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## With Faneuil Hall market, locals still aren't buying

Hopes are high that a new landlord will make a difference. But it's a tough sell.

By Dana Gerber  
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In just about any American city, there are tourist traps that natives are well-trained to avoid. You'd be hard pressed to find a New Yorker trekking to the Top of the Rock, or a Chicagoan snapping selfies in front of "The Bean."

But Faneuil Hall Marketplace, one of Boston's most postcard-ready landmarks, has always prided itself on being different — happy to serve both a lunch break gyro to a downtown office worker and an overpriced lobster magnet to an out-of-towner. Just consider the gilded quote wrapped around the inside of Quincy Market's rotunda: "This building has served the people of Boston as the central market of the city since its dedication in August 1826."

Nearly two centuries later, however, do today's *people of Boston* feel that they are served by the famed festival marketplace? The answer — according to many of those who traipsed through the other day — is a resounding "meh."

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Faneuil Hall Marketplace was hailed as an urban marvel in the 1970s, but it's primarily a tourist spot these days. The hope among merchants and politicians is that it can still become a destination for Bostonians.

## Trump likely to stay on the ballot

Justices highly skeptical about Colo. challenge

By Adam Liptak  
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seemed poised Thursday to issue a lopsided decision rejecting a challenge to former president Donald Trump's eligibility to hold office again.

Justices across the ideological spectrum expressed skepticism about several aspects of a ruling from the Colorado Supreme Court that Trump's conduct in trying to subvert the 2020 race made him ineligible to hold office under a constitutional provision that bars people who have sworn to support the Constitution and then engaged in insurrection.

Not since *Bush v. Gore*, the 2000 decision that handed the presidency to George W. Bush, has the Supreme Court assumed such a direct role in a presidential contest. This time, though, it seemed the justices were not prepared to determine the outcome of the election.

The ruling is likely to resolve not only whether Trump may appear on the Colorado primary ballot but also whether he is eligible to run in the general election. Indeed, the decision in the Colorado case will almost certainly apply to any other state where Trump's eligibility to run has been challenged, including Maine, where the state's top elections official ruled he should be excluded from the ballot.

There was very little discussion of the Jan. 6 as-

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## No charges against Biden over classified material

Unflattering report prompts president to defend memory

By Matt Viser and Tyler Pager  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Biden on Thursday night gave an emotional and at times angry response to a special counsel's report questioning his memory, addressing the nation hours after the release of the report that painted a devastating picture of his mental agility even as it said he would not be charged for mishandling classified documents.

The report from special counsel Robert Hur found evidence that Biden willfully retained and shared highly classified information when he was a private citizen, including about military and foreign policy in Afghanistan, but concluded that criminal charges were not warranted.

It resolves a criminal investigation that had shadowed Biden's presidency for the last year. But its biting critical assessment of his handling of sensitive government records and unflattering characterizations of his memory will spark fresh questions about his competency and age that cut at voters' most deep-seated concerns about his candidacy for reelection.

"I'm well-meaning, and I'm an elderly man —

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## GBH's problems run deeper than ratings

Probe delves into complaints about station's culture

By Mark Shanahan  
GLOBE STAFF

About a dozen employees of 89.7 GBH, the National Public Radio affiliate, were in a conference room with the vice president of human resources.

She'd just revealed the results of a three-month investigation into complaints about the station's culture. The mood was tense. A bullying allegation against a top editor had not been substantiated, but the inquiry did confirm senior managers made

'People assume there's a higher level of civility at public media stations, but I want to correct that. . . . Newsrooms in public radio are exactly the same as they are anyplace else.'

CALLIE CROSSLEY, a veteran journalist, commentator, and host

inappropriate comments about employees' race, age, and gender by referring to "old white men" when discussing newsroom diversity.

Jim Braude was at the November meeting, and he was angry. It wasn't the "old white men" comment that upset Braude, a 74-year-old white man and one of the station's most prominent on-air personalities. The investigators had shared their findings with him a few days before, and what he'd heard was more damning.

"I don't know if you're intending to deceive people, Ann, but you are," Braude said, addressing the vice president of HR, Ann Dexter. In an account confirmed by two people who were there, he repeated specific lan-

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Undergrad Elyse Martin-Smith said she hopes to "use the momentum of the affirmative-action movement" to help end legacy admissions.

## A louder call to drop legacy admissions with change now in the air at Harvard

By Rebecca Ostriker  
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For months, Harvard University has endured a series of fast-moving crises, with controversies over antisemitism, plagiarism, and free speech blaring across social media and whipping up headlines.

In the background, though, a longer-simmering issue has quietly gained traction, one with the potential to shift the institution's character profoundly over the long term.

A growing chorus of voices is calling on Harvard and other top colleges to eliminate their longstanding admissions preferences for children of alumni. Known as "legacy preferences," these advantages tend to favor white students

from affluent families.

After last year's Supreme Court ruling against Harvard, which banned race-based affirmative action in admissions, and the recent resignation under pressure of Claudine Gay, Harvard's first Black president, some are urging Harvard to do more to protect diversity — and arguing that the need for the university to end legacy admissions has taken on a stark new urgency.

"In the face of attacks on Harvard by anti-DEI forces leading to the devastating loss of president Gay, Harvard must reaffirm its commitment to DEI and racial justice more forcefully than ever," said Jane Sujen Bock, a Harvard alumna and board member of the Coalition for a

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**Lawyers for Adam Montgomery, who is accused of killing his daughter, Harmony, said he committed two lesser crimes:** falsifying physical evidence and abusing her corpse. **B1.**

**A sweeping emergency aid bill for Ukraine and Israel inched ahead in the Senate** after more than a dozen Republicans joined Democrats to move it forward. **A2.**

**New charging equipment has been installed at six rest stops on the Massachusetts Turnpike,** easing long-standing frustration. **B5.**

**Boston's next migrant shelter could be an office building in Fort Point,** according to officials and a neighborhood activist. **B1.**

  
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