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BLUSTER BROWNS

TODAY: Partly cloudy and very windy, highs 53-58

TOMORROW: Sunny and breezy, highs 57-62

HIGH TIDE: 3:56 a.m. 4:05 p.m.

SUNRISE: 6:13 a.m. SUNSET: 4:42 p.m.

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# Auerbach, pride of Celtics, dies



GLOBE FILE PHOTO

Red Auerbach lit his famous victory cigar to celebrate Celtic victories.

## Pro basketball legend was 89

By Peter May  
GLOBE STAFF

Arnold "Red" Auerbach, who for more than half a century was the combative, competitive, and occasionally abrasive personification of pro basketball's greatest dynasty, the Boston Celtics, died yesterday in the Washington area. He was 89.

He died of a heart attack, the Associated Press reported, according to an NBA source who did not want to be identified.

In two decades of National Basketball Association coaching, Auerbach won 938 games, a record when he retired in 1966, as well as a record nine NBA championship titles, a number he shares with Phil Jackson. In those 20 years, 16 with the Celtics, Auerbach had only one losing season while winning almost two-thirds of his games.

Auerbach was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1968 and, 12 years later, was recognized as the greatest coach in NBA history by the Professional Basketball Writers Association of America. That same year, 1980, he was inducted a sec-

ond time into the Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions to the game.

In 1996, he was honored on the 50th anniversary of the NBA as one of its greatest 10 coaches. His coaching achievement is recognized annually with the awarding of the Red Auerbach Trophy to the league's Coach of the Year. Auerbach himself won the award only once, in 1965. The award was named in his honor in 1967.

But Auerbach's genius extended well beyond his coaching. He moved into the Celtics' front office, starting in 1966, and by then already had shown his ability to

judge talent with the acquisitions of future Hall of Famers such as Bill Russell, John Havlicek, and Sam Jones through trades or the NBA Draft. Later, as the team's general manager, he would engineer deals for Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, and Dave Cowens — all of whom also are in the Hall.

Proof of Auerbach's impact on the game as both a coach and talent evaluator is the number of his players who made it to the Hall of Fame (14) and the number of his players who became coaches (30), including eight of the 12 players on his

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# The war after the war



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They were an Army of Three — fun-loving, young, courageous, afraid. And when the bomb went off outside Baghdad, killing New Hampshire's Jeremy Regnier, the survivors of the squad found their lives upended. What they suffer has a name — post-traumatic stress — but a label can't describe it. This is a story of a death and its descendants.

First of four parts

By Thomas Farragher  
GLOBE STAFF

It was circled on his calendar, a day he'd looked forward to for months. But as Andy Wilson stood on the wind-swept airfield and the chartered plane glided out of a leaden Texas sky, he was anything but upbeat.

An unsettling cocktail of emotions swirled inside. The balloons and marching bands, the

confetti and welcome-home banners were not for him, though they could have been. Should have been.

As a noncommissioned officer, Wilson had sworn to stick by the men he led in combat, no matter what. And to bring them all home.

But after that night in Baghdad when the bomb went off and his friend and comrade slumped against his shoulder, Wilson's war was over.

He left Iraq on leave in late 2004, his mind

and spirit broken, and never returned. Doctor's orders. "It gnaws at me," he said.

Three months later, as the troops he served with stepped off the plane at Fort Hood after a year at war, the emotional torque of it all bore down on him again.

The grapevine had carried the whispers from the war zone: Wilson's lost it. Wilson's a coward. And when some of the returning officers refused his outstretched hand or grabbed it limply with looks of disappointment or disdain, he knew who the whisperers were.

But for now, it didn't matter.

As the troops lined up to return their weapons, their gas masks and the other gadgetry of warfare, Wilson searched the crowd for a single face.

Dustin Jolly was the only other soldier who really knew what happened that night in October 2004 when Jeremy Regnier, the cocksure gunner from Littleton, N.H., died.

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# Battleground for Senate heads South

## Democrats rise in GOP region

By Susan Milligan  
GLOBE STAFF

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — The battle for the Senate has moved below the Mason-Dixon line, where Republicans are anxiously fighting off strong Democratic challenges in a conservative region that has long been a GOP stronghold.

Frustration over the war in Iraq and voter discontent with President Bush — who won every state in the South in both 2000 and 2004 — have put three Southern states in play, forcing the GOP to pour money and resources into Virginia, Tennessee, and Missouri just to hang onto their majority in the Senate.

Democrats need six seats for a majority, and polls released last week showed their candidates with double-digit leads in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Rhode Island,

and a smaller lead in Montana. Meanwhile, Republican incumbents were neck and neck with challengers in Missouri, Virginia, and Tennessee.

Republicans say that their strong party organizations, large blocs of conservative voters, and deep understanding of the region will lead them to victory in all three Southern races, leaving them with at least a two-seat margin in the Senate.

Still, frustration with the war and Bush gives Democrats a chance to chip away at the Republican monolith in the South.

"There's only so much the Republicans can do with what's really causing this noose to tighten around their necks, and that's the president," said Steven Smith, a political scientist at Washington University in St. Louis.

The GOP had not expected to have to defend its Southern seats, Smith said, and the party is now contending with races where the

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# Voters say change is foremost on minds

## Mass. attitude benefits Patrick

By Brian C. Mooney and Lisa Wangness  
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Alicia Kelley is frustrated. A 28-year-old surgical technician and nursing student from South Boston, she strains under the costly burden of student loans, a mortgage, rising property taxes, and private-school tuition for her 8-year-old daughter.

With all the money that is paid in taxes, Kelley wonders: "Where's it going? The Big Dig?"

But the tone of the campaign for governor also troubles her. The ads by Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey, a Republican, are overly focused on the past advocacy of Democrat Deval Patrick on behalf of criminals, she said.

"She just keeps pushing about one subject," Kelley said.

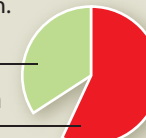
Nine days from today, voters across Massachusetts will elect a new governor. Like Kelley, many are considering a vote for Patrick because they are upset by the Big

## VOTER MOOD

A Boston Globe poll conducted late last month asked voters if they thought the state was heading in the right direction.

Right direction 34%

Wrong direction 57%



Poll conducted Sept. 26-29 by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center

'I can't see paying these taxes here and not getting anything for it.'

— Jim Thompson  
WESTBOROUGH

'I want to shake it up. People are tired. We spend way too much money on foolish things.'

— Raymond Neslusan  
OXFORD

'I don't think there's much choice.'

— Mary Bucci  
NATICK

Dig, the high cost of living, and the negative tone of the Healey campaign.

For some, the wandering ambitions of Mitt Romney, the governor Healey hopes to succeed, also are troubling.

As a result, change is foremost on many voters' minds. In more than three-dozen interviews, ma-

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# Rivera's deft touch sold school merger

By Tracy Jan  
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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The middle school was one of Rochester's worst. Few parents chose to send their children there. Just five blocks south was the city's top high school, where the waiting list had hundreds of students each year.

Two years ago, Rochester Superintendent Manuel J. Rivera proposed the unthinkable: Merge the popular Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School with the sinking James Madison School of Excellence, where more than 90 percent of eighth-graders failed state math and English exams.

It was a feat only Rivera, Boston's next school chief, could pull off, say community members, ministers, and teachers who initially opposed

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Veronica Ritz, a teacher at Wilson Commencement Academy, instructed algebra honors students this month in Rochester, N.Y.

## Turn clocks back

Daylight saving time ended at 2 a.m. today. Set your clocks back one hour.

## Power play

A rejuvenated Hezbollah is demanding a bigger role in Lebanon's government. **World, A16.**

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