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Tomorrow: Showers, a T-storm.  
High 70-75. Low 52-57.  
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## In the news

**President Hamid Karzai accused the United States of funding the "killing" of Afghans** and acknowledged that he regularly receives millions of dollars from Iran. **A3.**

**An Al Qaeda-trained Canadian pleaded guilty to killing an American soldier** when he was a teenage militant in Afghanistan. **A5.**

**Frank Caprio told a Rhode Island radio station that President Obama can "shove it"** for not endorsing him in the gubernatorial race. **A2.**



**Superintendent Carol R. Johnson will present a revised school closing plan tonight** amid concerns that she is urging affected parents to choose schools that are faring the same or worse than their children's current ones. **B1.**

**A man was killed in Dorchester yesterday**, hours after police announced that a second person died after a weekend of violence possibly motivated by gang feuds and drugs. **B1.**

**The attorney general's office is investigating whether a Newton law firm violated state law** by sending eviction notices to tenants in foreclosed homes. **B5.**

**Health specialists have the upper hand on cholera in Haiti**, but warn that a new outbreak could occur. **A4.**

**Tom Brady's crash in his endorsement-deal Audi put a spotlight on charities** and their celebrity-corporate connections — links analysts say can be mutually beneficial. **B5.**

**Tourists are canceling trips to New York City because bedbugs are popping up** in hotels, stores, and landmarks. **A9.**

**Barney Frank held up the financial overhaul as the way to prevent taxpayer bailouts** at a Boston College forum last night attended by two other regulatory officials behind its implementation. **B5.**

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DERRICK Z. JACKSON

"No one should be happy. Whether the spending is by businesses or unions, Democrats or Republicans, it is already an endless game of leapfrog." **Opinion, A11.**

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## CAMPAIGN 2010

# Candidates dig in their heels



Gubernatorial candidates (from left) Jill Stein, Charles D. Baker, Timothy P. Cahill, and Governor Deval Patrick discussed the economy, taxes, and illegal immigration last night in a televised debate moderated by Charles Gibson.

## Hone messages, defend pasts in final debate

By Michael Levenson and Frank Phillips  
GLOBE STAFF

In the final televised debate of a long, heated campaign, the four candidates for governor sharpened their messages and political profiles last night, presenting voters clear choices on taxes, spending, immigration, and even lessons learned from the Big Dig.

The debate, which set the stage for a weeklong sprint to Election Day next Tuesday, distilled the major themes that have defined the 2010 gubernatorial campaign. Although the candidates seemed testier after enduring one another's charges for 15 months, the overall mood was largely restrained, at times even cordial.

None of the four broke new policy ground. Each was put on the defensive. All had their good moments and their weak ones.

Governor Deval Patrick pushed his theme that he has successfully led the state out of a recession through strategic investments in health care, education, and economic development.

"We didn't cause this global collapse, and nobody's working harder to get us out of it," he said.

But Patrick was forced to deflect criticism from Republican rival Charles D. Baker over raising taxes, failing to make what Baker called necessary government reforms, and a loss of jobs over his first term. Baker challenged the governor on the most recent jobs report, which showed that Massachusetts had slipped, losing 24,000 jobs in August and September.

"You've got to be real about what's

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## Polito's circle cleaned up on Sox plates



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**J.A. Polito and Sons, run by treasurer candidate Karyn Polito's brother Kenneth, has the "RS" 20 plate.**

### Candidate says they were just quick to act

By Andrea Estes  
GLOBE STAFF

In a state obsessed with vanity plates and baseball, a low-number Red Sox plate is a coveted status symbol.

The "RS" license plates, in existence for seven years, have been so popular that the Registry of Motor Vehicles is running out. When six plates were auctioned for charity in 2003, they drew huge sums: Ben Affleck paid \$50,000 for the number 1,

and Red Sox minority owner Phillip H. Morse bid \$140,000 for Ted Williams's retired number 9.

So how did more than two-thirds of the first 100 numbers go to state Representative Karyn Polito, a Shrewsbury Republican running for state treasurer, her friends, relatives, campaign donors, and others with ties to her?

The chain of events began in 2002, when Polito filed a bill that allowed the Red Sox to issue the plate through the Registry. The Jimmy Fund, which raises money for cancer research, was designated

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## X-rays help to ID Korean War casualties

### Out of options, US taps Mass. lab

By Brian MacQuarrie  
GLOBE STAFF

**G**REAT BARRINGTON — Hunched over a pair of hazy photos, Emily Wagner maneuvers a tiny spatula to rearrange the torn and furrowed film that shows the chest X-ray of a missing Korean War soldier.

