was choked to

death."

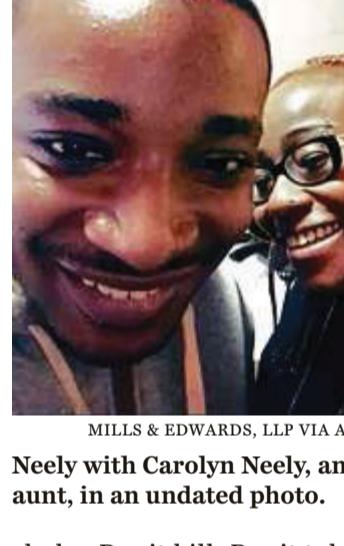
Neely's father, Andre Zachery, wept as another family lawyer, Lennon Edwards, recounted the last moments before Penny tackled Neely to the ground and put him in a chokehold.

"What did he think would happen?" Mills asked.

Neely, remembered by some commuters for his Michael Jackson impersonations, had been dealing with homelessness and mental illness in recent years, friends said. Neely had been arrested multiple times and had recently pleaded guilty for assaulting a 67-year-old woman leaving a subway station in 2021.

Mills said Neely's outlook changed after his mother was killed by her boyfriend in 2007. Through his struggles, Mills said, Neely found joy in singing, dancing, and bringing a smile to other people's faces.

"No one on that train asked Jordan: 'What's wrong, how can I help you?'" Mills said, urging New Yorkers in a similar situation: "Don't attack. Don't



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Neely with Carolyn Neely, an aunt, in an undated photo.

approached Neely and asked him why he no longer performs.

"I haven't been feeling well," Abrams remembered Neely saying.

The Manhattan district attorney's office waited to file charges in part because prosecutors wanted to learn more about what happened aboard the train in the moments before Penny moved to restrain Neely. The delay helped fuel protests in the city. Some people climbed down to subway tracks, disrupting service and leading to arrests.

Mayor Eric Adams said Wednesday that Neely's death shouldn't have happened.

A second-degree manslaughter conviction in New York requires a jury to find that a person engaged in reckless conduct that created an unjustifiable risk of death, consciously disregarded that risk, and acted in a way that grossly deviated from how a reasonable person would act in a similar situation.

**Biden taps economists to fill top Fed jobs**  
Central bank diversity eyed

By Jeanna Smialek  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Friday said he would nominate Adriana Kugler for a seat on the Federal Reserve Board and would elevate Philip Jefferson, a current governor, as vice chair of the central bank.

If they are confirmed by the Senate, the Fed would get its first Latina board member and its second Black vice chair, a move that could make the Fed more diverse and build out its leadership team at a challenging economic moment.

Biden chose Kugler, an economist with a background in labor economics who has Colombian heritage and is the US executive director of the World Bank, to fill the Fed's only remaining open governor position on its seven-member board. In a corresponding move, he elevated Jefferson, an economist who was confirmed overwhelmingly to the board when Biden nominated him to an open governor position, to be the Fed's vice chair.

Lael Brainard, who became head of Biden's White House National Economic Council earlier this year, was the vice chair of the Fed until February.

Because the Fed's vice chair comes from among its seven governors, Brainard's resignation left a governor seat open and the vice chair role vacant.

The Biden administration needed to balance a complicated set of priorities as it filled those open spots at the Fed, the world's most powerful central bank. The administration is under pressure, especially from Senator Bob Menendez, Democrat of New Jersey, to appoint a Latino or Latina to the Fed Board. And the Fed itself is at an unusually challenging juncture: It is trying to wrestle rapid inflation lower with the most aggressive policy campaign since the 1980s, one that could come at a significant cost for the job market.

Biden also announced that he would nominate Lisa Cook, a sitting Fed governor whose term will expire early next year, to another full 14-year term as a member of the board.

"These nominees understand that this job is not a partisan one, but one that plays a critical role in pursuing maximum employment, maintaining price stability and supervising many of our nation's financial institutions," Biden said in statement announcing the picks.

A Latino person has never served on the Fed board in the central bank's 109-plus-year history, so Kugler's nomination would be a first if it ended in confirmation. It would also add an official with considerable experience in labor economics: Kugler, who was formerly an economist and administrator at Georgetown University, served as chief economist of the Labor Department during the Obama administration from 2011 to 2013.

She has worked in the economics departments at the University of Houston and at University Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona and she has a doctorate from the University of California, Berkeley.

Menendez praised the decision in a statement Friday and made clear that he will support the nominees.

"I for one will make it my personal mission to help ensure swift confirmations for Jefferson, Cook, and Kugler," he said.

Jefferson, who took office at the Fed last May, is an economist who recently served as an administrator at Davidson College and has a doctorate in economics from the University of Virginia. During his tenure at the Fed, he has built a reputation as an inquisitive listener with an interest in staff economic research.

Jefferson was born in Washington, D.C., in a neighborhood called Kingman Park. During his confirmation hearing to be a Fed governor, he recalled that in his youth, "it was a place where the line between a future of success or struggle was thin."

# MBTA is not meeting its hiring goals for the year

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acute for bus drivers, Waye told board members Thursday. The T said last year that it would begin increasing bus service this year as part of its bus network redesign plan, with the aim of achieving 25 percent more service over five years. Instead, the agency has slashed service and continued to cancel trips.

Perks like a \$7,500 hiring bonus, commercial driver's license training, and tuition reimbursement have not fixed the problem. Waye said the T is seeing a lot of bus driver turnover particularly during people's first year on the job.

"Split shifts continue to be a challenge for us," he said, referring to shifts for new bus drivers that require them to work morning and evening peak hours, often without time to go home in between. "There's some issues around the competitive pay."

The Globe has previously reported that starting pay for MBTA bus drivers lags behind large peer transit agencies in the United States, and even smaller regional transit authorities in Massachusetts. A Globe review of six large US transit agencies earlier this year found the T's peers have had more success restoring pre-pandemic bus service. And they're all doing something different than the T: They allow new drivers to start as full-time employees, giving them an opportunity to make higher wages immediately.

Pay, mandatory part-time employment, and split shifts are



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More than 20 percent of the T's subway tracks have speed restrictions.

all areas Eng said the T is focusing on in its negotiations with unions.

"Obviously, time is of the essence," he said. "So I'm going to be pushing to get these decisions made more quickly."

There are signs that things are improving, Eng said.

The T grew its bus driver staff in April after months of losses, according to Waye's presentation Thursday. Waye is now including inactive bus drivers who are on leave in its count of bus driver staff, a change from previous months that puts the T closer to its goal on paper. In reality, the T added just 24 active bus drivers since the previous month, according to figures pro-

vided by Pesaturo in an e-mail. By both measurements, the T is still hundreds short of its goal for this fiscal year, which ends in seven weeks.

In the past few months, the T has been on-boarding more people than it did in previous months, Eng said. The T held job fairs in Mattapan, Quincy, Revere, Boston, Lynn, and at UMass Dartmouth over the past month.

At events Eng attended in Mattapan and Revere, he said, candidates reported they are hoping to start working faster than the T is able to process their applications. In a recent briefing with human resources, Eng said, he was told that people

in charge of initial resume reviews to check if applicants meet basic qualifications are overwhelmed.

"Internally, we're working on our process, how do we streamline that?" he said. "Someone doesn't have enough hours in the day to do everything that we've asked them to do. And it's my responsibility to find a way to alleviate them of that and give them assistance to keep the process moving."

At stake is MBTA service, which has deteriorated dramatically.

Last June, the MBTA cut subway service by more than 20 percent, saying the reduction would be in place for the summer while

it hired more dispatchers. Then, earlier this year, the agency said it doesn't have enough trains or operators to increase service back to pre-pandemic levels. More than 20 percent of the T's subway tracks have speed restrictions, according to the agency's dashboard, further slowing commutes.

Similarly, the T has cut bus service repeatedly since December 2021 and continues to routinely cancel scheduled trips due to staffing shortages.

The T's hiring woes come as employers across the country struggle to fill open positions.

Federal transit officials told the T last year that the agency was dangerously understaffed in some departments, estimating that the T may be short as many as 2,000 employees.

Is the T confident it will reach its staffing goals for next fiscal year? Eng said it's too soon to say. However, he's seen other agencies overcome similar hiring challenges in New York, he said.

"Our folks here are just as dedicated and creative and we're going to work hard to do exactly what I've seen others do," he said.

"This is just the beginning, obviously, of us continuing to further look at our processes, look at the challenges of why, and continuing to make those modifications with the goal of fulfilling our needs sooner rather than later."

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# Wu offers new redistricting plan to council

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quirements. And the most potential for chaos and confusion comes in neighboring districts 3 and 4, which cover different parts of Dorchester, and whose boundaries were at particular issue in the federal lawsuit.

With council seats up for election this year, there is little room for another extended debate over the boundaries. In her letter Friday, Wu urged the council to take action on redistricting at its next meeting, asking councilors to settle on a new map by the end of May.

In a statement, Boston City Council President Ed Flynn said, "I respect Mayor Wu's leadership on this issue. However, I need to do my due diligence and carefully review the proposed map. With limited time, it's critical that we all put politics aside for the people of Boston."

Under the mayor's plan, changes to the current district layout include placing all of Ward 16, which is a large swath of southern Dorchester, in District 3, including two precincts that are currently in neighboring District 4. District 4 would also trade some precincts along its southwestern border with District 5, which is anchored in Hyde Park. District 2, which is based in South Boston, would gain the Mass. and Cass area and the Polish Triangle bordering Dorchester, but it would lose a chunk of the South End. The Jamaica Plain-based District 6 would extend north farther into Mission Hill.

Wu's map will likely come as a relief to places such as Adams Street in Adams Village, which has been a front in the ongoing redistricting battle. Wu's proposal would keep the neighborhood whole, in one council district, as opposed to the map that was rejected by a federal court earlier this week, where Adams Street would have been dividing line between two council districts.

The rejected map severed a cluster of majority-white, high-turnout precincts in the southern tip of Dorchester from District 3. That area includes many of the city's most conservative voters, who would have been moved into neighboring District 4, which includes parts of Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, and Roslindale.

Adams Street would have been the dividing line between Districts 3 and 4. And it was decidedly unpopular among residents there.

"It's terrible," Jake McKinnon, a 65-year-old retired construction industry worker said of the rejected map on Friday morning. "It's unacceptable. I don't think we should get that jammed down our throats."

Residents see Adams Village as one cohesive neighborhood, and many are angry at what they view as intransigence on

the part of the council over redistricting.

"This is nonsense," John K. O'Toole, a 59-year-old real estate agent and lifelong resident of the neighborhood, said Friday morning. "They're doing it to one another. It's a battle for power in the council. It doesn't do anything for this neighborhood."

Later in the day Friday, after seeing Wu's proposal to keep the neighborhood intact, O'Toole said, "I think this is something we can all get behind."

Earlier in the week, Spiro Vlastos, the 52-year-old owner of Joe Glynn Cleaners on Adams Street, said he didn't understand the rationale of breaking Adams Village up among multiple council districts. For him, all the political jockeying over redistricting amounted to "just smoke and mirrors for votes."

"If it's not broke, don't fix it," he said, flanked by rows of laundered clothes at the front of his shop.

Shortly after 8 a.m. Friday inside the bustling Greenhills Bakery, across from Vlastos' shop on Adams Street, similar themes emerged.

"We were doing fine. Why would you change what was already working?" asked Pat Dennehy, a 75-year-old who has lived in the neighborhood her whole life.

Sipping a large coffee with extra cream and no sugar, Maureen Feeney, a former city clerk and city councilor who represented District 3 for years, explained why she became a plaintiff in the lawsuit challenging the council's redistricting map.

"You wouldn't go in and cut Chinatown in half. You wouldn't do it to the North End," she said.

Feeney hopes the council will simplify the map drawing this time, and called for the councilors to focus on the future, not on past clashes over redistricting, as that will only trigger frustration and bitterness.

"I just hope as they reconvene to reconsider this they realize the impact they're having on people's lives," said the 75-year-old who has lived in the neighborhood since she was 18. "It doesn't need to be rocket science."

For the time being, the political future of this corner of Boston is not yet a done deal. While Wu submitted her map to the council, which has made headlines for its nasty and personal divisiveness in recent months, it must still approve her map or another one.

Councilor Michael Flaherty, who represents the entire city, on Friday said he looked forward to reviewing Wu's map.

"The mayor knows the city and its neighborhoods and she has an objective lens," he said.

Earlier in the week, Wu said that she was moving to relax candidate filing deadlines, and



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SPIRO VLASTOS, owner of Joe Glynn Cleaners



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JAKE MCKINNON, a retiree  
who is volunteering for  
Councilor Erin Murphy

told the body it had until May 30 to approve the new map for this fall's municipal contest.

Wu wants the council to take action on redistricting at its Wednesday meeting so there can be time for "sufficient review and potential rejection or amendments before the May 30 deadline."

After all, without a clear picture of the council district boundaries that will be in place come November, some candidates may be unsure which district they will even live in and thus would seek to represent, or the exact contours and make-up of their prospective City Council district.

Pat O'Brien, one of several candidates who have said they intend to run for the District 3 seat being vacated by Frank Baker, said he hopes the council brings openness, transparency, and swift action to the redistricting process, and that the city's neighborhood's are heard.

He acknowledged that much

was in flux as of Friday morning.

"I don't know what I'm running for now," he joked on Adams Street, "but I'm running."

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## Once expected, the anti-Trump Republican primary has yet to emerge

By Trip Gabriel  
NEW YORK TIMES

Just a few months ago, the Republican presidential primary seemed as if it might include a frank and vigorous debate about the leadership and limitations of Donald Trump.

But any appetite for criticism of Trump among Republicans has nearly evaporated in a very short time. Voters rallied around him after his criminal indictment in March on charges related to hush money for a porn star, and potential rivals have faltered, with few willing to take direct aim at the former president and front-runner for the nomination.

In a live town hall on CNN on Wednesday, the cheers for every falsehood and insult that Trump uttered under tough questioning by a moderator showed there was little to no daylight between Trump and the Republican base. A quirky effort to disrupt the love-in by Chris Christie — a potential rival who bought Facebook ads to supply audience members with skeptical questions such as "Why are you afraid



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Donald Trump supporters prepared to welcome the former president at the airport in Manchester, N.H., Wednesday.

of debating?" — went nowhere.

In surveys and focus groups, a fair share of Republican voters say they would prefer a less polarizing, more electable nominee. But a near taboo against criticizing Trump has made it hard for rivals — apart from Christie and one or two others near the bottom of polls — to stand out.

In what looks like a rerun of the 2016 Republican primary, almost none of Trump's competi-

tors have openly gone after him, despite his glaring vulnerabilities. Instead, they are hoping — now as then — that he will somehow self-destruct, leaving them to inherit his voters.

After a jury found Trump liable for sexual abuse and defamation of writer E. Jean Carroll on Tuesday, former vice president Mike Pence, who is weighing a 2024 campaign, declined to criticize Trump. In an interview with NBC News, Pence said it

was "just one more story focusing on my former running mate that I know is a great fascination to members of the national media, but I just don't think it's where the American people are focused."

Other 2024 hopefuls found the verdict in the Carroll case to be disqualifying for a would-be president: Christie and Asa Hutchinson, the former governor of Arkansas. Hutchinson criticized Trump's "contempt for the rule of law."

Several months ago, polling had suggested Trump could be a potentially weak candidate, with only 25 percent to 35 percent support from Republican voters

in high-quality surveys. The Republican National Committee promised an autopsy of the 2022 midterms that was expected to address Trump's role in the party's surprising losses.

But today, the lane in the Republican primary for a candidate who is openly critical of Trump seems to be closing.

Hutchinson's long-shot campaign has failed to gain notice.

Christie, a former governor of New Jersey who has promised a decision this month on whether he will run, also has yet to generate much interest.

Even the occasionally critical Pence, who mildly suggested Trump would be "accountable" to history for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol, is struggling for affirmation from the Republican base.

And the RNC autopsy of the midterms? A draft reportedly did not mention Trump at all.

David Kochel, a Republican strategist who advised Jeb Bush when he ran against Trump in 2016, said there was no opportunity for a candidate openly critical of Trump in the 2024 primary.

"Voters have seen Trump as

the most attacked president of their lifetimes, and they have an allergic reaction to one of their own doing it," Kochel said. "He's built up these incredible antibodies, in part stemming from how the base perceives he has been treated."

A CBS News poll released this month found that among likely Republican primary voters, only an insignificant handful — 7 percent — wanted a candidate who "criticizes Trump."

Trump is insulated from criticism, strategists said, because of the intense and dug-in partisanship of the Republican base, and because many of those voters get information only from right-wing sources.

"They barely have access to the truth," said Sarah Longwell, an anti-Trump Republican strategist. Longwell, who hosts a podcast about Republican voters called "The Focus Group," said a sizable share of primary voters wanted to move on from Trump.

But according to polling, a majority of Republican voters don't believe Trump really lost in 2020.

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

# Here's why Biden's policy response to the end of Title 42 falls short

**A**s the clock struck midnight Thursday night, the public health policy known as Title 42 — imposed by then-president Donald Trump at the onset of the pandemic — finally came to an end.

For the last three years, Title 42 gave federal officials the authority to swiftly expel migrants along the US-Mexico border without giving them a chance to apply for asylum, ostensibly to protect public health. As the COVID-19 national emergency and public health emergency expired on May 11, so did Title 42.

Title 42, which had been an obscure emergency provision in federal law until it was invoked in 2020, largely shut down America's asylum system and thus became a tool to control the influx of migrants along the border. Before the emergency policy, people escaping violence and persecution could apply for asylum at the border — consistent with US and international law — and then were typically released in the United States to wait as their claims made their way through the system.

Asylum is granted for people who can show they're fleeing their countries because they fear persecution, or because their lives are threatened by violence, political instability, or human rights abuses. It's a core human rights protection — one that the Trump administration used COVID as a pretext to set aside.

In total, federal authorities expelled migrants more than 2.8 million times under Title 42. But there were some exceptions, such as unaccompanied children, some family units, Ukrainian refugees, and other groups.

Even before the pandemic, of course, the immigration system was broken. Congress deserves much of the blame for that because of its longstanding inability to enact comprehensive immigration policy.

But presidents have a role, too — and sadly, President Biden isn't handling migrants much better than his predecessor. His administration announced new rules for those turning themselves in at the border. Offi-

cials there are now instructed to turn away anyone seeking asylum who didn't first apply online or seek protection in a country they traveled through.

The United States is currently accepting up to 30,000 people per month from Venezuela, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Cuba as long as they apply from their home countries first and have a US sponsor. That's a good step in the right direction. But desperation and despair

**The Biden administration needs a workable plan to process asylum seekers quickly and fairly, while helping states and municipalities contend with the task of housing them.**

have already driven thousands of migrants out of their homelands, and some of them are waiting in Mexico to get an appointment online.

Nor has the administration done enough to support cities and states, which have been feeling the strain of supporting the migrants who, despite the Title 42 restrictions, have made it into the country in increasing numbers during the last few months. New York City Mayor Eric Adams is considering housing migrants in an old prison building. "Nothing is off the table," he said. In Chicago, where roughly 400 migrants are temporarily housed in police stations, a plan to move some of them into a former high school was stopped by a lawsuit filed by a neighborhood group. Here in Boston, many Haitian migrants, including families with babies, showed up at Boston Medical Center searching for help and resources. They had nowhere to go.

States have been doing their best. Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey recently announced a measure

that will make it harder for municipalities to prevent hotels, motels, and other properties from being used to house, on an emergency basis, the surge of migrant families to the state. In West Springfield, for instance, the Globe's Samantha Gross reported that town officials put a local hotel on notice that it should cease and desist from hosting families — including migrants and homeless Massachusetts residents — after the hotel contracted with the state to serve as an emergency shelter.

But states can't be expected to solve this problem. The Biden administration needs a workable plan to process asylum seekers quickly and fairly, while helping states and municipalities contend with the task of housing them. For instance, the American Immigration Council recently proposed in a comprehensive report a blueprint to overhaul the country's asylum system, using a "humane and consistent approach to humanitarian protection and border management."

The recommendations, some of which involve action from Congress, range from the elementary — expand the capacity of the US Customs and Border Protection agency to process asylum seekers at ports of entry and clear immigration court asylum backlog; to the truly unexplored — fund a right to an attorney in immigration court and create a national center for migrant coordination that would bring together federal, state, and local resources and stakeholders to support the integration of migrants into communities once they've been allowed in the country.

The Biden administration has had enough time to plan and coordinate an improved and humane response for those seeking asylum at the border. America has the capacity to help. Americans *want* to help those in need — as evidenced by the outpouring of support that Ukrainian refugees received, for example. But our political leaders seemingly have failed to recognize what's happening at the border as the humanitarian crisis that it is.

MARCELA GARCÍA

# Undocumented immigrants get the job done. But at what cost?



A Guatemalan migrant waited on the street for day-labor jobs in Homestead, Fla. on Aug. 17, 2022.

work because [immigrants] have a strong need to do so."

De Leon ended the interview saying that she's "supposedly still under investigation, so I guess it's not a good idea that I talk to the press." She wouldn't confirm exactly who is investigating her company and refused to give more information, such as who had hired FDL in Maine or whether FDL was still doing business there. "I am not going to talk about this anymore, OK? I don't know what consequences there would be if I talk more."

At the time of the CBP operation in March, Carlos said, he was making a flat rate of \$25 an hour. He showed me an older check that the company gave him for about \$1,500 for more than 60 hours of work. He said it had been payment for one week and that it didn't include overtime pay.

Carlos's lawyer, Audrey Richardson, said her client has been interviewed by US Department of Labor investigators. She said she doesn't have information on the nature of the DOL investigation or whether any other agency is looking into it. Richardson is the managing attorney of the employment law unit at Greater Boston Legal Services.

"This case was an aberration in that the workers were targeted, whereas under current policies out of the US Department of Home-

land Security, they're not supposed to be doing that," Richardson said. The day of the operation, CBP took the undocumented workers to a facility for processing, where they allegedly spent the night, according to Carlos. At least two were sent to detention, Carlos said. CBP said in the press release that some of the workers were put in removal proceedings.

Those new DHS policies include a program that "provides deferred action [from deportation] and work authorization to workers who would come forward as witnesses in government workplace rights investigations," said Richardson. That's what Carlos is hoping to access.

To be clear, all workers regardless of their immigration status are protected by state and federal labor and employment laws about minimum wage, overtime, sick time, and meal breaks, among other rights. But many undocumented workers are unaware of these laws and may not know that their workplace rights are being violated. It's why Richardson said her organization is always available to talk to people confidentially about their rights and the protections and benefits of coming forward to denounce possible labor violations. And even if workers without legal status are aware of their rights and the new DHS policies, many — if not most of them — may still not report workplace

violations because the fear of getting deported prevails.

I texted de Leon to ask her specifically about overtime. She responded saying that her employees worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, which contradicts what Carlos told me — he said he would also work Saturdays and that he'd start work every day at 7 a.m.

De Leon went on to say that the workers would receive generous breaks at work and have food in the rental home, "and we didn't deduct" that from their pay, she said. Snow days, she added, wouldn't be deducted either. (Carlos confirmed FDL didn't charge them rent or for the groceries that de Leon paid for in the Lisbon home.)

About the overtime, de Leon said, "If [the workers] ought to have been paid overtime [given all of] that, then my answer would be NO."

Still, de Leon's company — like many similar businesses in construction, landscaping, janitorial services, and other industries — was probably benefiting economically from hiring undocumented, cheap labor exists in a parallel universe within the economy but it's not an outlier.

"Part of the question in a lot of these cases is, who is taking advantage of workers' vulnerabilities and their need to be working and to stay quiet if something isn't right?" Richardson said. Oftentimes small companies like de Leon's hire the workers and then bigger companies hire the small firm as a subcontractor. The bigger company typically knows full well the price is too low to involve documented labor.

Indeed, many questions remain about the case: Who is the developer building the Portland hotel? Were there other actors above FDL that were drawing a profit from Carlos's labor?

If the \$1,500 or so a week that he was making, Carlos would send about \$400 to Guatemala to help his parents. I asked him if he felt abused or exploited by FDL: "Well ... the truth is that I really needed the job."

Carlos and the other 16 workers are only one example of how businesses, all the way up and down the supply chain, find a way to capitalize on their desperation to work. Everyone above these workers is getting an economic benefit from their cheap labor. But at what cost?

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## READERS' FORUM

# The emergency is over. COVID is not. What are we doing about it?

### We're putting our heads in the sand in this new phase

Re "Most hospitals in Mass. ready to drop mask rules next week" (Page A1, May 5): Public health institutions in America are weak, and the Biden administration's response to COVID-19 has been feeble. We failed at the pandemic, with more than 1.1 million Americans dead from the coronavirus, and now we are putting our heads in the sand by ending requirements to mask in hospitals. The quality of COVID epidemiologic surveillance data is suspect, in the context of this new phase of ending the federal emergency and "living with COVID."

Masking should continue for the time being, until our public health infrastructure is stronger and our surveillance data are of higher quality. It's not forever, but infectious diseases ebb and flow, and immunocompromised and elderly Americans will continue to die if we follow the present course.

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### DPH caved to hospital pressure

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health caved to pressure from hospital system leadership, which urged the state to drop mask requirements in tandem with the May 12 end of the federal pandemic emergency. I am appalled that health and safety are being sacrificed for hospital bottom lines.

Health care settings are one place where masking should continue. Studies have shown that COVID-19 causes long-lasting symptoms in 10 percent to 20 percent of cases, even in people who were previously healthy, and further disables those whose health was already fragile. It's hard to put into words the hell that is long COVID (yes, I've been diagnosed with it).

Parents taking newborn babies to well-child appointments, elderly grandparents, cancer patients receiving infusions, and survivors of post-viral illness shouldn't have to risk catching this highly contagious airborne disease when seeking necessary and life-saving care. Now that hospital-acquired infections may not be reported, we won't even have the data to show how disastrous this decision is.

KATIE VHAY  
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### Her partner is immunocompromised. The thought of entering an ER waiting room is terrifying.

Having worked in public health, I can say that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of today is not the CDC of the HIV pandemic, when I worked on HIV vaccine trials as a research analyst with a private research company. As David Wallace-Wells wrote in The New York Times Magazine, current public-health guidance is now "close to 'you do you,'" which seems like the antithesis of public health.

My partner is immunocompromised, with renal and hepatic impairment as well as congestive heart failure. The only indoor spaces we have entered since the pandemic started have been health care facilities. While his primary care physician is willing to take



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A mask on a sidewalk in Boston Common.

heroic measures to keep him out of an emergency department waiting room, the thought of entering an ER is terrifying in terms of his risk. I imagine these settings will be even more flooded with uninsured people who cannot afford primary or urgent care as millions are losing Medicaid coverage at the same time the emergency has been declared over. And this is all while COVID surveillance measures are no longer required.

Where is the most important principle of "First do no harm"? Does the marginal inconvenience for staff and the added expense for the hospital outweigh the risk to immunocompromised and elderly patients?

I also feel this policy increases the stress on valiant primary care physicians who now are left to manage risk mitigation for their most vulnerable patients.

I ask Mass General Brigham and all other hospitals that are easing their masking requirements to please reconsider.

STACIA LANGENBAHN  
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### Who will be tracking fluctuating infection levels?

The last half of the last sentence of the last paragraph in the article "Most hospitals in Mass. ready to drop mask rules next week" contains what I believe is an important part of the story: the detail that "the amount of COVID-19 detected in Boston-area waste water has been ticking up over the past two weeks." To my way of thinking (and as you journalists put it), that's called burying the lede.

