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PASTRNAK MILESTONE

David Pastrnak eclipsed the 50-goal mark by scoring twice as the Bruins beat the Hurricanes for their 7th straight win. Page A7



TODAY'S MUST-READS

KYIV, UKRAINE

Emergency UN meeting sought on nuclear plan

Ukraine's government yesterday called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to "counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail" after Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed plans to station tactical atomic weapons in Belarus.

One Ukrainian official said Russia "took Belarus as a nuclear hostage."

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JERUSALEM

Mass protests erupt in Israel

Tens of thousands of Israelis poured into the streets of cities across the country last night in a spontaneous outburst of anger after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu abruptly fired his defense minister for challenging the Israeli leader's judicial overhaul plan.

Protesters in Tel Aviv blocked a main highway and lit large bonfires, while police scuffled with protesters who gathered outside Netanyahu's home. Full story, Page B3

BUSINESS MONDAY

Building a more equitable workforce

Women are still far out-represented by men in the construction field, but their presence is growing — particularly at jobs run by longtime Northampton contractors D.A. Sullivan and Sons. The family-owned company was recognized last week by the University of Massachusetts Amherst for its role in helping more women enter the male-dominated construction industry. Full story, Page B1

WEATHER

Partly sunny.

High: 54°; Low: 32°

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CHICOPEE

'It sounded like a gunshot'



Above, the house at 1084 Montgomery St. in Chicopee was destroyed after a car crashed into it Saturday morning, killing a teen passenger and severely injuring a resident in the house. Below, an impromptu memorial to the teen is placed near the site. (DAVE CANTON / THE REPUBLICAN / MASSLIVE)

Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni said a car carrying four teenagers aged 19, 18, 17 and 13, crashed into the house after being spotted speeding on Broadway.



Homeowner rescued by brother after car crashes into home, remains hospitalized

BY JEANETTE DEFORGE

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Tim Frangioso was sitting in his home office at about 2:45 a.m. Saturday when he heard a large bang. He figured a truck hit something on the busy street.

Minutes later, he heard what sounded like a gunshot — and saw his neighbor's home engulfed in flames.

It took hours to learn that a car carrying four teenagers smashed into the home two doors down, badly injuring his neighbor, Joseph Lucia. One of the passengers in the car was also killed.

Lucia is said by a friend to have suffered a life-threatening injury.

Frangioso said the car hit a gas line, prompting a blast and fire.

"It sounded like a gunshot," he said. "It was a good hour into the event until I knew there was even a car inside."

On Sunday morning, neighbors gathered outside to share worries about Lucia and to try to get more information about his condition.

"We understand he is in the hospital with broken bones. I just hope he is OK," said Linda Hernke, who has lived on Cross Street all her life and is the next-door neighbor to Lucia, whose 1084 Montgomery St. house is at the corner of Cross Street.

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STATE

Family caregivers could get \$1,500 if tax credit passes

BY ALISON KUZNITZ

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As 98-year-old Morrie Bell Johnson loses her memories, struggling to recall what's happened to her siblings who have long ago passed away and her grandchildren who are now all grown up, she finds comfort living in her Worcester townhouse of more than three decades.

Her daughter, Robin Tucker, lives in the adjoining townhouse. Tucker, 68, knows she cannot stop the progression of dementia — though she can try to slow it down by helping her mother to age in place.

"That has been everything; that has meant everything because she's still aware," Tucker said. "She loves being in her house. She's so proud of that house, and I think it's played into helping her mentally and physically to be in her home."

Tucker is her mother's caregiver, alongside a network of family members and a personal care attendant who handle a range of everyday tasks, including cooking, bathing and laundry. Their out-of-pocket expenses have totaled thousands of dollars.

Legislation on Beacon Hill this session could alleviate the financial strain many Bay Staters like Tucker experience

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Robin Tucker, daughter of 98-year-old Morrie Bell Johnson



Morrie Bell Johnson, 98, pauses with her daughter Robin Tucker in her living room in Worcester. Two state legislators have proposed creating a refundable tax credit for family caregivers of up to \$1,500. (CHRISTINE PETERSON PHOTO)

as they strive to keep their elderly parents out of nursing homes or other long-term care facilities — while contending with steep housing, health care and transporta-

tion prices in Massachusetts.

State Rep. David Rogers and Sen. Jason Lewis have proposed creating a refundable tax credit for family

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Kimberly Patton surveys through the belongings yesterday at the spot of a family member's home after a tornado destroyed the property two days earlier in Rolling Fork, Miss. (JULIO CORTEZ / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

ROLLING FORK, MISS.

Daunting recovery underway after deadly tornado

BY MICHAEL GOLDBERG AND EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS

Associated Press

Help began pouring into one of the poorest regions of the U.S. after a deadly tornado tore a path of destruction for more than an hour across a long swath of Mississippi, even as furious new storms yesterday struck across the Deep South.

At least 25 people were killed and dozens of others were injured in Mississippi as the massive storm ripped through more than a half-dozen towns late Friday. A man was also killed in Alabama after his trailer home flipped over several times.

"Everything I can see is in some state of destruction," said Jarrod Kunze, who drove to the hard-hit Mississippi town of Rolling Fork from his home in Alabama, ready to help "in whatever capacity I'm needed."

Kunze was among volunteers working Sunday at a staging area, where bottled water and other

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