It's slow, painstaking work in a converted cotton mill in the Berkshires, but the payoff could be immeasurable. By putting its film-restoration skills to new use, a photo laboratory here is in the vanguard of a promising Defense Department effort to identify the remains of Korean War veterans, six decades after the conflict began.

"It's a huge breakthrough for us," said John Byrd, lab director at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii, who estimated the improved photos might help identify as many as 200 remains that lie buried in the national military cemetery in Honolulu. "It's fantastic is what it is."

The project, for which the

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**George Giunta and Barbara Roth-Schechter inspected Wyld Woods in Dover yesterday for signs of deer. The town has lifted curbs on bow hunting.**

## Effort to curb Lyme disease puts deer in the crosshairs

### Towns may relax rules to cull the population

By Peter Schworm  
GLOBE STAFF

In a popularity contest, the graceful deer would trounce the lowly, parasitic tick.

But hunters can't shoot ticks.

With tick-borne Lyme disease posing an increasing health threat in Boston's wooded suburbs, communities are training their sights on the profusion of deer that host the bloodsucking parasites. A number of towns — from Andover to Martha's Vineyard — are discussing whether to introduce or ex-

pand deer hunting in hopes of curbing Lyme disease, which has exploded in Eastern Massachusetts over the past decade.

In Dover, where the deer population is almost three times the levels recommended by state wildlife officials and cases of Lyme disease have increased sharply, officials last week lifted restrictions on bow hunting on some public land to begin the town's first "deer culling."

The hunt is strictly regulated, and will probably harvest only about 50 deer. But in a region with limited affection for deer hunting, and doubts about its safety in well-traveled woods, it shows that personal

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## Expansion of South Station gets big boost

\$32.5m federal award may signal future funds

By Eric Moskowitz  
GLOBE STAFF

The Obama administration awarded \$32.5 million to Massachusetts yesterday to plan the expansion of South Station, a project that officials say is needed to relieve commuter rail congestion, restore train service to New Bedford and Fall River, and run additional trains on the Worcester line.

The award bodes well for future federal support to finance construction of the station expansion, as well as to relocate a postal facility that sits on land that would be needed for the project, according to Jeffrey B. Mullan, secretary of the state Department of Transportation.

"What you're seeing is that the federal government recognizes the importance of South Station . . . and is serious about its commitment to high-speed rail," Mullan said. He called the station "the most important transportation asset in all of New England."

South Station is a hub for subway, bus, and rail traffic, bringing thousands of workers and visitors from across the region into downtown Boston. The grand, 111-year-old edifice houses New England's busiest rail station, where about 48,000 passengers clamber off commuter rail

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# House, Senate hopefuls may exceed \$2b in spending

WASHINGTON — House and Senate candidates have shattered fund-raising records for a mid-term election and are on their way to surpassing \$2 billion in spending for the first time, according to new campaign finance data.

To put it another way: That's the equivalent of about \$4 million for every congressional seat up for grabs this year.

The frantic fund-raising by candidates has largely been overshadowed in recent weeks by a tide of spending by outside interest groups, most of it targeting vulnerable Democrats. Such groups could spend \$400 million or more by next Tuesday.

But the latest Federal Election Commission data, along with a new study from a campaign watchdog group, show that most of the money sloshing around the 2010 elections is being raised and spent by the candidates.

As of last week, House and Senate campaigns reported taking in more than \$1.5 billion, exceeding the total collected by congressional candidates in 2006 and in 2008, FEC data show. Most of that money has been put toward advertising and other expenses.

The Public Campaign Action Fund, a watchdog group, will release a study today predicting that House candidates alone could spend nearly \$1.5 billion by the time the dust settles on Election Day. The calculation is based on previous elections in



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**A REGULAR JOE** — Vice President Joe Biden campaigned for Ann McLane Kuster, to his left, at a diner in Nashua yesterday. Kuster is running in the 2d Congressional District against Republican Charlie Bass, a former US representative.

which about half of a campaign's money was spent in the final month of the contest.

Senate campaigns are also on track to exceed the \$550 million mark from 2006, bringing the likely total to \$2 billion or more by the time the ballots are counted.