Was that information taken into consideration with regard to the easing of masking requirements discussed in the article? With about 1,000 people in the United States still dying of COVID-19 every week and many data collection and reporting requirements being dropped, we need to know who is keeping track of the fluctuating infection levels and what their findings suggest for public policy. Why is relatively little attention being

paid to the reputable virologists and epidemiologists who continue to remind us that the pandemic is not over?

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### We remain awash in data, all of it troubling

The recent article "Tufts Medical reports zero COVID patients" (Metro, May 3), a development that is characterized in an online headline as a "happy milestone," did not mention whether Tufts Medical Center still screens all patients for COVID. That would have been useful to know. Mass General Brigham and Boston Children's Hospital have already stopped universal COVID testing for asymptomatic patients, besides removing mask protections. Yet the week of May 3, Massachusetts Department of Health data showed that 172 patients were hospitalized with COVID in Massachusetts, 15 of them in intensive care units and 39 in Suffolk County alone. Since the beginning of 2023, over 138,000 patients have contracted COVID in the hospital, including 4,436 Massachusetts residents.

More than 50 percent of COVID transmission occurs before patients develop symptoms, which is why universal masks and screening testing are critical to prevent spread. Patients have a nearly 40 percent likelihood of transmitting COVID to their hospital roommate, meaning you could go in for a heart attack or a surgery and leave with COVID. Without a negative screening test on admission, patients may have a harder time proving that they caught COVID in the hospital, should they experience harm.

As of April 27, the CDC ceased requiring hospitals to report hospital-acquired COVID, in spite of a study that shows that hospital-acquired COVID surged in England and Scot-

land after COVID screening upon admission was stopped. Hospital-acquired COVID has a 5 to 10 percent mortality rate.

Hospitals in Boston have been pressing the DPH to end infection control measures. Hospitals also have lost money rescheduling elective procedures when patients tested positive for COVID-19.

With hospitals in an unprecedented budget crisis, the question remains: Are they protecting our health or their financial interests?

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### Doctors make many calls, but public health is a job for the policy makers

The claim, as the headline of your May 11 editorial puts it, that "doctors, not government, should decide when to require masks in health care" overlooks the difference between technical medical questions and questions of public policy. Doctors can tell us, for example, whether mask mandates reduce serious illness and death from COVID-19 among the old and immunocompromised. But whether protecting the medically vulnerable is worth the inconvenience to the young and healthy is a question of public policy, which should be settled by the will of the people through their government in a democracy.

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An Eastern towhee caught the attention of birders on tour with Strickland Wheelock. Below, a pine warbler was also seen.

## He has got a brain for birds

### BIRDS

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Wheelock's enthusiasm is a rite of passage. He's 78 now, has been a regular at Worcester-area bird clubs since he was just 7, and has spent most of his life being a Pied Piper for Mass Audubon, leading birding trips that seek to find the rare and appreciate the everyday.

"I've seen 750 species of birds in the United States, but what's most fun is to share that," said Wheelock, who is famous for inviting everyone to look through his scope when he's got a bird in focus. That includes strangers who just happen to be walking by.

His birding story began when he was a child in Uxbridge, in the house he still lives in. No one in his family was a birder, but they had a feeder on a window, and Wheelock became fascinated by a gorgeous yellow bird called an evening grosbeak. He would pull a blanket over his head so the birds wouldn't know he was there, and spend hours sketching them, often coming down with mysterious ailments to stay home from school and keep drawing.

From there, serendipity connected him with a counselor at a summer camp in Maine who taught him how to band birds for research (something he still does); to a high school headmas-

ter who took him out before school to teach him how to identify birds by their songs; and to Hobart College, where he roomed with a man named Bill Getty, who was an avid birder. They still chase birds together; they're going to Alaska next month.

He would eventually go into the family business — the Wheelocks have been in the wool business in Uxbridge since 1810, and he runs Wheelock Textiles today — but birds are his love, and turning people onto them became his passion, preaching a simple philosophy of "Stop. Listen. Pay attention."

For more than three decades, he has been leading trips out of Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln. Which is what he was doing on this day in Rhode Island, following a long van ride where he played bird songs, told everyone his story on how he became a birder, and insisted on hearing theirs.

"He's definitely a rare bird himself," said Renata Pomponi, the former sanctuary director at Drumlin Farm who now serves as senior director of strategic initiatives for Mass Audubon. "He

has a unique ability to connect people to nature through the lens of a birding scope which creates a stronger desire to protect it."

It's something that comes through quickly, according to Anna Taft, a birder from the South End who was on her first trip with Wheelock. "He's generous; that's the word that comes to mind," Taft said. "And he has this way of wanting you to understand what you're seeing and hearing. It's not just, 'It's this bird.' It's. 'Listen for three notes and then it goes into a jumble,' and then you listen and you hear it."

The serious birding world is famous for being competitive, and dismissive. Many are interested only in adding to their so-called life list, the number of different species of birds they've seen or heard, and race around chasing reports of rare birds, not the least bit interested in a common rock dove (what non-birders call a "pigeon").

And Wheelock can certainly tap into the competitiveness that made him a top-ranked tennis player into his 60s, but he tries to keep that confined to Mass Audubon's annual birdathon — an event where teams compete

to see the most species in 24 hours. (Wheelock is known to spend weeks coming up with a detailed, war-room plan for the Drumlin Farm team.) The rest of the time, he tries to be the opposite, according to Dan Fournier, who has been going on birding trips with Wheelock since he was 10.

"He's taught me everything I know about birds, and especially to be inclusive and appreciative," said Fournier, who is 29 now and was helping to lead the Rhode Island trip. "Just because you see a chickadee or a robin all the time doesn't mean they aren't amazing and exciting."

Just then, Wheelock hears an ovenbird, a small species of warbler, but can't locate it, so employs the trick of playing a recording of its song to get it to come in to investigate.

"OK, guys, I'm going to see if we can draw him out, so gather around and be ready," he says to the group. "He'll probably come right in."

He connects his phone to a small Bluetooth speaker, then plays the song: *tea-cher, Tea-cher, TEA-cher*.

Soon, everyone is enjoying the sight of the bird, and Wheelock is enjoying the sight of the people.

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## State: Urban beaches need to be more inclusive



Chris Mancini, executive director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, spoke at Carson Beach Friday.

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Announces initiative to help underrepresented communities feel more welcome

By **Billy Baker**  
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With summer just around the corner, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission on Friday announced an initiative to make beaches more welcoming for underrepresented communities and people with disabilities.

The plan, titled "Breaking Barriers," was prepared by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and aims not only to make the beaches more in-

viting but also to drive increased investment in them. A recent report by the UMass Donahue Institute found Massachusetts to have the lowest per capita spending on parks and recreation in the country.

"We found that our beaches have increasingly drawn residents who represent the rich diversity of our region," the report says. "However, more progress is needed before we can say they are truly inclusive."

The commission represents

Boston and the neighboring ocean-front communities of Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, Quincy, and Hull.

"People's perceptions of their beaches are shaped by their personal experiences and those of their friends and families," according to the report. "For people of color, people with disabilities and non-native English speakers, this has often meant feeling unwelcome and uncomfortable on their beaches, which are spectacular public resources that belong to

them and their communities."

The broad objectives of the initiative, which was announced Friday at a news conference at Carson Beach in South Boston, call for increased funding for infrastructure repair and improvements, and better leadership from the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation, which has had six different commissioners in the past eight years. Brian Arrigo, the former mayor of Revere, became the newest commissioner last month.

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## BPS and police approach accord

Would formalize relationship, guide staff

By **Christopher Huffaker**  
GLOBE STAFF

Boston police and school leaders said Friday that they are close to concluding an agreement formalizing their relationship and outlining when school staff should call police.

The memorandum will not place police back in schools, the officials said, but instead will clarify when educators should call police to respond to incidents. The move to codify the role of police in schools is in line with a January recommendation by an outside consultant, the Council of Great City Schools, but has followed relatively little public discussion, despite the consultant's recommendation that the agreement include community input.

Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper and Police Commissioner Michael Cox shared the update in testimony at a City Council hearing held by Councilors Erin Murphy and Michael Flaherty, who have called for more action to address school violence.

The agreement has been in the works for almost two years, Skipper said, but the consultant's recommendation spurred the parties to complete it.

Skipper emphasized that the agreement will not change city and district policies around information sharing and surveillance, such as a 2021 ordinance prohibiting school officials from including information like immigration status and gang affiliation in student reports that are shared with police.

Flaherty welcomed the coming agreement and said that he has heard from parents that school leaders were not calling 911, forcing parents to go to the police themselves. In January, Murphy, Flaherty, Councilor Frank Baker, and council President Ed Flynn called for a restoration of police to schools and for the installation of metal detectors.

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## UMass Amherst grad slain in Texas is recalled for his kindness

By **Shannon Larson**  
GLOBE STAFF

Kyu Cho cherished nothing more than watching his two sons grow up and spending time with his family.

It was a warm and sunny afternoon on May 6 when he and his wife, Cindy Cho, brought 3-year-old James and 6-year-old William to the Allen Premium Outlets near Dallas to exchange a present for William, who had just celebrated his birthday.

Then gunfire erupted, the latest mass shooting to shake the nation. Eight people were killed, including three members of the Cho family. Only William survived his wounds.

Through their loss, friends and colleagues of Kyu Cho, 37, who graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2007 with a degree in political science, are remembering him

Devoted father, mother, and son among the 8 killed in mall shooting

as a devoted father and an effusively kind person with a special ability to inspire those around him, particularly as a leader of the taekwondo team during his college years.

"We are deeply saddened by the tragic death of our UMass Amherst alumnus Kyu Cho, his wife and their 3-year old son in the Texas mall shooting," spokesman Edward Blaguszewski said in a statement.

Cho, who was born in South Korea and raised in Dallas, attended the Ave Maria School of Law in Florida after graduating from college. In the past year, he worked as an immigration

attorney for the Porter Legal Group in Texas, according to his profile on its website.

"As an immigrant himself, Kyu has a deep pride, respect, and appreciation for the American Dream," the profile states. He was fluent in Korean and learning Spanish, according to the profile.

While he hadn't worked at the firm for long, he made a lasting impression, with it becoming "immediately apparent that he is one of the most thoughtful, caring and considerate people we have ever had the pleasure to know and work alongside," the firm said in a Facebook post.

"He was that way as a leader, mentor, and friend to our organization," the firm said. "He was loved and respected by his and our entire team. We are shocked, absolutely crushed, and

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Cindy and Kyu Cho, with their children, 3-year-old James and 6-year-old William. William is the only one who survived the attack.



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**BEACH DAY** — Sisters Brianna and Jelanny Gonzalez sat in their chairs as they relaxed at Revere Beach.

## Sagamore lanes reopen ahead of schedule

By Travis Andersen

GLOBE STAFF

All travel lanes on the Sagamore Bridge have reopened after maintenance work finished two weeks ahead of schedule, officials said Thursday, just ahead of the Cape Cod tourist season.

"Sagamore Bridge maintenance work COMPLETE!" the US Army Corps of Engineers announced in a statement. "The contractor this morning completed the paving portion of Phase 3 of the project work," including repairs to the east side roadway lanes and the bridge's sidewalk.

The lane closures began in March, according to the Corps.

"The contractor will come back over the weekend at night to complete permanent line striping, remove all the temporary road signage, and reopen the sidewalk to pedestrians and cyclists," the Corps said. "USACE would like to thank everyone in the community for their patience and cooperation during this critical repair work that was completed well ahead of schedule!"

Opened to traffic in 1935, the Sagamore and Bourne bridges replaced two low-level crossings, each with a draw span. The Cape Cod Canal, originally dug by a private company, opened in 1914. The federal government assumed operations during World War I and deepened the passage.



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All travel lanes on the Sagamore Bridge have reopened after maintenance work was completed.

In 2017, more than 21,000 vessels passed through the canal, which allows ships to avoid a longer route around Cape Cod and Nantucket Shoals, according to the Corps. Auto carriers, cruise ships, and military vessels are among its largest ships.

On Wednesday, the Bourne Police Department had some fun with the expected lifting of the Sagamore travel restrictions.

"What will you miss the most? I personally will miss the time I was able to spend listening to the entire Taylor Swift Midnights Album while traversing from the station to the Cape side," the department quipped on Facebook.

State Representative Steve Xiarhos, a Barnstable Republi-

can and former Yarmouth deputy police chief, also hailed the news.

"THANK YOU," Xiarhos said Thursday via Facebook. "It's been a long time coming, but today is the day lane restrictions have been removed on the Sagamore Bridge. I am grateful that bridge repairs were made in the best interest of the safety of everyone who uses the bridge (including many residents of the 5th Barnstable District). And, I appreciate and commend the efforts of everyone who took part in making these repairs, which were completed ahead of schedule."

The lawmaker stressed, however, that the repairs speak to a larger issue.

"Sagamore and Bourne

Bridges are outdated and need to be replaced, not just repaired," Xiarhos wrote. "These bridges are a critical transportation link for Cape Cod. Our economy and our way of life here on Cape Cod depend upon having bridges that are safe to use, reliable and effective to accommodate traffic, and that serve the purposes of an ever-modernizing transportation network. We can't keep slapping band-aids on these bridges and expecting them to be adequate for years to come."

In January, the federal government rejected an application from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Corps, which owns and maintains the bridges, for \$1.88 billion to replace them. The setback followed an earlier disappointment, when the project failed to win federal grant money in September.

The January request, which would have paid for half the total project, was beaten out by large bridge projects in Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, and California. The Cape project must wait for funding at least until next year when more grants for large bridge projects will be announced under the massive federal infrastructure bill approved in 2021.

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## This day in history

Today is Saturday, May 13, the 133rd day of 2023. There are 232 days left in the year.

► Birthdays: Actor Buck Taylor is 85. Actor Harvey Keitel is 84. Author Charles Baxter is 76. Actor Zoe Wanamaker is 75. Actor Franklyn Ajaye is 74. Singer Stevie Wonder is 73. Former Ohio Governor John Kasich is 71. Actor Leslie Winston is 67. Producer-writer Alan Ball is 66. Basketball Hall of Famer Dennis Rodman is 62. "Late Show" host Stephen Colbert is 59. Rock musician John Richardson is 59. Actor Tom Verica is 59. Singer Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 57. Actor Susan Floyd is 55. Rock musician Mickey Madden (Maroon 5) is 44. Actor Robert Pattinson is 37. Actor Debby Ryan is 30.

► In 1607, English colonists arrived by ship at the site of what became the Jamestown settlement in Virginia (the colonists went ashore the next day).

► In 1914, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis was born in Lafayette, Ala.

► In 1917, three shepherd children reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary near Fatima, Portugal; it was the first of six such apparitions that the children claimed to have witnessed.

► In 1940, in his first speech as British prime minister, Winston Churchill told Parliament, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat."

► In 1972, 118 people died after fire broke out at the Sennichi Department Store in Osaka, Japan.

► In 1973, in tennis' first so-called "Battle of the Sexes," Bobby Riggs defeated Margaret Court 6-2, 6-1 in Ramona, Calif. (Billie Jean King soundly defeated Riggs at the Houston Astrodome in September.)

► In 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

► In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped a bomb onto the group's row house, igniting a fire that killed 11 people and destroyed 61 homes.

► In 1994, President Clinton nominated federal appeals Judge Stephen G. Breyer to the US Supreme Court to replace retiring Justice Harry A. Blackmun; Breyer went on to win Senate confirmation.

► In 2002, President George W. Bush announced that he and Russian President Vladimir Putin would sign a treaty to shrink their countries' nuclear arsenals by two-thirds.

► In 2013, President Obama tried to swat down a pair of brewing controversies, denouncing as "outrageous" the targeting of conservative political groups by the IRS but angrily denying any administration cov-

er-up after the deadly attacks in Benghazi, Libya, in September 2012. Philadelphia abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell was convicted of first-degree murder in the deaths of three babies who were delivered alive and then killed with scissors at his clinic (Gosnell is serving a life sentence). The Associated Press sent a letter of protest to Attorney General Eric Holder after the Justice Department told the news agency it had secretly obtained two months of telephone records of AP reporters and editors. Psychologist Joyce Brothers, 85, died in Fort Lee, N.J.

► In 2016, the Obama administration issued a directive requiring public schools to permit transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms consistent with their chosen gender identity.

► In 2018, President Trump said he would help the Chinese telecommunications company ZTE get "back into business"; the Commerce Department had earlier moved to block the company from importing American components. Officials in Hawaii called for more evacuations near the Kilauea volcano amid signs of an imminent eruption at the volcano's summit. (The eruption came four days later.) The body of 69-year-old "Superman" actress Margot Kidder was found by a friend near her Montana home in what was later ruled a suicide from a drug and alcohol overdose.

► In 2019, Doris Day, the sunny blonde film star and singer who appeared in comedic roles opposite Rock Hudson and Cary Grant in the 1950s and 1960s, died at her California home at 97.

► In 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down Governor Tony Evers' coronavirus stay-at-home order, ruling that his administration had overstepped its authority by extending the order for another month.

► Last year, Russia suffered heavy losses when Ukrainian forces destroyed the pontoon bridge that enemy troops were using to try to cross a river in the east, Ukrainian and British officials said in another sign of Moscow's struggle to salvage a war gone awry. Israeli police moved in on a crowd of mourners at the funeral of Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, beating demonstrators with batons and causing pallbearers to briefly drop the casket. The crackdown came during a rare show of Palestinian nationalism in east Jerusalem. Former White House national security adviser Robert C. McFarlane, a top aide to President Reagan who pleaded guilty to charges for his role in the illegal arms-for-hostages deal known as the Iran-Contra affair, died at 84.

## School superintendent placed on leave

Allegations made against Minuteman Regional official

By Shannon Larson

GLOBE STAFF

The superintendent of Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District in Lexington has been placed on administrative leave "pending an investigation into complaints received by the school committee," the committee chairperson said in a statement Friday afternoon.

The School Committee has retained independent legal counsel to investigate allegations against Superintendent Kathleen Dawson, who recently received a unanimous vote of no confidence from the Minuteman Faculty Association, said Pam Nourse, chairperson of the committee.

"We are committed to ensuring that all parties involved receive a fair, thorough, and unbiased examination of the facts," she said. "As this is a personnel issue, we will have no further comment on this matter at this time."

In a lengthy statement, Dawson said the School Committee had received "complaints about my interactions with students and staff and concerns about working conditions from the Teachers Union."

"I look forward to working with the investigator assigned,

ests of students first and I have not intentionally engaged in any misconduct," she said.

The School Committee met in executive session Thursday to discuss Dawson's status. The board said it will appoint an acting superintendent-director in the coming days.

Tensions have run high recently at the public technical high school, whose member towns include Acton, Arlington, Bolton, Concord, Dover, Lancaster, Lexington, Needham, and Stow. Many staff, students, and parents say they have lost faith in Dawson, who has served in the position for less than 11 months, citing poor leadership and an inability to collaborate.

Dawson said the complaints against her followed her decision not to extend the contract of the school's principal, George Clement. That included criticism levied at her for "line dancing with students last fall at a school dance" and allegations that she has touched students and staff "inappropriately," such as reaching out "to touch an arm or shoulder," she said.

But she called those gestures "natural" to her and said "nothing more was intended."

"These days, this is a charge loaded with negative implications but facts, not implication or rumor or gossip, matter. I have never touched a student or staff member in a manner that was intended to be or could be construed to be of a sexual nature," Dawson said. "I look for-

ward to clearing my name of the innuendo and rumors motivated by adult concerns."

On May 1, all 90 members of the faculty association cast a vote of no confidence in Dawson, Diane Dempsey, president of the association, said in an email. The decision "should come as no surprise," the association said in a statement. Dempsey said it was the first time the association had passed a vote of no confidence against a superintendent.

Dawson has ignored the opinions, concerns, and recommendations of the educators and administrators who have dedicated their careers" to the district, the association said. "The lack of respect from the Superintendent started at the beginning of the academic year and has continued throughout the year, despite repeated efforts by staff to improve the working environment."

Parents and students have been particularly angry over the fate of Clement, who has worked at the school since 2009, according to his LinkedIn profile.

In late April, senior Annie Brosnan, 18, started a "Save Mr. Clement" petition that has since received more than 1,500 signatures.

She said students heard about two to three weeks ago that Clement's contract would not be renewed, although they said there was not a formal announcement.

Seniors have been posting

updates about the situation on Instagram, urging others to show support for Clement. On Monday, more than 100 students staged a walkout to demonstrate their loyalty.

Parents have also been frustrated by the situation and this week started their own campaign, calling on Dawson to resign or for the School Committee to remove her.

Courtney Hadly Zwirn, acting president of the Minuteman Parent Association, said in a statement on May 3 that there "have been multiple documented and observed instances of concern" about Dawson's leadership. She said Clement was told in April that his contract would not be renewed but there has still "been no official communication from the school district" about his status.

Sarah Montague, 60, a parent of a senior at the school, described Clement as "a beloved figure" who is "the heart and soul of the culture in this place."

Parents were outraged when they found out that his contract had not been renewed, she said.

Upon learning Dawson had been placed on administrative leave, she said she was elated.

"So many people told us this is so political," Montague said. "People said this will never change, and we all said, 'Yes it is.' We're not going to stop until it does."

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May 12

# Sununu signals support for legalizing pot

Says latest bill defeated 'was not the right path'

By Steven Porter

GLOBE STAFF

The day after the New Hampshire Senate again rejected a bill that would have legalized recreational marijuana, Governor Chris Sununu said the defeated measure "was not the right path for our state."

In a statement, Sununu acknowledged that every other state in New England has legalized recreational pot. Although he has historically expressed reticence about New Hampshire following the lead of its neighbors, he announced Friday that he's willing to sign a future bill to legalize marijuana, but it must follow a model that gives the state control of distribution and access.

"Knowing that a majority of our residents support legalization, it is reasonable to assume change is inevitable. To ignore this reality would be shortsighted and harmful," Sununu said. "That is why, with the right policy and framework in place, I stand ready to sign a legalization bill that puts the State of N.H. in the drivers seat, focusing on harm reduction — not profits."

Sununu is calling for a marijuana legalization model that resembles the way the New Hampshire Liquor Commission already controls alcohol sales in the state. By having the government handle marketing, sales, and distribution, the state helps to keep harmful substances away from kids, he said.

"The state would not impose any taxes, and should control all messaging, avoiding billboards, commercials, and digital ads that bombard kids on a daily ba-



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**Governor Chris Sununu said he would sign legislation legalizing marijuana sales in New Hampshire "with the right policy and framework in place."**

sis," he said.

The state-run model has its skeptics, even among those who favor legalization.

Greg Moore, director of the conservative and libertarian political advocacy group Americans for Prosperity in New Hampshire, said there are a lot of open questions about how a state-run model would work, especially since cannabis still can't be transported across state lines. Would the state government grow its own product or work with private growers? And why, he said, would a private investor get involved in a grow operation when the only buyer can set rates unilaterally?

"Do we really want to have state employees selling something that is still explicitly illegal at the federal level?" he added.

The AFP of New Hampshire backed the recently defeated cannabis legalization bill as part

of a broad and ideologically diverse coalition that also included the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire.

Frank Knaack, policy director at the ACLU of New Hampshire, said lawmakers should move swiftly to legalize cannabis now that Sununu has committed to signing such legislation.

"We agree wholeheartedly that the core of marijuana legalization is about harm reduction, particularly for communities unjustly targeted by the war on drugs that get needlessly ensnared in New Hampshire's criminal legal system every year," Knaack said.

Sununu's announcement, which offered a broad policy sketch without the details of a formal legislative proposal, came less than 24 hours after the Senate defeated a detailed bill that had won support from a majority of both party's caucuses

in the House. Proponents of the bill had expressed frustration over a lack of input from the governor's office.

"It is disappointing that the Governor could not work with the Legislature, let alone his own party, to advocate for legalizing cannabis until after the Senate had already killed a bill that could have been the path forward on legalization," senators Donna Soucy of Manchester and Becky Whitley of Hopkinton, the Democratic leader and assistant leader in the Senate, said Friday in a joint statement.

The shift in Sununu's stance comes as he mulls a possible bid for the GOP presidential nomination, a decision he's expected to finalize within the next several weeks.

In a statement Friday, New Hampshire Democratic Party Chairman Ray Buckley accused Sununu of opting "for political

convenience over principled leadership."

"His sudden show of support for marijuana legalization is nothing more than political posturing, given that he waited until the Senate had already voted down the latest proposal," Buckley said.

A spokesperson for Sununu did not respond Friday to the Globe's request for comment.

Although several GOP senators have expressed support for certain marijuana legalization efforts in the past, only one Republican cast a vote Thursday in defense of House Bill 639, which would have allowed privately owned cannabis stores. The other 13 Republicans and one Democrat voted to kill the bill.

In his announcement, Sununu vowed to veto any future bill that excludes provisions outlined in his preferred approach.

"I am supportive of legalizing marijuana in the right way — with this legislature — rather than risk a poorly thought out framework that inevitably could pass under future governors or legislators," he said.

House Majority Leader Jason Osborne, a Republican from Auburn, signed onto HB 639 this year despite his reservations about imposing so much taxation and regulation rather than simply allowing marijuana. He told WMUR on Friday that HB 639 had "the right amount of compromise," but lawmakers might yet manage to pass a bill that meets Sununu's expectations.

"We'll see if he can get done what he wants," Osborne told WMUR. "I do think that it could get done this year if the Senate were to send it back to us for a concurrence. If they try to wait 'til next year, I doubt it."

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## Five Amtrak workers hurt at Readville T station

By Travis Andersen

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Five Amtrak employees were injured Friday at the MBTA's Readville commuter rail station in Hyde Park when two Amtrak vehicles collided, according to MBTA Transit Police.

According to Transit Police Superintendent Richard Sullivan and a statement from an Amtrak spokesperson, the crews were injured around 4:30 a.m. The workers are receiving medical treatment for what Amtrak called non-life-threatening injuries.

In a statement, Sullivan said an Amtrak truck was traveling eastbound and collided with another Amtrak track truck. The collision caused substantial damage to the vehicles involved.

His department's accident reconstruction unit is investigating, Sullivan said.

As of late Friday afternoon, an investigation is ongoing, said Amtrak spokeswoman Jen Flanagan.

Earlier, another Amtrak spokeswoman, Beth K. Toll, said that "an Amtrak infrastructure maintenance work group was involved in an incident near Readville in Boston."

According to MBTA spokesman Joseph Pesaturo, the accident is not impacting commuter rail service through Readville. The collision is Amtrak's responsibility, he said.

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A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of said Boston, called South Boston, being the Estate Numbered 594, on East Seventh Street, and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTH: by said East Seventh Street, Twenty-One (21) feet;

WEST: by land formerly of Beckler, One Hundred and Twenty-Five feet;

NORTH: by land Connerly of Beckler, Twenty-One (21) feet; and

EAST: by land formerly of Beckler, by a line running through the partition wall, One Hundred and Twenty-Five feet.

A strip of land of the Premises Eighteen inches wide on the Westerly side, make part of a passageway Eight feet wide, which passageway is common to the granted land.

Said Premises are hereby conveyed subject to the restrictions mentioned in Deed of Trustees of the Hawes Fund in Boston to Daniel W. Beckler, dated October 26, 1867, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 910, Page 121, insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

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Commencing at a point on the Northerly side of Seventh Street opposite the middle of the partition wall between the house on the granted premises and Lot Three (3) on the hereinafter mentioned Plan, said point being distant only by estimation One Hundred Ninety-Seven and One-Half feet (197.5) from the Northeasterly corner of K and Seventh Street, thence running

NORTHERLY through the middle of said partition wall, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet; thence turning at a right angle and running

EASTERLY parallel with Seventh Street, Twenty-Two and One-Half (22.5) feet, to land now or late of Bailey; thence turning at a right angle and running

SOUTHERLY parallel with K Street, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet to Seventh Street; thence turning and running on said Seventh Street

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Beginning at a point on Dorchester Avenue at the Southeasterly corner of the Premises;

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# BPS and police close to agreeing on security roles

## SCHOOLS

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Three-quarters of district parents surveyed in a recent MassINC/Shah Foundation poll supported those measures. Under the current policy, individual schools decide whether to install metal detectors; some schools already have them.

