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Baker tightens rules as virus cases spiral

R.I.'s numbers worst in US

By Dan McGowan
GLOBE STAFF

PROVIDENCE — As Rhode Island's public schools prepared to reopen in September, Governor Gina Raimondo sounded as upbeat as she had at any point in the pandemic. She told residents on Sept. 9 that fewer than 2 percent of all COVID-19 tests were coming back positive, a stark contrast from other states that were still seeing positive rates in the double digits. She praised businesses for remaining compliant during the Labor Day weekend, and assured families that the state was prepared for in-person learning. But now, Rhode Island leads the country with an average daily case rate of 122.9 per 100,000 people, according to da-

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New COVID measures

- You'll have to wear a mask at restaurants, except when eating and drinking. And you're limited to no more than six people per table.
- At work, employees must wear masks except when they are alone or at their individual work space.
- You'll have to wear a mask at the gym.
- Indoor theaters and performance venues are closed.
- No more than 50 people allowed at outdoor event venues.
- Gyms, recreational businesses, retail and office spaces, and places of worship are limited to 40 percent capacity.

Restaurants and gyms protest the new restrictions, but doctors say the changes don't go far enough

By Victoria McGrane
GLOBE STAFF

Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday announced a series of incremental steps to curb the surge of COVID-19 infections, issuing new restrictions on a range of business activities as part of an effort to "build ourselves a bridge to the vaccine," but stopping short of more forceful mandates.

The frightening trends in the march of the virus — underscored by the 3,627 new cases and 40 additional deaths that were announced Tuesday — mean the state cannot "simply wait

for the vaccine to get here," Baker said. "We have to do more."

The rollback begins Sunday, returning the state to an earlier iteration of restrictions, while also adding new rules on a range of sectors. Restaurants, in particular, will face several new requirements designed to further slow the spread of the virus indoors, including a 90-minute time limit on dining and fewer people per table — mandates that drew a mixed reaction from the hospitality industry and epidemiologists.

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Ex-student alleges abuse, sues R.I. school

Faults Portsmouth Abbey for response; says former teacher still pursuing her

By Zoe Greenberg
GLOBE STAFF

In the spring, an archeology professor in New Mexico received a strange note from an unknown e-mail address. The author was Michael Bowen Smith, a former teacher at Portsmouth Abbey, a prestigious Catholic boarding school in Rhode Island.

In the e-mail, which the Globe obtained, Smith said he was writing to discuss a student he had taught in high school a few years earlier.

"[E.] and I were lovers," he wrote to the professor, his former student's mentor whom he had never met. "I was a married man with children and an award-winning career. She was a superstar academic yearning for some kind of freedom from her painfully constricted life. We were drawn together as rebel intellectuals . . ."

Smith initiated sexual contact with E. when she was a 15-year-old sophomore at the Abbey, according to two new lawsuits and interviews with her. He was her 48-year-old teacher. They exchanged hundreds of e-mails, some of which the Globe reviewed, and met up across school grounds for the next two years. And as the

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14 disciplined in Army probe of Fort Hood

Leaders found to be permissive of sexual harassment, assault

By Sarah Mervosh
NEW YORK TIMES

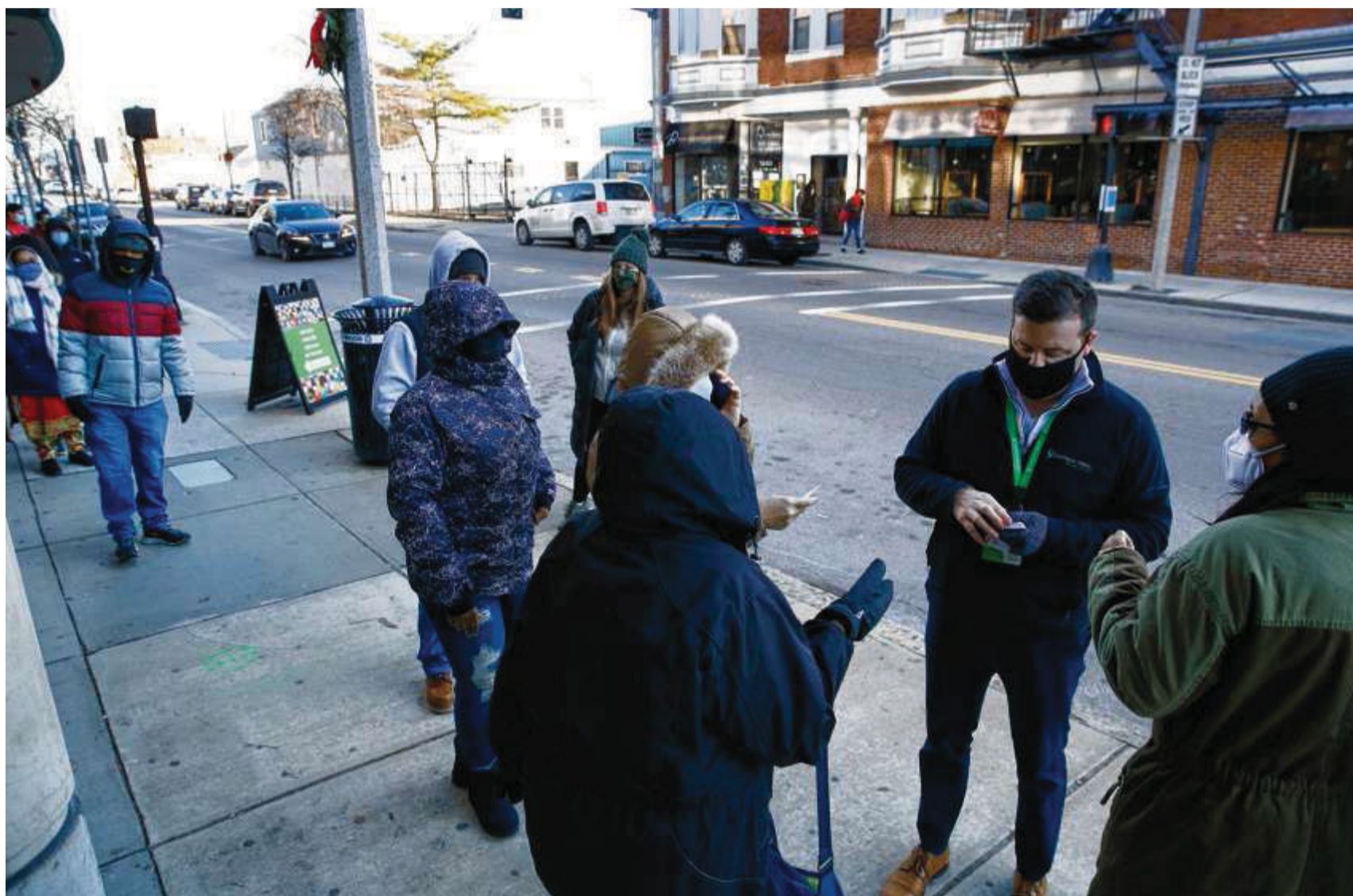
DALLAS — More than a dozen Army officials have been fired or suspended as part of a sweeping investigation into the climate and culture at Fort Hood, a sprawling military base in Texas that has been rocked by a series of violent deaths, suicides, and complaints of sexual harassment.

The investigation released Tuesday found "major flaws" at Fort Hood and a command climate "that was permissive of sexual harassment and sexual assault," said Ryan D. McCarthy, the secretary of the Army.

"Unfortunately, a 'business as usual' approach was taken by Fort Hood leadership causing female soldiers, particularly, in the combat brigades, to slip into survival mode," the report said, where they were "vulnerable and preyed upon, but fearful to report and be ostracized and re-victimized."

The Army secretary ordered that 14 officials, including several high-ranking

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A DotHouse Health employee handed out tickets to people waiting in line in Dorchester telling them when they could come back to be tested.

On testing, lines have been drawn

If you're well off, you'll likely have quick access and results. If you're not, you've got a long wait.

By Kay Lazar and Laura Krantz
GLOBE STAFF

In Wellesley, wealthy donors have contributed \$200,000 so students and teachers can be tested for the coronavirus each week in the comfort of their homes — with results returned from a New York lab in less than two days.

Miles away in Dorchester, people must stand in line. It's first come, first served at DotHouse Health center for anyone who wants a free test. But the wait is typically two or three hours, and results often take

more than three days.

Nine months into the pandemic, the landscape for COVID-19 testing has shifted dramatically, but it continues to lay bare stark inequities.

Back in March, it seemed only those with power or prestige had access to timely tests. Today across Massachusetts, there are at least 350 public testing sites, but they have a dizzying array of rules about price, hours, and whether an appointment is required.

For many residents without COVID

symptoms, who don't have access to free testing, the \$80 to \$160 price per test is out of reach. And wait times at many state-run and community health centers, both for securing an appointment and for results, are stretching ever longer — often well past the period a person is most infectious — as cases surge.

"Solving the equity problem also solves the COVID problem," said Sam Scarpino, an assistant professor of network science who heads Northeastern University's Emergent Epidemics Lab. "If we had nearly ubiquitous, free, asymptomatic testing that came back in 36 hours, it's not only equitable, it gets us out of this pandemic way before

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Margaret Ward, 90, became the first person vaccinated against COVID-19 in the United Kingdom as the country kicked off its program Tuesday. "This really feels like the beginning of the end," said Stephen Powis, medical director for the National Health Service in England. A9.

No clear answers on whether virus is spreading in schools

By Naomi Martin and Stephanie Ebbert
GLOBE STAFF

When Governor Charlie Baker urged superintendents to keep classrooms open, he left a gut-wrenching question unanswered: How often is coronavirus spreading in schools?

Baker says most schools should only close if they have seen in-school transmission, which he suggests is rare — an assumption seemingly bolstered by national reports of low rates of infection among those who have returned to school.

Yet superintendents have publicly reported spread within their schools. Skeptical teachers' unions have created a database to self-report cases across the state. And school employees have been sharing harrowing hospital stories. The state epidemiologist acknowledges that while the exact rate is unclear, in-school transmission is, in fact, occurring.

"There's no question there is, and has been, in-school transmission," said Dr. Catherine Brown, state epidemiologist for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. "There is so much COVID out here in the communities that people are getting exposed and they're bringing COVID without knowing it into the school settings."

In the pitched debate over how to get students

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DAILY BRIEFING

Saudi court jails Saudi American doctor

BEIRUT — A Saudi court sentenced a prominent Saudi American doctor to six years in prison Tuesday despite pressure from the Trump administration to drop the charges against him and allow him and his family to travel.

The doctor, Walid Fitaihi, was convicted on charges that included obtaining US citizenship without permission and criticizing other Arab states in Twitter posts — charges that US officials have privately dismissed as politically motivated.

Fitaihi, who completed his medical training in the Boston area, ran a private hospital in the Red Sea port city of Jiddah and had become a household name in the kingdom as a motivational religious speaker. Saudi authorities detained him in November 2017 amid an arrest campaign that saw hundreds of the kingdom's richest princes and businessmen locked in the Riyadh Ritz-Carlton hotel on allegations of corruption.

Fitaihi later told relatives

that he had been tortured in detention with electric shocks and was whipped so badly that he could not sleep on his back for a number of days. He was released last year, but the kingdom barred him, his wife, and six of his children — all US citizens — from leaving the country while his case made its way through the courts.

A Saudi court convicted him of affiliation with the Muslim Brotherhood, a banned Islamic group that Saudi Arabia considers a terrorist organization but the United States does not, and of damaging relations with other Arab countries through his posts on Twitter, among other acts that prosecutors said were aimed at destabilizing the kingdom, according to court documents.

In October, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he had discussed the case with the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan, and asked that the travel ban against the doctor and his family be lifted.

NEW YORK TIMES

Ethiopia forces shoot at, detain UN staffers

NAIROBI — Ethiopia's security forces shot at and detained United Nations staffers as they tried to reach part of the embattled Tigray region, a senior official said Tuesday, and he blamed the UN staffers for trying to reach areas where "they were not supposed to go."

The shooting occurred amid soaring frustration among humanitarian officials as desperately needed aid is still not freely reaching the Tigray region more than a week after the UN and Ethiopia's government signed a deal for access.

The senior government official, Redwan Hussein, told reporters that the UN employees "broke" two checkpoints and were trying to go through a third when they were fired upon. He said the staffers have since been released.

United Nations spokesman Stephane Dujarric called the report "alarming" and said UN officials "are engaging at the

highest level with the federal government to express our concerns and avoid any such incidents in the future."

He said the four UN staffers on Sunday had been trying to assess roads, a key step before larger aid convoys can go in. Another UN spokesman, Farhan Haq, said the staffers were stopped at a military checkpoint near Sheraro. The town is near the Eritrean border.

Ethiopia's government is making it clear it intends to manage the flow of humanitarian aid, but the UN has openly sought unfettered and neutral access according to international principles.

Crucially, the deal allows aid only in areas under Ethiopian government control. The government on Tuesday said 44 truckloads of food aid had been delivered to Shire, the main town near the refugee camps.

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US imposes sanctions on Chinese officials

HONG KONG — The United States imposed travel bans and other sanctions on 14 high-level Chinese officials over the continuing crackdown on the opposition in Hong Kong, as police in the Chinese territory arrested more prodemocracy figures Tuesday.

The State Department took aim at members of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress, citing the officials' role last month in authorizing the Hong Kong government to disqualify four opposition lawmakers from the city's legislature. The ousting of the lawmakers prompted the rest of the city's prodemocracy camp to resign from the legislature in protest.

The sanctions targeted 14 vice chairs of the top legislative body, including Wang Chen, a prominent backer of the national security law Beijing imposed on Hong Kong this sum-

mer, and Cao Jianming, China's former top prosecutor. But they did not target its chairman, Li Zhanshu, the country's No. 3 leader.

The Trump administration has already imposed sanctions on several officials in Hong Kong, including its top leader, Carrie Lam, the security and justice secretaries, and the current and former police chiefs.

China has denounced the US sanctions as interference in its affairs. On Tuesday, Vice Foreign Minister Zheng Zeguang summoned Robert Ford, the chargé d'affaires of the US Embassy in Beijing, to protest, Chinese state television reported.

Some Chinese officials have previously laughed off the sanctions. In August, Luo said that he had no assets outside China, adding: "Perhaps I should send \$100 to Mr. Trump for him to freeze."

NEW YORK TIMES

Biden nominates two to Cabinet positions

WASHINGTON — President-elect Joe Biden made two key domestic policy picks Tuesday, selecting Ohio Representative Marcia Fudge as his housing and urban development secretary and former agriculture secretary Tom Vilsack to reprise that role in his administration, according to five people familiar with the decisions.

The picks highlighted Biden's delicate balancing act as he builds his Cabinet, seeking to diversify his picks and reward the coalitions that helped elect him while also following his instincts to surround himself with close allies who served in the Obama administration.

Fudge, a former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, was just elected to a seventh term representing a majority Black district that includes parts of Cleveland and Akron.

Vilsack spent eight years as head of the Department of Agriculture during the Obama administration and served two terms as Iowa governor.

Their intended nominations were confirmed to The Associated Press by five people familiar with one or both of the decisions who spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid preempting the president-elect's announcement.

Biden has viewed Fudge as a leading voice for working families and a longtime champion of affordable housing, infrastructure, and other priorities, while Vilsack was selected in part because of the heightened hunger crisis facing the nation and the need to ensure someone was ready to run the department on day one, according to those briefed on the decision.

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WET FEET — A man walked across an arcade near a flooded St. Mark's Square on Tuesday in Venice following a high tide "Alta Acqua" event that included heavy rains and strong winds. The mobile gates of the MOSE Experimental Electromechanical Module that protects the city from floods were not lifted.

White House backs stimulus checks

Pushes Senate to include payment in relief plan

By Jeff Stein, Mike DeBonis, and Eli Rosenberg

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — White House officials are asking Senate Republican leadership to include stimulus checks worth \$600 in the emergency economic relief package currently being debated in Congress, according to two people granted anonymity to share details of private deliberations.

Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky, did not include a second round of stimulus payments in the relief proposal he released last week. Senior Republican leadership in Congress are listening to White House officials push for the inclusion of the stimulus checks, the two people said, a provision also broadly supported by congressional Democrats.

President Trump has privately indicated a willingness to send another round of stimulus checks of as much as \$2,000, according to one person in direct communication with the president. Congress in

March approved a round of \$1,200 stimulus checks that the Treasury Department disbursed to more than 100 million American families in a matter of weeks.

Trump's name was printed on the first round of stimulus checks sent over the spring and summer.

A second round of stimulus checks was left out of the \$908 billion bipartisan framework unveiled last week by a group of moderate senators hoping to break the months-long impasse over stimulus negotiations. Senators Josh Hawley, Republican of Missouri, and Bernie Sanders, Independent of Vermont, have been pushing for the checks to be included in the final package, with Sanders going as far as saying he will vote against the relief legislation unless they are approved.

Lawmakers are working furiously this week to reach agreement on a range of divisive policy questions, including how to apportion aid to state and local governments and a liability shield to grant legal immunity to firms over coronavirus-related lawsuits. A number of critical emergency aid programs are set to expire if Congress fails to act, including unemployment benefits for more than 12 million people and a

federal eviction moratorium. Congress is expected to approve a one-week "continuing resolution" this week to avert a shutdown of the federal government after Dec. 11.

The urgency of negotiations has led to a flurry of activity on Capitol Hill. Senator Susan Collins, Republican of Maine and one of the leaders of the \$908 billion bipartisan framework, acknowledged support for a second round of stimulus payments but said the group's effort was more narrowly aimed at those in need.

"I know there's considerable public support for it, but right now we're targeting struggling families, failing businesses, health care workers and we don't have a stimulus check to every single person, regardless of need," Collins told reporters.

Hawley expressed frustration on Tuesday about negotiators being "pretty dug in on the idea of not including checks." Hawley added: "I see them saying things like 'This is an emergency relief bill.' I don't know what's more of an emergency than working people and families who are having to get into food lines. ... I don't understand that logic at all."

The stimulus checks have divided economists as well as

lawmakers. Some economists point out that millions of stimulus checks were received by families who are prospering economically and have not lost their jobs or suffered pay cuts, arguing they were poorly targeted for the current crisis.

Other economists have said the stimulus checks helped stabilize a turbulent economy and reached many people struggling economically who were denied unemployment benefits or other forms of social insurance. An August analysis by the Urban Institute, a centrist think-tank, found the stimulus checks would keep 6.3 million people out of poverty.

Meanwhile, both sides are now attempting to craft a compromise on the so-called liability shield, worried that the prolonged impasse could derail the broader spending bill at a time when the economy appears to be softening.

A half-dozen senators met on Monday night in the Mansfield Room in the Capitol, and multiple lawmakers expressed renewed optimism about the possibility of a deal being in reach after the discussion.

It is unclear whether McConnell will ultimately support whatever compromise language the bipartisan group may develop.

Supreme Court denies Trump Pa. effort

Allies' work to overturn election dealt a big blow

By Robert Barnes

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Tuesday denied a last-minute attempt by President Trump's allies to overturn the election results in Pennsylvania.

The court's brief order provided no reasoning, nor did it note any dissenting votes.

It was the first request to delay or overturn the results of the presidential election to reach the court.

The lawsuit was part of a blizzard of litigation and personal interventions Trump and his lawyers have waged to overturn victories by Democrat Joe Biden in a handful of key states.

Trump called the speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives twice during the past week to make an extraordinary request for help reversing his loss in the state.

But Speaker Ken Catler told the president he had no authority to step in, or to order the Legislature into special session, a Catler spokesman told The Washington Post.

Republican members of the Legislature and Congress supported the Supreme Court challenge to the changes they had made to Pennsylvania's voting system in 2019.

A group of Republican candidates led by Representative Mike Kelly, a Republican, challenged Act 77, a change made by the Republican-controlled Legislature to allow universal mail-in ballots.

Their charge was that the state constitution's requirements on absentee ballots meant the Legislature didn't have the authority to open mail-in balloting for others.

But the Pennsylvania Supreme Court said the challenge was filed too late — only after the votes were cast and the results known.

Democrat Joe Biden won the state by a more than 80,000-vote margin.

The unanimous order blamed petitioners for a "complete failure to act with due diligence in commencing their facial constitutional challenge, which was ascertainable upon Act 77's enactment."

It added that some of the petitioners had urged their supporters to cast their ballots using the new main-in procedure. The US Supreme Court rarely

intervenes in a decision of a state supreme court interpreting its own constitution and laws. But the plaintiffs charged that the system raised federal issues.

Although acknowledging that it is up to states to develop election procedures, the claim was that the federal Constitution was violated if the Pennsylvania Legislature expanded the mail-in procedure without proper authority from the state constitution.

Further, they claimed the individual constitutional rights of Kelly and the others were violated.

Their theory was that because the Pennsylvania Supreme Court dismissed the challenge because it was filed too late, they were denied due process.

Their suggested remedy was to invalidate all votes cast by mail in the general election — more than 2.5 million in total — or to dismiss the outcome of the election altogether so that the state Legislature could appoint its own slate of presidential electors.

Pennsylvania's lawyers told the US Supreme Court that was a shocking request — "nothing less than an affront to constitutional democracy" — that would

ensnare the judiciary "in partisan strife."

"Petitioners ask this court to undertake one of the most dramatic, disruptive invocations of judicial power in the history of the Republic," Pennsylvania's response said.

"No court has ever issued an order nullifying a governor's certification of presidential election results," the state added.

Pennsylvania's lawyers said there was no conflict between the state constitution and Act 77, and that the specific requirements in the document were for absentee voting, not mail-in ballots.

Their brief noted that the legislature had set a 180-day window for raising constitutional objections to the plan, which the challengers ignored.

And it argued that the claims of a due process violation were undercut by the relief Trump allies seek.

"They do not explain how a remedy premised on massive disenfranchisement would accord with the Due Process Clause, which requires the counting of votes cast in reasonable reliance on existing election rules as implemented and described by state officials," the state's response said.

Moving forward as a community

The pandemic and humanitarian crisis has brought us together with intensified passion and resilience. At Bank of America, we remain focused on supporting the well-being of our teammates, providing the essential financial services our clients need and helping local communities across the country move forward.

Here in Greater Boston, we've donated masks to local partners to distribute to those most at risk. We've provided lending to local small businesses through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to help strengthen our local economy. And we continue to partner with local nonprofits and organizations that are working to advance racial equality and economic opportunity in the communities we serve.

We're grateful for our employees, who have worked tirelessly to support our clients. And we are especially grateful to the healthcare and essential workers who have helped Greater Boston recover.

My teammates and I remain fully committed to the work to come in 2021 and beyond.



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THE TRANSITION

Efforts to reverse election run into 1887 law

President Trump's efforts to reverse the election results ran into a new hurdle Tuesday, known as "safe harbor" day under federal law.

The 1887 law sets a deadline of six days before the convening of the electoral college for states to certify their election results. While the deadline is not mandatory, the law prohibits Congress from undoing the results of states that have met the deadline.

As of Monday night, 47 states and the District of Columbia had already certified their results, according to Reuters. Those states give Biden far more than enough votes to win the presidency when the electoral college casts its votes next week.

Once all states certify, Biden is expected to have 306 electoral votes to Trump's 232.

While Trump can continue to press legal challenges, judges are now far more likely to say it's too late.

In a statement, key members of Trump's legal team sought to downplay the significance of the deadline and accused the media of overhyping it.

"The 'Safe Harbor Deadline' is a statutory timeline that generally denotes the last day for states to certify election results," Trump lawyers Rudolph W. Giuliani and Jenna Ellis said in a joint statement. "However, it is not unprecedented for election contests to last well beyond December 8."

The lawyers cited comments from the late justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg that the "ultimate significance" is Jan. 6, when Congress counts and certifies the votes of the Electoral college. Ginsburg's comments came in her dissent to the Bush v. Gore case in 2000 as she advocated for allowing the Florida count to continue beyond the "safe harbor" deadline.

"The only fixed day in the US Constitution is the inauguration of the President on January 20 at noon," Giuliani and Ellis added. "Despite the media trying desperately to proclaim that the fight is over, we will continue to champion election integrity until legal vote is counted fairly and accurately."

WASHINGTON POST

Texas attorney general sues over other states' voting

In yet another last-ditch effort to reverse Biden's victory, Texas Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton said he would ask the Supreme Court to intervene in the general election over how Georgia, Michigan, Penn-



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President Trump's legal team should be investigated by the American Bar Association, according to an open letter signed by more than 1,500 lawyers.

sylvania, and Wisconsin administered voting during the coronavirus pandemic.

All four states have already certified their election results.

Legal experts said the Texas suit would be highly unusual and raise several questions.

It was unclear whether Texas has standing to bring a retroactive complaint over how other states enforce their election statutes. The Constitution says it is up to individual states to set the terms for elections.

It was also unclear whether the Supreme Court would agree to hear it. While the high court handles disputes between states, such "original jurisdiction" cases are more likely to involve disputes over water rights or similar issues.

In a "motion for leave" to file his complaint, Paxton accused the four states — which Biden won — of imposing "new rules for the conduct of the 2020 election that were inconsistent with existing state statutes defining what constitutes a lawful vote." The filing also reheated debunked claims of fraud and wrongdoing by election officials that have already been dismissed by judges around the country. The Trump campaign and its allies have amassed a

virtually unbroken record of nearly 50 losses in court in post-election litigation.

Texas Solicitor General Kyle Hawkins, who typically files the state's briefs at the Supreme Court, was not listed among the lawyers representing the state.

Steve Vladeck, a constitutional law professor at the University of Texas, tweeted: "It looks like we have a new leader in the 'craziest lawsuit filed to purportedly challenge the election' category."

WASHINGTON POST

Lawyers urge investigation of Trump legal team

The efforts of President Trump's legal team to reverse the election results have been condemned by more than 1,500 lawyers, who in an open letter urge the American Bar Association to investigate the conduct of the legal team, including its leader, Rudolph W. Giuliani.

"President Trump's barrage of litigation is a pretext for a campaign to undermine public confidence in the outcome of the 2020 election, which inevitably will subvert constitutional democracy," the letter says. "Sadly, the President's primary agents and enablers in this effort are lawyers, obligated by

their oath and ethical rules to uphold the rule of law."

The signers include former ABA presidents, state bar presidents, retired federal judges, retired state Supreme Court justices, and others. The letter was coordinated by Lawyers Defending American Democracy, a nonpartisan group.

Besides Giuliani, the letter also questions the conduct of current and former Trump legal team members Joseph diGenova, Jenna Ellis, Victoria Toensing, and Sidney Powell.

WASHINGTON POST

Michigan lawmaker faces racist threats

Hours after Michigan state Representative Cynthia A. Johnson blasted Republicans for inviting President Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, to hold a hearing last week with supposed witnesses of voter fraud, the Democratic lawmaker's phone began ringing.

Over the span of two days, Johnson, who is Black, received nearly 100 calls from angry Trump supporters, according to a Facebook post with 10 screenshot images of the incoming calls, which she called "a sampling." She had been doxed, she said, and now her harshest crit-

ics had a direct line to aim their racist threats.

"You should be swinging from a f--- rope, you Democrat," one woman said in a voice mail laced with racial slurs, according to Johnson's Facebook post linking to a recording of the message.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer condemned the harassment on Monday, calling it "not acceptable."

"Hate and violence have no place in Michigan," Whitmer said at a news conference, adding that Michigan residents should move on from an election won by President-elect Joe Biden a month ago.

Politicians and election officials in Michigan have faced increasingly heated attacks since Biden carried the state by more than 154,000 votes. On Saturday, two dozen armed protesters surrounded the home of Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson alleging that Benson had ignored widespread voter fraud — a baseless claim that has repeatedly been rejected in court.

Elected officials in other states, including Georgia, Vermont, and Arizona, have also seen an onslaught of threats.

WASHINGTON POST

Krebs sues Trump lawyer Claims family feared for lives

By Spencer S. Hsu and Dan Morse

WASHINGTON POST

The former top US cybersecurity official responsible for securing November's presidential election sued the Trump campaign and one of its lawyers for defamation Tuesday, asserting that they conspired to falsely claim the election was stolen, attack dissenting Republicans, and fraudulently reap political donations.

Christopher Krebs, who was fired Nov. 17 by President Trump after he refuted the president's claims of widespread election fraud, singled out comments made almost two weeks later by attorney Joseph diGenova, who said Krebs should face the same punishment inflicted on those convicted of treason because he had asserted that the 2020 election was the most secure in history.

"He should be drawn and quartered," diGenova said on the outlet Newsmax, a third defendant. "Taken out at dawn and shot."

He also labeled Krebs an "idiot" and a "class-A moron" during the segment, which unleashed a flood of social media comments that left Krebs, his wife, and several of their young children in fear for their lives, according to the lawsuit.

The 52-page complaint was filed in Maryland state court in Montgomery County, where diGenova resides. The lawsuit accused diGenova and the Trump campaign of defamation and "intentional infliction of emotional distress." It labeled Newsmax an aider and abettor. Krebs seeks a jury trial, money, and punitive damages and an injunction ordering Newsmax to remove video of the incident.

"Threats like these will not stop me from speaking out," he said in an interview. "I will take the necessary steps to protect myself and my family."

DiGenova has said his comments about Krebs were sarcastic and made in jest.

"I, of course, wish Mr. Krebs no harm," he said in a Dec. 1 statement. "This was hyperbole in a political discourse."

The Trump campaign and Newsmax did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment on Tuesday. When reached, diGenova declined to comment.

Krebs's accusations come as the Trump campaign's strategy of using the courts to overturn President-elect Joe Biden's victory through baseless claims of widespread fraud has so far been a complete failure but has helped raise about \$207.5 million since Election Day. Lawyers for the president and his allies have repeatedly failed to present credible evidence of wrongdoing that would justify invalidating millions of votes in swing states, and they are approaching nearly 50 losses in four weeks, according to a tally by Democratic lawyer Marc Elias.

The lawsuit also spotlights a split between dominant traditional media players like Fox News and Twitter, and newcomers like Newsmax and social media site Parler, which are increasingly drawing Trump's support and his loyalists amid controversy over whether they provide legitimate news and safe online communities. Late last week, the attorneys for Krebs asked Newsmax Media chief executive Christopher Ruddy to remove from the company's website its interview of diGenova. And they submitted a letter to executives at Parler, asking the social media site to remove approximately 15 posts calling for Krebs's death.

The lawsuit asserts that the defendants have a "symbiotic relationship": Newsmax disseminated the campaign's attacks on the election, eliciting endorsements from Trump, increasing ratings, and drawing political donations.

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leaders, be relieved of command or suspended and vowed sweeping reform that would extend far beyond Fort Hood to affect more than 1 million soldiers and Army civilians nationwide.

"This report, without a doubt, will cause the Army to change our culture," McCarthy said.

The damning report comes as the military faces mounting public pressure to address years of allegations that harassment and sexual assault among soldiers had gone unaddressed.

It came in response to the slaying of Vanessa Guillen, a 20-year-old Army specialist, who disappeared on the base in Killeen, Texas, after telling friends that she had been sexually harassed.

The authorities say she was killed by a fellow soldier who burned and dismembered her body.

Other cases of sexual assault and harassment have occurred as well. After the body of Sergeant Elder N. Fernandes, a 23-year-old from Brockton, was found hanging from a tree in August about 30 miles from Fort Hood, his family said he had reported sexual assault by a superior and had been retaliated against.

Fernandes's mother said Tuesday that she regrets the report came too late to protect her son. But Ailina Fernandes hopes

other soldiers will now be better protected as a result of the findings.

"I know it's not going to bring my son back," Fernandes said. "I just hope that all the other families who have sons and daughters at Fort Hood, they don't have to go through what I am going through."

She added: "I just wish they could have seen the problems way before all the lives were lost."

Elder Fernandes reported that a superior officer had sexually assaulted him and said he was subsequently harassed, according to family and friends. He was hospitalized Aug. 16 and disappeared that day, according to relatives. His body was found on Aug. 25. A preliminary autopsy determined he had died by suicide.

On Tuesday, a spokeswoman for Fort Hood, Major Gabriela S. Thompson, said in an e-mail, "The line of duty investigation into Elder Fernandes' death is not complete at this time."

The report released Tuesday found that the base had higher levels of crime than other Army installations, including sex crimes, assault and battery, drug offenses, drunk and disorderly charges, and larceny. The report found that "serious crime issues on and off Fort Hood were neither identified nor addressed."

The findings were seen as a significant step by military observers, lawmakers, advocates



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General James McConville, chief of staff of the Army, spoke at the Pentagon on Tuesday about the investigation.

for Latinos, and representatives for Guillen, who welcomed the changes as an initial but necessary move toward justice.

"They told the truth and they let the heads roll," said Natalie Khawam, a lawyer for Guillen's family who credited the Army for taking on systematic change. "I'm getting phone calls from colonels and everyone you can think of, contacting me and telling me, 'I have never seen anything like this in my 30 years in the military.'"

The broader investigation dealt potentially career-ending blows to two generals. Major General Scott Effland, a deputy commanding general of the Third Corps, who was the senior

commander in charge at Fort Hood when Guillen disappeared, was relieved of his leadership duties. Major General Jeffrey Broadwater, the commander of the First Cavalry Division, was suspended pending an investigation.

Colonel Ralph Overland, the commander of the Third Cavalry Regiment, Guillen's unit, was also relieved of his command.

"The Army has a very low tolerance level for weaknesses in command and that's clearly what they found at Fort Hood," said Loren Thompson, the chief operating officer at the Lexington Institute, a conservative think tank in Arlington, Va., who said it was unusual to see

so many officers disciplined. In addition to the named senior leaders, McCarthy said he had also ordered action against other unnamed officers up and down the ranks.

"There was a time when the institutional Army might have looked the other way," Thompson said. "But it's exactly the opposite now."

The investigation documented a failure to properly staff and fund the sexual assault and harassment prevention program, and a culture in which women did not feel comfortable coming forward.

Of more than 500 female soldiers interviewed, investigators found 93 credible accounts of sexual assault; of those, just 59 had been reported, according to the report. They also found 135 credible instances of sexual harassment; just 72 were reported.

"If any of them see this, I want them to know, we believe you," said Carrie Ricci, a retired Army officer who was part of the investigation team.

Perhaps the most serious finding of the Army's review of Fort Hood was that no commanding general or subordinate senior commander proactively intervened to mitigate "known risks of high crime, sexual assault and sexual harassment."

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'Is this going to be enough to curtail the exponential growth we're seeing in Massachusetts? Not even close, no.'

DR. ASHISH JHA, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health

Baker tightens restrictions as virus cases spiral

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Public health experts lauded the governor for stepping up restrictions, but said that new measures still stop far short of what is needed to blunt the rapid rise in infection and limit the strain on the health care system.

"I applaud the governor. I think it's a step in the right direction," said Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health, who over the weekend urged Baker to take more aggressive public health measures.

But, Jha said, "from a pure public health point of view, is this going to be enough to curtail the exponential growth we're seeing in Massachusetts? Not even close, no."

Baker's order will return every city and town in Massachusetts to Phase 3 Step 1 in the state's four-phase reopening plan, and will mean the closure of certain businesses such as theaters and other indoor performance venues and some high-contact indoor recreational facilities.

Baker's announcement also will ratchet back capacity to 40 percent for virtually every other type of business, including retail outlets, gyms, libraries, museums, houses of worship, and movie theaters. Outdoor gatherings will be capped at 50 people, down from 100 currently, and anyone who plans to host more than 25 people at an outdoor event will be required to alert their local board of health.

For those businesses that must close, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito said she hopes shutdown will be temporary, and said the closures would be reversed when hospitalization rates and other public health data stabilize. Neither she nor Baker indicated how long that might take.

Patrons at restaurants and other places that offer sit-down dining can only linger over meals for an hour and half under the new rules, and must keep masks on at all times when they are not actively eating or drinking. That's a change from current rules, in which diners can remove masks as soon as they sit at their table.

In addition, restaurants can only seat six people per table, down from 10, and the administration is urging residents to dine only with people in their own household to reduce the risk of transmitting the virus.

The new restaurant limits drew mixed reactions. Bob Luz, the president of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, praised Baker for continuing to defend the industry and its track record for COVID-related compliance. He placed the blame for the surge in cases elsewhere.

"It's unfortunate that residents continue to ignore travel warnings and to gather unregulated in their homes causing further economic restrictions," he said.

Luz indicated that the new limitations are challenging, but he hopes they will not deter people from dining out. Even before Baker's action, six-person limits were already in place in Boston and Cambridge, and many restaurants have already placed their own 90-minute restrictions on how long patrons can dine.

But Massachusetts Restau-



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Domenic Prisco, co-owner of Fitness Within in Reading, sprayed all the surfaces with a cleaning solution in between classes at the gym on Tuesday.

What the rollback will mean at gyms, restaurants, more

Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday announced he was rolling back Massachusetts' reopening plan and implementing additional restrictions, citing a surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations and cases.

All communities in the state will move back to Phase 3, Step 1 beginning Sunday, he said. In addition, Baker announced a series of new measures on restaurants and other venues.

Here's what it all means:

Capacity reduction

- Gathering limits at outdoor event venues and spaces will be reduced from 100 people to 50.

- Arcades, indoor and outdoor recreational businesses, driving and flight schools, gyms and health clubs, libraries, museums, retail and office spaces, places of worship, and golf facilities will be reduced to 40 percent capacity from 50 percent capacity.

- Outdoor theaters and performance venues will be limited to 25 percent capacity, with no more than 50 people.

- People hosting more than 25 people outdoors will be required to notify their local board of health ahead of time.

Closures

- Indoor theaters, perfor-

mance venues, and higher contact indoor recreation businesses will be required to close.

- In addition to rolling back to Phase 3, Step 1, the Baker administration announced additional restrictions:

New restaurant guidance

- People dining at restaurants will not be allowed to take their masks off when they get to the table, and their masks will need to stay on unless they are eating or drinking.

- The number of people allowed at a table will be reduced from 10 people to 6.

- Restaurants must impose a 90-minute time limit on tables.

- Musical performances at restaurants are not allowed.

- People are encouraged to dine only with people in their own household.

- Food court seating will be closed in malls.

Gyms and offices

- People will need to wear masks at gyms at all times, even while exercising.

- Employees must wear face masks at their place of work except when they are in their individual workspaces or alone.

- Employers are encouraged to close or limit the use of break rooms.

AMANDA KAUFMAN

rants United, which represents independent restaurants, called the rollbacks "another blow to struggling restaurants at a precarious moment."

The group said it has pleaded for months with the Baker administration for "targeted support" to help them survive, and they "are deeply disappointed that Governor Baker's announcement did not come with any emergency relief measures."

Under the new restrictions, gyms must require patrons to use masks at all times — a measure that could pose health risks, said Robin Krane, the owner of Fitness Within studio in Reading.

"Have you ever worked out with a mask on? Some people will pass out," she said. "We do

high-intensity . . . classes. This is not your typical Jane Fonda workout."

Krane said that she and the other 128 gyms in the Massachusetts Independent Fitness Operators group are looking in to whether they can push back on the restrictions.

"We don't spread the virus," she said.

Tuesday's announcement is the latest step Baker has taken since cases started to surge again in the state. In early November, the governor issued a stay-at-home advisory, encouraging people to stay put at night, and an updated mask order requiring everyone over age 5 to wear face coverings in public. That was an escalation of a prior order that had only re-

quired masks in public places where social distancing wasn't possible.

Baker announced Monday that hospitals will temporarily curtail inpatient elective surgeries to make room for a further influx of patients with COVID-19.

But beyond new government regulations, Baker continued to appeal to residents to take personal responsibility.

"We are going to continue to be as aggressive as we can in fighting the virus, but actually there is nothing more powerful than people playing their part and understanding their role," Baker said.

Some public health experts would prefer the governor take more aggressive action.

Samuel Scarpino, a Northeastern University epidemiologist, said the steps announced Tuesday, on their own, are "unlikely to have a strong effect."

He noted that the rate of people getting tested for the first time who are positive for COVID-19 is at the same rate it was when the state began Phase 1 of reopening back in May. Case numbers and average daily deaths are also similar to metrics seen at that point, and hospitalizations will likely match or exceed late May levels in the next two weeks, Scarpino said.

But new restrictions could have a ripple effect on residents' behaviors, Scarpino continued. "It may be that they do spur people into deciding not to go to dinner, or businesses to stop

having people go into work — and that would have an effect," he said.

Asked about criticism from health specialists and others, Baker pointed to the difficult trade-offs involved in deciding to close businesses, especially for low-wage workers.

He also suggested that the lack of additional unemployment and other relief money from Congress is complicating the decision-making around shutting down economic activity.

On Monday, Baker and three other Republican governors issued a joint statement pushing Congress to pass a relief package this month, calling it "essential" to their constituents' survival.

The shutdown in the spring "had a calamitous impact on people who didn't have MBAs or MPHs or the ability to do their job from home, or were white-collar workers who worked in finance or accounting or law," Baker said. "The people who really got creamed by that are the people who actually have to get up and go to work somewhere."

Decisions regarding virus prevention, Baker said, "might seem easy to some people who don't have to live with them, but don't feel that easy to the people that do."

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VIRUS NOTEBOOK

Biden pledges 100-day COVID-19 priorities

WILMINGTON, Del. — President-elect Joe Biden on Tuesday called for urgent action on the coronavirus pandemic as he introduced a health care team that will be tested at every turn while striving to restore the nation to normalcy.

Biden laid out three COVID-19 priorities for his first 100 days in office: a call for all Americans to voluntarily mask up during those 100 days, a commitment to administer 100 million vaccines, and a pledge to try to reopen a majority of the nation's schools.

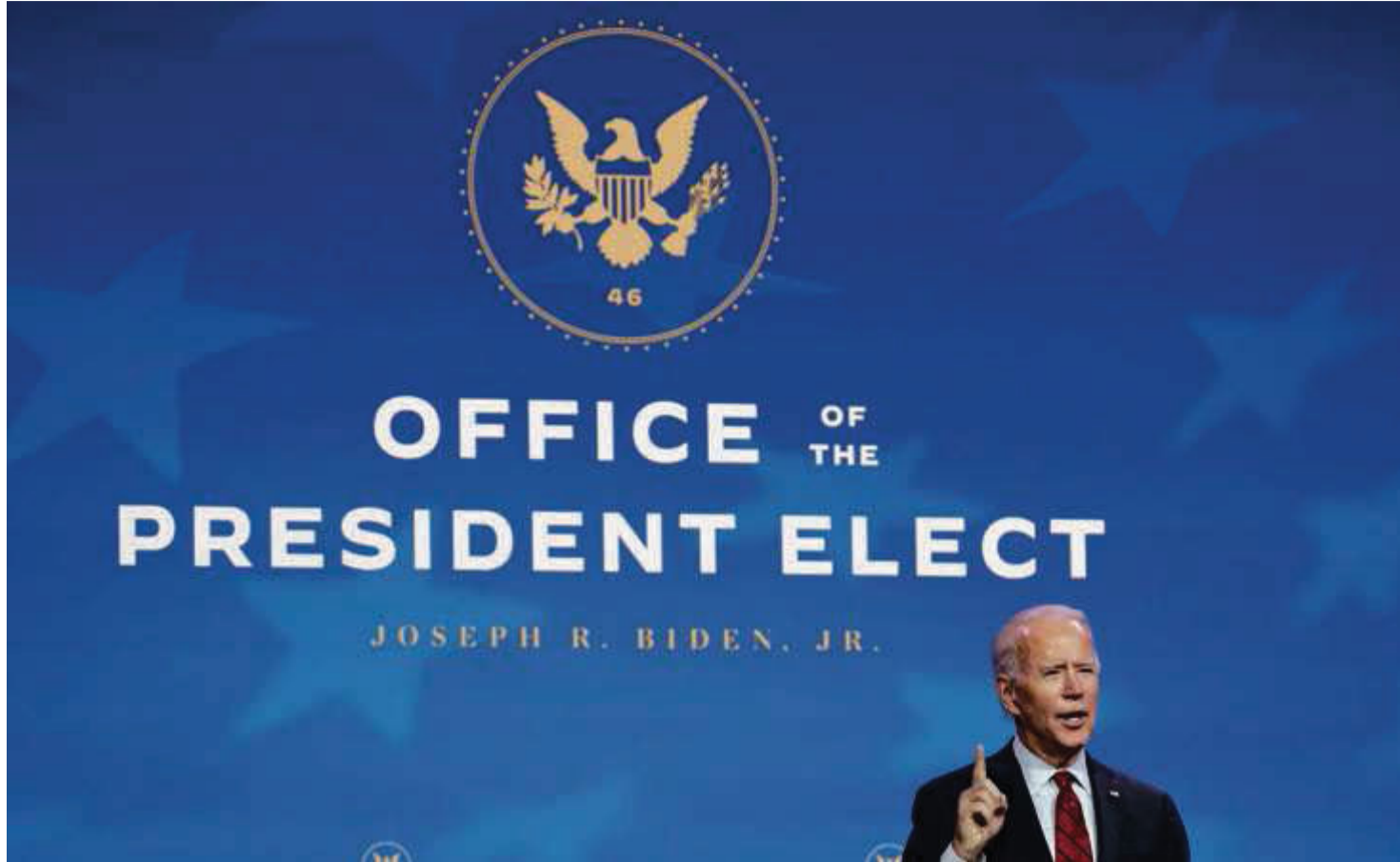
He also said he would sign an executive order the day he is sworn in to require Americans to wear masks on buses and trains crossing state lines, and in federal buildings.

"I know that out of our collective pain, we will find our collective purpose: to control the pandemic, to save lives, and to heal as a nation," Biden said.

Topping the roster of picks was health secretary nominee Xavier Becerra, a Latino politician who rose from humble beginnings to serve in Congress and as California's attorney general. Others include a businessman renowned for his crisis management skills and a quartet of medical doctors, among them Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease specialist.

The usual feel-good affirmations that accompany such unveilings were overshadowed by urgency, with new cases of COVID-19 averaging more than 200,000 a day and deaths averaging above 2,200 daily as the nation struggles with uncontrolled spread.

Vaccines are expected soon. Scientific advisers to the government meet Thursday to make a recommendation on the first one, a Pfizer shot already being administered in the United Kingdom. Indeed, President Trump held his own event Tuesday, to take credit for his administration's work to speed vaccine development.



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President-elect Joe Biden said he would require Americans to wear masks on buses, trains, and in federal buildings.

But having an approved vaccine is one thing, and getting it into the arms of 330 million Americans something else altogether. Biden will be judged on how well his administration carries out the gargantuan task.

On Tuesday, the president-elect warned that his team's preliminary review of Trump administration plans for vaccinations has found shortcomings. And he called on Congress to pass legislation to finance administration of vaccines as they become more widely available next year.

The rest of Biden's extensive health care agenda, from expanding insurance coverage to negotiating prices for prescription drugs, will likely hinge on how his administration performs in this first test of competence and credibility.

Becerra, Biden's pick to head the Department of Health and

Human Services, will be backed in the White House by businessman Jeff Zients, who will assume the role of coronavirus response coordinator.

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Task force says vaccine will not slow pandemic's course

As President Trump celebrated his administration's "incredible success" in speeding the development of coronavirus vaccines Tuesday, a report prepared by the White House coronavirus task force warns that the shots will not alter the course of the pandemic in the United States until well into next year.

"The current vaccine implementation will not substantially reduce viral spread, hospitalizations, or fatalities until the 100 million Americans with comorbidities can be fully immunized, which will take until the late spring," notes the report, part of

a weekly rundown of data and recommendations sent to governors and obtained by The Washington Post.

Vaccines approved by the Food and Drug Administration are expected to provide robust individual protection against infection, as review documents posted Tuesday about the two-dose regimen developed by Pfizer and German firm BioNTech affirm.

The note of caution from the president's medical advisers, however, reflects the current out-of-control spread of the virus, as well as manufacturing and distribution challenges that will limit vaccine supply for a number of months.

The timeline sketched out in the report was also at odds with the president's rhetoric at a Tuesday vaccines summit at the White House, where he claimed "another American

medical miracle" and said, "The numbers should skyrocket downward."

WASHINGTON POST

UN assembly agrees to a global day of preparedness

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations General Assembly has OK'd a resolution proclaiming Dec. 27 as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness to keep a spotlight on the need to strengthen global measures to prevent pandemics like COVID-19.

The resolution adopted Monday by consensus by the 193-member world body expresses "grave concern at the devastating impacts of major infectious diseases and epidemics, as exemplified by the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, on human lives."

Epidemics wreak havoc "on long-term social and economic

development," and create health crises that "threaten to overwhelm already overstretched health systems, disrupt global supply chains and cause disproportionate devastation of the livelihoods of people . . . and the economies of the poorest and most vulnerable countries," the resolution said.

