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ONE DOWN, THREE TO GO



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After a long layoff before the Finals, the Celtics finally squared off against the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 Thursday night at TD Garden and cruised to a 107-89 win. Kristaps Porzingis returned from injury and ignited the Celtics with a strong first half and finished with 20 points. Game 2 will be Sunday night at home. **C1.**

Celtics mystique only goes so far

Boston (it's a city, right?) doesn't ring much of a bell when you're in Dallas

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

Looking good

On the streets around TD Garden, fans were confident about the Celtics' chances. **B1.**

DALLAS — Asking Texans what they think of Boston can be a humbling experience for a native New Englander.

The self-proclaimed hub of the universe, the Athens of America, is reduced to a ubiquitous coffee chain, cans of baked beans, an FBI snitch, assorted Afflecks, and a retired quarterback who grew up in Northern California. Worse yet are the shrugs, the blank space that Boston evokes for some.

"Bro, where does that accent come from?" asked Will Cody, a 38-year-old bartender at the Press Box Grill in downtown Dallas. "I've never been there, I really don't know anything about Boston."

On the cusp of the NBA Finals, which began Thursday, pitting the Dallas Mavericks against the Boston Celtics, the indignities didn't end there.

Despite recent sporting heartache — the Dallas Stars were eliminated Sunday from the NHL conference finals — there was an optimism bordering on arrogance surging through the city. (Of course, this story was reported well before the 107-89 Game 1 beating.)

Days before Game 1 of the NBA Finals, on a sidewalk bench in the Lower Greenville neighborhood, at a dive bar near the campus of Southern Methodist University, outside a trendy cocktail joint in the Deep Ellum district that has "Star

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With DCF, migrants find another obstacle

Some lose custody of kids after being taken into system

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GLOBE STAFF

Bus

For three days, they walked. When the 4-year-old tired, his pregnant mother carried him, driven forward by the promise of a life with more opportunities. Surrounded at times by a thou-

sand strangers, the pair never separated.

That changed on Feb. 1, after the family arrived in Massachusetts, when the Department of Children and Families took custody of the 4-year-old and the infant, who was born in December. The trigger was the mother's hospitalization for postpartum depression, but her lawyer called that a misdiagnosis stemming from her poor knowledge of English and misunderstanding of health care workers' questions. Because her husband was staying at a men's shelter at the time, she had no one else to care for them.

Although she was only hos-

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TJ Maxx is watching you: Workers to wear body cams

By Camilo Fonseca
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Say cheese, TJ Maxx shoppers: the next employee you run into might have you on camera.

TJX Companies, the Framingham-based parent that also oversees low-cost retailers Marshalls and Home Goods, is equipping some of its floor employees with body cameras in an effort to mitigate shoplifting. The program, announced in an earnings call in May, is an effort to stem increasing levels of retail theft

and lost merchandise, known in the industry as "shrinkage."

"Body cameras are just one of the many ways that we work to support a safe store environment," a TJX spokesperson told the Globe. "This includes a variety of policies, trainings, and procedures. We hope that these body cameras will help us deescalate incidents, deter crime, and demonstrate to our associates and customers that we take safety in our stores seriously."

The cameras will only be

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Israeli strike kills dozens at shelter

Palestinian children among dead; military says it targeted Hamas

By Aaron Boxerman, Abu Bakr Bashir, Erika Solomon, and Thomas Fuller
NEW YORK TIMES

An Israeli airstrike Thursday hit a United Nations school complex in the central Gaza Strip that had become a shelter for thousands of displaced Palestinians and, Israel said, Hamas militants. Gaza health officials said dozens of people were killed, including children.

The strike was the latest in a deadly surge of fighting in central Gaza, where Israeli forces have announced an offensive against what they describe as a renewed insurgency by Hamas.

The strike hit a compound that had been operated by UNRWA, the main UN body that aids Palestinians in Gaza. About 6,000 displaced Palestinians were sheltering in the complex, located in the central Gaza area of Nuseirat, when the strike took place, said Juliette Touma, a spokesperson for UNRWA.

The Israeli military said its fighter jets had targeted three classrooms in the school building that held 20 to 30 Palestinian militants affiliated with Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, a smaller militia that, like Hamas, is backed by Iran. Israeli forces had twice postponed the strike to reduce civilian casualties, the military said.

The precise toll could not be verified, but the Gaza Health Ministry said that of the roughly

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Making an MFA fixture something more

Mohawk artist will create a response to 'Appeal to Great Spirit'

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"Appeal to the Great Spirit," Cyrus Dallin's bronze sculpture of a Native American man on horseback, arms out-

stretched in a classic victim's pose, has stood on the Museum of Fine Arts' front lawn since

1912. For almost all that time, it's stood alone, a stolid stereotype of Indigenous culture increasingly out of touch with the world around it.

The MFA is making its most committed gesture toward resolving the sculpture's uneasy prominence, announcing Thursday that it has commissioned the artist and curator Alan Michelson, a Mohawk member of the Six Nations of the Grand River, to create a response to the piece for the museum's facade. It's due to arrive in November.

Michelson, who lives and works in New York, knows Dallin's piece well. He

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Double dribble

Friday: Some sun, a shower. High 73-78. Low 60-65.

Saturday: More of the same. High 73-78. Low 60-65. High tide: 12:43 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:08 Sunset: 8:19

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A federal judge told Steve Bannon to surrender by July 1 to start serving a four-month prison term for disobeying a subpoena to give testimony to the House committee that investigated the Capitol attack. **A2.**

Springfield Schools Superintendent Daniel Warwick abruptly stepped down after a recording of disparaging comments he made about a School Committee member went viral. **B1.**

Local growers are starting to invest in open-air cannabis cultivation, convinced that nurturing the plant outdoors is better for the grower, the consumer, and the environment as a whole. **B5.**

After nearly 50 years, the cult surrounding 'Monty Python and the Holy Grail' has grown even stronger, and John Cleese will be in Medford this weekend to present a showing. **G1.**