Boston Public Schools stopped employing police officers in response to the state's 2020 Police Reform Law that required school officers receive about 350 additional hours of training. Rather than provide the training, then-Superintendent Brenda Cassellius opted to replace the police with "safety specialists" who lack arrest powers, uniforms, and handcuffs.

The Council of Great City Schools report found that the 2020 law resulted in confusion among BPS staff around the responsibilities of the district versus those of the police.

Many public commenters at the meeting said they opposed any further police involvement. They called for alternative ways to keep students safe, such as bringing in more social workers and expanding restorative justice practices.

"Going to school should not look and feel like you are entering the criminal justice system," said Jakira Rogers of Massachusetts Advocates for Children.

"There's an urgent need to ensure that Boston Public Schools has enhanced safety strategies and measures that keep all students safe from both physical and psychological harm," Rogers said. "Research, data, and disparities demonstrate that police in schools and metal detectors are ineffective and are simply illusions for safety."

Councilor Tania Fernandes Anderson said she supports the memorandum as an alternative

to bringing back school police.

"Research shows that we don't need policing in schools, and I definitely support not having police in schools," Fernandes Anderson said. "So I'm in total support of your current efforts."

BPS staff, like educators around the country, have reported more behavioral problems in the wake of the pandemic, and proponents of school police point to a series of high-profile incidents involving youth violence, but school district data does not show a rise in school violence.

Police data showed an increase in juvenile weapons arrests last year and an increase in police incidents at all Boston schools, including private institutions, through February of this year.

In early January, police said, a teacher used her body to shield a student from attack outside Young Achievers Science and

Math Pilot School. Later that month, a fight among four Boston Latin Academy middle school students led to one being taken to the hospital. In February, a knife was confiscated from a Condon School middle school student.

School discipline data, however, paints a much more mixed picture. The Globe reported in March that there were 1,627 incidents resulting in discipline across the system through February of this school year, compared to 1,454 incidents in the same period last school year. Both years' totals were below those in each of the three years before the pandemic.

Fights and assaults resulting in discipline this school year dipped slightly to 490 between September and February, down from 505 during the corresponding period last year. Incidents involving weapons resulting in discipline, however, jumped to 118

during the same period this school year, a marked increase over 82 the previous year, according to BPS statistics.

The district's efforts to work more closely with city police have drawn an outcry from juvenile justice advocates, who say an increase in the police presence in schools would run contrary to the district's stated commitment to equity. A 2021 analysis from the Center for Public Integrity found Black and Latino students and students with disability are referred to school police at higher rates than their peers. Advocates have also proposed information sharing between police and schools, warning about a 2017 incident where a school incident report helped trigger a student's deportation.

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# 2 charged in theft of keys to mailboxes

By Claire Law

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Two people were arrested and charged for allegedly stealing mailbox keys from Postal Service workers in Boston in November and December, authorities said.

Myesha Lewis of Boston and Kenneth Demosthene of Stoughton appeared in federal court Thursday, the Massachusetts US district attorney's office said in a statement.

Demosthene and Lewis, both 22, face charges including two counts each of robbery of any person having lawful charge, control, or custody of any mail matter or of any money or other property of the United States; assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees; and aiding and abetting, the statement said.

They were both released on special conditions, the statement said.

On Nov. 29 in Mattapan, Demosthene approached a USPS letter carrier and allegedly said, "I'm going to need your master key."

Demosthene allegedly grabbed the arrow key — used to open blue USPS collection boxes — from the letter carrier's mail satchel, the statement said.

Demosthene allegedly broke the brass chain securing the key around the letter carrier's belt, the statement said, before fleeing with Lewis in a rental vehicle.

On Dec. 16 in Hyde Park, Demosthene and Lewis followed and allegedly robbed another letter carrier at knife point, the statement said.

Demosthene approached the USPS letter carrier and allegedly said, "Give me your [expensive] arrow key."

As the letter carrier put their hands in the air, the statement said, Demosthene and Lewis allegedly pulled on the chain attached to the key. They eventually broke the chain and ran away on foot, the statement said.

Theft from mailboxes and postal workers has been rampant across the state for months, with incidents in Boston, Arlington, Wellesley, Weston, and Mattapoisett, among other towns and cities.

The USPS has also seen a rise in arrow keys being used in thefts of US mail, the statement said.

Since July, there have been at least 13 assaults on USPS letter carriers on duty in and around Boston, the statement said. 10 of those incidents involve attempted or successful robbery of arrow keys.

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# State plans to make urban beaches more inclusive

## BEACHES

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But the main focus is on making the beaches feel more inviting and safe for people of color, which includes everything from increasing transportation options with shuttles from public transportation, improving event programming with culturally relevant activities, and strengthening the commitment to water safety programs. Children of color are six times more likely to die from drowning.

"When I was growing up in Boston, there weren't a lot of people on the beach who looked like me," said Christopher Byner, a Black man who is the program administrator for the Boston Police Activities League and serves as a vice commissioner of the beach commission. "That's changed a lot, and that's because we've been intentional about reaching out and inviting people of color, saying we want you to come enjoy this incredible resource."

"We need to do more, but already I'm seeing people from Roxbury and Mattapan at our beaches, and that didn't happen in the past. That's huge," Byner added.

For people with disabilities, a public hearing revealed that the lack of accessible parking and maintained ramps and walkways leaves many feeling "like spectators instead of participants," according to Andrea Gayle-Bennett of the Disabled American Veterans of Massachusetts.

For this summer, DCR has committed to having two beach or floating wheelchairs available at Carson Beach, Revere Beach, Constitution Beach in East Boston, and Wollaston Beach in Quincy, along with a mobility mat, a rollout boardwalk that allows wheelchairs and strollers to better roll across the sand. But the report calls for increased action, from DCR and the commu-



Workers for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay placed a banner on Carson Beach in preparation for Friday's press conference.

JOHN TLUMACKI/GLOBE STAFF

nities, to remove sand from ramps and walkways, and then maintain that access.

For people who are non-native English speakers, DCR has committed to installing multilingual signage featuring QR codes that will link to multilingual websites that will provide beachgoers with information on things like parking, and current water quality. A survey of current signage at the metropolitan beaches found just four in languages other than English.

Much of the report, however, reads like a call to action rather than a concrete plan, with much blame heaped on the DCR.

"I know there's a lot of 'we should,' but I'd say 'we will,'" said Bruce Berman, the lead consultant for the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, which

was co-chaired by Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Representative Adrian Madaro of East Boston. "We're very optimistic that our new governor and the new DCR commissioner understand these issues and are committed to getting things done."

In a statement to the Globe late Friday night, Arrigo said he plans to draw on his experience as Revere mayor to enhance that city's historic beach, to improve the visitor experience at DCR properties.

"I look forward to working with and learning from the perspectives of our visitors and partners like the Metropolitan Beaches Commission to ensure that our parks and beaches — especially our urban oases — are accessible to those of all abilities,

incomes and language capabilities," the statement said.

On Friday afternoon, dozens of people were scattered across Carson Beach enjoying the warm weather and sunshine. Some braved the chilly water to cool down, most only stepping in waist-deep.

Several people praised efforts to make local beaches more welcoming for all.

Molly Kulis, 26, who was visiting with friends said many Cape beaches already have wheelchair access and Boston should improve on that front.

Jen, who lives in the South Bay and declined to share her full name, brought her teenage daughter and a group of friends to enjoy an afternoon in the sand. She said they visit two to three times a week during the

summer, and she had a few ideas to draw more people to the beach.

"They should get some more food stands down here, and maybe a live band or someone out here to sing to us," she said, laughing.

Jen also said she supports the city's plans to incorporate more cultural events. She recalled seeing fliers last summer for a Caribbean community beach party at Carson Beach.

"I think it's awesome," she said. "They definitely should do more events like that."

Adi Saxena, 32, made some new friends when he jumped into a volleyball game with another group. Afterward, they sat in the sand talking and taking in the last rays of sunshine before the sun began to set.

"I just came to be here for a while, maybe a half-hour, but I'm still here," said Saxena, who lives in the Riverway area. "It's been a great day."

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# Teachers in Wellesley agree to a new four-year contract

## WELLESLEY

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Lussier over their handling of the talks, which recently have involved a state mediator. And the school administration has been quietly gathering information about the union's alleged plans to potentially strike.

The School Committee's latest contract offer, as of Thursday night, represented an \$11.57 million increase over four years, a more generous increase than in its previous offer. Sticking points included pay for paraeducators, who assist teachers in classrooms, and paid parental leave for union members to bond with their new family members.

The School Committee has said it's willing to immediately bump up para pay from \$25,413 annually this school year to approximately \$32,275, and eventually up to \$36,205 of "potential earnings" at the end of the four years of the contract.

Although the union remains unsatisfied with the wage proposal for paras, the union said in its Tweets the increases were still a victory and vowed to keep



Demonstrators backing teachers in a bid for a new contract are shown rallying in front of Wellesley Town Hall in March.

working on the issue through "other avenues."

In organizing a potential strike, the Wellesley Educators

Association attempted to maintain secrecy, using the word "cookie" for strike, according to a copy of a petition the School

asked members in a straw-like poll in March, according to the petition. Most members indicated "yes" or "likely yes."

But school administration caught on.

"The Union's activity includes not-so-secret attempts to assess the viability of a vote to strike and assessments of which members may vote which way on a strike," the School Committee's petition said.

The administration first began hearing concerns from union members that union leadership was orchestrating a strike vote, and that they were using the code word "cookie." Administrators then routinely searched the district's electronic systems for any reference to "cookie" and unearthed evidence supporting what they were hearing.

Among the documents was a spreadsheet tracking members' responses in the straw-like poll to the question: "Do you like cookies?" Although a majority expressed support, some shared concerns in a comment section, including potential loss of pay or retaliation by administration.

Administration eventually

learned the vote, originally slated for March, had been postponed until May 12.

Other evidence of a potential strike mounted. On May 8, a state mediator told the School Committee that some union leaders had called the state labor department to discuss the consequences of a potential strike, the petition said. The next day, the union held a membership meeting, and a union member later told administration that a strike was discussed, the petition said.

On Thursday, a teacher sent a text message to a School Committee member, which stated: "Strong word is, they are planning a strike on Monday."

The teacher's text also expressed concern about the union leadership, including that the bargaining unit members were not allowed to vote on the School Committee's most recent proposal in mediation," the petition said.

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# Slain UMass Amherst grad is recalled for his kindness

►CHO

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will miss him so much here every day."

He was that way in college, too, friends recalled. In their lowest moments, he was there for them. When they were lacking confidence, he boosted their morale.

Cho wanted to become an attorney and help others, "especially those who didn't speak English well," Patty Athajaroos, 35, of Los Angeles, said by email. He had a particular interest in assisting people with immigration issues, "as he and his parents experienced the immigration system in America first hand, as well as its shortcomings," she added.

Athajaroos met Cho shortly after she moved from Thailand to attend UMass Amherst. She was "severely homesick" and decided to join the taekwondo team. She recalled the way Cho tried to take care of everyone, likening him to an "older brother that me and so many others on the team needed as we navigated college life, being away from home for the first time, and figuring out who we wanted to be."

"All of my happiest memories are with him" and the team, Athajaroos said. "He will be sorely missed."

Ray Mak Hon Kit knew Cho for two decades. They became close friends at UMass Amherst, creating some of their fondest memories together during taekwondo trainings, he wrote on Facebook. When Hon Kit had the flu one cold and snowy night, Cho brought him to a Korean restaurant and insisted that a dish of Sundubu Jjigae, which means tofu stew, would help him recover.



Kyu Cho (center) was a leader on the UMass taekwondo group. Below, crosses with the names

Hon Kit felt better the next day.

"He was with me every time I was sad and down," he wrote. "One of the kindest individuals I've ever known."

Since graduating from college, Hon Kit had returned to the United States and visited Cho and his family on several occasions. In the days before the shooting, he was traveling in South Korea and sending Cho updates from his friend's home country. Cho told him to enjoy the trip and food before the replies stopped.

The morning after the shooting, Hon Kit awoke to find his phone filled with messages from his former teammates sharing the devastating news. "When will these tragedies end?" he asked on Facebook. "The US to



many of us was the beautiful land of dreams and freedom."

Looking for a social outlet, Eric Szymczak, 37, joined the

martial arts club in college to branch out. It was a diverse group of about a dozen people, but Cho was adept at making ev-

eryone feel at ease, he recalled.

He was a leader, someone to confide in and who always checked up on others.

During Cho's tenure as the coach of the team, it grew to more than 30 people, a testament to "his commitment and friendliness," Szymczak recalled.

"I don't even know if he would classify himself as a leader. It just seemed kind of natural to him, like a shepherd almost," Szymczak said. To others on the team, Cho seemed "mature beyond his years," he said.

Szymczak was at a music festival in Atlanta on Saturday when an article about the shooting popped up on his phone. There had been a shooting just two blocks from his office a couple of days earlier, and for the sake of his mental health he didn't read about what had happened.

Then on Monday night, he saw a post on Facebook from a college friend.

"I'm still in shock three days later," Szymczak said. "Surreal and shocking."

A large bunch of college friends have been in touch since the shooting, exchanging memories of Cho in a group chat and planning ways to honor his legacy, Szymczak said. On Saturday, they will jump on a Zoom call to talk about Cho and what he meant to them. The group is also hoping to have UMass Amherst remember him in some way, such as a moment of silence at graduation or a scholarship fund in his memory.

Cho was one of Samantha Peetros' best friends at UMass Amherst — maybe her "actual first friend" after she transferred halfway through her freshman year and joined the

taekwondo team.

"He was the kind of person to put themselves out there and make people feel really welcome and loved and encouraged," said Peetros, 36.

The team was close-knit and often socialized together, with Cho taking the group to restaurants in Boston to introduce them to new foods, Peetros said. He once organized a karaoke event at a Korean restaurant in Hadley "that was basically a living room," Peetros recalled with a laugh.

Her family lived nearby, and Cho would often join her on visits to their home. He always brought flowers for her mom, she recalled. "He really touched my family," said Peetros, who now lives in Connecticut.

Peetros said she was scrolling through her Instagram feed when she came across an article about the shooting.

"I've lost friends before, but it's different when it's like this," she said.

"What I would ask people to do in his memory is to continue being really kind to people that you love and call Congress and ask them to act on common sense gun reform laws. Because this has to stop," she said. "Kyu was a magical type of person that you don't get to meet often, and I think we're all luckier for having met him."

In the days since the shooting, a GoFundMe organized to "help William continue the legacy of his parents" had raised more than \$1.8 million as of Thursday morning. More than 35,000 people have donated.

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## Women's inn brings community to mother and daughter pair

### ►PINE STREET INN

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Inn for help after they have exhausted all other resources.

"We've had a number of mothers and daughters, and I've got to say, it's very tough" Downie said, adding that many of the guests have lost or become estranged from their mothers and children.

Homan and Rich became homeless after their landlord died and the house they lived in was sold, leaving them five weeks notice to vacate the property.

"We've lost everything in the past year," Rich said. "I wanted to give up — really give up. But because of my mom being here, I don't want to give up."

Rich, who sports a small cluster of tattoos on her left arm with names of lost loved ones, recounted the devastation at losing so much in one year: "All my furniture, my self esteem, my mind." Most upsetting to her, though, was losing her cat and turtle. Rich loves animals, and is determined to learn to master public transit to visit the New England Aquarium and the Franklin Park Zoo.

Rich looks out for her mother, a fragile woman with long silver hair, who struggles with a heart condition and is still recovering from being assaulted by another patient while hospi-

talized in Brockton with pneumonia last month.

"[Dawn] got me right out of there within a day or two," after another patient attacked Homan in her room, fracturing her jaw, Homan said. The pair then came to Boston for the first time, and found a safe and caring community at Pine Street Inn. "I'm walking now," Homan said. "I've been going out now seven times a day. I'll come out and sit down and talk to people."

Other guests at the Women's Inn see Homan as a maternal figure. Some refer to her as "Mom."

"My mom's not here anymore," said Melissa Cobb, who has stayed at the Women's Inn for two years. "My mom would have been her age, if she was still alive. I look at [Homan] like my mom."

Rich and Homan joined other guests at the Inn for a springtime brunch Friday morning to celebrate the launch of capital improvements to the building, including updating 313 windows across the facility. The nonprofit continues to expand, and received approval from the Boston Planning and Development Agency Thursday for a 99-unit housing for formerly homeless individuals.

Maureen Bleday, CEO of the Yawkey Foundation, which is responsible for helping fund the

replacement of windows across the building, said capital projects help make Pine Street a dignified home for its guests.

"That mother and daughter have a chance now to build their lives back and stabilize it. It's windows, it's keeping a place for these people just to have some peace in their life and start to maybe move forward again," Bleday said.

According to Rich, the camaraderie at Pine Street among guests is unlike what she and her mother have experienced at other shelters — they feel safer, and "people stick together, which is good," Homan said.

The duo discussed plans for their first summer in Boston over croissants at the celebratory brunch. As she recovers, Homan wants to walk more, she said. Rich hopes to find a farmers market and visit Cobb in her new apartment, which she moves to in August, to bake bread. As for Mother's Day, Homan and Rich say they'll keep it low-key.

"My mother's passed away and I miss her terribly," Homan said. "I think about her all the time. So I'm just gonna take it easy for the day. Think about her."

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#### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 23-GREC-06

May 11, 2023

Petition of INSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 145, for Review and Approval of the Reconciliation of its 2022 Gas System Enhancement Plan and Gas System Enhancement Reconciliation Adjustment Factors.

On May 1, 2023, INSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("INSTAR Gas" or "Company") submitted to the Department of Public Utilities ("DPU") a petition for review and approval of its 2022 gas system enhancement plan ("GSEP"). The Company calculated that it will need to collect \$12,553,064 from ratepayers as under-recoveries through the gas system enhancement reconciliation adjustment factors ("GSERAFs"). The Company states that its filing under review does not exceed the three-percent GSEP cap, and it seeks a waiver of the three-percent GSEP cap. The department has docked this matter as D.P.U. 23-GREC-06.

The Company proposes the following GSERAFs by rate class sector for effect:

November 1, 2023:

Rate Class Sector	Proposed GSERAF (\$/Therm)
Residential (R-1 to R-4)	\$0.0294
Small Commercial & Industrial (C&I) (G-41/G-51)	\$0.0248
Medium C&I (G-42/G-52)	\$0.0228
Large C&I (G-43/G-53/T-1)	\$0.0128

The Company states that approval of the GSERAFs will result in an average monthly bill increase of \$3.71, or 1.4 percent, for the average residential heating customer using 126 therms per month during winter months, and an average monthly bill increase of \$.09.78, or 1.7 percent, for the average residential heating customer using 26 therms per month during summer months.

The Department is providing a written comment period and any person interested in commenting on this matter may submit written comments not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, June 16, 2023. Written comments from the public may be sent by email to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, stephanie.mealey@mass.gov, and the Company's attorneys, Danielle C. Winter and Jessica Bruno Ralston Keegan Werlin LLP, dwinter@keeganwerlin.com and jbruno@keeganwerlin.com. The public is strongly encouraged to provide comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, paper copy may be sent to Marie D. Marinelli, Speciality Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, May 27, 2023. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the time and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. All petitions for leave to intervene must be submitted by email only to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, stephanie.mealey@mass.gov, and the Company's attorneys, dwinter@keeganwerlin.com and jbruno@keeganwerlin.com. The Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03 must state the strong reasons why it is filed. All responses to interventions may be filed by email not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on the second business day after the petition to intervene was filed. The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 9(1)(a).

Documents provided to the Department must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 23-GREC-06); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the petition; (3) the subject matter of the document; and (4) the name, title, email address, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

The Company's filing and all related documents submitted by the filer to the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eaeonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Filer/DOCS/doctypes/numbnum> (enter "23-GREC-06"). To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) for people with disabilities, contact Gabe.Knight@mass.gov.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact counsel for the Company, Danielle C. Winter, Esq., and Jessica Bruno Ralston Keegan Werlin LLP, dwinter@keeganwerlin.com and jbruno@keeganwerlin.com, (617) 591-1400. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephanie Mealey, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities at stephanie.mealey@mass.gov.

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Site visits can be set-up through Susan Owen by email.

SEALED BIDS FOR THE GENERAL CONTRACT listed above will be received by the Awarding Authority at the address listed above until 2:00PM local time, Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at which time the bid will be opened online forthwith.

No bid shall be accepted after the time and date specified above.

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# Living Arts

## COMMUNITY

### Somerville PorchFest will fill streets with more than 350 live acts

**By Maddie Browning**

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

**S**omerville's PorchFest returns May 13 with more than 350 local bands and musicians playing on porches and in side yards from noon to 6 p.m. The Somerville Arts Council has hosted the free outdoor showcase since 2011. They classify Somerville PorchFest as an all-day "community event" rather than a festival, intending to bring residents together through the informal sharing of music, according to their website.

Resident Nancy Goodman went to Somerville Arts Council Executive Director Gregory Jenkins with the idea for the first Somerville PorchFest after seeing a similar event in Ithaca, N.Y., where the concept originated. Jenkins estimates that about 70 groups performed in the first year.

Many annual PorchFest traditions have formed since, across the country and New England, including upcoming events in Newton, Dorchester, and Fenway.

This year's Somerville performances are divided into three zones: East, Central, and West. Every act plays for two hours outside their home or at a location coordinated with a neighbor, friend, or business within a large area trailing above North Cambridge, down to Inman Square, up to East Somerville, and across to Ball Square. Performers in the West zone will play from noon-2 p.m., those in Central will perform from 2-4 p.m., and musicians in the East zone will play from 4-6 p.m. A full map and schedule is available through the Somerville Arts Council's website.

Michael Donovan, a Berklee College of Music student and member of funk organ trio Kenmore & West, will be playing from noon-2 p.m. at 17 Raymond Ave. with their bandmates Sam Carter and Ari Pent. They said their band consists of a Hammond organist (Donovan), drummer (Pent), and guitarist (Carter) with jazz and folk influences.

Donovan, who first played Somerville PorchFest as a high school student, said their act is "very funky, very groovy, and bring[s] good vibes." PorchFest will be Kenmore & West's first time playing for an audience.

Jon Bernhardt, a former Somerville Arts Council board member, will play the theremin, an electronic instrument that is played without being touched. The theremin has two antennas, one controlling volume and one controlling pitch, that change as a person moves their hands closer or farther away from them. (If you've been watching the Apple TV+ series "The Big Door Prize," you may be already familiar.)

"Traditionally, the theremin is used for romantic, classical

music or sound effects and more ambient noise," said Bernhardt. He cited "The Swan" by Camille Saint-Saëns and "Vocalise" by Sergei Rachmaninoff as examples that may utilize the instrument.

"But I use the theremin for songs that one would typically think are totally inappropriate for it," said Bernhardt. "I do some more traditional songs, but also a bunch of punk and new wave type stuff."

He will be playing Somerville PorchFest with his band FLOF — standing for Feedback Loop of Fun — from 2-4 p.m. at 9 Charnwood Road.



Jean Marei sang as the Humdingers played during PorchFest 2017.

Jam band Flying Turtle will be at Boston Burger Company in Davis Square from noon-2 p.m. Guitarist Jason Oberstein said the band plays "a mash of bluegrass, classic Grateful Dead jam, also a little bit of funk and jazz."

Oberstein said Flying Turtle performed at Somerville PorchFest last year, and they are excited to return.

"We hit up the bars and taverns around Boston, but we're a busking band. That's what we like to do the most, just playing for the people on the streets," he said.

Jenkins estimates 15,000-20,000 people attend Somerville PorchFest every year, garnering mixed feelings from the community.

"I think a lot of the younger community loves it. I think a lot of older folks are like, 'Why is this happening? Why are you taking over my city?'" he said. "And that's what we try to balance. We keep trying to make sure that people [participate in PorchFest] in a safe way, in a respectful way."

He said the council provides performers with a "How to have a positive PorchFest" guide, detailing advice for how to control noise levels and crowds and how to politely interact with neighbors. The council's PorchFest website outlines audience-facing guidelines, including "no public drinking," stay on sidewalks, and "use the Portajohns," which are marked on the concert map and located along the event route. Neighborhoods not on major streets were also able to request block party permits to close off the area for two hours during performances.

*Somerville PorchFest 2023. Saturday, noon-6 p.m. (Rain date Sunday.) Free. Somerville. somervilleartscouncil.org/porchfest*

"Traditionally, the theremin is used for romantic, classical



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### First-time filmmaker Amanda Kim explores the life of the 'father of video art' Nam June Paik

**By Abigail Lee**

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

**N**am June Paik was an artist who couldn't be categorized, according to Amanda Kim, the director of a new documentary about the Korean "father of video art." Paik made art out of technology, most notably through television, sometimes integrating TVs into traditional gallery spaces, other times publicly broadcasting his eccentric, distorted video collages. In 1974, he coined the term "electronic superhighway" — a vision of the future of digital communication.

Paik was a member of the 1960s avant-garde movement Fluxus. He was also a peripatetic, living in Japan, Germany, and New York, as well as a stint in the Boston area, creating experimental broadcasts as a WGBH artist-in-residence. He died in Miami in 2006 at 74.

Kim, 33, said she found herself relating to Paik's background. The Korean American first-time filmmaker grew up in Tokyo and attended Brown University in Providence, later becoming a creative director at Vice Media. With "Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV," Kim's portrait of Paik incorporates interviews with his friends and colleagues, archival footage, and Paik's writings (narrated by actor Steven Yeun). The late Ryuichi Sakamoto, who knew Paik, composed the film's theme.

The documentary premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January and will air through the PBS "American Masters" series May 16 at 9 p.m. on GBH 2 (it will also be available to stream through June 13 on PBS.org and the PBS app). Kim spoke with the Globe about Paik's legacy and the experience of making her debut feature.

**Q.** Did you find that there was a difference between Paik's writing voice and how he expressed himself in interviews?

**A.** Yes, definitely. In-person, he was a bit more reserved [in interviews]. He was very open and generous with people, but in a way that everyone got a piece of Nam

June, but not the full picture. He was great at synthesizing information, and so he would say one very deep poetic sentence that sounded like a koan or haiku, and it would be loaded with so much meaning, but you could unpack that.

One of his best friends, Mary Bauermeister, told me that you can make a film about each sentence that he says. [However], in the writings, he goes a little more in-depth into the stream of consciousness. His writings are also like the Internet where one Reddit leads to another SubReddit, which leads to another SubReddit.

**Q.** What was your approach to translating some of Paik's more experimental work to a broader audience?

**A.** That was definitely something that the editor and I were constantly negotiating. "How can we make something that's either avant-garde or esoteric digestible, but not oversimplify it?" The way we tried to approach it was [by] grounding [the work] in someone else's perspective or view. So you have other people like his contemporaries commenting on some of the works, [representing] like, "What is it like as a person viewing this thing? How do they see it?" Also, we try to weave his personal story with the work, allowing you to see the human backstory, which makes it more approachable.

**Q.** What have you observed about the impact Nam June has had on other artists?

**A.** I spoke to dozens and dozens and dozens of people, from his contemporaries to younger artists. The people who knew him personally and were around remember him very fondly. How generous he was — that really struck me — this constant desire to give and pass onto the next generation. And I think that also makes him the father of video art.