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Report on AstraZeneca offers few details

The University of Oxford published a much-anticipated paper on Tuesday detailing the findings of its coronavirus vaccine trials, echoing results first announced two weeks ago that showed the vaccine had 70 percent efficacy on average across two different dosing regimens.

But while it was the first peer-reviewed publication outlining late-stage results of a leading coronavirus vaccine, it did little to answer the most pressing questions facing the university and AstraZeneca, the drugmaker, since they offered a glimpse at the same promising, if somewhat puzzling, results two weeks ago.

Among nearly 8,900 participants who received two full doses of the vaccine, it had 62 percent efficacy.

But after a discrepancy over methods for measuring the concentration of viral particles in the vaccine created uncertainty over the dosage during an early stage of manufacturing, 2,741 participants were given a half-dose of the vaccine followed a month later by a full dose. In that smaller group of participants, the vaccine had 90 percent efficacy.

The Oxford scientists said in the paper, published in the *Lancet*, a British medical journal, that "further work is needed to determine the mechanism of the increased efficacy."

Both dosing regimens appeared to protect participants in the trials from hospitalization or severe disease.

NEW YORK TIMES

Nine months in, the lines on testing have been drawn

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most of us get this vaccine."

With the virus raging across the state and reports of testing turnaround times nearing a week in some cities and towns, Governor Charlie Baker on Monday announced several new free testing sites in areas that had been relative deserts, in Western Massachusetts and on Cape Cod. He also pledged to supply over the next month up to 150,000 rapid tests for community health centers and community hospitals that have been besieged with requests. The Abbot BinaxNOW tests return results in 15 minutes.

At Family Health Center of Worcester, where about 29 percent of tests have been coming back positive and some residents were waiting up to six days for results, the promise of up to 1,000 rapid tests to get through the holidays is welcome news.

"It creates a little pressure release," said president Lou Brady.

But it's not clear whether the state will disburse another cache after Jan. 10.

At DotHouse in Dorchester, many who line up are living paycheck to paycheck and rely on the free tests and simple eligibility rules, said Dr. Huy Nguyen, the health center's chief medical officer. Patients tell him the rules in many places are just too confusing.

"There are great state and local lists of testing centers, but you have to scroll through and try to understand what's their eligibility and payment structure," Nguyen said. "And it's much harder if you have language needs, or if you have lower literacy, or you don't have access to a computer or the Internet or a mobile phone or data on your phone."

On a recent frigid morning, as winds whipped down Dorchester Avenue, about 100 people waited as long as an hour and a half to be handed a paper slip that told them what time to return to the health center later that day for their test.

Andy Deng, 31, of Quincy, came around 8:30 a.m. with his two co-workers because their employer, Rainbow Adult Day Health Center in Dorchester, requires weekly testing but does not provide it.

Deng and his co-workers got tickets to return to DotHouse at 10:40 a.m. for their tests. He said the results usually come in three days, by e-mail. It's time-consuming to come every week for a test, but he understands it's necessary.

"During this pandemic, everyone is in the same boat," Deng said. "You have to sacrifice."

Yet for thousands of students who attend private colleges in Massachusetts, testing is simple and results are quick thanks to large-scale partnerships between their schools and the Broad Institute in Cambridge.

Boston University and Northeastern University developed their own testing labs, but more than 100 other schools in the region rely on the Broad's lab to process nasal swabs weekly and return results in about 24 hours. The frequent testing has helped keep infection levels low on campuses and enabled them to avoid closures.

The cost to the schools is discounted but not insignificant. The Broad collects samples from the schools and processes each test for \$25. That's compared to the \$35 to \$50 the institute regularly charges.

Colleges that have not been able to afford the cost of testing



JESSICA RINALDI/GLOBE STAFF

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have been limited in their ability to fully reopen their campuses.

Now some wealthier communities are also turning to weekly testing to keep their K-12 classrooms open as education becomes the epicenter of COVID testing equity.

In mid-October, Wellesley's public schools launched weekly saliva testing for middle- and high-school students and all staff throughout the district, paid through private donations from the local education foundation. The district negotiated a steep discount to roughly \$10 per test because the samples, sent overnight to a lab in New York, are pooled in batches of 24. If a batch comes back positive, they're broken down into smaller batches until positive cases are pinpointed.

It's an exhausting process. Part of the daunting price requires Wellesley to package, with help from its school bus drivers, 3,000 test kits each week for students and staff to take home, and then have school

nurses repackage them for processing in New York.

But officials say the effort is paying off. The testing already identified a small cluster in mid-November at the high school, prompting a two-week closure to prevent further transmission, said Superintendent David Lussier.

The trial project runs through December, but Lussier said that after that, they will likely dig into their school budget to keep it going.

"We are fortunate to be in a community that has these resources," Lussier said. "But we want to advocate for the communities that don't."

Wellesley formed a consortium with several other communities, including Watertown, Somerville, Brookline, Revere, and Chelsea, to trade ideas and to talk to state education and other government leaders about the need for testing equity across all school districts.

"Frankly," Lussier said, "we need a state approach."

'During this pandemic, everyone is in the same boat. You have to sacrifice.'

ANDY DENG, whose employer requires him to be tested weekly but does not provide it

the testing program and cover part of the cost. Tufts's program uses the Broad as well.

Curtatone said he unsuccessfully lobbied the state to fund a proactive approach — testing all asymptomatic students and staff.

"We were left on our own to figure this out," Curtatone said. "It is frustrating that our state leaders, to me personally and others, have completely dismissed us."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education said no public health institution has recommended that type of large-scale, repeated testing as a precondition to reopen schools.

The state recently rolled out a rapid-test program for school districts, including Somerville, she said. That initiative only offers testing to students and staff after they show COVID-19 symptoms.

Even as attention is shifting to the rollout of vaccines, health experts warn that testing will remain a key to equity, to keeping schools and the economy open.

"The vaccine is great," said Iain MacLeod, an infectious disease research associate at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health "But for the next six to nine months, I strongly believe our only way out of the pandemic is to test as much as possible and never stop testing."

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VACCINATIONS

UK begins with shot watched round the world

Woman, 90, first to receive widely tested serum

By Danica Kirka
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LONDON — A nurse rolled up 90-year-old Margaret Keenan's sleeve and administered a shot watched round the world — the first jab in the UK's COVID-19 vaccination program kicking off an unprecedented global effort to try to end a pandemic that has killed 1.5 million people.

Keenan, a retired clerk from Northern Ireland who celebrates her birthday next week, was at the front of the line at University Hospital Coventry to receive the vaccine that was approved by British regulators last week.

The UK is the first Western country to deliver a broadly tested and independently reviewed vaccine to the general public. The COVID-19 shot was developed by US drugmaker Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech. US and European Union regulators may approve it in the coming days or weeks.

"All done?" Keenan asked nurse May Parsons. "All done," came the reply, as hospital staff broke into applause and also clapped for her as she was wheeled down a corridor.

"I feel so privileged to be the first person vaccinated against COVID-19," said Keenan, who wore a surgical mask and a blue "Merry Christmas" T-shirt with a cartoon penguin in a Santa hat. "It's the best early birthday present I could wish for because it means I can finally look forward to spending time with my family and friends in the New Year after being on my own for most of the year."

The second injection, in a fitting bit of drama, went to an 81-year-old man named William Shakespeare from Warwickshire, the county where the bard was born.

The fanfare was good cheer to the nation, if but for a moment. Authorities warned that the vaccination campaign would take many months, meaning painful restrictions that have disrupted daily life and punished the economy are likely to continue until spring. The UK has seen more than



VICTORIA JONES/POOL/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

A nurse injected a dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to Frank Naderer, 82, at Guy's Hospital in London Tuesday.

61,000 deaths in the pandemic — more than any other country in Europe — and has recorded more than 1.7 million cases.

"This really feels like the beginning of the end," said Stephen Powis, medical director for the National Health Service in England. "It's been a really dreadful year, 2020 — all those things that we are so used to, meeting friends and family, going to the cinema, have been disrupted. We can get those back. Not tomorrow. Not next week. Not next month. But in the months to come.

But it is important beyond these shores. Britain's program is likely to provide lessons for other countries as they prepare for the unprecedented task of vaccinating billions.

On Saturday, Russia began vaccinations with its Sputnik V vaccine, and China has also begun giving its own shots to its

citizens and selling them abroad. But those are being viewed differently because neither countries' vaccines have finished the late-stage trials scientists consider essential for proving a serum is safe and effective.

Other vaccines are also being reviewed by regulators around the world, including a collaboration between Oxford University and drugmaker AstraZeneca and one developed by US biotechnology company Moderna.

Documents released by US regulators Tuesday confirmed that Pfizer's vaccine was strongly protective against COVID-19 and appeared safe.

British regulators approved the Pfizer shot Dec. 2, and the country has received 800,000 doses, enough to vaccinate 400,000 people. The first shots are going to people over 80 who

are hospitalized or already have outpatient appointments scheduled, along with nursing home workers and vaccination staff.

Others must wait, and health officials have said that those who are most at risk will be vaccinated in the early stages. For most people, it will be next year before there is enough vaccine to expand the program.

UK health officials have worked for months to adapt a system geared toward vaccinating groups like school children and pregnant women into one that can rapidly reach much of the population.

Questions arose about when the country's most prominent senior couple — Queen Elizabeth II, 94, and her husband, Prince Philip, 99 — would get the vaccine and whether it would happen on camera.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab appeared nonplussed

when asked about it by NBC. "I'm not sure whether they'd do it on camera," Raab said.

The 800,000 doses are only a fraction of what is needed in the UK. The government is targeting more than 25 million people, or about 40 percent of the population, in the first phase of its vaccination program, which gives first priority to those at highest risk from the virus.

The program will be expanded when supply increases, with the vaccine offered roughly on the basis of age groups, starting with the oldest. Britain plans to offer vaccines to everyone over the age of 50, as well as younger adults with health conditions that put them at greater risk.

Logistical issues are slowing the distribution of the Pfizer vaccine because it has to be stored at minus-70 degrees Celsius (minus-94 degrees Fahrenheit). Authorities are focusing

on large-scale distribution points because each package of vaccine contains 975 doses and they don't want any to be wasted.

The UK has agreed to buy more than 350 million doses from seven different producers. Governments around the world are making agreements with multiple developers to ensure they lock in delivery of the products that are ultimately approved for widespread use.

All these logistical challenges culminated Tuesday in Keenan's vaccination by Parsons, a nurse originally from the Philippines who has worked for the NHS for 24 years.

"I'm just glad to be able to play a part on this historic day," she said. "The last few months have been tough for all of us working in the NHS, but now it feels like there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

R.I.'s daily case rate is now the worst in the United States

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ta published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's among the highest numbers in the world, according to The Financial Times. By comparison, neighboring Connecticut and Massachusetts have positive rates of 74.2 and 65.6 per 100,000, respectively.

The state reported 982 new cases on Monday, and 22 more deaths, bringing the total number of fatalities in Rhode Island to 1,470 since March. The 444 residents in the hospital are the most at any time during the pandemic, and the state has been forced to open two field hospitals to provide open beds.

Cases continued to rise even as the governor imposed a two-week "pause" on the economy. The Department of Health is issuing temporary licenses to health care workers who are still completing their training programs, and the governor is pleading for retired or unemployed health care workers to volunteer to help in hospitals.

As the weather has gotten colder, people have spent more time inside. Experts say that, plus a little more complacency around social gatherings and a little less vigilance about protocols like hand-washing and mask-wearing, likely magnified the impact of the second wave of infections that hit the state.

"The air is dry, our hearts are warm, but viruses love dry air," said Dr. James McDonald, the medical director at the Department of Health.

The virus has spared no community — for the last week

of November, only Block Island and South Kingstown reported positive rates below 100 per 100,000 residents — but cities, and especially those with large Latino communities, have been hit the hardest. In recent weeks, the test-positive rate among those who identify as Latino has been three times higher than for white residents, which has sent cases soaring in Central Falls, Pawtucket, and Providence.

Rhode Island is among the most densely populated states in the country, which McDonald said is one of the driving factors when it comes to community spread. During the first wave of the virus, in April and May, the state also posted some of the highest positive rates in the country.

McDonald said population density, the change in weather, and some residents dropping their guard appear to be among the driving factors in the recent spike.

He said he looks at the virus and the public as opposing teams, and the virus is a formidable opponent.

"Team Virus never gets tired and always knows what it's doing," McDonald said. "Team Human gets tired, we're in denial, and quite frankly, we just don't care anymore. And we're scared."

Dr. Megan Ranney, an emergency room physician at Rhode Island Hospital, took to Twitter Tuesday to lay out several potential causes for the state's rising cases.

She said density, high levels of positivity, and too many family gatherings that become "super-



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Governor Gina Raimondo is expected to announce soon whether she'll extend the current restrictions. She has said she wants to keep elementary and middle schools open if possible.

spreader events" could be among the reasons. She also noted that a high concentration of college students and the large amount of testing that is occurring could be factors.

"At the end of the day, regardless of the reason, our hospitals are overwhelmed & everyone knows someone who's sick," Ranney tweeted. "We are calling for retired [health care workers] to volunteer, while allowing people to eat in-person at Denny's. We are, frankly, in a very bad spot. With no sign of slowing."

Rhode Island is in the sec-

ond week of what Raimondo calls a two-week pause of the economy, which deeply limited the in-person dining capacity at restaurants and closed recreational facilities like gyms and casinos.

The state has also restricted gatherings to single households, which means residents were not supposed to eat Thanksgiving dinner with anyone they don't live with.

The state has also given high schools the OK to move to distance learning, but Raimondo has said she wants elementary and middle schools to remain

open as long as possible. Still, Cranston, the state's second-largest school district, announced Monday that it will move to distance learning for at least the rest of 2020.

With the pause ending Sunday, Raimondo is expected to announce later this week whether she'll extend the restrictions. During a weekly interview on WPRI-TV Tuesday evening, she said it's too soon to say whether social gatherings will be limited for Christmas.

"It's my hope that I can get a handle on it and reduce our test

positivity," Raimondo said.

While the governor has faced criticism for not implementing tighter restrictions prior to Thanksgiving, McDonald defended the state for trying to balance its approach between health guidance and keeping businesses open.

"You can always do something sooner," McDonald said. "What's hard about that is, does sooner necessarily mean better?"

Both McDonald and Raimondo say they are closely monitoring hospitalizations, even more so the daily number of positive cases.

In November, the average daily number of new hospitalizations was 46, up from 19 in October. In the first few days of December, the average is 60 hospitalizations a day.

McDonald said he's hopeful that Rhode Island will continue to receive doses of monoclonal antibodies to help treat high-risk COVID-19 patients, and he noted that a vaccine is expected to be widely available during the first half of 2021.

McDonald said he believes Rhode Island still has the ability to control the disease, but he warned that things could also get worse if the existing restrictions aren't followed.

"As bad as it is now, only about 10 percent of Rhode Islanders have had it," he said. "You're looking at a susceptible population of close to 90 percent."

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EDITORIAL

Indoor dining isn't worth it



Patrons eating dinner outdoors in November in the North End.

When announcing the state's new COVID-19 restrictions Tuesday, Governor Charlie Baker told a story about a friend who refused to dine indoors with people she had not seen in months, and faced blowback. The two people who did dine indoors, the governor said, ended up testing positive for COVID-19, justifying her wise decision.

The moral the governor seemed to want to convey with this anecdote was that people should follow the state's advice not to dine with those outside their households and should accept their friends' good public health decisions. But the more poignant moral of the story — given that the meeting of households presumably didn't happen, while the infections still did — is that dining indoors at restaurants right now is dangerous. That's why it's perplexing that the state is allowing indoor dining to continue even as it tightens restrictions on indoor gatherings and acknowledges that COVID-19 is a growing burden on hospitals and health care workers.

The health of the Massachusetts economy, including its restaurants, ultimately depends on the health and survival of its

people. That means doing whatever it takes now to stop the spread of COVID-19 until there is a widely available vaccine.

Cases of the virus have been surging in the Commonwealth since Thanksgiving, a fact that Baker bemoaned in press conferences Monday and Tuesday, noting they "took off like a rocket." More than 11,000 people have died in the state from the virus, and as of October, we had one of the highest death rates per capita in the region. Meanwhile, more than half of public school students haven't returned to in-person learning. And effective Friday, hospitals will postpone many elective inpatient surgeries, the governor also announced, to free up beds and staff for people sick with COVID-19.

It's been well established — and acknowledged by the governor — that indoor transmission is the primary driver of the spread of COVID-19. But for weeks, the state's two casinos have remained open for in-person gambling, tanning and nail salons have remained open, and retail businesses around the state have faced a patchwork of rules and enforcement about the number of people that can be gathered indoors at one time. In moving the Commonwealth back to Phase 3, Step 1 of its re-opening process, effective this Sunday, the Baker administration will now reduce most indoor gathering capacity to 40 percent, including in gyms, libraries, and mu-

seums. Indoor performance venues and many indoor recreation facilities will close. It's a welcome, if belated, crackdown.

But despite the new restrictions, dining indoors in groups of as many as six people, as long as it's for less than 90 minutes, will be allowed to continue in restaurants in the Commonwealth. While the state is requiring that masks be worn at all times when restaurant patrons are not eating or drinking (which will protect wait staff during ordering), it's safe to say the vast majority of the time that people are in restaurants involves doing one of those two things — which makes unmasked transmission of the virus more likely inside restaurants compared with other businesses. (Research has shown the comparatively high risk associated with indoor dining from the onset of the pandemic.)

Leading public health experts, in a region that is home to a disproportionate share, have recently criticized the governor's response as sluggish. Dr. Ashish Jha, dean of Brown University's School of Public Health, who has previously praised Baker's science-based response to the pandemic, said he has become "aghast at lack of action" over the past six weeks. Jha said in an e-mail to the Globe editorial board that in addition to cutting indoor dining capacity

back to, at most, 25 percent, "the 10 people in a household gathering is probably too high — and likely not enforced widely."

No one wants to see their favorite restaurants shuttered, least of all the people who own and are employed by them, and restaurants have been especially hard hit in the pandemic. But the answer to that crisis is not to compromise public health and put dining patrons and staff in danger. To shore up businesses over the coming weeks, the Baker administration and other leaders on Beacon Hill could enthusiastically encourage takeout dining and further expand and fund aid programs to small businesses. The governor might also further implore congressional leaders in his own party to provide stimulus funds to restaurant owners.

Both swift timing and a coordinated response are critical to stop the spread of the epidemic; half measures will all but ensure that hospitals and health care workers see more COVID cases in coming weeks and that more families in the Commonwealth lose loved ones. The governor should shut down indoor dining now to tame community spread of COVID-19. Failing that, people who want a change of menu or to support local restaurants would be wise to just order lots of takeout.

Why is the state still allowing indoor dining?

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SCOT LEHIGH

The GOP doth protest too little

Thus conscience does make cowards of us all," Hamlet soliloquizes as he balances the worldly-woe-ending lure of suicide against the dread of what might lie beyond the grave.

If Shakespeare's fictive prince were observing today's Republicans and their terrors about their post-Trump political existence, he'd have to give his famous observation a more apt, but less august, update.

"Thus cowardice does make cuckoos of us all" would certainly do the trick, but the anguished prince could also sub in "clodpates" if his Shakespearean sensibilities left him wanting a word with resonant roots in his own era.

Fear of Donald Trump and followers duped by his feather-headed fabulism means that spineless Republicans must pretend that what's the unreal is real when it comes to the election results — and vice versa as pertains to the pandemic.

This election wasn't stolen from Trump in any state, in any way, in any shape, or in any form. Further, his chance of overturning the results by any legitimate means approaches negative infinity. That's why Trump is now trying to subvert our democracy by pushing Republican legislators in several states that went for Biden to ignore the will of the people and instead install Trump electors.

And yet, if one is a Republican US senator not named Mitt Romney, Lisa Murkowski, Pat Toomey, Susan Collins, Lamar Alexander, Ben Sasse, or Bill Cassidy, he or she apparently can't forthrightly acknowledge that Biden won. The others are engaged in the politically self-protective pretense that the results are still somehow in doubt. Or mincing words. Or ducking.

Last week, noting the threats that had been triggered by conspiracy theories and false claims of fraud, Gabriel Sterling, Georgia's voting-system



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implementation manager, called on Trump and Georgia's Republican senators to speak up.

"Mr. President, you have not condemned these actions or this language," he said. "Senators, you have not condemned this language or these actions. This has to stop. We need you to step up. And if you're going to take a position of leadership, show some."

Poor Mr. Sterling expected too much of Senator Kelly Loeffler. Asked during Sunday's Georgia Senate debate whether Trump had lost, she refused to say. Such are the wages of sycophancy.

We see variations on that theme with the pandemic. Yes, in the face of a dismaying fall surge, a number of previously resistant governors have reversed course and implemented mask requirements. Two-thirds of the states now have them in some form.

The outliers? States with GOP governors. Let's look at two.

Even as South Dakota has become one of the

nation's worst hotspots, even as South Dakotan doctors and nurses have urged her to impose a mask requirement, Governor Kristi Noem has stubbornly refused, claiming the surge in her state isn't related to her refusal to implement a mask mandate or lockdowns.

In Florida, Governor Ron DeSantis, a close Trump ally, has done her one worse. He has not only rejected a statewide mask mandate, he also recently extended a gubernatorial order preventing localities from imposing mask requirements of their own.

And according to a lengthy investigative report by the South Florida Sun Sentinel, DeSantis and his administration "suppressed unfavorable facts, dispensed dangerous misinformation, dismissed public health professionals, and promoted the views of scientific dissenters who supported the governor's approach to the disease."

He emulated his presidential mentor, in other words.

One can still find elected officials like Noem and DeSantis who question the value of masks or restrictions on commercial establishments that bring people in close proximity. But we now have

some important clarity there. Researchers at Oxford University's Blavatnik School of Government have ranked the strength of national and state coronavirus containment efforts. The New York Times then matched the Blavatnik School's ranking against the severity of the pandemic in each state. The pattern is clear: States that instituted tougher measures earlier have had more success controlling the coronavirus and have seen smaller fall surges.

"Places that prevent people from seeing each other see cases start to fall — and hospitalization after that, and deaths after that — more quickly than places that don't do that," Professor Thomas Hale, who leads that Oxford effort, said in an interview.

Trump leaves office in 42 days. Noem and DeSantis have two years left in their terms. In a just political world, the answer to the question of whether any of the three should be or not be in public office again would be a resounding no.

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Something is rotten in the party's mental state.

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INBOX

In reckless election fight, GOP wages war on us all

Republican lawmakers show true colors in disavowing Biden win

According to a Washington Post survey reported in Sunday's Globe, 220 of the 249 Republican members of Congress continued to remain silent regarding Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 election, and another two considered Donald Trump the winner. Conventional wisdom and myriad talking heads seem to think that these Republicans are so fearful of the terrible tweeting thumbs of Trump that they must remain mute lest the tempestuous one unleash his wrath — and that of his base — on them. So these Republicans must bide their time until the storm passes and they can once again find their tongues and spines.

Are these supposed representatives of the people such cowards? Have they all lost the courage of their convictions — the ones they convinced their voters that they had? Or did they lack such convictions to begin with?

After all the destruction Trump has brought to our institutions of democracy and all the outrages he has visited upon our sensibilities, it is high time we consider that, for these men and women in Congress, he is doing precisely what they approve of, and that they are not quivering cowards but rather full-throated supporters of his actions. That goes as well for any elected conservative who keeps quiet; their silence makes them complicit.

WILLIAM MILLER

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We wait out this moral turpitude

Only 27 congressional Republicans openly acknowledge the election victory of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, and it is not out of conviction that this is the case. If it were, their collective mental agility would be drawn into question. No, this is a matter of convenience. Political convenience and fear of the paper tiger they have made of the incumbent have placed them in the moral and ethical turpitude in which they reside.

What can we do?

The solution lies with these elected officials. All we can do is wait it out. Yet once clear of this political miasma, let us go forth with more discernment.

The refusal to acknowledge this legitimate election, perhaps the most regulated and verified in American history, is moral cowardice pure and simple. Are these people fit to be reelected? You decide.

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Salem

'Someone's going to get hurt'

Re "Armed protesters gather at Mich. election chief's home" (Page A9, Dec. 8): One word from Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, and this kind of dangerous, violent, and outrageous behavior, which has been going on since Joe Biden was declared president-elect on Nov. 7, would stop. As Gabriel Sterling, Georgia's voting system manager, said on Dec. 1, "Someone's going to get hurt, someone's going to get shot, someone's going to get killed, and it's not right."

Sterling urged Donald Trump to "stop inspiring people to commit potential acts of violence," and he stressed that GOP senators should step up and show some leadership.

What if Hillary Clinton had acted this way in 2016? After all, she won the popular vote.

How will history look upon McConnell and the more than 220 members of Congress who will not acknowledge the outcome of the recent election? I do not think the word patriot will be used. I guess shame does not matter to McConnell.

SUSAN MALTZ

Arlington

Those Trump rallies aren't funny anymore

Watching Saturday night's Donald Trump rally tells me it's long past time to stop chuckling at people chanting, "Lock them up" or "Stop the steal." Sure, people at his rallies are out for a bad idea of a good time. But what are the rest of us doing? We're sitting on our couches, watching. Haven't we done enough of that?

I'm guilty of having spent four years watching nightly news and my favorite commentators, convinced that my vigilance keeps democracy intact. It doesn't. I'm merely being entertained.

I'm no sociologist, but maybe one road to power is through a citizenry of passive viewers. Someone gets in front of enough crowds, captures people's attention, and persuades them to do something supposedly fun that's borderline violent. They act. We watch.

Our fellow Americans misbehaving for a while might be nothing serious, as long as we keep track of them until the next election. What if that's not enough? How do we learn what to do, and when?

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A lesson by way of Orwell

In George Orwell's novel "1984," which was written in 1949, we're shown how successful manipulation of the mind can produce chilling results. In his afterword to the novel, written in 1961, Erich Fromm writes that a "person is no longer saying the opposite of what he thinks, but he thinks the opposite of what is true . . . and he feels free because there is no longer any awareness of the discrepancy between truth and falsehood."

Perhaps this would explain why such a large percentage of the people who voted for Donald Trump still believe the election was rigged and the coronavirus is a hoax.

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The grinch in the White House is trying to steal democracy

After decorating her family's Christmas tree, Jocelyn Benson settled down with her 4-year-old son last Saturday to watch "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." That's when she first heard the cacophony of hostilities in front of her home.

What she saw were dozens of armed protesters "shouting obscenities and chanting into bullhorns in the dark of night," Benson said in a statement later posted on Twitter. "The demands made outside my home were unambiguous, loud, and threatening." Amid the clamor, one agitated yelp rose above all else: "Stop the steal."

President Trump's supporters, spurred by the one-term lame duck's assault on democracy, continue to bully election officials like Benson, Michigan's secretary of state. It's been more than a month since Joe Biden was declared the president-elect. Yet with farcical claims of treason and sedition — and death threats — Trump's supporters want to reverse an election that Trump lost in the popular count by more than 7 million votes.

In less than 45 days, Trump will leave the White House. What will remain is the curdling wrath of the MAGA millions eager to subvert the will of more than 80 million voters who refused to reelect the worst president in modern American history.

Conducted days after Biden's victory, a Gallup/Knight Foundation poll found that a whopping 83 percent of Republicans said they did not believe news reports of Trump's loss. Nearly 90 percent of them said they don't believe the electoral process worked well, compared to 92 percent of Democrats who claimed the exact opposite.

That stunning denial of reality isn't just prevalent among ordinary GOP voters.

Too much is exactly what Trump wants.

According to a Washington Post survey, only 27 out of 249 Republicans in the House and Senate acknowledge Biden's win. As for the cowardly rest, their silence bolsters Trump's after-the-fact voter suppression efforts, which mostly target districts with large Black and brown populations.

In a blistering press conference last week, Gabriel Sterling, Georgia's voting system implementation manager, called out Trump's indifference to his supporters' tactics. Sterling, other officials, and even election workers have been subject to a barrage of harassment and threats. "This is elections," he said. "This is the backbone of democracy, and all of you who have not said a damn word are complicit in this. It's too much."

Too much is exactly what Trump wants. He's stirring the pot to a dangerous boil. And he knows that when he's gone, this nation, already reeling from an out-of-control pandemic and a shattered economy caused by his malevolent inaction, will be left to sort out the mess he'll leave behind.

To be clear, Trump is not deluded. He's not living in an alternative reality. He knows he's a loser. Yet the longer he drags this out, the more he can fleece the MAGA faithful who've been sending millions in donations



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to his phony "Election Defense Fund." That money is going to his new Save America PAC. He is trying to delegitimize Biden's presidency before it's even begun, with a frontal assault on democracy that, in its long unfinished state, has always been vulnerable to bad actors.

And even if Trump somehow pulls off the unprecedented act of pardoning himself, he's desperate to avoid what awaits him when he's no longer president.

"Currently, there is nothing in the law in the State of New York that would preclude an investigation by local and state authorities against the Trump organization, Donald Trump, and/or any other member of his family, and/or associates or business partners," Letitia James, New York's attorney general, said during a CNN interview last week. "There's nothing preventing our investigation from going forward against Donald Trump as a private citizen."

Facing a criminal investigation by the Manhattan district attorney's office and a state civil inquiry, Trump knows that when his presidency ends, he's going to go through some things. That's why he's firing up his followers to believe that what happens to him is happening to them as well. "They want to take, not me, but us down, and we can never let them do that," he said in that bonkers 46-minute video he released last week.

The terroristic threats and intimidation will continue. Neither Trump nor his supporters nor the GOP care about the dark places where this will lead the nation. As Trump has often done, he is using the weight of his powers to punish those he believes have been disloyal to him, further cementing his corrosive legacy as the heartless grinch who tried to steal democracy.

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Biden promised not to pardon Trump. Maybe he should do so anyway

Last spring, a voter asked Joe Biden to commit, if elected, to "not pulling a President Ford" by pardoning Donald Trump "under the pretense of healing the nation."

Biden's answer was unequivocal. "Absolutely, yes," he said. "I commit."

At the time, there was no other answer he could have given. The presidential campaign was building to a boil. Biden, who hadn't yet been formally nominated, was working to unite all factions of his party behind the single objective of ejecting Trump from the White House. Any suggestion of future magnanimity toward a president so intensely loathed by tens of millions of Democrats would have divided and demoralized Biden's base.

Seven months later, Trump is no less loathed. If anything, he is making himself even more despised by lashing out against a mythical vast left-wing conspiracy and refusing to concede that Biden is president-elect. More than ever, perhaps, much of the country is eager to see the 45th president of the United States brought to justice for his alleged offenses, from campaign finance crimes to tax fraud to obstruction of justice. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said she wants to see Trump "in prison," and countless Democrats agree. Just as countless Republicans have agreed with Trump's frequent demands that his political bêtes noires — Biden, Hillary Clinton, even Barack Obama — should be arrested or jailed.

But a continuation of "lock 'em up" politics will not heal America's poisoned public culture. It will only make it more bitter, an-

gry, and dysfunctional.

Biden has said his goal is to "unite and heal this nation" and to be "a president who looks not to settle scores, but to find solutions." That is why he ought to rethink his commitment not to pardon Trump.

When Gerald Ford granted Richard Nixon a "full, free, and absolute pardon" for any federal crimes he may have committed as president, he knew there would be a political backlash. In fact, the recoil was ferocious. The New York Times blasted the pardon as "a body blow to the president's own credibility." The Washington Post called it "nothing less than the continuation of a coverup." The ACLU savagely compared the pardon to Nuremberg trials "in which the Nazi leaders would have been let off." Overnight, Ford's public approval plummeted by 21 percentage points. Even his press secretary resigned in protest.

As a young senator in 1974, Biden had a front-row seat to this furor; he witnessed firsthand the abuse Ford took for shielding Nixon from prosecution. In 2020, as a much older president-elect, Biden knows that America eventually came around to Ford's point of view. Even implacable Nixon-haters in time acknowledged Ford's statesmanship and integrity. Senator Edward Kennedy, one of the fiercest critics of the pardon, honored Ford with the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award in 2001, extolling the "dedication to our country" that had "made it possible for us to begin the process of healing and put the tragedy of Watergate behind us."

Trump is a more noxious character than Nixon ever was. There is zero chance that he

would respond to a pardon as Nixon did, with a statement expressing "regret and pain at the anguish" he had caused. But there is also zero doubt that if Biden's Justice Department moves to investigate or indict Trump, the soon-to-be former president will be regarded as a martyr by millions of his vocal and worshipful admirers. The partisan divide that already causes so much bad blood in America will grow even wider and more vicious. The agitation and recriminations of the last four years will continue. Biden's hope of leading the nation out of its present sickness will come to nothing.

"My conscience tells me that only I, as president, have the constitutional power to firmly shut and seal this book," Ford said as he pardoned Nixon. "My conscience tells me it is my duty not merely to proclaim domestic tranquility but to use every means that I have to insure it."

Biden said he would not pardon Trump. There are strong reasons not to do so, among them that no man should be above the law — least of all a president who has treated the nation's legal and political norms with such corrosive contempt.

But the question for Biden isn't what Trump deserves, but what the nation needs. The polls may not be kind to the next president if he spares his predecessor from prosecution. But history, not the polls, will have the final say.

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President Ford announcing the pardon of Richard Nixon from the Oval Office in 1974.



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President Richard Nixon bids farewell to his Cabinet and staff at the White House after his resignation on Aug. 9, 1974.

A STATE OF EMERGENCY

No clear answers on whether virus is spreading in schools

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back to school, given the mounting consensus that remote learning is harming kids' academic and social emotional growth, nuance is often lost. Teachers' unions seem to suggest aging school buildings are dangerous unless proven otherwise. Politicians and some public health specialists promote schools as if they are safety zones from a pandemic.

"It's not a magic bubble location," said Emily Oster, a Brown University economist who has built one of the country's most comprehensive databases of school COVID cases and found surprisingly little spread.

"People are craving certainty," Oster acknowledged. "When we say schools are very safe, [people] want to read it as 'schools are totally safe with no transmission.'"

As with all things COVID, the accumulating data present a more complicated risk-benefit analysis.

It's unclear precisely how

many people have been infected in schools, but state officials believe they know the maximum number possible, and they see no cause for alarm.

This school year, they have identified 75 clusters in Massachusetts schools — defined as two or more cases between unrelated people without another clear source of infection. But they think only about half of those clusters could have been linked to in-school transmission, given the timing of infections.

Even if all 208 cases associated with those clusters were caused by in-school spread, however, they would make up just a sliver of the nearly 3,000 COVID cases among students and staffers reported this year. That means the vast majority of infected kids and teachers contracted the virus at home or in the community, not at school.

State officials say they're also reassured that the rate of infection among students and staff attending schools in person is only one-quarter of the infection rate in the community state-

wide.

For any individual student, the data shows that the risk of in-school transmission is vanishingly small, Baker's health secretary, Marylou Sudders, said. Just 0.02 percent of the estimated 450,000 students who have been in schools at some point this year have been part of a suspected cluster.

The numbers game is not much comfort to teachers, though, or to parents worried about their children's risk of contracting COVID at school.

"Our members who have the highest risk factors or live with family members with risk factors are terrified," said Merrie Najimy, president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. "They feel like sacrificial lambs."

Teachers don't trust the state or national data denying many outbreaks being linked to schools, Najimy said, in part because many places don't have widespread testing available in schools or communities, so there is no way to know the true rates of COVID including asymptom-

atic cases, which are more common in children.

That's a valid concern, said Dr. Leanna Wen, the former Baltimore health commissioner and a public health professor at George Washington University.

"There has been a failure of national policy and we have not done right by our children for sure in this pandemic," Wen said. "But why should the effect of that and the failures of our society all be on the shoulders of the people who work in the schools?"

Rather than wait for a confirmed outbreak to close schools, Wen said, leaders should require schools to demonstrate they have proper preventative safety measures in place, including the ability to socially distance everyone by 6 feet and proper air filtration and ventilation, before being allowed to open.

Many schools have found ways to keep teachers safe — and if all measures have been adhered to, teachers should not have reason to worry if someone in their class tests positive, said Erin Bromage, an immunology professor at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth who has advised school leaders in Rhode Island, Boston, Westport, Dartmouth, and Fairhaven. Small adjustments — like resisting the instinct to walk the aisles of the classroom to help students side-by-side — can make in-person instruction safer.

Public health officials are confident that schools aren't super-spreaders, even as they acknowledge they are not likely detecting all cases of in-school spread. When a student or staffer tests positive, investigators try to identify any "close contacts," people who came within 6 feet of the person for 15 minutes or longer while they were likely infectious. Health authorities order those close contacts to quarantine and seek testing, using the results to determine whether they believe transmission oc-

curred in school. Given schools' distancing measures, many school cases have yielded few "close contacts," if any, though some situations arise where distancing is difficult such as in hallways, sports, buses, and special education.

In Norwood, for example, no close contacts of school cases so far have tested positive, leading officials there to conclude they haven't had in-school transmission.

"Can I say for sure that there is in-school transmission or not in my community? No, but at this point, I don't believe so," said Sigalle Reiss, director of Norwood's board of health and president of the Massachusetts Health Officers Association. "There's never 100 percent [certainty] — we deal with probability a lot."

The state's mobile rapid response testing unit has at least 15 times responded to school concerns about outbreaks by offering tests to a larger group of possibly exposed students and staffers in schools including Braintree, Malden, and Billerica. (All 221 people tested in Billerica were negative, indicating no in-school spread.)

Public health or school nurses looking for causes of school infections often find the likely source of transmission at home. For instance, in Westport, a small South Coast district of 1,355 students, nurses have been tracking reports whenever students call out sick or quarantine due to relatives' diagnoses, "so we've been able to identify all of our cases so far," said Diane Daponte, one of two lead nurses for the district.

More than two dozen cases of COVID have been reported in Westport schools since the primary and elementary schools opened full time this fall. But in-school transmission was only suspected once, because two students from the same classroom tested positive, within days and

had no obvious sources of infection outside school. As a result, the classroom was closed for deep-cleaning and a two-week quarantine.

Oster said that more detailed information about in-school transmission would help identify and avert specific risks — for instance, if outbreaks are occurring in faculty lounges or locker rooms — thereby putting workers' minds at ease and preventing wholesale closures.

Teachers are also suspicious of the state's numbers, as many COVID cases they learn about aren't publicly reported. The unions launched an online database in mid-November to crowd-source reports of COVID cases, in-school spread, and other safety issues, amid the governor's assertions that they should be back in school.

"It makes me very angry," said one Milton Public Schools educator who is "1,000 percent" sure she contracted coronavirus in school in October, when she was identified as a "close contact" of a co-worker. They were the first ones in their families to contract the virus, at about the same time as four other employees and one student in school tested positive.

Her co-worker, who has since recovered, had initially gone to the emergency room to be screened for pneumonia, only to be whisked away by nurses warding off passer-by by warning "positive COVID."

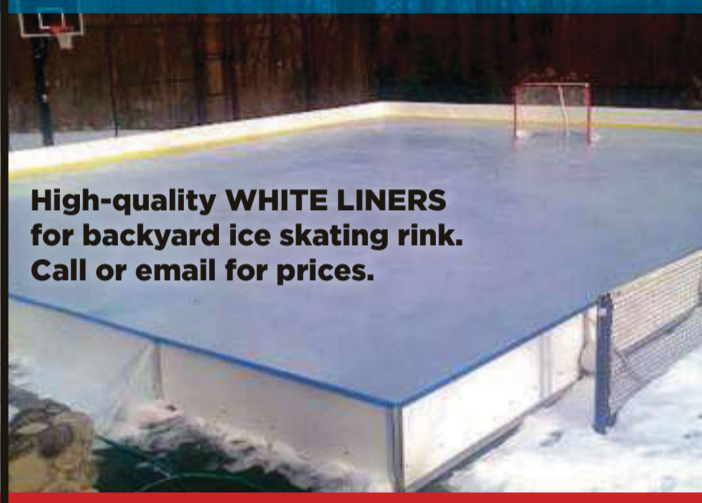
After three nights in the hospital and a course of remdesivir, she recovered, and returned to work at school, further humbled by a virus that she had tried to guard against with a mask and a plexiglass cube around her desk.

"It's no joke," she said.

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Remembering an advocate



Larry Adams was a man who wasn't always great at following rules.

As a resident years ago at the Barbara McInnis House — a short-term facility for homeless people struggling with illness — he had a reputation as one of the patients who would slip out, slip up, bend a few rules.

He wasn't difficult — just a man who followed his own agenda.

"I would talk to him about it, because he would sneak out of the building and head on down to the corner, and I would say, 'Come on man, that's disruptive,'" said his friend Barry Bock, now the CEO of Boston Health Care for the Homeless. "But he was always really articulate about talking about needs that didn't fit neatly in the box."

By the time he died on Oct. 29 at the age of 70, Adams had gone from a man living on the streets to a fierce advocate for the street people he viewed as his community. For years, he served as a board member of Health Care for the Homeless, collecting honors along the way for his volunteer work.

It's slightly misleading to say that Adams had traveled from homelessness to advocacy, though. His gift was to translate the experience of life on the street to dedicated and devoted doctors and caregivers who, as a rule, have never experienced the ills they are committed to addressing. Adams did this, in part, by never completely leaving his former life behind.

He had moved to Boston decades ago, living in the Orchard Park housing development. Back then, he had a string of jobs — short-order cook, part-time DJ, long-haul trucker. Adams was a big, charismatic personality. He had a string of admirers. He also had a drug habit, which accelerated his decline into homelessness, according to his partner of many years, Pearl Rivers.

"He was a person people followed," Rivers said. "He followed the wrong crowd, and then he had people who followed him. But he actually turned his life around. I was very proud of him."

He turned it around by finding that he could be of service to others. When Bock and others decided that the McInnis House needed more input about its operations from the people served there, he became a charter member of the Consumer Advisory Board.

Even as his health deteriorated, he was known to never miss a meeting, even figuring out Zoom to make meetings this summer from his bed in a nursing home.

In 2013, the New England Patriots Foundation honored Adams as "Volunteer of the Year." He got to go on the field before a game and mingle with players, and the Patriots donated \$10,000 to Health Care for the Homeless in his honor.

One of his insights was that simply getting housing was not necessarily enough to bring stability to homeless people — that the mental and psychological issues that render people's lives unmanageable don't evaporate because someone hands them the keys to an apartment.

"From a clinician standpoint or a case management standpoint, you think that's the end of the journey," Bock said. "When from Larry's vantage point, that was the midpoint of the journey. You still need to be able to ask for help."

Adams was the driving force behind a video on the enduring issues — "New Place, New Problems" — that's been viewed over 300 times on YouTube.

Somewhere along the line, Rivers formally took over his shaky finances, allowing him to stay in an apartment for good. But his health issues began to mount. Adams went from walking a little to not at all, and lost most of his motor function.

Still, advocating for the homeless provided him with a purpose.

"He never complained about his deteriorating health," said his physician, Dr. Claire Carlo. "He did everything that he was able to do, and did it willingly. He was an inspiration to many of us. We're all going to miss that."

He died of complications from a stroke — though it's also fair to say he was felled by an accumulation of ills. Adams's friends will gather later this week — on Zoom, of course — to celebrate his life. They will remember a man whose recovery didn't follow a straight line, but whose passion for helping others inspired many around him — not only homeless people, but advocates and clinicians, too.

In the video that's now part of his legacy, Adams offered a hard-earned bit of optimism to those who might need help.

"Hold out your hand and ask," he said. "Guess what? Somebody will grab it."

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Nursing homes wrestle with logistics

Biggest fear is many staff and residents suffering vaccine side effects at same time

By Robert Weisman
GLOBE STAFF

Nursing home residents and staff could start getting COVID-19 shots as soon as Christmas week, good news for a population that was ravaged by the pandemic last spring. But already administrators are wrestling with daunting logistical challenges as they try to protect their people.

Their biggest fear: A compressed vaccination schedule, mandated by federal guidelines, could mean many staff and residents get their shots on the same days, leading to lots of people suffering vaccine side effects. That could mean nurses and aides calling in sick with side effects such as fatigue and low-grade fever just when old and frail residents with the same side effects need attention, say medical directors at the state's skilled nursing facilities and other long-term care sites.

"That would be a dire situation," warned Dr. Asif Merchant, a geriatrician at Newton-Wellesley Hospital who serves as medical director for four suburban Boston nursing homes.

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Poll finds most Mass. residents open to vaccine

By Laura Krantz and Kay Lazar
GLOBE STAFF

The majority of Massachusetts residents plan to get a coronavirus vaccine when it's available, but Black and Latino residents are more hesitant because of longstanding distrust of the government on health care issues, a new poll has found.

Republicans and regular church-

goers are also among those least eager to be first in line for a vaccine, partly due to skepticism over whether the vaccine has been thoroughly tested.

The survey, conducted late last month by MassINC and commissioned by the Museum of Science Boston and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Cen-

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FATAL FIRE IN REVERE

One person was killed and two other residents were injured during a multialarm fire in Revere early Tuesday, officials said. Revere firefighters first responded to the scene on Thornton Street around 2:40 a.m. and eventually struck four alarms to battle the fire, which was reported under control around 10:15 a.m. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Revere police and fire departments and State Police assigned to State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey's office and to Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins' office. Above: Residents gathered in the cold at a house across the street as they watched the fire being extinguished.



Historical society to help us say 'good riddance' to 2020

Cambridge group to host event where you write down bad things from this year — then shred them

By Steve Annear
GLOBE STAFF

A global pandemic. "Murder hornets." A bitter, nail-biting presidential election.

The list goes on. There's no shortage of evidence that 2020 has been, as they say, a complete dumpster fire, both collectively and for many, on a deeply personal level. Last week, Time magazine flatly declared it the "worst year ever."

But with the new year approaching, the Cambridge Historical Society wants you to break free from 2020's relentless negativity. It's time to move on, shed the heavy emotional baggage we've carried for months, and finally look ahead to the future.

On Saturday, you can do just that during the nonprofit's "Good Riddance 2020" event at its Brattle Street headquarters. Attendees are invited to write down "the things you wish to leave behind from 2020, before dropping the note through a shredding machine, reducing your sadness and regrets to mere ribbons.

After watching their frustrations vanish, (or at least be sent to recycling), people can start anew, and jot down their "hopes, dreams, and wishes" for next year on a piece of seeded paper, which, after being planted, will eventually grow into wildflowers.

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Some bad memories from 2020: Unfounded claims of voter fraud and coping with masks, social distancing, and closed businesses due to COVID-19.

T's plan to buy battery-powered buses may do little to ease emissions

By Adam Vaccaro
GLOBE STAFF

The MBTA has hardly been a pioneer among transit agencies in weaning itself off fossil fuels altogether, with just 33 electric-powered buses in its overall fleet of nearly 1,100, the rest mostly a mix of diesel powered or diesel-electric hybrids.

But the agency is planning to take a measurable step forward in 2021 by launching a plan to buy at least 35 battery-powered buses, its biggest acquisition yet of a technology that despite its many promises is still unproven.

There's a catch, however: the T is not planning to use the new electric buses to replace the older, rumbling diesel ones, or even the hybrids that still emit some greenhouse gases.

Instead, the agency would use the new electric buses to replace the bulk of its current electric-powered fleet, meaning it wouldn't actually result in much of a reduction in emissions.

"It doesn't make any sense to me. It's a like-for-like replacement," said Veena Dharmaraj, director of transportation at the Massachusetts Sierra Club. "It won't reduce emissions or pollution."

The 35 new buses will arrive in 2023 and replace the 28 vehicles that have been powered by overhead electric catenary lines in Cambridge, Belmont, and Waverton for decades.

Those buses are 16 years old and due for replacement. BUSES, Page B3

WINTER'S PERCH

A cardinal sat on the branch of a peach tree covered with freshly fallen snow Tuesday morning in Pembroke.



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New England in brief

BOSTON

Death investigated at apartment complex

A death investigation was underway late Tuesday night at a public housing complex on Columbus Avenue in Roxbury. There was a heavy police presence outside the Doris Bunte Apartments, a property run by the Boston Housing Authority, at 1990 Columbus Ave. A police cruiser sat parked with its blue lights flashing in front of the building near Egleston Square. Three more cruisers were parked in front of the building, including one from the Boston Housing Authority police. Officer Stephen McNulty said it was not known whether the death is a homicide or an accident. "That will be determined by investigators on-scene," said McNulty, a department spokesman. The state medical examiner's office arrived on the scene around 10:20 p.m. and a body was removed shortly before 11 p.m. An officer stood in the front entrance to the building as residents came and went throughout the evening. The cylinder shaped brick building is several stories tall. It was unclear on which floor the death occurred.

