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## CELTICS BOUND FOR NBA FINALS



Boston guard Jaylen Brown held aloft his MVP trophy after the Celtics won a thrilling Game 4 against the Pacers in Indiana to sweep the NBA Eastern Conference Finals. In the tight, taut game, the Celtics trailed through much of the second half, but a three-point shot by Derrick White with about 45 seconds left gave them their first lead of the fourth quarter and the win. **C1.**

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## A brief but unforgettable brilliance

For Walton, his splendid time with Celtics was short, his charisma lifelong

DAN SHAUGHNESSY



BILL GREENE/GLOBE STAFF/1987

Mr. Walton (left, with Larry Bird and Robert Parish) called his time with the Celtics the highlight of his career.

The memories and stories started pouring in as soon as the news broke.

Everyone remotely connected to the 1985-86 Celtics has a Bill Walton memory. Invariably, those stories are personal. And all of us were shocked Monday when it was learned that Walton had died in California at the age of 71.

No player ever loved playing for the Celtics more than Walton. And it's cruel and ironic that Bill would pass with the team on to another appearance in the NBA Finals, which means a chance to win an NBA-record 18th banner.

My friend Rich Johnson, longtime curator of the New England Sports Museum and — like Walton — someone with a lifelong stutter, weighed in online, sending out a recording of the Grateful Dead's "He's Gone," while writing, "Listening while wiping away tears. His personal kindness to me was life changing."

Bill touched a lot of lives in his short stint in Boston, and those of us lucky enough to have known him share the same

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## The investigator homes in on new target: himself

Former IG refunds pay after mistakenly breaking complex pension rules

By Matt Stout  
GLOBE STAFF

As inspector general, Glenn Cunha once warned that Massachusetts had a "weak" system for enforcing how much retired public servants pulling taxpayer-funded pensions can make if they return to the public workforce. His office also flagged rule-breakers, including a regional transit official and retiree who took home a bigger paycheck than allowed. A Boston Public Schools headmaster repaid tens of thousands of dollars after Cunha said her earnings, too, broke the law.

Now in retirement, Cunha alerted state officials to yet another offender: himself.

The former watchdog paid back the state more than \$17,000 after he said he mistakenly exceeded a state-imposed cap on what he could earn as a special prosecutor in Suffolk County while simultaneously collecting his \$101,000 annual pension, according to documents and state officials.

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## Outside the Read trial, a kinship clad in pink holds court

By Sean Cotter  
GLOBE STAFF

DEDHAM — Anticipation had been building all morning as the pink-clad crowd awaited a key witness in the Karen Read murder case. And shortly after noon, they were rewarded.

"Jennifer McCabe," the voice of Assistant District Attorney Adam Lally announced over a 2-foot-tall speaker perched on the back of a pickup truck outside Norfolk Superior Court. A cheer erupted among the

couple of dozen people in lawn chairs nearby, and others who had gone to stretch their legs hustled back over.

"Bring it on!" yelled Rita Lombardi, sitting in a folding chair on the sidewalk.

In the murder trial against Read — among the highest-profile trials on the South Shore since Sacco and Vanzetti were tried in the same courthouse more than 100 years ago — the action isn't just inside the courtroom.

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Supporters of Karen Read regularly gather outside Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham to listen to the proceedings of her murder trial.

## Israeli leader calls strike 'accident'

Netanyahu faces pressure to stop attacks in Gaza

By Isabel Kershner  
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — With international condemnation mounting, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel said Monday that the killing of dozens of people a day earlier at a camp for displaced Palestinians in Rafah was "a tragic accident," but gave no sign of curbing the Israeli offensive in the southern Gaza Strip city.

The deadly fire that tore through the encampment Sunday after an airstrike came at a particularly delicate time for Israel, just days after the International Court of Justice appeared to order the country's military to halt its offensive in Rafah and as diplomats were aiming to restart negotiations for a cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas.

Israel's military said that the target of the strike in Rafah on Sunday was a Hamas compound and that "precise munitions" had been used to target a commander and another senior militant official there.

But at least 45 people, including children, were killed by the blast and by the fires it set off, according to

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## Guaranteed income boosts working class

Cambridge program shows benefit of popular vouchers

By Esmy Jimenez  
GLOBE STAFF

Porchia Willis has spent a lot of time doing math.

There's her rent in Cambridge, where she's raising her 9-year-old daughter and the median cost for a two-bedroom is about \$3,200. She has a housing voucher, but it doesn't pay for everything. There's groceries, transportation, utility bills, and all the costs associated with raising a child, including child care.

Those calculations got easier in September 2021 when the city announced Cambridge RISE, a guaranteed basic income pilot program that would provide Willis and 130 other single-parent families with \$500 per month for a year and a half, no strings attached. In addition to helping people buy food, pay rent, and save money, the program is giving them an even more valuable commodity: time.

"It's a little bit of relief," said Willis, a 32-year-old

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## New England guaranteed basic income programs

People served	Monthly funds offered	Program length
<b>CAMBRIDGE*</b> 2,000 families	\$500	18 months
<b>CHELSEA*</b> 2,000 households	\$400	9 months
<b>NEW HAVEN</b> 22 individuals	\$500	12 months
<b>NEWTON</b> 50 families	\$250	24 months
<b>PROVIDENCE</b> 110 households	\$500	18 months
<b>SOMERVILLE</b> 200 households	\$500-750	12 months
<b>WORCESTER</b> 52 households	\$100-500	24 months

\* The cities of Chelsea and Cambridge both extended their pilot programs to reach more people.

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Tuesday: Warmer, clearing in afternoon.  
High 80-85, low 59-64

Wednesday: Mix of sun and clouds. High 70-75.  
Weather and comics, **D4-5.**

Obituaries, **C9.**

The scope of the landslide tragedy in Papua New Guinea became clearer as an official said more than 2,000 people were buried alive. **A3.**

Students are returning to classrooms across the state after an alarming surge in chronic absentee-

ism in the wake of the pandemic, state figures show. **B1.**

If you plan on buying Tanglewood concert tickets to see the BSO, double-check that you're ordering them from the official website or risk overpaying, writes Sean Murphy in The

Fine Print. **D1.**

The Chilmark man accused of stabbing two McDonald's workers in Plymouth — and possibly linked to a stabbing at a Braintree movie theater — was held without bail after he was released from the hospital. **B1.**



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