There are people who, when technolo-



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**A.** Nam June directed "Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV." Top: Nam June Paik.

gy comes out, they pick up the camera and make something. But what makes [Nam June] the father of video art is that he created the tools, language, and space to create a community of video artists.

**Q.** Nam June wanted to humanize technology. What does it look like for us to adopt that perspective today?

**A.** He said it's like a scientific approach, the way he looks at art. He was always challenging and questioning the new technologies that were coming out and deconstructing [them]. I think that is part of humanizing technology: You don't take the newest technology and just take it for granted or use it mindlessly.

**Q.** You show that part of Nam June's goal to challenge TV was also to challenge the racial depictions of Asian people, and it seems like he had started these conversations around identity a long time ago.

**A.** He was aware of the way he was perceived. He would, in an almost Fluxus way, turn the joke back on you. If you made assumptions about him because he was Asian, he would use those assumptions to challenge you. He was extremely aware of every environment he walked into.

**Q.** You're just starting your career as a filmmaker. How do you feel that your first project was about Nam June Paik?

**A.** I feel so honored to have made this film. That is scary, too — when you're making your first film about someone who's this beloved, especially in Korea, and this brilliant and that I have this much respect for. I can't think of a better subject that I'd want my first film to be about.

*Interview was edited for length and clarity. Abigail Lee can be reached at abigail.lee@globe.com.*

### Duckling Day returns, bringing adorably dressed up children to Boston Common

**By Maddie Browning**

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Mrs. Mallard and her eight ducklings — Jack, Kack, Lack, Mack, Nack, Ouack, Pack, and Quack — will soon be joined by new companions waddling around the Boston Common and Public Garden.

The Friends of the Public Garden — the advocacy group in charge of Duckling Day, a tradition for over 30 years — will host the ticketed event on Sunday.

Duckling Day, held every Mother's Day, commemorates the 1941 children's book "Make Way for Ducklings," following Mrs. Mallard's journey bringing her ducklings across Boston to their new home in the pond in the Public Garden. The book, written and illustrated by Robert McCloskey, won the Caldecott Medal — awarded to "the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children," according to American Library Association — the year of its release.

From 10 a.m. to noon, kids can partake

in Playtime on the Common, featuring circus games, cookie decorating, performances by Jenny the Juggler and magician Peter O'Malley, and a play space. Children will receive a gift bag with duck-themed goodies. There will also be readings of "Make Way for Ducklings" in a sensory-friendly tent.

And, new this year, young lion dancers from the Woo Ching White Crane Institution will perform.

Liz Vizza, president of Friends of the Public Garden, and Mayor Michelle Wu will speak before a parade marches through Boston Common, down Charles Street, into the Public Garden, ending at artist Nancy Schön's "Make Way for Ducklings" sculpture.

Participants, especially those in duck costumes, are encouraged to join in.

"When [the kids] get [to the sculpture] at the end of the parade, they get their turn sitting on one of the ducklings to [have] their picture taken [by their parents]," said Vizza.

"It's really quite adorable."

Amid the sea of little ducks in the parade, Vizza said children also dress as Michael, the police officer who leads the ducks safely across the street in the book. She explained that many parents make the feathered garments that their kids — and dogs — wear at the event. Duckling Day is capped at 1,000 children, Vizza noted, but approximately 2,000 people may attend in total as tickets are purchased per family.

The event is a multigenerational celebration of the book and its ties to Boston. Vizza said, "People who attended as children, now they're bringing their own kids and grandchildren there."

*Duckling Day. Sunday, 10 a.m. \$40 per family, day-of tickets available on first come first served basis. Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common. friendsofthepublicgarden.org*

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*At last year's event, a duckling took in the parade without having to march (above) and another (left center) waited his turn to get a photo at the "Make Way for Ducklings" sculpture.*

**TV HIGHLIGHTS**

**Baseball:** Rays-Yankees, 1 p.m., MLB  
**Baseball:** Cardinals-Red Sox, 4:10 p.m., NESN  
**NHL playoffs:** Stars-Kraken, 7 p.m., ESPN  
**Baseball:** Padres-Dodgers, 7:15 p.m., Fox  
**MLS:** Revolution-Miami, 7:30 p.m., AppleTV  
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## Exactly what the Celtics needed



Sometimes Marcus Smart is accused of playing "hero ball." Sometimes he is easily convicted of the charge.

The longest-tenured Celtic plays with a passion and self-confidence that can lead him to attempt things — contested low-percentage shots, geometry-mocking passes — that are outside his skill set or don't fit with the Celtics' needs.

It can be exasperating. His intentions are good — Smart throws his body around as if all of his parts are replaceable, and

he cares about winning above all else — but his methods are too often misguided.

It's why he's the most polarizing Celtic of his era, and perhaps of many eras.

It's why some among us, present company included, began wondering whether he had too much of a hold on this team and pondering scenarios in which defeat in this series might lead to an offseason roster reshuffling that included him.

And it's why his remarkable, reassuring performance Thursday night — *Oh right, that's why Celtics fans profess love and trust in the guy* — was so satisfying.

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Marcus Smart, deserving of applause in Game 6, said coach Joe Mazzulla needed to make adjustments, and he did.



**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
**76ERS AT CELTICS**  
 Eastern Conference semifinals  
 Game 7, Sunday

## Smart's comments, other observations

By Adam Himmelsbach

GLOBE STAFF

PHILADELPHIA — Ten extra sights, sounds, and suppositions from the Celtics' Game 6 win over the 76ers that kept their season alive for at least one more game ...

■ Marcus Smart had an eye-brow-raising line about coach Joe Mazzulla when he was asked about the decision to put Robert Williams back into the starting lineup.

"That just goes to show you Joe's learning just like all of us," Smart said. "I know he's been killed a lot, rightfully so. He needs to make some adjustments, and he did that. And that's all you can ask for."

Wait, did Smart just say his coach has been rightfully blast-

ed by critics? Well, technically he did. But the way he said it, it didn't sound like that was the point he was trying to make. He was asked a follow-up for clarification.

"It's not going to be perfect," Smart said. "Joe's not perfect. He was put in a very tough situation this year, and he's doing the best he can, and that's all we can ask for. We're going to continue to go out there and work our tails off for him just like he's going to go out there and continue to work his tail off for us."

■ Speaking of Williams, the Celtics were absolutely thrilled to have the shot-swatting big man back in the starting lineup. It seemed as if they'd been hoping for this chance for quite

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## Bullpen blues

### Jansen blows stellar return from Paxton

By Julian McWilliams

GLOBE STAFF

**Cardinals 8** Kenley Jansen blew Friday night's contest against the Cardinals.

An anomaly during his short tenure with the club.

The Red Sox had taken a 6-5 lead in the bottom of the eighth, scoring two on a Rafael Devers run-scoring double and an RBI groundout by a pinch-hitting Raimel Tapia.

It had the makings of another come-from-behind win for the Red Sox, who have 13, the most

► Paxton offers some hope for rotation. On baseball, C4

in the majors.

But Jansen, who recorded his 400th save Wednesday and was honored at Fenway Park before Friday's game, came out flat, walking Paul DeJong, who then stole second, and allowing a Lars Nootbaar RBI single. Nolan Gorman entered the box and launched a two-run homer to right, cementing an 8-6 Red Sox loss.

Jansen faced four hitters and retired none.

"I hate it," said Jansen, who has two blown saves in 11 chances this season. "So now you have to bring that positive side and come back and try to help my team win tomorrow."

"It's going to happen," said manager Alex Cora. "I bet the last two days have been very heavy emotionally. That's something I was thinking when he was throwing."

But Jansen wasn't the only Red Sox reliever to squander a

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Two nights after his milestone 400th save, Kenley Jansen handed the ball to Alex Cora after allowing three runs in the ninth inning without getting an out.

## QB mismatches dominate this schedule

BEN VOLIN  
 ON FOOTBALL

It was disappointing when the Patriots eschewed offense during the first three rounds of the NFL Draft and used all three picks on defensive players.

But it's easy to understand their rationale. Have you seen the murderer's row of quarterbacks the Patriots will face in 2023? Wheew.

They play the reigning MVP and Super Bowl champion (Patrick Mahomes). The Super Bowl and MVP runner-up (Jalen Hurts). Two games each against Josh Allen and Aaron Rodgers. And several games against young gunslingers.

Meanwhile, they still don't

► Could Brady be a Raiders partner and their QB? C7

know what they have in Mac Jones, other than a quarterback who has an average arm, isn't much of a runner, and doesn't have elite weapons. A recent ESPN ranking of quarterback depth charts had the Patriots at No. 28.

Of the Patriots' 17 games, they will be at a clear quarterback disadvantage in 12 of them (assuming everyone stays healthy).

Only five of their games will have an even QB battle, and the Patriots will have the QB advantage in just one game — at home against the Commanders and either Sam Howell or Jacoby Brissett.

A look at the QB matchups:  
**CLEAR DISADVANTAGE**  
 (12 games)

■ **Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes (Week 15 at home):** Mahomes is 2-2 against the Patriots but has won two straight — and those were before Jones arrived. The Chiefs have averaged 30.1 points per game since Mahomes took over in 2018. Jones is 0-9 career when the opposition scores 30 points, and 3-14 when the opponent scores 20 points.

■ **Eagles QB Jalen Hurts (Week 1 at home):** Last year's breakout superstar will face the Patriots for the first time. The Patriots lost all four of their games against dual-threat quarterbacks last season (Lamar Jackson, Justin Fields, Allen twice).

■ **Bills QB Josh Allen (Week 7 at home and Week 17 in Buffalo):** He's 6-1 against the Patriots the last three years, with five wins by multiple scores and the only loss coming in 50-m.p.h. winds. Allen plays his best at Gillette Stadium, with 9 touchdown passes, no interceptions, a 68 completion percentage, and a 115.5 passer rating in his last three games.

■ **Jets QB Aaron Rodgers (Week 18 at home and Week 3 in New Jersey):** The Patriots have won 14 in a row and 22 of 24 against the Jets, but they are punching bag no more with Rodgers. He's 2-1 against the Patriots, though Bill Belichick has held him to a 57 percent completion rate. The Patriots haven't

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**Panthers advance**

They beat Maple Leafs, 3-2, in OT of Game 5 to reach Eastern Conference finals. C8

## NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS VS. 76ERS

# Celtics got new a perspective with Williams

By Nicole Yang  
GLOBE STAFF

PHILADELPHIA — After the Celtics trounced the 76ers by 34 points last week, coach Joe Mazzulla walked off the podium with a question for reporters: "What? Nobody wants to ask about all the adjustments we made from Game 1 to Game 2?"

The line seemed to age poorly as the second-round series progressed, with the Celtics getting outcoached and outplayed in Games 4 and 5 to find themselves on the brink of elimination headed into Game 6 Thursday at Wells Fargo Center.

But by the end of the night, Mazzulla didn't have to call attention to his adjustments this time. His decision to insert center Robert Williams into the starting lineup over guard Derrick White proved to be effective, helping the Celtics even the series and force a Game 7.

"It just gives us size, athleti-

cism, and versatility from a matchup standpoint, and gives us the ability to get coverage," Mazzulla said after the 95-86 victory.

The combination of Williams, Al Horford, Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown, and Marcus Smart registered an offensive rating of 105.1 and defensive rating of 80 in 19 minutes on the floor.

After the Sixers found so much success with Joel Embiid and James Harden in the pick-and-roll in Game 4, the Celtics' new starting five didn't allow the pair to establish a rhythm, stifling Philadelphia's offense from the get-go. Williams's presence in the paint reduced the number of clean passes and open looks, while his size and shot-blocking ability also forced the Sixers into difficult decisions at the rim.

Williams also remained a vertical threat on offense, scoring 10 points — 8 on dunks and

### Celtics vs. 76ers

**Series tied at 3**  
**Monday, May 1**  
Philadelphia 119.....at Boston 115  
**Wednesday, May 3**  
At Boston 121.....Philadelphia 87  
**Friday, May 5**  
Boston 114.....at Philadelphia 102  
**Sunday, May 7**  
At Philadelphia 116 Boston 115 (OT)  
**Tuesday, May 9**  
Philadelphia 115.....at Boston 103  
**Thursday, May 11**  
Boston 95.....at Philadelphia 86  
**Schedule**  
Sun., May 14 at Boston.....TBA

2 at the free throw line. He finished the game as plus-18 in 28 minutes, the most playing time he has logged in the series.

The Sixers, however, downplayed the impact of Mazzulla's adjustment. Both players and coaches brushed off the challenges Williams posed, saying instead that they missed too many open looks. They called

their woes "self-inflicted."

"It didn't matter what lineup," coach Doc Rivers said. "We didn't score on any lineup tonight. We struggled scoring."

If the Celtics stick with Williams in the starting lineup, then Rivers will have a decision of his own to make. Should he continue to rely on P.J. Tucker, who has started all six games this series? Or should he start Georges Niang or DeAnthony Melton?

In Game 6, Rivers typically kept Tucker on the floor when the Celtics deployed only one big but turned to Niang or Melton when they deployed two. Tucker is one of Philadelphia's best defensive options, but he allows Williams to sag off him. Niang or Melton, meanwhile, would stretch the floor and require more attention behind the arc.

The Sixers found Melton open for multiple 3-pointers down the stretch, but he missed all three of his attempts. Melton

has yet to make a 3-pointer since his 4-of-7 performance in Game 2. If Rivers were to make a change, Niang seems the more likely candidate to start.

Regardless of who is in the starting lineup, the Sixers stressed the importance of moving the ball and finding Embiid more.

"I thought there were plenty of opportunities to swing, catch, and get Joel the ball in the right spots on the elbow," Rivers said. "We just didn't do it."

After the game, Embiid sat at his stall, tearing off the adhesive wrap around his right knee. The bandage, along with the staffer and two buckets of ice beside him, served as a reminder that the 7-foot center is still playing through an LCL sprain in his right knee. The teams will have two days of rest between games for the first time in this series, which will surely benefit him.

As Rivers noted, though, the

rest will help both teams, with Williams acclimating to playing a heavier workload and Brown having tweaked his knee on a wet spot late in the second half. Mazzulla used a tight seven-man rotation Thursday, with only White and Malcolm Brogdon coming off the bench.

Given the stakes — Game 7, with a spot in the conference finals on the line — perhaps more adjustments are in store. As Brown put it, "The playoffs are a game of chess."

No matter the changes, both teams sounded eager to play Sunday.

"This is the NBA," Harden said. "We play a lot of games. If you don't play as well as you would like in one game, the beauty is you get another opportunity."

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## Smart's comments among observations

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some time.

"I was ecstatic," Smart said.

"Huge," Jayson Tatum said.

"It made a tremendous difference," Jaylen Brown said.

■ Cavaliers guard Donovan Mitchell lingered outside the Celtics locker room after Thursday's win. Mitchell played with Smart, Tatum, Brown, and Derrick White at the World Cup two years ago, and he seems like a guy who just loves basketball, and now that his team is no longer playing, maybe he just wanted to watch.

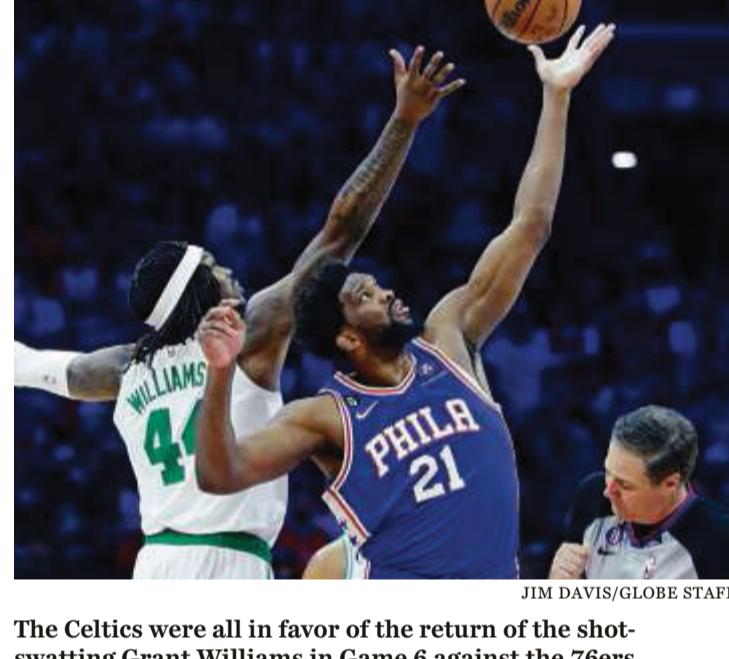
Mitchell, for what it's worth, is under contract for the next three seasons, including a player option in the final year. Still, his presence will create some good fodder.

■ Life really moves fast in the playoffs. In Game 6, the Celtics trailed with less than five minutes left and their championship dreams were on the verge of being flattened. Then they won, and oddsmakers instantly made them NBA title favorites again.

■ Brown was named Second Team All-NBA, which is significant because it makes him eligible to receive a five-year, \$295 million super-max extension from the Celtics this summer, presumably removing drama surrounding his future with the team. Brown was asked about the situation following Game 6.

"Um, obviously that's a tremendous honor," he said, "but all of my focus right now is on just trying to help my team win and advance in the playoffs, and that's what I'm currently focused on."

It was unsurprising that he



The Celtics were all in favor of the return of the shot-swatting Grant Williams in Game 6 against the 76ers.

JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF

didn't make any grand proclamations in this setting, and he hasn't even been offered a supermax yet. But the vanilla comment won't exactly soothe the nerves of Celtics fans who fear Brown may prefer to be the top dog elsewhere, regardless of money.

■ I'm often asked if the grind of an NBA season takes a toll. The travel life isn't luxurious, and there are tons of long nights. Like anything else, though, you adjust and it mostly becomes your normal.

But then there are times like Friday morning, when you call an Uber to go to the airport, look up from your iPhone, and realize the car is pulling into the Wells Fargo Center parking lot. Whoops. I still made my flight, thankfully. We just took the sce-

nic route.

■ Mazzulla stuck with a seven-man rotation Thursday, with Grant Williams and Sam Hauser the odd men out. These condensed groups always draw some attention, but the truth is that 8-10 minutes from an eighth man doesn't make a ton of difference, especially with the longer timeouts during these national television games.

■ Look, when TD Garden is truly buzzing, the atmosphere is probably the loudest and most intense in the NBA. But during these playoffs, something has just seemed a bit, well, muted.

It made some sense against the low-profile Hawks in the first round, but it was puzzling to see lower-energy crowds against the rival 76ers. Brown apparently has noticed it. After

it's safe to say that his impassioned plea will be shown on the Garden jumbotron prior to Game 7.

■ In the moments after the Celtics' big win, a large cluster of 76ers fans in the arena's lower bowl were yelling and waving and trying to get the attention of someone named Jayson (or Jason)? Tatum wasn't nearby, and why would these frustrated fans want to fawn over him, anyway?

Well, they didn't. They were talking to Eagles Pro Bowl center Jason Kelce, who had watched the game with his brother, Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce.

■ What did Smart think of Tatum's powerful finish after his 1-for-14 start?

"He makes the big bucks for a reason."

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### NBA playoffs

#### Eastern Conference

##### NEW YORK VS. MIAMI

**Heat win series, 4-2**  
**Sunday, April 30**

Miami 108.....at New York 101

**Tuesday, May 2**

At New York 111.....Miami 105

**Saturday, May 6**

At Miami 105.....New York 86

**Monday, May 8**

At Miami 109.....New York 101

**Wednesday, May 10**

At New York 112.....Miami 103

**Friday, May 12**

At Miami 96.....New York 92

#### Western Conference

##### DENVER VS. PHOENIX

**Nuggets win series, 4-2**  
**Saturday, April 29**

At Denver 125.....Phoenix 107

**Monday, May 1**

At Denver 97.....Phoenix 87

**Friday, May 5**

At Phoenix 121.....Denver 114

**Sunday, May 7**

At Phoenix 129.....Denver 124

**Tuesday, May 9**

At Denver 118.....Phoenix 102

**Thursday, May 11**

Denver 125.....at Phoenix 100

##### GOLDEN STATE VS. LA LAKERS

**Lakers lead series, 3-2**  
**Tuesday, May 2**

LA Lakers 117.....at Golden State 112

**Thursday, May 4**

At Golden State 127.....LA Lakers 100

**Saturday, May 6**

At LA Lakers 127.....Golden State 97

**Monday, May 8**

At LA Lakers 104.....Golden State 101

**Wednesday, May 10**

At Golden State 121.....LA Lakers 106

**Friday, May 12**

Golden State 120.....at LA Lakers

**Schedule**

\*Sun., May 14 at Golden State..TBA

\* If necessary

**HEAT 96, KNICKS 92**

**NEW YORK**

**FG FT Reb**

**Min M-A M-A O-T A F Pt**

Barrett.....32 1-10 0-0 0-2 1 0 5 11

Randle.....36 3-14 2-4 0-2 5-11 3 2 15

Robinson.....29 0-10 0-0 0-0 0-5 1 2 2

Grimes.....32 0-10 0-0 0-0 0-5 1 3 3

Murray.....35 1-12 2-2 0-0 0-4 3 4 41

Toppin.....22 2-5 1-2 0-3 0-1 0 3 2

Hartenstein.....18 1-2 0-0 0-1 0 0 1 26

White.....33 5-10 0-0 0-1 0-7 1 5 11

McBride.....33 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0 0 2

Total.....27-71 28-28 8-41 2-22 92

FG% .380, FT% .875, 3-pt. goals: 10-35, .286

(Barrett 1-10, Randle 1-7, Grimes 1-6, Robinson 5-10, Toppin 2-5, Hart 1-4). Team rebounds: 4. Team turnovers: 12 (10 pts.). Blocks: 9 (Randle 2, Robinson, Hart 1, Murray 1, McBride 1). Turnovers: 12 (Hartenstein 3, Grimes 3, Brunson 3, Hart 2, Steals: 2 (Hartenstein 1, Hart 1).

**MIAMI**

**FG FT Reb**

**Min M-A M-A O-T A F Pt**

Love.....16 1-1 0-0 0-3 1-0 2 3

Butler.....41 2-10 11-11 1-8 1-2 24

Adebayo.....39 9-20 5-5 0-5 3 3 23

Venture.....31 3-8 0-0 0-1 5 4 7

Strus.....34 4-11 5-6 0-6 3 1 14

Loyalty.....31 4-11 2-2 0-2 9 4 11

# Intriguing yet erratic, Mata at a crossroads

By Alex Speier  
GLOBE STAFF

For years, **Bryan Mata** has been heralded as one of the top Red Sox pitching prospects.

**MINOR DETAILS** There's no one in the system who can match his combination of mid- to upper-90s velocity and ability to shape six different pitches.

Yet the 24-year-old right-hander may be nearing a professional crossroads. As much as teams want to give pitchers with diverse arsenals every chance to start, there comes a point where practical considerations enter the equation. And for Mata, who is on the 40-man roster for the third year and thus will be out of options after this season, a developmental fork may be approaching.

Mata left his Tuesday start for Worcester after 2½ innings with discomfort in his right lat muscle, near his shoulder. The Red Sox remain hopeful that the issue is minor and won't require a long stint on the injured list.

"He was throwing as well as he had all season, up to 99," said farm director **Brian Abraham**. "It's certainly a frustrating bump in the road, but hopefully short-term."

Still, even a temporary interruption is significant against the backdrop of a ticking clock on Mata's career. A year ago, the Sox were encouraged by his midseason return from Tommy John surgery he'd undergone in early 2021. He likewise impressed this year in spring training, both with his stuff and his purpose.

Yet that promise hasn't carried over to the season. In seven starts at Triple A, he has a 5.61 ERA with the highest walk rate (20.6 percent) by a minor league pitcher with at least 25 innings. Mata entered the year needing to make a qualitative jump in control to stick as a starter, but instead has a strike rate below 60 percent in all but one of his starts.



FILE/JIM DAVIS/GLOBE STAFF

Bryan Mata has been hitting 99 in Worcester, but with more walks allowed than strikeouts.

While he continues to show good velocity — regularly topping out at 98-99 — and his sinker-heavy arsenal has minimized damage (just one homer), he hasn't gotten the kind of swing-and-miss numbers expected from a pitcher who throws as hard as he does, and he has more walks (27) than strikeouts (26).

Moreover, there's an organizational sense that Mata hasn't been consistent with the between-starts work needed to push his development.

"The way that his body works, the work in between starts is imperative for him," director of pitching development **Shawn Haviland** said. "When he has a good five-day cycle, he's going to go out and throw the baseball really well. And in the early going this year, we just haven't found the work quality that we're looking for."

"To be a major league starter, you have to be a pretty special guy. You need talent but you need to attack every single day

relentlessly, stick to your routine, and use the opportunity to get better so that when you show up on that fifth day, everything clicks together and you can go compete."

"That's just something Bryan is working on, that Bryan's learning."

It would be one thing if Mata were absorbing these lessons in the lower minors. But the combination of the lost COVID-19 season and missing 2021 while recovering from surgery means that he is nearing the time when he needs to show whether he can help in the big leagues.

So the question looms: Is there still time for him to develop into a big league starter? And can the Sox afford to take a longer view with him this year by giving him months to develop as a starter or will it become necessary to explore more immediate contributions out of the bullpen? Might the lat injury open conversations about a change of role?

"Anytime something like this

happens, you have to look at how the player is best positioned to have long-term success," said Abraham. "We see him as a starter, but there's a roster piece and a time piece. Having to balance that with his development and seeing where we can get the most impact is something we have to talk about."

Still, the Sox remain mindful of a tantalizing talent whose sinker can generate high ground-ball rates, while using that to anchor a mix that includes a slider, cutter, curveball, changeup, and four-seamer.

He has the pitch mix to start. But can he execute those pitches well enough to remain in that role?

Scouts with other teams are split, some suggesting that it's imperative to exhaust starting as an option with such a pitcher — maybe with some delivery tweaks — and others seeing him as a future bullpen lock.

The Sox, meanwhile, face a developmental dilemma.

"When you're on the 40-man,

you're not just developing as a prospect; you're also direct support for the major league team," said Haviland. "We're continuing to try to push his ceiling as high as we possibly can, which is as a starter."

"But if there's a need or an opportunity at the major league level and you feel like he's a guy that can make it happen as a reliever, then that conversation will happen then."

## Three up

■ Top prospect **Marcelo Mayer** opened May with an outrageous week for High A Greenville, going 16 for 31 with three homers and a .516/.516/1.000 line. While he's been sidelined this week with minor soreness in his left shoulder, he is building a case for promotion. "He's doing everything we can ask for, no doubt," said Abraham. "He's knocking on the door. He's pushing in."

■ Double A Portland right-hander **CJ Liu** threw 13 no-hit innings across three starts, including a seven-inning complete game no-hitter last week in which he topped out at 98 miles

per hour and got swings and misses on his splitter and slider.

■ Greenville infielder **Eddison Paulino** has posted a .390/.457/.610 with seven extra-base hits and eight steals in his last 10 games to improve his season line to .248/.307/.391.

## Three down

■ Shortstop/center fielder **Cedanne Rafaela** is 3 for 34 this month with no walks and eight strikeouts for Portland, with a proclivity to expand the strike zone even when ahead in the count.

■ While corner infielder **Alex Binelas** shows significant power, his struggles to make contact have continued. He's hitting .195/.259/.351 with a 35.3 percent strikeout rate in Portland.

■ Righthander **Luis Perales** has more walks (12) than strikeouts (11) in 12 innings for Single A Salem. He had been sidelined by a stomach bug but is scheduled to make his fifth start Saturday.

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## Baseball

# A glimpse of hope for the rotation

ALEX SPEIER

ON BASEBALL

From the time that he arrived at Fenway Park, almost exactly four hours before his scheduled first pitch, Friday marked a landmark in the career of James Paxton.