Hazmat incident at laboratory

The fire department's hazmat crew responded Tuesday to Merck Research Laboratories after a worker was exposed to fumes from an unknown chemical, officials said. Firefighter Brian Alkins, a department spokesman, said the call came in at around 8 a.m. and hazmat crews were sent in with meters to monitor the air quality in the room, which was on the third floor of the building at 33 Avenue Louis Pasteur. The worker who was exposed was "conscious and alert" and taken to the hospital by Boston EMS, he said.

NORTH READING

Off-duty officer alerts residents to fire

An off-duty police officer was hailed as a hero Tuesday after he spotted a house on fire on Route 62 and stopped to wake up the residents, officials said. Sergeant Thomas Encarnacao, who had just finished his shift, noticed flames coming from the side of the house at 30 Lowell St. while driving home shortly after 1 a.m., police said in a statement. He radioed his location to dispatch. He then kicked the door down and found a man sleeping on a couch at the front of the house and helped him outside to safety, police said. Two other officers arrived to assist, and the man told them there was another resident in the basement, the statement said. The officers alerted the second resident but could not locate him immediately, police said. The man eventually made his way upstairs and out the front door. When firefighters arrived, the two residents told them a 13-year-old boy was sleeping in the back bedroom, the statement said. Police and firefighters were able to remove a window screen in the bedroom, found the boy standing by a window in the smoke-filled room, and pulled him out through the window to safety, the statement said. Firefighters extinguished the fire before it was able to spread further through the house and attic area, the statement said. All three residents were evaluated at the scene but were not taken to the hospital, and no firefighters were injured, the statement said.

PLYMOUTH

Family treated for CO exposure

A family was evacuated from their home Tuesday after dangerous levels of carbon monoxide built up inside from a malfunctioning furnace in their basement, fire officials said. Firefighters responded to the single family home on Kings Pond Plain Road and discovered carbon monoxide levels of 75 parts per million in the basement, and between 25 and 30 parts per million in other parts of the house. Two adults and three young children — a 10-year-old, a 22-month-old, and a 2-month-old — were rushed to Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Plymouth for treatment to exposure of the gas that is odorless and colorless, Plymouth Fire Chief G. Edward Bradley said in a statement. A fourth child who went to school was taken to the hospital for a medical examination. All of the adults and children have since been released, Bradley said. The house had an active CO alarm and smoke alarms that had been installed in 1999, the department said. Investigators concluded that a malfunctioning furnace was the source of the carbon monoxide. The furnace was shut off and the house was ventilated for an hour before the family could safely return.

Parents have lost jobs, but not hope

By Christopher Tangney GLOBE SANTA CORRESPONDENT

For 65 years Globe Santa has been providing holiday gifts to Boston area children. In this time of heightened need, as 500 more families are seeking help this year, please consider giving by phone, mail or at globesanta.org.

As the COVID-19 crisis took hold last spring, tens of millions of Americans lost their jobs in the span of just a few weeks.

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In far too many Massachusetts families, both parents suddenly found themselves in a terrible spot: the unemployment line.

Nearly nine months later, the fallout continues from the largest economic collapse since the Great Depression.

"Unfortunately, due to COVID, I am currently out of work," a mother from Boston wrote in a letter to Globe Santa. "My children's father is also out of work."

The mother turned to Globe Santa for assistance in providing their 7-year-old daughter, 4-year-old son and infant son with Christmas gifts.

She is a substitute teacher at Boston Public Schools, making her well-qualified for the role she's filled since the pandemic hit.

"My kids are...required to do remote learning," she wrote. "I spend a lot of time helping with that."

It's been the hardest year of their lives, she said in her letter, and her children have struggled with the lack of social interaction and organized activities.

"I am hoping that Globe Santa will be able to help give my kids some sense of normalcy during these crazy times," she wrote. "I know we're not the only family that needs help and we are very thankful."

This family will be on Globe Santa's list this year, along with thousands of others, so that the children can experience the wonder of Christmas morning with presents from Santa Claus.

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lion families have benefitted. Joining that group this season will be a 10-year-old boy from southeastern Massachusetts.

The child's mother explained in a letter to Globe Santa that the pandemic has made 2020 a year the family would like to forget.

"This is the first time in more than 10 years that both my children's father and myself are not working," she wrote. "I am staying at home with my sons for remote schooling at the moment and their father is actively searching for a new job."

While her eldest son is not eligible for gifts, she's sure that her 10-year-old would be ecstatic to find winter clothes, toys,

games and other Christmas goodies under their tree.

"If you could assist with helping our son with gifts, we would be forever grateful," she wrote.

She signed off with a nod to Globe Santa's staff - many of whom toil year-round to make the campaign a success.

"My family and I hope that all of you that work for this program have a blessed Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday!" her letter concluded.

You can support Globe Santa either by phone, mail or online at globesanta.org.

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 9, the 344th day of 2020. There are 22 days left in the year.

Birthdays: Actor Dame Judi Dench is 86. Actor Beau Bridges is 79. Football Hall of Famer Dick Butkus is 78. Actor Michael Nouri is 75. Former senator Thomas Daschle, Democrat of South Dakota, is 73. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 71. Singer Joan Armatrading is 70. Actor Michael Dorn is 68. Actor John Malkovich is 67. Country singer Sylvia is 64. Singer Donny Osmond is 63. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 62. Comedian Mario Cantone is 61. Actor David Anthony Higgins is 59. Actor Joe Lando is 59. Actor Felicity Huffman is 58. Empress

Masako of Japan is 57. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Democrat of New York, is 54. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 53. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 52. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 51. TV personality-businessperson Lori Greiner (TV: "Shark Tank") is 51. Actor Allison Smith is 51. Songwriter and former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi is 50. Country singer David Kersh is 50. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 48. Actor Kevin Daniels is 44. Rock singer Imogen Heap is 43. Actor Jesse Metcalfe is 42. Olympic gold and silver medal gymnast McKayla Maroney is 25. In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tenny-

son's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England. In 1911, an explosion inside the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tenn., killed 84 workers. (Five were rescued.) In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II. In 1958, the anticommunist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis. In 1962, the Petrified Forest in Arizona was designated a national park. In 1965, the James Bond film "Thunderball," starring Sean Connery, had its world premiere in Tokyo. In 1987, the first Palestinian

intefadeh, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response. In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide. In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final in Aug. 1996.) In 2000, the US Supreme Court ordered a temporary halt in the Florida vote count on which Al Gore pinned his best hopes of winning the White House. In 2013, scientists revealed that NASA's Curiosity rover had uncovered signs of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars.

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T's battery-powered buses may do little to ease pollution

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ment. The MBTA has long expressed frustration with maintaining the catenary system, and apparently sees the buses' advanced age as an opportunity to move away from it. Hence the plan to sub in electric buses instead.

Spokeswoman Lisa Battiston said substituting battery-powered electric buses for the overhead ones could result in a smoother ride and better service. "Without being tied to the overhead catenary system, buses are able to operate around double-parked vehicles, perform emergency route detours, [and] be part of scheduled route variations," she said.

But the plan has baffled environmentalists, who think the MBTA should replace the catenary-powered buses with similar vehicles, and deploy new battery-powered technology in places where buses are still polluting — especially in poorer neighborhoods.

Among those critics is the Cambridge City Council, which in November voted unanimously to oppose the plan, suggesting the MBTA instead "prioritize environmental justice communities such as Chelsea and Dorchester for electrification efforts that would improve service and reduce emissions."

The MBTA already has five battery-powered buses that it acquired to test the zero-emission technology. It has been used since 2019 on the Silver Line — so far, to mixed results.

Some advocates have questioned why the T would move away from catenary wires, which

are a proven technology, when batteries are still maturing. On its test buses, the MBTA found the vehicles take too long to charge and their range is shorter in cold weather.

The drawback is severe enough that the MBTA has said the new battery buses may need to use an auxiliary fossil fuel source to heat the interior for passengers and lessen the load on the battery. That's another issue Cambridge officials "have concerns" about, said city spokesman Lee Gianetti.

The T, along with many industry specialists, expects battery technology to improve enough in the near future to eventually justify purchasing more. MBTA chief engineer Erik Stoothoff said at a November meeting that the small size of the Cambridge fleet and a goal to "simplify our fleet makeup" make them best-suited for replacement by battery power.

The current proposal could be expanded to include up to 50 more buses to operate out of a new garage in Quincy, which would be outfitted with charging capabilities, and then to other facilities as they become equipped.

A similar debate cropped up with a separate purchase of new buses the MBTA approved for the Silver Line in November. Those 45 buses are to be hybrids, switching between battery and diesel power, with the diesel engine charging the battery when in operation.

The current Silver Line buses use electric power from a catenary wire to run through the poorly ventilated tunnel under the Seaport District, and then

switch to diesel power above ground. The new buses will follow a similar pattern.

The MBTA says the battery power can also be activated on parts of the above-ground trip, such as through Chelsea, a community that has long bore the brunt of regional transportation pollution.

But critics say the MBTA should have instead bought buses that use the overhead wire in the tunnel to charge batteries so they continue to run on electric power once back above ground. The new buses will still cause some pollution above ground by using diesel power, said Ari Ofsevit, a senior associate in the Boston office of the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy.

Transit agencies have been increasingly focused on reducing their own carbon footprints by lessening their dependence on fossil fuels. The MBTA, for example, has spent most of the last decade swapping diesel buses for diesel-electric hybrids, and is expected to complete that transition by the mid-2020s.

But, as with automobiles, the focus is rapidly shifting to full electrification. While the MBTA does not significantly trail other major US transit agencies in deploying zero-emission buses, some of its peers have set aggressive goals to replace their fleets with all electric vehicles by as soon as 2030. The T has declined to establish a similar benchmark.

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Historical society to help us say 'good riddance' to 2020

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"It is truly a healing moment to write something down and shred it and see it go away," said Marieke Van Damme, the society's executive director. "But we also want to be optimistic, and we thought, 'Well, how do we identify what good came out of this year, how do we identify hopes, encouragement, and optimism?'"

Every year the society picks a theme and creates programs around that concept from a historical perspective, tying it to the present day. This year was supposed to focus on the role women have played in shaping the city's history, aligning with the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote.

But like many other organizations, the society was forced to shift gears and rethink its approach in light of the pandemic.

"We had this grand theme planned for the year, all these great programs talking about women," Van Damme said. "And that's all been changed."

As the months ticked on during the pandemic, organizers discussed ways they could engage with the city's residents. During one brainstorming session, the nonprofit's small staff started going through all of the "terrible stuff that was happening," Van Damme said, and "how bad news seemed to follow us all."

An idea soon emerged: What if they got a dumpster, put it in the historical society's driveway, and let people come by and throw notes in it before "literally

'I think showing a community coming together and overcoming difficulty in the spirit of resiliency, I think there's something lovely about that.'

MARIEKE VAN DAMME,
Cambridge Historical Society

setting it on fire?"

At first, the concept was somewhat of a joke. But then the group decided there might be something to it, once they figured out a safer method.

"We decided we didn't really know anyone at the fire department, so we couldn't really light the dumpster on fire," Van Damme said. "That being logistically an issue we said, 'You know what? We're Cantabrigians, we're environmentally friendly, let's just shred that stuff and recycle it.'"

On the day of the event, people will wait in line outside of the historical society building for their turn to use the shredder. The building has a gate leading up to the front door, so organizers will be able to make sure everyone remains at a safe distance. The event is free and open to the public.

New York City's Time Square Alliance is hosting a similar event this month, inspired by a Latin American tradition, ac-

ording to the group's website.

For those wary of venturing out, Van Damme has offered to do their shredding for them. People can e-mail the society their memories and regrets from 2020, and she will send them a video of her destroying the bad vibes, so they still get "that satisfaction of it going away."

While the cathartic event celebrates the physical act of letting go and looking ahead, "Good Riddance 2020" also has a digital aspect to it.

After taking home the seeded paper with their New Year hopes, participants are encouraged to use #seedlingsofhope on social media to post pictures of their plants as they grow.

The historical society is also curating a Spotify playlist full of songs that best capture 2020, organizers said. People can offer suggestions for the playlist using #goodriddancemixtape.

"There's nothing like a good mixtape to help process your emotions," the society tweeted Tuesday.

While it may seem like a lighthearted approach to dealing with a year filled with loss and grief, Van Damme said the organization is by no means downplaying people's very real experiences. Instead, they see the event as a genuine opportunity to "heal as a community," she said.

"I think showing a community coming together and overcoming difficulty in the spirit of resiliency, I think there's something lovely about that," she said.

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Ex-student sues over alleged abuse at Portsmouth Abbey

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letter illustrated, even after she broke things off in her first year of college, Smith pursued her into adulthood.

But E.'s troubles went far beyond her former teacher, according to the lawsuits, implicating leaders at the wealthy religious school that offered to help when she finally reported what happened. The lawsuits refer to her as "Jane Doe," and the Globe is identifying her by the first letter of her name. Smith did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

E.'s struggle to get free of Smith and hold her former school accountable spanned five years and multiple states. Her story suggests that even after a recent reckoning in New England private schools over decades of sexual abuse at the hands of faculty, the challenges for a student in her position remain high. Portsmouth Abbey in 2017 apologized for sexual abuse that occurred more than 30 years earlier. But according to the lawsuits, that same year the school dodged legal responsibility for a much more recent allegation of abuse.

Portsmouth Abbey did not respond to requests for comment or to a detailed list of questions.

The lawsuits claim that not only did the Abbey fail to protect E. as a student, but also that the school set her up to receive poor legal advice that benefited the school. The school paid for E. to be represented by a law firm in New Mexico that never told her the statute of limitations to bring action against her former boarding school would soon expire. School administrators "wanted to keep the potential scandal contained, and commenced to do so by 'steering' Plaintiff to use the School's outside consultant to 'help' her out of this predicament," the Rhode Island lawsuit says.

"I trusted the school and the people they were connecting me with wanted to help me," said E., who is now 24 and in graduate school, in an interview. "I wanted to be able to move on with my life."

A suit against Portsmouth Abbey and Smith was filed last week in federal court in Rhode Island, and a suit against Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, the law firm that represented E., was filed in New Mexico state court. The law firm strongly disputed the allegations, calling them inaccurate and one-sided in a

statement to the Globe.

E. arrived at the Abbey as a bright and shy scholarship student in the fall of 2010. She was 13 when she started ninth grade, thrilled at the prospect of a high school so much like Harry Potter's Hogwarts.

During her sophomore year, she grew close to Smith, who taught humanities. They had wide-ranging intellectual conversations that increasingly became personal, and she felt he treated her as an equal, she said in an interview.

"Sort of filling a void and giving me some of the praise and support that I was used to getting at home," E. said. At the end of the year, Smith invited her to his campus apartment, where, she said, he took her to a bedroom, kissed her, and initiated sexual acts. She was 15, below the age of consent in Rhode Island.

Earlier in the year, E.'s mother had become concerned that Smith was crossing boundaries, according to the Rhode Island lawsuit. E. said that her mother called a dorm "house parent" to discuss her concerns and that the house parent later mentioned the call to E. but did not do anything else.

When E. returned to campus for her junior year, she and Smith continued to meet and his acts of sexual abuse "intensified and became more frequent," according to the lawsuit. She told a classmate at the time that she was sexually involved with Smith, which the classmate, Lily Mercer-Paiva, confirmed in an interview with the Globe.

Throughout the next two years, Smith and E. exchanged hundreds of e-mails, written under aliases. The Globe reviewed some, which were sexually explicit.

The Abbey is a small school, with about 350 students, and soon the strange closeness of Smith and E. was the subject of widespread rumors, according to E. and Mercer-Paiva. Teacher and student could often be seen immersed in private conversations around campus, and multiple classmates, including the son of a faculty member, asked Mercer-Paiva about the nature of the relationship. At one point, Smith and E. emerged from a wooded area and ran into the entire lacrosse team, E. recalled.

But faculty and staff didn't look into the rumors, the lawsuit says.

"There wasn't a lot of desire to follow up," E. said. "People



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E.'s lawsuits claim that Portsmouth Abbey set her up to receive poor legal advice that benefited the school.

didn't want to deal with it."

Once she graduated in 2014 and started college, E. told Smith she no longer wanted to be in touch. She was getting older and her new friends gently suggested that perhaps the situation with her former teacher hadn't been the love story she thought.

As she processed what had happened, she had trouble sleeping and her academic work suffered. In the spring of 2015, she dropped out, returned home, and told her parents about Smith.

"It was like I never realized that I was as vulnerable as I was. Or that I could be manipulated so easily," she said. "So admitting that to myself was part of the challenge."

According to e-mails shared with the Globe, E.'s mother contacted the Abbey, and the school quickly suspended Smith. The school told Smith it planned to investigate the inappropriate relationship that was "alleged to have been sexual in nature." Later that day, Smith resigned.

It's not clear who reported the situation to local police. But E. said the police reached out to her in 2015 and she spoke to them briefly. She didn't want to get involved in a criminal case and did not tell them she had sexual contact with Smith. The Portsmouth Police Department rejected a public records request from the Globe for an incident report on privacy grounds.

The Abbey appeared to consider the issue resolved. In a 2016 letter to the school community, the Abbey said an independent law firm had reviewed a case involving "an inappropriate relationship between a faculty

member and a student. The matter was reported at the time to law enforcement, and the teacher was suspended, quickly resigned, and excluded from campus. No new information on this incident was revealed in the course of this review."

E. said she spoke briefly with the headmaster of the Abbey in 2015 to confirm that she and Smith had written e-mails under aliases. She said she was not contacted during the subsequent independent investigation of sexual abuse on campus.

And for her, the matter was far from over. Smith continued to hound her, sending pleading e-mails to her and others, which the Globe reviewed, mailing cards and money, and threatening to send roses by way of her university department.

When Mercer-Paiva told him to stop contacting her friend, referring to Smith as a predator, he objected.

"Hold on. Predator?! Is that how [E.] describes me after pursuing a relationship with me, begging me to continue with her each time I urged us to quit, and then parting in Jan 2015 as loving friends?" he wrote. He often described him and E. falling in love "under impossible circumstances" and wrote that because she would not speak to him, he feared "for her spiritual health."

E. blocked his e-mail address; when he wrote from new ones, she blocked those, too.

"It was enormously stressful and painful, as I was trying to process what had happened, and slowly coming to the realization that this wasn't my fault. And I wasn't just some kind of freak," she said.

And so, once again in 2017, E. reached out to her former boarding school for help.

The Abbey connected her with Kathleen McChesney, a crisis consultant and former FBI official who had led efforts within the Catholic Church to prevent child sexual abuse after the 2002 scandal.

McChesney declined to comment, saying in a statement that it would be unethical to confirm the names of her clients or discuss her work with them.

According to e-mails from the time, McChesney helped E. deliver a strongly worded letter to Smith telling him not to contact her. She also connected E. to Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie, telling the law firm that her client needed help with "a small matter, i.e., assisting her in obtaining a restraining order." McChesney was paid by the Abbey, the lawsuit said.

The law firm often represented the Catholic Church, and had a law partner in charge of defending "religious institutions," including sexual abuse claims against the church, the lawsuit said. The Abbey pledged to pay E.'s legal bills, according to e-mails the Globe obtained.

The lawsuit says the firm failed to tell E. that she was quickly approaching the statute of limitations, losing the chance to hold her former school responsible. They instead focused on getting a restraining order and did not tell E. of her other legal options.

Rhode Island passed a law in 2019 extending the statute of limitations for civil cases against individual abusers. But partly because of strong lobbying by the Catholic Church, the law is only retroactive for perpetrators and not negligent institutions, according to Timothy Conlon, a Rhode Island attorney acting as local counsel for E. on the case. (Her current case against the school could be thrown out on those grounds.)

"What was in it for the school was they basically dodged a very, very significant lawsuit," said Dave Ring, E.'s primary attorney who is based in Los Angeles.

Professors of legal ethics consulted by the Globe said that while it isn't uncommon for third parties to pay legal bills, failing to advise a client about an upcoming statute of limitations was problematic.

"If the advice is so basic that a first-year law student would have known that it should have been disclosed to the client, then

a reasonable fact finder might infer that the law firm was conflicted," said Ronald Sullivan, a professor of legal ethics at Harvard Law School. "Statute of limitations are one of the first things that lawyers tend to look at."

Lewis Roca Rothgerber Christie strongly disputed the allegations.

"The written scope of our engagement was narrow, was limited to the protective order issue against Smith, did not involve other parties, and in any event did not and could not have included advice about Rhode Island law," Kenneth Van Winkle Jr., managing partner of the firm, wrote in a statement to the Globe. "The school is not and has never been a firm client, and [E.'s] arrangement to have the school reimburse her for our fees was made by her or on her behalf before we were contacted and without our involvement."

The firm said in its statement that E. did not provide the documents necessary to pursue a restraining order and in May 2017, directed the firm in writing not to pursue Smith further. They closed her case about a month after she turned 21, according to e-mails obtained by the Globe. She did not obtain a restraining order.

Now, three years later, Smith continues to contact E. In the spring, he wrote to her current and former professors, and sent Mercer-Paiva explicit e-mails E. had written to him as a teenager. At one point he sent E. a Starbucks gift card and then tracked where it was spent, according to Facebook messages he sent to Mercer-Paiva. (E. says she gave the gift card away.) E. has become increasingly worried about what he might do next.

"The degree of information that he seems to have access to somehow about my life, despite my efforts to try and remain as private as possible, is increasing, to a kind of disturbing and frightening level," she said recently.

On Thanksgiving, a few days before her lawyer filed suit against the Abbey and her former teacher, Smith wrote once again, according to an e-mail obtained by the Globe.

"Let's ennoble our holiday by reaching out and making peace," he wrote. "Kindness is Karma Repair."

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A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Survey suggests support for more limits

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A new survey examining the public's sentiment toward restrictions aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 suggests that a majority of Massachusetts residents favor such measures, even if it means being stuck at home.

The results suggest that there is not only political support for more restrictions to be implemented but also a public desire for more to be done, one of the researchers wrote in an e-mail.

"The biggest single conclusion is that there is a lot of public support for the governor to be more aggressive in his response to COVID-19," said David Lazer, a Northeastern University professor and researcher with the COVID-19 Consortium for Understanding the Public's Policy Preferences Across States, which sponsored the survey. The effort also included researchers from Harvard, Northwestern University, and Rutgers University.

Lazer said that with cases, deaths, and other key metrics on

an upward trend recently, the public appears to be in line with public health experts' view that "a lot more has to be done to 'break the wave.'"

The study, released Tuesday morning, found that 88 percent of 919 respondents surveyed as part of an online panel between Oct. 1 and Nov. 28 support restrictions to keep people at home and avoid gatherings, and 89 percent support restricting international travel to the US.

Respondents were less supportive of closing businesses, yet still more than half — about 63 percent — said they would support shutting businesses down to help curb the virus's spread.

The study found that 82 percent of respondents support canceling major sports and entertainment events; 76 percent support restricting travel within the US; 79 percent support limiting restaurants to carry-out only; and 71 percent support prohibiting in-person learning in K-12 schools.

Over the weekend, school leaders in Cambridge and Framingham announced classes

would all be remote beginning this week as virus cases climbed in both cities. Meanwhile, Boston Public Schools announced on Monday that it would open reopen 28 schools and allow 1,700 more students to return to the classroom.

The data is further broken down by political party affiliation, race, age, parental status, and wealth. The study found that nonwhite Massachusetts residents are more supportive than white residents of all six restrictions. It also concluded that women are more supportive of the measures than men.

Parents of school-age children were more supportive of most restrictions than people without school-age kids, the study found. The biggest difference was over the closing of businesses, which garnered support from 81 percent of respondents who were parents of school-age children, compared to 62 percent support from their counterparts without school-age children. Parents looked slightly less favorably upon restricting international travel.

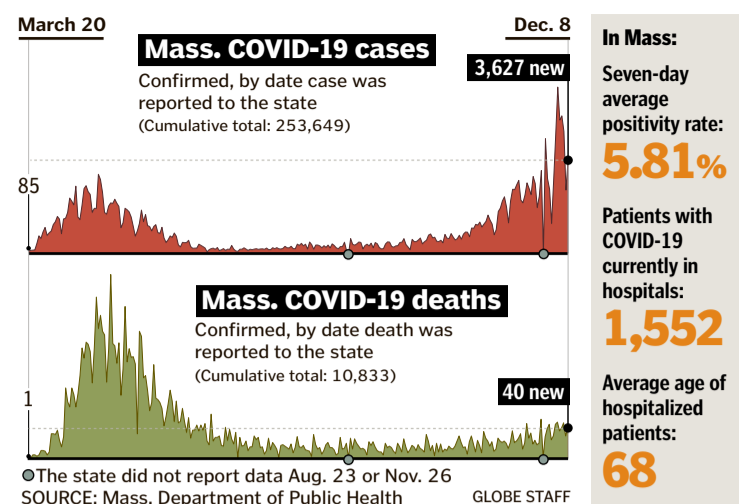
The study also found that opinions on restrictions differ greatly depending on political party affiliation: While 81 percent of Democrats surveyed said they support closing most businesses, only 47 percent of Republicans agreed.

The closest they come to agreeing was on international travel restrictions, which were supported by 87 percent of Republicans who participated and 92 percent of Democrats.

Matthew Baum, a professor of global communications at the Harvard Kennedy School and lead author on the study, said the results show that the public is far more supportive of restrictive measures than "our elite political debates suggest."

He added, "The implication is, again, that if our leaders are willing to take bolder actions to contain the spread of the virus, the citizens of Massachusetts appear to be ready to support them in doing so."

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Mass. reports 3,627 new coronavirus cases, 40 new deaths

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The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Massachusetts rose by 3,627 Tuesday, bringing the state's total to 253,649, the state announced.

The latest numbers come as the state is in the midst of an alarming second surge. The seven-day average of daily cases as of Tuesday was 4,639. The number of cases reported by the state tends to be lower than usual on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The death toll from confirmed cases increased by 40 to 10,833, the Department of Public Health reported.

The agency also said 58,601 people were estimated to have active cases of the potentially deadly virus, and 1,552 confirmed coronavirus patients were in the hospital.

The public health department also reported that 58,501 more tests had been conducted for coronavirus. The total number of tests administered climbed to more than 9.07 million. New antigen tests had been completed for 4,050 people, bringing that total to 284,946.

The state also reported that the seven-day average rate of

positive tests, which is calculated from the total number of tests administered, was at 5.8 percent. The lowest observed figure for that metric — a number watched closely by state officials — is 0.8 percent.

The state said the rate would be 7.76 percent if the effect of college testing programs — in which asymptomatic people can be tested repeatedly in an effort to rapidly identify new cases — is factored out.

The seven-day average of hospitalized coronavirus patients rose from 1,361 to 1,413. The lowest that metric has been is 140.

In the summer, the state appeared to have wrestled the virus under control, but case counts began to gradually rise as the summer wore on. In late October, case count growth accelerated. Since Thanksgiving, it has skyrocketed, even though some experts say the effects of Thanksgiving gatherings haven't been felt yet. Citing unsustainable increases and concern over the strain on the health care system, Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday announced he was tightening some coronavirus restrictions.



Governor Charlie Baker on Tuesday moved to scale back the reopening of the state's economy due to the virus surge.

Poll finds most in Mass. open to vaccine

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ters, highlighted a need for more communication around vaccine safety and the importance of showing people getting vaccinated successfully.

The survey also suggested that the reluctance of several groups will result in an uneven rollout of the vaccine, and further exacerbate racial and socioeconomic inequities laid bare by the pandemic.

"The people who are the most hesitant about taking the vaccine right now are the ones who are probably the most vulnerable, and I think as a society we have to do something about that," said Tim Ritchie, president of the Museum of Science.

Black Americans are dying from COVID-19 at nearly 2½ times the rate of white people nationwide, according to the COVID Tracking Project, and despite representing roughly 13 percent of the population, they have accounted for 22 percent of coronavirus deaths in cases in which race and ethnicity are known. At the same time, surveys have consistently shown that Black Americans are less willing than other racial and ethnic groups to accept a coronavirus vaccine.

While noting the inherent hurdles ahead, the health ex-

perts who commissioned the MassINC poll said they found optimism within the responses. While many people of color said they did not want to be among the first to receive the new drug, they were open to taking it with enough reassurance that it is safe and effective.

"Black and brown folks have hesitancy with this vaccine, and we can speak to them and they are willing to take it if we message them in the right way," said Michael Curry, incoming CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, which have played a key role this year in testing and treatment of the virus.

Curry said it is imperative that the health care community speak with patients in culturally and ethnically proficient ways and be honest about systemic inequity and mistreatment of people of color by the health care system and government. Vaccinating people of color will be one step toward curbing those inequities, he said.

People's own doctors are the most trusted authorities around these concerns, the poll found, while religious and political leaders are less trusted, as are friends and family.

The findings for Black and Latino residents surprised the Rev. Liz Walker, pastor of Rox-

bury Presbyterian Church and a member of Governor Charlie Baker's COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group. She expected a more dire disparity in light of the conversations she's had in the community.

"We still have challenges but it seems doable in terms of reaching people," she said of the vaccination process.

The poll results released Tuesday were based on a survey conducted in English and Spanish that reached 1,180 Massachusetts residents, and included oversamples of Black and Latino residents.

Overall, the poll found that 71 percent of respondents are at least somewhat likely to take the vaccine. Just 7 percent of respondents said they plan to never take it. It also found that 38 percent of white respondents will take the vaccine "as soon as possible" compared to 28 percent of Black respondents and 22 percent of Latino respondents.

Those who said they will take the vaccine sooner also include respondents with advanced degrees, those who identify as Democrats, people who earn more than \$100,000, and people over 60. Those who prefer to take the vaccine later include those with only a high school diploma and Republicans.

Community organizations that work with people of color are already working on strategies to educate their communities about the vaccine.

Eva Millona, executive director of the MIRA Coalition, an immigrant and refugee rights group, said those communities lack trust in the government after they endured trauma under the Trump administration.

Her organization is working with Boston city officials to hire immigrants who are trained doctors and health care professionals, but not licensed to practice in this country. Those people will serve as outreach workers to their communities and speak with people in their native languages about health care, including the vaccine, during the pandemic.

"There are fears and insecurities, there is this lack of being heard and recognized," she said. "What the pandemic has discovered is that you cannot recover or deal with these issues if everyone who lives here, regardless of where they were born, is not a part of the solution."

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Logistics daunting for senior care site vaccine planning

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Merchant, who sits on the state's vaccine advisory committee, said he and colleagues have raised the issue with state health officials. But the vaccine schedule was set by the pharmacy companies that will deliver and administer the vaccines at senior sites based on guidelines from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Memories of the first COVID-19 surge remain fresh for the 50,000 residents and more than 65,000 employees of the state's nursing homes, rest homes, and assisted living facilities. Many of them grappled with staff shortages even before the pandemic, and the shortages have intensified this year, making it crucial for them to have enough caregivers in the coming weeks.

Families of senior care residents believe state officials were slow to recognize the vulnerability of the elderly as outbreaks of the fast-spreading virus overwhelmed dozens of nursing homes last spring. To date, residents of long-term care facilities have accounted for 6,920, or about 62.5 percent, of the 11,076 probable or confirmed coronavirus deaths in Massachusetts, a higher share than in almost any other state.

Operators at senior care sites have been waiting for the state's vaccine distribution plan for weeks as Food and Drug Administration officials get ready to approve the first COVID-19 vac-



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A patient was moved from Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Worcester.

cine for emergency use as early as Thursday. Governor Charlie Baker last week promised details on Monday, but on Monday said they would now be coming on Wednesday.

Most long-term care facilities have enrolled in a federal pharmacy partnership program that, in Massachusetts, is using CVS and Walgreens as suppliers for both the Pfizer vaccine and a second vaccine, from Cambridge-based Moderna, that is expected to be approved next week.

The pharmacies have told senior facilities that, under federal guidelines, they will be making three visits to each site, bringing the vaccines and setting up clinics to administer injections.

Each resident and staffer will need to receive two doses, four weeks apart for the Pfizer vaccine and three weeks apart for the Moderna vaccine.

Medical personnel say more visits should have been scheduled so they could stagger inoculations, making sure there are enough healthy staffers on the job to help residents.

"It's another example of people making decisions who know nothing about our operations," said Dr. Larissa Lucas of the North Shore Physicians Group, who serves as medical director for nursing homes in Peabody, Lynn, and Marblehead. "What we're worried about is that there's going to be a bulk of peo-

ple sick at the same time when we need them."

Some patients in Pfizer and Moderna's clinical trials have suffered mostly mild and moderate side effects, including headaches, muscle aches, and soreness as well as fever and tiredness in some cases, the companies report. While most side effects resolved in a day or two, and could be treated by rest and Tylenol, long-term care clinicians say their residents are especially vulnerable.

They say they will work to educate staffers and residents about the vaccine, telling them that any side effects they may feel do not mean they have the coronavirus.

The medical directors are anticipating the arrival of the long-awaited vaccine with excitement, seeing it as the beginning of the end of the nightmare they've been battling for the past nine months. "It was on top of my Christmas list," Lucas said. "Hopefully, Santa will deliver."

But the out-sick calls are only one of the logistical hurdles they're confronting from the compressed vaccination schedule. Long-term care staffers typically work throughout the day and night in eight-hour shifts, so it will be necessary to bring everyone in — and keep them spaced safely apart — during the hours of the vaccination clinics.

If staffers are off during the clinics, if some staffers and residents decline to get the first shot, or if some residents are newly admitted for rehab services after the first shots have been given, the schedule leaves little room to adapt.

"There could be 100, 200, or more staffers who would need to be vaccinated in one day" at some Massachusetts long-term care sites, said Dr. Mark Yurkofsky, medical director at Spaulding Nursing and Therapy Center in Brighton. "It will be a logistical challenge, and we would like to have more flexibility."

A representative from the US Department of Health and Human Services, which has been handling queries about the vaccine rollout, didn't respond to questions about why federal regulators recommend only three

visits per facility.

CVS, which will administer vaccines at more than 1,800 long-term care sites in Massachusetts "plans to follow the [federal] guidance based on data that three clinics per site is sufficient for staggering purposes," a spokesman for the pharmacy said in an e-mail. "If a facility requests more, we will assess that on a case-by-case basis."

A Walgreens spokeswoman wrote in an e-mail that "at least three clinics will be scheduled with each long-term care site," leaving open the possibility the pharmacy could add visits to some sites.

The timing of vaccinations is emerging as a pressing issue beyond the world of long-term care. Community health clinics, too, are hoping they'll get multiple chances to give their frontline employees injections over the coming weeks.

"You have a workforce of 100 people and you were to give them all the vaccine at the same time, people would start calling in sick and that could create an inability to respond to the health care needs of the community as well as the surge we're dealing with," said Michael Curry, president of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, who also sits on the state's vaccine advisory group.

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Dec 1. Of Hughson, CA, passed away on December 1, 2020. Beloved sister of Mary Holland, Barbara Shea, Regina Gordon, Gertrude Vogel and her husband William Vogel. Devoted aunt to many nieces and nephews. A Graveside Service for Eileen will be held on Friday, December 11th at 11am at Holy Cross Cemetery, 175 Broadway, Malden, MA 02148. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. For obituary, www.weirfuneralhome.com

BROPHY, Thomas E.



Age 87, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 19, 2020 with his family by his side. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Rosemarie T. (Graceffa) Brophy. He is survived by his 4 sons: Michael Brophy and his wife Nancy of Hudson, Christopher Brophy and his wife Linda of Uxbridge, Paul Brophy and his wife Marjorie of Newton and Andrew Brophy of Rochester, NY, his 6 grandchildren: Linda Lawton and her husband Michael of Millbury, Jeffrey Hyland and his partner Shirley Gibson of Lancaster, Thomas R. Brophy and his wife Kerriann of Uxbridge, Emily Brophy of Newton, Adah Brophy and Helena Brophy, both of Rochester, NY, his 6 great-grandchildren: Ava Lawton, Brianna Lawton, Carly Lawton, Connor Hyland, Roman Brophy and Dakota Brophy, his brother J. Richard Brophy and his wife Marie of Dennis, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his siblings: Robert Brophy, Maureen Gieseke and Patricia Craig.

Thomas was born and raised in Waltham, the loving son of the late Thomas M. and Florence (Corbett) Brophy. He graduated St. Charles High School before joining the United States Air Force, serving his country during the Korean Conflict. When he returned home, he and Rosemarie married in 1957 and moved to Hudson to raise their family. Thomas was a founding member of the Hudson Food Pantry, served many years for the Hudson Housing Authority and enjoyed his time as a Webelo Den Leader and later as a Boy Scout Troop Leader for Pack 35. His love of aviation led him to earn his Private Pilot's License, flying throughout New England, and he could always be found reading a good book and solving crossword puzzles.

All are invited to attend his Visitation on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 4-7pm at Tighe Hamilton Regional Funeral Home, 50 Central Street, HUDSON, MA 01749. His Mass of Christian Burial is Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 9am at St. Michael Parish, 21 Manning Street, Hudson, MA 01749, followed by Burial in St. Michael Cemetery, Hudson, MA.

CORRADO, John E.



Of Revere on December 8, 2020 at the age of 98. Born in East Boston on January 25, 1922 to the late Pasquale and Lucy (Predestefano) Corrado. Beloved husband of 60 years to Paula (Fala). Devoted father of John B. Corrado and his wife Karen of Revere, and Paul Corrado and his wife Domenica of Lynnfield. Dear brother of Joseph P. Corrado and his wife Ann of Revere, and the late Adeline Corrado. Cherished grandfather of Christopher and Catherine Corrado and stepgrandfather to Jamie Hershey and her husband Jarrod, and Kristin Degou. Adored great grandfather of Theodore Harrison, and William Hershey. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. John proudly served his country in the United States Army in WWII. He was a recipient of the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal of Germany. He is a member of the V.F.W. Mottolo Post. John and Paula were devout parishioners of St. Anthony's Church where John was a member of the Holy Name Society. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St., Revere on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 11:00am masks and social distancing are required (Names and temperatures will be taken upon entrance). Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or at alz.org. For guestbook, please visit www.buonfiglio.com

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CROSBY, Peter H.



Peter passed away peacefully on December 3, 2020. Tough as nails as he always was, he fought a brief but courageous battle with cancer. He was the husband to Jeanne Crosby; father to Jennifer Crosby-Kyed (Doug), Jessica Crosby (Jesse), Brian Crosby, and Aidan Crosby; and grandfather to Olivia Kyed and Norah Bottoms. Peter was also the son to his beloved mother, Carol W. Crosby, and her first husband, the late Henry Manning. When Carol remarried to John B. Crosby, he adopted Peter and became his father. He was the brother to Cynthia (Mark), John (Betsy), Nancy (Bob), and Sharon (Jim). Peter also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. He was also adored by many other family members and friends.

Born in Worcester in 1961, Peter later relocated to Cape Cod where he found so many loves of his life: his wife Jeanne, the ocean, and concrete form work. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family of six. Even in his final weeks, he was reviewing foundation plans and quoting jobs so that he could continue to be helpful to his son, Brian, who had taken over the reins from his father. He loved what he did, and treasured the people that worked for and with him, and the stories they came with.

Peter was his kids' biggest fan. He never missed a game or a road race, and was first to arrive when his granddaughters were born.

He loved Cape Cod - visiting with "Ma," and being the first in the ocean each year. He loved classic rock, his pick-up truck, and a cooler full of Budweiser. He had a million wild stories he loved to tell, and could tell like no one else, for seemingly hours. Simply put, he was a legend.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peter's memory can be made to No Stomach for Cancer (nostomachforcancer.org).

Visiting Hours: Due to the ongoing pandemic, the family hopes to plan a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Funeral Services

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CURRAN, Mary M.



Mary Margaret Curran, of Milton, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on December 6, 2020, just five days shy of her 75th birthday.

Mary was the beloved eldest daughter of the late Bill and Ann Curran of Milton, MA. She was predeceased by her hero and brother, PFC Paul Curran, who bravely gave his life fighting for his country in Vietnam; and by her two granddaughters, Lily and Chloe Schultz, all of whom we suspect are welcoming her into Heaven at this very moment. The proud mother of four devoted children and five cherished grandchildren, Mary is survived by Brendan Schultz of Warwick, RI, Brian Schultz (Katie Schultz) of Milton, their children, Patrick and Grace, Alison Dunn (Billy Dunn) of Weymouth, their children, Sydney and Billy, and Timothy Schultz (Erica Schultz) of Northport, NY, and their daughter, Sophia. Mary is also survived by her sister, Patty Curran (husband, Michael Magnuson); her brothers, Bill Curran (wife, Sue Curran), Chris Curran (wife, Anne Curran); as well as their children, her nieces and nephews, whom she held so dear.

Mary and her family moved to Milton in 1964 and she graduated high school from St. Gregory's in Dorchester. In addition to raising her children, Mary had a long and successful career at the Boston Globe working in their Circulation Department, a position she enjoyed for many years and one that garnered her many lifelong friendships. After leaving the Globe, Mary worked at the Massachusetts State House, welcoming guests and answering phones, her bright blue eyes and winning smile often the first thing people noticed as they walked through the doors.

Mary was a voracious reader, savoring every book she read with her treasured book club members and her tight circle of loving girlfriends. She kept her house in immaculate condition, could knit a gorgeous hat in any color, and always made room at her table for anyone lucky enough to come-a-calling. Do not cry for Mary; instead, just say yes anytime your children and grandchildren want to start a spontaneous dance party in your kitchen. Let them use the good china, crank the music loudly, turn the smallest occasion into a celebration, and always, always put family first.

Mary's family would like to thank the phenomenal doctors and nurses in the Neurology Department at MGH, as well as the army of angels who cared for her at Seasons Hospice Center in Milton, MA.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Mary's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization dedicated to bringing independence back to our nation's most severely wounded veterans. <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>

Visitation at Dolan Funeral Home, 460 Granite Avenue, EAST MILTON SQUARE, Thursday, December 10 from 9:00-10:00 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Agatha Church, Adams Street at Brook Road, Milton, Thursday at 10:30 AM. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Milton Cemetery.

For the link to the livestream of the Mass or to send the Curran family a condolence message, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com

DEVANNA, Kathleen M. (Murray)



Aged 90, died at home in Andover on December 6th. Wife of the late Robert Devanna. She was predeceased by her parents Edward and Elizabeth (Quigley) Murray and her brother Edward Murray. She is survived by loving nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as a large network of friends.

Kathleen began a life of service answering President Kennedy's call to enlist in the Peace Corps in 1961. She truly believed in the Peace Corps motto "the toughest job you will ever love". She later served her country as Chief Flight Nurse during the Vietnam War. Funeral from the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St. (corner of Park St. and Rte. 28), NORTH READING on Saturday, December 12th at 9:30am. Funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter Street, North Reading at 10:30am. Interment Forest Dale Cemetery in Malden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Special Olympics at www.specialolympics.org. www.cotafuneralhomes.com.

DIMITRI, Helen

In Brighton, formerly of the West End, died December 5, 2020, at the age of 97 years. Beloved daughter of the late Spiro and Eftalia (Adams) Dimitri. Loving sister of the late Lenora Dimitri and her late twin, Julia Dimitri. There will be a graveside service at Forest Hills Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Avenue, Jamaica Plain, on Thursday, December 10th, at 2 P.M. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. For guestbook, please visit www.jmurphyfl.com. Arrangements by the Murphy Funeral Home, DORCHESTER.

DIVITO, Philomena F.



Age 95 of Brighton, passed peacefully on November 28, 2020.

Born in Boston on November 27, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Francesco and Gerasina (Castracane) DiVito. Philomena was educated in Boston schools and worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for many years prior to retirement. She loved going to the beach and being by the ocean.

Philomena is survived by her nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Alfred DiVito and James DiVito. Funeral arrangements are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Beacon Hospice LLC. In memory of Philomena DiVito, 529 Main St., Ste. 126, Charlestown, MA 02129-1125.

An online guestbook may be found at rjrossfuneralhomeinc.com.

FUNG, Mildred Wai-Yum



1941-2020

Age 79, of Hingham, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully at home with her son, Archon, and husband, Bing, by her side on November 18, 2020 after a period of declining health. She retained her sharp mind, compassion, and loving nature throughout her whole life. Born on July 3, 1941 in Macau, China to Isaac and Beulah Mah, she was second-youngest of five children, with two older sisters, Kathy and Sonia; and two brothers, Harold and Henry. She graduated from Pui Ching High School in Hong Kong, where her father was headmaster. She then attended Hong Kong's Chung Chi College, where she majored in Chemistry. She immigrated to the United States in 1961, studying chemistry at Case Western Reserve University, where she obtained a Master's Degree in 1962. She continued studying Chemistry at the University of Southern California for two years.

Mildred married Bing Fung in 1967 at the First Chinese Presbyterian Church of New York City in Chinatown, where her father Issac was a minister. They began their family life together in Somerville, Massachusetts but moved shortly thereafter to Norman, Oklahoma where they built a life and family together for more than forty years. She used her knowledge of chemistry to contribute to the health of the community through her work as a medical technician. She spent many years tutoring middle school and high school students in math and science where she helped many students achieve their academic goals. She loved travel and traveled widely, visiting her home country of China several times, Egypt, England, France, Italy, and Russia.

She was devoted to her husband and son, her brothers and sisters, friends, and her several communities from Hong Kong, Oklahoma, and most recently in Hingham, MA. She will be remembered for her gentle warmth and kindness by many friends and neighbors.

Mildred is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bing Fung; son, Archon and his wife, Deborah; sister, Katherine Mah; and brother, Harold Mah; sister-in-law, Agnes Yeung; grandsons, Alex and Zachary Fung; and by her nephews, Jonathan Mah, Henny Yeung, and Kenny Yeung. In light of the ongoing pandemic, a small Memorial Service was held.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please direct contributions to the Linden Ponds Student Scholarship Fund as a designated charity for a gift made in memory of Mildred Fung. Any checks should be mailed to Linden Ponds, Attention Philanthropy Office, 203 Linden Pond Way, Hingham, MA 02043.

BEVILACQUA, Santa M. "Sadie" (Aliano)



In West Roxbury, formerly of Roslindale, December 5, 2020. Beloved wife of the late John Bevilacqua; and devoted mother of John C. Bevilacqua and his wife Maria of West Yarmouth and Paul J. Bevilacqua and his wife Dianne of West Yarmouth. Sister of the late Angelina Aliano, Mary J. Coraine and Michael S. Aliano. Loving grandmother to 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to attend (with Covid-19 restrictions) visiting hours Thursday, December 10, 2020, from 6 -8 PM, at the Joseph Russo Funeral Home, 814 American Legion Hwy., ROSLINDALE. Funeral and Burial are Private. Late member of the Sgt. Guido Petrilli Lodge OSDIA of Roslindale. In lieu of flowers, Sadie may be remembered through the Alzheimers Assoc. of Massachusetts, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. Covid-19 restrictions and guestbook at www.josephrussosfuneralhome.com

All visitors must wear a MASK while on the funeral home property. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, only 25 guests are allowed in the funeral home at a time while keeping SAFE DISTANCING.

Visiting Hours: Thursday 6-8 PM

Funeral Services

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BOWMAN, John A. "Jack"



Of Braintree, formerly of Arlington, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2020, at the age of 80. Born in Melrose, Jack grew up in Woburn and graduated from Woburn High School. He later went on to attend Boston State College. Jack worked as a master plumber in Local #12 for many years and later worked for the MWRA, prior to his retirement. He had a passion for woodworking, however, spending time with his family and his grandchildren is what brought Jack the most joy. A devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, Jack will be greatly missed by all who were blessed to have known him. Jack was the beloved husband of Anne M. (Cahill) Bowman. Loving father of John A. Bowman and his wife Alexandra Turner of Lancaster, Stephen J. Bowman and his wife Dr. Cheryl Geoffron of So. Hadley, Linda M. Reardon of Braintree, Marianne E. Sullivan and her husband Scott of Acton, Thomas A. Bowman of Westborough, Kathleen M. McCloskey and her husband Darren of Canton and Matthew F. Bowman and Jennifer Shaw of Quincy. Devoted brother of Judith Bowman and her husband David Bitton of Swampscott, Patricia Canavan and her husband Bob of Vaughn, WA and the late James Bowman and Charles Bowman. Dear "Papa" to Laura, Ian, Alex, John, Katherine, Elizabeth, Olivia, Aidan, Stephen, Jacqueline and Sean. Dear brother-in-law of Kathleen Cahill of Braintree and the late Sr. Mary F. Cahill, CSJ. A private Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 11th at 10:00 AM in St. Clare Church, 1244 Liberty St., Braintree. Burial will follow in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree. Arrangements are under the care of the Cartwright-Venuti Funeral Home, 845 Washington St., Braintree. To leave a sympathy message for the family, visit www.cartwrightfuneral.com.