The surge is driven in part by the unusually broad battlefield in the House, where an estimated

90 seats are in play, almost all of them held by Democrats. Many Democratic incumbents are emptying their coffers in an attempt to win the message wars against GOP-allied interest groups.

"Both members of Congress and their challengers need to raise a huge amount of money to respond to these outside groups," said David Donnelly, national

campaigns director for the Public Campaign Action Fund, which advocates for public financing of elections. "Candidates are losing control of their elections unless they get on the phone to raise money to get their own ads on the air."

Some of the most striking increases are evident on the House Republican side, where a deep bench of competitive candi-

dates could wrest control of the chamber from Democrats. Republicans have also raised more and spent less, giving them an even larger advantage in the last week of the campaign. Through the third quarter of 2008, Democratic House candidates had outraised their opponents by \$64 million.

This year, the balance has been reversed, with Republicans

outraising Democrats by \$30 million, according to the action fund's analysis, which is based on data from the Center for Responsive Politics.

GOP political consultants say the reasons for the shift are simple: Republican voters are more enthusiastic and they are eager to give money to challengers seeking to oust Democrats.

WASHINGTON POST

## Alaska Senate hopeful says he violated ethics policy

JUNEAU — Alaska GOP Senate candidate Joe Miller has acknowledged that he was disciplined for violating an ethics policy while working as a local government attorney in 2008.

The admission, which came Sunday night in an Anchorage debate with two rivals, followed a judge's order that his personnel file from his time at the Fairbanks North Star Borough be released. Several news organizations had sued for the information.

Speculation over the issue and Miller's earlier refusal to discuss it had become a key topic of the campaign.

After a former borough mayor said Miller was nearly fired for using government computers in a failed effort to oust the state GOP chairman in 2008, Miller told CNN he had violated ethics policy. On Sunday, Miller said he was suspended for or docked three days' pay for participating in a private poll during his lunch hour. He said it was a mistake he's learned from.

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# Mass. gets \$32.5m to plan rail changes

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trains every morning and take them home again every evening. Another 3,600 Amtrak passengers come through the station each day, according to the state.

South Station's 13 platform tracks, the berths where passengers board and disembark, are crowded during peak morning and evening hours, when passenger trains arrive or depart every 60 to 90 seconds, making for what MBTA General Manager Richard A. Davey yesterday called "a very tight choreography." Often those trains must sit idle, with passengers on board, while waiting for a berth.

The expansion would add seven to 11 new platform berths and would improve the system that allows trains from different tracks to come and go in sequence, without colliding.

The work would also be necessary for Amtrak and the federal government to pursue their vision of running faster trains and more frequent service between Boston and Washington.

"This is a 100-year opportunity for us to provide increased high-speed rail service to Boston

and really the region," Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray said yesterday in a conference call with reporters. "We think this is great news and really benefits the entire state."

The project would be particularly complicated because it would require relocating the US Postal Service's General Mail Facility, which is adjacent to South Station, to allow expansion of the station along Boston's Fort Point Channel.

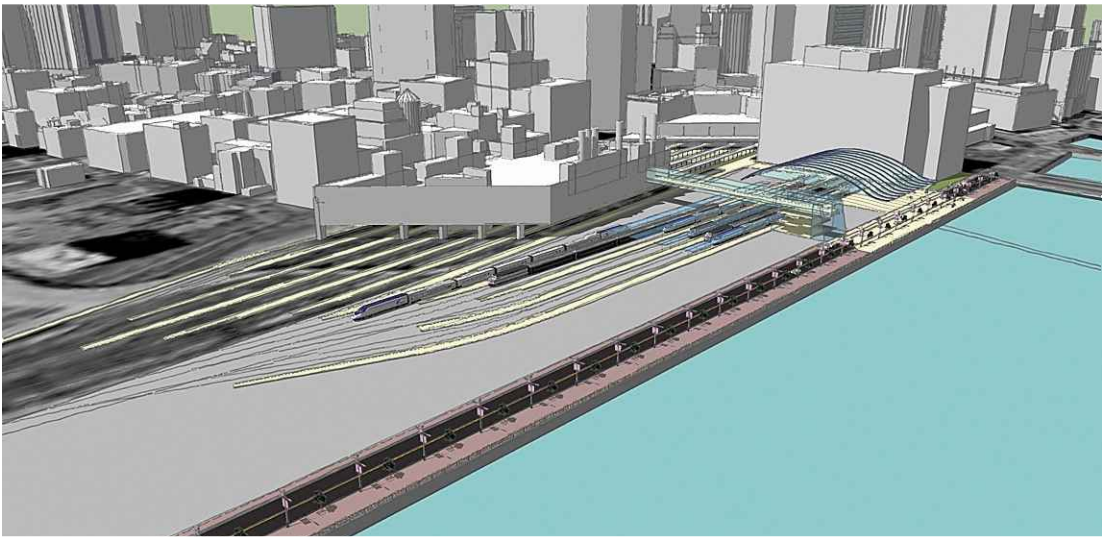
State officials expect the grant to cover the cost of preliminary design and environmental review and permitting for the station's expansion.

