

ALL, 'N' ROLL

Not willing to let their glory days pass them by, aging musicians give new meaning to 'live in concert'

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It was a reasonable question in 1963: What did John, Paul, George, and Ringo plan to do when all those screaming Beatles fans lost interest in the lads from Liverpool?

"We can't keep playing the same sort of music until we're 40," replied McCartney. "Old men playing 'From Me to You' — nobody's going to want that sort of

thing."

Turns out, Sir Paul was spectacularly wrong. More than a half-century later, the world is still mad for the Fab Four and countless other artists whose heyday was eons ago. But as a slew of vintage acts are discovering, age and illness do intervene eventually. Playing rock 'n' roll is not a leisure pursuit, and the demands of singing (or shrieking), strumming nimbly, and keeping a thunderous beat — or even just a steady one — are a lot for senior citizens.

While McCartney has managed to persist into old age — he performed for nearly three hours at Fenway Park on the eve of his 80th birthday in 2022 — an alarming number of oldsters are being sidelined of late: Aerosmith post-

poned its farewell tour after just three shows because 75-year-old Steven Tyler, the "Demon of Screamin'," fractured his larynx; Bruce Springsteen, 74, shelved several concerts due to a peptic ulcer; blues great Buddy Guy, who's 87, had to cancel a string of dates as a result of an unspecified "medical issue"; and Madonna, who notched her first No. 1 four decades ago, delayed her "Celebration" tour to recover from an infection that landed her in a medically induced coma last summer. It seems Mick Jagger was onto something when he sang "what a drag it is getting old."

But the effects of aging aren't just agonizing for artists. It's complicated for fans as well when the

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Steven Tyler, Madonna, and Phil Collins have postponed concerts or been limited onstage recently due to physical ailments.

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Push to accelerate charity spending by wealthy donors

Gradual giving approach is dominated by Fidelity arm

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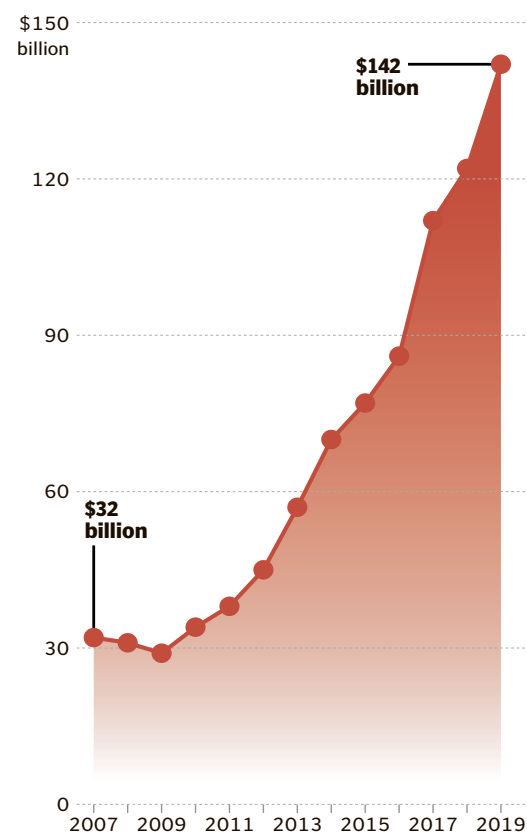
For nearly 20 years, Jim and Karen Ansara in Essex have donated at least \$1 million a year to causes ranging from building homes for the poor to aiding Haiti.

But the Ansaras, who owned Shawmut Construction until selling it in 2006, have recently rethought their strategy: They had been using a popular kind of philanthropic savings account to gradually distribute their fortune to nonprofits. But with so many pressing global needs such as climate change and poverty, they now hope to empty their account, known as a donor-advised fund, sooner rather than later.

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Growth in donor-advised fund assets, 2007-2019

Donor-advised funds grew nearly 350 percent over the 13-year period.



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After pandemic, epidemic of loneliness

Virus also raised awareness of social isolation

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Dori Burke and her husband have always been extroverts. When they weren't with old friends, they made new ones. They met them in restaurants. They met them in bars. They met them in the bleachers and the box seats that run along the first base line at Fenway.

But that was before COVID-19 came raging out of China. Before, that is, the day, four years ago this week, when her boss at the South Shore YMCA Early Learning Center came into the nursery where she was fussing over the babies and told her they were going to have to shut down for a few weeks. Weeks turned to months.

By the time the world resumed, life had changed. Burke had changed, too. She still loves people and making friends, but she and her husband don't go out like they used to. They stay home, read books, and order on Amazon. Burke hasn't been to Fenway since 2019. The idea of being in big crowds still feels vaguely menacing. She's noticed that

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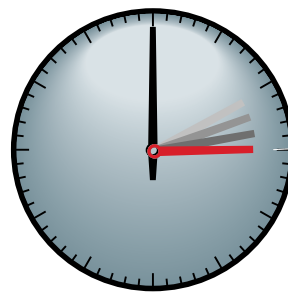
Pictures have made a 10-year-old boy the face of starvation in Gaza, where aid groups say deaths from malnutrition-related causes have only just begun. **A2.**

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From these sidelines, Stevens is enjoying the view

As a dad, Celtics president learns to be just another fan

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It is early February, less than 48 hours before the NBA trade deadline, and Celtics president of basketball operations Brad Stevens is in a gym watching a game closely from the top row. He is wearing a hooded sweat shirt, khaki pants, and sneakers, and every 10 minutes or so his iPhone lights up with a text message from an opposing team's executive or a member of his own staff. He responds before returning his focus to the action in front of him.

But Stevens is not here to evaluate players who could help the Celtics. He is at Wellesley High School to watch his son, Brady, and to try not to embarrass him or his daughter, Kinsley, a freshman who is sitting a few feet away after returning from a library study group.

"I think I've been on pretty good behavior, for the most part," Stevens says, "but there's probably people who would argue that, since my wife sits next to me."

Brady Stevens is a 6-foot-4-inch senior who averaged 20.9

points per game for the Raiders this season. Next year he will walk on at Notre Dame, which is coached by his father's close friend and former Celtics assistant Micah Shrewsberry. Just like every other parent, Brad Stevens is wondering where the time went.

Over the next hour and a half, he will sit back and offer sarcastic commentary to friends and family alongside him. And during some quiet moments, as his eyes dart around during play, it will be clear that he cannot completely

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Brad Stevens (center) was joined in the Wellesley High stands by former Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy (left), a consultant for the Celtics, and his daughter, Kinsley.