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FURMAN, Dorothy (Cohen)



Of Sharon, entered into rest December 8, 2020 at the age of 92 years. Beloved wife of the late George "Giggy" Furman. Devoted mother of Steven Furman and his wife Donna, who she considered a daughter, and his late wife Barbara. Also beloved mother of Bruce Furman and his longtime partner Maureen Spring who was considered a daughter. Loving sister of Gloria Shainis, Harriet Bayard and the late Miriam Modiste and Terry Cohen. Cherished grandmother (gram) of Rebecca and Jim McCormick and Amanda and Bob Findlay, great-grandmother of Zachary McCormick, Blake Findlay and Jack Findlay. She also adores her many nieces, nephews and her happiest times were spent with her family and friends. She was truly adored by all. Services are private. Donations in Dorothy's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

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GLASSMAN, Burton S.

Of Medford, Dec. 7, 2020, at age 88. Beloved husband of Catherine (Hogan) Glassman with whom he shared 63 years of marriage. Devoted father of Ellen M. Parisi and her husband Paul of Medford, Karen A. Elia of SC, and Steven P. Glassman and his wife Sara of Marlborough. Dear brother of the late Jaekob Glassman. Loving grandfather of Christopher, Melissa, Steven, Jeffrey, Michael, Jessica, and great-grandfather of Brooklyn. Also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews, and friends. Relatives & friends are invited to gather in honor of Burton's life for a Graveside Service at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, 185 Lake St., Peabody on Friday, Dec. 11 at 12:30pm. Military honors presented by the US Army. In lieu of flowers, gifts in Burton's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online tribute or directions, visit RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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HARRIS, Charles P. "Joe"



Age 90, of Winchester, Dec. 6, 2020. Beloved husband of Mabel "Mabs" (Shoemaker) Harris. Loving father of Bill (Tonna) Harris of Bradenton, FL, Chip (Heather) Harris of Andover, Ted (Kerianne) Harris of Andover, Kate (David) Carpini of Winchester, and Peter (Casey) Harris of Topsfield. Devoted grandfather of 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dear brother of the late David, Bob and John Harris. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to gather briefly with the family at Costello Funeral Home, 177 Washington St., WINCHESTER, on Sat., Dec. 12, from 1-4PM, and are reminded to enter through the front door, wear masks and practice social distancing. A Graveside Service will be held at Wildwood Cemetery, 34 Palmer St., Winchester, on Mon., Dec. 14 at 12:00 PM. Attendees are asked to meet at the cemetery gate. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Landmark School, 429 Hale St., Pride's Crossing, MA 01965, or to the First Congregational Church of Winchester, 21 Church St., Winchester, MA 01890. www.costellofuneralhome.com

Announcements

LOCAL UNION 103, I.B.E.W.

We regret to announce the death of Brother Richard J. Sullivan (Ret). A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, 2pm at the Bethany Community Church, Mendon. Brother Sullivan was a member of IBEW for 48 years.

Louis J. Antonellis
Business Manager/Financial
Secretary

HAYES, Henry B.



Of Chestnut Hill, formerly of Belmont, on Monday, December 7, 2020. For 66 years the beloved husband of Bernyce (Cohen). Devoted father of Matthew Hayes & his wife Joan, Nancyellen Hayes Seiden & her husband Jeff, and Andrew Hayes. Loving "Papa" to Meryl Hayes, RJ Hayes, Max Seiden and Jamie Kaplan, Sofie Seiden, Alexandra, Isabella and Jack Hayes. Dear brother of the late Althea Ullman and Billy Hayes.

Graveside services are private. Remembrances can be made to The Jimmy Fund.

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HONG, Rolland C.



Of Melrose, on Dec. 4, 2020, at age 92. Beloved husband of the late Jean (Yeung) Hong, with whom he shared 60 years of marriage. Loving father of Jennifer Chin of Framingham, Kathleen Sullivan and her husband Daniel of Stoneham and Lillian Hong of Melrose. Cherished grandfather of Curtis Chin and his wife Ashley, Zoe Chin, Kenzie Chin, Alexander Sullivan and his wife Amanda. Services will be private. Interment with military honors by the U.S. Army at Wyoming Cemetery, Melrose. To leave a message of love and support for the family, visit RobinsonFuneralHome.com

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HUMPHREYS, Judith M. (Patten)

Of Wakefield. Dec 7. Wife of the late Thomas E. Humphreys. Mother of Susan Langlois of Wakefield, Thomas E. Humphreys and wife Lisa of Simsbury, CT, Michelle Bowen and husband Ross of Los Gatos, CA and the late Marybeth Humphreys and Joseph Humphreys. Sister of Stephen Patten & wife Annemarie of Beverly, Dennis Patten & wife Carolan of Peabody and the late Robert and Richard Patten. Also survived by eight grandchildren, her sister-in-law Phyllis of Medford, and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and their families. She was predeceased by his granddaughter Abby Humphreys. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, 71 Central St., Stoneham on Thursday, December 10th at 10 am. Interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. Due to Covid-19, there will be no visiting hours, and the family will understand if you are unable to attend the funeral. Arrangements are in the care of McDonald Funeral Home, WAKEFIELD. If you would like, please donate in Judy's memory to the charity of your choice. Causes close to her heart include The Wakefield Interfaith Food Pantry, Merrimack College's Warrior Fund, and Mystic Valley Elder Services. For obit/guestbook, mcdonaldfs.com.

INSOFT, Sidney

Of Wayland, passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020. For 68 years he was the devoted husband of Evelyn (Glick). Beloved father of David & Audrey Insoft, Robert & Andrea Insoft, Steven & Susan Insoft, and the late Carl Insoft. Loving grandpa of Rachel, Jason, Adin, Alexandra, Alexander, and Elizabeth. Dear brother of Joseph & Shirley Insoft and the late Dorothy (Insoft) and Harry Roer. He was the proud recipient of the Army of Occupation Medal for his service in WWII. Private services have been held.

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Announcements

PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 537

We regret to announce the death of Brother Gerald C. Metzger on December 6, 2020. Services were private.

Thomas P. Kerr, Jr., Business
Manager/FST
Daniel E. Coady, President

JOHNSON, Raymond "Ray"



December 6, 2020 at the age of 61. Ray is the cherished son of the late Terese Van Dam and the late Raymond C. Johnson and beloved stepson of Michael Van Dam. Beloved husband of Lynda L. Johnson of Foxborough. Beloved father of Allyson Johnson, Mathew Johnson, Shannon Johnson, the late Corey Johnson and stepfather of John Finn. Beloved brother of Carolyn Hagan and her husband Joseph of Foxborough, Thomas Johnson and his wife Nancy of Lunenburg, and Linda Reddy and her husband Paul of Foxborough. Dear uncle of Nicole Favaro and her husband Elliot of Hyde Park, Brian Burns and his wife Tina of Hyde Park, and Kristen Burns of Weymouth. He also leaves additional nieces, nephews, grandchildren and many friends. Ray was born in Boston and grew up in Roslindale where he was known as "Johnny" by family and graduated from Roslindale High School in 1976. He joined the Boston Fire Department in 1990. This was truly a job he was born to do and was incredibly proud to be a firefighter and loved his fellow firefighters as brothers. Ray enjoyed and was passionate about golf. He was a member of the Firefighter Golf league, a weekly golfer at George Wright in Hyde Park, and a yearly golfer in Myrtle Beach. Ray also enjoyed yearly vacations with his wife Lynda in St. Martin, on Orient Beach, where they shared their love of warm Caribbean waters, French cuisine, and tropical drinks with their friends. Ray was a man who loved working on home projects, but also loved spending time at family events/cookouts. Ray touched many people's lives as a firefighter and in his personal life for which he will be missed by many who loved him. Online condolences can be left on www.robertsandsonsfuneralhome.com Funeral Mass on Saturday, December 12, 2020 to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 58 Carpenter Street, Foxborough. Burial to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Dana Farber Cancer Institute would be appreciated.

Visiting Hours: will be held on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 58 Carpenter Street in Foxborough.

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JOYCE, William F. "Bibba"



Of Weymouth, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2020, surrounded and supported by family. Bill proudly served in the Army division of the National Guard Reserves. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and past Commander of the American Legion Post #65. He also served as a high school and college football official and President of the Riviera Golf Estates Association in Naples, Florida. Bill's career included being a sales manager for Boston/Commonwealth Gas and the owner of Joyce's Auto School in Brighton. He was the proud owner of race horses with a passion for horse racing. Bill was happiest when surrounded by those he loved, especially his grandchildren and lifelong friends. He was blessed with friends from his time in Brighton, Quincy, White Horse Beach, Naples, Florida and Weymouth. He will be deeply missed.

Beloved husband of 58 years to June E. (Crossman) Joyce of Weymouth. Devoted father of William Joyce of Quincy and John J. Joyce and his wife Kelley of Weymouth. Cherished "Gramps" to Stephanie Witham and her husband Patrick, John J. Joyce, Jr. and his wife Stephanie, Nicole Marie Joyce, Marissa Alice Joyce, Kurt Lawrence Joyce and great-grandchildren Aiden, Abigail, Alyssa, Alivia, Raelyn and Clyde Joseph. Loving brother of Pamela Mullen and her late husband Butch of FL, the late James Joyce and his widowed wife Laraya, the late Sandra Lawton and her husband Edward and the late Penny Joyce. Best friend of Father Jack Cashman of FL. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and dear friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the visiting hours on Friday 3-7 PM in the McDonald Keohane Funeral Home, SOUTH WEYMOUTH at 809 Main Street (Rte. 18 opp. So. Shore Hospital). Relatives and friends will gather in the funeral home at 9:30 AM on Saturday prior to the Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Weymouth at 10:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bill may be made to Beacon Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association. Normally, the funeral is an opportunity for the community to gather in support of one another. Due to Covid-19, if you are uncomfortable or unable to gather together with Bill's family at this time, friends may still offer their support by visiting www.Keohane.com and sharing a special memory or message. The first hour of his visitation and the Funeral Mass will be live streamed on his page as well. For those who cannot access the website, please call 781-335-0045 to have your message added.

KUR, Carol (Oliver)



Age 81, of Dedham, December 6, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Stuart Oliver and Sylvia Rosen. Loving wife of Mitchell C. Kur. Devoted mother of Alison Kur (the late Michael Oshins), Susan Lees (Matthew), Dana Snyder (Andrew). Proud grandmother of Abi, Jem and Zachary Oshins, Josh and Jake Lees, and Gabe, Ben and Jon Snyder. Sister of Michael Oliver (Claire Theroux), Martin Rosen and Seth Rosen (Joan) and loving aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Carol was born in New Haven, Connecticut and spent her young years in Long Branch, New Jersey. Her life was guided by a deep love of Judaism and the Arts. She served as the Executive Editor of Moment Magazine, allowing progressive Jews across the nation to connect with world renowned authors, journalists and clergy in spirituality, intellect, and practice. She was also heavily involved in the leadership of The Reform Movement, serving as a member of the executive board of the Union for Reform Judaism and chair of the editorial board of Reform Judaism Magazine. Carol was also an engaged member of Temple Beth Am in Framingham, Temple Israel of Boston, and Temple Beth Elohim of Wellesley. As a lover of the arts, Carol owned an art gallery and held season tickets to the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She was a joyful singer, always with a melody in her heart, and lyrics on the tip of her tongue. Above all else Carol cherished her family and friends. She married her beloved Mitch at age 19 and they spent a lifetime together in an extraordinary marriage, filled with deep love and affection for each other, their children and grandchildren. She was always there for a good heart to heart, with a sage piece of wisdom and, likely, a dessert. Her support of her loved ones was unwavering, and her compassion always evident.

Services will be private. Donations in Carol's memory may be made to Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley; Temple Israel of Boston; or the Alzheimer's Association www.breznjakfuneraldirectors.com

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LEACH, Marguerite



Marguerite A. (Leone) Leach of Warwick, RI on December 4, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Robert Leach. Loving daughter of the late Antonio and Lucia (Cocuzzo) Leone. Devoted sister of Antonia Erwin of Attleboro, the late Maddalena M. Leccese and her husband Richard M. Leccese of Braintree. Loving aunt of David J. Erwin of Pawtucket, Susan M. Erwin of Attleboro, Anthony R. Erwin and his wife Mary Beth of Attleboro and her dear great-nieces, Rachel A., Olivia R., Giuliana L. Erwin, all of Attleboro.

She is survived by and had many loving cousins, including Cesidio Cedrone and friends.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband and family anywhere it was warm and she was an avid reader. Marguerite graduated from Katharine Gibbs and for many years was a legal secretary before retiring.

She was a longtime parishioner of St. Catherine's, Appanoug. Marguerite had a rich prayer life and was faithful to her novenas and the Rosary.

Visiting Hours on Thursday, December 10, 2020, 8-9:30 a.m. at Duffy-Poule Funeral Home, 20 Peck Street, ATTLEBORO. Followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist's Church, 133 North Main St., Attleboro. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton.

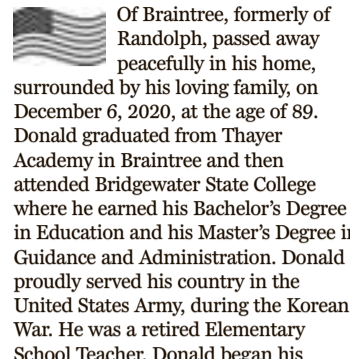
Announcements

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We regret to announce the death of our Brother Ronald "Gilly" McCarthy on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Services will be held privately. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family and friends.

Robert MacNeil
President

LUTZ, Donald J. Sr.



Of Braintree, formerly of Randolph, passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his loving family, on December 6, 2020, at the age of 89. Donald graduated from Thayer Academy in Braintree and then attended Bridgewater State College where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education and his Master's Degree in Guidance and Administration. Donald proudly served his country in the United States Army, during the Korean War. He was a retired Elementary School Teacher. Donald began his career in Avon, where he taught for 5 years before beginning a 30 year career in the Braintree School system, where he retired as a classroom teacher after also being the principal of the Nora Torrey Elementary School in Braintree. He was a member of the Mass Teachers Association. Donald was an active member of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Randolph, where he held many positions throughout the years, including a member of the Vestry Committee, Eucharistic Minister, a Lay Reader, Sunday School Teacher and a member of the Stewardship Committee. A devoted husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, Donald will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to have known him. Donald was the beloved husband for 68 years to Dorothy C. (Boynton) Lutz. Loving father of Donald J. Lutz, Jr. of Braintree, Linda J. Wells of Braintree and Wendy A. Lutz of Buffalo, NY. Devoted brother of the late Florence Perry, Warren, Richard and Charles Lutz. Dear grandfather of Matthew, Micah and Abigail Wells and Justin and Adrienne Lutz and great-grandfather to Riley and Natalie Wells and Colman and Emilia Lutz. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a Private Funeral Service will be held on Friday at 11:00 AM in the Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 No. Main St., Randolph. Burial will follow in Central Cemetery, Randolph. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Charles Lutz Memorial Fund, c/o the Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 No. Main St., Randolph, MA 02368. Arrangements under the care of the Cartwright Funeral Home, 419 No. Main St., RANDOLPH. To leave a sympathy message for the family, visit, www.cartwrightfuneral.com.

LYONS, Stephen Emmett

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MAMBUCA, Rose (D'Amore)

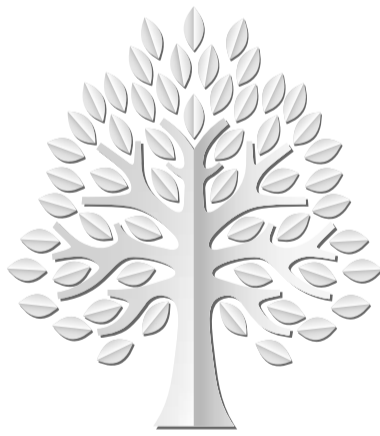
Of East Boston, passed away due to complications of COVID-19 in her 103rd year. Beloved wife of the late Dominic Mambuca. Devoted mother of Janice Lyons and her husband John of East Boston, Judith Raye and her husband Ronald of Upton and the late James Mambuca and his surviving wife Marilyn of Malden. Cherished grandmother of Janine, Ronald, Kenneth, Julie, John and the late Anthony. Adored great-grandmother of Janelle, Jennifer, Alyssa, Ethan, Tyler, Jillian, Jared, Jianna, Jaidan and Nicholas. Predeceased by 1 sister and 2 brothers. In accordance with the families wishes, all services are private. Rose helped her husband operate Harborview Oil for many years. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Italian Home for Children 1125 Centre St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For more info, visit www.ruggieromh.com

Ruggiero Family Memorial Home

MUNGER, Thomas J.



Age 57, a lifelong resident of Somerville, passed away on December 7, 2020. Beloved son of the late Nancy (O'Riordan) and Stanley F. Munger. Loving brother of Steven Munger and his wife Tricia of North Attleboro, Kevin Munger and his wife Nancy of Plaistow, NH, Richard Munger of Somerville, Kenneth Munger and his wife Ellen of Norton, Annemarie Muse and her husband Howard of Everett. Dear uncle of 8 nephews and 1 niece. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Calling Hours at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway (Powder House Sq.), SOMERVILLE, Friday 3:00 - 7:00 pm. All attendees are required to wear facial masks and follow social distancing protocols. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Catherine of Genoa, 185 Summer St., Somerville on Saturday morning at 10:00 am. The church requires attendees to register at www.stmartinparish.org/register-event Interment is private. Thomas was an employee of The Walnut St. Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to American Cancer Society, 38 Chauncy St. Ste. 799, Boston, MA 02111. For more information, please visit dohertyfuneralservice.com



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MURRAY, Evelyn M. (McNamara)



At 83 years of age. Of Saugus formerly of Charlestown. December 7, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Russell "Raz" Murray. Devoted mother of Shawn Murray, Russell Murray & wife Kathryn, Timothy Murray & wife Kristine, & the late Brian Murray. Loving Nanny of Griffin, Colin, & Julia. Beloved sister of the late Richard & Edmund McNamara. Also several Godchildren, nieces, & nephews. Relatives & friends are invited to attend Evelyn's Funeral Mass on Saturday morning in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 758 Salem St. Lynnfield at 10 AM. Burial at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody. There are no funeral home visiting hours. In lieu of flowers, kindly make a memorial donation in Evelyn's name to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. For obituary, directions, & online condolences, carrfuneral.com

MUSHKIN, Arthur M.



A 42-year resident of Boxford, passed away suddenly on November 28 at the age of 76. Arthur grew up in Brookline, MA, the son of the late Louis Mushkin and Katherine (Gerson) Mushkin. He leaves behind his wife of 47 years, Dawn (Cook) Mushkin, daughter Kyle Mushkin of Cambridge, MA, and daughter Casey (Mushkin) Cochran and her husband Brian Cochran of North Reading, MA. Arthur was a 1962 graduate of Brookline High School and a 1966 graduate of Cornell University, where he was president of Alpha Psi of Chi Psi fraternity. Arthur enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967, graduating from Officers' Candidate School. He served in Vietnam at Camp Eagle as Petroleum Officer for the 101st Airborne Division, completing service in 1969 as a 1st Lieutenant. He went on to earn his MBA from Northeastern University. Arthur founded Capstone Management Corporation in 1977, which he ran as President and CEO for 27 years before serving as the VP of Human Resources at UNICCO Facilities Management until his retirement in 2012. Arthur was a member of the Boxford School Committee and Tri-Town Union, elected as Chairman for three of his six years on the board. He was a lifelong athlete and sports fan, playing basketball, tennis, and softball, and had a love-hate relationship with his hometown Boston teams. He read about American history avidly, enjoyed traveling with his wife and family, and still missed his yellow lab, Annie. He loved to sing (off-key) to Elvis tunes. Arthur was the epitome of patience and was the best father and husband anyone could hope to have. A few words cannot convey how beloved Arthur was and always will be. In addition to his wife, daughters, and son-in-law, Arthur leaves two sisters-in-law, two nephews, three nieces, 14 great-nephews and nieces, one great-grand-niece, nine cousins, and many friends. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert L. Mushkin. Burial was private, and a celebration of Arthur's life will be held when we can gather safely. The Twomey, LeBlanc, & Conte Funeral Home, 193 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950 is assisting Mr. Mushkin's family with his arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to remember Arthur may contribute to the Parkinson's Foundation, Michael J. Fox Foundation, or a charity of choice. To offer online condolences, please visit www.tlcfuneralhome.com

PALANGI, David M.



Of South Hadley, formerly of Everett, December 5, 2020 at the age of 71, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Beloved brother of Barbara Lee Palangi of South Hadley. Son of the late Adam M. and Lena M. (DeBiase) Palangi. Loving cousin of Peter Ravanese, Carol Clark, Bill Ravanese, Paula Contilli, Linda Carafa, Nancy Stilwell, Monica DeBiase and the late Fred Abbruzzese. Nephew of the late Carl and Anna Palangi. Retired civil engineer from Farmer Engineering. David was a great environmentalist and an avid kayaker. David's funeral arrangements will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to The National Kidney Foundation on-line at www.kidney.org. We encourage family and friends to visit www.carafafuneralhome.com to offer condolences at this time by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in CHELSEA.

PEDDIE, Beryl D. (Morrison)



Of Dorchester, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Silford Peddie. Loving mother of Kennedy Williams, Kenneth Williams and his wife Benita, Cecillia Williams and her husband Angel Andrades, Sharon Williams and her husband Randy Miller, and Youlette Wilson. Cherished grandmother of Natasha Ramsey, Nequeste Williams, Ke'mauree Williams, Ke'mani Williams, Sami Miller, Kennedy Williams, Shatuan Williams, Nekwya Williams, Azana Williams, Shaquania Andrades, Qwamae Andrades, Shakiya Andrades, Gary Douglas, Ian Houston, Debbie Houston, Ronique Allen, Tarique Wilson, Vonea Wilson. Adoring great-grandmother of 17 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Lascelles Morrison, and 7 late siblings. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Visiting hours in the John J. O'Connor & Son Funeral Home, 740 Adams St. (Near Gallivan Blvd.), DORCHESTER, Friday December 11, 2020, from 4-8 p.m. Funeral Service in the funeral home on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Due to the ongoing health crisis, facemasks and proper social distancing will be required. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Beryl may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to Life Outreach International. Interment in Fairview Cemetery. For directions & expressions of sympathy, www.oconnorandson.com

REYNOLDS, Joseph T.



Of Waltham, December 6, 2020. Husband of the late Corinne G. (Blouin) Reynolds. Father of John Reynolds, Mark Reynolds (Mary) and Joan Allen; grandfather of Michael, Susan and Sean Reynolds; brother of Thomas Reynolds (late Anastasia); brother-in-law of Gloria O'Neill (William); also survived by nieces & nephews. Family and friends will honor and remember Joseph's life by gathering to visit in The Joyce Funeral Home, 245 Main Street (Rte. 20), WALTHAM on Saturday, December 12th at 9 a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint Mary's Church, 133 School Street, Waltham where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Burial with military honors will follow in Mount Peake Cemetery, Waltham. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452. Complete obituary, guest register and directions available at www.joycefuneralhome.com

LYONS, Stephen Emmett

Writer, Director, Producer

Died peacefully in a Boston Hospice, with family members at his side, on December 2, 2020, of cancer. An award-winning science documentary writer, producer, and director, he was 65.

Born in Boston on February 27, 1955, Stephen was the son of Robert Dee and Sheila Lyons. After attending schools in six states with his often corporate-relocated family, he graduated early from Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School, MA, where he developed what would be a lifelong interest in science and chemistry. He attended Harvard University and was graduated with an A.B. degree in Psychology, magna cum laude, in 1977.

Dedicated to his craft, he continued working until his last month, overseeing programs through his company, Moreno/Lyons Productions, which he co-founded in 2004 with his wife, producer Aida Moreno. In recent years, they completed two major, independent mini-series for public television that Stephen developed, produced and wrote: THE MYSTERY OF MATTER: SEARCH FOR THE ELEMENTS, a 2015 three-part docudrama on the history of chemistry funded by the National Science Foundation and the American Chemical Society; and ACROSS THE PACIFIC, a 2019 three-part docudrama about the early days of global aviation, created in association with the Pan American Airways Foundation with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and others. Steve's incisively written reenactments about historical figures, his interviews with experts, and innovative animation made science and history compelling and lucid. THE MYSTERY OF MATTER was honored with an Emmy for Lighting Direction and Scenic Design for its historic recreations. (Both series are available via public television, major streaming services, and libraries.)

Previous Moreno/Lyons productions include a 2007 NOVA episode, PERCY JULIAN: FORGOTTEN GENIUS, about

a pioneering Black American chemist, for which Steve and his team were honored with an American Association for the Advancement of Science award for science journalism and an Emmy for Lighting Direction and Scenic Design. For both PERCY JULIAN and MYSTERY OF MATTER, Steve developed print and video curricular materials for teaching chemistry nationwide. In 2005, the Chemical Heritage Foundation awarded him the John C. Haas Fellowship in Public Understanding of Science. Stephen was a member of the Writers Guild of America, East and the Directors Guild of America.

Early in his career, Steve worked as a reporter at several newspapers, among them the Daily Hampshire Gazette and the Louisville Courier-Journal, covering politics, science, medicine, and the environment. He spent several years writing about environmental issues, working closely with legendary environmentalist David Brower, the first director of the Sierra Club, founder of the Friends of the Earth, and a valued mentor. Stephen edited several books of nature photography by Brooks Atkinson and edited a 1978 book, "Sun: A handbook for the solar decade."

In 1986 he was awarded a Macy Fellowship in science broadcast journalism at WGBH in Boston, which led to a position developing projects as a Senior Editor for the PBS science series NOVA. There, he contributed to programs ranging from Mt. Everest to the Kennedy assassination to the Loch Ness Monster, among many other topics.

At WGBH, he met and fell in love with producer Aida Moreno, the original executive producer of ANTIQUES ROADSHOW and the creator of CHAMPIONSHIP BALLROOM DANCING; they were married in 1988. His 32-year marriage to her, and their three children, brought him the greatest joys in life. He was an exemplary husband and father and supported his family with unwavering love and attention, in trial and triumph. Happily, he and



Aida saw their eldest son married this past August in an intimate church ceremony.

His family and close friends will always remember his serious demeanor and fierce intellect, leavened by a genuine underlying personal warmth and wry sense of humor. He was an anchor --grounded, patient, hardworking, and kind. As a young man, he shepherded his younger brother Andy through his last year of high school to graduation after their father's untimely death.

An avid runner and decades-long player in a serious pick-up basketball league, Steve was a fan of all sports, but especially baseball. He was a team owner in a fantasy baseball league with his brother Andy, and he was an unstoppable force in Scrabble.

He is survived by his mother, Sheila O'Donnell Lyons of Stonington, CT; his wife, Aida Alves Moreno of Arlington, MA; and his children, Daniel and his wife, Erika, John Emmett, and Katherine, all of Boston. The second of six siblings, he is also survived by Robert, Elizabeth, Margaret, Andrew, and Charles Lyons.

Stephen will be interred at Mount Auburn Cemetery, and a Memorial Celebration of his Life will be held at a date to be determined. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in his name. Arrangements are private and under the care of DeVito Funeral Home of ARLINGTON. Visit devitofuneralhomes.com to view an online guestbook.



ROSSELLI, Dr. William F.



Of Stoneham, and formerly of Somerville, United States Army Medical Service Corps Veteran and Optometrist, beloved husband of Grace (Limoncelli) Rosselli, passed away on Saturday, December 5th, 2020. Devoted father of Charles Rosselli and Angela Lipson and her husband Jeffrey. Cherished grandfather of Mia and Hannah Lipson. Beloved son of the late Charles and Angela (LaMacchia) Rosselli. Loving brother of Frances Crocetta and her husband Michael, the late Anthony C. Rosselli and his late wife Eleanor, the late Phyllis Piccosi and her late husband Anthony, the late Rose Quatieri and her late husband Thomas, the late Dr. N. John Rosselli and his late wife Rose and the late Joseph Rosselli and his surviving wife Joann. Brother-in-law of Frank Limoncelli and his wife Barbara, and the late John Limongelli and his surviving wife Olga. He is also the uncle to many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass celebrating Dr. Rosselli's Eternal Life will be held at St. Patrick's Church, 71 Central St., Stoneham, on Monday, December 14th, 2020, at 10am. Interment will follow at Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge.

Family and friends are cordially invited to gather and share memories with Dr. Rosselli's family at the Barile Family Funeral Home, 482 Main St., STONEHAM, on Sunday, December 13th, 2020, from 1pm to 5pm. Parking attendants and elevators are available. Due to Massachusetts COVID-19 restrictions, masks are required in the funeral home, and up to 40% occupancy is allowed at any one time.

Please consider making a donation in Dr. Rosselli's memory to St. Patrick's Church, 71 Central St., Stoneham, MA 02180. For information, directions and to leave an online condolence, please visit www.barilefuneral.com, and for further information, www.facebook.com/Barile-FamilyFuneralHome.

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RUTLEDGE, Paul Francis



Passed away on December 4, 2020 after a long illness. He was born on July 19, 1934 in Newton to John Rutledge and Mary (O'Malley) Rutledge. His family moved to Wellesley where he graduated from Wellesley High School in 1953. He received his B.A. from UMass Amherst and a law degree from Suffolk Law School.

He is survived by four loving children Jean Paul Rutledge and his wife Sally, Melinda Hood and her husband Ben, Andrew Rutledge, and Jennifer MacLean and her husband Thomas, seven cherished grandchildren John Yoder and his wife Abby, Patrick Rutledge, Sara Rutledge, Lana Mellis and her husband David, Murphy Rutledge, Peter Kennedy, and Elizabeth Pancoast, great-granddaughter Charlotte Mellis, and brothers Michael Rutledge, Gerald Rutledge, and James Rutledge. He was predeceased by sisters Eliane McDonough and Patricia Keith and brothers John Rutledge, Jr. and David Rutledge. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Visiting Hours at the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 477 Washington St. (Rt. 16), WELLESLEY, Thursday, Dec. 10 from 4-7pm. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Please follow all Covid-19 guidelines. A private Funeral Mass will be held in St. Paul's Church, Wellesley, Friday, Dec. 11. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury. Online guestbook and directions at gfdoherty.com

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STARR, Mark Alan

Age 69 on Mon., Nov. 30, 2020. Loving husband of Andrea (Breslouf) Starr. Cherished father of Benjamin, Daniel, & Jesse Starr. Devoted "in-law" to Daniel's fiancée Molly Etters & Jesse's partner Chelsea Heniges. Preceded in death by his brother Paul Starr, & sisters Deanna & Susan Starr. Born in Michigan & an Acton resident for 60 years, he was the son of the late Newell Dean & Wilma (Dernberger) Starr. Mark, we are all lost without you. You are sorely missed by your family & friends. Sleep in peace. Your donations to Come Home to Acton will honor Mark's legacy and forever keep his spirit alive. www.comehometoacton.org Memorial page actonfuneralhome.com

SWEET, Alvan



Alvan F. Sweet of Falmouth and Boynton Beach, FL died on December 6, 2020. He was 87. He was the son of the late Samuel and Rose (Goldman) Sweet. He is survived by his wife Arlene (Davis) Sweet. Loving father of Scott Sweet and his wife Susan of Lutz, FL and Holly Francer and her husband Stephen of Sharon. Cherished grandfather of Daniel Sweet and his wife Erica of Houston, TX, Cory Francer and his wife Tricia of Philadelphia, PA, and Melanie Francer and her fiancé Dana of South Boston. Devoted great-grandchildren, Sloane and Quinn. He was the dear brother of the late Leonard Sweet, Lorraine Miller and Ann Carol Smith. Donations may be made in his memory to the St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Alzheimer's Association of Cape Cod, 4 Bayview Street, Yarmouth, MA 02673. Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, funeral services will be private.

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TOBEY, Philip H.



Age 80, of Hingham, passed away peacefully at home on Thanksgiving morning (November 26) from terminal renal disease.

Phil "Pete" was born in Boston, MA in 1940 to Walter Philip Tobey, a stockbroker, and Martha Houser Tobey, a homemaker and accomplished sailor. Philip and his parents lived in Boston before moving to Chestnut Hill (Brookline), MA.

The family spent summers in Marblehead, MA, where Phil developed his lifelong love of sailing. His mother taught him to sail the family's Herreshoff 12 1/2 ft. wooden sailboat, Thistle, which he competed in Marblehead sailing races.

Phil attended the Dexter School in Brookline and graduated in 1958 from Milton Academy. He was a lineman for the Milton varsity football team and taught sailing at Camp Chewonki in Wiscasset, ME. As both a player and coach, Phil loved sports and prized good sportsmanship, a value he learned from his father.

Phil's father died suddenly in 1955. When his widowed mother remarried in 1966, he acquired a stepfather, Vice Admiral John L. McCrea.

Phil graduated from Harvard University in 1962 with a BA in Art History. While at Harvard, he belonged to the Harvard Sailing Team and the Hasty Pudding Club. Philip worked one summer at a youth center in Shirehampton, England with the Winant Volunteers. After Harvard, he earned Master's degrees in the School of Education at Boston University.

Phil married Solace Walker in 1965 in Duxbury, MA. The couple moved to Tampa, FL for one year where Phil taught History and Social Studies at the Berkeley Preparatory School. The couple returned to Massachusetts in 1966, where Phil taught at Brown and Nichols School and later, Milton Academy. Starting in the 1980s, Phil worked as a technical writer for Teledyne Engineering, General Dynamics, and the Medical Information Bureau. He retired in 2001.

Phil was fascinated by the history of America's Cup sailing, particularly the J-Class yachts of the 1930s. He sailed in J-Boat regattas in Newport, RI, and Marblehead.

Phil and Solace moved to Hingham in 1970 and lived there for five decades. They were engaged in Hingham community life and valued their many friendships and connections there.

Phil is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth M. Tobey of Greenbelt, MD; a son, Robert W. Tobey, of Cohasset, MA; and a sister, Julia C. Tobey, of New York City. His wife, Solace, predeceased him in 2018.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Downing Funeral Chapel, HINGHAM.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, a Memorial Service will be scheduled later. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wellspring, 814 Nantasket Ave., Hull, MA 02045, or the Herreshoff Marine Museum, PO Box 450, Bristol, RI 02809.

A full version of the obituary can be viewed at <https://www.downingchapel.com/obituary/Philip-Tobey>

WALDRON, Margaret "Peggy" (Campbell)

98 years of age. Of Stoneham, formerly of Charlestown. December 7, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Waldron. Beloved daughter of the late Dominic Campbell & Margaret (McLaughlin) Campbell. Loving sister of Veronica "Toodie" Castelli & husband Evo, & the late Sarah "Sally" Walsh, Winifred "Winnie" Geysen, Thomas, James, John "Jocko" & Francis "Zip" Campbell. Dear aunt to her many loving nieces & nephews. Relatives & friends are invited to gather in the parking lot of The Carr Funeral Home, 220 Bunker Hill St., CHARLESTOWN on Friday morning beginning at 10:15 AM, followed by Peggy's Funeral Mass in St. Francis De Sales Church, Charlestown at 11 AM. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, kindly make a memorial donation in Peggy's name to Sisters of Mercy NE Community, 21 Searles Rd., Windham, NH 03087. For obituary, directions, & online condolences, www.carrfuneral.com

WEAVER, Irvin "Bucky"

Irvin W. Weaver, known to almost everyone as Bucky, succumbed to lung cancer on December 6, 2020, just days before his 70th birthday.

Born in New Haven, CT, to Irvin W. and Harriet P. Weaver, Bucky spent most of his childhood in Mississippi and Alabama, where his father was a professor of philosophy and religion. He graduated from Indian Springs School (Indian Springs, AL) in 1968 and from Williams College (Williamstown, MA) in 1972. In 1981 he earned a BFA from Mass College of Art and Design. He is survived by his sister, Sarah Weaver, of Haverhill, MA, and numerous cousins.

Bucky worked as a conservator for more than 30 years at the New England Document Conservation Center in Andover, MA. In retirement, he was able to devote more time to his garden and to artistic pursuits. A resident of Boxborough, MA since 1997, Bucky was a familiar sight in his yard, where he spent countless hours tending blue-ribbon vegetables. He was a passionate and generous gardener, often bringing pounds of produce to the food pantry and to neighbors. His talents were surpassed only by his modesty: few friends knew he was a lifelong painter and an accomplished potter.

Bucky was also a voracious reader, especially of literature and history. Family, friends, and neighbors will miss his intelligence, his generosity, and his quiet, gentle spirit. He leaves behind many broken hearts.

Due to the pandemic, no public visiting hours are planned. Instead, please share your favorite memories of Bucky on Bostoncremation.org under Condolences. Donations may be made in his memory to Boxborough Conservation Trust, The Trustees of Reservations, or Acton Nursing Services actonnursingservice.com

WELLS, Eleanor P. (Wormwood)

Of Peabody, formerly of Malden and Saugus, passed away on Sunday at age 92 after a brief illness. Beloved wife of George H. Wells, predeceased. Loving mother of Vicki C. Chardo of South Carolina and George S. Wells of Peabody. Cherished grandmother of Georgette S. Rahman-Bezio of Tilton, NH. Adored great-grandmother of Raja P. Rahman of Nashua, NH. Treasured in-laws Edward T. Chardo, Joseph A. Ciaramitaro, James A. Bezio, and Sheikh E. Rahman. Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents Clayton and Evelyn Wormwood, along with her sisters Muriel Bailey and Patricia Record. Eleanor was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, homemaker, receptionist at the Chelsea Soldier's Home, and rescuer of many cats throughout her years. Friends and family are invited to celebrate her life at the Weir-MacCuish Family Funeral Home, 144 Salem St., MALDEN, MA for visitation on Thursday, December 10th from 4PM to 8PM. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, December 11th at 10AM. Interment will follow in the Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody, MA. Contributions in Eleanor's memory, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter at 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970. For obituary and directions, please visit www.weirfuneralhome.com

After the war, General Yeager found himself in the same place he was at the beginning of his service: on a maintenance team. It proved to be the opportunity of his lifetime. He worked on aircraft at Wright Field in Ohio, and after any plane was tuned up or repaired, he made sure he was the pilot to test it. That way, he got to fly almost every fighter on the flight line.

ZICHELLA, Alberta (DeDeo)



Of Winthrop, Dec. 4, 2020. Loving mother of Rosalind Coleman and her husband Stephen of Marblehead, Jeannine Zichella of Revere, Mark Zichella and his wife Elizabeth of East Boston and Matthew Zichella and his wife Carol of Amesbury. Cherished grandmother of Colin Coleman, Christina Griffith and her husband Jake, Hayley Coleman, Samuel Zichella, Carly Zichella, Benjamin Zichella and the late Christopher Coleman. Great-grandmother of McKenzie, Declan and Alice. Former wife of the late Samuel Zichella. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Services will conclude with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Joslin Clinic at www.joslin.org or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org *Attendees must wear masks and maintain social distancing in the church and at the cemetery* For directions or to sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggianoofuneralhome.com

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Chuck Yeager, 97, pilot who broke the sound barrier

By Michael J. Bailey

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Chuck Yeager, who piloted the Bell X-1 experimental rocket jet past the sound barrier and thrust America into the dawn of the space age, died Monday. He was 97.

His death, on the 79th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, was announced via his official Twitter account, which, according to The New York Times, cited his wife, Victoria.

General Yeager's 14-minute sprint over the Mojave Desert on Oct. 14, 1947, is considered the most important airplane flight since Orville Wright swept over the sands of Kitty Hawk for 40 yards on Dec. 17, 1903.

There were, however, few accolades for the 24-year-old captain. No ticker-tape parades, no handshakes from the president. The flight occurred in the early dark days of the Cold War and was filed away as top secret. The public would not know of the feat for months.

Then-Captain Yeager instead celebrated with a few slaps on the back and a round of martinis at the Happy Bottom Riding Club near Muroc Air Base. For the unassuming aviator from the backwoods of West Virginia — his first radio transmission after passing the elusive Mach 1 and breaking the sound barrier was "Ah, we have problems. This ol' Mach meter is plumb off the scale" — that was plenty of praise.

Born in Hamlin, W. Va., Charles E. Yeager developed an acute sense of machines, their parts, and how they worked in unison from his father, a gas-well driller. Enlisting in the Army Air Corps just before the attack on Pearl Harbor, General Yeager initially served as a warrant officer maintaining aircraft.

By 1943, he was in flight school; by the next spring, a P51 Mustang pilot, escorting bombers out of England. On his ninth mission, he was shot down and eluded capture only with the help of a French farmer and the Resistance. When he was ordered stateside to recover, he successfully petitioned Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower to allow him to instead return to the skies over Europe.

Blessed with 20-10 eyesight — his fellow pilots swore he could see forever — General Yeager became a top fighter pilot, shooting down in one day the five planes needed for designation as an "ace;" one day a month later, he downed four more.

After the war, General Yeager found himself in the same place he was at the beginning of his service: on a maintenance team. It proved to be the opportunity of his lifetime. He worked on aircraft at Wright Field in Ohio, and after any plane was tuned up or repaired, he made sure he was the pilot to test it. That way, he got to fly almost every fighter on the flight line.

His flying ability caught the attention of Colonel Albert Boyd, who was trying to build a cadre of top pilots for what became the military's first test-pilot division.

Boyd would soon get to test the mettle of these recruits. Across the continent, at Muric base in California, Bell Aircraft was testing its X-1 with civilian test pilots, who then were considered superior to military "fly boys." Bell engineers were confident the jet could break the sound barrier (Mach 1 is 742 miles per hour at sea level; slightly less as altitude increases), but funding problems threatened to ground the tests. The cost of hiring civilian pilots was too high for the postwar US government. The Army Air Corps, soon to be christened the Air Force, assumed responsibility for the tests.

The next task for Boyd was choosing the X-1 pilot. Some superiors told Boyd the pilot should be a West Pointer, others said he had to have an engineering degree. But Boyd and his assistant, Colonel Fred Ascani, kept coming back to a junior officer.

"Though (Yeager) lacked a college education, Boyd considered him the best instinctive pilot he had ever seen." Air Force historian James Young wrote in the book, "The Quest of Mach One."



General Yeager posed with the Glamorous Glennis, the speed machine he piloted through the sound barrier in 1947.



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Of breaking the sound barrier, General Yeager wrote: "After all the anxiety, breaking the sound barrier turned out to be a perfectly paved speedway."

Ascani was more expansive: "Yeager flies an airplane as if he is welded to it — as if he is an integral part of it. His 'feel' for any strange airplane is instinctive, intuitive and as natural as if he had flown it for 100 or more hours. ... No one, earth-bound or ethereal, will ever be a clone of Yeager. Never, ever."

As the flight team traveled to Murac, the only doubts about the young pilot seemed to be whether his superiors could rein in his sense of adventure.

"He was a little hard to tame," said Jack Russell, crew chief on the X-1 program. "I'd flown with him before and we were never right side up."

On his first test of the X-1, a glide test, the rocket plane and General Yeager were released from the dark belly of a B-29 into the blinding sunlight at 18,000 feet. General Yeager immediately piloted the plane into a series of unchoreographed rolls.

The danger of the mission, however, was always apparent. A few months earlier, Britain's top test pilot, Geoffrey de Havilland Jr., died as his jet disintegrated as it passed .9 Mach. The first X-1 pilot, Jack Woolams, died in a practice flight on another jet.

"Fatalities occurred at a rate that would be considered absolutely unacceptable today," Walter Boyne, former director of the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum, said.

As planes approached the sound barrier, mysterious forces would freeze controls or shred the fuselage. The culprit, theorists in aerodynamics said, was a phenomenon called "compressibility." As a plane flies well below the speed of sound, the fuselage pushes the air around it. As a plane approaches the speed of sound, the air moving around the aircraft starts accelerating. When it collides with the slower air, shock waves are created, building up on the wing and violently shaking the plane.

To counter this, the X-1 was designed in the shape of a .50-caliber bullet, which breaks the sound barrier without losing stability.

It was fueled by 600 gallons of ethyl alcohol and liquid oxygen, as volatile a mixture as ever used before. "He was sitting on top of a bomb," said Bob Hoover, the X-1 backup pilot who would become one of the world's leading acrobatic pilots.

There was an escape hatch — directly in front of the plane's razor-thin wings, which would have sliced General Yeager in half if he had tried to bail out.

General Yeager's only protection was a leather football helmet, which he adapted for the purpose with his penknife. He dubbed the craft Glamorous Glennis after his wife, as he had done with his combat fighters.

After three glide test flights, the team was ready for a powered test. After flipping on one of the jet's four engine chambers, General Yeager later recalled, "the impact nearly knocks you back into last week. ... We are no longer an airplane: We're a skyrocket. You're not flying. You're holding on to a tiger's tail."

After three glide and eight powered test flights, General Yeager thought he and the X-1 were ready to break the barrier. But on the morning of Oct. 14, he had to overcome two significant obstacles, one mechanical, one physical.

Project engineer Jackie Ridley solved both.

As the X-1 had approached the sound barrier during the previous test flight, a shock wave rendered the tail's elevator useless. Without this stabilizing device, General Yeager could not control altitude well enough to increase speed. Ridley correctly surmised that the X-1's revolutionary movable horizontal tail itself could instead be moved by the pilot in one-quarter degree adjustments, having a similar effect as the elevator. Other project engineers disagreed.

"Chuck was aware, as I was, that the four Ph.D.'s on the ground thought we were going to kill Chuck and lose the airplane," Robert Cardenas, the pilot of the B-29, recalled of that morning. "I said, 'Chuck, if Ridley's right, you're going to be a hero. But if he's wrong, you're going to be dead.'"

The physical problem was more embarrassing. Two days before, General Yeager had broken two ribs when his horse tossed him while riding with his wife. He secretly had a private doctor wrap his torso for the flight.

After confessing to Ridley, he realized it would be too painful to close the X-1's hatch with his right hand and the cockpit was too confining to reach across and close it with his left. The mission was salvaged by a broom stick, which Ridley fashioned into a lever that could close the hatch. After being dropped from the bomber, General Yeager fired all four chambers in succession, then shut off two of them. When, as expected, the jet started buffeting as it passed .90 Mach, he tested adjustments of the tail. Satisfied,

General Yeager leveled the jet and fired a third cylinder. The buffeting stopped; the mythical sonic wall had been shattered.

On the way down, General Yeager did victory rolls.

"I was thunderstruck," he wrote in "Yeager," an autobiography. "After all the anxiety, breaking the sound barrier turned out to be a perfectly paved speedway. ... Grandma could be sitting up there sipping lemonade."

Over the next decade, General Yeager cemented his reputation as the greatest test pilot, both for repeatedly setting speed and altitude records and for coolly maneuvering through catastrophic failures. His stature soared on Dec. 12, 1953. Moments after setting the speed record again — at Mach 2.44 (1,650 miles per hour) — his X-1A started an out-of-control spinning and tumbling plunge of about 10 miles in a little more than a minute. The violence of the descent slammed his head against the fuselage, cracking the glass canopy, and generated G-forces of plus 8 (more than twice what space shuttle astronauts felt during ascent). Yet General Yeager was able to regain control at 20,000 feet.

Rival test pilot Scott Crossfield called it "the fastest and wildest airplane ride in history."

In 1961, General Yeager was named commander of the new Aerospace Research Pilot School, designed to transform military test pilots into astronauts. Because a college degree was required to be part of the astronaut corps, General Yeager never made it himself.

Glennis Yeager died in 1990. They had four children: Donald, Michael, Sharon, and Susan.

General Yeager stayed active, mainly by hiking, including climbing 14,494-foot Mount Whitney every year for many years. He broke the sound barrier again in an Air Force jet at age 74 in 1997 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of his X-1 flight. He married Victoria Scott D'Angelo in 2003.

For much of his life, General Yeager was a footnote in history. That had changed in 1979, when Tom Wolfe's epic book "The Right Stuff" was released. In his account of the early days of America's space program, Wolfe cast the young Yeager as the cowboy of the modern age, a strong, virile, independent sort who let his actions do his talking.

"Tom got a little emotional," General Yeager said.

Few, however, would downplay the flight that shattered both the sound barrier and the myths surrounding it.

"This was undoubtedly the most significant event in the history of aerospace that took place between the Wright brothers and the landing on the moon," said Richard P. Hallion, a leading Air Force's historian. "It started a revolution in high-speed flight. And that revolution opened up the world as we know it today: a world of international, global air transportation and international, global military air power."

