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A reflection, after the reckoning

O'Malley, 20 years into his tenure, defends work on abuse scandal, cites progress

By Danny McDonald
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For Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, the tinted windows were the giveaway.

Back in 2003, the windows of the official car were darkened for the area's highest-ranking Catholic priest so that passersby and protesters could not see who was inside. Recently, O'Malley admitted there is a metaphor there somewhere for the state of the church when he took over the once politically and socially powerful Boston Archdiocese, which was reeling from the uncovering of its botched handling of clergy sexual abuse.

"We were in a terrible crisis," O'Malley told the Globe recently. "I think we've come a long way from there towards establishing



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"We've come a long way . . . towards establishing a sense of peace," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley, who hinted that he will retire "soon."

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Boston, for so long a bastion of American Catholicism, was ground zero for what would be a global crisis. More than 1,400 people would come forward to say they were sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or nun in the archdiocese. Clergy sexual abuse triggered a massive reckoning for decades of egregious misconduct of church leadership, both locally and abroad. As the crisis unfolded over the years, many Catholics questioned the institution they had sought out for moral clarity throughout their lives. Many left the church over the scandal, never to return. Indeed, by multiple metrics, including a significant reduction in weekly church attendance and the number of par-

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'It just came up shockingly high.'

ALLISON MELVIN, on watching the ocean surge several feet in just a moment

Devastation, plus a warning



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL G. SEAMANS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Workers at Greenhead Lobster in Stonington, Maine, repaired a dock damaged by a pair of severe storms in January.

For Maine's reeling lobster industry, changing climate promises even higher seas

By Sabrina Shankman
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STONINGTON, Maine — When back-to-back storms hit in mid-January, almost nothing in this picture postcard of a New England harbor was spared. In the heart of the state's iconic lobster industry, the docks and leggy piers that lent Stonington harbor its scenic charm were destroyed, and the infrastructure that supports a vital industry took a massive hit.

The devastation felt by Maine's lobster industry was an alarming warning that climate change is happening so fast, and with such seemingly cruel precision, that the scale of recovery may need to be greater than anyone

had realized.

"It just came up shockingly high," said Allison Melvin, of Greenhead Lobster, who watched as the ocean surged several feet in what seemed like a matter of seconds, buckling a conveyer belt that normally extends from its wharf down to the dock below, inundating forklifts, and lifting a tractor trailer truck used for refrigeration.

While the full toll has not yet been accounted, the damage along the Maine coast is widespread. In Hancock County, which includes Stonington and nearby Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park, emergency managers

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A shack sits in the ocean in Stonington. Government officials and businesses are looking for ways to build structures that can withstand future intense storms.

Iran ally's drone kills 3 from US, Biden says

Jordan attack injures 34; president vows retaliation

By Eric Schmitt
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — Three US service members were killed in Jordan on Sunday and at least 34 others were injured in what the Biden administration said was a drone attack from an Iran-backed militia, the first US military fatalities from hostile fire in the turmoil spilling over from Israel's war with Hamas.

The attack happened at a remote logistics outpost in northeast Jordan called Tower 22 where the borders of Syria, Iraq, and Jordan converge. The one-way attack drone hit near the outpost's living quarters, causing injuries that ranged from minor cuts to brain trauma, a US military official said.

But the deaths of service members, most of whom were military reservists, will almost certainly increase pressure on President Biden to retaliate more forcefully as strife grows in the Middle East after the Oct. 7 attacks that killed 1,200 people in Israel.

"Three US service members were killed — and many wounded — during an unmanned aerial drone attack on our forces stationed in northeast Jordan near the Syria border," Biden said in a statement Sunday. "While we are still gathering the facts of this attack, we know it was carried out by radical Iran-backed militant groups operating in Syria and Iraq."

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Errors, fraud elude research paper reviews

High-profile retractions point to gaps in scrutiny

By Felice J. Freyer and Aidan Ryan
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When a blogger posted allegations that researchers at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute had manipulated data in published studies, the reports were shocking — and yet also familiar. Such cases are appearing with growing frequency, raising concerns about the integrity of scientific research and how carefully papers are vetted at even prestigious journals.

The matter is still under investigation, although the hospital is moving to retract six papers and correct 31. But coming on the heels of the discovery of data manipulation at Stanford, which prompted president Marc Tessier-Lavigne to resign last year (although an investigation found that he did not personally engage in research misconduct), the question remains: Many of these studies had been published in so-called "peer-reviewed journals," supposedly the most reliable. Why didn't the peer reviewers catch the errors? How does bad data slip through?

"Peer review has never been the gold standard or Good Housekeeping seal of approval ... that journals and scientists and universities and federal agencies want us to think it is," said Ivan Oransky, a founder and editor of Retraction Watch, a web-

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A hazy future for marijuana lounges in Mass.



SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF

Kyle Moon runs The Summit Lounge in Worcester as a private club where patrons can gather and consume cannabis.

State panel mulls creating licensing process, but timetable still unclear

By Diti Kohli
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WORCESTER — In some ways, The Summit Lounge has the feel of a bar: dank and dimly lit, the sound of bustling conversation wafting over Top 40 melodies.

But here, the vice of choice is cannabis.

Without the backbar display of bottles of booze and a high-top bar with tap handles, the Summit is more akin to a private club, where patrons share joints over colorful ash-

trays or smoke from bonges with friends and strangers alike. Some hunch over high-top tables; others recline on couches. Everywhere, a thick, skunky haze hangs in the air.

"There's a lot to be said for selling an experience to a person," said owner Kyle Moon, gesturing to the crowd of dozens gathered to indulge on a recent Wednesday evening. "This is what can be possible in Massachusetts on a bigger scale."

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Striking Newton educators and the School Committee blamed one another for failing to reach a deal Sunday and the city's schools will remain shuttered on Monday. **B1.**

House Republicans on Sunday released two articles of impeachment against Alejandro Mayorkas, the homeland security secretary, citing his handling of a surge of migration at the Mexican border. **A2.**

It will be the Kansas City Chiefs against the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl. Led by Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce, the Chiefs defeated the Baltimore Ravens, 17-10. The 49ers rallied from 17 points down at halftime to beat the Detroit Lions, 34-31. **C1.**



Snow it goes

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