It had been 766 days since the lefthander stepped on a big league mound in a game on April 6, 2021, an outing that lasted just 21 pitches before he walked off the field with a torn ulnar collateral ligament. Tommy John surgery wiped out his 2021 season with the Mariners, and he endured enough setbacks in his recovery as a Red Sox in 2022 that he proved unable to pitch at all last year.

And so, the mere fact that he took the mound — more than 17 months after he signed a one-year, \$6 million deal in November 2021 that included a player option for the 2023 season — represented a watershed moment.

"Honestly, it kind of felt like my debut all over again after being so long," said Paxton. "All those emotions — you're nervous, you're excited, all that."

The excitement only built for the Red Sox once he took the mound. Though he was credited with a no-decision in an eventual 8-6 loss to the Cardinals, Paxton's performance proved eye-opening for a team whose surprisingly strong early season start will require substantial improvement from its rotation if the Red Sox are to remain in the postseason hunt.

Over five innings, the 34-year-old allowed just two runs on four hits (two each for reigning NL MVP Paul Goldschmidt and star third baseman Nolan Arenado, and none for any other Cardinals), walking one and striking out nine. He gained steam as the outing progressed, striking out the side in the fourth — all looking at fastballs — as part of an outing-ending run of six



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Pitching for the first time since 2021, James Paxton had nine strikeouts in five innings against the Cardinals.

strikeouts in a seven-batter sequence.

"He looked like the guy that was pitching with Seattle a while ago," said manager Alex Cora, referencing Paxton's peak from 2017-19 when he posted a 30.1 percent strikeout rate that ranked seventh among all big league starters. "The fastball was playing, the breaking ball got better throughout the outing, the cutter — he dotted a few of those. He was in control."

Paxton's first pitch of the game hummed at 94 miles per hour, and his fifth crossed the corner at 97 to strike out leadoff man Tommy Edman looking. Though Paxton hit a speed bump later in the first when Goldschmidt

singled and Arenado sent a 96-m.p.h. heater screaming into the Monster Seats for a two-out, two-run homer, he was dominant over the remainder of his night.

Paxton's fastball was electric, registering 94-98 m.p.h. and averaging 96.3. Only two other lefthanded starters in the big leagues this year — Rays ace Shane McClanahan (7-0, 1.76 ERA) and the Marlins' Jesús Luzardo (3-2, 3.38 ERA) — have featured such a high-octane four-seamer. The 10 swings-and-misses Paxton elicited on four-seamers were the most by any Sox starter in a game this season.

As the outing progressed, Paxton

showed increasing feel for his curveball, which he threw 14 times, 10 for strikes, including a strikeout of Goldschmidt on his final pitch. He also showed flashes of promise with his cutter toward the end of the outing.

"I felt like myself out there," said Paxton, who beamed about the adrenaline rush of pitching back in a big league ballpark at full capacity.

Indeed, Paxton came off the field after the fifth — at a time when the game was tied, 2-2 — prepared to return for the sixth. But Cora told the lefthander that his 87 pitches had been enough, then embraced the starter. Other members of the Sox quickly followed

suit.

"Watching him pitch today gave me goosebumps," said closer Kenley Jansen. "The first thing I did was give him a hug and tell him welcome back. He's going to be a huge part of us."

There's still plenty of unknown with Paxton. It remains to be seen if the top-end fastball that he featured Friday will be a constant. But for a Red Sox rotation that entered the night with the third worst rotation ERA in the big leagues (6.01), and without minor league reinforcements on the horizon, Paxton's performance was tantalizing.

If anything close to his peak self, Paxton is a pitcher with a chance to raise the team's ceiling. The Sox recognize that, and are prepared to bump a starter out of the rotation.

Chief baseball officer Chaim Bloom talked in the offseason about the Sox' quest to find a starter who the team could comfortably slot into a postseason rotation. On Friday, Paxton took a first step toward looking like such a player.

"He's here for the long run, not one start," said Cora. "We'll take care of him. If we do that, he can take care of us in the long run."

For his part, Paxton is elated that he can now transition from a long-awaited return to the big leagues to preparation for a start under more normal conditions next week. He's slated to start Friday in San Diego, a prospect Paxton can relish after having erased some of the career uncertainty that had defined his last two years.

In that sense, as much as Friday's outing against the Cardinals represented a milestone, Paxton is hopeful it was only a beginning.

"I can't wait to do it again," he said.

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## Bloom's offseason reconstruction paying dividends

By Julian McWilliams

GLOBE STAFF

Red Sox chief baseball officer **Chaim Bloom** heard the noise all last offseason. The criticisms, some valid, centered on

**RED SOX NOTEBOOK** his roster construction and letting homegrown talent like **Xander Bogaerts** walk. There were

questions about how a team comprised of mostly average big leaguers could compete in the best division in baseball.

So far, the Sox and Bloom have answered that doubt by winning, leaving Friday's 8-6 loss to the Cardinals a half-game out of the second wild-card spot (22-17).

"I think we can't worry about the noise outside of this group," Bloom said before the loss. "And I think [the players] did a remarkable job from Day 1 of spring training of knowing what was important, focusing on what's going to help us win ball games. We felt all along this was going to be a fun team, and I think people can see why."

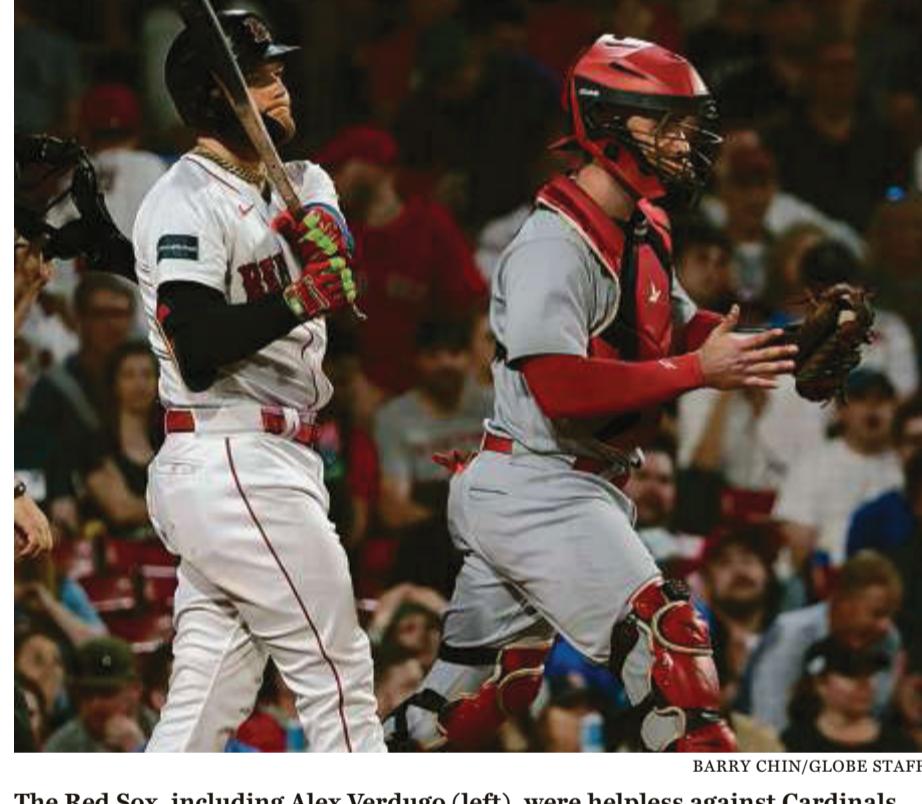
The Sox' bats have been their motor. **Kenley Jansen**, too, at the back end of the bullpen. Friday's blown save notwithstanding.

The Sox' offense entered Friday leading the league in doubles. It ranked second in hits, third in runs scored and OPS, and was fourth in batting average, slugging percentage, and on-base percentage.

The relentlessness of the lineup has been anchored by a sound approach at the plate that forces opposing pitchers to work. That approach had wavered last year, but has been reignited by the Sox coaches and veteran **Justin Turner**.

The Sox have gotten contributions from younger players, including rookie **Emmanuel Valdez**, but most notably **Jaren Duran**, who seems to have found himself after two disappointing seasons. That's a good sign for Bloom, who has preached development and building depth internally.

"We've felt that way consistently," said



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The Red Sox, including Alex Verdugo (left), were helpless against Cardinals reliever Ryan Helsley, who struck out the side in the bottom of the ninth.

Bloom of the organization's trust in its talent depth. "But on the other hand, you're never satisfied and you lose sleep thinking about the pieces that aren't clicking. So to see so many guys come in and each, in their own, way find ways to contribute. It's really great for the organization because there's a lot of fingerprints on every one of these guys."

Yet starting pitching is still an issue. The Sox had the third-worst ERA (6.01) in the majors as of Friday. If they want to continue winning, their starting pitching must go on a run of its own.

"If we want to accomplish what we want to accomplish, we're going to need to get to a higher and more consistent

level [pitching-wise]," Bloom said. "But with that said, I think every single one of them has shown us things we really want to see, it's just a question of getting to that next level consistently."

### Anticipating debut

**Joely Rodriguez** will pitch in a rehab game for Double A Portland on Saturday. If all goes well, the Sox will activate him for their upcoming series against the Mariners, which begins Monday.

"I don't worry about anything. My body feels 100 percent," said Rodriguez, who has pitched in four rehab games.

"I'm just doing what I have to do down there, doing my thing. I'm trying to be

consistent and throw strikes."

The Red Sox signed Rodriguez to a one-year deal with a team option for 2024 last offseason in an effort to help bolster their bullpen. But Rodriguez suffered a Grade 2 right oblique strain during spring training, which sidelined him for the start of this season.

Soon enough, however, Rodriguez will get to experience what it's like to pitch for the Red Sox, a dream of his.

"Growing up, this was my favorite team," Rodriguez said. "And now I get the opportunity to be part of it. It's special for me and my career to be representing Boston."

### Around the bases

**Bobby Dalbec** was optioned to Triple A Worcester following the game. Earlier in the day, the Red Sox acquired infielder **Pablo Reyes** from the Athletics for cash considerations. Reyes signed with the A's on a minor league deal. Righthander **Zack Littell** was claimed off waivers by the Rays Friday. Littell appeared in two games for the Sox before he was designated for assignment . . . Jansen was honored on the field during pregame ceremonies after picking up his 400th career save Wednesday against the Braves. He's the seventh major leaguer to reach the milestone . . . Starter **Garrett Whitlock** (right ulnar neuritis) came out of Thursday's simulated game without incident.

He will likely pitch in a rehab contest Tuesday. Manager **Alex Cora** said he would like to see Whitlock pitch in at least two games before rejoining the team's big league staff . . . **Chris Sale** will host a group of 22 breast cancer survivors and staff members Sunday, Mother's Day, from the New England Chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. The group will watch the game from a Fenway suite

donated by Sale.

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### Cardinals 8, Red Sox 6

At Fenway Park							
ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Edman 2b	5	0	1	0	0	2	.237
Goldschmidt 1b	5	0	3	0	0	2	.316
Contreras dh	5	1	1	0	0	1	.263
Arenado 3b	5	2	4	0	0	0	.252
Yepes lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.286
a-Donovan ph-If	1	1	0	0	0	0	.271
Carlson cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.227
DeJong ss	3	1	0	0	1	2	.340
Noothbaar rf	3	2	2	2	1	0	.302
Kris c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.208
b-Gorman ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	.261
Barrera c	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Verdugo rf	5	1	0	0	0	3	.305
Yoshida lf	3	1	0	0	0	2	.273
c-Dalbec pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	.182
Devers 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.248
Durant cf	2	0	1	2	1	0	.375
d-Rafensperger ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	.224
e-Tapia ph-cf	1	0	0	1	0	0	.245
Casas 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.180
Hernández ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.232
Valdez 2b	3	1	1	1	0	2	.311
Wong c	3	1	0	1	0	1	.247
f-McGuire ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.317
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Verdugo rf	5	7	4	4	2	86	720	
Yoshida lf	3	1	0	0	0	2	14	.305
Turner c	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	.273
c-Dalbec pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Devers 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	.248

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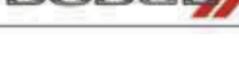


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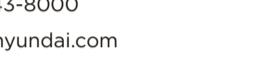
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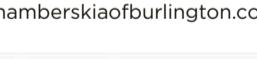
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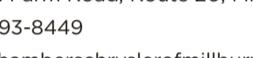


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# Baseball

## NOTEBOOK

# Rizzo's shots give Yankees nod on Rays

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**Anthony Rizzo** homered twice on his bobble-head giveaway night, the second a go-ahead, two-run drive in the eighth inning that lifted the New York Yankees over the Tampa Bay Rays, 6-5, on Friday.

Rizzo, whose bobblehead likeness was adorned in Mandalorian garb on Star Wars Night, hit a solo homer in the first against **Trevor Kelly**.

After **Josh Lowe's** three-run homer off **Michael King** in the eighth put the major league-leading Rays ahead, 5-4, **Aaron Judge** walked against **Jason Adam** (0-1) in the bottom half and Rizzo homered to right. Rizzo doffed his helmet during a curtain call following his 22nd multi-homer performance.

**Wandy Peralta** earned his first save this season by striking out two in a one-hit ninth. Last-place New York won for the third time in five games against the Rays this season, closing with in eight games of the AL East leader.

Before the game, Rays pitcher **Drew Rasmussen** was placed on the 60-day injured list with a right flexor strain, one day after tossing seven scoreless innings. He is the fourth Rays pitcher on the injured list with an elbow issue.

### Bassitt tosses gem for Jays

**Chris Bassitt** pitched a two-hitter, **Daulton Varsho** hit a solo home run, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Atlanta, 3-0.

Bassitt (5-2) struck out eight and walked two in the Blue Jays' first individual shutout since 2015. Bassitt threw 70 of his 103 pitches for strikes to win his fourth straight decision. The shutout was Toronto's sixth this season.

**Spencer Strider** (4-1) lost for the first time in eight starts this season, allowing two runs and five hits pitching into the seventh. Strider struck out 12, boosting his MLB-leading total to 79.

### Cycle for Cedric Mullins

**Cedric Mullins** hit for the cycle in Baltimore's 6-3 victory over Pittsburgh at Camden Yards.

Mullins hit a single in the third inning, a triple in the fifth, a double in the seventh, and a three-run homer in the eighth. He became the seventh Oriole to accomplish the feat and first since **Austin Hays** on June 22, 2022, against Washington.

The Pirates have lost 10 of 11 since starting the season 20-8, and they twice blew one-run leads in this game.

### Pérez takes no decision in debut

**Jake Fraley** homered twice in Miami, including a tiebreaking three-run shot in the ninth inning that sent the Cincinnati Reds past the Marlins, 7-4.

Eury Pérez struck out seven over 4 2/3 innings in his highly anticipated major league debut. The Marlins promoted the 20-year-old righthander, the top prospect in their organization, from Double A Pensacola to start the series opener.

The Reds erased a 4-2 deficit on **Spencer Steer's** two-run double in the seventh. Pérez's outing ended after he allowed Fraley's two-out solo shot that gave Cincinnati a 2-1 lead in the fifth. Pérez scattered four hits and walked two on 88 pitches, with his fastball topping out at 99 miles per hour.

### Scherzer on for next week

New York Mets righthander **Max Scherzer** is expected to start Sunday or Monday against the Nationals after a bullpen session Friday.

Scherzer, who was scratched from his start Tuesday against Cincinnati because of neck spasms, threw about 30 pitches before New York won, 3-2, on **Francisco Lindor's** three-run single in the sixth inning. The Mets had lost 14 of 17.

The 38-year-old Scherzer said he has experienced neck spasms throughout his career and has regularly done neck exercises as a preventive measure.

### Senzatela avoids surgery

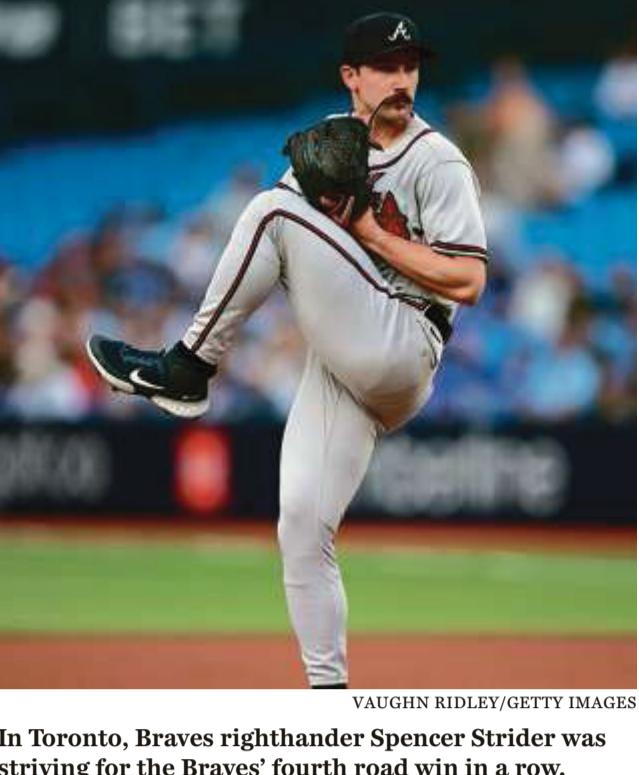
Colorado righthander **Antonio Senzatela** will miss at least two months with a sprained ulnar collateral ligament, though he avoided the fate of fellow starter **Germán Márquez**, who had season-ending Tommy John surgery on Friday.

"The news is favorable, considering," Rockies manager **Bud Black** said before Colorado faced Philadelphia.

Senzatela was pulled with two outs in the third inning Wednesday at Pittsburgh after experiencing forearm tightness. His velocity had dipped in only his second start since returning after tearing the ACL in his left knee in August.

### Umpire Denkinger dead at 86

**Don Denkinger**, a major league umpire for three decades whose blown call in the 1985 World Series overshadowed a career of excellence, died at Cedar Valley Hospice in Waterloo, Iowa. He was 86. Denkinger joined the American League staff in 1969. He worked four World Series but was remembered most for his Game 6 safe call on Royals pinch-hitter Jorge Orta. Kansas City rallied from a 1-0 hole to force Game 7 on St. Louis, then won that, 11-0. Denkinger umpired in many of his era's big games, including working the plate for the 1978 Yankees-Red Sox tiebreaker game at Fenway Park . . . Chicago Cubs second baseman **Nico Hoerner** was placed on the 10-day injured list Friday with a strained left hamstring he suffered on the bases Monday.



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In Toronto, Braves righthander Spencer Strider was striving for the Braves' fourth road win in a row.

# AL

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Tampa Bay	30	10	.750	—	9-6	6-4	L 1
Baltimore	25	13	.558	4	6-6	6-4	W 3
Toronto	22	16	.579	7	4-6	4-6	W 1
Boston	22	17	.564	7½	7-7	7-3	L 1
New York	22	18	.550	8	5-6	7-3	W 1

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
Minnesota	21	18	.538	—	10-6	4-6	L 1
Detroit	17	20	.459	3	4-2	7-3	L 1
Cleveland	17	21	.447	3½	4-5	4-6	L 2
*Chicago	13	26	.333	8	4-6	5-5	L 2
Kansas City	12	28	.300	9½	4-7	5-5	L 1

	W	L	Pct.	GB	Div.	Last 10	Streak
*Texas	23	14	.622	—	9-4	7-3	W 2
Los Angeles	21	18	.538	3	9-7	6-4	W 1
*Houston	19	18	.514	4	4-5	5-5	W 2
Seattle	19	19	.500	4½	7-5	7-3	W 1
*Oakland	8	31	.205	16	3-11	2-8	L 5

\* Not including late game

## RESULTS

### FRIDAY

	St. Louis 8	at Boston 6	Chi. Cubs 6	at Minnesota 2
Cincinnati 7	at Miami 4	At Milwaukee 5	Kansas City 1	
Seattle 9	at Detroit 2	Philadelphia 6	at Colorado 3	
NY Mets 3	at Washington 2	Houston	at Chi. White Sox	
At Baltimore 6	Pittsburgh 6	San Francisco	at Arizona	
At NY Yankees 6	Tampa Bay 5	Texas	at Oakland	
At Toronto 3	Atlanta 0	San Diego	at LA Dodgers	
LA Angels 5	at Cleveland 4	Chi. White Sox 3	Texas 4	at Oakland 0

### THURSDAY

	At Cincinnati 5	NY Mets 0	Tampa Bay 8	at NY Yankees 2
At Minnesota 5	San Diego 3	San Francisco 6	at Arizona 2	
At Kansas City 4	Chi. White Sox 3	Texas 4	at Oakland 0	

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

	Odds	2023 W-L	Team rec.	2022 vs. opp.	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA	Last 3 starts
Matz (L)	+105	0-4	5.70	1-6	0-0	0.00	0-1	14.1	4.40	
Sale (L)	-125	3-2	6.37	5-2	0-0	0.00	2-1	17.1	4.67	

TAMPA BAY AT NEW YORK YANKEES, 1:05 p.m.

McClanahan (L) -130 7-0 1.76 8-0 1-1 18.0 1.50 3-0 17.0 1.59 Cortes (L) +110 3-2 4.74 4-3 2-2 24.2 3.28 0-2 14.2 7.36

CINCINNATI AT MIAMI, 1:10 p.m.

Lodolo (L) +145 2-1 6.29 4-3 1-0 6.0 0.00 0-0 12.2 8.53

Alcantara (R) -170 1-3 4.53 2-5 1-0 9.0 0.00 0-1 19.0 3.32

SEATTLE AT DETROIT, 1:10 p.m.

Miller (R) -170 1-0 0.75 2-0 0-0 0.00 0.00 1-0 12.0 0.75

Faedo (R) +145 0-0 3.86 0-1 0-0 0.00 0.00 0-0 4.2 3.86

CHI. CUBS AT MINNESOTA, 2:10 p.m.

Wesneski (R) +145 2-1 3.93 4-3 0-0 0.00 0.00 1-0 17.0 1.59

Ryan (R) -170 5-1 2.45 5-2 0-0 0.00 0.00 1-1 19.0 1.42

ATLANTA AT TORONTO, 3:07 p.m.

Elder (R) +100 3-0 1.74 6-1 0-0 0.00 0.00 1-0 17.2 2.55

Berrios (R) -120 3-3 4.91 3-4 0-0 0.00 0.00 2-0 18.2 3.38

NY METS AT WASHINGTON, 4:05 p.m.

Lucchesi (L) -145 1-0 4.43 2-2 0-0 0.00 0.00 0-0 13.1 6.75

Williams (R) +125 1-1 4.25 4-3 0-0 0.00 0.00 0-0 14.2 5.52

TEXAS AT OAKLAND, 4:07 p.m.

Gray (R) -160 2-1 3.82 3-4 1-0 13.0 3.46 1-0 18.1 3.93



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Local baseball teams have had success with Massachusetts athletes, including Northeastern's Danny Crossen, a Cotuit native (left), and Barry Walsh of Sterling, a leader for BC's offense.



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## COLLEGE BASEBALL

## Northeastern, BC, and UConn stand out in field

**By Greg Levinsky**  
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

After three straight Atlantic Coast Conference series wins, Boston College baseball coach Mike Gambino asked every player to write down reasons for the team's success.

The simple exercise, conducted two months ago and suggested by legendary BC men's hockey coach Jerry York, resulted in four themes. The first two, brotherhood and resiliency, spanned the entire roster. The other two went by position. Pitchers consistently attack with confidence. Position players execute on both sides of the ball.

Those tenets have helped the Eagles (30-16, 14-13 ACC) soar to No. 17 in this week's USA Today baseball coaches poll. In a banner year for New England's Division 1 teams, Connecticut (35-11, 11-3 Big East) is ranked 10th and Northeastern (37-9, 17-7 Colonial Athletic Association) also received votes.

"It's been a special year for New England baseball," said Northeastern redshirt senior third baseman Danny Crossen, a Cotuit native. "Us, UConn, and BC are built mostly around New England players, which puts New England baseball on the map."

Northeastern is second in the 11-team CAA, mere percentage points behind league-leading North Carolina Wilmington. Although the Huskies dropped two of three to the league leaders last weekend, they could still win the CAA.

Northeastern is 3-0 against top 25 teams. The Huskies beat BC, UConn, and most recently No. 19 Maryland. They boast a loaded lineup and a team batting average of .306, which ranks No. 16 in the country and tops in the CAA.

Among the Huskies who can mash are: freshman right fielder Cam Maldonado (.373, 11 doubles, 10 home runs, 37 RBIs, and league bests with 23 steals and 5 triples); sophomore center fielder Mike Sirota (.358, 14 home runs, 42 RBIs; he is D1baseball.com's No. 32 draft prospect for 2024); Crossen (.339, 11 doubles, 9 home runs, 37 RBIs); redshirt senior first baseman Tyler MacGregor of Pe-

abody (.343, 15 home runs, 47 RBIs); and senior designated hitter Alex Lane of Andover (.317, 13 home runs, 46 RBIs).

A handful of Northeastern players have walked more than they've struck out, leading to a team on-base percentage above .400. The team's 117 stolen bases rank No. 7 in the country and are nearly 40 more than the next-closest CAA team. And the 88 home runs? An in-progress program record.

"The way our lineup hits, it's surprising to a point," said MacGregor, a graduate transfer from Columbia who homered three times in the win over Maryland. "But when you look at the hitters we have up and down the lineup, it's not too surprising at all."

Northeastern pitchers lead the league in earned run average and are near the top in strike-outs and batting average

against. The ace is freshman Aiven Cabral of Lynn (6-3, 2.67), who tossed a complete game shutout earlier this season. Juniors Wyatt Scotti of Barnstable (6-2, 3.61) and Eric Yost (5-1, 4.69) start regularly. Redshirt junior Jake Gigliotti of Paxton (7-0, 3.29) starts and is used out of the bullpen. Griffin Young, a transfer from Division 3 Wheaton, has a 1.14 ERA and eight saves.

Northeastern also has committed the fewest errors among CAA teams.

"We force teams to beat us," said ninth-year Northeastern coach Mike Glavine, whose Huskies last appeared in the NCAA tournament in 2021. "We're tough to play against because we're always attacking."

UConn, looking for its fifth straight NCAA appearance,

leads the Big East standings by a half-game with two league series remaining, relying on potent hitting (.305 team average) and speed (first 100-stolen base season since 2013). Graduate student righthander Stephen Quigley of Halifax, a transfer from Wheaton, is a starting pitcher. His younger brother, Michael, who transferred from UMass Lowell, relieves. Freshman Niko Brini of Plymouth, who played at BC High, sees limited action.

Near the middle of the pack

in the loaded ACC — which has seven of the top 19 teams in RPI — BC is 13-8 against ranked opponents, with two wins over teams ranked No. 2.

Senior center fielder Barry Walsh of Sterling (.305) and junior first baseman Joe Vetrano (.298, 14 home runs, 40 RBIs) lead the offense. BC lost two top position players to injury on consecutive days in late April but both expect to return before the ACC tournament. Junior outfielder Travis Honeyman, MLB.com's No. 52 draft prospect for 2023, suffered a shoulder subluxation April 29. Junior outfielder Cam Leahy, who bats fifth, broke a hamate bone the day before.

"Obviously they're a big piece of our lineup," Walsh said, "but we have a lot of guys who have experienced losing and don't want to go through that again and will do anything it takes to win."

Righthander Chris Flynn (6-2, 3.65, 71 strikeouts in 61 1/3 innings), a graduate student and transfer from Division 3 Roger Williams, anchors the rotation. Fellow righty Andrew Roman (1.93 ERA, 8 saves), a Monson native and fellow Division 3 transfer (Salve Regina), closes.