The flight's pilot put it more plainly: "Break Mach 1, don't bust your ass, and don't screw it up. That was it."

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A safe landing for Patriots

Practice at UCLA has homey, nostalgic feel

By Jim McBride
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LOS ANGELES — It was a most appropriate soundtrack.

With Ice Cube's "It was a good day" vibrating across the practice fields on the UCLA campus Tuesday afternoon, the Patriots held a walkthrough practice under sunny skies with temperatures in the low 80s.

There was a bit of a Foxborough feel to the workout as a helicopter hovered over the campus before landing on the roof of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center. This sometimes happens at

Gillette Stadium, where there's a helipad located adjacent to the practice fields.

The Patriots left their helmets, pads, and practice jerseys in the locker room and worked out in sweats. There were no absences.

It was encouraging to see cornerbacks Jonathan Jones (neck) and J.C. Jackson (knee) and tight end Ryan Izzo (neck), all of whom were injured in Sunday's rout of the Chargers, participating in stretching and light jogging during the open portion of practice.

All three were listed as limited. Jackson (hip) and Izzo (hand, hamstring) were nursing previous injuries heading into the game.

The UCLA fields are surrounded by



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Pauley Pavilion and the Luskin Conference Center and Hotel, which the club has called home since Friday night.

It was not only a good day, it's been a good and nostalgic week for UCLA alum Matthew Slater, who has been taking some good-natured ribbing from his teammates, who have been teasing him that they can't find his statue on campus.

"Those guys have been giving me a hard time all week. It's been great to be back here, this place means so much to
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Matthew Slater has been sharing with his Patriots teammates all of his fond memories of being on the field and on the campus while at UCLA.

Judgment time



JOHNNY BEECHER C/LW
AGE 19 | MICHIGAN NCAA

Bruins acquired Beecher: First-round pick (30th overall), 2019

Progress report: A lock to make the American squad at the World Junior Championships, beginning Dec. 25 in an Edmonton bubble. Teams are set to report Sunday, quarantine, and begin practicing Dec. 18 (first exhibition game: Dec. 20 on NHL Network). Has been a supporting player for Team USA, in a loaded graduating class. Can he make an offensive impact? RICK OSENTOSKI/AP IMAGES



COOPER ZECH D
AGE 21 | HK NITRA SLOVAKIA

Bruins acquired Zech: College free agent (Ferris State), 2019.

Progress report: Another undersized puck-mover in the Krug mold, he had 4 points (2-2—4) in his first five games in Slovakia. RICK OSENTOSKI/AP IMAGES



CURTIS HALL C/RW
AGE 20 | YALE NCAA

Bruins acquired Hall: Fourth-round pick (119th overall), 2018

Progress report: Rangy forward was left without a spot after the Ivy League canceled winter sports. Hall, 17-10—27 in 28 games as a college sophomore, is waiting until next semester to decide his future: remain at Yale, return to juniors, play in Europe, or turn pro. STEW MILNE/AP IMAGES

Compressed preseason will force Bruins to make early calls on prospects

By Matt Porter
GLOBE STAFF

If and when the puck drops this winter — maybe on Jan. 13, as was reported Monday — the NHL will start with a sprint.

To fit in a proposed 56-game schedule before July, and help begin the 2021-22 season on a more conventional timeline, the NHL is likely to shorten the preseason. That could

mean a two-week training camp for most teams, rather than the usual month, with no exhibition games.

Nothing came easy in 2020. But the road to the NHL could be even rockier for the next season. For example, see Bruins prospect Jakub Zboril, a 23-year-old defenseman with his eyes on a big-league job.

Zboril is currently playing in the Czech

Extraliga but might make the team regardless. The Bruins have at least one opening on the left side of the defense (au revoir, Torey Krug) and maybe two, if Zdeno Chara does not return.

Zboril's game has developed nicely in Providence. He has been playing well overseas. Regardless of how other left-side options handle the restart, the highest draft

pick in the Boston pipeline (13th overall in 2015) is likely to get a long look.

The Bruins would have had plenty of chances to assess Zboril in a normal season: a June development camp, a September rookie tournament, a month of training camp, perhaps six preseason games. They would give him top-pair minutes. They
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GARY WASHBURN
ON BASKETBALL

Is Williams ready for a big leap?

It's year three for Robert Williams and the Celtics still don't know fully what they have in their 2018 first-round pick, who was projected to be the rim protector they have sought for years.

Williams has spent the past two years dealing with injuries but made strides for the Celtics in the NBA bubble, making a difference in the Eastern Conference semifinals against the Toronto Raptors. But when it came down to containing Miami's skilled big man Bam Adebayo in the conference finals, coach Brad Stevens opted mostly for Daniel Theis, who lost that matchup badly, which ended up being the difference in the series.

Since the season ended the Celtics have moved centers Enes Kanter and Vincent Poirier and added Cleveland veteran
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Robert Williams showed flashes of what the Celtics hope he can become with a strong performance in the playoff win over the Raptors.

Sox have reason to bring back Bradley

By Alex Speier
GLOBE STAFF

It's a good time to be Jackie Bradley Jr. and a challenging time to replace him.

Bradley's free agency comes at the conclusion of a performance that, on the surface, featured some of the best offensive numbers of his career, albeit in a compressed 60-game format. He set career highs in average (.283) and OBP (.364) while delivering his characteristically excellent defense.

Some of the underlying data — lower average exit velocity, a career-low hard-hit percentage, a career-high groundball rate, and a batting average on balls in play (.343) that was significantly up from his career norm (.298) — suggest unsustainable numbers. But other elements point to an improved approach that aided his numbers, including a career-high walk rate, a career-low strikeout rate, more strike zone discipline, fewer swings and misses, and a greater-than-ever willingness to use all fields that helped neutralize shifts.
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Newton prefers to have wins over stats

By Hayden Bird
BOSTON.COM STAFF

At 6-6, the Patriots are in a much better position to reach the playoffs than they were a month ago, before they peeled off four wins in five games. Still, despite Sunday's 45-0 demolition of the Chargers, quarterback Cam Newton is facing questions about his passing numbers.

Newton, 31, had 69 yards passing Sunday, but when asked about the performance on WEEI's "The Greg Hill Show" Tuesday, he said the only statistic he cares about is wins.

"A lot of times when people play the game, they get fixated [on] statistics, right?" said Newton. "And for me personally, I've played this game long enough to have played and had games where I've had 400 yards and lost, also a lot of yards and won, also had like this past game, 69 yards and won. Or I've had 100 yards, 120 yards and lost."

"So I don't necessarily get fixated [on] that statistic. I've said it multiple times, I'm really all about winning. And yeah, were there some passes that I wish I

I could've had back? Absolutely, but when you're throwing the ball efficiently, or you're throwing the ball with the workload not as strenuous as it is, it only can revert to the

winning formula.

"We're running the ball pretty good, pretty solid, and we're going to need more of that here. You're not about to hear me complaining about winning, and if it comes to that, then I will be readily available to throw the football."

"But going back and looking at the game, there were times and opportunities that we missed out on. And I mean me personally, with inaccuracy, or this, that, and the third. I'm not here to complain or bicker about that, by no means."

Newton was asked why he thinks he encounters criticism for not producing better passing numbers. He said he doesn't think it makes sense to compare his style of play to quarterbacks such as Tom Brady.

"I think the thing that you, a lot of times the appreciation of how I play the game is not the sexiest thing," Newton said. "I would be the first person to tell you that, like people are always comparing quarterbacks, which is the right thing to do, but the

styles of play are completely different.

"Obviously, looking at my game and looking at Patrick Mahomes's play, Tom Brady's play, whoever is a gunslinger in this league that throws for a lot of yards, that's a way to win. I understand that. But, the way that the teams have offered themselves for wins has been different."

"You can negate or kind of downplay, 'Oh well, he's only doing this, he's only doing that.' Well, when your number is called and the team is relying on you to get a first down on fourth and 2 on the first drive and you come through, then it is what it is."

"Or, whenever your number is called, you just have to make sure that you're ready. I am not here to throw up this and throw up that, but however the game needs to be won, that is what I am willing to do. That's running the football, that's passing the football, and it's my job to protect the football and be efficient."

Because of the Patriots schedule, with back-to-back games in Los Angeles in a five-day span, the team is staying at UCLA in the time between playing the Chargers on Sunday and the Rams on Thursday. Newton said the West Coast trip looks a lot different than it would in non-COVID times.

"We're pretty much restricted, but at the same time, we know we came out here for business, and we want to take care of that first," said Newton. "Coach made that very loud and clear and just want to make sure everybody's focused and staying on as close a routine as we possibly can."

"You see guys still doing what they typically do on a given week, from watching film to preparing to meeting with coaches and things like that. That's pretty much where all our energy is going right now, and hopefully we can get the ball back rolling here Thursday."

In mid-November, Newton said Julian Edelman was "getting better." Yet with the 34-year-old receiver still out with a knee injury (he hasn't played since Week 7), Newton had a different tone when asked for an update.

"I was summoned to not speak on nothing that I have no control over," Newton replied, "and I will stick with that."

"Let's just say if you know, you know, and I will keep it at that," Newton joked.

When asked a follow-up question, Newton had another humorous (indirect) reference to Patriots leadership.

"Let's just say, it got through," Newton added, "and it hit home."



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Cody Davis flies in to block a field goal attempt, which the Patriots turned into a touchdown.

Group's play has been nothing short of special

By Christopher Price
GLOBE STAFF

Patrick Chung once described special teams as a "40-yard fistfight." If that's the case, Bill Belichick and the Patriots remain a combination of Muhammad Ali, Mike Tyson, and Rocky Marciano.

How else can you explain what happened Sunday? The Patriots punted the Chargers, 45-0, and while New England's offense and defense were relentless against a woeful Los Angeles team, the story of the game was a dominant special-teams performance.

This 40-yard fistfight should have been stopped before the end of the first round.

Consider:

- Gunner Olszewski returned three punts, averaging 48.3 yards per opportunity and taking one back 70 yards for a touchdown. The former Bemidji State cornerback also caught a fourth-quarter touchdown pass and tossed in a special-teams tackle for good measure.

- Devin McCourty returned a blocked field goal 44 yards for a touchdown and produced one of the speediest plays of the season for New England, topping out at an astounding 21 miles per hour on his journey to the end zone, according to Next Gen Stats.

- Jake Bailey dropped three of his four punts inside the Chargers' 10-yard line.

- Los Angeles's average starting field position was its 18-yard line. The Patriots' average start was their 46.

- It was the third time the Patriots scored two special teams touchdowns in a game under Belichick, and first since a win over the Bears in Chicago in 2018.

All these elements played a sizable role in the win — the first shutout of the year for New England, and the first time the Patriots scored 45 or more points since they put up 51 in a September 2015 win against the Jaguars.

"We try to have the edge every week on special teams," Belichick said after the game. "That's our goal every week. You just hope you can find a way and do something that will really impact the game. It's nice when it happens."

New England's special-teams have been building to this point for a while now.

Nick Folk hasn't missed a field goal in almost three months, and has two game-winners this year, including two weeks ago against the Cardinals. The reigning AFC special teams player of the week had a clean sheet on Sunday with a field goal and six extra points.

Bailey is playing himself into the Pro Bowl: Entering Sunday, he was second in the AFC in punting average (48.3) and second in the NFL in net punt average (45.4). He's had teams running uphill the last month.

And returners Olszewski and Donte Moncrief have steadily improved over the last four games.

Moncrief had a big moment against the Cardinals, and Olszewski is one blown call from going back-to-back weeks with a punt return for a touchdown.

"I think the football gods rewarded him today," Damien Harris said Sunday of Olszewski, who became just the fourth Patriots player to log both a receiving and a punt return for a touchdown in the same game.

Part of the Patriots' success Sunday was due in part to the fact that they were playing the Chargers, whose special-teams might as well show up at the 50-yard line at SoFi Stadium in a clown car every Sunday.

On Olszewski's first return, the Chargers had 10 players on the field. In the third quarter, they had 12 on the field on a punt return of their own, a flag that gave the Patriots the ball back. The rest of the way, they might as well have been on skates for all the good they did.

"Special teams. Unaccept-

able. Unacceptable. Period," Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said after the game.

In a year when the Patriots have had no margin for error, their being able to exploit an edge on special teams is one of Belichick's best and smartest plays.

"We've been close on some plays at other points during the season that just ended up being foul balls," Belichick said. "But this week, and even last week, we had some explosive plays that impacted the game. Of course, I'm happy to see those hit."

"It's a good core group. And like I said, it's nice to see all their hard work and film study and extra time in practice and staying after practice to work on blocking to see that pay off in the results in a game."

And remember: The Patriots are doing it all without transformative special-teamsers such as Chung and Brandon Bolden, who opted out at the start of the season, and Julian Edelman, who hasn't had a single return opportunity all year and remains sidelined.

Moving forward, the margin for error remains slim, and with each passing week, it becomes clearer the Patriots will need a collapse of multiple teams if they are going to reach the postseason.

Going into Thursday's game against the Rams, the path to the playoffs is a little clearer thanks in large part to the special-teamsers.

"It's my belief that we're starting to find our identity and who we are, and how we're going to have to win," said special teams captain Matthew Slater. "As a team, when you understand that, you can operate and move with a purpose."

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Eagles go for Hurts over Wentz

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Jalen Hurts will start for the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, sending Carson Wentz to the bench. Eagles coach Doug Pederson made the announcement Tuesday on the team's website.

"We're not where we want to be as an offense," Pederson said. "I looked at the whole thing and decided that for this week to look for that spark again to try to get the team over the hump, to try to get everybody playing better."

Hurts, the 2019 Heisman Trophy runner-up, was selected in the second round with the 53rd overall pick this year when the Eagles had far more pressing needs.

Pederson insisted Monday the decision was his, even though Wentz's \$128 million, four-year contract begins in 2021. Hurts replaced Wentz in the third quarter of a 30-16 loss to Green Bay and completed 5 of 12 passes for 109 yards, one touchdown, one interception, and took three sacks.

"Carson is like all of us right now, he's disappointed. He's frustrated," Pederson said.

Pederson and Wentz came to Philadelphia in 2016. They led the Eagles to the franchise's only Super Bowl title in 2017. Wentz was 11-2 before a knee injury forced him to watch Nick Foles lead the Eagles through the playoffs and victory over New England. But Wentz has a career-low 72.8 passer rating this season and 19 turnovers, including 15 interceptions. He hasn't had much help. The injury-depleted offensive line has allowed 53 sacks.

Bryant tests positive

Baltimore wide receiver Dez Bryant was yanked from Tuesday's Cowboys-Ravens game less than an hour before kickoff because of a positive COVID-19 test. The 32-year-old veteran, who has played in three games with Baltimore this season, hinted that he was going to sit for the rest of the season. . . Browns right guard Wyatt Teller was placed on the COVID-19 reserve list, putting him in jeopardy of missing next Monday's home game against Baltimore. . . The Titans put wide receiver Adam Humphries on injured reserve, two days after he played his first game after a month in the concussion protocol. . . Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald was activated from the COVID-19 list after a two-game absence. The 37-year-old Fitzgerald went on the list Nov. 26. . . The Giants signed the versatile free agent Joe Webb. Webb, 34, is listed as a quarterback, but has also caught passes, run the ball, and returned kickoffs. His most recent action was at the end of the 2018 season with the Texans.

NFL playoff picture

Seven teams in each conference — the four division winners plus three wild-card teams — make the playoffs. The division winner in each conference with the best record gets a first-round bye.

AFC	All	Div.	Conf.	Remaining games
Pittsburgh	11-1	4-0	8-0	at Buf., at Cin., Ind., at Cle.
p-Kansas City	11-1	4-1	9-1	at Mia., at NO, Atl., LAC
Buffalo	9-3	4-0	6-2	Pit., at Den., at NE, Mia.
Tennessee	8-4	3-1	6-4	at Jax., Buf., at GB, at Hou.
Cleveland	9-3	2-2	6-3	Bal., at NYG, at NYJ, Pit.
Miami	8-4	2-2	5-3	KC, NE, at LV, at Buf.
Indianapolis	8-4	2-2	4-4	at LV, Hou., at Pit., Jax.
Las Vegas	7-5	3-1	5-3	Ind., LAC, Mia., at Den.
Baltimore	7-5	2-2	4-5	at Cle., Jax., NYG, at Cin.
New England	6-6	2-1	5-4	at LAR, at Mia., Buf., NYJ
Denver	4-8	1-3	4-5	at Car., Buf., at LAC, LV
Houston	4-8	2-2	3-6	at Chi., at Ind., Cin., Ten.
NFC	All	Div.	Conf.	Remaining games
p-New Orleans	10-2	5-0	8-1	at Phi., KC, Min., at Car.
Green Bay	9-3	3-1	7-2	at Det., Car., Ten., at Chi.
LA Rams	8-4	2-2	8-2	NE, NYJ, at Sea., Ari.
NY Giants	5-7	3-2	4-6	Ari., Cle., at Bal., Dal.
Seattle	8-4	2-2	6-3	NYJ, at Was., LAR, at SF
Tampa Bay	7-5	2-2	4-4	Min., at Atl., at Det., Atl.
Minnesota	6-6	3-1	4-4	at TB, Chi., at NO, at Det.
Arizona	6-6	2-2	4-4	at NYG, Phi., SF, at LAR
Chicago	5-7	1-3	5-5	Hou., at Min., at Jax., GB
Detroit	5-7	1-3	4-5	GB, at Ten., TB, Min.
San Francisco	5-7	2-2	3-5	Was., at Dal., at Ari., Sea.
Washington	5-7	3-2	3-5	at SF, Sea., Car., at Phi.
Atlanta	4-8	1-3	2-8	at LAC, TB, at KC, at TB
Carolina	4-8	1-4	3-6	Den., at GB, at Was., NO
Philadelphia	3-8-1	2-2	3-5	NO, at Ari., at Dal., Was.
Dallas	3-9	1-3	3-6	at Cin., SF, Phi., at NYG

p — Clinched playoff berth
TIEBREAKERS: The first three tiebreakers within a division are head-to-head, division record, and record vs. common opponents; the first three for a wild-card spot involving teams not in the same division are head-to-head, conference record, and record vs. common opponents.

Patriots' practice at UCLA has homey feel

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me for so many reasons, but I truly believe some of my most important formative years happened at this university and when I say that I mean well beyond what happened on the football field," said Slater, who grew up in the city. "I came here a 17-year-old kid and I left with a better idea of who I was as a man and who I wanted to stand for and represent."

"It's unfortunate, the most disappointing thing for me is not being able to see my mom, my dad, and my brother, but that's the world we're living in right now and we're all just taking it one day at a time."

Slater, who said he "busts out a new UCLA shirt like everyday," has taken a few walks around campus and was particularly nostalgic as he revisited Powell Library, a spot where he "spent a lot of time."

Prior to the conducting his own team's practice, coach Bill Belichick addressed the UCLA football team. This was similar to 2018 when Belichick spoke to the officer cadets at the Air Force Academy when the team stayed in Colorado Springs.

"As an alum, I appreciate Coach taking the time to speak

to our kids," said Slater. "I hope they were tuned in and gleaning as much as possible because that's the best teacher in the history of the game. So, I hope they were paying attention."

Belichick has a close relationship with Bruins coach Chip Kelly, whose club is set to face archrival Southern Cal on Saturday.

Kyle Dugger has started the last four games as the rookie safety continues to expand his role on defense and he pointed to improved recognition skills as a big factor for his increased playing time.

"I'd say presnap alignments have been the biggest thing for me," he said. "Seeing where the receivers or the formation is lined up and how condensed versus open formations and recognizing what they're trying to do out of certain formations and putting myself in position presnap to help myself and help the defense post-snap."

Dugger, who has also excelled on special teams, has shown the ability to play in coverage and also near the box. Thunderous hits have been his calling card.

Belichick said Dugger has shown consistent improvement.

"I would say Kyle's the type of player that gets better every day," the coach said recently. "It doesn't matter whether it's kickoff coverage, kickoff return, third down, play action. The more he sees it, the quicker he processes it, the quicker he reacts and the more consistent he becomes. So, there are some things he hasn't seen before that are maybe a little new for him, but once he's seen it and identified it and you've explained it to him, he picks it up very quickly."

"I think physically, he has a good skill set to play close to the line or in a deep part of the field — zone to man coverage, blitz, can play in the kicking game. So, he has a lot of things that you like at that position, and again, he's a smart, hardworking kid that will enable him to try to maximize all the skills that he has."

In addition to Jackson, Jones, and Izzo, the club listed 11 others as limited: quarterback Cam Newton (abdomen), fullback Jakob Johnson (knee), running back J.J. Taylor (quadriceps), guard Shaq Mason (calf), defensive linemen Lawrence Guy (shoulder), Adam Butler (shoulder), and Byron Cowart (back), linebacker Ja'Whaun

Bentley (groin), kicker Nick Folk (back), Dugger (toe), and Slater (knee) . . . Slater's dad, Jackie, was a Hall of Fame offensive tackle for the Rams, and that's another reason playing in LA is special to Matthew. "I think of what my dad did here professionally, how well he represented our family name," he said. "This could be the last time a Slater plays football in LA. We're certainly aware of that and we appreciate this opportunity. What a joy it's been for me to represent my dad and carry on his legacy as best I can." . . . Another UCLA product, tight end Devin Asiasi, who is still on injured reserve, was at practice as he's been since Nov. 25. He could be activated for Thursday night. . . Receiver Isaiah Ford is planning to sign with the Dolphins' practice squad, according to an ESPN report. The Patriots released Ford last week after sending a draft pick (likely a seventh-rounder) to Miami to acquire him at the trade deadline. The Patriots were hoping to keep Ford on their practice squad.

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Jackson is back, so are Ravens

By David Ginsburg

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Ravens 34 BALTIMORE
— Lamar Jackson ran for 94 yards and a touchdown as the focal point of a relentless rushing attack that amassed 294 yards, and the Baltimore Ravens emerged from a COVID-19 outbreak to beat the Dallas Cowboys, 34-17, Tuesday night.

Returning from a one-game absence after testing positive for the potentially deadly virus, Jackson carried 13 times and threw for two scores. He was one of 23 Ravens to spend time on the reserve/COVID-19 list while four different strains of the virus swept through the organization.

The game was played Tuesday night because Baltimore's previous game — against Pittsburgh last Wednesday — was pushed back three times while the Ravens had at least one player test positive for 10 consecutive days.

Gus Edwards ran for 101 yards on just seven carries and rookie J.K. Dobbins — who also missed time on the COVID-19 list — added 71 yards rushing with a TD to help Baltimore (7-5) break a three-game skid and stay alive in its quest to reach the postseason for a third straight year.

Dallas came in with the worst rush defense in the league, and it showed. The Ravens averaged 7.9 yards per carry and prevailed



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Quarterback Lamar Jackson, in his return from the COVID list, pulls away from defenders en route to a 37-yard touchdown run in the first quarter that gave the Ravens a 7-3 lead.

despite getting only 107 yards passing from Jackson.

The last-place Cowboys (3-9) have lost six of seven. Andy Dalton went 31 for 48 for 285 yards and two touchdowns, and Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 77 yards.

But Greg Zuerlein missed three field goal tries and Dallas yielded 20 straight points after taking an early 10-7 lead.

The game was supposed to feature Ravens receiver Dez Bryant going against his former team, but Bryant left during warm-ups and was scratched with what Baltimore termed “an

illness.”

Bryant wrote on Twitter he tested positive for COVID-19 and later posted: “Yea I’m going to go ahead and call it a quit for the rest of the season... I can’t deal with this.” He subsequently posted a series of tweets, including, “Yea I’m coming back... I’m being smart.”

Bryant scored 73 touchdowns with the Cowboys from 2010-17. He was signed by the Ravens in October.

On his first series since Nov. 22, Jackson threw a pass that was tipped and intercepted.

That led to a Dallas field goal, but Jackson answered with a 37-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-2 play.

Tony Pollard took the subsequent kickoff 66 yards to set up a 13-yard touchdown pass from Dalton to Michael Gallup. It would be the last time Dallas led.

An interception by rookie Patrick Queen set up a 38-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Miles Boykin for a 14-10 lead.

Jackson's second TD pass of the game, a 20-yarder in the third quarter to Marquise Brown, made it 24-10.

Bruins need quick calls on prospects

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would have a crystallized view of his near-term potential.

But everything is fluid these days. Zboril, with 182 AHL games and two NHL games on his résumé, may not get the power-play practice reps that could boost his offensive confidence.

He hasn't faced enemy NHL attackers since November 2018, when he logged 22 minutes over two games. It may not be a smooth ride.

But he has made progress since joining HC Kometa Brno last month, leading defenseman on his club with 8 points (1-7-8) in 15 games, and averaging 23 minutes a night of even-strength, power-play, and penalty-kill time in the top Czech division.

“Scored a beauty of a goal, too,” noted agent Allan Walsh.

There are several other Bruins prospects with NHL potential:

Jack Ahcan, D

Age: 23
Current club: None
How acquired: College free agent (St. Cloud State)

Progress report: Hard not to see Krug in Ahcan, who fits the same profile — 5 feet 8 inches, 185 pounds, left shot, NCAA captain — and plays the same way. After signing in March, he is likely to spend his first pro season in Providence. A promotion is not out of the question. The question: When will the AHL return?

Johnny Beecher, C/LW

Age: 19
Current club: Michigan (NCAA)
How acquired: First-round pick (30th overall), 2019

Progress report: A lock to make the American squad at the World Junior Championships, beginning Dec. 25 in an Edmonton bubble. Teams are set to re-

port Sunday, quarantine, and begin practicing Dec. 18 (first exhibition game: Dec. 20 on NHL Network). Has been a supporting player for Team USA, in a loaded graduating class. Can he make an offensive impact?

Victor Berglund, D

Age: 21
Current club: Lulea (Sweden)

How acquired: Seventh-round pick (195th overall), 2017

Progress report: Signed an entry-level deal in June and is having an excellent year in the SHL. Through Monday, he was tied for sixth among defensemen in scoring (2-11-13 in 19 games). Of the top 25 scorers among defensemen, Berglund's TOI (16:07) is the lowest. Will likely spend the full year in Providence, after a four-game audition in 2018-19.

Peter Cehlarik, LW

Age: 25
Current club: Leksands IF (Sweden)

How acquired: Third-round pick (90th overall), 2013

Progress report: The Bruins retained his rights by making the restricted free agent a qualifying offer this offseason. They kept an asset, but Cehlarik, who commented last spring that Bruce Cassidy wasn't giving him a fair shake, may not be part of the plan. He's certainly not hurting his trade value. As of Monday, he led Sweden's top league in goals (12), was fourth in points (21, in 20 games), third in shots (70), and even ranked 13th in blocked shots (16). Unlike other Bruins farmhands, he is under contract with his Euro club, rather than a loan that ends when the NHL returns.

Curtis Hall, C/RW

Age: 20
Current club: Yale (NCAA)
How acquired: Fourth-round pick (119th overall), 2018

Progress report: Rangy for-

ward was left without a spot after the Ivy League canceled winter sports. Hall, 17-10-27 in 28 games as a college sophomore, is waiting until next semester to decide his future: remain at Yale, return to juniors, play in Europe, or turn pro.

Joona Koppanen, LW

Age: 22
Current club: Ilves (Finland)
How acquired: Fifth-round pick (135th overall), 2016

Progress report: The big (6-5, 195) winger's offense hasn't shown up stateside (22 points in 98 AHL games), but he seemed to be gaining confidence back home. After dominating the Finnish second division (6-11-17 in 10 games with KOOVEE), he put up a 3-2-5 line in nine matches upon promotion to Liiga. But the league halted play from Dec. 3-19 because of coronavirus concerns.

Robert Lantosi, RW

Age: 25
2020-21 club: HK Nitra (Slovakia)

How acquired: Free agent, 2019

Progress report: Decent North American debut last year for playmaking wing (11-20-31 in Providence) and back to producing at home. Has 14 points (2 goals, 12 assists) in 14 games for Nitra, after 58 points in 56 games two years ago.

Matias Mantykivi, RW

Age: 19
Current club: SaiPa (Finland)
How acquired: Sixth-round pick (185th overall), 2019

Progress report: Spindly (5-11, 161) late-rounder was named to the Finnish WJC camp, which will keep him busy during the Liiga pause. Has four assists in 17 games with SaiPa, playing mostly wing.

Oskar Steen, C/RW

Age: 22
2020-21 club: IF Bjorkloven

(Sweden)

How acquired: Sixth-round pick (165th overall), 2016

Progress report: After a quiet North American debut (7-16-23 in 60 games with Providence), he's playing in Sweden's second division (Allsvenskan). Odd look for a player with three-plus years of SHL experience, but he has a hot stick (12 goals, 15 points in 16 games).

Urho Vaakanainen, D

Age: 21
2020-21 club: SaiPa (Finland)

How acquired: First-round pick (18th overall), 2017

Progress report: Appeared in two games (scoring one goal, averaging a team-best 22:38) before Liiga shutdown. Will be among left-side prospects getting a look in brief Bruins camp.

Dan Vadar, G

Age: 23
2020-21 club: HC Dynamo Pardubice (Czech)

How acquired: Third-round pick (75th overall), 2015

Progress report: Seems to have forgotten his unfortunate NHL debut in the Toronto playoff bubble. Has appeared in three games back home, posting a .933 save percentage and 1.91 GAA. Could be the No. 1 in Providence, with NHLers Tuukka Rask and Jaroslav Halak on expiring deals.

Cooper Zech, D

Age: 21
2020-21 club: HK Nitra (Slovakia)

How acquired: College free agent (Ferris State), 2019.

Progress report: Another undersized puck-mover in the Krug mold, he had 4 points (2-2-4) in his first five games in Slovakia.

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students' access to sports, bathrooms, and locker rooms in accordance with their gender identity.”

One area where the Biden administration could create change is in college sports.

US Senator Chris Murphy (D-Conn.) has been at the forefront of empowering and protecting student-athletes in large part because, he said, “The NCAA has made it abundantly clear their interest is in protecting the profits of the industry, not the rights or safety of the athletes.”

Murphy is one of the principal authors of a “College Athletes Bill of Rights,” a framework for legislation that would allow student-athletes to receive revenues from their schools' use of their name, image, and likeness, as well as ensuring more health and educational opportunities. Among the bill of rights' backers is Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

Murphy has not spoken with Biden on the subject, but said he is “certainly hopeful that this administration is going to lead on the issue of college athletics reform. We're at a moment where the status quo can't hold.”

Murphy is encouraged by general support “and pretty good cooperation” on the issue from Republicans such as Senator Marco Rubio (R-Florida), but allowed, “I'd be hard-pressed to see a path [for legislation] where [Senate Majority Leader] Mitch McConnell would spend a week or two debating the issue of college athletics.”

If the Democrats do take the Senate, Biden will push for tax reform that will likely have a slight ripple effect on sports, said Gordon Gray, director of fiscal policy at the Washington, D.C.-based American Action Forum, a center-right think tank focused on economic, domestic, and fiscal policy.

“On the tax side, there's not a tremendous amount of risk the incoming administration would pose to the taxation of sports franchises,” said Gray.

An increase in the corporate tax could mean a decrease in the ability of advertisers and sponsors to direct dollars toward the many opportunities sports teams present in terms of arena and stadium signage, naming rights, and commercials.

When it comes to the buying and selling of sport franchises, Gray said, “If you were looking to sell your team and afraid of paying higher prices on a sales tax like capital gains, you would want to get in on that in advance. But, if one were really driven by tax concerns, observers would definitely have time to see that coming.”

“Underlying value [of franchises] would still presumably drive the transaction.”

The NBA's kerfuffle with China two Octobers ago — when then-Rockets general manager Daryl Morey tweeted support for Hong Kong supporters — was just one reminder of the massive audience in China that sports leagues and sports apparel companies are trying to reach. By lifting or easing tariffs imposed by Trump, Biden could create a more suitable climate for sports to expand their reach and revenues there.

“Biden has signaled that the fundamentals aren't going to change much, but certainly the rhetoric will be relaxed, and that will allow for some progress on trade,” said Raymond Sauer, professor of economics at Clemson.

“Getting tariffs down and stopping the trade wars — I think that's probably going to be the key thing Biden can easily do and put one on the board with easy wins while still keeping an eye out on the costs of free trade on American manufacturing workers.”

Biden can't chalk up any wins or losses before Trump leaves the White House. After that, the play-calling from the Commander-in-Chief will sound and look brand-new.

Athletes, teams are likely to have an ally in Biden

By Michael Silverman

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Time will tell whether golf-loving President-elect Joe Biden will come close to approaching the nearly 300 golf outings President Donald Trump enjoyed in his term.

But we do know that beginning Jan. 20, the volume on inflammatory and divisive sports rhetoric from the White House is likely to be turned way down with the departure of a president who had a penchant for all-caps skirmishes with high-profile athletes and a knack for turning invitations to the White House into intensely scrutinized litmus tests of conscience and loyalty.

That change in tone over cultural politics will be accompanied by the potential for action on key issues such as college sports reform and tax policy that could impact sports. The likelihood of Congress enacting such legislation on Biden's watch rests greatly on the outcome of the Georgia Senate runoff next month.

Regardless of that outcome, the fuel that's sparked recent unrest has not evaporated. That means many athletes will continue to not stick to sports exclusively and will seek to raise awareness. When they do, that inevitably will raise the ire of some.

Rather than stoke those flames like Trump, Biden can be counted on to try to lower them.

“What we saw in the four years of Trump was a politicization of sport like nothing since the 1960s and maybe ever,” said Michael Serazio, associate professor of communication at Boston College and author of “The Power of Sports: Media and Spectacle in American Culture.”

“First we saw the return of activist athletes; those came to the forefront on issues of racial justice and Black Lives Matter, but also on the flip side, there was the way in which President Trump and conservative media very much targeted sports, athletes, leagues as a useful political punching bag.

“I think the temperature will come down. Sports won't be a political punching bag, and I think that in turn athletes will view [Biden] more favorably.”

Invitations to championship teams from Trump seldom failed to generate headlines, whether it was cheeseburger buffets for the Clemson football team, high-wattage no-shows from Alex Cora and Tom Brady or simply snubbing a team, which happened after the Warriors won the NBA title in 2018 and star player Steph Curry made it clear he wouldn't attend if asked.

It's no certainty, but an invitation from Biden probably won't whip the sports/politics arena into a frenzy. And when examples of civil unrest over any number of issues surface in the sports world, Biden's track record as vice president and presidential candidate offers a partial road map for what to expect, according to Betina Cutaia Wilkinson, associate professor of politics and international affairs at Wake Forest University.

“It only takes one major incident for a video to go viral, for statements to be made, for protests to take place for pro athletes to voice their concerns and demand change, regardless of who is in the White House,” said Wilkinson.

“I would think [Biden] would be very much supportive of the BLM movement, condemning police brutality, condemning racism and white supremacy, so in that sense I don't feel pro athletes would be lone wolves out there saying, ‘Hey, something's got to change.’”

The only mention of sports on Biden's official website is a tangential one.

“On his first day in office,” the section reads, “Biden will reinstate the Obama-Biden guidance revoked by the Trump-Pence Administration, which will restore transgender

Reports: NHL, players closer to a deal

By Matt Porter

GLOBE STAFF

The financial squabbling that has sidetracked the NHL and NHL Players' Association of late may be over.

Reports from Sportsnet and TSN in Canada said late Monday that while the sides had not agreed on critical elements of the 2020-21 season, the league and its player labor force agreed that the economics of the six-year collective bargaining agreement negotiated last summer would remain unchanged.

This ends a shaky few weeks for the NHL, in which players

balked at the league's request to consider deferring money or changing the escrow system to help the league's 31 (soon to be 32) active teams better survive the financial damage from a season that could be played, in many locales, without fans in attendance.

The NHL is targeting Jan. 13 for a start to the season, according to multiple reports. Last year's seven playoff non-qualifiers would report to camp Dec. 28. The 24 playoff teams, including the Bruins, would report Jan. 1. Exhibition games are unlikely.

The proposed season would be 56 games, with several days allotted for makeup games before playoffs in May, June, and July.

Last Wednesday, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said the league was “not seeking to renegotiate” the CBA, which further inflamed some on the players' side.

“The deal was negotiated 4 months ago,” tweeted veteran player agent Allan Walsh. “It was entirely foreseeable that fans would not be allowed into buildings for most of the 2020-21 season when the deal was

signed. Bottom line, some owners don't like the deal and want better terms.”

Attention at the frozen negotiating table returns to solidifying dates and protocol for training camps, regular season, and playoffs, plus COVID-19 testing and safety measures. With the Canadian border closed, the NHL is likely to realign teams into three US divisions and one in Canada.

Also to be decided: contingency plans for a worsening pandemic — for example, playing games in a bubble if conditions further deteriorate.

Fagundez out of a contract

By Frank Dell'Apa
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When Diego Fagundez played his 261st game for the Revolution, tying the team record, he said he hoped to get to 500 appearances. But his future appears uncertain after the team listed him out of contract. He issued a statement Tuesday indicating he was leaving the team.

"Sometimes we have to move on," Fagundez said on his Instagram account. "My family and I want to thank everyone who has made all this possible. It's not easy to say goodbye, especially when I wanted to break one more record while wearing a Revs jersey to celebrate with you all. Hopefully we can make it happen someday but for now I am saying my goodbye and hope to see you all in the future."

Fagundez, who made his debut as a 16-year-old in 2011, did not play in the Revolution's final two matches of the regular season or in their four playoff games this year. He made 19 appearances (nine starts) and scored once, his 53rd career goal, second on the team's career list.

But Revolution sporting director/head coach Bruce Arena barely utilized Fagundez after the return of Carles Gil from injury.

Fagundez, 25, becomes a free agent upon the expiration of his contract Dec. 31, and can sign with another MLS team or go overseas. But he will be negotiating without much leverage. He might have been in a better bargaining position by signing a pre-contract with an overseas club, which is commonly done within six months of a contract



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Diego Fagundez (right), who has been with the Revolution since 2011, saw his playing time decline at the end of the year.

ending.

Fagundez, who was born in Uruguay and grew up in Leominster, holds Italian citizenship through his mother and could move to Europe without occupying a foreign roster slot. He has attracted interest from European clubs but does not have a contract offer, according to league sources.

In Fagundez's favor is that he could move on a free transfer. He expressed a desire to explore outside options in the past, but was limited by being tied to five-year contract worth \$205,000 annually, according to the MLS Players Association.

Late in the season, Arena excluded Fagundez from the game-day roster, saying, "Diego is close but we made a decision to go with other players."

Fagundez made the trip to Columbus but did not play in a 1-0 loss to the Crew in the Eastern Conference final Sunday.

Four other Revolution players are out of contract: defender Antonio Delamea and midfielders Tommy McNamara, Lee Nguyen, and Kelyn Rowe.

The Revolution declined options on goalkeeper Jeff Caldwell, defenders Michael Mancienne and Seth Sinovic, and midfielders Isaac Angking, Nicolas Firmino, Kekuta Manneh, and Cristian Penilla, the team assist leader.

Arena brought in several

players after being hired last year and will likely use the off-season to seek left wingers, add defenders to replace Delamea and Mancienne, and reinforce the midfield.

Like most coaches, Arena prefers aligning left-footed players on the left, though right-footers such as Cristiano Ronaldo can be effective on the left. But a shortage of left-footers has meant the Revolution concluded the last two seasons with right-footers on the left.

The Revolution have filled the left back spot with veterans, but injuries and illness limited the playing time of Edgar Castillo last year and Alexander Buttner this season, so the position was manned by DeJuan Jones.

Penilla has been a left winger his entire career, but Arena preferred converting him to the right or as a central midfielder. Penilla missed the last six-plus games of the season with a broken foot, his place taken by Revolution leading scorer Teal Bunbury (eight goals), whose best position is center forward.

Of the players Arena added during the season, only midfielder Matt Polster's contract is guaranteed.

The Revolution exercised contract options on Gil, backup goalkeeper Brad Knighton, midfielders Luis Caicedo and Scott Caldwell, and defender Collin Verfurth.

MLS focused on stadiums

By Frank Dell'Apa
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Major League Soccer lost \$1 billion in revenue this year but expansion remains on schedule, commissioner Don Garber said in a state of the league address Tuesday.

By 2023, the league plans to field 30 teams — up from 26 this season — and 27 will compete in their own stadium. The Revolution, though, might not be one of those teams playing in a soccer-specific venue.

Garber said a Revolution stadium is "a priority" and that the Kraft family "remains committed" to the construction.

"As you know, developing these stadiums in cities like New York City, Boston, Chicago is very, very difficult for all the reasons you would expect," Garber said. "They [the Revolution] did invest in their new training ground — I think it is one of the great ones in our league — they have made investments on the player front. A lot of exciting things going on with that club, it was good to see them go as far as they did this year."

"And the stadium remains a priority. Robert and Jonathan [Kraft] talk about it at board

meetings, they talk about it publicly, they remain committed to building a stadium in downtown Boston. I am confident they will be playing in a soccer stadium as I am confident that all those other MLS markets that are looking to develop stadiums will be able to achieve their plans, as well. It doesn't get any easier when you lose a year of timing and all the other tax implications with municipalities and the like due to the pandemic, though."

The Revolution, who started play in Foxborough in 1996, have been seeking sites in Boston since the early 2000s. The Krafts have eyed several sites in the city, spending nearly \$15 million on proposals and renderings. Last year, the Revolution constructed a \$35 million training facility at Gillette Stadium and also invested in the transfer market for the first time, paying \$12.7 million for players.

The Chicago Fire and New York City FC also have failed in attempts to build in the city. The Fire performed at Soldier Field and North Central College in Naperville, Ill., before moving to a soccer complex in Bridgeview,

Ill., in 2006, then returning to Soldier Field this year. NYC FC has been competing at Yankee Stadium since 2015. Next year, soccer structures are scheduled to open in Cincinnati, Columbus (the Crew will leave MAPFRE Stadium, opened in 1999, after the MLS Cup final Sunday), and Nashville.

Garber said the league's 26th season will kick off in March, whether fans are allowed into buildings or not.

"The challenge is nobody has that magic date, right, and it will vary state by state and province by province," Garber said. "So we need to make a schedule for all the reasons that you would expect. We can't wait for an understanding of the impact of the vaccine. We're going to need some flexibility but we are not going to be able to wait to make a decision until somebody decides that fans will be able to attend stadiums. That is a date that is so uncertain at this point."

"I am very, very hopeful that 2021 will be a way better year than 2020 because I don't think any business could sustain the kind of impact that we sustained in 2020 for two years in a row."

LPGA: Men's help wanted

By Doug Ferguson
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HOUSTON — The USGA is promoting a smart social media campaign with the hashtag "Women Worth Watching," and already some PGA Tour players have weighed in that they'll be tuning in this week to the US Women's Open.

It would be more plausible, of course, if any player ever admitted watching golf on TV when they weren't at a tournament.

But it's a start.

And it's an important conversation.

This was the very topic raised three months ago by Juli Inkster, who won the career Grand Slam while raising two daughters during her Hall of Fame career.

Inkster was doing television work in September at the ANA Inspiration, an LPGA major with rich tradition in the California desert that often gets overlooked because it falls a week before the Masters. It was postponed by the pandemic, and as (bad) luck would have it, this year it was held a week before the US Open.

"I just wish the guys would talk about our majors the way we do about theirs," Inkster said that day.

This would be a great oppor-

tunity.

The US Women's Open starts Thursday at Champions Golf Club, which has the history of a US Open and Ryder Cup and the heritage of being founded by Jack Burke Jr. and Jimmy Demaret.

It's the final major of the year. It long has been regarded as the biggest event in women's golf. And the PGA Tour is done for the year, except for the unofficial team event in Florida unofficially known as the Shark Shootout.

"It's a great time for the Open," Inkster said by phone Tuesday, and then she returned to her original thoughts from September. "If we can get these guys to say, 'The Women's Open is on and I'm going to be watching,' that would be huge."

Inkster was in her first year as Solheim Cup captain when a quartet of PGA Tour caddies, spearheaded by Jim "Bones" Mackay and John Wood, put together a video for Inkster to show the American squad. It morphed quickly from motivation to self-deprecation. This was in 2015, and the Americans had one Ryder Cup victory in the last seven tries.

"Michael Greller is sitting there talking strategy and then Wood looks over at Bones and says, 'What's your Ryder Cup re-

cord? Not very good. Why are we doing this?'" Inkster said. "It was awesome."

Conversation matters, even on Twitter.

Max Homa was among the first to weigh in three weeks ago by retweeting the USGA and adding the major season isn't done yet. This was Nov. 16, the day after the Masters. US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau, Harris English, Marc Leishman, and Jason Day have joined in. So has Gary Player.

It's not much. It doesn't need to be.

The PGA Tour and LPGA Tour announced a strategic alliance for areas such as schedule coordination, joint marketing programs, media representation, and the possibility of joint tournaments. That was four years ago. The PGA Tour helped negotiate the LPGA's television rights, and that's about all anyone has seen from that partnership.

For now, just a little interest from the men could go a long way. They know the women's game. Several men played with women in Junior Ryder Cup competitions (Jordan Spieth and Lexi Thompson in 2008).

It takes only a little effort. And it could do so much for the women's game.

Is Williams ready for big leap?

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an Tristan Thompson, making the center position a potential three-man rotation. But where does Williams fit? With Thompson out indefinitely with a hamstring injury, will Williams start opening night against the Milwaukee Bucks? Or will he have to spend another year as an occasional option for when the Celtics need athleticism or a shot blocker?

Those are questions yet to be answered. But, in the first week of training camp, Williams said he's making progress and Stevens agrees. Still, Celtics faithful won't really know until the games begin.

"I honestly feel like I'll make a great jump this year for myself and also for my team and I feel like I'm around great guys to do that, too," Williams said. "Bringing in Tristan, someone I can learn from easily, and every day learning stuff from Theis, I feel like they put me in a great position, too."

Williams played in all seven games of the Toronto series, averaging 5.4 points and 4.9 rebounds. Yet, in next series against the Heat, Williams did not play in three of the six games, including the pivotal Game 2 when Adebayo dominated the third quarter as the Heat rallied for a victory.

The Celtics want Williams to be steadier defensively, in the right places instead of taking chances on weakside blocks and then getting beat for layups. He was more reliable in the bubble, but it would have been interesting to find out whether he could have had an impact in the Miami series.

Adebayo signed a maximum extension last month, partly be-

cause of his performance in the bubble. Williams was supportive of his friend, but feels he can make a similar impact.

"Bam, that's a good friend of mine, I was just telling him to go get his money. It's out there and it's possible and he's making a living off of quick rolling to the rim and being a defensive player," Williams said. "Obviously I feel like I can do the same things, but it's all love from me to Bam."

Williams showed flashes of making an impact in the bubble but when it came down to stopping Adebayo and perhaps making a difference in the series, the Celtics didn't trust him quite yet.

Of course, injuries have also prevented Williams from getting a full opportunity. He missed most of his rookie season with knee and back issues and also had stints in the G-League. Last season Williams missed a few months with a hip edema but was able to return healthy to the NBA bubble.

"Year one it was more circumstance with we had so many guys on that team that were going to play for sure that it was a really tough situation for anybody that was at the bottom end of the roster," Stevens said. "I thought he worked really hard and last year he started off great. Obviously there were 40 or 50 games where he wasn't available due to injury. He really played well in the playoffs, especially in the Toronto series. I think he's backed that up with his first couple of days of practice."

"I'm very encouraged. I always tell the story about Rob, when Rob first got here, he had great people to learn from and the next year when we were get-

ting ready for summer league, Kara Lawson came up to me and said, 'Man I wish everybody talked like Rob.'"

Williams is serving as a mentor to rookies Aaron Nesmith and Payton Pritchard but also still learning how to be more consistent and versatile — and playing time awaits if he does.

"As far as leading the rookies and leading the other guys, I learn from them, too," he said. "The older guys push me to be more vocal, too, let me know they have trust in me. Even starting in training camp with [Thompson] being out, me being vocal, me being the second big. It's obviously helping me. When the season starts and I get the rotation minutes I think it will be a big jump for me."

Stevens won't promise anything but he confirms Williams has been impressive in practice and is prepared for a bigger role.

"Again, he's always improved whether he's playing or not," Stevens said.

"That's one of the things that's continued to give him a chance to make great strides. We've had good players there. Theis had a good year. Kanter was a really good player in certain matchups. When you're playing that one position, there's a little bit less time to go around off it. It's a credit to him that he's improved regardless of circumstance. I think he'll build off of that this year."

"But we've got good players this year. We'll see how all that shakes out."

