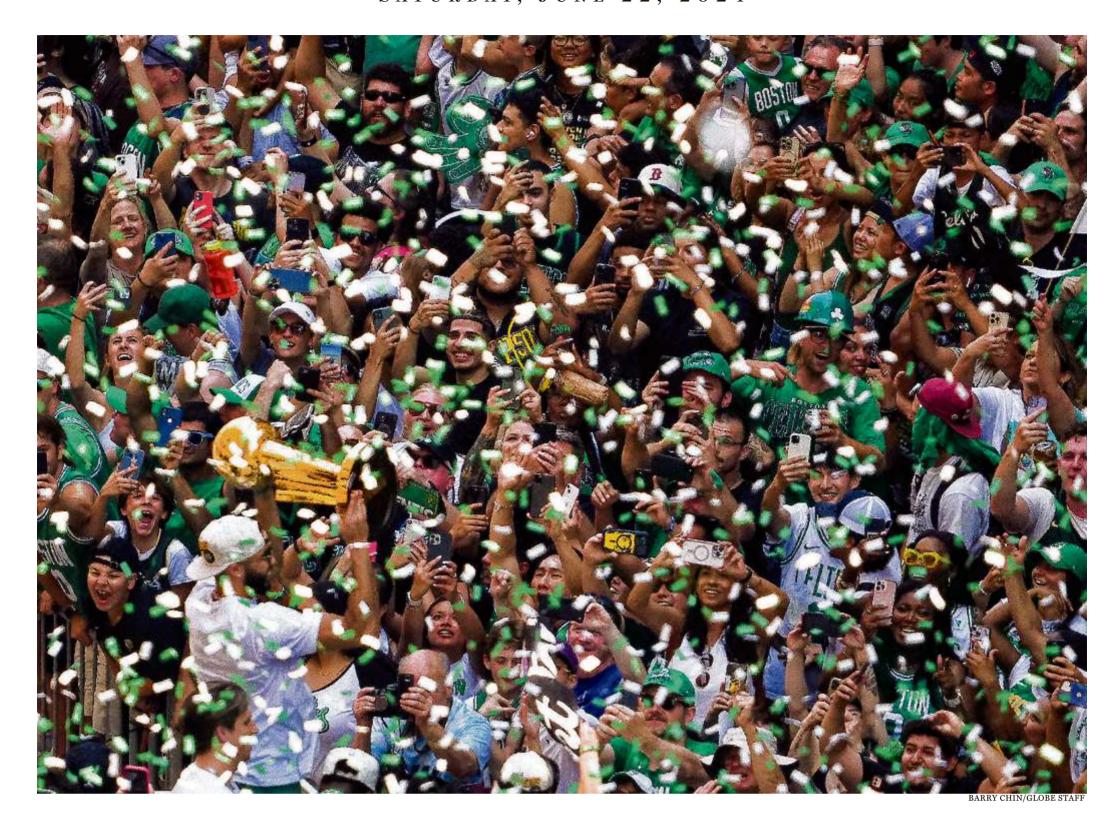
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"Sea of green" doesn't quite capture it.

A churning tide. A hurricane. A nor'easter of green — jerseys, Tshirts, flags, sneakers, hair (and beard) — arrived here Friday, as a stampede of Celtics fans poured into a muggy but mercifully cooler downtown Boston to celebrate the team's 18th banner.

By what on a typical weekday would be rush hour, the throngs had already descended on the North Station area or secured spots along the parade route to get a close look at the Celtics squad that, on Monday, trounced the Dallas Mavericks to close out the championship series 4 games to 1, capping a storybook season that deliv-



KAYLA BARTKOWSKI FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Top, amid a crush of fans, Celtics forward Jayson Tatum held aloft the Larry O'Brien Trophy as he rode in Friday's duck boat parade celebrating Boston's victory in the NBA Finals. Above, fans cheered as the duck boat carrying head coach Joe Mazzulla rumbled past them.

COLUMNIST GARY WASHBURN SEES A CITY UNITED; A CELTICS COMMUTE; EARLY RISERS STAKE OUT SPOTS. B1, D1

Advocates fight for state's home health program



CRAIG F. WALKER/GLOBE STAFF

Pauline Forte (left) works as a personal care assistant for her daughter Desi Forte.

Healey's budget seeks new limits, but lawmakers have other ideas

By Jason Laughlin

Advocates in wheelchairs gathered outside Governor Maura Healey's State House office early this spring, demanding she pull back on a proposal that could limit access to a home assistance program that can be a key to independent living.

The changes, part of the governor's January budget proposal, would eliminate access to the state's Personal Care Assistant

program for people who require fewer than 10 hours of home assistance per week. The proposal also reduces the time that could be allotted for meal preparation from 13 hours a week to seven. The trims could affect 6,000 people in Massachusetts.

The administration argues the cuts could help manage costs at MassHealth, which oversees the PCA program. The state is facing financial pressures over-

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Saturday: Showers later. High: 76-81. Low: 62-67. Sunday: Stormy. High: 84-89. Low: 71-76. Comics and Weather, **D4-5.** Obituaries, C9.

An influential member of **Prime Minister Benjamin Ne**tanyahu's coalition told settlers in the West Bank that the government is engaged in a stealthy effort to irreversibly change the way the territory is governed, to cement Israel's control over it. A4.

The state rested its case in the murder trial of Karen Read. B1.

A top liquor license lawyer who formerly served as the general counsel of the Boston **Licensing Board was recently** fired by her firm for allegedly falsifying a liquor license. D1.

High court rules domestic abusers can lose gun rights

Narrows sweep of earlier Second Amendment case

By Adam Liptak

NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court ruled Friday that the government can take guns away from people subject to restraining orders for domestic violence, limiting the sweep of a blockbuster decision in 2022 that had vastly expanded Second Amendment rights.

Indeed, Friday's decision amounted to a retreat from what had been an unbroken series of major rulings favoring gun rights that started in 2008, when the court first recognized an individual constitutional right to keep firearms in the home for self-defense.

In the 2022 decision, the court established a right to carry guns outside the home and announced a new test to assess all sorts of gun control laws, one that looked to historical practices to judge their constitutionality. That new test has sown confusion in the lower courts, with some judges striking down laws that had been on the books for decades.

The case decided Friday, United States v. Rahimi, asked whether a Texas man could be prosecuted under federal law making it a crime for people subject to domestic violence restraining orders to possess guns. Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority in

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