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Court seems likely to reject Trump claim of immunity

Narrower ruling could delay trial until after election

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WASHINGTON POST

The Supreme Court on Thursday appeared ready to reject former president Donald Trump's sweeping claim that he is immune from prosecution on charges of trying to subvert the 2020 election, but in a way that is likely to significantly delay his stalled federal trial in the nation's capital.

In nearly three hours of oral argument, both conservative and liberal justices grappled with the historic significance of the case, which will set boundaries for presidential power in the future even as it impacts whether Trump will face trial in Washington, D.C., before this year's presidential election, in which he is the likely Republican nominee.

Trump, who is already on trial this week in a separate New York case involving business records connected to a hush money payment, was known for breaking norms while in the White House. He faces two other criminal cases as well, and is the first former president to be indicted. But again and again on Thursday, members of the high court noted that their decision, expected by late June or early July, will not just affect him.

"We are writing a rule for the ages," said Justice Neil M. Gorsuch.

"This case has huge implications for the presidency, for the future of the presidency, for the future of the country," added Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh. **IMMUNITY, Page A6**

Weinstein's N.Y. conviction overturned

Court cites legal issues; DA aims to try him again

By Michael Wilson, Jonah E. Bromwich, Jan Ransom, and Nicole Hong
NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK — New York's highest court on Thursday overturned the felony sex crimes conviction of notorious Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, a staggering reversal of a bedrock case in the #MeToo era that prompted countless victims of sexual harassment and assault to come forward as accusers.

In a bitterly contested 4-3 decision, the New York Court of Appeals found that the trial judge who had presided over Weinstein's case deprived him of a fair trial in 2020 by allowing prosecutors to call witnesses who said Weinstein had assaulted them — but whose accusations were not the basis for any of the charges against him.

Responding Thursday, the Manhattan district attorney, Alvin Bragg, announced that he would seek to prosecute Weinstein again.

"We will do everything in our power to retry this case, and remain steadfast in our commitment to survivors of sexual assault," a spokesperson for Bragg's office said.

The decision to overturn the conviction, while shocking to many, had been anticipated in legal circles. The criminal case against Weinstein had been viewed as fragile since the day it was filed, and prosecutors were believed to have taken risky, boundary-pushing bets to see it through.

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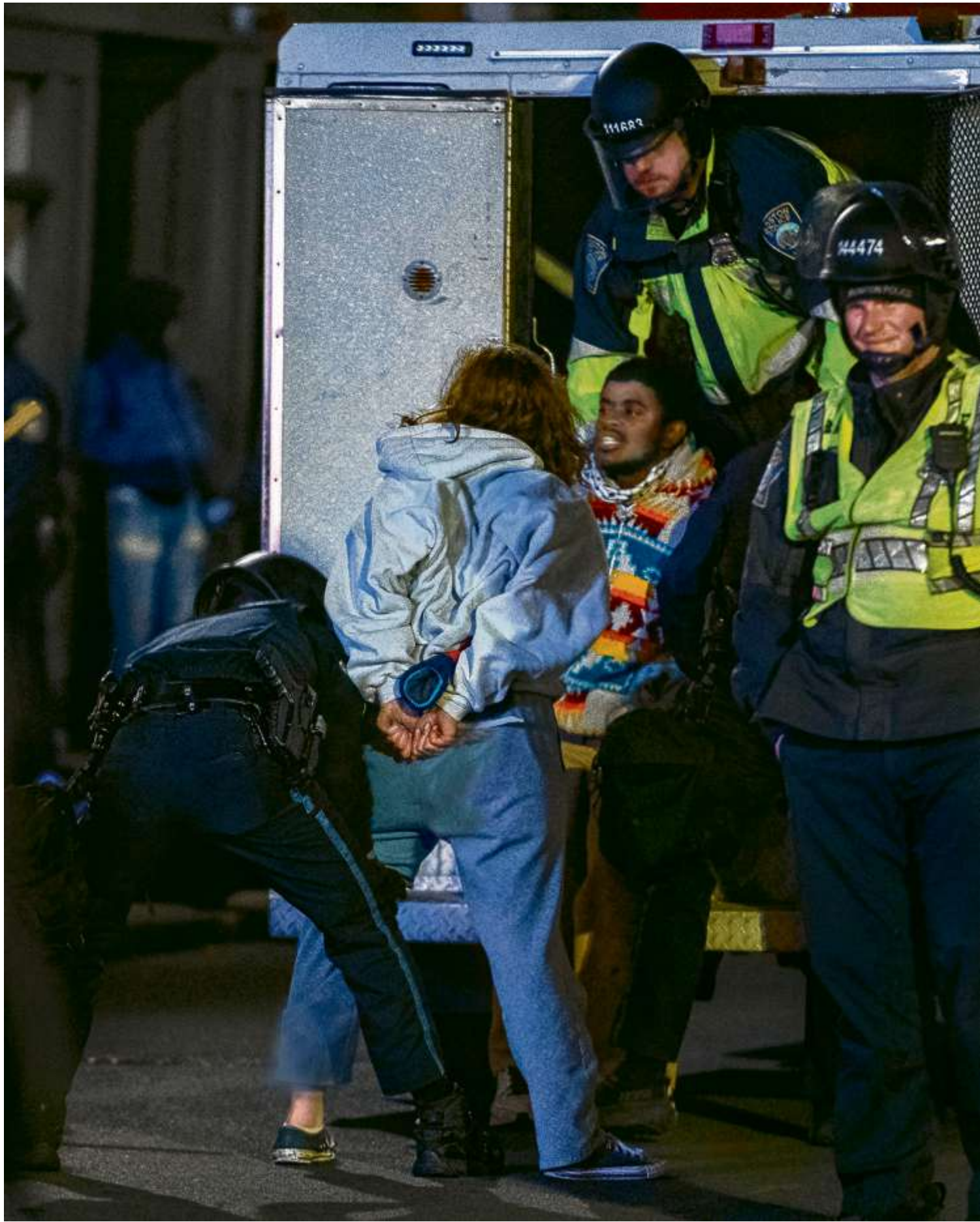
PATRIOTS' PICK



