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## Celtics' playoff run off to fast, furious start

The volume inside TD Garden kept rising Sunday, with the Celtics on full throttle toward a dominant win over the Heat. This first game of what this team truly believes will be a long playoff journey quickly turned into a laugher, a torrent of 3-pointers and wave after wave of rebounding combined to turn this initial postseason step into more of a first postseason stomp. The final score, 114-94, said plenty about how ready the Celtics were to beat their nemesis from Miami. The road ahead is long, and treacherous, but at least it started on the right foot. Jayson Tatum was magnificent in this installment of his ongoing quest for a championship, with his first playoff triple-double (23 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists) frustrating the Heat enough that they resorted to trying to take him down in the final minutes. Tatum had his first playoff triple-double — 23 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists — in the Celtics' 114-94 win over Miami on Sunday.



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## Easing exits from nursing homes

Mass. commits \$1b to pay for thousands to leave the facilities after settlement

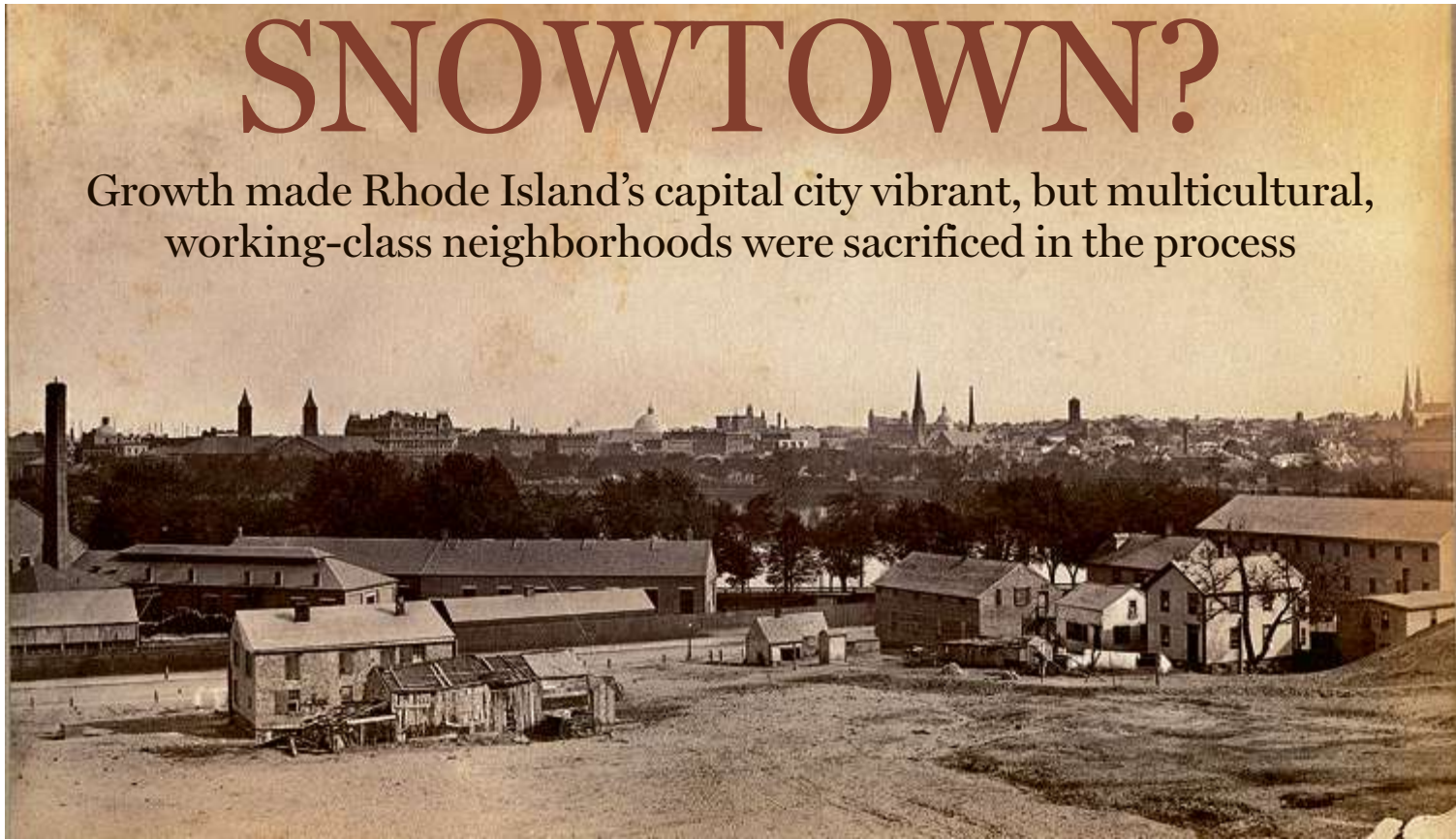
By Jason Laughlin  
GLOBE STAFF

Nursing home residents should find it dramatically easier to return to their communities after Massachusetts committed to spending \$1 billion over the next eight years for new housing and community support for people seeking to leave long-term care facilities. The commitment was part of a settlement in a lawsuit filed in US District Court by the Massachusetts Senior Action Council and seven nursing home residents who wanted to return to their communities but could not find housing to accommodate them. The plaintiffs had physical or mental disabilities but could live outside a nursing home setting with some supports, said Steven Schwartz, a lawyer from the Center for Public Representation and one of the attorneys for the plaintiffs. He estimated that a majority of the state's 21,000 Medicaid recipients receiving long-term care at nursing facilities would be eligible to leave for community settings. "Our very value as individual citizens [comes] from a set of community activities, working, voting, going to school, going to a baseball game," Schwartz said in an interview. "None of these things we think of as valued experiences in our life

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO SNOWTOWN?

Growth made Rhode Island's capital city vibrant, but multicultural, working-class neighborhoods were sacrificed in the process



PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY DIGITAL COLLECTION

Part of the now extinct Snowtown neighborhood in 1885, as viewed from Smith Hill with downtown Providence in background.



MARK STOCKWELL FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

By Carlos Muñoz  
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PROVIDENCE — The area once known as the Great Salt Cove is now home to the white-marbled State House. Nearby — right along Interstate 95 — are the Providence Place Mall, the Vets auditorium, and the WaterFire Basin, which draws visitors from all over when the braziers are lit for the city's summer arts celebrations. Buried beneath most of it is Snowtown, a once-thriving neighborhood of Indigenous

The Providence skyline in 1860 showing the old Cove Promenade with Snowtown across the basin.

The WaterFire event in Providence held at the WaterFire Basin, located in the middle of where the cove basin existed.