Big questions remain: namely, how much the project will cost, how long it will take, and where the postal service will end up.

Local planners, business leaders, and public transportation advocates celebrated the federal grant yesterday.

"This is just fantastic news for the Commonwealth," said Marc Draisen, executive director of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, the agency that provides planning assistance to Boston and 100 other area communities.

Draisen said the region's shared goals — "to improve land



A photo of the preliminary design for the South Station expansion. The 111-year-old terminal is a hub for subway, bus, and rail traffic.

use, to increase the number of jobs in the region, to reduce commute times on the roadways, and to cut greenhouse gas emissions" — are "literally dependent upon the improvement and the expansion of the South Station facility."

Nearly two-thirds of commuter trains begin or end their run at South Station, with the rest bound to or from North Station.

Transportation planners have talked for years about expanding South Station, but the state did not begin to pursue the project aggressively until Governor Deval Patrick was elected four years ago. Patrick has advocated expanding service to Worcester and restoring a Taunton-Fall

River-New Bedford line that was eliminated 50 years ago, arguing that more commuter rail will boost the economic standing of the region, take cars off the road, and reduce air pollution.

Patrick's principal opponent in the Nov. 2 election, Republican Charles D. Baker, has criticized the SouthCoast Rail project, estimated by the state to cost \$1.4 billion to \$2 billion, as being beyond the state's means.

The application drew the endorsement of every member of the state's congressional delegation as well as the Postal Service and the city. State officials and members of Congress made their case to Joseph Szabo, head of the

Federal Railroad Administration, during his visit to Boston Oct. 14. The next day, Patrick personally called Szabo's boss, US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, to pitch South Station expansion.

In a statement, US Senator John F. Kerry called the competitive grant award "a victory for Massachusetts commuters that will position our transportation system for the future and put people to work on a critically needed infrastructure project."

Postal Service spokesman Dennis Tarmey also welcomed the news, saying the money "not only offers the Commonwealth a unique opportunity to expand high-speed and commuter rail

## 'This is a 100-year opportunity for us.'

TIMOTHY P. MURRAY  
*Lieutenant governor*

capacity at South Station, but also provides the Postal Service with the opportunity to renew and modernize the facilities serving postal customers."

He said the Postal Service is considering a proposal to relocate its general mail facility near the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston, on land owned by the Department of Defense and the Massachusetts Port Authority.

The US Department of Transportation will not release the list of grant recipients until Thursday, but the Patrick administration said that among the other winners is Connecticut's Department of Transportation, which will be granted \$121 million for improvements to rail service between New Haven, Hartford, and Springfield. New Hampshire will receive \$2.24 million to explore a rail link between Concord and Boston, and Maine will receive \$600,000 to plan improvements to the Boston to Portland Downeaster service.

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# X-rays may help US to identify 200 casualties of Korean War

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Chicago Albumen Works photo lab in Great Barrington received a \$400,000 contract, also is close to the heart of Doug Munson, who owns the company where restored photographs of Abraham Lincoln, 19th-century Paris, and old New Orleans hang on the exposed-brick walls.

"I've begun to realize how phenomenally important it is to the families of the missing to have that closure," Munson said. "We're all deeply gratified to be a part of that."

By restoring the images, which actually are 1950s photographs of an X-ray screen, the federal POW/MIA Command hopes to match the pictures with remains to be disinterred from the National Military Cemetery of the Pacific, commonly called the Punchbowl.

The X-rays, which contain the soldier's names, were taken at induction. The starting point of a match, Byrd said, will be the telltale characteristics of the collarbone.