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Red Sox have reason to try to bring Bradley back in '21

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In short, he had an excellent year, and it's not hard to understand why the Red Sox want to retain him.

"Jackie is definitely on our radar," said GM Brian O'Halloran. "We've all seen what Jackie has been able to do over the years. Certainly a guy that . . . we'll absolutely keep on our radar and see where it goes."

Part of the appeal of bringing back Bradley is what he can do. Part of it relates to the less-than-ideal alternatives should he take his talents elsewhere. For all the attention paid to his offensive inconsistency, he's had enough hot streaks — and his defense has been good enough to offset some of his downturns — that he's steadily been an average or better everyday center fielder. There aren't a lot of free agents about whom the same can be

said.

The Sox probably aren't in the market for George Springer — a 31-year-old star who will require the sort of long-term deal (and sacrifice of the No. 39 overall draft pick) best justified by a team in a win-now position similar to the one the Sox occupied in 2018 when they added J.D. Martinez on a five-year deal. Bradley is the second-best option in center.

Behind him, the falloff appears steep.

The Rockies elected not to tender a contract to David Dahl, thus making him a free agent after two years playing mostly center. Dahl, 26, has a potentially interesting skill set for the Sox, particularly given the lefthanded hitter's tendency to loft flyballs to left. He's been competent — even if grading as below average — in center. But he's so frequently injured (201 big league games

since the start of 2017) that the Red Sox are unlikely to target him as an everyday option.

Jake Marisnick and Kevin Pillar are both ideally platoon options against lefthanded pitchers rather than everyday options, and Marisnick represents a health concern after missing most of 2020 with a succession of hamstring injuries. Delino DeShields is a standout defender but with no real offensive impact.

If the Sox don't re-sign Bradley, they could also contemplate internal options. Andrew Benintendi probably isn't a consideration for center given the declines in his speed and defense, but Alex Verdugo primarily played center for the Dodgers in 2019 and played at a roughly league-average level. He could be a consideration as a replacement for Bradley.

"He's a very athletic outfield-

er and moves around very well," said O'Halloran. "I have not seen him play center field but I believe he could do it."

Still, even at a league-average level, Verdugo would represent a defensive downgrade from Bradley in center and the Sox would also be left to find a replacement for him in right. And there, the possibilities are likewise less than stellar.

Power-hitting free agents Marcell Ozuna and Eddie Rosario are both best pegged as either left fielders or designated hitters, positions occupied for the Sox by Benintendi and J.D. Martinez, respectively. Adam Duvall, even at 32, has the speed to cover right, though he's played almost exclusively left in his career.

Joc Pederson is capable of playing right though probably better suited for left; he's also coming off a year where he

showed a concerning spike in swings-and-misses at pitches in the strike zone. Yasiel Puig, who missed the 2020 season after a COVID-19 infection, is unlikely to be targeted by the Sox.

Of course, the Sox don't necessarily need to find a perfect multi-year solution in the free agent market. It's possible that center fielder Jarren Duran — who's expected to open 2021 in Triple A — could be ready to make his big league debut by the middle of next season, particularly if he's able to build on his standout Alternate Site performance in competitive games. Duran is playing winter ball in Puerto Rico, where his season gets underway this week.

The Sox could also identify a solution — perhaps a bridge to Duran and protection against a further decline by Benintendi — via trade. Bradley — perhaps in tandem with a versatile super-

utility player like Kiké Hernández or Marwin González who could offer infield and outfield depth while also offering a right-handed-hitting complement to an all-lefthanded group of primary outfielders — might be a natural fit.

Even if the Sox do re-sign Bradley, he'd come without guarantees. His track record for offensive volatility would precede him. As impressive as his 2020 season was, there's no guarantee that it's his new normal.

But there's value to Bradley even if he returns to his *old* normal. The Sox won't be the only team to reach that conclusion, but as they attempt to move forward from the wreckage of 2020, they may not want to explore change in one of their few areas of strength from the past season.

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The last boys' hockey game to be played in a while by Westford Academy was in the Division 1 tourney in March.

DCL weighs winter options

Westford chooses not to play basketball, hockey

By **Brandon Chase**
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Day by day, in the ramp up to the MIAA's delayed start of winter sports on Monday, Massachusetts school districts are laboring over the decision on whether to opt in to a season being compromised by rising numbers of positive cases in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

On Monday night, the Westford School Committee voted, 4-3, to cancel the basketball and hockey seasons (for both boys and girls), sports deemed to be "high risk" by the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. The decision came one week after basketball and hockey had been approved.

Despite Governor Charlie Baker's announcement Tuesday that he will roll back the state's reopening process to Phase 3, Step 1, decisions on playing basketball and hockey remain at the local level.

New guidance regarding sports participation is expected later this week, according to an e-mail shared with the Globe from EAA chief of staff Sarah Wallach.

"We will be issuing a fresh Phase III, Step 1 guidance that will apply to sports this week," wrote Wallach. "At this point, I can confirm that it will reduce indoor facility capacity to 40 [percent] and outdoor spectator limits will be reduced to 50 [percent]. There may be an update to the mask exemption for certain low risk sports, but I'll know more in the next 24

hours. Please tell everyone to ignore the Phase III, Step 1 guidance document that is on the [EEA] website."

Duxbury athletic director Thom Holdgate, co-chair of the MIAA's COVID-19 Task Force and a member of the association's board of directors, told the Globe that winter sports can still happen, as long as schools and teams abide by local jurisdictions.

The board will meet virtually for its scheduled December meeting on Wednesday morning. The status of winter sports is on the agenda.

"As long as schools are following guidelines established by the EEA and the MIAA, those sports can be played," said Holdgate.

In Westford, superintendent Everett Olsen Jr. made his recommendation to the school committee based on an increase in cases within the town of approximately 25,000 residents. He noted the COVID-19 data he receives didn't look too good over the last month.

"I have had concerns about [basketball and hockey]," Olsen said. "With the rapid escalation and number of cases across the state and across Westford, I was greatly concerned about allowing some sports that involve close contact. That could require an entire team to quarantine, a coaching staff to quarantine, which could affect our ability to teach students."

As of Monday, Westford had 76 active cases, eight of which were among students and school staff members. The town's positivity rate was 3.29 percent as of Dec. 1.

Other schools in the Dual County League are awaiting approvals to partici-

pate in winter sports.

Weston intends to run winter sports, according to AD Mike McGrath.

"As of right now, it's a fluid situation and things can change quickly and at any time during the season," he said. "My hope is that we can navigate through the next few months by following all the COVID protocols and policies laid out by the state and our school district. Its so important for the kids."

Lincoln-Sudbury has approved the winter season and Newton South received the OK from the city's health department Tuesday morning.

The Cambridge School Committee will meet Saturday. Other DCL communities received approval from their boards of health.

"Part of what we're feeling is that kids may go play basketball and hockey anywhere at the club level, so we feel we can do it more safely," Concord-Carlisle athletic director Aaron Joncas said.

Approximately 125 Lynn students held a rally Tuesday afternoon in front of city hall to protest the cancellation of winter sports at Classical, English, and Lynn Tech. KIPP Academy Charter also canceled its winter season. St. Mary's, a member of the Catholic Central League, is proceeding ahead.

In the Bay State Conference, the Wellesley School Committee voted unanimously Tuesday night to approve basketball, reversing its initial ruling last week. In a meeting Monday, administrators had received the thumbs up from the town's board of health.

Craig Larson of the Globe staff contributed to this report.

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Colleges

HOCKEY

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MIDWEST	
Denver 3.....	North Dakota 2
Minnesota 3.....	Michigan 1
WEST	
Colorado College 3.....	Western Mich. 3

BASKETBALL

MEN	
HOW AP TOP 25 FARED	
3. Iowa beat 16. North Carolina, 93-80	
5. Kansas beat 8. Creighton, 73-72	
6. Illinois beat 10. Duke, 83-68	
12. Tennessee beat Colorado, 56-47	
15. Virginia Tech beat Penn., 75-55	
21. Rutgers beat Syracuse, 79-59	
22. Ohio State beat Notre Dame, 90-85	

NEW ENGLAND	
Bryant 101.....	St. Francis Brooklyn 87
Central Conn. State 94.....	Fairleigh Dickinson 82
Minnesota 85.....	Roston College 80

OTHER EAST	
Georgetown 80.....	Coppin State 48
La Salle 80.....	Lincoln (Pa.) 62
Morgan 63.....	St. John's 72
Seton Hall 78.....	Wagner 46
St. John's 82.....	Rider 79

SOUTH	
Belmont 79.....	Tennessee St. 64
Campbell 80.....	Jacksonville 57
Charlotte 80.....	Carver College 59
Georgia 63.....	Montana 50
Longwood 77.....	North Carolina A&T 60
Louisiana 90.....	LSU-Alexandria 75
Memp 94.....	Miss. Valley 57
Miami 58.....	North Carolina 54
Mount St. Mary's 75T.	Francis (Pa.) 57
Murray St. 87.....	Austin Peay 57
South Alabama 80.....	William Carey 67
South Florida 73.....	Western Mich. 67
Tennessee 56.....	Colorado 47
UMBC 76.....	Delaware 61
UMI 100.....	Greensboro 65

MIDWEST	
Ball State 79.....	Ill. Illinois 70
Dayton 66.....	North Kentucky 60
Fort Hays St. 81.....	Kansas St. 68
Indiana St. 80.....	Truman St. 68
Iowa 93.....	North Carolina 80
Kansas 73.....	Creighton 72
Kent State 80.....	Detroit 66
Ohio State 90.....	Notre Dame 85
Saint Louis 88.....	Cent. Arkansas 65

SOUTHWEST	
Oklahoma St. 87.....	Oral Roberts 78
WEST	
Utah 75.....	Idaho St. 59

WOMEN	
HOW AP TOP 25 FARED	
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25. Gonzaga beat Wyoming, 89-50	

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Bryant 89.....	St. Francis Brooklyn 88
UMass 79.....	UMass 69

OTHER EAST	
Seton Hall 107.....	Saint Peter's 60
Stony Brook 65.....	Manhattan 52

SOUTH	
Charlotte 89.....	Winthrop 59
Georgia Tech 89.....	Jacksonville 57
Mississippi 104.....	Alcorn St. 66
Murray St. 85.....	Miss. Valley 57
South Alabama 65.....	William Carey 40
UT Martin 75.....	Samford 67
Vanderbilt 84.....	West Virginia 61

MIDWEST	
Idaho St. 65.....	Kansas St. 50
Miami (Ohio) 67.....	Valparaiso 49

SOUTHWEST	
Stephen F. Austin 79.....	UT Arlington 57
Texas-Rio Grande Valley 73	Texas Tech 57
A&M-Corpus Christi 68	

WEST	
California Baptist 91	William Jessup 62
Colorado St. 89.....	San Diego 77
Denver 85.....	Colorado 84
Gonzaga 89.....	Wyoming 50
Pepperdine 69.....	Bakersfield 58
San Diego 70.....	Cal State Fullerton 60

MEN'S BOX SCORES

Minnesota, 85-80	
At Minneapolis	
BOSTON COLLEGE (1-4) — Mitchell 2-6 1-15, Felder 4-7 0-9, Ashton-Langford 3-11 0-6 0, Heath 5-14 2-2 16, Tabbs 8-17 4-5 24, Vander Baan 0-0 0-0 0, Langford 0-1 1-3, Karnik 3-5 0-1 7, Kelly 4-7 0-10. Totals 30-71 8-10 80.	
MINNESOTA (5-0) — Johnson 1-4 3-5 5, Robbins 5-10 4-8 14, Kalscheur 2-5 0-0 4, Gach 5-11 4-4 16, Carr 7-20 7-8 22, Omersa 0-0 0-0 0, Curry 0-1 2-2 2, Ihen 2-3 0-2 6, Williams 2-3 1-2 6, Mashburn Jr. 4-7 2-10. Totals 28-64 23-33 85.	

WOMEN'S BOX SCORES	
Massachusetts, 79-69	
At Amherst	
RHODE ISLAND (0-3) — Toure 1-3 0-0 2, Tahane 10-13 2-22, Hendley 0-0 0-0 0, Vargas 1-0 0-0 0, Muzzet 12-21 2-26, Harver-Carr 0-0 0-0, Niang 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 2-5 4-8, Cairns 3-8 0-0 8. Totals 29-59 7-8 69.	
MASSACHUSETTS (3-1) — Sims 3-5 0-0 6, Green 5-10 0-11, Mayo 6-10 3-3 18, Phloxy 8-11 2-3 19, Taylor 7-14 3-5 19, Oliver 1-3 0-2 1, White 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 32-56 8-11 79.	
Halftime: Massachusetts, 43-31; 3-pt. goals: URI 4 (3 Vargas), 1-6, Muzzet 13, Cairns 2-4, UMass 7-12 (Green 1-1, Mayo 3-5, Phloxy 1-1, Taylor 2-5). Rebounds: URI 32 (Tahane 9), UMass 23 (Sims 5). Assists: URI 11 (Tahane 5), UMass 18 (Phloxy 7). Fouls: URI 18, UMass 14.	

FOOTBALL	
AP Top 25 poll	
	Rec. Pts. LW
1. Alabama (62)	9-0 1,550 1
2. Notre Dame	10-0 1,482 2
3. Ohio State	5-0 1,407 3
4. Clemson	9-1 1,387 4
5. Texas A&M	7-1 1,274 5
6. Florida	8-1 1,233 6
7. Cincinnati	9-0 1,204 7
8. Indiana	6-1 1,047 10
9. Miami	8-1 1,039 9
10. Iowa State	8-2 947 12
11. Georgia	10-0 914 11
12. South Carolina	6-2 914 11
13. Oklahoma	7-2 837 13
14. BYU	9-1 713 8
15. Northwestern	5-1 647 16
16. Oregon	5-0 624 17
17. Louisiana	9-1 560 20
18. Tulsa	6-1 444 22
19. Iowa	5-2 424 24
20. North Carolina	7-3 306 26
21. Colorado	4-0 253 30
22. Liberty	9-1 191 25
23. Texas	6-3 164 28
24. Buffalo	4-0 145 27
25. Wisconsin	2-2 115 18

AP Top 25 Schedule	
FRIDAY	
1. Alabama vs. Charlotte.....	6:30
2. Washington at San Diego.....	12
4. Ohio St. vs. Michigan.....	Cancelled
5. Texas A&M vs. Ole Miss.....	Ppd.
6. Florida vs. LSU.....	2:12
7. Cincinnati at 24. Tulsa.....	Cancelled
8. Georgia at Missouri.....	7
10. Miami vs. 17. North Carolina.....	3:30
11. Oklahoma at West Virginia.....	12
12. Indiana vs. Purdue.....	3:30
13. BYU vs. San Diego St.....	10
14. Northwestern vs. 20. Colorado.....	7
15. Oklahoma St. at Baylor.....	7
16. Wisconsin at 19. Iowa.....	3:30
18. Coastal Carolina at Troy.....	3
20. USC at UCLA.....	7:30
22. Washington at 23. Oregon.....	4

SportsLog Michigan-Ohio St. football game canceled

Michigan canceled its annual rivalry game at Ohio State on Tuesday because of the COVID-19 outbreak within the Wolverines' football program. "The number of positive tests has continued to trend in an upward direction over the last seven days," Michigan athletic director **Warde Manuel** said. "We have not been cleared to participate in practice at this time. Unfortunately, we will not be able to field a team due to COVID-19 positives and the associated quarantining required of close-contact individuals." Earlier Tuesday, the regular-season football game between No. 7 Cincinnati and No. 18 Tulsa also was canceled because of COVID-19 cases and contact tracing within the Bearcats' program. The teams are scheduled to play Dec. 19 in the American Athletic Conference title game.

Top of CFP rankings are unchanged

For the third straight week, Alabama, Notre Dame, Clemson, and Ohio State held on to the top four spots in the College Football Playoff rankings. The selection committee's second-from-last rankings had only a little movement in the top 10. Texas A&M is still fifth and Florida held at sixth. Iowa State moved up to seventh after earning a spot in the Big 12 title game. Cincinnati slipped a spot to eighth after an idle week.

SOCCER

Players walk off in protest of racism

In a powerful protest against alleged racism, players from Paris Saint-Germain and Istanbul Basaksehir walked off the field during a Champions League game and didn't return after a match official was accused of using insulting language about a Black coach. On a night when English giant Manchester United was eliminated after a 3-2 loss at Leipzig, the PSG-Basaksehir game in the same group never finished as the players from the visiting Turkish team refused to come back out on the field because the same group of officials would still be in charge. The remaining minutes of the match will be played Wednesday with a new set of match officials, UEFA said, following discussions with the clubs.

N B A

Disgruntled Harden back with Rockets

James Harden is back in Houston after missing the start of

Rockets' training camp and was going through the NBA's COVID-19 testing protocols. Coach **Stephen Silas** said after Houston's practice that the disgruntled superstar had arrived in the city and was getting tested but didn't have much information. "That's pretty much all I know right now," he said. Silas said he hadn't spoken to Harden and had no comment on reports that the All-Star wants to be traded. . . . For NBA coaches, masks are required this season. Jackets are not. Rules for coaching attire will be relaxed by the league this season, though not as much as was the case during play at the bubble at Walt Disney World this past summer.

MISCELLANY

BC men blow a big lead, lose in OT

Marcus Carr scored 9 of his 22 points in overtime, **Both Gach** had 16 points and nine rebounds, and Minnesota rallied from a 15-point deficit to beat Boston College, 85-80, at Minneapolis as part of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge in men's basketball. **Wynston Tabbs** hit four 3-pointers and finished with 24 points for BC (1-4), which has lost three in a row. . . . **Jalen Wilson** hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 42 seconds remaining, then watched as **Marcus Zegarowski** missed the last of three free throws after fouling him with 1.1 seconds left, allowing fifth-ranked Kansas to escape with a 73-72 victory over No. 8 Creighton at Lawrence, Kan. . . . **Jordan Bohannon** scored 24 points as third-ranked Iowa beat No. 16 North Carolina, 93-80, in an ACC/Big Ten Challenge game at Iowa City. **Luka Garza**, who came into the game leading the nation in scoring at 34 points per game, had 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Hawkeyes (4-0). He had his streak of 19 consecutive games of 20 or more points snapped. . . . NASCAR already has started adjusting the 2021 calendar. The first three races of the season, which begins Feb. 14 with the Daytona 500, all will be held in Florida now. . . . The Royals and first baseman **Carlos Santana** agreed to a \$17.5 million, two-year contract. Santana, 34, was an All-Star two years ago in Cleveland, when he hit a career-best .281 with 34 homers and 93 RBIs. But he slid to .199 with eight homers and 30 RBIs while playing 60 games during the shortened 2020 season. . . . First basemen **Freddie Freeman** of the Braves and **Jose Abreu** of the White Sox won Hank Aaron awards as the outstanding offensive performers in each league as voted by MLB.com.

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Business

City may weigh housing bias as projects are studied

If OK'd, new rules would examine the impact on tenants, costs

By Tim Logan
GLOBE STAFF

Development projects in Boston could soon be reviewed for housing discrimination and displacement of tenants before they win city approval, just like they are for design, traffic, and environmental issues.

The City Council is set to vote Wednesday on changes to Boston's zoning code that would require the Boston Planning & Development Agency to study a project's impact on housing costs and essentially ask who gets to live in the new development, as part of the

agency's typical project review. If approved by the council and other city boards, the rules — which have the support of Mayor Martin J. Walsh — could go into effect early next year.

The effort, led by some members of the City Council and hammered out over 18 months of talks with the Walsh administration, is intended to address a central critique of Boston's recent building boom: concerns that much of the new housing is unaffordable for many Boston residents, and may in effect be pushing them out of the city. Developers will now be asked how they plan to address

potential displacement and how they might ease, rather than worsen, divisions of race and class when it comes to housing.

"To reverse the exclusionary housing practices of the past that have kept families of color from accessing safe and secure housing and building generational wealth, we must support aggressive new housing policies that promote equity and fairness," Walsh said in a statement. "By adopting affirmative fair housing requirements into our zoning code, and asking our developers to do more to fight displacement and create housing for

all, Boston will serve as the national leader on fair housing practices."

Indeed, city officials say Boston would be the first major US city to adopt these kinds of rules. They stem from an Obama-era add-on to the 1968 Fair Housing Act encouraging cities not just to prevent overt housing discrimination but to work to reduce it. That regulation was undone by President Trump, and featured prominently in his reelection campaign as a warning of how it could force affordable housing on unwilling suburbs.

HOUSING, Page C10



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'Can you help me get MY \$20,000 BACK?'

A tangled title leaves new home owners in limbo

SEAN P. MURPHY
THE FINE PRINT

In October, David Smokler found the house of his dreams in a quiet Worcester neighborhood. It needed a lot of work, but Smokler felt up to the challenge.

To help finance it, Smokler quickly found a buyer for his condo in Easton. Soon, he had two closings scheduled: as seller of the condo on Oct. 27 and as buyer of the Worcester house a month later.

But then one of the closing attorneys discovered a problem in the title to the condo. Years earlier, someone had neglected to properly file a one-page legal document at the Registry of Deeds.

Getting this obstacle removed seemed

pretty straightforward: a new filing had to be made. But doing so would require the cooperation of two large corporations that previously owned or serviced Smokler's mortgage. And getting them to work together to resolve the problem proved almost impossible.

In the short-term, to sell his condo without a clear title, Smokler set aside \$20,000 in an escrow account. That money would go to legal fees, if necessary, to clear the title on behalf of the buyer.

Smokler and his husband, Zach Callaghan, moved into their new home. But they couldn't begin replacing the heating system and other projects until they got the escrow money released, which meant getting the title cleared.

Smokler, 46, an educator who works with disadvantaged and disabled children, was quick to get on the phone with Cenlar

FSB, a New Jersey company that services almost 3 million mortgages, including, at one time, Smokler's.

Cenlar at first assured Smokler it would resolve the problem with a new filing in less than 48 hours. But six weeks later, it still hadn't been done, despite the barrage of calls and e-mails from Smokler and his lawyer.

"I'm desperate and hoping you can help," Smokler wrote to Cenlar in one e-mail.

Finally, on Dec. 1, a frustrated Smokler contacted me. "Can you help me get my \$20,000 back?" he asked in an e-mail.

First, a little about mortgages. Banks and other lenders buy and sell mortgages all the time, with property owners like Smokler having no say in it. Smokler's mortgage changed hands several times in

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David Smokler (left), and his husband, Zach Callaghan, in front of their Worcester home. They couldn't get any projects done at their new home until they got money released from an escrow account.

Credit rating agencies are still bullish on Boston

By Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

Will Boston lose its competitive edge post-pandemic as more companies allow employees to work remotely in lower-cost locations?

It's a question on the minds of local business leaders these days. But two major credit agencies predict a stable, if not rosy, future for many years to come.

Both Moody's and S&P Global last month again gave Boston a "AAA" credit rating, their highest possible grade, as the city prepared for its next bond sale on Wednesday. What makes these ratings noteworthy this time: Both agencies are bullish on Boston's finances despite COVID-19 and the economic devastation it has wrought.

These high ratings will be crucial for the Walsh administration as it seeks the lowest interest rates possible on the latest round of bonds, totaling an estimated \$270 million. That amount would be on par with the city's record, set in 2015. Low interest rates are fuel-

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ing more refinancing than normal and several projects in the city's capital plan are moving from the design phase into construction.

Of that amount, an estimated \$173 million will be new borrowing — bringing the city's total debt to nearly \$1.4 billion — and \$97 million will go to refinance older debt. The new money will include \$35 million for Boston's first "Social Bonds," primarily for affordable housing work, and \$25 million for the city's first "Green Bonds," for a range of energy efficiency and climate resiliency projects.

Unlike previous Boston bond sales, individual investors will be able to get in on this sale directly, with the ability to place orders for bonds starting at \$5,000 through one of several qualified brokerages on Wednesday morning.

"All of these bonds are funding local projects," said Drew Smith, the Walsh administration's head of treasury. "To the extent investors want to be a part of the local projects they see every day, we

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CVS hiring thousands of workers for vaccine rollout

By Anissa Gardizy
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

To prepare for the nationwide distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, Rhode Island-based CVS Health Corp. is hiring workers by the thousands.

In an e-mail to some customers over the weekend, the company said it is "urgently" looking to bolster its workforce so it can distribute vaccines to the public when they are available. A page on its website details the hiring push for what it calls the "COVID-19 Vaccine Support Team," comprised of pharmacists, nurses, and pharmacy technicians that will help administer "millions of vaccines in 2021."

If a vaccine candidate is approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, both CVS and Illinois-based Walgreens

will help with the initial distribution of vaccines to people living and working in long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes. Later, the companies will also help to vaccinate the general public.

Jeff Lackey, vice president of talent acquisition at CVS, said the company planned to hire 15,000 workers across the United States in the fourth quarter, including 10,000 pharmacy technicians — at first to help administer a wave of flu shots, but soon to distribute COVID-19 vaccines. As of Tuesday, CVS has hired more than 9,000 pharmacy techs ahead of the expected vaccine rollout, and it plans to hire more.

In addition to giving patients injections, pharmacy technicians also handle administrative work.

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MARIJUANA SURPASSES POTATOES AND BLUEBERRIES AS MAINE'S MOST VALUABLE CROP



Maine is known for its wild blueberries and potatoes but marijuana has surpassed them to become the state's most valuable crop. Medical marijuana sales totaled \$221.8 million from January through October, more than double what had been sold by the same time last year, the Portland Press Herald reported, based on state sales tax figures. That compares to \$184.1 million for potatoes, \$123.6 million for milk, and \$26 million for blueberries in 2019. Maine recorded more than \$100 million in sales last year, the first time Maine was able to tabulate all legal medical marijuana sales. Year-to-date sales in 2020 show the market has doubled yet again, growing 152 percent. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

AVIATION

BOEING REPORTS MORE CANCELED ORDERS FOR 737 MAX

Boeing reported more cancellations for its 737 Max jet, which this week is scheduled to carry paying passengers for the first time since the planes were grounded 21 months ago after two deadly crashes. Boeing said orders for 88 of the planes were canceled in November, pushing the total to 536 for the year. The company reported 27 orders for the plane, although 25 were a new order by Virgin Australia that replaced an earlier, larger order for 48 Max jets. The November figures don't include Irish carrier Ryanair's announcement last week that it will order 75 more Max jets. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

AIRLINES

AMERICAN EXPANDING PRE-FLIGHT VIRUS TESTING TO DOMESTIC FLIGHTS

American Airlines is expanding pre-flight coronavirus testing in an effort to boost demand for domestic travel. At-home tests would enable passengers with negative results to avoid or shorten COVID-19 quarantines and other restrictions at US destinations with travel requirements, American said in a statement Tuesday. Starting Dec. 9, customers will have access to tests provided by LetsGetChecked for flights departing on or after Dec. 12. American is expanding its test offerings for domestic passengers after earlier implementing similar programs on some international flights. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

TESLA TO RAISE UP TO \$5B IN STOCK OFFERING

Tesla is looking to raise up to \$5 billion in capital through a stock offering as the electrical vehicle and solar panel maker seeks to take advantage of strong demand for its products. This is the second such move for the company in three months. In September Tesla said that it planned to sell up to \$5 billion worth of common shares just one day after its 5-for-1 stock split took effect. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

TECHNOLOGY

INVESTMENTS IN EUROPEAN TECH COMPANIES SOARS

European tech companies defied the pandemic this year to draw record levels of investment overall, though early-stage founders still struggled to clinch funding. Europe's tech sector is on track for about \$41 billion in venture capital investment this year, up around \$500 million from 2019, according to VC firm Atomico's annual State of European Tech Report published Tuesday. The slight increase was driven by greater numbers of \$100 million to \$250 million funding rounds, it said. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

ECONOMY

PRODUCTIVITY ROSE IN THIRD QUARTER



US productivity increased at a solid 4.6 percent pace in the July-September quarter, slightly below the initial estimate, while labor costs fell at a slower pace. The third quarter increase in productivity was below the first estimate a month ago of a 4.9 percent increase, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. Productivity had surged at a 10.6 percent rate in the second quarter. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUXURY

CHRISTIE'S LAUNCHES ONLINE MARKETPLACE FOR THE UBER-RICH

Mass market retailers aren't the only ones betting on a banner online holiday sales season. Christie's auction house has launched its worldwide "Luxury Week" with beefed-up offerings to meet this year's record demand. Last year, Christie's hosted just four online-only luxury sales in the same November/December stretch. Those sales carried a high estimate of about \$9.5 million. This year there will be 12, with a total high estimate of just under \$40 million, a 322 percent increase. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

RADIO

HOWARD STERN RENEWS CONTRACT WITH SIRIUS XM

Radio shock jock Howard Stern extended his contract with Sirius XM for five more years, cementing the satellite-radio giant's relationship with one of its biggest stars. The parties didn't disclose terms of the new agreement in a statement Tuesday. Bloomberg News reported in October that Stern was close to renewing for about \$120 million a year, up from \$80 million to \$100 million. — BLOOMBERG NEWS



MOVIES

PRODUCER APOLOGIZES FOR LINE IN MOVIE THAT OFFENDED CHINESE VIEWERS

The co-producer of "Monster Hunter" apologized after facing severe criticism for a line in the movie that some Chinese viewers and social media users viewed as being racist and led to the fantasy action film being pulled from some cinemas in the country a day after its release. Constantin Film, which co-produced the Paul W.S. Anderson-directed feature, said it edited out a line after listening to the concerns of Chinese audiences. The company, based in Germany, said it was an "inadvertent misunderstanding." Sony Corp. is distributing the film in the United States while Tencent Pictures, a unit of Tencent Holdings Ltd., is an investor in the production. The scene in the film, based on a popular video game, shows a soldier played by Chinese-American rapper and actor Jin Au-Yeung riding across a desert in a vehicle. "Look at my knees," he said. "What kind of knees are these? Chinese." That angered some viewers, who highlighted its similarity to a playground taunt against people of Asian descent for supposedly being dirty. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

TECHNOLOGY

APPLE UNVEILS FIRST OVER-THE-EAR HEADPHONES



Apple launched its first over-ear headphones, entering a competitive market with rivals such as Bose and Sony and expanding its push into accessories to supplement revenue generated by its signature iPhone. The pricey \$550 headphones include wireless pairing and noise cancellation, like many on the market. They went on sale Tuesday and start arriving Dec. 15, Apple said Tuesday. The company touted superior audio quality and 20-hour battery life in its announcement. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

WORKPLACE

COMPANY THAT TARGETS STRESSED-OUT WORKERS DOUBLES IN VALUE

Calm, maker of a meditation, sleep, and relaxation app, doubled its valuation to \$2 billion after raising capital from existing backers including Lightspeed Venture Partners, TPG, and Insight Partners. "With companies now taking mental well-being at work seriously, there's so much opportunity, and we raised capital to be able to put the foot down on the gas even more," cofounder and cochief executive Alex Tew said in an interview with Bloomberg. Tew said there's been an "acute" response from corporations seeking to alleviate anxiety and depression during the COVID-19 pandemic. American Express cardholders in the United States and certain other countries, along with more than 12 million members covered by health care provider Kaiser Permanente, currently have access to Calm at no additional cost. — BLOOMBERG NEWS

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So far, a fund set up for the estate of Jeffrey Epstein (center) has paid more than \$30 million to accusers.

More than 100 seek restitution from estate

Epstein had put \$600m fortune into a trust

By Matthew Goldstein
NEW YORK TIMES

The fund set up to compensate victims of Jeffrey Epstein's sexual exploitation has already received more than 100 claims and paid out tens of millions of dollars.

The number of claims has already surpassed expectations even though the fund will accept requests until the end of March, said Jordana Feldman, its administrator and a lawyer who worked on the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund for many years.

Feldman would not say how many claims have been paid. But so far, the fund has paid more than \$30 million to accusers, according to a person familiar with the fund, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The fund is poised to reach additional settlements in the coming weeks.

The fund began taking claims in July, a little less than a year after Epstein, a financier, died in a Manhattan jail cell following his arrest on federal sex-trafficking charges.

Because he had put his roughly \$600 million fortune into a trust, there were concerns that it could take years for his victims to get any money back from his estate.

But the estate's executors agreed to establish the fund, allowing accusers — including those who had reached settlements with Epstein after his 2008 conviction on soliciting prostitution from an underage girl — to seek compensation. The terms of individual settlements are confidential.

Each claim takes about 60 days to review, with the victim interviewed over video because of the coronavirus pandemic, Feldman said.

"It gives the victims an opportunity to tell their story, and it gives me an opportunity to get to know them in a way that can't be fully captured in a paper file," she said. "I do see some of the rawness of the emotions. There is very deep, long-lasting impact that the abuse has had on their lives."

One accuser who has received a settlement, according to court documents, was identified in the July 2019 federal sex-trafficking indictment against Epstein as "Minor Victim-1."

She had accused him of sexually abusing her beginning when she was 14.

Another unidentified woman, who said in a lawsuit that Epstein had sexually abused her after promising to help her get a modeling job with Victoria's Secret, has also received compensation from the fund, according to court records.

Epstein, for many years, had been the principal money manager to Leslie Wexner, the retail magnate who until this year

was chief executive of the parent company of Victoria's Secret.

In 2008, Epstein pleaded guilty in Florida to a charge of soliciting prostitution from a minor. As part of that plea agreement, he avoided more serious federal charges but was required to register as a sex offender.

That plea, which later became the subject of much criticism, called on Epstein to reach settlements with about two dozen victims but did not specify any amounts.

As part of the agreement with prosecutors, Epstein was permitted to pay for his accusers' third-party attorneys, a process that raised suspicions among some victims' advocates.

Spencer Kuvin, a Miami lawyer representing nine women who have submitted claims to the fund, said the settlement process appeared to be fair. None of his clients have yet to receive a settlement offer, but Kuvin said he was "cautiously optimistic."

Three of them received settlements from Epstein when they were teenagers but had felt intimidated by him and his legal team.

"This process is light-years different," Kuvin said.

Feldman said a person who received a settlement was normally barred from coming back for more money. But she said given the circumstances surrounding the earlier investigation of Epstein, it was important not to close the door on any victims.

Plans for the compensation fund were announced last year but were delayed while the estate's lawyers addressed objections by the attorney general for the Virgin Islands, Denise George.

George, whose office has filed a civil forfeiture lawsuit against Epstein's estate, had wanted more safeguards for the victims because the executors were former business advisers to Epstein.

Epstein's primary residence for nearly two decades was an island he owned in the Virgin Islands, and the companies that constituted his business interests were mostly incorporated there.

Epstein's estate has shrunk recently to about \$400 million after paying \$190 million in estate taxes to the federal government.

The restitution fund, which is not limited in the amount it can dole out, is being financed with money from Southern Trust, one of Epstein's main companies in the Virgin Islands.

One of Southern Trust's biggest clients was Leon Black, the billionaire private equity executive, who paid as much as \$75 million in fees for tax and estate planning advisory services. In all, Southern Trust had raked in more than \$200 million in revenue since 2012.

"They have a lot of money to work with," Kuvin said.

Revere Hotel reportedly fired more than 100

Furloughed staff told to reapply if they want jobs

By Katie Johnston and Jon Chesto
GLOBE STAFF

The Revere Hotel Boston Common has fired more than 100 furloughed employees, telling them that they must reapply for their old jobs as new hires, according to Unite Here Local 26, which does not represent the workers but is assisting them. The workers, some of whom had worked at the property for decades, received no severance pay, the union said.

The move follows similar actions by the Boston Marriott Copley Place, which terminated half its staff in the fall and offered reduced severance packages, and the Four Seasons on Boylston Street. The Four Seasons soon reversed course — following a public outcry from prominent people — and offered workers full severance and the chance to be first in line for their old jobs.

The management group HEI Hotels & Resorts took over the Revere in May, and furloughed workers were told they would retain their seniority. But in November, they learned the hotel would not automatically rehire them, and they would have to reapply as new hires.

The Revere Hotel could not immediately be reached for comment.

Mirna Hernandez, a room attendant at the hotel for 35 years, told Local 26 she felt “discarded in the middle of the pandemic.” Hernandez and her coworkers have signed a petition calling on the Revere to recognize their years of service and give them their jobs back when business picks up.

“This is a growing crisis for Boston’s hospitality industry and protections must be put in place to stop this avalanche of devastation for Boston families,” Carlos Aramayo, president of Local 26, said in a statement.

Many of the workers being pushed out are older, more experienced employees whom hotels could be looking to replace with less expensive new hires, the union said.

Local 26 is pushing for legislation to be reintroduced that would allow Massachusetts cities to adopt a law giving hospitality workers who were laid off during the pandemic first dibs when their positions return. Similar ordinances have been passed in several cities around the country, including Providence.

Union hotel workers are guaranteed their old jobs back for up to a year, and Local 26 is working with individual hotels to extend the time period.

Meanwhile, Aramayo took aim at the Omni hotel chain by requesting that the Small Business Administration scrutinize Omni’s use of federal COVID-19 assistance loans.

Aramayo, acting in his role as



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The rooftop at the Revere Hotel Boston Common. Hotel workers, some of whom had worked at the property for decades, received no severance pay, Unite Here Local 26, said.

executive vice president of the Unite Here International Union, sent a letter to the SBA on Tuesday noting that Omni affiliates have received 32 loans through the Paycheck Protection Program totaling about \$76 million.

Businesses can have PPP loans forgiven if they spend at least 60 percent of that money on payroll expenses, but Aramayo said Omni is falling short of that threshold at five of its hotels and possibly many others.

The SBA declined to comment about the letter. An Omni spokeswoman couldn’t be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Aramayo said the union has direct knowledge of loan use at five Omni hotels, including \$3.9 million that went to the Omni Parker House in Boston and \$2.6 million that went to the Omni Providence. The other three are in New Haven, Pittsburgh, and San Francisco. With these five, Aramayo said, it’s clear that the bulk of the PPP money is not being used for

payroll expenses. He suggests that Omni may be failing to meet the forgiveness standard at other hotels; the vast majority of Omni’s hotels are not unionized.

Aramayo notes that the Omni Parker House has failed to bring back more than 80 percent of Unite Here’s members. The Providence hotel hasn’t even reopened yet, and none of his members have been rehired as a result at that location.

“We’re not against the PPP [but] we want to make sure there’s some hook in there that the money gets to the workers,” Aramayo said in an interview. “I know a lot of people who work at both of those hotels who could have used some of that cash in the last couple of months.”

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Trump’s TikTok ban halted by judge

Ruling is second to block effort against app

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WASHINGTON — A federal judge has blocked President Trump’s attempts to ban TikTok, the latest legal defeat for the administration as it tries to wrest the popular app from its Chinese owners.

The Trump administration had tried to ban the short-form video app from smartphone app stores in the US and cut it off from vital technical services. TikTok sued, arguing such actions would violate free speech and due process rights.

Judge Carl Nichols of the US District Court in Washington, D.C., said in a ruling Monday that the Commerce Department “likely overstepped” its use of presidential emergency powers “and acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner by failing to consider obvious alternatives.”

Nichols is the second federal judge to fully block the Trump administration’s economic sanctions against the app as the court cases proceed.

The Commerce Department ‘acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner by failing to consider obvious alternatives.’

JUDGE CARL NICHOLS
US District Court in Washington, D.C.

The Trump administration has alleged that TikTok is a security threat because the Chinese government could spy on app users’ personal data.

TikTok has denied it’s a security threat but said it’s still trying to work with the administration to resolve its concerns.

Trump in September gave his tentative blessing to a proposal by ByteDance, the Chinese company that owns TikTok, meant to resolve US national security concerns by having the US companies Oracle and Walmart invest in TikTok. Oracle would manage US user data under the arrangement. But a federal agency still has to review and finalize an arrangement.

A government deadline for ByteDance to complete the deal passed on Friday, and it’s not clear what the status of the agreement is.

The Treasury Department, which chairs the agency reviewing the deal, said Friday that the agency “is engaging with ByteDance to complete the divestment and other steps necessary to resolve the national security risks arising from the transaction.”

The Trump administration’s aggressive tactics are part of its latest attempt to counter the influence of China. Since taking office in 2017, Trump has waged a trade war with China, blocked mergers involving Chinese companies and stifled the business of Chinese firms like Huawei, a maker of phones and telecom equipment.

While President-elect Joe Biden has said TikTok is a concern, it’s not clear what his administration will carry on the Trump administration’s ongoing attempts to secure a ban, or increase the involvement of US companies.



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A tangled title leaves new homeowners in limbo

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the 15 years he owned his condo. He just kept paying it, unconcerned about who actually owned or serviced it until the defect in the title surfaced.

At one point, the mortgage was acquired by Citibank, one of the country’s largest banks. Later, Citibank decided to get out of mortgage servicing business, which it sold to Cenlar.

Smokler’s relationship with Citibank and Cenlar came to an end earlier this year when he paid off the mortgage on his condo and refinanced with another lender.

But then Smokler found himself in the position of needing the cooperation of Cenlar and Citibank, even though he had no actual relationship with either anymore.

Here’s what happened: All real estate transactions must be recorded at the county Registry of Deeds. When a mortgage is paid off — “discharged,” in legal parlance — it must be recorded. If it is not, the former holder of a mortgage would appear, on paper at least, to have an ownership interest in the property, thus creating a cloud on the title.

Cenlar did in fact file a discharge on Smokler’s mortgage, when he refinanced earlier this year. But when the attorneys researching the title reached back further they found something was missing. There should have been an assignment of the mortgage from Citibank to Cenlar in 2017.

Without that assignment, Cenlar lacked the authority to discharge the mortgage. Something had obviously fallen through the cracks. Not a big deal, so long as it could be fixed.

The first inquiry Smokler made to Cenlar was on Oct. 21. The pro-



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cess dragged on for weeks. Sometimes Smokler or his lawyer waited more than an hour on hold, only to have the call dropped. (The same thing happened to me the first time I called.)

Smokler then went online and found the names and e-mail addresses of senior managers at Cenlar. He peppered them with more e-mails. More promises, but no resolution.

The Cenlar people in early November began telling Smokler that they had reached out to Citibank and were waiting word on the assignment. Again, quick action was

promised, followed by more delays, and then silence.

I sent detailed questions and documents shared with me by Smokler to Cenlar and Citibank. In less than 72 hours, the problem was solved.

Citibank issued a statement saying, “We regret this issue was not escalated promptly and deeply apologize for the delay. We worked as quickly as possible and are pleased to have resolved the matter for the client.”

In its statement, Cenlar said: “We take seriously any instance of borrower complaints. In this in-

stance, we worked diligently with Citi to care for the borrower and quickly remedy this situation.”

The solution reached this week should have come in October. But getting the attention of corporate America can be difficult.

Smokler got his \$20,000 back. A new heating system for his dream house is coming.

“We’re ecstatic,” he said.

Got a problem? Send your consumer issue to sean.murphy@globe.com. Follow him on Twitter @spmurphyboston.

David Smokler (left), and his husband, Zach Callaghan. A solution reached on \$20,000 owed to the couple should have been resolved in October.

GE pours \$4b into balance sheet as cash flow rebounds

By Tony Robinson
BLOOMBERG NEWS

General Electric Co. poured \$4 billion into repairing its balance sheet, furthering steps to whittle down a pension liability that has been a thorn in chief executive Larry Culp’s turnaround efforts.

The manufacturer prefunded about \$2.5 billion in pension requirements for the next three years and repaid \$1.5 billion of an intracompany loan to GE Capital, according to a statement Tuesday. Culp cited GE’s existing forecast for at least \$2.5 billion in industri-



The actions, along with scheduled fourth-quarter maturities, mean GE will reduce debt by about \$14.5 billion this year.

al free cash flow this quarter and positive cash flow next year.

“These steps further reduce debt, de-risk our balance sheet, and put us on stronger financial footing to accelerate GE’s transformation,” Culp said in the statement. The actions and scheduled fourth-quarter maturities mean GE will reduce debt by about \$14.5 billion this year and by roughly \$28 billion since the beginning of 2019, the company said.

Pension liabilities have been among the most stubborn issues

complicating Culp’s two-year tenure leading the Boston-based company.

GE froze pension benefits for more than 20,000 employees late last year and finished 2019 with about \$23 billion in underfunded pension liabilities.

GE made progress in this year’s third quarter, reporting a surprise profit and the rebound in cash flow that allowed the company to take the actions announced Tuesday. GE previously announced it would refund \$4 billion to \$5 billion this year to meet minimum

pension funding requirements.

GE’s jet-engine manufacturing business, meanwhile, has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic’s effect on air travel and the 20-month grounding of Boeing Co.’s 737 Max. With the workhorse aircraft starting commercial flights again this week, deliveries are set to ramp up.

GE shares rose less than 1 percent to close at \$10.96 on Tuesday. The stock had slipped 2.7 percent this year through Monday, while the S&P 500 Industrials index rose 8.8 percent.

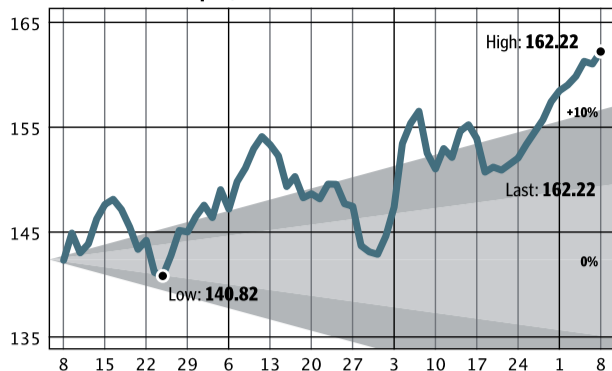
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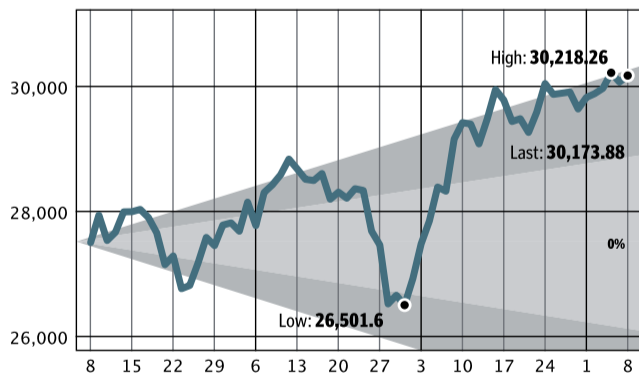
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Thermo Fisher Sci (TMO)	473.98	+1.09	+0.2	187.9
Raytheon Technologies Corp (RTX)	74.48	+1.44	+2.0	113.1
American Tower Corp (AMT)	223.61	-0.66	-0.3	99.3
General Electric (GE)	10.96	+0.10	+0.9	96.0
TJX Cos Inc (TJX)	65.42	-0.46	-0.7	78.5
Moderna Inc (MRNA)	169.86	+10.34	+6.5	67.2
Vertex Pharma (VRTX)	229.83	+2.77	+1.2	59.8
Analog Devices (ADI)	146.13	+2.42	+1.7	54.0
Boston Scientific (BSX)	33.97	-0.28	-0.8	48.6
Keurig Dr Pepper Inc (KDP)	30.17	-0.54	-1.8	42.5
Biogen Inc (BIIB)	246.43	+2.75	+1.1	37.9
Eversource (ES)	86.38	-0.36	-0.4	29.6
State Street Corp (STT)	75.84	-0.12	-0.2	26.8
Alexion Pharma (ALXN)	119.22	+0.39	+0.3	26.1
Skyworks Solutions (SWKS)	155.79	+2.37	+1.5	25.9
Wayfair Inc (W)	244.30	+7.60	+3.2	24.3
Teradyne Inc (TER)	118.67	+1.51	+1.3	19.7
Hologic Inc (HOLX)	72.77	-0.41	-0.6	18.7
Akamai (AKAM)	104.10	+1.32	+1.3	16.9
PerkinElmer Inc (PKI)	147.91	+4.02	+2.8	16.6
Insulet Corp (PODD)	245.65	-4.04	-1.6	16.2
Boston Properties (BXP)	101.46	-1.49	-1.4	15.8
Alnylam Pharma (ALNY)	128.05	+1.24	+1.0	14.9
Waters Corp (WAT)	239.23	+2.74	+1.2	14.8
ABIOMED Inc (ABMD)	273.64	+1.76	+0.6	12.4

Markets

Steady gains set more records

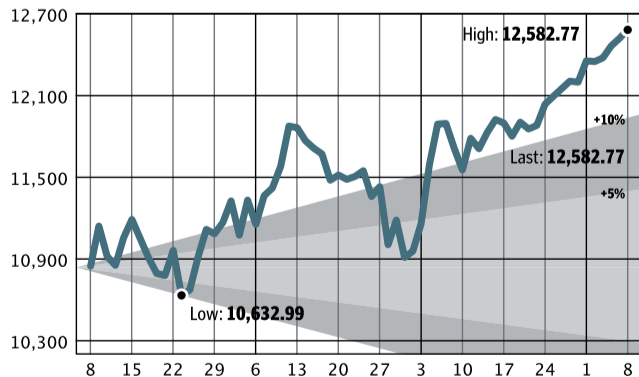
Technology and health care companies helped drive stocks to more gains Tuesday, leading to another round of milestones on Wall Street. The S&P 500 index rose 0.3 percent, eclipsing the record high it set on Friday. The Nasdaq Composite and Russell 2000 index of small company stocks also set record highs. The likelihood that one or more coronavirus vaccines could begin to be distributed in the United States in coming weeks has kept investors in a buying mood, boosting their optimism for an economic recovery next year. The gains, which followed a shaky start for the market, came as the UK became the first Western country to start a mass vaccination program. On Tuesday, US health regulators issued a positive initial review of a COVID-19 vaccine developed by US drugmaker Pfizer and Germany's BioNTech. A decision to allow its use is expected within days, though wide distribution is likely months away. "The vaccine news and the focus on that is the most important thing for the market at the moment," said Stephanie Roth, portfolio macro analyst, J.P. Morgan Private Bank. "At this point, the excitement is for the post-vaccine world."

