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## CELEBRATING TOM BRADY

With teammates from his illustrious career on hand, the GOAT was back in Foxborough on Wednesday night to be inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame. **C1.**



## Overdose deaths from opiates down 10% in state

Rural areas, communities of color still hardest hit

By Jason Laughlin  
GLOBE STAFF

The number of people who died in Massachusetts from opioid-related overdoses fell by 10 percent in 2023, the largest decrease in the state in more than a decade, according to newly released state data.

The news offered a hint of hope after two years of record-setting death rates.

However, the total number of deaths for the year, 2,125, was still the third highest since 2001 according to the Department of Public Health, which released the data Wednesday. Moreover, Suffolk County, home to Boston, the state's largest city, reported an 8.6 percent increase in deaths over the previous year, and the death rate among Black residents was at its highest in five years.

"We have so much more work to do," said Deirdre Calvert, director of the state's Bureau of Substance Addiction Services at a briefing Tuesday.

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## Outdoor dining no longer hits spot for many restaurants

Owners say it's too costly in Boston to be worth it

By Diti Kohli  
GLOBE STAFF

In 2020, Bostonians — locked in their houses, barred from offices, and home from schools — rushed to eat outdoors.

Doug Bacon remembers how that simple pleasure changed everything. When the COVID-19 pandemic first ravaged the city, the ability to serve customers al fresco was a saving grace for restaurants, including the seven Boston spots Bacon runs as the president of Red Paint Hospitality Group. Patios blossomed on quiet alleyways and empty streets as service moved outside. Outdoor dining kept money flowing, workers on payroll, and customers sane at a time when none of that seemed possible.

And seeing people sipping beer outside The Kenmore in the first pandemic summer made Bacon feel like things were almost normal.

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Beantown Pub on Tremont Street still has outdoor dining, but it's no longer a common sight, as it was in the early pandemic years.

GAME 3

CELTICS 106 | MAVERICKS 99



DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

## In the end, they can't be stopped

The Celtics nearly frittered away a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter but hung on to beat the Mavericks in Dallas on Wednesday to take a 3-0 lead in the Finals, and are now just one win away from their 18th title. No NBA team has ever overcome such a deficit. Game 4 is Friday. **C1.**

A watch party at TD Garden was a big hit with fans. **B1.**

## Long a holdout, Mass. nears a ban on revenge porn

By Matt Stout  
GLOBE STAFF

State lawmakers are poised to send legislation to Governor Maura Healey this week that would make Massachusetts the 49th state to outlaw so-called revenge porn, completing years of slow-moving debate that survivors say left them for too long without a way to seek justice.

The House unanimously accepted a compromise version of the bill Wednesday, and the Senate plans to vote Thursday to help put the state in line with the vast majority of the country. If signed into law, the measure would make it illegal for former partners and others to disseminate sexually explicit images of another person without consent, and would

leave South Carolina as the only state to not yet criminalize what's also called image-based sexual abuse.

"It's heartbreaking that it's taken this long for revenge porn to finally — almost — be on the books here," said Alex Hagerty, a former Abington selectman who has spoken publicly about a former partner posting an explicit video of him that he didn't consent to making and how it drove him to contemplate taking his own life.

"But we're at the finish line here, folks," said Hagerty. "God forbid someone falls victim to revenge porn in the future, but they won't have to go through the horror and grief that myself and other survivors went

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## For TV couple, a change in the weather

Noyeses go online with a vision of the future of forecasting

By Billy Baker  
GLOBE STAFF

NORTH ANDOVER — "OK, let's see if we can do it in one take," Matt Noyes says as he starts the camera, picks up a small clicker, stands in front of a green screen, and transforms from a normal person into . . . a weatherman.

"Hi, friends, Matt Noyes here. Good to be with you at the Noyes' 1Degree Outside Weather Network," he says in that voice, that TV meteorologist voice, all those crisp inflections and gentle slides, confident and curious and just happy to be with you.

Maybe you've even heard it from Noyes himself during the 20 years he did the morning weather on NBC10 and

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**Homeless and migrant families could be kicked out of shelters as soon as Sept. 29** under new policies of the Healey administration. **B1.**

**Southern Baptists, the largest US Protestant denomination, voted to oppose in vitro fertilization,** another focus for abortion foes. **A2.**

**The Federal Reserve kept interest rates steady,** waiting to be sure the fight against inflation is on track. **D1.**

### Burn and crash

**Thursday:** Hot, breezy. High 81-86. Low 63-68.

**Friday:** Thunderstorms. High 79-84. Low 62-67.

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