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Safety Jabrill Peppers celebrated after the Patriots' 16-10 season-opening win Sunday over the Bengals in Cincinnati.

FOR NEW-LOOK PATS, A GOOD OLD FEELING

First-year coach Mayo debuts with echo of past in upset win in Cincinnati

New coach.
Old school.
Great result.

Playing a near-perfect 60 minutes of football, the much-maligned, heavy underdog New England Patriots stunned the Cincinnati Bengals, 16-10, at Paycor Stadium Sunday afternoon.

It was the debut of 38-year-old head coach Jerod Mayo — the first Patriots game not coached by Bill Belichick since Jan. 2, 2000 — and Mayo's players sparked memories of the good old days for the full four

DAN SHAUGHNESSY

quarters.

"We're going to enjoy this one," said Mayo, who was presented with a game ball by owner Bob Kraft. "I'm very proud of my players . . . Walking off the field, you get in that victory formation . . . and I'm going to enjoy this one. We're still not where we want to be, but we're headed in the right direction."

Bob and Jonathan Kraft deserve a victory

lap. They're coming off the worst season in their 30-year reign, but at this hour, everything is perfect. So far, they've hired the right coach, the right offensive coordinator (Alex Van Pelt), and they've signed the right veteran quarterback (Jacoby Brissett) to bridge their team into the Drake Maye era.

With one game down and 16 to play, maybe they'll produce an 11th episode of "The Dynasty" and call it, "Who needs Belichick?"

For that matter, who needs Drake Maye?

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Deep in the ocean blue, a wreck is found and the saga of a disaster resurfaces

By Jeremy C. Fox

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Divers say the discovery of an engine cylinder points to the shipwreck being that of a doomed French passenger vessel.

Built in 1855 for transatlantic passenger and mail service, Le Lyonnais was a state-of-the-art ship for its time, with an iron hull and an early steam engine supplementing its sails.

The French vessel made its maiden voyage from Le Havre to New York in January 1856 but never made it home. On Nov. 2, one night after Le Lyonnais embarked on its return, the ship collided off Nantucket with the Adriatic, a sailing vessel from Maine, leaving a hole in its hull that caused it to capsize.

More than 100 passengers and crew members died, among them Albert Sumner, the brother of abolitionist Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner, along with his wife and daughter; and John Gardiner Gibson, eldest son of Charles and Catherine Gibson, the first residents of Boston's Gibson House Museum.

For nearly 170 years, Le Lyonnais lay at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, though no one knew exactly where. That is, until last month, when a dive team found its wreckage about 200

SHIPWRECK, Page A7

Step by halting step, city takes on pedestrian safety

Leaders admit much work still to be done to reduce accidents

By Shannon Larson

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Around the corner from Boston Children's Museum, where Gracie Gonchar spent some of her final moments with family, is a carefully tended-to memorial. Her framed photo is placed against the corner of a brick building, surrounded by traffic cones, bouquets of flowers fresh and wilting, and stuffed animals and toys, including a pink plush unicorn and rubber duck.

Here, at the intersection of Congress and Sleeper streets in Fort Point, the 4-year-old was walking with her grandmother in March. Here, officials had drawn up plans for pedestrian

safety upgrades, including a raised crosswalk at the intersection that has not yet materialized. Here, the driver of a pickup truck struck and killed Gonchar.

"That was devastating. I mean, to lose a child on city streets," said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Boston's chief of streets, after a deep inhale.

It's been nearly a decade since Boston intensified its focus on making streets safer for pedestrians, and there have been some gains, with deaths slightly down in recent years and a push to more widely install interventions such as speed humps. But city officials, advocates, urban design planners, and residents agree: considerable work remains.

In 2015, then-Mayor Martin J. Walsh committed the city to "Vision Zero," a global movement aimed at pre-

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A family stood by a traffic island before crossing as traffic lights changed to green at the intersection of Bennington and Saratoga streets in East Boston.

Abortion likely to be key issue at debate

Trump, Harris prepare for pivotal showdown

By Michael Gold and Nicholas Nehamas

NEW YORK TIMES

As Kamala Harris, Donald Trump, and their aides scheme out their strategies for Tuesday's much-anticipated debate, one big question is how the two candidates will approach a great strength for Democrats and a major weakness for Republicans: abortion rights.

Harris has made the issue a guiding light, and it has benefited her party at the polls since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in 2022. Trump, who for years took credit for that decision, has tried to dodge its political blowback, making contradictory statements meant to help him appeal to voters turned off by total or near-total abortion bans in many Republican states.

The candidates are all but certain to clash over abortion on Tuesday at the debate, the first time that they will directly confront each other and contrast their visions for the reproductive future of America.

A rising share of voters in battleground states, especially women, say that abortion will be critical to their decision in November, according to recent New York Times/Siena College polls. Roughly as many voters list abortion as their top issue as those who chose immigration, though the economy remains the leading priority for Americans. For

DEBATE, Page A9

Mich. gears up bid to halt vote interference

Seeks to avoid a repeat of 2020 shenanigans

By Sam Brodey

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WASHINGTON — Four years ago in Detroit, two Republican members of the normally low-profile Wayne County Board of Canvassers did something unprecedented: They declined to certify the results of the 2020 general election.

Citing unfounded claims of voter fraud, the officials on the board disregarded their longstanding role to validate election results, as required by law, after recording the vote tally. In one swoop, they threw the entire state's result into question, garnering national coverage and public outcry in the process.

While the chaos they caused was brief — despite pressure from then-president Trump, the officials relented after two hours and voted to certify Wayne County's results — the impact of the episode reverberated long afterward.

Anticipating fresh challenges this November, election officials in Michigan have undertaken the most aggressive effort among battleground states to ensure that the vulnerability exposed in Wayne

MICHIGAN, Page A8

Congress returns from a summer recess to confront a possible government shutdown and to debate a Republican bid to toughen voter registration rules. **A2.**

The alleged head of a brothel network in Cambridge and Woburn was reportedly planning to plead guilty. **B1.**

Three Israelis were shot to death at a border crossing into Jordan. **A4.**

The world's top tennis player, Jannik Sinner, beat Taylor Fritz, an American, to win the US Open. **C1.**

A wildfire whipped across parts of Southern California, forcing more than 10,000 people to flee their homes. **A2.**



Good heavens!

Monday: Mostly sunny, nice. High 74-79, low 58-63.

Tuesday: Much the same. High 75-80, low 55-60.

Sunrise: 6:18. Sunset: 7:04.

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