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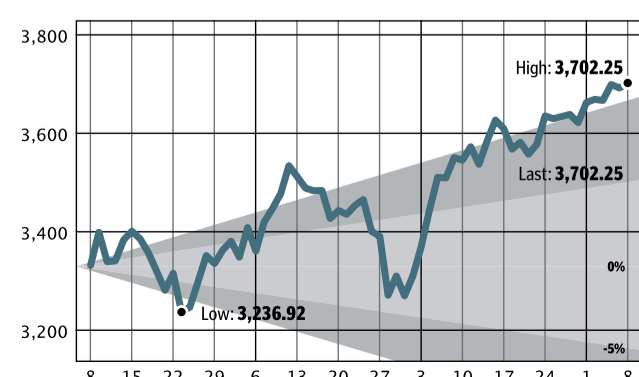
Yesterday 30,173.88 ▲ 104.09 ▲ 0.3% ▲ YTD 5.7%

NASDAQ Composite index



Yesterday 12,582.77 ▲ 62.82 ▲ 0.5% ▲ YTD 40.2%

S&P 500 index



Yesterday 3,702.25 ▲ 10.29 ▲ 0.3% ▲ YTD 14.6%

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

Boston favored by credit rating firms

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want to make sure they have the opportunity."

Boston typically holds auctions in which investment banks compete for the right to resell the bonds. Instead, this round will be driven by a negotiated sale with Bank of America and Siebert Williams Shank & Co. leading the deal. They are expected to buy what doesn't get sold during Wednesday's auction to institutional investors and the general public.

Analysts at Moody's and S&P cited a number of factors behind the decision to continue to give Boston high marks for its ability to pay off bonds over the next 20 years. Most notably, most of Boston's revenue comes from property taxes, a usually steady source.

Other cities are far more dependent on volatile revenue streams: Think casino taxes, sales taxes, or state aid. The New York Times, citing a National Tax Journal study, recently reported that of more than 40 major US cities, Boston is expected to suffer the smallest revenue decline this fiscal year.

Moody's analyst Nicholas Lehman noted that the Walsh administration has been responsible about paying down debt, and he points to the rainy day fund that Boston has grown during the boom years of the last decade. This cushion now totals about \$1.2 billion, or about one-third of the city's annual expenses.

"They've seen unprecedented growth," Lehman said. "The development in and around the city is at historical levels. The [property] tax base has doubled since 2011. That has given them the ability to ride that economic wave."

Analysts said it's difficult to predict how much of a role remote work will play in the economy once the pandemic is over. But they also said Boston should be more insulated from its effects than other major cities.

One reason for optimism: the thick cluster of colleges and universities in and near the city that are typically beehives of

economic activity, including through the generation of spinoff businesses.

"They're going to continue to help anchor an economy that is knowledge-driven," said Christian Richards, an analyst at S&P Global.

Another positive the two rating agencies cited: The Boston area is a global hub for life sciences. Lab work is tough, if not impossible, to do at home.

Richards also noted that recent construction permit activity in Boston isn't far off what it was prior to the pandemic. The roughly 8 million square feet of commercial permit activity expected this calendar year will mirror the city's performance in

recent years, according to the S&P report. Much of it has been for lab and research spaces for life sciences companies.

"There is some level of continued interest in investing in the city, particularly in the commercial sector, that lends credibility to the idea that it is going to continue to be this economic center," Richards said.

The S&P analysts, in their report, note that while Boston is seeing declines in hotel and restaurant taxes, the city's management is making the necessary adjustments to balance the budget.

As with any investment, there is still some risk. The Moody's and S&P reports cited

Boston's waterfront locale as a climate-related risk given the potential exposure to sea-level rise and hurricanes. The city's large pension and retiree benefits obligations were noted as financial risks.

City officials typically sell bonds every spring to raise money for capital projects and to refinance older debt at better interest rates. But the pandemic threw the credit markets into turmoil in the spring this year, so the Walsh administration decided to wait until the fall to raise the money.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Division of Banks

METRO CREDIT UNION (METRO), Chelsea, Massachusetts has petitioned the Commissioner of Banks for permission to (1) merge with GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION (GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL), Gloucester, Massachusetts; and (2) as part of this merger transaction, amend the bylaws of METRO to include GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL's current membership eligibility. Under the terms of the Merger Agreement, GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL will merge with and into METRO under the charter, bylaws, and name of METRO. The main office of METRO would remain the main office of the continuing credit union and the sole banking office of GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL would not be retained as a branch office. Any objections or comments relative to this proposal must be communicated in writing to the Commissioner of Banks, 1000 Washington Street, 10th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02118 or via electronic mail to dob.comments@mass.gov no later than December 23, 2020. A public hearing may be held if the response is considered significant or circumstances warrant such a hearing, as determined by the Commissioner. The petitioner's application and all communications relative to this application are available from the Division by request at dob.rao@mass.gov.

MARY L. GALLAGHER
Commissioner of Banks

CVS 'urgently' boosting workforce

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In Massachusetts, CVS still wants hire 240 pharmacy technicians — 220 of whom will be based in the Boston area — and more than 2,500 retail workers as part of the effort. Lackey said CVS will offer additional money — called "Hero Pay" — to workers that help administer the vaccine in long-term care facilities, because of added risk and effort.

In addition to hiring full- and part-time positions, CVS will also bring on temporary employees. CVS has nearly 10,000 retail locations across the United States, including 413 in Massachusetts, where it employs about 14,000 people.

"With approximately 70 percent of the US population living within three miles of a CVS Pharmacy, we'll be easy to reach when a vaccine is authorized by the FDA and becomes available in retail settings," said Troyen Brennan, the chief medical officer for CVS Health in a November press release.

Rina Shah, vice president of pharmacy operations at Walgreens, said in a statement the company has about 25,000 open positions, including between 8,000 and 9,000 jobs dedicated to supporting COVID-19 vaccine administration and testing.

Walgreens operates more than 9,000 stores in the US. The company said it would make COVID-19 vaccines available at all of its stores, which it says are located within 5 miles of 80 percent of the US population. Walgreens also said it is also prepared to use "different models of delivery to reach underserved areas, including mobile clinics."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION CONCERNING ITS PROPOSED RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021.

Pursuant to its Enabling Act, Chapter 436 of the Acts of 1977, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing commencing at 6:00 p.m., on **Thursday, December 17, 2020**, via ZOOM for the purpose of giving interested persons an opportunity to present data, views or arguments relative to the following schedule of rates for water and sewer service in the City of Boston which are proposed to become effective **January 1, 2021**.

PROPOSED CUSTOMER USE CHARGE

CONSUMPTION (CU. FT./DAY)	WATER RATE		SEWER RATE	
	PER 1,000 CUBIC FEET	PER 1,000 GALLONS	PER 1,000 CUBIC FEET	PER 1,000 GALLONS
First 19	\$59.59	\$7.967	\$81.16	\$10.850
Next 20	\$63.64	\$8.508	\$88.29	\$11.804
Next 50	\$69.40	\$9.279	\$95.27	\$12.737
Next 260	\$73.97	\$9.890	\$100.60	\$13.449
Next 950	\$77.86	\$10.409	\$106.72	\$14.268
Over 1,299	\$81.05	\$10.836	\$110.79	\$14.812

The proposed change in water and sewer rates represents a combined revenue increase of 8.90% based on the current fiscal 2021 rate structure and consumption.

PROPOSED SPECIAL SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE

TYPE	FEE
Water and Sewer	
Lien Certificate (1)	\$150.00 Maximum
Return Check Processing Fee	\$15.00
Cross Connection Inspection (2)	\$130.00
Administrative Processing Fee (2a)	\$65.00
Installation Application Fee	Size of Pipe
5/8 Inch	Cost Basis
1 Inch	Cost Basis
1½ Inch	Cost Basis
Excavation	Cost Basis (\$900.00 deposit required)
Fire Pipe Excavation	Cost Basis (\$2,500.00 deposit required)
Water Pipe Inspection: (3)	
Mon. thru Sat., regular hours	\$335.00 per connect or disconnect
Mon. thru Sat., overtime rate	\$390.00 per connect or disconnect
Sunday & Holidays	\$450.00 per connect or disconnect
Sewer Pipe Inspection: (3)	
Mon. thru Sat., regular hours	\$335.00 per connect or disconnect
Mon. thru Sat., overtime rate	\$390.00 per connect or disconnect
Sunday & Holidays	\$450.00 per connect or disconnect
Water and Sewer Construction	
Multi-day inspection (4)	\$965.00 per diem
Multi-day inspection (4), overtime rate	\$1,135.00 per diem
Multi-day inspection (4) (Sunday & Holidays)	\$1,310.00 per diem
Water Turn-off (5)	\$40.00
Water-On (6)	\$40.00
Termination Notice (7)	\$80.00
Fire Flow Test	\$545.00
Temporary Connection/Hydrant Permit (8)	\$100.00 per 90-day period or fraction thereof, plus water usage (\$750.00 deposit required)
Street Sweeper Hydrant Permit	\$1,820.00 Annually
Special Meter Test (9)	Cost Basis
Drain Layers License:	
-New	\$50.00
-Renewal	\$15.00
Construction Plans and Drawings (10)	\$6.00
Frozen Meter Replacements (11)	Cost Basis
Water Meter 3" and Larger Installed	Cost Basis
Sewer Abatement Meter Installed	Cost Basis
Meter Transmission Unit Installed	Cost Basis
Off Hour Meter Service	Cost Basis
Leak Up to Owner (LUTO) and Lead Pipe Replacement (12)	Cost Basis
Grease Trap Permit Fee	\$200.00 Annually
Hydrants (13)	Cost Basis
Industrial Stormwater Inspection Fee (14)	Cost Basis
Creation of as-built Plans (15)	\$200.00

- (1) In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 23B, "...for land of less than one acre upon which there is no permanent structure, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated no more than a single family residence and outbuildings, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated no more than a two family residence and outbuildings, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated no more than a three family residence with outbuildings, a fee of twenty-five dollars; for land upon which is situated a residence for four or more families, a fee of one hundred dollars; for land upon which is situated a commercial, industrial or public utility structure, a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars. In no case shall the fee exceed one half of one percent of the assessed value of the real estate..."
- (2) Requires annual inspection of each device.
- (2a) Fee charged when property owner performs inspection but Commission processes paperwork.
- (3) For inspections that take place on Sundays, Holidays and outside regularly schedule work hours, a fee of \$450.00 per connection or disconnection.
- (4) Assessed daily while providing water and sewer inspection services on construction projects of one or more days duration.
- (5) Not applicable if account was terminated for non-payment of charges (fee included in Termination Notice Fee).
- (6) Applicable to any account requesting water turn-on services.
- (7) Charge for mailing and posting final termination notice and demand for payment pursuant to the Billing, Termination and Appeal Regulations of the Commission.
- (8) The Commission currently requires a \$750.00 deposit for hydrant meters issued to private contractors. The deposits are refundable upon return of hydrants less any usage fees or charges for damage to the meter. On occasion, a hydrant meter is not returned to the Commission because it has been lost, stolen or misplaced. Other times a hydrant meter may be returned with a broken, damaged or frozen insert that causes it to under-register or not register water consumption at all. In both these instances, the Commission is unable to calculate the amount of water used. A standard \$400.00 water usage fee will be applied in these circumstances.

HYDRANT METER	REPLACEMENT COST
Check Valve	\$100.00
Hose Cap Reducer 2½ x ¾	\$100.00
Hose Nipple	\$150.00
Hydrant Cap	\$300.00
Hydrant Meter	\$1,000.00
Hydrant Wrench	\$150.00
Meter Insert	\$630.00

- (9) No charge if meter is over-registering, based on American Water Works Association standards, or if a Commission ordered test.

SIZE OF METER	FEE
5/8 Inch	\$315.00
1 Inch	\$395.00
1½ Inch	\$550.00
2 Inch	\$775.00
3 Inch or larger	Cost plus materials

- (10) Maps, drawings and prints may be obtained from the Commission on request. Public agencies and Commission consultants and contractors (on bid projects only) receive maps at no charge. The cost per map is detailed below.

TYPE	COST
I. Base Maps:	
-Prints	\$6.00/sheet
-Paper Sepias	\$6.00/sheet
-Mylar Sepias*	\$50.00/set plus printer's charge
-Washoff Mylars*	\$50.00/set plus printer's charge
II. Water and Sewer Maps:	
-Prints	\$6.00/sheet
-Paper Sepias	\$6.00/sheet
-Mylar Sepias	Not Available
-Washoff Mylars	Not Available
*Sold to government agencies only	
III. Digital Images:	
Orthophotographs 1 foot resolution:	Citywide Area By Tile Area
100 scale PDFs of Water and Sewer Facilities:	\$300.00 Not Available
	\$250.00 \$6.00/map tile
IV. Data Layers:	
Personal Geodatabase	\$150.00 each layer
AutoCAD DXF format: Water	\$250.00
AutoCAD DXF format: Sewer	\$250.00
AutoCAD DXF format: Landbase	\$250.00

- (11) For replacement of frozen meters.

SIZE OF METER	REPLACEMENT FEE
5/8 Inch	\$260.00
1 Inch	\$340.00
1½ Inch	\$495.00
2 Inch	\$720.00
3 Inch or larger	Cost plus materials

- (12) Leak up to Owner (LUTO) & Lead Pipe Replacement associated costs for services based on annual contract bid.
- (13) The Commission requires that hydrants used for private fire protection be purchased from the Commission at cost.
- (14) Industrial stormwater inspections are scheduled to be conducted bi-annually. The inspections are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the prevention of pollution to rivers, lakes, streams and oceans. Below is the Industrial Facility Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program Inspection Fee Schedule.

INDUSTRIAL FACILITY TYPE	INITIAL INSPECTION	BI ANNUAL INSPECTION	CERTIFICATE OF NO EXPOSURE INSPECTION
Major Industry (1 acre or greater)	\$260.00	\$225.00	\$115.00
Minor Industry/Business (Less than an acre)	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$75.00

- (15) The Commission requires an as-built plan for each approved site plan. The as-built plans are to be submitted by the owner for all projects deemed complex by the Commission. All other as-built plans will be created by the Commission for a fee of \$200.00 per site. The Commission will determine which site plans will require an as-built plan submitted by the owner or an as-built plan to be created by the Commission for \$200.00.

PROPOSED SPECIAL FIRE SERVICE FEES

(Internal Sprinklers and Standpipe)	
SIZE OF PIPE	DAILY CHARGE
4 inch or smaller	\$0.91
6 inch	\$2.07
8 inch or larger	\$3.68

PROPOSED LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

A Late Payment Charge of 0.03836% per day (14% per annum) compounded with each billing on all amounts past due (greater than 30 days from the bill posting/printing date).

PROPOSED SERVICE FEE FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

Imposition of a "service fee" for processing credit card transactions. The fee will cover the administrative costs of processing credit card transactions and will be assessed by a third-party. At no point will the Commission receive any of the monies from the fee, nor will the fee enter the Commission's records.

PROPOSED DISCOUNT FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE FULLY DISABLED

A 30% discount on all water charges billed. This discount is applicable only to qualified, owner-occupied residential structures with one to four dwelling units.

Copies of the rate schedule, together with supporting documentation summarizing the information, data and estimates upon which such rate schedules are based, will be available for inspection on and after **December 3, 2020** on the Commission's website www.bwsc.org. The dial-in number for the ZOOM meeting is 1-646-558-8656 and the ZOOM Meeting ID is 8352946311. The link to the ZOOM meeting can also be found on www.bwsc.org. Any individual, partnership, trust, corporation, association, organized group or governmental entity that may be affected by the foregoing rates may appear before the Commission at such hearing, for the purpose of presenting data, views or argument relevant thereto. Data, views, or argument may be presented virtually via ZOOM at the hearing, or in the form of a letter which shall be mailed with the Secretary of the Commission on or before **5:00 PM, December 21, 2020**, at the Commission's offices, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02119. The hearing and all continuances thereof shall be conducted in accordance with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission Rules of Procedure which may be examined at the Commission's offices.

HOUSING

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City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who championed the measure along with colleague Kenzie Bok, said it's especially important in a city like Boston, with its deep historical divisions along racial and economic lines and whole new neighborhoods like the Seaport that have been built largely for the well-off.

"We're telling developers who come into a neighborhood that they need to come up with ways to help heal the community," she said. "That's your obligation now."

Specifically, new project filings with the BPDA would have to include data on current rents and demographics of a neighborhood, and analyze what impact the project could have on them — much like BPDA-required transportation and environmental studies do.

In some cases, developers could be required to perhaps add more affordable housing or more units large enough for families.

They could also be asked to fund affordable units nearby or agree to rules encouraging owner-occupied housing.

These sort of agreements are not unusual during BPDA review, but are typically made on a project-by-project basis, sometimes in response to neighborhood pressure. The plan being voted on Wednesday would standardize them across the city, and send a signal to developers that these issues are a priority for an agency that has historically focused more on encouraging commercial development than dealing with thorny questions related to who gets to live where in Boston.

"This plants a very firm flag



DAVID L. RYAN/GLOBE STAFF/FILE 2020

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that the BPDA wants to make sure we're dealing with issues like displacement and exclusion every day," said Jon Greeley, the BPDA's director of development review.

The regulations were crafted with the cooperation of real estate trade groups, which made some suggestions for technical changes, but generally support the end result. Tamara Small, president of NAIOP Massachusetts — which represents commercial developers — said laying out rules of the road helps everyone.

"We want to ensure as an industry that we're creating thriving communities," Small said. "This does lay out a clear and predictable process, which is something we thought was absolutely critical."

If approved by the City Council, the regulations will need the OK of the BPDA board and the city's zoning commission — both of which are largely appointed

by Walsh — and would apply to projects filed early next year. Some developers with large projects already underway — such as the enormous Suffolk Downs complex in Edwards' East Boston district — have already agreed in principle to follow the proposed regulations.

Over time, Edwards said, they have the potential to change the way Boston gets built, by putting issues of discrimination and displacement at the front of conversations about development plans.

"Planners and developers and people who are in the business of building cities have an obligation to follow civil rights laws," Edwards said. "And that obligation is met at the start, when you plan [a project]. You must be intentional about this."

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 345 353 NEPONSET AVENUE LLC to NEEDHAM BANK dated May 24, 2018 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 59633 at Page 78, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on the 12th day of January 2021 at 345-345A-353 Neponset Avenue in Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

345-345A NEPONSET AVENUE: A certain parcel of land with all buildings and structures thereon situated in Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Westerly line of Neponset Avenue at the Southeastly corner of land late of William Swan, thence running WESTERLY by said land late of Swan two hundred eighty and 52/100 (280.52) feet to land conveyed by one Hunt to Henry B. Blackwell, thence turning and running SOUTHERLY by said land of Blackwell to the Northwestly corner of land late of Holbrook, thence turning and running EASTERLY by said land late of Holbrook and late of Ellen L. Hunt et al. on two lines, one hundred seventy and 76/100 (176.76) feet and one hundred forty-seven and 45/100 (147.45) feet to Neponset Avenue; thence turning and running NORTHERLY on said Neponset Avenue, one hundred three and 90/100 (103.90) feet to the point of beginning. Containing about 30,000 square feet of land more or less.

Being the same parcel conveyed to the mortgagor by deed from Loretta Butehorn and Susan P. Downey dated May 24, 2018 and recorded on May 25, 2018 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 59633, Page 72.

353 NEPONSET AVENUE: The land with the buildings thereon situated at 353 Neponset Avenue, in the Dorchester District of Boston, bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY by Neponset Avenue, about Sixty-Seven and 35/100 (67.35) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land now or late of Catherine E. Wood, about One Hundred Eighty-Two and 75/100 (182.75) feet;

WESTERLY by land now or late of Nathan Holbrook, about Fifty-Four and 87/100 (54.87) feet; and

NORTHEASTERLY by land now or late of Ellen L. Hunt, about One Hundred Forty-Five and 65/100 (145.65) feet; containing 9,274 square feet of land.

Being the same parcel conveyed to the mortgagor by deed from Bich Van Tran dated May 24, 2018 and recorded on May 25, 2018 with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 59633, Page 75.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whomever or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of five thousand dollars (\$10,000) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at the Cohn & Dussi, LLC, 68 Harrison Avenue, Suite 502, Boston, Massachusetts 02111 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

NEEDHAM BANK
Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
Cohn & Dussi LLC
68 Harrison Avenue, Suite 502
Boston, MA 02111

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

Notice of intent to Submit a Project Proposal to the Asset Management Board and Public Hearing or a Long-Term Lease and Redevelopment of the Charles F. Hurley Building located at 19 Staniford Street in the City of Boston

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, hereby gives notice under §10 CMR 2.05 that it intends to (i) submit a Project Proposal to the Asset Management Board (the "Board") and (ii) hold a public hearing on the proposed project which has been granted Preliminary Project Approval by the Board. The proposed project is for a long-term lease in connection with the redevelopment of the Charles F. Hurley Building and adjacent property at 19 Staniford Street in Boston.

The project contemplates redevelopment of the existing 327,000 square foot building and improvements to the 3.25-acre site, including new building improvements. The project will include office space for state agencies as well as the introduction of private uses. The ground lease(s), selected through a competitive process, will secure all necessary permits, approvals and funding.

The public is invited to visit the "Project Website" at <https://www.mass.gov/hurley-redevelopment>. Copies of the draft Project Proposal will be available on the Project Website starting on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Copies of the draft Project Proposal are also available from Abigail Viadeck, DCAMM Project Manager at One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor, Boston, MA 02108, or via email: hurleyredv.dcammm@mass.gov.

The "Virtual Public Hearing" will be held on December 17, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At the Virtual Public Hearing, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project. Information on how to participate in the Virtual Public Hearing will be posted on the Project Website and distributed to the Project Email List in advance.

The deadline for receipt of written comments through the Project Website or directly to Abigail Viadeck (via regular mail or email) is December 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. All updates and changes will be posted on the Project Website.

By: Carol Gladstone, Commissioner
Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

The Boston Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the **INSTALLATION OF NEW PVC SANITARY DRAIN SYSTEM AT BUILDINGS 3&4 AT ARCHDALE [200-7] for the Boston Housing Authority in Rosindale**, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **MacRitchie Engineering Inc.**

The Project consists of: **Installation of new PVC sanitary waste piping suspended from basement ceilings to replace the failing cast-iron sanitary waste piping. New PVC sanitary waste piping to tie into existing inverts outside of building with restoration of landscaping and other site work**

The work is estimated to cost **\$ 142,884.28**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wages rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

For projects with an estimated construction cost of over \$100,000, by DHCD contractual requirement, General Bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), according to Article 2 in Section 201.20 Instructions to Bidders, in the category of: **Plumbing**. No Filled Sub Bids are required.

General Bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., **Wednesday, December 30th, 2020** and publicly opened, forthwith.

All Bids can be dropped off in the **lobby of the Boston Housing Authority, 52 Chauncy Street, 6th Fl, Procurement Dept., Boston, MA 02111**. Bids can also be mailed to the same address. Bids are to be received no later than the date & time specified above.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Boston Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at:

Bid Package is available to download via email request to bids@bostonhousing.org free of charge.

The contract documents may also be seen by electronic media at: Project Dog (www.projectdog.com), The Blue Book (www.thebluebook.com), and CMD (formerly Reed Construction Data) (www.cmdgroup.com/home)

General Bidders must agree to contract with minority and women owned business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOWBWA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 10.4% of the final contract price including accepted alternates.

Request for waivers must be sent to DHCD (david.mcclavet@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost less than \$500,000 or 10 calendar days prior to the General Bid date if the work is estimated to cost \$500,000 or more. **NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE BID DATE.** See contract documents – Article 3 of the instructions to bidders.

Full or portions of the project may be impacted by the pandemic. **The Notice To Proceed for this project may be issued as much as 90 days from the date DHCD approves the construction contract.**

The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection. The project pre-bid site walk/review is scheduled at 10:00 am on Thursday, December 17, 2020 located at 120 Brookway Road, Rosindale, MA 02131.

For an appointment call Mauroi Stavenson – 617-593-0390

Request for Proposals

Redevelopment Opportunity

For the Lease of Commonwealth-Owned Real Estate

City of Chelsea

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through its Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) on behalf of the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 7C s.36 and a vote of the Asset Management Board dated January 14, 2020, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 78, presents a redevelopment opportunity to lease a portion of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, with an address at 91 Crest Avenue in the City of Chelsea. The project contemplates leasing up to 8.7 acres of land with the buildings thereon known as the Domiciliary Campus with frontage on Summit Avenue, Hillside Avenue, and Crest Avenue, for a term of up to 99 years for the phased development of Veterans preference housing and services. The Commonwealth is soliciting proposals from parties interested in redevelopment of the Domiciliary Campus at the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea. The terms and requirements of this opportunity to lease and redevelop the property are set forth in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

To access a copy of the RFP refer to the following website link: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/soldiers-home-in-chelsea-domiciliary-campus-redevelopment> or email shdcmilitary.dcammm@mass.gov.

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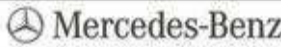
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ACTS OF KINDNESS

Peabody Essex gives a boost to the local food pantry

By Grace Griffin
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Peabody Essex Museum is offering an assist to the Salem Pantry, an organization that offers fresh food to North Shore families who need it.

Launched Dec. 1, the Feeding Community project puts the museum to work enlisting volunteers and raising awareness about the pantry's work. Peabody Essex will also be collecting nonperishable food and financial contributions on-site. Once the museum hits a total of 200 donations of food or money, a challenge grant will unlock an additional \$20,000 from Boston-based Fish Family Foundation.

"We knew that the need in the region and in Salem was growing and that food insecurity was an increasingly dire issue," said Amanda Clark MacMullen, Peabody Essex Museum's chief philanthropy officer. "We're a global museum so we have been able to introduce the Salem Pantry to a new, broader reach of donors."

The Salem Pantry, in operation since 1991, relies on partnerships from farms, bakeries, and other providers to feed its community. Boxes of food are distributed via home delivery, in-person pickups, and mobile pantry stops, with each including a diverse selection from frozen meat to fresh produce.

"We try to think about it as somebody's whole kitchen and try to not just give canned items," said Robyn Burns, executive director of the Salem Pantry. "We're trying to set up an operation that's available and inclusive to anyone needing food regardless of their situation."

The pantry is serving an estimated six times more people than usual this year. MacMullen said museum staff recognized this increased need and felt compelled to act.

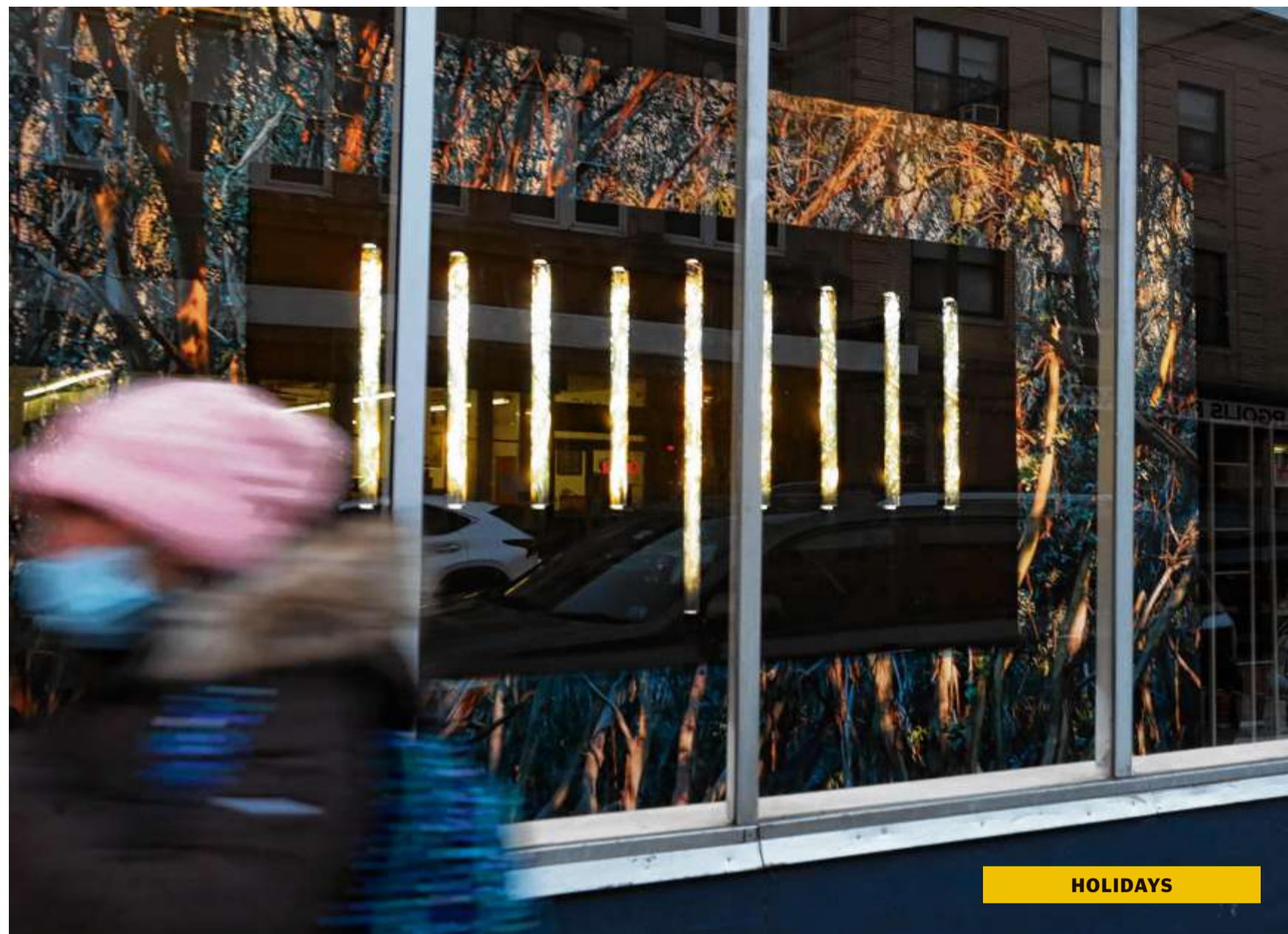
"We have always known that art is powerful to heal the soul, revitalize the spirit, and broaden perspective," MacMullen said. "But working side by side with the Salem Pantry has given us the opportunity to help, engage, and be part of the community."

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JENNIFER PERCY

A volunteer from Peabody Essex Museum packed donations for the Salem Pantry.



HOLIDAYS

Festival of art & lights

Jewish Arts Collaborative offers 'Brighter Connected' Hanukkah installations

By Cate McQuaid
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

As the long siege of 2020 continues, we enter the darkest time of year. It's also, traditionally, the season of miracles, such as this one, the Hanukkah story:

More than two millennia ago, an army sent by a Syrian king plundered Jerusalem, outlawed Judaism, and defiled the temple there. The Jews revolted, beat back the invading army, and rededicated the temple.

For that celebration, the temple's menorah was to burn through every night, but there was only enough oil on hand to keep it lit for one.

It kept burning, though, for eight. Jewish Arts Collaborative's "Brighter Connected," a series of eight public art installations, illuminates windows in Greater Boston this Hanukkah, bringing light fashioned by local artists to anyone who needs it.

For the past seven years, JArts has celebrated the season with installations at the Museum of Fine Arts. That celebration goes virtual this year (on Dec. 9 via mfa.org) but JArts is also taking its holiday art public.

"We thought it would be more impactful where people are living, not in traditionally high-traffic areas like Newbury Street," said Laura Conrad Mandel, JArts' executive director. "We want to bring art and light to as many communities as possible."

"Brighter Connected" isn't just about putting up art. It's about weav-

BRIGHTER CONNECTED

Jewish Arts Collaborative's art installations in eight windows around Greater Boston. Dec. 9-18. www.jartsboston.org/hanukkah-2020/

ing it into neighborhoods with community help.

Hanukkah "is significant on a spiritual and on a call-to-action level," said artist Caron Tabb, who is Jewish. "It's not just COVID. It's all the racial injustices. The hunger and poverty. When all is said and done and everyone is vaccinated, there will still be so much work to do."

For her installation at Dorchester's Bowdoin Street Health Center, Tabb interviewed health care workers there and enlisted help from nonprofit Artists for Humanity's teen artists. Her piece, "The Light From Within," fills 34 of the medical facility's windows.

Some windows feature Mylar silhouettes of Bowdoin Street staff and AFH teens that glint in the sunlight and are backlit at night, surrounded by colored gels to create a stained-glass effect. Others contain messages of hope in languages of the neighborhood, such as Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole.

Bowdoin Street has been a hub for COVID-19 testing.

"The people inside the building are doing God's work, day in and day out, caring for an underserved community in many languages," said Tabb. "They

are unsung heroes who deserve to be celebrated."

"The Light From Within," she said, "is a celebration of what we can be, if we can just get it together."

Before creating his installation "Bough" at Chelsea's Gallery 456, artist Clint Baclawski learned about the city's Jewish history from cultural anthropologist and Chelsea historian Ellen Rovner.

"Chelsea was the destination where the Jewish people first settled in Boston," Baclawski said.

Mandel's family was among them. "In the early 1900s, it was called 'little Jerusalem,'" she said.

"Bough" features a large-scale photograph of a eucalyptus forest — a tree common in Israel. A center panel coated in deep black paint provides a stark backdrop for nine lights wrapped in photographic transparencies of the trees.

"There will be a deep void in the middle of this forest," Baclawski said, "and then these floating bulbs."

The meaning is for the viewer to make. "One could surmise this black void could be from the past of the Jewish people," Baclawski said. Or there's today.

JArts hosts a Zoom conversation about Chelsea culture with Baclawski and Rovner on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Back at the MFA, "Black as Light," a poem by Boston's poet laureate Porsha Olayiwola, is being illuminated by artist Erik Jacobs in a video projection on the museum's facade. The poem con-



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Clint Baclawski is the creator of "Bough," which is displayed at Chelsea's Gallery 456 (top).

siders the radiant light of Black identity. It begins

"we stay lit. beacon doomed to this brunet burning, body a lighthouse" "Brighter Connected" is, in the end, about light.

"We were looking for artists who have created art rooted in light to show the universality of these Jewish stories and values so we can connect to each other better," Mandel said.

And unlike at the MFA, there's no entry fee.

"We knew it would be a cold, dark, and difficult season," Mandel said. "This is a community service. We want nothing from you but your participation."

"Enough with Zoom," she added. "Let's get out and see the art."

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The perfect song for Christmas 2020? It's 76 years old.

By Zoë Madonna
GLOBE STAFF

There's no question: "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" is the perfect song for this bizarre holiday season.

"But wait," I can hear you say. "What does that syrupy tune about shining stars above the highest bough have to do with Coronavirus Christmas?"

The answer is: nothing. Because if the song you're hearing has that line, it's not the version I'm talking about. To hear the original (and in my opinion, better) version, one has to jump back in time to the November 1944 release of the smash musical film "Meet Me In St. Louis" starring Judy Garland.

"Merry Little Christmas," which was composed by the songwriting duo Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane, appears near the end. With a melody Martin called "madrigal-like," Garland's teenage character tries to comfort her little sister at Christmastime, while also bracing to leave behind the boy she loves. She's consoling herself as much as anyone else: "Someday soon we all will be together, if the Fates allow," she sings in the final verse. "Until then, we'll have to muddle through somehow."

If it worked perfectly within the film's context, it was even better on its own. "Meet Me In St. Louis" opened just before the three-year anniversary of the US entry into World War II, and troops and their families were steeling themselves for yet another holiday apart. "Merry Little Christmas" struck a chord with the public, capturing the melancholy and uncertainty of a wartime Yuletide while steadfastly hoping for happy times ahead.

Even without the wartime aspect, Garland's version hits on a per-



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Judy Garland (with Margaret O'Brien) sang the original version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" in the 1944 film "Meet Me in St. Louis."

sistent truth — that being sad around the holidays can be profoundly difficult, especially if one is bombarded with quasi-enforced cheer. Unlike many popular Christmas songs, it speaks directly to the lonely and downcast. It encourages listeners to make the best of a bad situation, to have themselves a merry little Christmas anyway.

But then along came the "highest bough" lyric just over a decade later, as Frank Sinatra prepared to record a Christmas LP. Sinatra had recorded the song in the past, but as he saw it, the lyrics were

too gloomy for the mood he wanted on "A Jolly Christmas" (released in 1957). So he asked Martin: Could he "jolly up" those words a bit?

Martin readily obliged. No longer did the singer have to wait for "next year" for their troubles to be out of sight; with the change to "from now on," those troubles were a thing of the past. There's no need to look forward to better days; the better days are already here. There's nothing left to "muddle through somehow." Martin needed a rhyme, so "highest bough" it is.

The 1944 lyrics didn't totally disappear (Ella Fitzgerald and Phoebe Bridgers are among those who recorded them) but the cheerful revision is more commonly performed. It's not at all surprising. Sinatra's "jolly" version channels crowded living rooms full of laughter, platters of cookies, candles in the window, and lights on the tree: an idealized vision of Christmas so many work their tails off to create, even if the holidays cause just as much stress as good cheer. Many still try for that picture-perfect Christmas year after year — but not this year, if you follow public health guidelines and/or common sense. A "merry little Christmas" — emphasis on the "little" — is probably the only Christmas you should have yourself in 2020.

So consider Garland's version: There's not a single word that couldn't be about this Christmas. Next year all our troubles won't be entirely out of sight, but with the rapid development of COVID-19 vaccines, it's increasingly likely these particular troubles will be. We'll be with our loved ones and friends "once again, as in olden days" — as in, the days before March 2020. With any luck, it'll be soon. In the meantime, we'll all have to muddle through. Somehow.

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WOULD YOU LIKE A COCKTAIL WITH YOUR CRUNCHWRAP SUPREME?

We paid a visit to the boozy new Taco Bell Cantina. Here is what it's like.

BY DEVRA FIRST | GLOBE STAFF

In a different reality, I am heading out for a wild night, and that wild night begins with a visit to Taco Bell Cantina. (Or perhaps ends that way, a staving-off of tomorrow's potential hangover that patrons have sworn by since time immemorial, or at least the Tex-Mex chain's founding in 1962.) For the last few years, Taco Bell has been opening supercharged cantina outposts around the country. They feature open kitchens, more stylish decor, additional menu items, and alcoholic beverages. The first one debuted in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood in 2015: "Why you will drink at Taco Bell exactly once," reads a Chicago Tribune headline from that time. The flagship, on the Strip in Las Vegas, has a wedding chapel. The matrimonial package includes a Taco Party Pack, a Cinnabon Delights cake, the use of a bouquet made of sauce packets, and a half-hour ceremony officiated by Flora Pop, who I assumed was Taco Bell's



in-house drag queen priestess but turns out instead to be a mobile pop-up wedding company.

Now there is a Taco Bell Cantina in Brookline, the first in these parts. It opened in November in the heart of BU territory on Comm. Ave. It does not, sadly, have a chapel.

What it does have is the kind of brightly lit interior that makes late-night revelers cringe upon entry, a painful fluorescence. There are wall panels that say "TACO TACO TACO" in graffiti-esque lettering; TVs broadcasting college basketball; a self-order kiosk with a screen, which once might have seemed tech-y but now just feels presciently prudent. Bright red arrows on the ground, a festive murder red, indicate the prescribed path and spacing for customers. There's a staircase to nowhere; a staffer tells me there will be seating up there ... one day. For now, there are "Table Closed" stickers on all of the tables. A mural featuring colorful bells,

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Clockwise (from top left): Maria Lopez pours tequila into the Mountain Dew Baja Blast frozen drink at the new Taco Bell Cantina on Commonwealth Avenue; a Crunchwrap Supreme; the Taco Bell Cantina in Brookline.



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Fabian Weinstein-Jones and his wife, Yana Weinstein-Jones, run FabiYana's Urgent Foods from their home.

For legions of people seeking food, shame can be as daunting as need

Pantries try to reduce barriers of fear

By Kara Baskin
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

As food pantries stretch to accommodate a surge of hungry guests, lines aren't the only barrier to access. Pride — and fear — can be as daunting as crowds, even as roughly 1 in 8 people in Eastern Massachusetts experience food insecurity as a result of COVID-19.

"There are barriers: Fear of the un-

known. Hesitancy to go. Documentation issues. Running into a neighbor, a co-worker, a friend. Those are very real. We have a requirement with our partners that nobody be turned away," says Jonathan Tetrault, vice president of community impact at the Greater Boston Food Bank. His organization partners with more than 500 hunger-relief agencies, including community meal programs and pantries, throughout 190 towns in Eastern Massachusetts.

Food-access workers urge potential guests not to be wary. In Massachusetts,

pantries working with the GBFB are bound by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and state Department of Agricultural Resources guidance to refrain from requiring photo IDs and Social Security numbers when distributing federal emergency food assistance. The Massachusetts Attorney General's office this week plans to issue formal guidance around identification protocols.

"Hunger is one of the most pressing issues we are facing right now, with food insecurity for children doubling during this

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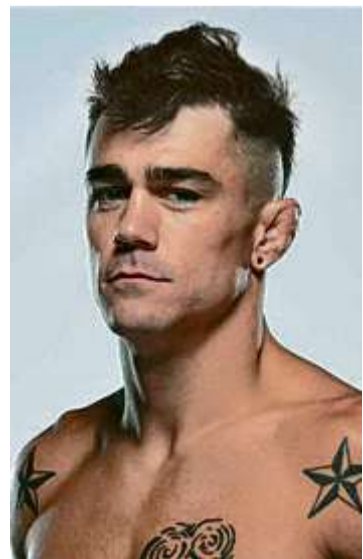
GETTING SALTY | PETER BARRETT OF BARRETT'S ALE HOUSE

The Ground Round founder's grandson finds himself in a different kind of ring

By Kara Baskin
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Peter Barrett, 34, comes from Massachusetts restaurant royalty: His grandfather, Francis Barrett, founded the Ground Round — remember those? — and was a vice president at Howard Johnson's. He also founded the Barrett Restaurant Group, which ran various restaurants with different themes throughout the South Shore, including the Grin & Bear It in Abington, designed for kids.

Peter now works for his uncle, Michael, at Barrett's Ale House in West Bridgewater. He bartends to support his other passion: professional Ultimate Fighting Championship competitions. But it's been a fight to get there.



Peter Barrett

You grew up in the restaurant business. How old were you when you began working?

I was about 13 years old. I asked my dad for 20 bucks to go out with my friends, and he said, "No, but you can come work the dishwasher tomorrow morning, and I'll pay you to be there." When I was really little, I was peeling shrimp when my dad would take me to work with him. I grew up playing tag underneath

the tables while my dad was opening restaurants with my brothers when we were little. The restaurant industry runs thick through my blood.

I've been working in the restaurants on the books since 2003, and I've held every position in the restaurants, just shy of a chef or a sous chef. I started as a dishwasher, prep cook, line cook, started busing tables, bar back-

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Even as a youth, Perla Rosario dreamed of becoming a chocolatier, maybe someday a chocolate maker. After all, her family owns a cacao farm in the Dominican Republic. Five years ago, she began to train and taught herself the craft. "I learned a lot by trial and error," she says. Last year, Rosario and her fiancé Leo Baez opened Cacao, a chocolate and nut shop, in Jamaica Plain. Rosario produces beautiful chocolate truffles, bonbons, and barks using Valrhona couverture, while Baez roasts a broad selection of nuts. The couple recently opened a second location in Newton Highlands, a cozy spot with a mix of warm woods and a counter lined with Rosario's creations — dark chocolate bonbons filled with raspberry creme or hazelnut ganache, Aztec spicy and peanut butter truffles, chocolate-covered peppermint bars, white chocolate barks with roasted pistachios and cranberries, and more (\$17 for 8 pieces). Shelves display ribbon-tied gift boxes for the holidays with assortments (from \$20 and up), as well as chocolate bars from arti-



san makers such as Markham & Fitz from Arizona, Chequesette in Truro on Cape Cod, and Amedei from Tuscany. It's a worthy destination for a steaming cup of thick, spicy hot chocolate prepared with a blend of high-quality chocolates. You can take home a bag of the mix (\$15 for 5 servings). Tea and coffee drinks from single-origin Colombian beans from Brooklyn roaster Devoción are also available. The couple expected to set up a small cafe in the rear of the store when they signed the lease pre-pandemic. Instead, they adapted the space with a counter to display containers of roasted sweet and spicy almonds and nut mixes with bits of chocolate and dried cranberries (\$19 a pound). Someday the counter will disappear and you'll find comfy chairs where you can relax with a cup of Joe and a treat. 23 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands, 617-467-4599, cacaonuts.com. The shop offers curbside pick-up and free delivery within 5 miles.

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BULLY BOY RELEASES AN AMARO MADE WITH CHINESE RHUBARB ROOT

Two years ago, Boston's Bully Boy Distillers released an amaro, the Italian bitter-sweet liqueur. Their version is crafted with hops, which impart a pleasant bitterness, and infused with more than two dozen botanicals and spices, like Szechuan peppercorn and coriander. Grapefruit gives it bright juiciness. The distillery, founded by brothers Will and Dave Willis, recently produced a second amaro, Amaro Rabarbaro (rabarbaro means rhubarb in Italian) with even more verve. Created with other botanicals — marjoram, chamomile, and clove — Chinese rhubarb root and black cardamom deliver an earthy smokiness. Lemon balm and orange provides a citrusy edge. Dark copper in color, its fragrance permeates the glass. You can use the rabarbaro in



place of sweet vermouth in a Negroni or a Manhattan, or for your own inventive cocktail for a wintery warm-up. Its caramel notes and bittersweet, herbal tastes and smokiness shines when served straight on the rocks (\$32 for a 750 ml). Available at Urban Grape, 303 Columbus Ave., Boston, 857-250-2509;

Blanchards, 103 Harvard Ave., Allston, 617-782-5588; Wine & Cheese Cask, 407 Washington St., Somerville, 617-623-8656; Gordon's Fine Wines & Liquors, 894 Main St., Waltham, 781-893-1900; Pamplemousse, 185 Essex St., Salem, 978-745-2900; and others.

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THE CONFIDENT COOK

GOOD FOOD AND KITCHEN KNOW-HOW

Chicken thighs braised with oranges and olives offer hearty, appealing flavors in a relatively short time

BY KAROLINE BOEHM GOODNICK | GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Even during a pandemic, schedules don't often allow for the long, slow cooking times required for braising large cuts of meat. But there are smaller cuts you can braise, like chicken thighs, which cook in a relatively short amount of time and still give you those appealing, hearty flavors. Sauté a base of onion and garlic, and stir in fresh oregano, honey, sherry vinegar, white wine, and orange juice. Green olives, like large and fruity Castelvetrano from Sicily, add a touch of umami (or use another meaty, green olive).

Brown the thighs briefly in a large Dutch oven, working in batch-

es, if necessary, and then nestle them into the braising liquid. The key to serving perfectly browned and crispy chicken skin is to submerge the bones and most of the meat on the thighs, but not the skin. You don't need to cover the pot. The minimum cooking temperature for poultry is 165 degrees, but these thighs will likely surpass that. Dark meat cooked in liquid can easily go as high as 185 degrees, and actually fare better as it approaches the falling-off-the-bone stage of cooking. Spoon the braising liquid over rice and garnish with the orange slices — they're now spoon tender — then set the crispy-skinned thighs on top.