After getting swept at then-No. 17 Louisville in early April, the Eagles examined their responses to Gambino's prompt. Two weekends later, they swept then-No. 16 North Carolina on the road.

BC's team stats — 12th in the 14-team ACC in batting average (.269) and 11th in pitching (5.49 ERA) — don't tell the full story, said Gambino, a 1999 BC graduate now in his 13th season.

"When you start to scuffle, you can remember what makes you really good," said Gambino, who last led the Eagles to the NCAA tournament (and a regional win) in 2016. "This team has a level of toughness and competitive grit that's not going to end up in the stat sheet."

Conference tournament winners receive automatic bids to the 64-team NCAA tournament. Even if the three New England powerhouses don't capture conference crowns, at-large berths could await.

## SportsLog

### Commanders fetch record \$6.05 billion

A group led by **Josh Harris** has agreed to buy the NFL's Washington Commanders from long-time owner **Dan Snyder** and his family for a record \$6.05 billion. Snyder has owned the team since 1999 when he paid \$750 million for his boyhood team. The sides announced the deal in a joint statement Friday, roughly a month after they reached an agreement in principle on the sale. The deal is the highest price paid for a North American professional sports franchise, surpassing the \$4.55 billion Walmart heir **Robert Walton** paid for the Denver Broncos last year. Harris' group includes Washington-area billionaire **Mitchell Rales** and basketball Hall of Famer **Magic Johnson**.

#### Browns deal for DE Smith

The Browns agreed to acquire three-time Pro Bowl pass rusher **Za'Darius Smith** from the Vikings, a person familiar with the deal told the Associated Press. The Browns are sending fifth-round picks in 2024 and 2025 to the Vikings for Smith, a sixth-round pick in 2025, and a seventh-round pick in 2026.

GOLF

#### Scheffler leads Byron Nelson

**Scottie Scheffler** shot his second consecutive 7-under-par 64 for a one-shot lead over fellow Texan **Ryan Palmer** and **Mackenzie Hughes** at the AT&T Byron Nelson at McKinney, Texas. ... **Ernie Els** birdied the final two holes to cap off a 6-under-par 66 and take a one-stroke lead over **Paul Broadhurst** in the second round of the Regions Tradition in Birmingham, Ala., the first of five majors on the

PGA Tour Champions ... Two-time LPGA Tour player of the year **Jin Young Ko** shot her second straight 4-under 68 in the Founders Cup and shared the halfway lead with 37-year-old non-winner **Sarah Kemp**. at Clifton, N.J.

HOCKEY

#### US men top Finland at worlds

The United States overcame defending champion Finland, 4-1, to open the men's hockey world championship at Tampere, Finland. **Alex Tuch** scored two goals and **Drew O'Connor** had a goal and two assists to lead the US. Goaltender **Casey DeSmith** stopped 23 shots.

MISCELLANY

#### Djokovic survives Italian test

**Novak Djokovic** was tested by 61st-ranked **Tomas Martin Etcheverry** in a 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 opening win at the Italian Open. Aiming for a seventh title in Rome as he prepares for the French Open, Djokovic twice had to recover from deficits during a tight first set. In women's action, top-ranked **Iga Swiatek** opened her bid for a third straight Rome title with a 6-0, 6-0 rout of former French Open finalist **Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova** ... Senior **Kaylee Mankins**, the daughter of former Patriots offensive lineman **Logan Mankins**, drove in six runs, one shy of the Division 2 championship record, and junior **Payton Doiron** threw a four-hit shutout in Bentley's 8-0 win over eighth-seeded Saint Thomas Aquinas College to advance to the NCAA East Regional 1 final Sunday at Adelphi University.

## COMMENTARY

# Will Brady go all-in and suit up in Vegas?

By Ben Volin

GLOBE STAFF

It can be a humbling moment when a peer becomes your boss.

But it's probably on the horizon for Josh McDaniels, Jimmy Garoppolo, and about a dozen ex-Patriots who now play for the Las Vegas Raiders.

Their soon-to-be boss has seven Super Bowl rings.

Tom Brady has coveted a seat at the NFL ownership table, and it appears his goal is about to be realized, now that he has retired from football and is no longer tethered to the Buccaneers.

According to ESPN, Brady is in "deep discussions" to buy a limited share of the Raiders as he strengthens his partnership with majority owner Mark Davis. Brady would be a "passive" investor, per the report, with no authority over business or football matters. Brady became an investor in Davis's Las Vegas Aces of the WNBA two months ago.

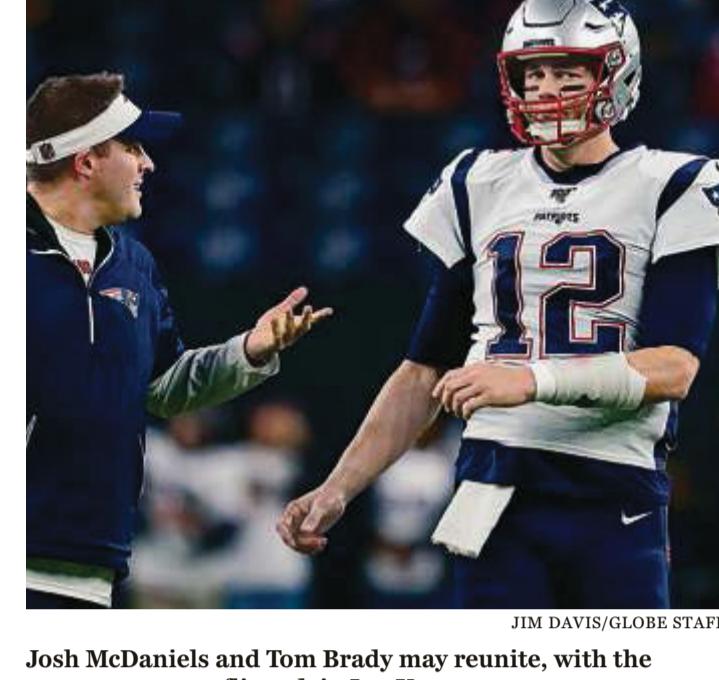
For the Raiders deal to be completed, Brady must be vetted and approved by 24 of the NFL's 32 owners, just like any other ownership candidate, per a league source.

Brady, 45, attempted to buy into NFL ownership a year ago, having a deal lined up with Miami Dolphins owners Stephen Ross and Bruce Beal to buy a small stake and join the team's front office. But the deal was blown up by Brian Flores's workplace discrimination lawsuit, and Brady decided to return to the Bucs to play one last season.

With McDaniels benching Derek Carr last December, and Brady becoming a free agent this offseason, it appeared the stars were aligning for Brady to play quarterback for the Raiders in 2023. Instead, apparently, it was for him to join the team's ownership group.

Davis has been courting Brady since 2020, when Brady left the Patriots and became a free agent. It got close enough that Brady and Rob Gronkowski were looking for houses in Las Vegas, per UFC's Dana White, but then-Raiders coach Jon Gruden squashed it, leading Brady to sign with the Buccaneers instead.

But with Gruden gone, and the Raiders now essentially being "Patriots West" with general manager Dave Ziegler, McDaniels, and Garoppolo the three main figures on the



JOSH McDANIELS AND TOM BRADY may reunite, with the power structure flipped, in Las Vegas.

team, Las Vegas became an obvious landing spot for Brady.

It feels a bit strange, and certainly ironic, for Brady to join the Raiders, the victims of the infamous "Tuck Rule" playoff game in 2002 that launched Brady's improbable career and was one of the most painful losses in Raiders history.

But from Brady's perspective, it's a great fit. This is a rare opportunity to buy into the business of football, which is booming. Many of his buddies play for the Raiders, including Garoppolo and Brian Hoyer. Las Vegas is the hot new NFL city and the host of the next Super Bowl. And it's closer to his parents in California.

As for Davis, who has been looking to add excitement to his franchise in the desert, it doesn't get much bigger in the NFL world than adding Brady to the ownership suite and involving him in marketing efforts.

Of course, the potential deal raises two big questions:

1. Does Brady still plan on going through with his 10-year, \$375 million contract with Fox Sports?

2. Could he still play football if he wanted to?

As to the first question, ESPN reports that Fox has "blessed" Brady's arrangement with the Raiders, and the NFL apparently would be OK with Brady calling games for Fox since he wouldn't hold positions of authority with the Raiders or network. Brady plans to begin his TV contract in 2024.

For the second question, a league source said Brady would either have to sell or transfer his ownership stake if he wants to play again. Or he could seek approval from 24 owners to have a dual role as owner and quarterback, with the owners having to decide whether there should be salary-cap ramifications.

It's certainly possible the situation comes up. Garoppolo has missed games with injuries in four of the past five seasons. And McDaniels will be under pressure to improve upon last year's 6-11 record.

If Garoppolo goes down for an extended period, would McDaniels entrust the team to Hoyer, Chase Garbers, or rookie Aidan O'Connell? Or would the Raiders shine the Bat Signal up to the ownership box and ask Brady to save their season?

It's not crazy to think Brady could get the itch to play again come August or September. This will be the first time in probably 35 years that he's not participating in a training camp. Playing football is all he knows.

That said, if Brady wanted to leave his options open for playing this fall, it would be a lot easier to just not buy a stake in the Raiders. He could extricate himself from it if he really wanted to, but it's likely a sign that Brady truly is done with football and is ready for the next phase of his life — as a businessman.

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## QB mismatches are scheduled

### ON FOOTBALL

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lost to the Jets at home since the 2011 playoffs and 2008 regular season, but those streaks are in jeopardy.

■ **Chargers QB Justin Herbert (Week 13 at home):** This comes with a caveat. Herbert is clearly a superior quarterback and one of the best in the game. But he plays for a dysfunctional team that didn't maximize his first three seasons. And Belichick has owned Herbert, who is 0-2 against the Patriots (including a 45-0 loss), with just 216 passing yards per game, 2 touchdowns, 4 interceptions, and a 52.8 passer rating. Herbert is also just 11-14 career on the road.

■ **Broncos QB Russell Wilson (Week 16 in Denver):** It's tough to know whether Wilson's dreadful 2022 season was due to him losing his skill or being a victim of a dysfunctional situation. But he should be better with offensive guru Sean Payton calling the offense. And this will be Jones's first game in Denver, which is always a tough road venue.

■ **Cowboys QB Dak Prescott (Week 4 in Dallas):** He's coming off a bit of a down season, but Prescott is right in his prime at 30 years old, had 37 touchdown passes just two seasons ago, and already outdueled Jones once, a 35-29 overtime win in 2021.

■ **Giants QB Daniel Jones (Week 12 in New Jersey):** He's certainly a better quarterback

with Brian Daboll calling the offense. Jones didn't light it up with his arm, but he threw just five interceptions last season and rushed for 708 yards and seven touchdowns.

■ **Raiders QB Jimmy Garoppolo (Week 6 in Las Vegas):** He can't stay healthy, and we'll see how he does when outside the protective cocoon of the Kyle Shanahan offense. But Garoppolo has better weapons than Jones and a résumé that Jones can only dream of (40-17 as a starter, 11 game-winning drives and fourth-quarter comebacks, a Super Bowl appearance, two NFC Championship games, and a 99.6 passer rating).

■ **Dolphins QB Tua Tagovailoa (Week 2 at home):** Tagovailoa is 3-0 at home against the Patriots, with each win by multiple scores. He hasn't put up big numbers, but he has superior weapons, and Jones and the Patriots haven't shown they can keep pace, especially in the Florida heat.

■ **Browns QB Baker Mayfield (Week 14 in Pittsburgh):** He struggled as a rookie, with more interceptions than touchdown passes and a 76.7 passer rating. But Mayfield still went 7-5 as a starter, has better weapons than Jones, and the game is in Pittsburgh.

■ **Steelers QB Kenny Pickett (Week 14 in Pittsburgh):** He struggled as a rookie, with more interceptions than touchdown passes and a 76.7 passer rating. But Pickett still went 7-5 as a starter, has better weapons than Jones, and the game is in Pittsburgh.

■ **Colts QB Anthony Richardson (Week 10 in Frankfurt, Germany):** No one has any idea

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## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

# Methuen's Eason all-purpose talent

**By Ethan Fuller**  
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Methuen star quarterback **Drew Eason** is entrenched in a hectic spring football schedule. He's lifting weights with his teammates at 5:30 a.m., getting in throwing sessions after school, and attending college camps on free days.

But the junior still cherishes his practice time — on the boys' volleyball team.

Eason is a leader for the No. 17 Rangers (10-6), who on Friday cemented their first winning season since 2016 with a 3-0 victory over No. 18 Cambridge to punch their ticket to the Division 1 state tournament. With its diverse roster of multisport talents, Methuen is battling in the middle of a competitive Merrimack Valley Conference.

"I've found that, overall, just playing multiple sports is so beneficial for you," Eason said. "Not only do you gain so many relationships from meeting other people, but it just makes you a much better athlete as a person too."

The 6-foot-2-inch QB has been in touch with several college football programs from around the region, including Boston College, UMass, UConn, and a host of schools from the Ivy League, Patriot League, Northeast Conference, and Colonial Athletic Association.

Meanwhile, Eason is also starring as an outside hitter on the court after making the All-MVC team as a sophomore. He's even had college coaches inquire about pairing volleyball with football in college.

"Honestly, volleyball is really a sport where I can be free and have fun, and not have so much pressure on me," he said. "But also, I always like competing, so I think volleyball is a good mix of that."

Eason joined the Ranger spikers as a freshman but contemplated switching to track and field. Then coach **Matt Twomey** asked him: When would he need to run 120

## Globe Top 20

No.	Rec.	Last
1. Needham	15-0	1
2. North Quincy	13-1	2
3. Newton North	11-3	5
4. Natick	9-2	3
5. St. John's (S)	13-2	4
6. Lowell	14-1	4
7. Brookline	8-4	12
8. Lexington	10-4	8
9. St. John's Prep	9-5	14
10. Winchester	10-5	18
11. Acton-Boxborough	12-1	7
12. Milford	10-4	6
13. O'Bryant	12-3	10
14. Haverhill	10-4	20
15. North Andover	12-3	11
16. Chelmsford	9-3	—
17. Methuen	10-6	19
18. Cambridge	9-5	13
19. Gr. New Bedford	11-2	16
20. Medfield	12-1	15

straight yards in a football game?

So Eason stuck with volleyball and improved. He credits the sport for making him more explosive and agile, traits that can translate to the gridiron.

"Obviously now with the quarterback position being more mobile and dual-threat nowadays, I think just [having] overall athleticism was key," Pitts-Dilley said.

Twomey and Eason are in constant communication about scheduling needs. But Twomey remains impressed by the commitment Eason shows to volleyball, even when football is his number one sport.

"He does a good job of making sure that he is ready to go when it comes to volleyball," Twomey said.

Eason, also a basketball player, is bolstered by a squad of athletes from several disciplines. Standout middle hitter **Josh Kiwanuka** is a three-season football and basketball teammate. Powerful outside hitter **James Levesque** plays basketball. Setter **Liam Doherty**

is an All-MVC cross-country runner. Libero **Matt Kovacev** will captain the boys' golf team next fall.

"You can definitely see, everybody on our team is athletic in their own way, so we always try to develop those athletic abilities for everyone," Kovacev said.

## Set points

■ O'Bryant had a slow start at the Rhody Invitational on Saturday, May 6, as the Tigers dropped their first matchup, but help was on the way.

Senior **Ziyou Zhang**, after passing his driver's test, arrived ahead of the second matchup to help O'Bryant sweep its way through the rest of the round robin games, and then all the way to win the championship as the No. 8 seed. Zhang was named tournament MVP.

"He was huge when we won big games," said coach **Paul Pitts-Dilley**.

While **Jonathan Narsjo** (named to the all-tournament team along with classmate **Son Nguyen**) often leads the team in kills, Zhang gives the team another threat for when opponents throw their front line at Narsjo.

"How the boys were able to step up, hopefully this is the kind of pressure we can keep up for the state tournament," Pitts-Dilley said.

■ Four teams entered Monday, May 8 undefeated. Only two remain: No. 1 Needham (15-0) and Lowell Catholic (8-0). No. 4 Lowell lost in five sets to Haverhill, and No. 7 Acton-Boxborough was stunned in three by Winchester.

The Red & Black played to five sets with top-10 programs Lexington and Newton North, but broke through with a big win when the Revolution came to town. Juniors **Adam Lubomirski** (34 assists) and **Jamie Watt** (13 kills, three aces) led the way.

Globe correspondent AJ Traub contributed to this report.

## NHL NOTEBOOK

## Panthers KO Leafs, reach conference finals

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

**Nick Cousins** scored at 15:32 of overtime and **Sergei Bobrovsky** made 50 saves as the Panthers beat the Maple Leafs, 3-2, at Toronto in Game 5 of their second-round playoff series on Friday to advance to the Eastern Conference final.

**Aaron Ekblad** and **Carter Verhaeghe** each had a goal and an assist as the Panthers built a 2-0 lead in the first period.

**Morgan Rielly** and **William Nylander** scored for the Maple Leafs, who had advanced in the playoffs for the first time in 19 years when they beat Tampa Bay in the first round. Rookie goalie **Joseph Woll**, the former Boston College star, had 41 saves in his first home playoff start.

In the extra period, Cousins buried his second goal of the playoffs off the rush short-side on Woll to send the Panthers to the conference finals for the first time since 1996.

Florida — the team with the fewest points to qualify for the postseason — won all three games in Toronto and improved to 6-1 on the road in the playoffs after also upsetting the record-

setting Bruins. The Panthers will next face the Hurricanes, who beat the Devils in five games.

## Pastrnak Hart finalist

**David Pastrnak**'s 61-goal season earned him a spot among the three finalists for the Hart Trophy, the NHL's most valuable player award.

The Bruins' Pastrnak, Edmonton's **Connor McDavid**, and Florida's **Matthew Tkachuk** were the top three vote-getters after members of the Professional Hockey Writers Association submitted ballots at the conclusion of the regular season. The winner will be announced as part of the NHL Awards on June 26 in Nashville.

Both Pastrnak and McDavid, along with San Jose's **Erik Karlsson**, were already announced as finalists for the Ted Lindsay Award — essentially the MVP as voted by their fellow players.

Pastrnak joins Patrice Bergeron (Selke, best defensive forward), **Linus Ullmark** (Vezina, best goalie), and coach **Jim Montgomery** (Jack Adams) as Bruins award nominees following their 65-win regular season.

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## STARS 5, KRAKEN 2

Thursday night game

Seattle ..... 0 2 0 — 2

Dallas ..... 2 1 0 — 5

First period — 1. Dallas, Johnston 3 (Benn), 3:57.

2. Dallas, Hintz 7 (Harley, Robertson), 5:35. Penalties — None.

Second period — 3. Dallas, Pavelski 7 (Robertson, Hintz), 0:35. 4. Seattle, Larson 2 (Eberle, Kartye), 1:59. 5. Seattle, McCann 1 (Gourde, Taney), 7:30. Penalties — , Dal, served by Dadonov (too many men on ice), 4:24. Hintz, Dalton, 10:41. Schultz, Fla (tripping), 11:10. Oleksiak, Sea (interference), 13:02.

Third period — 3. Toronto, Rielly 4 (Lafferty, Kampf), 7:50. Penalties — None.

Fourth period — 4. Florida, Cousins 2 (Gudas), 15:32. Penalties — Brodie, Tor (delay of game), 7:35.

Shots on goal — Florida 12-18-7-6 — 43. Toronto 13-16-4-9 — 52.

Power plays — Florida 1-2; Toronto 0-2.

Goalies — Florida, Bobrovsky 7-0 (52 shots-50 saves); Toronto, Woll 1-0 (43 shots-40 saves).

Referees — Jean Hebert, Kyle Rehman. Linesmen — Bevan Mills, David Hebert, Kyle Rehman. Linesmen — A - 19,513 (18,819). T - 3:22.

## NHL playoffs

## Eastern Conference

## CAROLINA VS. NEW JERSEY

Hurricanes win series, 4-1

Wednesday, May 3

At Carolina 5 ..... New Jersey 1

Friday, May 5

At Carolina 6 ..... New Jersey 1

Sunday, May 7

At New Jersey 8 ..... Carolina 4

Tuesday, May 9

Carolina 6 ..... at New Jersey 1

Thursday, May 11

At Carolina 3 ..... New Jersey 2 (OT)

TORONTO VS. FLORIDA

Panthers win series, 4-1

Tuesday, May 2

Florida 4 ..... at Toronto 2

Thursday, May 4

Florida 3 ..... at Toronto 2

Sunday, May 7

At Florida 3 ..... Toronto 2 (OT)

Wednesday, May 10

Toronto 2 ..... at Florida 1

Friday, May 12

Florida 3 ..... at Toronto 2 (OT)

Western Conference

## DALLAS VS. SEATTLE

Stars lead series, 3-2

Tuesday, May 2

Seattle 5 ..... at Dallas 4 (OT)

Thursday, May 4

Florida 3 ..... at Dallas 3

Sunday, May 7

At Seattle 7 ..... Dallas 2

Tuesday, May 9

Dallas 6 ..... at Seattle 3

Thursday, May 11

At Dallas 5 ..... Seattle 2

Schedule

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Dallas vs. Seattle

Seattle vs. Dallas

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Age 84 of Mashpee, and formerly of Bedford, died May 11, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Robert A. D'Auria, retired Sgt. Bedford Police Department.

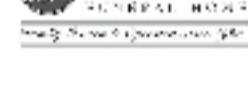
Loving mother of Robert D'Auria and his wife Anna of Chelmsford, Richard D'Auria and his wife Julia of Merrimack, NH, Diane Doodlesack and her husband Gary of Reading, and Russell D'Auria of Boxborough. Beloved grandmother of Christina Milligan, Robert D'Auria, Jr., John D'Auria, Annika D'Auria, Amanda Doodlesack Wukie, Garrison Doodlesack, and Jeffrey D'Auria. Great-grandmother of 5; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Predeceased by 5 brothers and 1 sister.

Graveside Service on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at noon, in Great Neck Woods Cemetery, Great Neck Rd. S., Mashpee, MA 02649. Family and friends invited. In lieu of flowers, donations to Sawtelle Family Hospice House, 320 Haverhill St., Reading, MA 01867. More info and directions: [shawsheenfuneralhome.com](http://shawsheenfuneralhome.com)

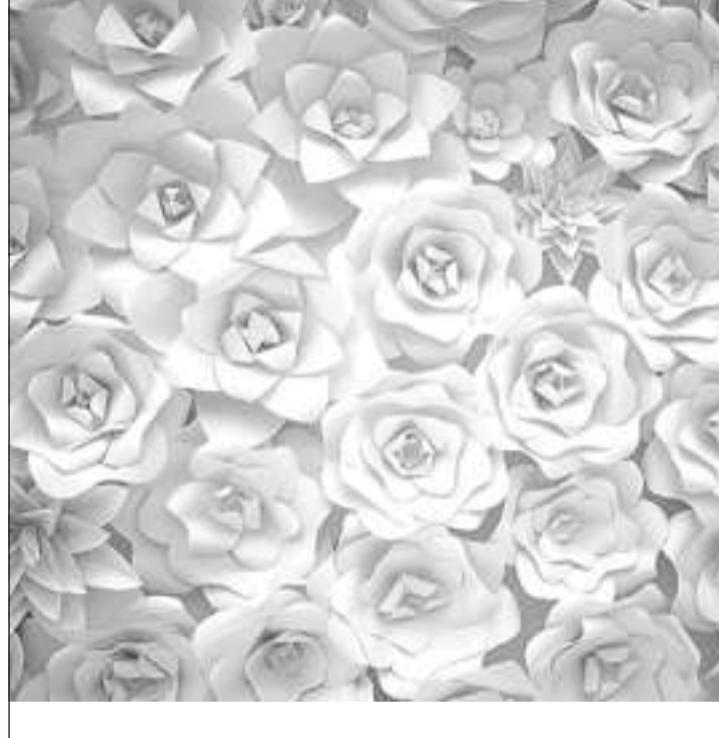
Visiting Hours: Monday, May 15, 2023, 4pm-8pm, Shawsheen Funeral Home, 281 Great Rd., BEDFORD, MA

**DOLCIMASCOLO, Martha "Sandy" (Kanelos)**

Of Woburn, formerly of Lexington, May 9. Loving mother of Laurie Ferullo and her husband, Stephen of Burlington, Donna Sorrento of Newburyport, and Joseph Dolcimascolo and his wife, Crystal of Lexington. Grandmother to Kendra, Kelsey, Jordan, Jake, Madison and Joey; and great-grandmother to Michael. Sister of Michael Kanelos of Woburn and George Kanelos of Maine, and the late Nicholas Kanelos, Thomas Kanelos, Helen Kozowski and Ann Kanelos. Relatives and friends are invited to visit in The DeVito Funeral Home, 1145 Mass Ave., ARLINGTON, on Monday, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and to her Funeral Mass on Tuesday, at 10:00 am at St. Barbara Church, Woburn. Please go directly to church. Burial to follow in Westview Cemetery, Lexington. In lieu of flowers, donations in Sandy's memory to The American Lung Association, 1661 Worcester Rd., #301, Framingham, MA 01701, would be appreciated. Please visit [devitofuneralhome.com](http://devitofuneralhome.com) to view an online guestbook.

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**GRAY, Anne (Ruddy)**

Of Arlington, on May 9, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Richard P. Gray, Jr. Devoted mother of Susan, Betsy, Richard and Chris Gray and Patricia Rickard and her husband, Christopher. Loving grandmother of Ava Rickard. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Anne moved to Donegal, Ireland to live on her family's farm during WWII. She came to the U.S. in the late 1950s, where she met the love of her life, got married and raised her family. Anne worked for many years in the banking industry and was loved by patrons and coworkers alike. She enjoyed crafting and shared many wonderful handmade items with friends and family. Relatives and friends are invited to gather at DeVito Funeral Home, 1145 Massachusetts Avenue, ARLINGTON, on Tuesday, May 16, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. A Funeral Service will commence at 7 p.m. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation to Beth Israel Lahey Health Hospice, Gift Processing Center, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805. For directions and online guestbook, visit [devitofuneralhome.com](http://devitofuneralhome.com)

**OUNJIAN, Moira Linehan**

Wife of the late Daniel Ounjian of Winchester, died on May 10, 2023, from breast cancer. She was born in Torrington, CT on October 21, 1945, daughter of the late Henry and Odette (Wacha) Linehan. She is survived by her stepdaughter, Renata (Ounjian) DelGrosso and her husband, David of Scituate; and their three sons, Daniel and his wife, Amber of Dorchester, Matthew of the North End and Evan of Scituate. She leaves two brothers, Mark Linehan and Joseph Linehan. Mark and his wife, Pauline live in Torrington, CT; and have two sons, Christopher and his wife, Dolores of Norwalk, CT and Patrick and his wife, Victoria Groom of San Francisco; and their two children, Theo and Beatrice. Joseph and his wife, Susan live in Seattle, WA; with their son, Henry; and his son, Slay. She leaves many nieces and nephews on her husband's side. Moira holds degrees from St. Louis University, Simmons College and Vermont College of Fine Arts. While she was a high school English teacher and an administrator in high tech and academic settings, she is proudest of the work she created over the last thirty years as a poet. She is the author of four collections of poetry, *If No Moon, Incarnate Grace*, *Toward & Company*. Visiting Hours will be held at the Lane Funeral Home, 760 Main St., (Rte. 38) WINCHESTER, on Monday, May 15, from 4-7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, May 16, at St. Eulalia's Church, Winchester, at 10am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. Interment in Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Winchester Hospital Cancer Care Center, 620 Washington St., Winchester, MA 01890 or to a charity of your own choosing. For online condolences, please visit [www.lanefuneral.com](http://lanefuneral.com)

**PEARSON, David G.****SMITH, Neal Francis****SMITH, Neal Francis**

Age 84, of Hingham, died peacefully, on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at the Pat Roche Hospice Home in Hingham. He passed away close to the ocean he cherished and the family he loved.

