

Hunter Biden
guilty of charges
in gun purchase

Falsely claimed to be free of
drugs on background check

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WILMINGTON, Del. — A jury in Wilmington, Del., on Tuesday found Hunter Biden, President Biden's son, guilty of three felony counts for lying on a federal firearms application, a shattering blow for the Biden family in the middle of an unforgiving presidential election campaign.

The verdict brought an end to an extraordinary seven-day trial that made painfully public Biden's crack addiction, reckless behavior, and ruinous spending — narrated by three former romantic partners, including the widow of his brother, Beau Biden, and by the defendant himself in the pages of his memoir.

The charges that Biden was convicted of stem from the purchase of a Colt pistol in October 2018, and also included illegal possession of a weapon after falsely claiming to be drug-free on the standard background check required in all

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The president's son could face up to 25 years in prison, although it's unlikely.



Saving
Chinatowns

On a visit to Boston, celebrated cookbook author Grace Young said something must be done before it's too late. She was guided by Jacqueline Church (above). **G1.**

Bankrupt Steward Health Care said it has secured commitments for a new \$225 million loan that will fund its operations through an upcoming auction. **B5.**

Israel and Hamas made positive but vague statements about a US cease-fire plan a day after the UN Security Council endorsed it. **A4.**

A Florida law that bans gender transition care for minors is unconstitutional, a federal judge ruled. **A2.**

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House
aims to
alter DCF
trigger

Mothers taking an
anti-addiction drug
wouldn't face probe

By Matt Stout

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Massachusetts House leaders are pushing a proposal that would free doctors, hospital officials, and others from requirements to report suspected neglect to child welfare officials solely because a baby is born exposed to drugs, offering a dramatic shift in the state's approach to child welfare reporting.

The measure is expected to pass the House on Thursday as part of a wide-ranging bill intended to address the state's still-raging opioid epidemic. It follows efforts, reported by the Globe, at some of the state's largest hospitals to stop filing allegations of abuse or neglect to the Department of Children and Families when babies are born exposed to an "addictive drug" but there is no other evidence they're at risk.

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CLOSING IN
ON HISTORY

For Grousbeck, it's parades over profits

SHIRLEY LEUNG

COMMENTARY



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"We're fans who bought the team. We're doing this for love," lead owner Wyc Grousbeck said.

Nobody enjoys losing money — unless you're Celtics lead owner Wyc Grousbeck and your team is in the NBA Finals.

Grousbeck's happy, maybe downright giddy, about the big bet he and his fellow owners made last year to dig deep into their coffers, not only to finance Jaylen Brown's highest-in-the-NBA contract but also scoop up stars Kristaps Porzingis and Jrue Holiday. That bet is a big reason the Celtics in their series with the Dallas Mavericks are just two victories away from a record 18th title.

But what was true 21 years ago, when Grousbeck engineered a surprise purchase of the Celtics, remains true today: It has never been about the money.

"We're fans who bought the team. We're doing this for

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SO FAR, IT'S BEEN
AN AMAZING SEASON,
IN SO MANY WAYS

The Celtics have been dominant from the start, right through the playoffs and their current 2-0 lead in the Finals. How do they stack up with some of the great teams of the past? The numbers may surprise you. **C7.**

The fans have been raising their sartorial game as well — check out their looks. **B1, B4.**



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Like her predecessors, Wu decides to go slow on consolidating schools

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When the city announced late last month that it was slowing down plans for sweeping public school closures, Mayor Michelle Wu and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper framed the decision as a way to improve student experiences and solicit more com-

munity feedback before making choices that could reshape thousands of students' lives.

But some residents and education advocates had a more cynical take: Here was yet another mayor slow-walking much-needed fixes to the BPS system.

Wu charged into office 2½ years ago promising to make the hard calls. A parent of BPS

students, she pledged to prioritize education and ensure high-quality instruction for all students — a promise that experts say requires the politically painful step of closing beloved but redundant schools so education dollars can be more effectively spent.

Now, ahead of an expected bid for a second term in 2025, Wu is pushing a scaled-back

plan for the district that, at least in the short term, would only consolidate two schools that already share a campus, and close the district's last standalone middle school. It's a plan that education experts and advocates fear kicks the can down the road, but it may at least temporarily spare the mayor the ire of parents furious that their child's local school

has been shut.

Wu's approach to school closures underscores that even as she aims to lead a new kind of administration, she can't avoid the challenges that dogged her predecessors — perhaps most notably the albatross of BPS, which has suffered from years of disinvestment, plummeting enrollment, and crumbling

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