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Braised Chicken Thighs with Oranges and Olives

Serves 4

2 tablespoons olive oil
8 bone-in chicken thighs, skin intact

Salt and pepper, to taste

1 medium onion, sliced
3 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar or white wine vinegar

1 cup white wine
Grated rind and juice of 2 Navel oranges
1 Navel orange, sliced into ¼-inch half moons
1 cup large green olives, such as Castelvetrano, pitted and halved
Extra sprigs of fresh oregano (for garnish)

- Set the oven at 350 degrees.
- In a large, wide, flameproof casserole over medium heat, heat the oil. Sprinkle the chicken thighs all over with salt and pepper. Working in 2 batches, place 4 thighs in the pan, skin-side down. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until well browned. Transfer to a plate and cook the remaining thighs in the same way.
- Add the onion and garlic to the pan and cook, stirring often, for 5 minutes. Add the oregano, honey, vinegar, wine, orange rind and juice, and the orange slices. Scrape the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Stir in the olives, and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- Nestle the thighs in the pan, leaving the skin mostly exposed. Bring the liquid to a boil. Transfer to the oven and cook, uncovered, for 30 minutes, or until the skin is crispy and a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest part of a thigh registers at least 165 degrees. Serve over rice and garnish with oregano. *Karoline Boehm Goodnick*

By Mollie Hersh
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Even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, one of America's oldest open-air markets is quietly celebrating a historic milestone by keeping its stands up and running for its community.

The Haymarket is a Boston institution, known for its affordable produce, no-nonsense vendors, and its constant presence on Blackstone, Hanover, and North streets — the Blackstone Block Historic District near Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market — every Friday and Saturday from dawn to dusk, rain or shine.

This year, the Haymarket Pushcart Association is celebrating its 200th anniversary, although the market itself dates back even further in history.

"As one of America's oldest open-air markets, Boston's Haymarket continues to be a cultural and historic spot at the heart of downtown," Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh said in a recently prepared statement. "I am proud to celebrate this historic achievement and hope that Haymarket will continue to grow and thrive here in the city of Boston."

HPA president Otto Galotto hoped to commemorate the occasion with a ribbon-cutting ceremony or maybe a small marker, but those plans are now on hold as the market struggles to stay open during the pandemic.

Galotto, 58, has been instrumental in keeping the Haymarket running since he was unanimously elected HPA president in 2004 by the association's 36 members, all of whom are stand owners.

Galotto said that during the pandemic, he has done everything in his power to make the market as safe as possible for both its customers and its vendors among dwindling crowds. In the early stages of the pandemic shutdown, the market operated at limited capacity with only six or seven businesses open, though the number — while still reduced — has steadily increased.

The once-bustling market is now spaced out with six feet between stands, and the small storefronts only allow a few people in at a time. Signs warn guests: "Do not touch the produce," a mandate Galotto enforces, much to some customers' frustration.

"A lot of people just walk away if I tell them they can't pick their own oranges, but you know what? Fine," he said, adding that he does not want to put anybody

Haymarket vendors persevere amid pandemic on 200th anniversary



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Above: Alemao Menchaca carries his daughter, Zoe, 2, while his wife, Leticia (left), and mother, Vielka, shop for produce at Haymarket in March. Right: Otto Galotto, president of the Haymarket Pushcart Association, in 2016.

— not vendors or customers — at risk.

"This market has to survive for everybody," Galotto said. "The rich people, the poor people, the [middle-class] people ... everybody has to come here." Galotto's friends, colleagues, and even customers give him credit for keeping the market open in the face of numerous obstacles ranging from the Big Dig, to construction for a new hotel on Blackstone Street, and now the pandemic. "He has the weight of the world on his shoulders trying to keep this place alive," said his friend Robert Barresi, who helps Galotto advertise the market on social media.

The Haymarket has become even more vital to its customers as the coronavirus pandemic drags on, offering affordable food and familiarity, vendors maintain.

In her nearly 20 years working around the Haymarket, produce vendor Alyssa "Sina" Chhim, 45, knows many of her most faithful customers come from low-income households



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and depend on the Haymarket's wholesale prices, so she does her best to ensure people get the food they need.

"They come every single week. It doesn't matter rain or snow, they still come," said Chhim, who emigrated from Cambodia as a child. "I'm not wealthy, but I'm happy to [help] low-income people put food on their tables for their children."

Reserved for "hawkers and peddlers" by a 1952 state law and 1978 city ordinance, Blackstone Street remains relatively unchanged as the longtime home of the Haymarket. Many of the Haymarket's veteran vendors watched the city evolve around the market firsthand and have faith it will outlast the latest obstacle thrown its way.

Joey Onessimo, better known to his fellow vendors as "Joey O," has a favorite joke whenever he talks about the Central Artery, a visible fixture from Blackstone Street from 1953 until the Big Dig.

"I was here when it went up; I was here when it went down," he said. Onessimo started working at the Haymarket in 1948 when he was 8 years old, working for his brother on a "horse and team" (a horse-drawn pushcart). Now 79, he retired 15 years ago but still comes by every Saturday at 1 p.m. for lunch with "the boys."

He and Frank Pennacchio, 89, have been friends for 50 years and still love to swap stories about old times. It is a bitter-sweet affair for them having out-

lived many of the people they worked beside for decades.

"What I miss is my old friends," Onessimo said. "We had a nice thing going for 30 or 40 years."

Once predominantly frequented by Italian families from the North End, the market has since evolved into a multicultural gathering place, "a sort of United Nations in Boston," as frequent customer Sue-Ellen Hershman-Tcherepnin described it.

Tarik Kadiri was a customer before he started working at Galotto's stand. To him, the market is like a piece of home, a reminder of souks (traditional marketplaces) in his native Morocco. "It's like the world is here," he said. "You see all nationalities, people from all over the world."

Rieng Kim, 37, is one of the youngest produce stand owners at the Haymarket. A Cambodian immigrant, she followed in her mother's footsteps to run her own business. "Nobody wants to see white people everywhere," she joked. "People feel more welcome to come. You see people of your own kind."

For many of the vendors, the Haymarket is not just a place; it is in their blood. Today, it is a heritage that younger generations are determined to carry into the 21st century.

Robert Barresi, 36, was

brought to the Haymarket by his father beginning when he was 12 years old. As a self-described "millennial pushcart vendor," he is now reaching out to a new generation of potential shoppers through social media. In 2010, Barresi started a Facebook page for the Haymarket to open a line of communication and get the word out to tourists, new Boston residents, and younger generations — especially college students, a key demographic for cheap produce.

The Facebook page has now become a vital tool for the market, providing weekly updates — from the latest safety protocols to which seasonal foods are available — during the pandemic. One vendor said he is working to integrate payment apps, such as Venmo, across the market to cater to younger clients who tend not to carry cash.

The Haymarket will see its next big change with Hilton's newest Boston Hotel, the Canopy, also known as Parcel 9, that is being built on Blackstone Street. As part of negotiations with the HPA, the hotel will provide three trash compactors and new, more durable tents for the vendors.

The market is changing to keep up with the times, but Galotto believes that the tradition of the Haymarket will live on as it always has — as a meeting point for all walks of life. "It's a key part of the city where people can actually come out and congregate, meet, talk to one another," he said. "You see the same faces over and over; that's the great thing about this market ... you get to make friends."

BOTTLES

One local brewery's blueprint to surviving coronavirus outbreak

By Gary Dzen
GLOBE STAFF

Ryan Lavery gained insight maybe earlier than most that 2020 was not going to be a normal year.

"We had full-on plans for growth," Lavery, co-owner of Braintree's Widomaker Brewing Co., said of his pre-pandemic view of the world. "We had three, 30-barrel tanks that were scheduled to be here in December or early January, but early COVID in China delayed those. That was sort of our first inclination that, like, 'Oh, something's happening'"

Call it prescience, luck, or a little bit of both, but Lavery doubled-down on his growth plans when he saw the initial delays, ordering three more tanks to increase production capacity.

"I just felt like cans and distribution were gonna be the name of the game pretty early on in 2020," he says. "We invested in a team just dedicated to packaging."

The pandemic has been detrimental to some business and devastating for others; in September, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association estimated that nearly a quarter of the state's restaurants have not reopened since the pandemic started. Breweries who relied heavily on taproom sales have also been hit hard. In April, the Mass. Brewers Guild reported an average decline in sales of 56 percent among members. While sales ticked back up over the summer, the industry is bracing for a long, cold winter.



Widomaker's taproom features three garage doors to improve airflow during the coronavirus pandemic.

Widomaker represents the rare small brewery that has not only survived 2020, but appears to be thriving. The story of how it got there could be described as a lesson in perseverance.

Since opening three years ago, Lavery made it a point to get Widomaker's beer on tap in as many locations as possible. "I just always fell in love with beer on draft," he says. "In the first year our distribution company [Night Shift] pushed us to do a lot of draft. That way when the cans hit the market there's some familiarity with it, and it's not just one of millions of cans on the shelf."

Before this year, Lavery would also travel up and down the East Coast, introducing his beer in new cities like Tampa, Miami, and Washington, D.C., during beer events.

In 2020, those cities and contacts went from being bonuses to essential parts of the business.

Before COVID, Lavery says 85 percent to 90 percent of Widomaker beer was sold from the taproom.

"We had kind of hit our stride," says Lavery of entering the new year. "The taproom was outrageous. The whole shock of COVID was, like, 'Oh, [expletive]. How do you make up for \$20,000 weekends?"

The answer was to leverage contacts and chip away. Packaging more beer than ever, Widomaker began shipping to places like Georgia and Florida, sending a case each of beers such as the IPA Blue Comet to boutique stores in each state. Ecstasy of Gold, another IPA, and Candy-maker, a peanut butter stout, also sold well.

"It just seemed like a good avenue for us to keep moving beer but not oversaturate Massachusetts," Lavery says. "We were growing our brand in ways I never really expected to distrib-

ute."

The plan worked. Widomaker shifted its business model so that 40 percent of its beer was moving through distribution. When the taproom opened back up for curbside sales, the Braintree brewery would end spring weekends with almost no leftover beer to sell. Backup plans like selling through home delivery weren't needed.

Another new revenue stream came from a relationship with the Adams Inn in Quincy. With many weddings canceled, the inn opened a beer and drink garden from its perch on the Neponset River. All summer, patrons came to drink at 100 socially distanced outdoor tables. In addition to Widomaker, local brewers Vitamin Sea, Second Wind, and Untold poured their products.

"It was just, 'How do we keep everybody working? And how do we keep full production?'" says Lavery. "I noticed a lot of people let it come to them, and we kind of went out and got it."

And one more COVID-adjustment: In July, Widomaker installed three garage doors to its brewery space, making the air flow healthier for our current times. The taproom, for now, remains open. Which leads to a surprising total outcome for 2020: more business than the year before.

"We're up," says Lavery. "Thankfully."

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WHAT TO COOK THIS WEEK

Butternut-Potato Latkes

Makes about 20

The tradition of latkes for Hanukkah is based on the story of a miracle, in which ancient Jews only had a small amount of oil to rededicate the Temple in Jerusalem and light the candle in the menorah, and it lasted for eight days. The eight-day Jewish Festival of Lights begins the evening of Dec. 10, when the first candle on the menorah is lit. Foods fried in oil — potato pancakes, doughnuts — are the classic way to celebrate. One of the most basic lessons in cooking is understanding the role of fat. In frying, the hot oil is an efficient way to transfer heat to the surface of the food without overheating the interior. It also facilitates that delicious crispy, crusty crunch we all crave, while turning what you are frying into a beautiful golden color. Anyone who has ever fried latkes knows that they make a mess in the kitchen. But go ahead. They're worth it. These golden latkes swap out butternut squash for some of the potatoes (use starchy russets); grated butternut imparts a subtle sweetness to the batter. Serve them with applesauce or sour cream (or both). While all is upended this year, it's a great opportunity to put a small new spin on a longstanding tradition.

- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ teaspoons pepper
- 3 scallions, finely sliced, including some of the dark green
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 12 ounces peeled, seeded butternut squash, coarsely grated (to make 4 cups)
- 2 russet potatoes, peeled and coarsely grated



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- ½ cup canola or vegetable oil (for frying)
- Extra sprigs fresh parsley, leaves chopped or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives (for garnish)
- Extra coarse salt (for sprinkling)

- 1 cup sour cream or applesauce, or both (for serving)

1. Set the oven at 300 degrees. Have on hand a food processor with a grating disk, or a box grater. You also need 1 or 2 large, heavy skillets. Line a plate with paper towels. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, flour, salt, and pepper until smooth. Stir in the scallions, parsley, butternut, and potatoes; mix well.

3. In 1 or 2 large heavy skillets, heat enough oil to make a thin layer. When it is hot, pack a ¼-cup measuring cup with the batter and drop it into the oil. Flatten it with the bottom of the cup. Make 3 more (a 12-inch skillet will hold 4 latkes). Leave space around each one. Cook for 3 minutes on a side, or until golden. Turn with a large metal spatula in one hand and a metal palette knife in the other. Transfer to the paper towels for a minute to drain excess oil, then to the baking sheet. Keep warm in the oven. Fry the remaining latkes in the same way, adding more oil to the pans as necessary.

4. Sprinkle with parsley or chives and salt. Serve with sour cream and applesauce, or both. *Sally Pasley Vargas*

Hanukkah Apple Bundt Cake

Makes one large round cake

If latkes or fritters don't suit you on Hanukkah, but you still want to keep the Jewish tradition of serving something made with oil — to commemorate the oil that lasted for eight days in the ancient temple — this apple cake will fit the bill. Instead of butter, it's mixed with canola or vegetable oil, both granulated and light brown sugar, and studded with golden raisins, toasted walnuts, and shredded apples (use a food processor). The batter, aromatic with cinnamon, cloves, and allspice, fills a large Bundt pan and after baking, sits tall on the cake stand. Skip the latkes, if you like, and dig into a glorious cake.

- Butter (for the pan)
- Flour (for the pan)
- 1 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped
- ¾ cups flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 cup golden raisins
- 1 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1¼ cups granulated sugar
- ¾ cup packed light brown sugar
- 4 medium baking apples (Cortland, Golden Delicious, Rome Beauty, Baldwin, Jonagold), peeled, cored, and coarsely shredded
- Confectioners' sugar (for sprinkling)

1. Set the oven at 350 degrees. Butter a 10-inch Bundt pan. Dust the pan with flour, tapping out the excess.

2. Spread the walnuts in a small



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baking dish. Bake for 6 minutes, turning once or twice, or until they are lightly toasted; cool.

3. In a bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice. Transfer 2 tablespoons of the flour mixture to another bowl. Add the walnuts and raisins and toss well.

4. In an electric mixer, beat the oil and eggs at medium-high speed for 2 minutes. Add the vanilla, and granulated and light brown sugar. Beat for 2 minutes, or until creamy.

5. With the mixer set on low speed, beat in the shredded apples just until combined. Add the flour mixture in 2 additions, mixing only until it is absorbed. With a rubber spatula,

scrape down the sides of the bowl often.

6. Remove the bowl from the mixer stand. With the rubber spatula, stir in the walnuts and raisins. Spoon the batter into the pan and smooth the top.

7. Bake the cake for 60 to 65 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the middle of the cake is clean when withdrawn. The baked cake will pull away slightly from the sides of the pan.

8. Set the cake on a wire rack to cool for 30 minutes. Carefully invert the cake onto another wire rack to cool completely. Before serving, sprinkle the cake with confectioners' sugar. *Lisa Yockelson*

Barrett fights his way back and turns his life around

▶GETTING SALTY

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ing, expediting food, waiting tables, all between the ages of 15 to 18. I started bartending right around 18, 19, when it was legal for me to serve alcohol, and that's been a big staple in my life from high school through college, up until now, fighting professionally in the UFC. It's been something that I've always leaned on to keep me financially stable.

How has the pandemic affected your family's restaurants?

It's been a nightmare. It's put a lot of unnecessary, undue stress on the family, on all of my co-workers as well. Up until March, I could get away with working two nights a week, bartending at my uncle's place, make enough money to pay my bills, my mortgage, my student loans, and live. Since March, I would say my weekly income has gone down to about a third of that. Now, with the curfews in effect, even less. Numbers-wise, I was having a conversation with my uncle last week and across all restaurants, he's down \$6 million since March.

What do you think is going to happen through the winter?

I think it's going to be a really devastating winter for the restaurant industry. I foresee more landmark establishments closing down with all of the executive orders or the modifications and the costs that restaurants have to take on, just to stay open, just to keep their doors open, to allow customers to come in. And, of course, you have suppliers trying to take advantage of the situation, and they're really using supply and demand to drive their prices up. My uncle spoke to a contractor about plexiglass to do all of his restaurants, so we could remain open, keep the bar seating, keep all of our tables open. And they quoted him somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000 per restaurant. [He] went out and did it on his own for about \$3,000.

Thinking back to the days of the Ground Round, what did customers want then versus now? What has changed in the business, pandemic aside?

Some of the biggest differences I've seen is with the evolution of the education of the consumer. You now have people looking for higher-quality foods, a healthier option, not your traditional oversized, Americanized portions of things.

Ten or 15 years ago, there were maybe one or two salads on a menu. Now, most menus have a whole salad section with various proteins and whatnot to be added, whereas maybe before it was just a taco salad in a big crispy bowl with all of the unhealthy ingredients on top of that.

Let's talk about bartending for a minute: What's the most annoying drink you're asked to make?

Last week, I'm getting slammed on the service bar, and I have three strawberry daiquiris come out, and it's 35 degrees out. Frozen drinks are the bane of every bartender's existence. If they tell you otherwise, maybe it's because they're working at a tiki lounge on an island. Frozen drinks are the worst.

How are you keeping bar customers safe?

We just assume that we're always under the magnifying glass. Everybody has a cellphone. Everybody's connected to the Internet, and the second an ornery customer sees something that they don't think is right, you have to assume it's going to be on Facebook. You have to assume it's going to be on Twitter. You have to assume it's going to be on Yelp. So, we try to hold ourselves above that standard. We use toothpicks and no hands on anything that someone's going to consume. We're sanitizing everything. We've built what looks like penalty boxes on the bar with moveable plexiglass sliding dividers, so if you have a group of two people, we can put two seats together and give you your own private area.

Restaurant-wide, we had to make sure everybody was re-certified with ServSafe. We have to make sure that all of our employees know exactly how to handle every situation to make sure that the customer is receiving the utmost care and respect due to their health.

No servers, no bartenders, no employee is allowed to touch anything that goes into someone's drink, unless it's on a pick or with tongs. And, like I said, we just have to be on overdrive to make sure that we're paying attention to these things, because all it takes is one person to snap a photo of a bartender not paying attention and squeezing a lime in a drink before he gives it to a customer.

Do you ever feel nervous going into work?

No, I don't. I get more frustrated by it than anything. ... I think the consumers, for the most part, they're making the right decisions. If they don't feel well, they're not going out. We're contact tracing at the door now, so if someone did come in, and they did test positive for COVID, we would be able to see who exactly was in the restaurant at the time that they were here, and we would be able to reach out and let them know. So, all of our locations are doing contact tracing now.

What's the vibe when people go out these days?

When talking to customers, a lot of people are kind of just fed up with it. They want to get back to their daily life.

For as much as we're getting pushed about these cases, we're also seeing that the survival rate is a lot higher than what was originally forecasted. And people are just sick of it.

I think people are starting to get very frustrated and stressed out about it, whereas they're taking the precautions where if they didn't feel well, they wouldn't be out in the first place. ... A lot of our customers, a lot of our regulars, are kind of sick and tired of these draconian mandates with the restaurant industry. This is one of the most regulated industries statewide, and we're getting attacked the hardest.

You've turned to fighting after some tough times in your own life, right?

Well, I've been fighting for the last decade, but within the last four years, I did go through some really tough times personally.

Three years ago, my younger brother overdosed. It was an accidental overdose on fentanyl down in Florida, and then three months later, my dad suffered a heart attack, and I was actually the one who went to check on him and found him.

I was in a really dark place: depressed, sad, self-medicating, doing all the wrong things while stuffing it all down and putting on a smiley face, leading everybody to believe that I'm doing great. Through therapy and fighting and re-centering myself, I was able to pull myself out of it holistically. And having the support of the restaurant industry, my uncle, my co-workers, my family really allowed me to feel the love that I was ignoring.

From the fighting aspect, I was the number-one prospect in New England to get drafted by the UFC. I was 8-0, undefeated, seven first-round finishes, knockouts. I looked like Superman in the cage. Then I suffered my first loss in June ... two weeks later, I lost my brother, and then three months later, I lost my dad. And it just spiraled me into a whirlwind of self-destructive negativity and depression.

I would show up to training, and my coaches would think I was doing the right thing. My family would think I was doing the right thing. I was being the big, stronger older brother. Mind you, I'm the second-oldest of 11.

In reality, I would get to the gym, I would train, lead all my coaches to believe I was still on this healthy path, and then I would hit the packie after training. I'd drink myself to sleep, wake up, rinse, wash, and repeat. If I was working, I'd go to work, go home, maybe self-medicate. I'd be obviously sober for the things where I had to show up and be where I needed to be. But on my own time, I was hiding a lot of my negative tendencies, and it really started manifesting or externalizing itself in my fighting career, in my personal life, in

my social life.

How did you find help?

Between my mom, my girlfriend, and my older brother, I found the courage to search out a therapist, a holistic therapist, whose message and approach really resonated with my approach to life. I didn't want to go see a shrink. I don't want to go see a psychologist. I didn't want someone who was going to say, "Hey, take these twice a day. You'll smile. You'll feel better." That wasn't something that I was comfortable with. I knew that I got here naturally, to this bad place, and I could get out of here naturally, from this bad place. ... After vetting a couple of therapists, I found a great one who really resonated with my approach to life.

That was, "Am I stressed? Yeah, let's go do some breath work. Let's revisit these things and see how we can re-experience emotions with a positive light." It was a lot of introspection.

How did fighting help you?

It was a lot of personal deep work, but we got through it, and this lined up right with my last fight locally: The company is Cage Titans, down in Plymouth. On paper, it looked like it was a bad fight for me. He was another top rising prospect in New England. I beat him and finished him in the first round. And it was like the stepping stone to get my name back on the next level to be considered to be picked up by the UFC. If it wasn't for all that personal work, I don't think I would have been in the right state of mind mentally to have performed the way that I was.

And now you have a UFC fight Dec. 12. For people who don't know, is UFC like being signed to the majors in baseball?

Absolutely. So, mixed martial arts, or MMA, is the sport, and the UFC would be the equivalent of the NBA, NFL, MLB. They're the number-one mixed-martial arts sports organization or league in the world.

I'm fighting Chase Hooper, who is actually the youngest athlete signed by the UFC in the history of the UFC.

Why fighting and not, I don't know, golf or basketball?

What I do in the 15 minutes that I'm in that cage, some people will never experience from life to death. They will just never have that intensity of emotion, of feeling alive. After college, I went into the professional world and was crushing it, making great money while building my fighting career. And I decided to leave that career behind to delve 100 percent into the fighting, which is what put me back into the restaurant industry, working for my uncle after giving up my career-worth desk job. But the fighting is the most alive you will ever feel. Some people will nev-

er know what it's like to be in a situation where it's you or him — not to sound so primitive, but those emotions come alive in those 15 minutes. That intensity is something that I thrive on.

I want to go back to reaching out for help when you needed it. I think that a lot of people are probably maybe self-medicating more than ever. How would you advise somebody else in that position, especially right now?

I know the 12 steps work for some people, but I don't agree with that approach. I have friends who used that approach, and they have had great success with it. I believe that we are the creators of our own reality, and the power of your mind would blow you away if you knew what you could really do with it. A lot of people live within this confinement where they just give up their power to other things, and they accept reality as it is, versus changing their perspective on things and creating what they really want, desire, and need.

What I like to tell people is, imagine wrapping up your headphones neatly and putting them into your pocket, and then two hours later pulling them out, and they're a mess. A good therapist will help. The headphones are obviously a metaphor for your thoughts. A good therapist will help you untangle the headphones and get everything moving.

The power that you need is already within you. ... And I know that someone might say, "Well, that doesn't apply to addiction, because addiction is a disease," which is another conversation. But at the end of the day, it's about your willpower to uphold the decisions that you want to make.

Does this make it tough to be a bartender?

To be quite frank with you, I will still enjoy alcoholic beverages from time to time. I just know that it doesn't do me any good to rifle back shots and drink like a maniac. My habits with drinking reflected my need to numb out the feelings that I was afraid to deal with.

On a different note: What dish would you recommend at your own restaurant?

I'm such a food snob. I cook all my own food now, but we always have nachos. We do a great job on our nachos. If I'm going to go out and get a cheat meal, I want to be at the restaurant that has the biggest and the best nachos, and we have that dish locked down, for sure.

And do you have a snack that you've been bingeing on since quarantine?

I like sunflower seed butter with raw honey mixed in. I'm simple.

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Brookline's new Taco Bell Cantina offers boozy twist

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drinks, and sauce packets exhorts us to "Eat More Tacos!" Twist my proverbial arm.

I don't love Taco Bell. I don't hate Taco Bell. I don't have much true feeling for Taco Bell at all, although I know many do. I think the last time I ate here was on an after-hours outing somewhere in Iowa during college; a friend who had recently returned from a semester in Paraguay ordered a "burrrrito," his rolled r's received with confused silence. (According to Taco Bell's website, founder Glen Bell's first customers, in Downey, Calif., called the signature menu item "tay-kohs.")

But I do like refried beans and nacho cheese. And I like frozen margaritas. Also, we are in *this* reality, and there is no wild night in store. What else have I got going on?

Taco Bell Cantina right now, like campus itself, is relatively deserted. There are a few masked customers waiting for their orders. There are a few staffers doling out the adult beverages, and a few more assembling food in the open kitchen. I can't decide whether the pop soundtrack makes things feel like more or less of a bummer. The chain's classic dishes are on the menu, or at least most of them; the restaurant is eternally switching things up in ways that are hard to follow if Taco Bell isn't your native language. It's a Zen thing, a lesson in non-attachment.

If Taco Bell were a fancy restaurant, we'd call the chef "relessly innovative" or something like that, but it isn't. Still, we benefit from genius reengineering like the Nacho Cheese Doritos Locos Tacos, a taco in a Dorito shell. It's a strange case where two things I love come together as one, and the product of

their union just doesn't do it for me. Most Taco Bell gets soggy fast, but there needs to at least be a safe five-minute window before things devolve. The shell also isn't quite Dorito-y enough: too thin, not the right flavor. But then the Crunchwrap Supreme steps in. If you're not familiar, it's basically a taco wrapped in a flour tortilla and grilled shut, and it is hexagonal. We need more hexagonal food in the world, because it is very satisfying to eat, like a sandwich cut on the diagonal (which is obviously the superior way): so many pointy bites.

I order a Black Bean Toasted Cheddar Chalupa from the "new" section of the menu; the thick, bubbly shell has cheese toasted into it and the texture of a basement ceiling tile drying out after a leak. Also under the "new" heading: the Veggie Nachos Party Pack, which seems like it could be a big seller near BU and is one of the rare things on the Taco Bell menu not worth its comparatively high price tag of \$9.99. More than any other Taco Bell item, these nachos must be eaten before they cool into rigor mortis, but even so the chips are too flimsy to scoop the wee spheres of guacamole at the edges of the tray. They break every time. They just *can't*. They have given up. They can't! They are all of us at our saddest during COVID times, if we were tortilla chips.

It's OK. The best thing on the menu remains. Not only that, it's on the value menu. For \$1.59, you can have a Cheesy Bean and Rice Burrito, which is exactly what it ought to be: a flour tortilla rolled around beans, seasoned rice, nacho cheese sauce, and creamy jalapeño sauce. Add on onions and red sauce for a bit more complexity. The warm burrito has the soft flop and heft of a sleeping child gently removed



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from the car and slung unconscious onto the shoulder to be transported inside to a cozy bed. It is so comforting.

One does not come to this Taco Bell Cantina to get drunk, it turns out. We are on a college campus, and only one alcoholic drink will be sold per valid ID. There is draft beer: Sam Adams Seasonal, Harpoon IPA, Modelo, Coors Light, plus wild berry hard seltzer. But the signature item is the Twisted Freeze, basically a boozy slushy. It comes in Mountain Dew Baja Blast, Beach Berry, and the all-important Cantina Margarita, spiked with vodka, rum, or tequila at \$6 a pop. I learn about the limits

when I try to order one of each. For research purposes! At any rate, it turns out the only flavor available is the Baja Blast, plus a piña colada that is both thematically wrong and not included on the touch-screen menu. They have the new flavors in stock, I'm told. They just need to use up the old ones first. The Baja Blast tastes like lime-ish soda and is the kind of drink beloved by people who don't like the taste of alcohol. The ice is more coarse than drift-like, its burr and bubbles vaguely stinging the tongue. Only later does it occur to me I could have ordered the other flavor and simply spiked it at home. I'm out of practice be-



Clockwise (from left): A customer ponders the menu at the new Taco Bell Cantina in Brookline; a Doritos taco; a self-order kiosk.

opened last fall. "We're not made of money. We're not trying to overdo it. We just wanted to open a place that can be successful and homey, and the people who work there can be proud of it."

It closed a year later, a casualty of the pandemic. Then it reopened in Fenway's Time Out Market, which just this week announced its decision to go into hibernation starting Dec. 20.

I think the Taco Bell Cantina concept is a fine one, and the Brookline outpost could be fun ... one day. I don't begrudge its existence in the least. I can't help but wonder, though, if I'm looking at the near future of restaurants — one where sweet, independent, locally owned businesses like Taqueria El Barrio, with its array of flavorful salsas handmade with care, simply cannot stay alive and we wind up with a landscape of McDonald's Bistro and Pizza Hut Enoteca and Starbucks Bar & Grille. It's a thought too depressing for one tequila-spiked, aqua-hued Baja Blast to handle.

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For people seeking food, shame can be as daunting as need

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public health crisis, and the overall rate increasing by almost 60 percent. Our guidance to food pantries is that they should not require Social Security information or photo identification from those seeking assistance, and they should take a hard look at any documentation they collect that may create barriers to access," Attorney General Maura Healey said in a statement to the Globe this week.

Pantry workers want to get through the red tape; they're primarily concerned with helping whomever needs it.

"I feed anyone who comes to my door. I would never leave anybody hanging," says Kathleen Cunningham, program coordinator for the Watertown Food Pantry, where traffic has increased four-fold since March. "Many of my clients are refugees. You have to make sure they're in a comfort zone."

"Some people might have an outstanding warrant. Some people might have a legal issue. Some people might have an immigration issue. They still have great need, and we want to make them as comfortable as possible. Not making them show ID is a great way of letting them know they're safe and welcome," says Thomas Strange, food pantry coordinator at the Elizabeth Peabody House in Somerville.

"I don't make anyone prove anything. I ask your name in a friendly manner and where you're from originally. Even if you don't want to give me that, I don't care. We want people to feel welcome and help them. I go to the food line itself and hand out cookies," he says.

Then there's the psychological factor: During the pandemic, people unused to accepting help suddenly require charity for the first time. It's a disconcerting shift in identity.

"People need to get past the stigma of using us. I think that historically there has been a stigma in getting help from the town. It's an American ideal:



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A box of food is almost ready for delivery from FabiYana's Urgent Foods.

You're supposed to pull yourself up by the bootstraps and not expect help from anyone," says Maya Plotkin, a board member at the Westwood Food Pantry.

Her client list has increased by roughly 20 percent since March. She used to serve elderly guests on a fixed income. Now she sees more first-time families.

"A lot of people are very proud, unfortunately, and you have to release that barrier a little bit and make a friendship with them," says Cunningham, from the Watertown pantry.

Friendship was easier before the pandemic, when guests could mingle, browse, and form connections with volunteers.

Now, she says, socially distanced encounters can be very transactional. There's the optic of bread lines instead of social errands. It reinforces the sense that pantries are for the truly desperate.

"A lot of people will immediately say or act like there are people who need [food] more: 'I shouldn't be taking this. I'm not that bad off,'" says Strange. "But we want to get them in early, before actual desperation hits."

Yet food insecurity is shrouded in a cloud of otherness.

"People don't understand the difference between food insecurity and hunger," says Amanda Trombley. She's a marketing manager at Cambridge food-rescue group Food For Free. She received food assistance years ago, while pregnant and going through a divorce, but she struggled with the stigma associated with it.

"There's this barrier: 'Oh, that's for me? I thought it was people who were starving right now.' It's not only for people who literally have nothing," she says. It's also for people who feel stretched thin, who might not know if they should pay for rent or for groceries.

People like Virginia Cuello, who moved to Cambridge four years ago from the Dominican Republic. She has two children. She's a waitress; her husband is a cook. She was hesitant to visit a pantry upon arriving in the United States.

"When we came, we were very reluctant. We were afraid: OK, that's not for us. But there shouldn't be a fear to sign up," she says.

Her family's hours — and pay — have been diminished by the pandemic, and now pantries are a lifeline for her family. She makes about \$60 per shift, a small percentage of her prior income. Her husband's monthly pay has dwindled to \$1,800, but their rent is \$1,700.

"If we buy food for one week, we spend \$300," Cuello says. "When I go to the food pantry, I don't have to spend that money. It means I can pay my rent."

Most pantries have preset

hours, though, and sometimes families need food quickly — especially now, when issues like sudden quarantining could keep them housebound.

FabiYana's Urgent Foods provides emergency groceries for people who require urgent help within 48 hours, many of whom have COVID-19 and are unable to buy necessities.

Fabian and Yana Weinstein-Jones launched the organization in May from their Watertown home; both have full-time jobs and do this on the side, with volunteer help. At first, they used their own funds for grocery runs, supplementing with money from a Facebook fund-raiser. Their four children help them pack deliveries. They pride themselves on finding culturally appropriate food on request, from tortillas and black beans to plantains. They serve up to 70 households per week, without income restrictions.

Both know the pain of hunger.

"My parents grew up very poor in Jamaica, and one thing

my mom wanted for us was never to be hungry," says Fabian.

Yana grew up in the USSR. "There were food rations. I remember my grandfather used to go stand in line for many hours to get the ration of yogurt and dairy products," she says.

Now, there's a disquieting echo of those days.

"You're not alone. There's no shame," she says.

Especially not now, when the pandemic has reinforced our shared humanity — and fragility.

"Everybody either has been there or is just a couple of paychecks away from being there," says Dorchester's Carl Baty. He was once homeless and visited soup kitchens. Now he works with Rounding the Bases, a Boston nonprofit that distributes food to people in need. He urges his community to reach out for help like he once did.

"A closed mouth doesn't get fed," he says.

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Boston's forecast

TODAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 36-41 CLOUDS WILL BREAK FOR SOME SUNSHINE AT TIMES. THERE WILL BE A FEW FLURRIES AND PERHAPS A SNOW SHOWER IN THE AFTERNOON. PARTLY CLOUDY TONIGHT.

THURSDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 42-47 LOW 26-31 HIGH PRESSURE BUILDING IN FROM THE SOUTHWEST WILL BRING MORE SUNSHINE AND A Milder AFTERNOON. TURNING OUT MAINLY CLEAR AND CHILLY AT NIGHT.

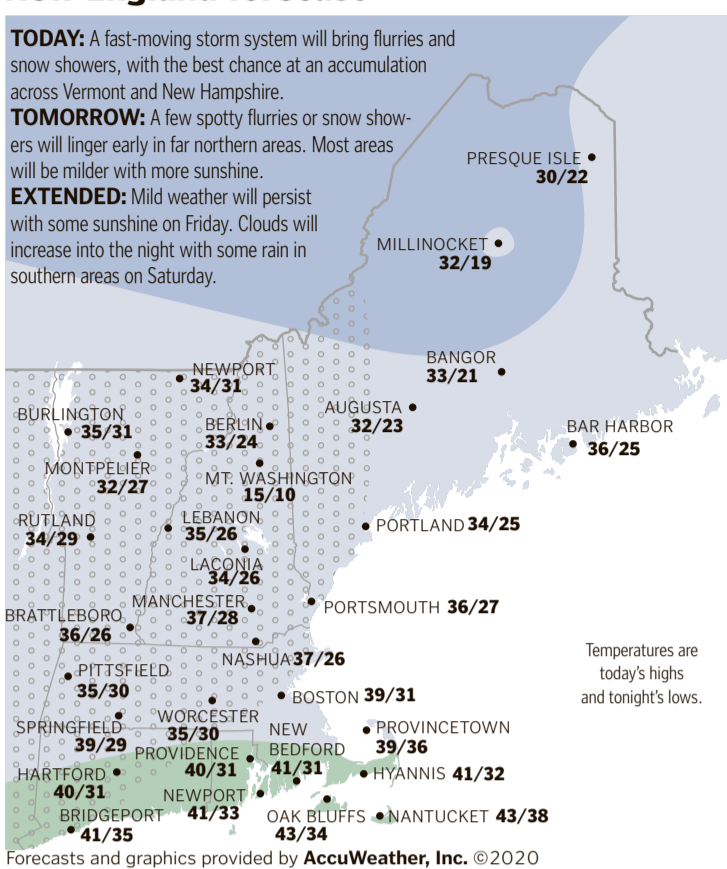
FRIDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 46-51 LOW 38-43 A SOUTHWESTERLY BREEZE WILL HELP TO BRING IN EVEN Milder AIR WITH A MIX OF SUN AND CLOUDS. BECOMING MOSTLY CLOUDY AND NOT AS COLD INTO THE NIGHT.

SATURDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 49-54 LOW 43-48 AN EVEN Milder DAY IS ON THE WAY DESPITE MORE IN THE WAY OF CLOUDS AND EVEN SOME RAIN IN THE AFTERNOON. RAIN WILL CONTINUE DURING THE NIGHT.

SUNDAY 6 A.M. NOON 6 P.M. HIGH 51-56 LOW 34-39 TEMPERATURES WILL REMAIN ABOVE AVERAGE AS A STORM PASSES TO THE NORTHWEST. CLOUDS WILL PERSIST AND THERE MAY BE A BIT OF RAIN. CLEARING AT NIGHT.

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Boston snowfall

(5 p.m. yesterday) Yesterday 0.0" Total for December 0.3" Normal for December 9.0" Season total 4.6" Season normal 43.8" Degree days Heat Yesterday 36 Monthly total 204 Normal to date 212 Season total (normal) 1091 (1259) Last year to date 1169

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, December 9, 2020 Imaginative, romantic and daring, you're the star of your life. This year, you don't shine in the spotlight, but you succeed brilliantly with a developing project. Keep your temper, and expect even more. If single, you fall in love this year with someone who is incredibly mentally stimulating. If attached, you're the bold protector, slaying dragons for your soul mate. You excite each other. SAGITTARIUS is as dramatic as you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Kindness and patience are of utmost importance today. Be on guard and avoid repeating patterns. A past life connection with a loved one is being played out. Reflect on karmic connections in order to facilitate trust. Tonight: Cement a bond by offering praise and support. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Health will take a turn for the better today. Animal companions are especially in tune with your needs. Enjoy exercise or healing sessions with a loved one. Accept invitations. An admirer is making

a special effort to add to your happiness. Tonight: Sparkle and surprises. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today accents social contacts coming through neighbors or siblings. Practice writing the perfect love letter or poem. Communicating your feelings is significant if you are to successfully woo your partner. Tonight: Commuter travel can also cause romance to flourish. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focus on deepening bonds with family members. You'll play host to visitors. Home improvements can be planned. Experiment with bold, bright colors. Hobbies lead to a new career direction. Tonight: Children have much to teach you and are a catalyst for change. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today promises a variety of important emails and phone calls. You will be juggling several projects and appointments simultaneously. You will lead discussions and win debates using clever repartee. Tonight: A great capacity for problem-solving is in evidence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Seek a bargain and enjoy all you have rather than longing for that which is costly. Be aware of old habits. It's tempting to procrastinate today. Don't be late for really important liaisons and other meetings. Tonight: Make sure time doesn't get away from you. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It can be a little difficult to concentrate today. Follow a schedule combined with positive affirmations. Ask others to rephrase if the meaning of their words aren't clear. This is especially true if you're asking about instructions. Tonight: A new sense of optimism develops. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Don't be concerned if you need extra rest and if there are delays. A second chance occurs at a lost love or an old job. However, don't be surprised if old patterns repeat. Tonight: Be forgiving if others display poor manners or dress inappropriately. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your direction will have to be revamped today. Be patient. Success will come. Disputes with a partner can be resolved through the mediation of mutual friends. Purchase an attractive journal and match-

ing pen to record ideas. Tonight: Artistic endeavors of all kinds will flourish. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your vitality will be good and the highest ideals will motivate you. Career ambitions develop. You'll want to contribute and achieve. Avoid involvement in job politics, though. Today shows some delicate situations existing among professional associates. Tonight: All will be well. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today marks a cycle of renewed energy. Your professional aspirations will bring a special sense of fulfillment. Your writing and teaching abilities will be in top form. You will be an example to others. Consider enrolling in classes. Tonight: Your best qualities will shine. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Keep a positive mindset. Negative programming, especially about economic issues, is discouraging. Cope by seeking to understand the force of fate and destiny. Make the best of what is dealt to you. Research that which puzzles you. Tonight: Knowledge brings empowerment. (c) 2020 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Puzzle difficulty levels: Easy on Monday and Tuesday, more difficult on Wednesday and Thursday, most difficult on Friday and Saturday. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com.

DAILY BRIDGE CLUB

BY FRANK STEWART North dealer — Both sides vulnerable

Bridge hand details including North and South hands, West and East hands, and a list of cards.

Opening lead — ♦ 6

"Never jump at conclusions; you'll frighten the best ones away." — Cy the Cynic Today's South played at four hearts after East had opened 1NT (16 to 18 points). When West led a diamond, East took the jack and led the king. (He could have continued with the ace, concealing possession of the king.) South ruffed, took the ace of clubs, ruffed a club in dummy, ruffed a diamond and ruffed his last club. Dummy next led a trump, and East took the K-A and led another diamond. South ruffed and had to find the queen of spades. He concluded that East, a 1NT opener, had the queen, but when South finessed with the jack, West won. East had the A-K of hearts and A-K-J of diamonds: 15 points. He had to hold one high club or the queen of spades, but he couldn't have two of those honors (for at least 19 points, too many to open 1NT). But if West had the K-Q of clubs, what would his opening lead have been? South can place East with a club honor, and West, therefore, with the queen of spades.

DAILY QUESTION You hold: ♠ A J 2 ♥ Q 10 9 6 4 3 ♦ 3 ♣ A J 8. You open one heart, your partner bids one spade, you raise to two spades and he tries 2NT. What do you say? ANSWER: Many players would have rebid two hearts, but your raise was reasonable. Partner shows game interest and 11 or so points. Sign off at three hearts, suggesting a minimum hand, six hearts and three spades. If you had rebid two hearts and he then bid 2NT, you couldn't show your spade support.



Today's Crossword Solution grid with letters filled in.

Today's Sudoku Solution grid with numbers filled in.

TV CRITIC'S CORNER

BY MATTHEW GILBERT



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Brian Baumgartner (pictured in "The Office") has been the biggest earner on Cameo this year.

For actors and others, Cameo appearances can be lucrative

This little tidbit caught my attention. It's about Cameo, the service through which you can get famous people to wish you or someone of your choice a happy birthday, good luck, happy travels, or whatever.

Now comes news that the biggest earner on Cameo this year, according to the company's CEO, Steven Galanis, has been Brian Baumgartner. That's right, the guy who played Kevin from accounting on "The Office," so goofy and inappropriate, brought in the most revenue.

Why? Baumgartner "really takes a lot of pride in his craftsmanship of the videos," Galanis says. "And I do think the quality of the cameo is something that is really important to people. And he just is somebody that really takes it seriously and does a great job. He's reliable. He turns them around quickly. And the content is really funny. And in general, comedians tend to do best."

Other TV-related options on Cameo: Richard (John Boy) Thomas (\$80), Barry (Greg Brady) Williams (\$105), Chris Sullivan from "This Is Us" (\$299), and the Soup Nazi from "Seinfeld," Larry Thomas (\$60 — or \$200 if he wears his chef outfit).

Q. I am in turmoil over a new dating relationship.

He is everything I want to have in a partner. We have a connection with each other I never thought I would find. We've been dating for almost two months. We live about 45 minutes from each other, so it's not easy to see each other. I also have a 9-year-old son who is with his dad every other weekend.

Almost two weeks ago, we were supposed to be on our 12th date, but it was the anniversary of his mother's death, so we canceled. His father was put in the hospital that same week with lymphoma and COVID-19. I haven't seen him since then.

I know he's got a lot of emotional things on his plate. I am trying my best to be supportive and not to have anxiety about not seeing him or talking to him as often.

What can I do to help him get through this? How can I cope with my extreme anxiety?

We never had the "exclusive" talk with each other, so I don't know if it's worth talking about now. He's shutting down and he doesn't seem to want to make any effort to make plans.

Am I overreacting? Do I need to give him space? Should I ask if he's seeing anyone else right now?

I was so sure we were moving in the right direction. Now, I'm not so sure.

ANXIOUS

A. You don't need to give this man space, because he is taking it. He is taking space because he needs it. His mother is gone

and his father is hospitalized. If he is also working, all of his emotional bandwidth might be consumed just trying to get through the day.

What you need to be right now is the cool, calm, and supportive friend this man deserves to have. If you are too anxious to behave this way, then you should figure out how to fake it.

Do not press him about your relationship. Don't ask him if he is seeing someone else.

This could be an unfortunate and unforeseen case of "right guy, wrong time." I don't know of any certain remedy for bad timing.

It is also revealing vastly different temperaments and coping styles: someone who becomes anxious when stressed, versus someone who becomes depressed and shuts down.

I think you should check in with a call or a text to say, "My son is with his dad next weekend. I can drive out during the day and bring you a sandwich. Are you up for that?" If he says no, or doesn't respond to a message, let it lie.

Learning to relax and learning to trust (and to be patient while you are learning) will be very good for you.

Q. I'm a single man in my late 50s. I'd like to meet someone, but I don't want to be "that guy" who is trying to be friendly but comes off as sleazy.

When does striking up a conversation with an attractive stranger to get an idea as to whether she is single and possibly interested become "hitting on" someone?

ASK AMY

Anxious woman should take a breather

What is the best way to recognize if she is not available or interested? Is it always deemed to be hitting on someone when one attempts to start a conversation with the intention to see if they are available?

Surely this can't always be wrong, so long as you back off if it becomes apparent that the interest is not mutual.

WONDERING

A. If you strike up a conversation with a stranger with the express intention to see if she is available, then this is the very definition of "hitting on" someone.

Depending on the context, it is not always a bad thing to hit on someone! If you're in a bar, go for it. The jogging path or the produce aisle, not so much.

I highly recommend online matching for you. The people registered on online matching sites are all available and looking.

Meeting new people for coffee is a great way to brush up your flirting skills.

Q. "Wondering" asked how to justify leaving his marriage of over a decade. He believed he shouldn't have married in the first place.

Thank you for this response: "Just don't tell her, 'I don't believe I ever loved you.'"

A FAN

A. At the end of a long relationship, "I never loved you" truly is the deepest cut.

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BIRD SIGHTINGS

Recent sightings (through Dec. 1) as reported to Mass Audubon.

Cape Cod's fourth record of a pink-footed goose was found in Wellfleet and relocated at Eldredge Field in Orleans.

A Western tanager was seen visiting a private feeder in Brewster.

Sightings at Race Point in Provincetown included a little gull, 16 pomarine jaegers, 3 parasitic jaegers, 3 Forster's terns, 14 dovebies, 4 thick-billed murrelets, 23 common murrelets, 1,175 razorbills, 2 black guillemots, 2 purple sandpipers, late

shearwaters including 3 sooty, a Manx, and 24 great, and 145 black-legged kittiwakes.

The winter finch irruption continued with a Bohemian waxwing found among 150 cedar waxwings in Wellfleet, many flocks of red crossbills from Falmouth to Provincetown, and small flocks of evening grosbeaks various places, especially Wellfleet.

Birds noted at Gray's Beach in Yarmouth Port included 2 little gulls, 60 razorbills, 3 red knots, 210 Bonaparte's gulls, and a palm warbler.

Other sightings around the Cape included 2 little gulls in Dennis, and several late songbirds, including an American redstart in West Barnstable; a Cape May warbler in Harwich; a house wren, a Wilson's warbler, and a blue-gray gnatcatcher in Wellfleet; as well as a tree swallow in Truro.

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