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For Revolution, relevance then revenues

Planned Everett stadium is smaller, but team says fan experience to be greater

By Michael Silverman and Jon Chesto
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The New England Revolution just secured a crucial assist from the state Legislature to help build a soccer stadium in Everett. But will it be financially feasible for the Kraft Group to spend up to \$500 million on a smaller stadium?

The Kraft Group, which owns the Revolution and the Patriots, won't be able to sell as many tickets as it

does at Gillette, where the team currently plays. But, team president Brian Bilello said, it's not just about ticket volume.

The Revolution hope the move will increase their relevance and build their fan base, and thus drive revenues in other ways. Plus, a stadium built with soccer in mind instead of football should offer a better experience for fans.

"The biggest thing from a sort of big-picture perspective, is, frankly,

the relevance in Greater Boston for Major League Soccer and for the Revolution," said Bilello. "I'm still seeing articles and stories as recently as this month talking about the four sports teams in Boston. It's understandable, but also still disappointing that with our attendance levels and how long we've been around, that we're still somehow seen as a junior professional sports team to the other ones."

Despite winning just 9 of 34 MLS games this season, the Revolution set a franchise attendance record for the second straight year. They drew an average of 29,262 in Foxborough,

powered by three of the six largest single-game crowds in the franchise's 29-season history and eight crowds of more than 25,000.

That per-game average was third-best in the league, in a year when MLS drew a record 11.4 million fans.

Bilello spoke the day after the Legislature passed a wide-ranging, \$4 billion economic development bill, which includes a measure that would remove a 43-acre site on the Mystic River, across from the Encore Boston Harbor casino and on Boston's doorstep, from a designated
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Some T workers raking in overtime

Authority on track to pay well beyond record as it rushes to fix slow zones

By Shannon Larson
GLOBE STAFF

The MBTA's aggressive effort to modernize its subway system is coming with an increasing cost — soaring overtime pay, which has been a "key component to getting work done," said T general manager Phillip Eng.

Overtime for this calendar year is on pace to exceed \$130 million, beating last year's record of \$110 million, according to the latest payroll data from the state comptroller's office.

"The payroll records reflect a monumental, somewhat historical level of work completed," T officials said in a statement to the Globe, adding that the track improvement program "would not have been possible without MBTA employees working 24/7 during multiple diversions."

More than 6,000 of the nearly 8,400 employees at the T have claimed overtime this year as of Nov. 2, according to the latest payroll data, which includes active, inactive, and former employees. The top earner, Transit Police Lieutenant Manes Cadet, took home \$236,472 in overtime, bringing his total earnings to \$392,207 — nearly as much
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number of full-time employees who have made \$100k-plus in overtime as of Nov. 2

\$236,472

what the highest overtime earner has made in overtime as of the Nov. 2 payroll

'Our message is that other MTA communities should be concerned.'

KATHLEEN CLANCY, chairperson of the Gloucester School Committee



SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF

School district leaders in Beverly, Gloucester, and Marblehead say evidence suggests that teacher strikes were planned in conjunction with one another. Above, teachers from the three communities rallied at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester on Nov. 11.

ON NORTH SHORE, A STUDY IN CIVIL ACTION

Officials question whether concurrent teacher strikes are coincidence

By James Vaznis
GLOBE STAFF

Ever since three North Shore teacher unions voted to strike within a day of each other earlier this month, critics have been questioning the timing of their illegal work stoppages.

Was it a coincidence or an orchestrated effort among educators in Beverly, Gloucester, and Marblehead?

It was a question an Essex Superior Court judge posed last Wednesday to an attorney for the Beverly and Marblehead school committees in her Lawrence courtroom. To

which Robert Hillman, the attorney, responded, "It is not possible that this isn't a coordinated strike," according to the Gloucester Times. The unions, however, have repeatedly denied that it is.

School district leaders say anecdotal evidence suggests the strikes were carefully planned in conjunction with one another. All three unions belong to the Massachusetts Teachers Association, which has been lobbying Beacon Hill for years for the right to strike and assists them at the negotiating table and with public communications. The three striking unions also had been coordi-

nating public actions around contract negotiations with other North Shore teacher unions.

If they were coordinated, the strikes reflect a broader shift toward more aggressive teacher union tactics being used across the state, with unions holding more rallies, taking votes of no confidence on their district leaders, and using other tactics such as work-to-rule, in which members refuse to perform extra duties beyond what is contractually required, according to observations by the state's superintendent and school committee
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Citing burnout, doctors seek union at MGB

Primary care physicians latest to want representation

By Jonathan Saltzman
GLOBE STAFF

In the latest sign of mounting strain on medical workers, nearly 300 primary care physicians employed by Mass General Brigham have notified federal authorities that they want to join a union, citing "burnout" and the "corporatization of medicine" at the state's largest health system.

The doctors comprise the "vast majority" of primary care physicians employed by Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, according to Dr. Michael Barnett, a primary care doctor at the Brigham and associate professor of health policy and management at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Barnett, one of the organizers of the effort, said the physicians signed cards saying they wanted to join the Doctors Council of the Service Employees International Union, Local 10MD. The cards were delivered to the Boston office of the National La-

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Have it both ways

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Wednesday: More sun. High 50-55, low 44-49.

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Dustin Pedroia and his star-crossed career reached the Baseball Hall of Fame ballot, but his chances of being enshrined may be remote. C1.

A math professor (and savvy investor) gives eight-figure gift to Tufts in honor of his grandfather, Bold Types, D1.

HERLDA SENHOUSE 1911-2024

An auntie to legions, a witness to 113 years

By Kay Lazar
GLOBE STAFF

Herlda Senhouse, the oldest resident of Massachusetts and the second-oldest person in the United States whose age was verified, died Saturday at the age of 113.



Mrs. Senhouse

The Wellesley resident, known affectionately as "auntie" to legions of friends from the historic Myrtle Baptist Church of West Newton and beyond, co-founded a charity more than half a century ago called the Clique Club that helped many Black students in Massachusetts pay for college.

"When I went to high school, I never got the chance to go to college," she told the Globe earlier this year, speaking in her smooth-as-honey Southern accent. "I was happy to present money for them to go to college."

Her cause of death was not immediately available, but a long-
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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE — A firefighter worked to put out a burning tree that had fallen as crews battled a brush fire Monday in Boxford State Forest along the borders of Boxford, North Andover, and Middleton. North Andover Fire Chief John Weir said the blaze spread five-fold to 126 acres overnight. **B3.**