"We've had so many cases here that just get stuck, because you don't have that piece of information that you need to de-

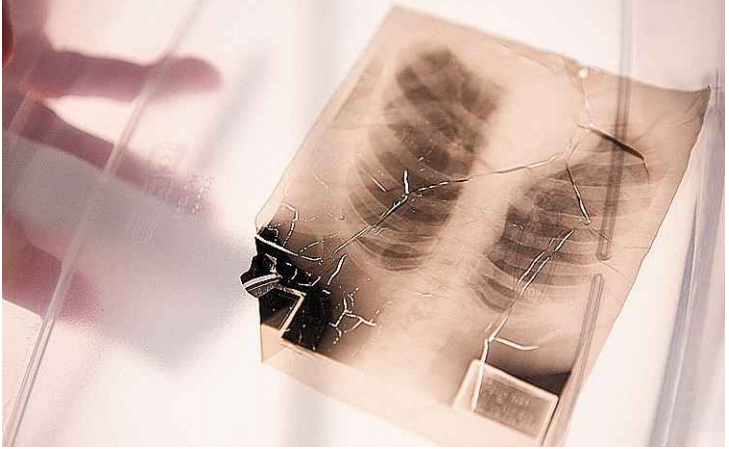
termine beyond a doubt who it is," Byrd said.

The expertise of Chicago Albumen Works, which Byrd said the POW/MIA Command could find nowhere else in the country, is critical because the formaldehyde products used in the processing of Korean War remains destroyed the mitochondrial DNA.

"We were shocked and surprised to learn that, probably because of the way the remains had been processed, we can't get any DNA out of them," Byrd said.

With DNA analysis no longer a reliable option, the command began searching for the X-ray images, which they knew had been taken because of decades-old references in papers on tuberculosis research. But another obstacle appeared, Byrd said. The X-rays, which had been largely forgotten, were about to be destroyed, they later learned, because of decomposition and the government's plan to recycle the silver in them.

"We didn't know where they were. We couldn't get anybody to tell us," Byrd said of the X-rays. "It wasn't until a few years ago that they were actually located in a big warehouse in St. Lou-



MATTHEW CAVANAUGH FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

**X-rays taken of soldiers who served in the Korean War show collarbone characteristics that can help identify the person.**

is."

The next stop was Great Barrington, which Carl Stephan, a forensic anthropologist with the POW/MIA Command, visited this spring with a small batch of images as a test project. When two matches were made in conjunction with Munson's lab, an exciting new path to identification seemed possible.

"The images that have been produced have been of excellent quality," Stephan said, who learned of the lab through a recommendation from the Library

of Congress.

More than 8,000 veterans of the war remain missing or unidentified, said Larry Greer, spokesman for the Pentagon's POW/MIA office. The recovery effort, by US teams working in North Korea, has been suspended since 2005 because of diplomatic tensions and concerns about the safety of the recovery teams, he said.

"Technically, we're still at war with North Korea," Greer said.

The 800 images that Munson is handling, nearly all of them

from the Korean War, center on unknown remains that are buried in the Punchbowl. All unidentified remains from the war that are in US custody, about 850 casualties, are interred in individual graves in the cemetery. The bones of other casualties are still somewhere on the Korean peninsula, Greer said.

"We are estimating that 200 or more individuals may be ultimately identifiable," Byrd said, and that matches "in the majority of these cases" would rely on the X-ray images.

The potential of the work has heartened veterans such as Tom Hudner, 86, a Medal of Honor recipient from Concord.

"This is extremely exciting," said Hudner, a Navy pilot who crash-landed his plane in North Korea in an unsuccessful effort to save a downed comrade, whose remains have not been recovered. "There are so many families that know only that their loved ones are missing."

As promising as the restoration work appears, the process is daunting. In addition to the lack of mitochondrial DNA, film of the early 1950s used a cellulose acetate base, which Munson said is extremely susceptible to de-

terioration that leaves the image discolored, obscured, and distorted by cracks and crinkles.

"It takes infinite patience," Munson said.

By the Vietnam War, Munson said, cellulose acetate had been replaced by polyester, which is much more stable and lasting.

The project is being conducted under tight security. After each improved photograph is scanned digitally, the data are stored in a locked hard-drive bolted to the wall. The computer images, along with the X-ray photos, are then shipped back to the POW/MIA Command.

"This is another tool that the march of technology is offering to us," said Greer, who added that the Pentagon has been charged by Congress with doubling the annual identification of US war remains by 2015.

For veterans and technicians, the project has become personal.

"I think it's incredible that we can do something for the families of soldiers so long after the war," Wagner said after piecing together an image. "It's an inspiring mission."

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