JACOB KUPFERMAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE

New England chose quarterback Drake Maye with the No. 3 pick in the NFL Draft, hoping the North Carolina star will be their signal-caller of the future. **C1.**

POLICE RESPONSE QUESTIONED AFTER 108 PROTESTERS ARRESTED



JOSEPH PREZIOSO/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Demonstrators were handcuffed and taken away as police cleared Emerson students' pro-Palestinian camp early Thursday.

Wu defends police, cites 'safety concerns'

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Mayor Michelle Wu defended Boston police's handling of a pro-Palestinian demonstration near Emerson College that culminated early Thursday morning with mass arrests and the breakup of a tent encampment, but other city politicians and some advocates criticized the action as unnecessarily harsh.

"The goal was always to uphold and respect safe, peaceful protests in the city," Wu told the Globe after the arrests of more than 100 people near Boylston Place Alley, a short walkway opposite Boston Common that provides pedestrian access to the state transportation building. "But there were safety concerns and the safety risks were growing as more and more obstruction of the public way took place."

Wu said city authorities had worked closely with Emerson officials to "find every opportunity to participate in the action." **WU, Page A12**

Subdued aftermath

With classes canceled, Emerson students tried to make sense of what had happened overnight. **B1.**

Brandeis reacts

As protests intensified around the country, the school said it will extend its deadline for transfer students to apply. **B1.**

'Officers started beating,' Emerson student says

This story was reported by correspondents Ava Berger, Daniel Kool, and Maddie Khaw, and Travis Anderson, Niki Griswold, Emily Sweeney, and John Ellement of the Globe staff. It was written by Sean Cotter of the Globe staff.

Simmering tensions over student protests of the Israel-Hamas war abruptly escalated early Thursday morning when a swarm of Boston police officers, some clad in riot gear, dismantled a tent encampment at Emerson College and arrested more than 100 people in a confrontation that at times turned violent.

Police moved in shortly before 2 a.m. at a public alley off of Boylston Street where students had been camping out in protest of Israel's actions in Gaza. The officers, many equipped with helmets and face shields, according to reports and videos posted on social media, pulled individuals from the throng of shouting protesters. One video showed three officers tussling with a person on the ground, and others claimed the police, some armed with batons, were beating protesters. **PROTESTERS, Page A12**

Poll finds support for shelter law in Mass., blame for US on crisis

By Emma Platoff and Niki Griswold
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A new poll shows that most Massachusetts residents blame the federal government, not local officials, for the strain immigration has caused on the state's emergency shelters, which are struggling to accommodate thousands of migrant families seeking a better life in the United States.

In a new Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll of 500 Massachusetts voters likely to participate in the 2024 presidential election, 25 percent of respondents considered President Biden most responsible for the situation, and 31

percent pointed the finger at Congress, while a much smaller share of voters, 10 percent, looked to Governor Maura Healey, and 7 percent blamed the migrants themselves.

"Is the problem at the border, or does the problem lie with the [migrants' countries of origin] — the Nicaraguans, the Ecuadorians who are without jobs and fleeing desperate conditions?" said Bill Greger, 87, an independent who described himself as a "Rockefeller Republican" and lives in Scituate. "The problem starts where the immigrants start. That's my opinion, and how we can handle that, I plainly don't know."

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Back Bay residents fumed after 40 vehicles blocked off Marlborough Street at 2 a.m. and drag raced. **B1.**

David Pecker, the former publisher of The National Enquirer, testified he was praised by Donald Trump for keeping his secrets. **A2.**

The US economy continued to grow but at a sharply slower rate as strong consumer spending was offset by higher prices. **B5.**

Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry resigned, clearing the way for a new government to accept deployment of a UN-approved security force. **A3.**

Defrosting

Friday: Sunny, not quite so cool. High 51-56. Low 39-44.

Saturday: A little warmer. High 57-62. Low 44-49.

High tide: 1:16 a.m., 1:52 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:46 Sunset: 7:39

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