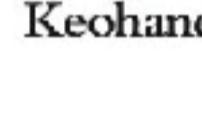
Born in Woonsocket, RI on December 3, 1938, son of the late Emmett and Margaret (Radigan) Smith. Loving husband of the late Judith L. (Guillette) Smith. Devoted father of Thomas Smith and his partner, Faith Deming of Pembroke, Matthew Smith and his wife, Melissa of Barrington, RI and Peter Smith and his wife, Debra of Hingham. Cherished grandfather of Loralee, Robert, Anna, Sarah, Jake, Michael and Eric. Dear brother of the late Emmett T. Smith. Neal is also survived by many loving extended family and friends.

Woonsocket High School graduate, Class of 1956. Bachelor of Arts recipient in Sociology from Holy Cross College in Worcester in 1960. Attended Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, VA. Received his commission in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1962, served 4 years in Nashville and Washington D.C. He earned his Juris Doctor from Georgetown Law School in 1969.

As per Neal's final wishes, Funeral Services will be held privately. Neal's family would like to thank the staff at the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association and the Pat Roche Hospice Home for their kindness and compassion.

Due to floral restrictions, please consider donating in Neal's memory to the Pat Roche Hospice Home, c/o NVNA and Hospice, 120 Longwater Dr., Norwell, MA 02061 or online at [www.nvna.org](http://www.nvna.org)

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**TODD, Catherine Marie (Murray)**

Age 83, known to many as Kate, formerly of Beverly and Quincy, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2023, with family members by her side at her home in Acton, Maine, after a short illness. Kate was predeceased by her husband, William Todd; her mother, Ellen Murray; her father, Daniel D. Murray; her brother, Daniel C. Murray; and her sister, Eileen (Murray) Croft. Kate is survived by her sister, Mary Murray, of Woburn Massachusetts; and several nieces and nephews.

Born and raised in Beverly, Kate graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1957, and later attended Emmanuel College. After spending time as a substitute teacher, Kate worked for many years as an Insurance Claims adjuster in Massachusetts before retiring to Maine.

Kate was an avid sports fan, although she followed any and all sports, her favorite teams were The New England Patriots and The Boston Celtics. Kate was an avid reader and got the chance to make many memorable trips to Ireland. Many aspire to make the most of their time, as it goes by quickly. Kate certainly did that. From her stories of her childhood shenanigans, to her experiences teaching and her lifelong friends that she made through work and play, she had a full life. Kate was truly one of a kind. After retiring to Maine, Kate and Bill hosted many neighborhood parties and family gatherings. Easter was always a special time for the family. She didn't waste time worrying about things, she made the most of each day. In Kate's words, "I took the tiny, tiny joys in life and I ran with them." Kate expressed that throughout her life it was always the people along the way that mattered the most to her. Looking back on her time teaching, she would say that the children were the best part. She was always so happy to see so many of them doing well in their lives. Those fortunate enough to know Kate and those who loved her dearly felt her laughter was contagious, her humor was unmatched, and her generosity was endless. Kate was a joy to be around. No matter how much time you spent with her, it would never be enough.

As family remembers Kate and the wonderful life she lived, they find peace in knowing that she is now reunited with her true love William, or as Kate referred to him "my Willy". Her family will always keep her fun spirit and memories in their hearts and make the most of each day in her honor. Per Kate's request, there will not be a public service. Special thanks to the exceptional caregivers and the many other kindhearted angels who took care of Kate in her time of need.

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## Obituaries

# Hodding Carter III, State Department spokesman in Iran crisis, 88

**By Harrison Smith**  
WASHINGTON POST

Hodding Carter III, an Emmy-winning journalist and political commentator who covered the civil rights movement in the South, served as the State Department's spokesman during the Iran hostage crisis, and promoted media innovation as head of the Knight journalism foundation, died May 11 at a retirement community in Chapel Hill, N.C. He was 88.

The cause was complications from a series of strokes, said his daughter Catherine Carter Sullivan.

A Mississippi newspaperman with a Princeton pedigree, Mr. Carter helped run his family's crusading, anti-segregationist newspaper and worked for Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign before becoming the top public affairs official for Cyrus R. Vance, the publicity-averse secretary of state, in 1979.

Mr. Carter, who was unrelated to the president but shared his background as a White liberal from the South, persuaded Vance to allow television cameras into daily briefings at Foggy Bottom. With a soothing drawl, he answered reporters' questions on strategic arms negotiations, the Panama Canal treaties, and the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel.

But he was little known to most Americans before November 1979, when Iranian students stormed the US Embassy in Tehran and took dozens of hostages. Mr. Carter went on to deliver frank and frequent updates on the hostages' condition and efforts to rescue them, becoming "as omnipresent as Johnny Carson or Walter Cronkite," as People magazine put it. Some White House officials grumbled that it was hard to tell which Carter was president.

Mr. Carter parlayed his prominence into a contract with the William Morris talent agency, reinventing himself as a columnist and broadcast journalist after leaving the State Department in 1980. He appeared as a panelist on programs including "This Week With David Brinkley," worked as a correspondent for "Frontline," hosted the PBS media-analysis series "Inside Story," and received four Emmy Awards for television documentaries on foreign policy and civil rights.

He also taught at universities and, beginning in 1997, led the



John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Over the next eight years he grew the organization's endowment to more than \$1.9 billion and more than doubled its grants to journalists and news organizations, to some \$90 million annually.

But he remained best known for his tenure as assistant secretary of state for public affairs, which led veteran Washington correspondent William M. Beecher to call him "the best guy I have seen in his job in 20 years." Hailed by Time magazine as "the new voice of America" during the hostage crisis, he said that he benefited from an early image as "an ignorant, silly hick from Mississippi," which bought him time to learn the ins and outs of the job.

While Mr. Carter was largely

unfamiliar with the intricacies of foreign policy, he was far from a rube, having spent nearly two decades as a journalist at his family's newspaper, the Delta Democrat-Times in Greenville, Miss. His father, the longtime publisher and editor, had received a 1946 Pulitzer Prize and death threats from the Ku Klux Klan for writing editorials against intolerance.

Mr. Carter followed in his footsteps as a reporter and later as publisher, writing roughly 6,000 editorials before coming to Washington. He developed a good rapport with journalists including Ted Koppel, who described Mr. Carter in a Christian Science Monitor interview as "a tough, aggressive, worthy adversary," and laced his briefings with Southern col-

loquialisms and — when he found it necessary — evasive responses.

When a reporter wrongly speculated about a State Department policy, Mr. Carter replied, "That dog won't hunt." When another complained that Mr. Carter had "slipped off the point," Mr. Carter replied: "I hope so."

Annoyed by a question from journalist and conservative gadfly Lester Kinsolving, he grabbed a rubber chicken from the podium and lobbed it at the reporter.

"The briefing is a form of ritualized combat," Mr. Carter told The Washington Post in 1980. "I like the give and take."

Mr. Carter was sometimes criticized for turning his televised briefings into a bully pulpit. But for the most part he maintained the respect of re-

porters and his boss, Vance, whose resignation in April 1980 precipitated Mr. Carter's own departure less than three months later.

The secretary of state had quit in protest of President Carter's decision to launch a military rescue effort in Iran, which Vance considered ill-advised. His instincts proved correct: The mission ended with a helicopter crash in the desert and the deaths of eight US servicemen, with the last of the 52 American hostages remaining in captivity until January 1981.

Mr. Carter often said that he was the last to know about key developments, including the rescue mission. After telling a group of newspaper publishers in Hawaii that military action in Iran was not imminent, he took an overnight flight home and was shaken awake by a flight attendant, who wanted to express his sympathies about the raid.

"What raid?" Mr. Carter recalled asking, in a 1981 article for Playboy.

"Oh, God," the attendant replied. "I think you had better talk to the captain."

The oldest of three sons, William Hodding Carter III was born in New Orleans on April 7, 1935, and grew up in Greenville. His mother, the former Betty Werlein, was a feature writer who cofounded the Delta Star in 1936 with his father, Hodding Carter Jr. Two years later, they purchased the Star's competitor and merged the papers to form the Delta Democrat-Times.

"There was never a time I didn't realize we were completely out of step with the whites in Greenville," Mr. Carter told the Post. His mother was said to have protected the family home from KKK attacks by sitting at the door with a shotgun on her knees.

Mr. Carter graduated from high school in Greenville after studying for a time at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire.

He initially vowed that he would never be a "Little" Hodding, a sidekick to his father, who was known as Big Hod. But after receiving a bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1957 and serving in the Marine Corps for two years, Mr. Carter came home to Greenville, deciding that he owed a year to the family business.

Instead he stayed for 17, facing some of the same threats

that had dogged his parents.

"I carried a gun in my car, in my pocket and in my desk from '59 until my brother" — Thomas, the youngest son — "killed himself with a pistol in '64," Mr. Carter told the Greensboro (N.C.) News & Record.

His brother Philip took the reins of the paper before the Carters sold it to a politically conservative newspaper chain in 1980, angering some of their liberal readers.

Mr. Carter made headlines in 1978 when he divorced his first wife, Margaret "Peggy" Wolfe, and married President Carter's human rights chief, Patricia Derian, with whom he had worked in Democratic Party politics in Mississippi. She died in 2016. Two years later, Mr. Carter found late-in-life love when he reconnected with Patricia O'Brien, an author and reporter who had professed him decades earlier.

"I fell in love with her instantly," Mr. Carter told The New York Times after their wedding in 2019. "But it took her at least a couple of hours to fall in love with me."

Survivors include his wife, of Brookline; four children from his first marriage, Hodding Carter IV of Camden, Maine, Catherine Carter Sullivan of Jackson, Miss., Margaret Carter Joseph of Brevard, N.C., and Finn Carter of Worcester; three stepchildren from his marriage to Derian, Mike Derian of Takoma Park, Md., and Craig Derian and Brooke Derian, both of Chapel Hill; a brother; and 12 grandchildren.

While teaching at schools including the University of North Carolina, where he was a professor of leadership and public policy, Mr. Carter stressed that although his job in government was to relay information that officials wanted known, he was also charged with withholding certain facts.

"If any reporters think they're going to get the truth out of a government official, they should be summarily fired," he told students in 1990. He added that his own briefings were honest — mostly.

"I gave out utterly misleading info only about four times, and I wasn't happy about it. But I didn't know about it, either," he said. "That was probably one of the reasons why we failed in that administration. For a long time, I was never given any B.S. to go out there with."

## John Roland, 81, anchor at Fox flagship in New York

**By Sam Roberts**  
NEW YORK TIMES

John Roland, an Emmy Award-winning anchor of the 10 p.m. newscast on Fox's flagship station and a dependable fixture on local television news in New York for 35 years, died Sunday in North Miami Beach, Fla. He was 81.

The cause was complications of a stroke, his wife, Zayda Galasso, said.

While Fox 5's nightly newscast began with the ominous query, "It's 10 p.m. Do you know where your children are?" Mr. Roland was a reassuring presence during the quarter-century that he anchored the weeknight program, from 1979, when he succeeded Bill Jorgensen, who was lured to WPIX-TV, until just before he retired in 2004. The program typically topped the ratings at that hour for TV news.

"John was very likable, not a formidable presence like Bill Jorgensen," Ted Kavanagh, the station's news director from 1968 to 1974, said in an e-mail. "He was more a Jimmy Stewart type. An American Everyman that somehow finds himself thrust into the limelight and makes a surprisingly strong impression."

John Roland Gingher Jr. was born in Pittsburgh on Nov. 25, 1941, to John and Marian Gingher. His father was a foundry inspector.

After graduating from California State University at Long Beach in 1964, Mr. Roland began his career in broadcasting as a researcher for NBC News in Los Angeles in 1966 and abbreviated his name.

As a reporter for KTTV, he covered Robert F. Kennedy's assassination in 1968 and the trial

## Chris Strachwitz, founded Arhoolie music label, at 91

**By Alex Traub**  
NEW YORK TIMES

of Charles Manson, who was convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy in 1971 for the deaths of seven people, including film actress Sharon Tate.

In 1969, Mr. Roland was hired as a political reporter by WNEW in New York (now Fox's WNYW). He also worked as a weekend anchor and produced a cooking feature before being promoted to weeknight anchor.

In 1983, Mr. Roland made news when he disarmed one of three robbers who tried to hold up a restaurant on East 67th Street in New York City opposite Fox's broadcast center. He shot one with the robber's own gun, but was hit over the head with a pistol. He needed 36 stitches to close the wound.

In 1986, he became a partner in an Upper East Side restaurant, Marcello.

Mr. Roland was briefly suspended in 1988 after a heated on-air interview with Joyce Brown, a mentally ill homeless woman whose involuntary commitment to a mental hospital for treatment had been successfully challenged by the New York Civil Liberties Union.

Mr. Roland won two local Emmy Awards, in 1976-77 as a writer on the Sunday 10 p.m. news, and in 1981-82, which he shared with colleagues on the weeknight news broadcast.

He appeared as an anchor in the films "Hero at Large" (1980), "Eyewitness" (1981), and "The Object of My Affection" (1998), and as himself in "The Scout" (1994).

Mr. Roland was married four times. In addition to Galasso, he is survived by a brother, Ronald; a stepdaughter, Natasha; and a step-granddaughter.

Chris Strachwitz, who traveled in search of the roots of American music with the eagerness of a pilgrim, discovered traditional musicians with the skill of a detective, promoted their careers with the zeal of an ideologue, and guarded their work with the care of a historian, died on Friday at an assisted-living facility in San Rafael, Calif. He was 91.

The cause was congestive heart failure, his brother, Hubert, said.

Mr. Strachwitz specialized in music passed down over generations — cotton-field music, orange-orchard music, mountain music, bayou music, barroom music, porch music. The songs came not only from before the era of the music industry but even from before the existence of mass culture itself.

Like other leading musical folklorists of the modern recording era — among them Moses Asch, Alan Lomax, and Harry Smith — Mr. Strachwitz rescued parts of that history before they vanished.

But the extent of his devotion and the idiosyncrasy of his passions defy comparison.

Mr. Strachwitz was the founder of Arhoolie Records (the name comes from a term for field hollers). In addition to recruiting his own artists, he did his own field recordings, music editing, production, liner notes, advertising, and sales. In the company's early years, he affixed the labels to the records and mailed them himself.

He was a lifelong bachelor who said that having a family would have thwarted his career. On his journeys around the country to record new music, he

had for company a manually operated orange juicer and 20-pound bags of oranges. The targets of his search included a highway grass cutter, a gravedigger, and a janitor, all of whose musical talents were at the time basically unknown.

He emigrated from Germany after growing up as a teenage count under Nazi rule and went on to explore the fullest reaches of American pluralism. He took an interest not just in the standard roots repertory of folk and blues, but also in norteño, Cajun, zydeco, klezmer, Hawaiian steel guitar, Ukrainian fiddle, Czech polka, and Irish dance music, among countless other genres.

To account for what united his passions, Mr. Strachwitz said he liked music that was "pure," "hard-core," and "old-timey," particularly if one of the musicians had a "spark."

The first Arhoolie record, released in 1960, was "Texas Sharecropper and Songster," by blues singer Mance Lipscomb. Lipscomb's music had never been recorded, and the new release vaulted him into prominence

during the 1960s folk revival. Mr. Strachwitz went on to help revive the careers of other blues singers, including Lightnin' Hopkins, Mississippi Fred McDowell, and Big Mama Thornton.

As both a record executive and a record collector, he made a particularly profound historical contribution to norteño, music from the Texas-Mexico border. The Smithsonian Institution last year called his archive of Mexican and Mexican-American music "the largest collection of commercially produced vernacular recordings of its kind in existence," noting that it contained many records that are "irreplaceable."

It was the result of about 60 years of collecting — yet Mr. Strachwitz never learned to speak Spanish. Norteño musicians nicknamed him El Fanático.

Mr. Strachwitz might have been considered a preservationist, but he also shaped the worlds that he documented. That was particularly true of his recordings of Cajun musicians. In 2000, rock historian Ed Ward wrote in The New York Times that Mr. Strachwitz "helped prod

the culture into what is now a full-blown renaissance."

Christian Alexander Maria Strachwitz was born on July 1, 1931, in Berlin. He grew up on a country estate called Gross Reichenau, located in what was then the Lower Silesia region of Germany (it is now a village called Bogaczow in southwest Poland). His father, Alexander Graf Strachwitz, and his mother, Friederike (von Bredow) Strachwitz, ran a vegetable and grain farm of a couple hundred acres.

Nazi authorities appointed Chris's father a local game warden, and during World War II he joined the military and attained the rank of captain, though Hubert Strachwitz said his service was limited to escorting troop transports bound for Italy.

In February 1945, the family fled as the Russians invaded the estate. Chris and two of his sisters had left shortly beforehand on a train; his father escaped in a horse and buggy; Hubert, Chris's other two sisters, and his mother left on a tractor-trailer. Thanks to a wealthy relative in the United States, the family was able to return to Reno, Nev., by 1947.

Chris served in the US Army from 1954 to 1956. Soon after being honorably discharged, he graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a bachelor's degree in political science. He taught high school German in the suburbs of San Jose for several years.

Meeting musicians where they lived and recording them where they liked to play, rather than in a studio, became Mr. Strachwitz's signature style.

In addition to his brother, Mr. Strachwitz is survived by three sisters, Rosy Schlueter, Barbara Steward, and Frances Strachwitz.



MR. STRACHWITZ, shown in 2010, followed his passion as a musical folklorist to preserve America's melodic history.

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# Business

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## Big paydays for money managers at Harvard

Even while the value of endowment dropped for fiscal year 2022

By Dana Gerber  
GLOBE STAFF

Even as the coffers they manage shrank last year, many of the people at the helm of Harvard University's \$50 billion endowment — the largest in the nation — saw their paychecks grow in 2021, thanks in part to the endowment's success in previous years.

On Friday, Harvard released its annual Form 990 — an Internal Revenue Service document filed by tax-exempt nonprofit organizations — for fiscal year 2022, which concluded on June 30, 2022. The forms disclose the incomes of top earners at an institution (compensation data reflects earnings in 2021), as well as other financial insights.

Nirmal P. Narvekar, the president and CEO of Harvard Management Company, the group that oversees the college's endowment, received a big bump in his reported pay, which — between wages and other compensation, including deferred bonuses that will be paid out in future years — climbed to nearly \$10.5 million, compared with just over \$1 million in 2020. In a statement, Harvard said the jump was due in part to "deferred payments earned in previous years" that were paid in 2021; his awarded compensation was \$6.65 million. Similarly, those deferrals lowered Narvekar's reported compensation in 2020, Harvard said; his awarded compensation that year was \$6.24 million.

Many of Narvekar's top lieutenants also saw higher earnings: Chief Investment Officer Richard W. Slocum took home over \$8.3 million in 2021 (including future bonuses), after earning about \$865,000 in 2020. Managing director Elise McDonald netted over \$7.6 million, up from about \$4.7 million in 2020.

Harvard president Lawrence Bacow took home just over \$1.3 million in total compensation in 2021, a figure that includes both his salary and other benefits such as housing, the employer-provided portion of his insurance, and employer contributions to his retirement. That's up from about \$1.1 million in 2020 — when Bacow and other top administrators vowed to take a 25 percent pay cut as the COVID pandemic battered higher education — and \$1.2 million in 2019.

The only person on the university's payroll who earned more than Bacow was, again, computer science professor David Malan, who earned nearly \$1.6 million in 2021, up from \$1.4 million in 2020.

This data comes after Harvard revealed in October that its endowment lost money in fiscal year 2022 amid the broader slump in financial markets, dropping from \$53.2 billion the year prior to \$50.9 billion. The endowment's negative return of 1.8 percent, however, outpaced other major university endowments including MIT and Columbia (though Yale's eked out a small gain). It also fared better than the stock market; the S&P 500 dropped 11 percent, including dividends, from June 2021 through June 2022.

Distributions from Harvard's endowment accounted for more than a third of its revenue and provides the Cambridge school's single largest source of income.

"The endowment is a critical resource for maintaining and expanding Harvard's mission of teaching and research," said Paul Finnegan, chairman of HMC's board of directors, in a press release. "Even during this period of economic uncertainty, [Narvekar] and the team at HMC have positioned the endowment for long-term success and ensured that Harvard's students, faculty, and operations will benefit from these resources in perpetuity."

Even as the endowment shrank, the college's financials continued a post-pandemic upswing. In October, Harvard reported that overall revenues had increased 11 percent to \$5.8 billion as most students returned to campus, and the university closed out the year with an operating surplus of \$406 million (jumping from \$283 million in fiscal year 2021).

Operating expenses, however, shot up by \$464 million, or 9 percent, from 2021, as wages increased and inflation hiked up the cost of other goods and services.

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Cambridge biotech Sarepta Therapeutics developed SRP-9001, a gene therapy to treat Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

## FDA panel recommends speeding approval of Sarepta gene therapy

By Robert Weisman  
GLOBE STAFF

A panel of advisers Friday recommended that the Food and Drug Administration speed up approving a Duchenne muscular dystrophy treatment developed by Cambridge biotech Sarepta Therapeutics, despite questions about its clinical benefit and safety.

By an 8 to 6 vote, the FDA advisers endorsed accelerated approval for the experimental gene therapy, called SRP-9001. The vote followed a daylong hearing, convened virtually, marked by sharp debate over the company's clinical trial data and impassioned pleas from the parents of boys with Duchenne, a deadly muscle-wasting disease.

While acknowledging Sarepta's clinical data raised questions, some advisers said they were swayed by videos shared by the parents of boys with Duchenne that showed improvement after being dosed with the gene therapy. Anthony Amato, a Harvard professor of neurology, said he saw "compelling evidence" that this was effective for some patients.

But Caleb Alexander, a public health professor at Johns Hopkins, said the data "doesn't rise to the threshold of substantial evidence."

Debate raged in a daylong hearing over Duchenne muscular dystrophy treatment

The vote is not binding on the FDA, which is set to rule later this month on Sarepta's bid for faster approval. But the independent experts on the panel, called the Cellular, Tissue, and Gene Therapies Advisory Committee, are typically influential in the agency's deliberations.

Sarepta's one-dose gene therapy is a micro-dystrophin, a miniature version of the gene that mutated in boys with Duchenne, a rare condition that robs many of their ability to walk by age 12. Through infusions, doctors use viral vectors to carry the healthy gene into patients in an effort to halt progression of the muscle disease.

Friday's proceedings were being watched closely by patient advocates and other biotechs working on gene therapies for rare diseases. If the FDA grants Sarepta's application, it would be the first accelerated approval for a gene therapy. That pathway allows earlier approval for drugs that treat a serious condition or fill unmet medical needs.

Even if the gene therapy wins accelerated approval, it will be about four months before it is widely available commercially, said Patrick O'Malley, the Sarepta vice president for global regulatory strategy.

In a public hearing before the advisory panel Friday, parents of boys in Sarepta's clinical trial showed videos of their sons climbing stairs and playing baseball, testifying how they got better after infusion with the gene therapy. They warned any delay in approving Sarepta's drug could cause further muscle loss in boys living with Duchenne.

"Within days, we began to see physical improvement," said Brent Furbee, a physical therapist who lives in Tennessee, showing panel members a video of his son Emerson, now 6 years old, pedaling a tricycle. "And there was nothing ambiguous about that."

Debra Miller, founder of patient advocacy group Cure Duchenne in Newport Beach, Calif., urged the panel to approve the gene therapy even if it is only a bridge to better treatments in the future. "Families cannot afford any delays," Miller said. "Their clocks are ticking."

FDA staff reviewers, however, said the clinical trial data didn't

provide clear evidence of clinical benefit. They also raised concerns that the gene therapy might pose safety risks, such as liver injury, and that patients who get it might be ineligible for other clinical trials.

In the clinical data they reviewed, FDA staffers saw "no statistically significant difference between SRP-9001 compared to placebo" for all but the youngest patients, said Mike Singer, a clinical reviewer in the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

Singer also faulted Sarepta's clinical data analysis. "The analysis wasn't performed in a statistically rigorous way so we also can't predict which patients would benefit" from the gene therapy, he said.

Another critic, health policy analyst Diana Zuckerman at the National Center for Health Research in Washington, warned that the FDA could lose credibility if it granted faster approval to a drug candidate before it had clear evidence it was safe and effective for patients.

"If the FDA no longer represents the gold standard for approval, that poses risks for all Americans with serious diseases," she said.

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## Despite neighborhood pushback, BPDA OK's homeless housing in Dorchester hotel

Citing crisis, board approves proposal by Pine Street Inn, Community Builders

By Andrew Brinker  
GLOBE STAFF

Despite harsh pushback from some in the neighborhood, the Boston Planning and Development Agency board on Thursday gave the green light to a plan that will transform a Comfort Inn in Dorchester into housing for formerly homeless people.

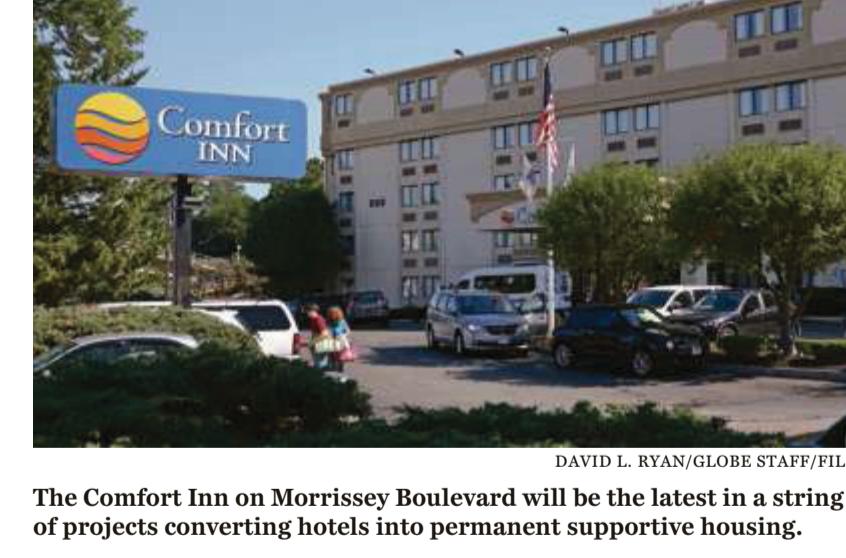
The board, citing Boston's housing crisis and support from residents who spoke in favor of the proposal, unanimously approved the proposal by Pine Street Inn and nonprofit developer The Community Builders to convert the Morrissey Boulevard motel into 99 units of "permanent supportive housing" — studio apartments with 24-hour wrap-around services on site for people emerging from homelessness.

"People experiencing homelessness in Boston deserve the safety, comfort, and stability of a home," Dorchester resident Peter Meacham

said at a public hearing ahead of the BPDA vote Thursday evening. "Approving this project will change the lives for the better of 99 of my neighbors, of your neighbors, and our neighbors."

But it wasn't without protest. City Councilor Frank Baker and state Senator Nick Collins, who both represent the neighborhood, condemned the project. Chief among their concerns were the scale of the development, and what they said was a likelihood that housing nearly 100 formerly homeless people at the site would bring an influx of drugs and crime to the neighborhood.

"Clearly we have a crisis in the city that we have to respond to in the city, but I think the issue is how," said Collins, who argued that nearby residents could be endangered by the project. "The community has overwhelmingly expressed opposition to this."



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF/FILE

The Comfort Inn on Morrissey Boulevard will be the latest in a string of projects converting hotels into permanent supportive housing.