people, poor whites, immigrants, and Black Americans, including escaped slaves who came to Providence in the early 1800s in search of a better life. But much like Seneca Village in New York City, which was razed in the 1850s to make room for Central Park, or Milwaukee's Bronzeville, which was demolished in the 1960s to clear a path for Interstate 43, Snowtown fell victim to urban renewal when marshes of the Great Salt Cove were reclaimed for the railroads. Now, a historical picture of Snowtown is

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## In Trump case, ample evidence, 3 vulnerabilities

As opening arguments begin, a few questions of credibility, culpability swirl

By Ben Protesch and Jonah E. Bromwich  
NEW YORK TIMES

In the official record, the case is known as the People of the State of New York v. Donald J. Trump, and, for now, the people have the stronger hand: They have insider witnesses, a favorable jury pool, and a lurid set of facts about a presidential candidate, a payoff, and a porn actor. On Monday, the prosecutors will formally introduce the case to 12 all-important jurors, embarking on the first prosecution of an American president. The trial, which could brand Trump a felon as he mounts another White House run, will reverberate throughout the nation and test the durability of the justice system that Trump is attacking in a way that no other defendant would be allowed to do. Although the district attorney, Alvin L. Bragg, has assembled a mountain of evidence, a conviction is hardly assured. Over the next six weeks, Trump's lawyers will seize on three apparent weak points: a key witness's credibility, a president's culpability, and a president's culpability.

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Earth, wind & fine

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, breezy. High 55-60, low 40-45.  
**Tuesday:** More of the same. High 57-62, low 41-46.  
Sunrise: 5:52. Sunset: 7:34.  
Weather and comics, **D4-5**.  
Obituaries, **C10**.  
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**The Supreme Court is taking up a case concerning a community's bid to tackle homelessness**, with a ruling likely to have broad ramifications for cities and states struggling to handle the crisis. **A2**.  
**The United States plans to impose sanctions on an ultra-Orthodox unit of Israel's military**, sparking anger among the nation's leaders. **A4**.  
**Terry Anderson has died**. The former reporter was the longest-held US hostage in Lebanon in the 1980s. **C10**.  
**A Massachusetts court has ruled that the way some municipalities pursue tax-taking cases against homeowners is unconstitutional**. The practice allows governments to take not only the taxes owed, but also the equity in properties. **D1**.

## In halls of Congress, AI a hot topic; in election campaigns, not so much

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Representative Jake Auchincloss was so determined to raise awareness about artificial intelligence that he became the first lawmaker to use it to write a speech on the House floor last year. But that urgency has not extended to safeguards if it's used against him in his reelection campaign. "I've worked hard to draw attention to artificial intelligence, and maybe I'll create some logos with generative AI, but that's not really where my head is at campaign-wise," Auchincloss told the Globe. "I would be surprised, frankly, if ... my colleagues are beating down gates to adopt [the technology]." He's right — the Globe reached out to every member of the Massachusetts congressional delegation about what, if any, preparations their campaigns are taking against nefarious use

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## STRIKE UP THE ZOO BAND



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

A baby giraffe named Enzi paused to listen to members of Berklee's program The Movement — from left, Hayden Shea, Sam Nelson, and Joey Hanks — as they performed Sunday for the animals at Franklin Park Zoo.