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20 years later, the story we'll never forget

Multiple generations dreamed in vain. Then suddenly, the Sox were losers no more.



STAN GROSSFELD/GLOBE STAFF/FILE 2004

For Dan Shaughnessy, this photo of a man in the Charles perfectly represents Everyfan — all the New Englanders who'd waited 86 years for a title.

DAN SHAUGHNESSY
COMMENTARY

It was biblical. It always will be New England's greatest sports story. And 20 subsequent seasons have done nothing to diminish the magnitude of the moment.

My favorite photo of the 2004 Red Sox championship euphoria is one of a still-anonymous young man wearing a Red Sox jersey wading into the Charles River, arms raised in utter exultation. It was shot by the Globe's Stan Grossfeld while he was riding in a duck boat three days after the World Series was won in St. Louis.

Grossfeld stood next to a surprisingly nervous David Ortiz as the Sox' flotilla motored west on the Charles. Big Papi wore a tiny life preserver around his thick neck, telling Grossfeld, "I can't swim and we got too many people on this boat!"

Boston was to their left, Cambridge to their right, as the amphibious World War II replica chugged toward the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge. A sea of worshipping Sox fans crowded river banks on both sides.

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Concerns on migrants shift Mass. politics

Mounting costs have some in deep-blue state thinking twice

By Samantha J. Gross and Matt Stout
GLOBE STAFF

CARVER — As a first-time legislative candidate, John Gaskey estimated that he personally knocked on 600 doors across his district, a collection of modest, wood-shingled homes, strip malls, and cranberry bogs. Gaskey asked every voter who answered the same question: What do you care about? Nearly every one, he said, gave him the same response: immigration.

"It makes us feel like we are being invaded," he said voters told him, over and over again.

Gaskey wasn't running for office in El Paso, where he grew up. The Coast Guard veteran lives in Carver, a blue-collar town that sits on the doorstep of Cape Cod, 2,000 miles from the US-Mexico border.

When his family moved to Carver in 2017, Gaskey hardly talked about immigration with his friends and neighbors. That changed in the last few years, he said. After weeks of door-knocking, he realized immigration could be a winning issue for him in an area where dozens of migrant families have stayed in nearby hotels or shelters.

He blasted out dozens of ads on Facebook claiming his Republican opponent, Susan Williams Gifford, had voted to send "billions in benefits to illegals," a reference to various spending bills com-

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North toward hope

WOUNDS TO HEAL, WOUNDS THAT NEVER WILL



Anas Abumuhaisen has faced multiple skin grafts for serious burns, and his younger brother, Aser, lost part of a leg.

Two Palestinian brothers lost everything in a rocket attack in Gaza. A nonprofit brought them to Boston for lifesaving care.

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Anas Abumuhaisen stared out the Boston hospital lobby window and saw a bright red fire truck rolling by with its sirens and lights off, no emergency to hurry to.

As Anas, 13, observed the truck, he imagined one coming to the rescue after an Israeli rocket struck his Gaza home in January. The blast killed much of his family, including his parents.

"I wish I saw that when our house was gone," Anas said in Arabic through Nour-Saïda Harzallah, a translator and volunteer for the organization that brought Anas and his younger brother, Aser, 6, to Boston for medical treatments.

Anas, who is covered in skin grafts from fourth-degree burns suffered in the explosion, and Aser, whose right leg had to be amputated, have been in Boston with their grandmother since March receiving lifesaving, world-class treatment. It was made possible by HEAL Palestine, a nonprofit organization that addresses the humanitarian needs of youth in Gaza, where medical care dwindles by the day.

Thousands of Palestinians have been sub-

jected to unrelenting violence as Israel seeks to destroy Hamas after the militant group's brutal attack on Oct. 7, 2023. Nearly 26,000 children have been killed or injured in Gaza as of April, according to the international group Save the Children. The war has decimated the health system in Gaza, with only 10 partially functional hospitals, according to the World Health Organization.

"You don't have to be Palestinian to be con-

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Even as her story resonated, CEO fell victim to CVS plunge

Still, mission to focus on patient care will continue

By Janelle Nanos and Thomas Lee
GLOBE STAFF

During her time at the helm of CVS Health, former chief executive Karen Lynch often placed her complicated family history at the center of her argument for why she wanted to reinvent her company — and with it the way that health care is delivered in America.

Lynch regularly told the story of her traumatic youth with a vulnerability uncharacteristic of most corporate leaders. Her mother's suicide and the death of her aunt from cancer shaped her life. She hoped sharing their stories would help drive home the vision behind her push to make CVS a single point of care for patients whose full needs might otherwise go unmet. With better care, Lynch said, both women may have lived longer.

The other story, of Lynch's rise from her childhood in Ware to the corner office of one of the nation's largest companies, ended last week, with her ouster after three years as CEO. The task of building the company she envisioned, it turned out, was as difficult as the narrative she built around her rise.



Karen Lynch talked about her family issues and the need for better care.

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Julia E. Whitworth was consecrated as bishop and became the first woman to lead the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. **Metro, B1.**

The biggest super PAC in US politics

is putting a \$700 million bet on Kamala Harris, using analytics to get its message across. **Nation, A2.**

Alfred Hitchcock is long dead but very much relevant, and a new docu-

mentary and a retrospective give him a second look. **Sunday Arts, N1.**

The struggling Patriots get a change of scenery and will kick off in London this morning. **Sports, C1.**

Pumpkin spice later

Sunday: Still beautiful. High 72-77. Low 52-57.

Monday: You guessed it. High 75-80. Low 54-59.

High tide: 1:39 a.m., 1:52 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:03 a.m. Sunset: 5:54 p.m.

Weather, C28. Obituaries, C27.



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