The vote came after opponents of the project protested outside the Comfort Inn earlier this year, citing fears that that stretch of Dorchester will become like Mass. and Cass, the intersection in the South End that has become an epicenter of the region's drug crisis and the city's largest homeless encampment.

The version of the proposal that passed on Thursday was scaled down from the original plan, with 11 fewer units and a preference added for residents over age 62, in an attempt to assuage the concerns of neighbors.

The Comfort Inn sits on a concrete island between the six-lane Morrissey Blvd. and the Red Line tracks. It will be the latest in a string of projects converting hotels into permanent supportive housing, a trend that

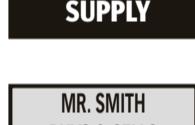
emerged during the pandemic. The projects make sense, homelessness service providers say, because it takes relatively little work to turn a hotel room into a studio apartment, and those renovations are more cost-effective than new construction.

The developers hope to finish work by fall 2024. It is expected to cost just under \$50 million.

"We all have a responsibility to step forward and to support our neighbors and family members that find themselves [experiencing homelessness]," said BPDA board member Ted Landmark. "So I, for one, find it easy to support this proposal."

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## MassDOT Highway Division Proposal

Electronic proposals for the following projects will be received through the internet using Bid Express until the date and time stated below and will be posted on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com) forthwith after the bid submission deadline. No paper copies of bids will be accepted.

All Bidders must have a valid vendor code issued by MassDOT in order to bid on projects. Bidders need to apply for a Digital ID at least 14 days prior to a scheduled bid opening date with Bid Express.

The Bidding for and award of the contracts for the following projects are to be in accordance with the requirements of Mass General Laws Chapter 30 § 39M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M.	PROJECT VALUE
DISTRICT 1: Application of ReflectORIZED Pavement Markings at Various Locations (612714)	\$385,000.00
DISTRICT 1: Guardrail Repairs and Upgrades at Various Locations (612719)	\$450,000.00
DISTRICT 5: Pavement Repairs at Various Locations (Excluding the Islands) (612846)	\$713,000.00

All prospective Bidders must complete and e-mail an electronic copy of "Request Proposal Form (R109)" to the MassDOT Director of Prequalification for approval: [prequal.r109@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:prequal.r109@dot.state.ma.us). The blank "Request Proposal Form (R109)" can be obtained at: <https://www.mass.gov/prequalification-of-horizontal-construction-firms>.

An award will not be made to a Contractor who is not pre-qualified by the Department prior to the opening of proposals.

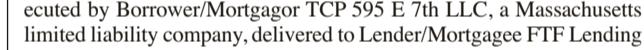
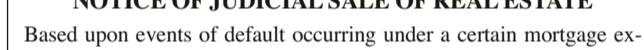
Proposal documents for official bidders are posted on [www.bidx.com](http://www.bidx.com). Other interested parties may receive informational Contract Documents containing the Plans and Special Provisions, free of charge. All parties who wish to have access to informational plans and specification must send a "Request for Informational Documents" to [MassDOTBidDocuments@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:MassDOTBidDocuments@dot.state.ma.us).

Plans and Contract Documents will be on display and information will be available at the MassDOT Boston Headquarters Office and at each District Office wherein a project is located.

MassDOT, in compliance with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 21 (Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted Programs of the Department of Transportation - Effectuation of Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964) hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

MassDOT Highway Division projects are subject to the rules and regulations of the Architectural Access Board (521 CMR 1.00 et seq.). Prospective bidders and interested parties can access this information and more via the internet at [WWW.COMMBUYS.COM](http://WWW.COMMBUYS.COM).

BY: Gina Fiamaca, Secretary and CEO, MassDOT  
Jonathan L. Gulliver, Highway Administrator, MassDOT Highway Division  
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023



## NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Based upon events of default occurring under a certain mortgage executed by Borrower/Mortgagor TCP 595 E 7th LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, delivered to Lender/Mortgagee FTF Lending LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dated August 31, 2020, and recorded in BK 63676 at PG 226; DOC 73567 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, and in execution of the Consent Judgment Entry and Decree of Mortgage Foreclosure entered on February 27, 2023 in FTF Lending LLC v. TCP 595 E 7th LLC, et al., U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, Boston Division, Case 1:22-cv-10665-DLC, Paul E. Saperstein Company, Inc. shall offer for sale at **Public Auction on June 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. local time at 595 East 7th Street, South Boston, MA 02127**, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of Boston called South Boston and bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a point on the Southerly side of Seventh Street, One Hundred Eighty-Five feet Easterly from the corner of Seventh and K Streets;

Thence running Easterly, Fifty-Five (55) feet;

Thence turning and running Southerly, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet;

Thence turning and running Westerly on the land formerly of the heirs of Hall J. Hoe, Fifty-Five (55) Feet;

Thence turning and running Northerly One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet to the point of beginning.

For Grantor's title, see Deed recorded herewith.

Address(es): 595 East 7th Street, South Boston, MA 02127 (Parcel ID 0702304000)

The description of the Property appearing in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title, see Deed recorded in BK 63676 at PG 223; DOC 73566.

The Property will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The foreclosure sale shall occur at the Property. The successful bidder shall tender a non-refundable earnest money deposit towards the purchase price of \$20,000.00, by bank check or certified check, at the time and place of sale. Said deposit may be held at the option of the Mortgagor as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. The balance shall be paid within 30 days from the date of sale. Deed shall be provided to successful bidder for recording upon receipt of the full balance of the purchase price. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the time of sale containing the terms herein and any additional terms as set forth in the Memorandum of Sale or as announced at the sale.

In the event the successful bidder at the Public Auction fails to perform in the time specified to purchase the Property, the Mortgagor reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell the Property by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder, provided that in each case the next highest bidder delivers to Mortgagor the amount of the required deposit within 3 business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and promptly executes a Memorandum of Sale providing for performance within 30 days of execution. The Mortgagor also reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder. The Mortgagor reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

For inquiries concerning the Public Auction, please contact Paul E. Saperstein Co. at [www.pesco.com](http://www.pesco.com).

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## Twitter's new CEO is an executive at NBCUniversal

Elon Musk confirmed that the new CEO for Twitter will be NBCUniversal's Linda Yaccarino, an executive with deep ties to the advertising industry.

"I am excited to welcome Linda Yaccarino as the new CEO of Twitter!" Musk wrote in a Friday tweet. He added that Yaccarino "will focus primarily on business operations" while Musk will stay closely connected to product design and new technology.

Before that announcement, NBCUniversal said Friday that Yaccarino would step down immediately as chairwoman for global advertising and partnerships.

Musk, who bought Twitter last fall and has been running it since, has long insisted that he would step down as top executive at the company, which is now called X Corp.

Few expect Musk to remove himself from the decision making process at Twitter, however.

"While he's stepping back from the CEO title, Musk is far from likely to step back from calling the product shots," said Mike Proulx, research director at Forrester Research.

Yaccarino, with deep roots in the advertising industry, could be a linchpin in Twitter's future.

Luring advertisers is critical for Musk and Twitter after many fled in the early months after his takeover of the social media platform.

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## China orders recall of 1.1m Teslas to fix accelerator pedal

DETROIT — Chinese safety regulators have ordered Tesla to recall 1.1 million vehicles because drivers might step on the accelerator for too long, increasing the risk of a crash.

The State Administration for Market Regulation said in a notice Friday that the recall involves imported Model S, X, and 3 models as well as the Chinese-made Models Y and 3. The models were produced between January 12, 2019 and April 24, 2023, but it wasn't clear from the notice whether those dates applied only to the Chinese-made vehicles.

The recall, which starts May 29, was triggered because drivers aren't able to select the regenerative braking system and because of the lack of a warning when they press hard on the accelerator pedal, the watchdog said on its website.

The combination of these issues "may increase the probability of mistakenly stepping on the accelerator pedal for a long time, which may increase the risk of collision and pose a safety hazard," it said.

Regenerative braking takes energy that would be lost from stopping a vehicle and uses it to help recharge the battery in electric and gas-electric hybrid vehicles. When it's operating, vehicles don't coast as well as they do without it.

Tesla will use an online software update to fix the problem, the regulator said.

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## US starts process to fund tech hubs with \$500m in grants

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department on Friday launched the application process for cities to receive a total of \$500 million in grants to become technology hubs.

The \$500 million is part of a \$10 billion authorization from last year's CHIPS and Science Act to stimulate investments in new technologies such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and biotech. It's an attempt to expand tech investment that is largely concentrated around a few US cities — Austin, Texas; New York; San Francisco; and Seattle — to the rest of the country.

The Biden administration has made it a priority to set an industrial strategy of directing government investment into computer chips, clean energy, and a range of other technologies. Officials say that being leaders in those fields will foster economic and national security, reflecting a belief that the best way to compete against China's ascendancy will come from building internal strength.

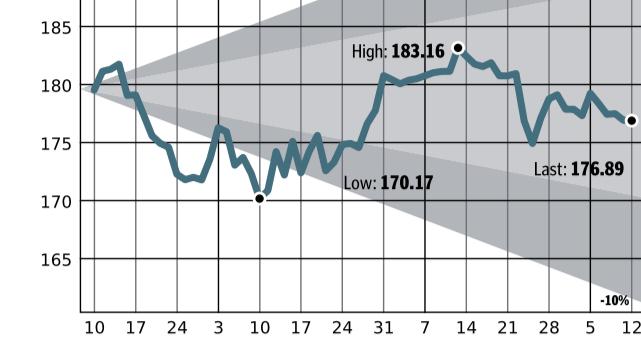
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Index of publicly traded companies in Massachusetts

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Thermo Fisher Sci (TMO)	524.65	-5.14	-1.0	202.4
General Electric (GE)	98.80	-0.71	-0.7	107.6
American Tower Corp (AMT)	200.29	+4.60	+2.4	93.3
Analog Devices (ADI)	180.57	-0.02	-0.0	91.3
TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	78.99	+0.93	+1.2	91.0
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	347.41	-2.99	-0.9	89.5
Boston Scientific (BSX)	53.34	-0.05	-0.1	76.7
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	129.30	+0.89	+0.7	49.3
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	32.67	+0.24	+0.7	45.9
Biogen Inc (BIB)	309.60	-0.96	-0.3	44.8
Eversource (ES)	77.08	+0.83	+1.1	26.9
Alynium Pharma (ALNY)	205.36	-0.73	-0.4	25.6
Insulet Corp (PODD)	330.23	+8.96	+2.8	23.0
HubSpot Inc (HUBS)	462.17	+0.70	+0.2	22.9
State Street Corp (STT)	66.54	-1.19	-1.8	22.2
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	82.77	+0.92	+1.1	20.4
Iron Mountain (IRM)	55.09	-0.13	-0.2	16.1
Waters Corp (WAT)	271.00	+2.03	+0.8	16.0
PTC (PTC)	130.10	+0.62	+0.5	15.4
LPL Financial (LPLA)	187.93	-0.03	-0.0	14.6
PerkinElmer Inc				



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## NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Based upon events of default occurring under a certain mortgage executed by Borrower/Mortgagor 746 East 4th Street LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, delivered to Lender/Mortgagee FTF Lending LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dated April 15, 2021, and recorded in BK 683 at PG 167; DOC 2021-00919302; CERT 137567 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, and in execution of the Consent Judgment Entry and Decree of Mortgage Foreclosure entered on February 16, 2023 in FTF Lending LLC v. 746 East 4th Street LLC, et al., U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, Boston Division, Case 1:22-cv-10765-DLC, Paul E. Saperstein Company, Inc. shall offer for sale at **Public Auction on June 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. local time** at 746 East 4th Street, South Boston, MA 02127, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

That certain parcel of land situated in that part of Boston called South Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY by East Fourth Street, Twenty and 73/100 (20.73) feet; WESTERLY by land now or formerly of Nellie I. Roberts, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet;

NORTHERLY by lands now or formerly of Gertrude M. McAuliffe and of Cornelius J. Collins et al, Twenty and 26/100 (20.26) feet; and EASTERNLY by land now or formerly of Mary E. Moffett, One Hundred Twenty-Five (125) feet; the line running in part through the middle of a wall.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Court to be located as shown upon Plan Numbered 16091-A, filed with Certificate of Title No. 35012, the same being compiled from a Plan drawn by T.B. Kennedy, Civil Engineer, dated March 21, 1936, and additional data on file in the Land Registration Office, all as modified and approved by the Court.

For Grantor's title, see Deed recorded herewith.

Address(es): 746 East 4th Street, South Boston, MA 02127 (Parcel ID 0602630000)

The description of the Property appearing in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title, see Deed recorded in BK 683 at PG 167; DOC 2021-00919300; CERT 137567.

The Property will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the Deed.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The foreclosure sale shall occur at the Property. The successful bidder shall tender a non-refundable earnest money deposit towards the purchase price of \$20,000.00, by bank check or certified check, at the time and place of sale. Said deposit may be held at the option of the Mortgagee as liquidated damages for any default by the successful bidder. The balance shall be paid within 30 days from the date of sale. Deed shall be provided to successful bidder for recording upon receipt of the full balance of the purchase price. The successful bidder shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale at the time of sale containing the terms herein and any additional terms as set forth in the Memorandum of Sale or as announced at the sale.

In the event the successful bidder at the Public Auction fails to perform in the time specified to purchase the Property, the Mortgagee reserves the right, at its sole election, to sell the Property by foreclosure deed to the other qualified bidders, in descending order beginning with the next highest bidder, provided that in each case the next highest bidder delivers to Mortgagee the amount of the required deposit within 3 business days after written notice of default of the previous highest bidder and promptly executes a Memorandum of Sale providing for performance within 30 days of execution. The Mortgagee also reserves the right, at its sole election, to assume the bid of any defaulting or declining bidder. The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

For inquiries concerning the Public Auction, please contact Paul E. Saperstein Co. at [www.pesco.com](http://www.pesco.com).

FTF Lending, LLC, present holder of mortgage, by its Attorneys, Gingo Palumbo Law Group, LLC, Michael J. Palumbo, Esq., 4700 Rockside Rd, Ste 440, Independence, OH 44131, (216) 503-9512, [michael@glawllc.com](mailto:michael@glawllc.com), and Lippes Mathias LLP, Brendan H. Little, Esq., 50 Fountain Plz, Ste 1700, Buffalo, NY 14202, (716) 853-5100, [brendan@lippes.com](mailto:brendan@lippes.com)

**City of Boston Public Improvement Commission**

May 11, 2023

**Ordered:** That due notice be given that this Commission is of the opinion that in said City of Boston the following public improvements will be considered at the request of the petitioner: The Herb Chambers Companies.

On a petition by the petitioner for the making of Specific Repairs within the following public ways in Dorchester:

•Victory Road – at the side of 720 Morrissey Boulevard, generally between Freeport Street and Morrissey Boulevard;

•Freeport Street – generally south of Victory Road.

This Commission appoints **May 25, 2023**, at 10:00 AM, in Boston City Hall room 801, as the time and place for the Public Hearing to consider the petition of the petitioner.

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BRADLEY GERRATT

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PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

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Attest:

Karen M. Powell

Executive Secretary

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On a petition by the petitioner for the making of Specific Repairs within the following public ways in Boston Proper:

•East Berkeley Street – at address no. 80, generally between Washington Street and Shawmut Avenue;

•Washington Street – generally northeast of East Berkeley Street;

•Shawmut Avenue – generally northeast of East Berkeley Street.

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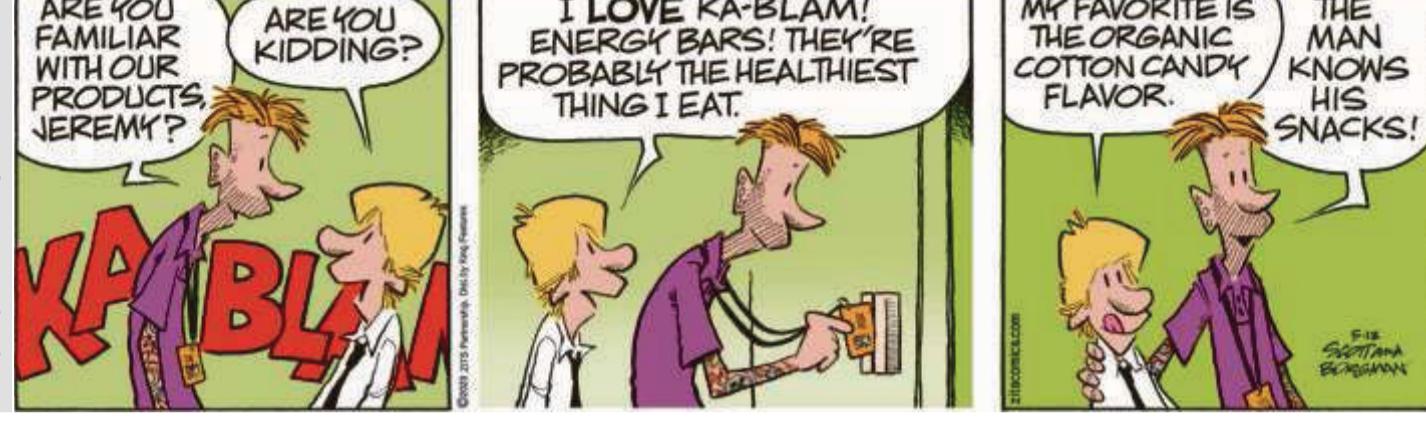
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ZITS by Jerry Scott &amp; Jim Borgman



DOONESBURY by Garry Trudeau



DUSTIN by Steve Kelley &amp; Jeff Parker



RED &amp; ROVER by Brian Basset



ARCTIC CIRCLE by Alex Hallatt



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston



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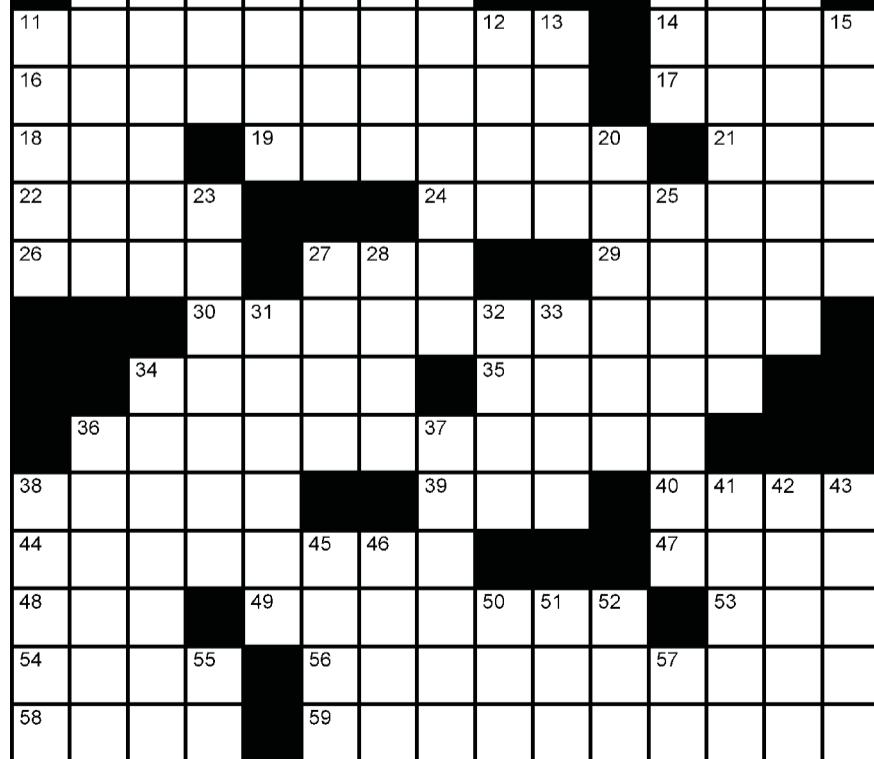


## UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

UNIVERSAL FREESTYLE 72 BY SHANNON RAPP | EDITED BY DAVID STEINBERG

- ACROSS**
- Japanese grill
  - mo
  - "Now or never!"
  - Ages and ages
  - Suitable for any season
  - With, in French
  - Airport safety org.
  - Girl Scout cookies with peanut butter
  - Brooding rock style
  - Copper-coated coin
  - Attempt most likely to succeed
  - Jekyll's alter ego
  - Profile pic
  - Vowel-shaped wig type
  - "Mark your calendar!"
  - Playful river critter
  - Sheeplike
  - Eater with slingers and hash
  - Flies high
  - Sign of summer
  - Channel that airs NHL games
  - Kind of massage with rocks
  - "Summer Night" painter Salvador
  - Big fuss
  - Passes by, as time
  - Swanson who said "Crying: Acceptable at funerals and the Grand Canyon"
  - Home to Curiosity and Perseverance

- DOWN**
- Singer who recited "A Story Like Mine" at the 2018 Women's March
  - Remote setting for a reality dating show
  - "Incidentally," in a text
  - Got a perfect score on Rosalind of "Mulan"
  - Sombreros, e.g.
  - Hold back
  - Caribbean \_\_
  - Complicated, as a relationship
  - "Almost done!"
  - Start a nursing session
  - Give up control of Aphrodite's son
  - Paper towel brand whose name rhymes with "blot"
  - Place to practice pottery
  - Perfume samples
  - Bridged
  - Broad roads: Abbr.
  - "Thank you \_\_ much"



- 31 One little bite  
32 Optimistic feeling  
33 Cooking acronym whose last letter stands for "oil"  
34 Sacred choral piece  
36 Primatologist Jane
- 37 Thought about for a day, say  
38 Fancy pillow covers  
41 "No Exit" playwright  
42 Cleared of snow  
43 Spanish boys  
45 "This Is Us" director Ken  
46 Intl. alliance based

- in Belgium  
50 Levelheaded  
51 Just makes, with "out"  
52 Spinoff group  
55 Mo. birthplace of Maya Angelou  
57 Name hidden in "Rosalind"

PLUGGERS by Rick McKee

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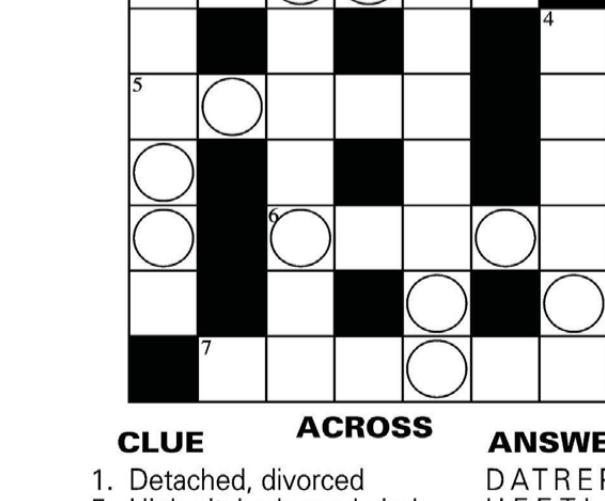
Thanks to  
Marybeth Toole  
Mount Joy,  
Pennsylvania

When a plugger makes future plans, she always adds that qualifying phrase.

## JUMBLE CROSSWORD

by David L. Hoyt

5-13-23

**ACROSS**

- Detached, divorced
- High-pitched woodwind
- Perfect
- Delicately

**DOWN**

- Type of seabird
- Dance \_\_
- Chemical \_\_
- Arrange, fan out

**DOUBLE BONUS**

CLUE: Water \_\_ system

The circled letters can be unscrambled to form two different BONUS answers.

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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.

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**Boston's forecast****TODAY**

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 73-78 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Winds WNW 8-16 mph. Mainly clear tonight. Winds NNW 7-14 mph.

**SUNDAY**

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 63-68 Partly sunny and cooler. Winds NW 8-16 mph. Clear and cool at night. Winds NW 7-14 mph.

**MONDAY**

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 71-76 Mostly sunny and nice. Winds WSW 8-16 mph. Partly cloudy at night. Winds WSW 10-20 mph.

**TUESDAY**

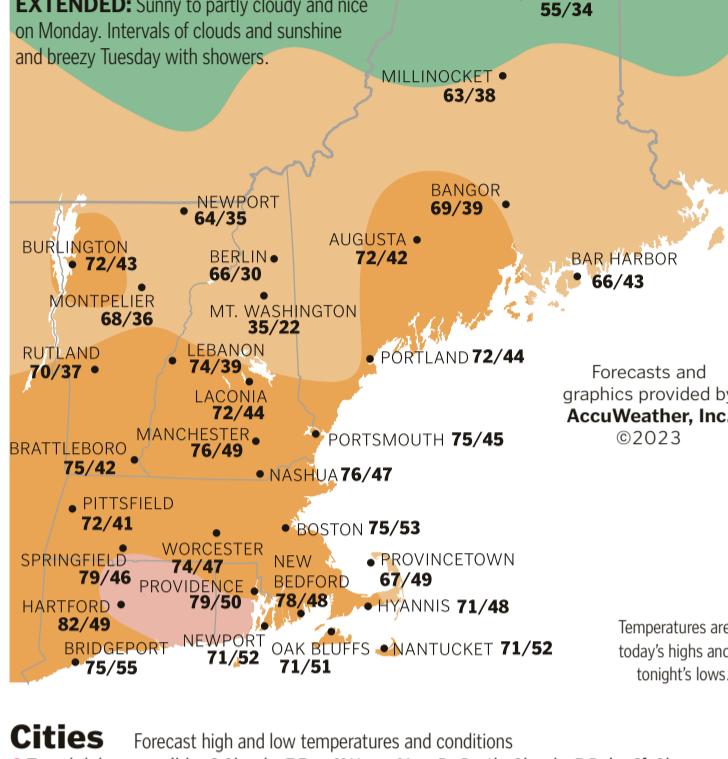
6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 72-77 Breezy with clouds and sunshine. Winds WSW 12-25 mph. Partly cloudy at night with a shower. Winds WNW 8-16 mph.

**AccuWeather** Better Planning. Greater Confidence. Get the AccuWeather App**WEDNESDAY**

6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M.

HIGH 60-65 Turning out mostly sunny, breezy and cool. Winds NNW 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy and chilly at night. Winds NNW 7-14 mph.

**New England forecast****TODAY:** High pressure will provide a good deal of sunshine today. Clear to partly cloudy and turning cooler at night.**TOMORROW:** Breezy and cooler across the region with sunshine and a few clouds. Clear to partly cloudy and quite cool at night.**EXTENDED:** Sunny to partly cloudy and nice on Monday. Intervals of clouds and sunshine and breezy Tuesday with showers.**Almanac**

Yesterday's high/low

85°/57°

Sunrise 5:25 a.m. Sunset 7:56 p.m. Moonrise 2:40 a.m.

**Mount Washington** (5 p.m. yesterday)

Mostly cloudy

Visibility 100 miles Wind west at 49 m.p.h.

High/low temperature 45/36

Snow depth at 5 p.m. 12.0"

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**Tides**

A.M. 6:06 P.M. 6:55

Height 10.0 9.4

Boston low --- 12:33

Height --- 0.3

**High tides**

Old Orchard ME 5:56 6:48

Hampton

Beach NH 6:10 7:02

Plum Island 6:27 7:10

Ipswich 5:55 6:47

A.M. 0.28" P.M. 14.26"

Precip days in May 9 Norm. month to date 1.24"

Year to date 15.64" Norm. year to date

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**High tides**

Gloucester 6:06 6:55

Marblehead 6:06 6:55

Lynn 6:09 6:58

Scituate 6:13 6:59

Plymouth 6:18 7:01

Cape Cod

Canal East 6:02 6:48

Cape Cod

Canal West 5:03 6:39

Falmouth

Hyannis Port 7:07 7:57

Chatham 7:01 7:53

Wellfleet 6:20 7:09

Provincetown 6:14 6:59

Nantucket

Harbor 7:14 8:03

Oak Bluffs 6:46 7:21

New Bedford 2:54 3:29

Newport RI 2:47 3:22

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