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On Beacon Hill, a secretive perk of power

Crafting the state budget is a game played largely out of public view, and no one knows that better than House leaders. Their districts get millions in last-minute earmarks on their quiet say-so.

By Samantha J. Gross and Matt Stout
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\$1.9 million

Value of earmarks added by Rep. Aaron Michlewitz



\$175,000

To repair Hammond Castle in Gloucester, added by Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante



\$60,000

For the digitization of town records in Wellesley, added by Assistant Majority Leader Alice Peisch

After months of preaching fiscal restraint, five of the Massachusetts House's highest-ranking Democrats slipped at least \$5 million in earmarks into the chamber's spending plan in late April, fattening their own districts' haul far beyond that of most others and almost entirely out of public view.

All told, House Speaker Ron Mariano, budget chief Aaron Michlewitz, Majority Leader Michael Moran, and two other top lieutenants on the House budget committee baked dozens of previously undisclosed earmarks for their districts and other pet causes into the \$58 billion taxpayer-funded budget, bypassing the public-facing process that every other rank-and-file member must follow to score coveted extras for their districts.

The election year add-ons included tens of thousands of dollars for dog parks in Michlewitz's North End neighborhood, half a million dollars for a presidential center and museum in Mariano's hometown of Quincy, and \$175,000 to repair an oceanside castle in Gloucester, the hometown of state Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante, the No. 2 Democrat on the House budget committee.

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Frustrated physicians look to unions to take a stand

View group action as needed in face of 'corporate' medicine

By Katie Johnston
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Kore Anderson can't shake the memory of the night a father arrived by ambulance at the Salem Hospital emergency room with an unresponsive infant. Anderson, the only pediatric doctor in the ER at the time, soon realized the baby had an intracranial hemorrhage, and it didn't appear to be accidental.

The next few hours were a whirlwind. With a smaller dedicated pediatric staff following the closure of the pe-

diatrics department in 2017, Anderson arranged for the baby to be transferred to Boston, reported the situation to social services, and talked to the father to try to figure out what happened. She documented each development and answered callbacks about the case (there is often no secretary, she said) while checking on the emotional well-being of other caregivers — and setting her own feelings aside.

"As a physician, you're raised to sacrifice," said Anderson, 49, who grew up in Norwood. "But when you are asked to give and give and give, and you're not given the support and resources you need to realize that vision of why you're giving up the things in the rest of your life, it feels pointless some-

DOCTORS, Page A17

We're not even at the midway point of the year, but a lot of great albums have already arrived in 2024, and Globe music writers have been listening. Here are 20 of their favorites. **N1.**

Celtics beat Cleveland, 106-93, to take 2-1 series lead. C1.

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Meet the most influential people in the region's tech sector in the Tech Power Players edition of the **Globe Magazine.**

Graduations at several universities unfolded without major incident after weeks of tumult on campuses. **A4.**

Mom's the word

Sunday: Cloudy, cool. High: 53-58. Low: 43-48.

Monday: Warmer. High: 61-66. Low: 49-54.

High tide: 2:46 a.m. 3:33 p.m.

Sunrise: 5:25 Sunset: 7:56

Complete report, **A24.**

Deaths, **A18-23.**

RACISM, RIOTS, & MURDER



1834

An Ursuline convent in then-Charlestown, now Somerville, was burned down by an angry Protestant mob.



1870

"Throwing Down the Ladder by Which They Rose," a cartoon by Thomas Nast that appeared in Harper's Weekly. Henry Cabot Lodge (right) was a staunch anti-immigrant nationalist.



Immigrants have long faced a hostile reception in Massachusetts

By Danny McDonald
GLOBE STAFF

A burned convent in Charlestown. The execution of two Italian anarchists. Harassment of businesses in Chinatown. Antisemitic beatings in Dorchester and Roxbury. Vandalism targeting Cambodian refugees in Fields Corner.

Currently buffeted by waves of immigrants, and the scattered patches of concern and resistance that have followed, Massachusetts has a painful history of newcomers being met with violent resistance that lives alongside the region's legacy as a beacon of liberty and a sanctuary for the oppressed.

Xenophobia. Racism. Riots. Murder. In Boston's immigration story, it's all there. Also courage, resilience, privation, and pluck — and the gradual acceptance of some newcomers and their rise to social and political influence.

It is, in short, not a new story but one we should know.

"Even the Puritans were very distrustful of outsiders," said William C. Leonard, a professor of Boston history at Emmanuel College.

The ongoing migrant crisis has resulted in families sleeping on the floor of Logan Airport as state and local authorities scramble to find accommodations in an already overtaxed shelter system. It has also provoked pushback in some quarters.

Massachusetts-based resettlement agencies logged more than 11,000 migrants from October 2022 through September 2023.

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1920

Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco were tried and convicted of first-degree murder of Frederick A. Parmenter and Alessandro Berardelli on April 15.



1923

The S.S. Carmania arrived with immigrants from Eastern Europe, docking at East Boston immigration station.

1925

The Ku Klux Klan established a foothold locally early in the 20th century. By 1925, the KKK had more than 130,000 members in Massachusetts.

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