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**Warren’s new reach inside the Oval Office**

Onetime rival’s influence on the rise as allies take posts in administration

By Jess Bidgood

WASHINGTON — Senator Elizabeth Warren once bragged about being a “thorn” in the Obama administration’s side, a populist outlier who sparred with its key economic officials and sometimes broke publicly with the president.

When it comes to the Biden administration, she may be more of a voice in an ear.

President Biden, who ran as a moderate, is staffing his administration with numerous Warren-aligned figures who are delighting the left — a group of hires that includes at least four of her former campaign or Senate staffers and some key proteges and allies.

Even though Warren herself was passed over for high-profile roles like vice president or Treasury secretary, the appointments are one sign that some of her policy goals could come to fruition during her embattled rival’s presidency, and that, more broadly, her views will have ongoing influence.

“I always said I wouldn’t throw a parade if people adopted my plans,” Warren said in an interview.

**Long road to reuniting families**

With children scattered, undoing Trump’s separation of migrants is an epic challenge

By Jazmine Ulloa

WASHINGTON — Angela Gonzalez-Garcia answered the call from an unknown number with suspicion.

She was scared and alone in a small apartment in Framingham, desperate to find her 7-year-old daughter after they had been separated a month earlier without any explanation at an Arizona detention center. At the time, in mid-2018, the public was only becoming aware of what immigration lawyers along the US-Mexico border had long suspected: The US government was splitting migrant families apart by inexperience or chance but as a matter of policy, a form of deterrence, as then Attorney General Jeff Sessions described it, to discourage others from coming north.

While Gonzalez-Garcia was shuffled from immigration facility to immigration facility, her daughter managed to call her grandmother in Guatemala from a shelter in Texas. The mother tried to talk to the child by phone, and was able to reach an acquaintance willing to house them in Massachusetts.

**Chief’s doubt, resolve on racial justice**

Black officer presses for change in police culture

By Dugan Arnett

HARVARD — It hit the police chief at some point last summer, amid the daily reports of nationwide protests sparked by the death of another Black man at the hands of law enforcement.

“Have I wanted 30 years of my life doing this?”

For much of his career, Ed Demark, the 52-year-old head of the Police Department in this quiet Central Massachusetts town, had felt like things were trending in the right direction. Where once he was hesitant to speak his mind, he had matured into an outspoken proponent of police reform. And as one of only a handful of Black police chiefs in Massachusetts, he had been looking for ways to help shape the future.

**Catch my drift?**

Sunday: Getting snowy.
High: 31-36; Low: 18-23.
Monday: Sunny and cold.
High: 27-32; Low: 15-20.
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Complete report: B14.

**A close-knit business, tested and frayed by the pandemic**

Her father built the company, but the tough decisions are hers alone

By Katie Johnston

WHITINSVILLE — Amy Yang Sondrup’s stomach was in knots. She had spent a week going over graphs, circling the names of employees she could afford to keep. For three terrible months since COVID-19 blossomed into a global crisis early last year, she had held on while her business was being decimated. Now, in May, she had an accounting task ahead of her.

The pandemic’s damage to businesses large and small was overwhelming and everywhere, but this was personal. It was her company, the one she had devoted her life to, the one her father had founded and built and then passed on to her.

The 175 people who worked for her — sales executives, carpenters, designers, accountants — were family. Some she had known all her life — or, as those people sometimes said when they saw her, lowering a hand toward the floor, since she was “this big.” Their labor had given her a privileged life. She felt a duty to support them.

But her company, Access TCA, sat directly in the pandemic’s destructive path. It ordered to a niche in the marketing world — designing and building elaborate, interactive exhibits that biotech and pharmaceutical companies use at trade shows. It was a thriving industry, until the virus transformed large indoor gatherings into potentially deadly superspreader events. Almost overnight, Access’s livelihood evaporated.

**Brady relentless in pursuit of perfection**

TB12 has nothing to prove. Tell him that.

By Ben Volin

TAMPA — Tom Brady’s first game as a Tampa Bay Buccaneer was a flop. It was an impossible situation, of course — his first game with a new team and a new cast of teammates, without the benefit of an offseason program, preseason games, or a traditional training camp.

But it was a flop nonetheless, a 34-33 loss to the Saints that wasn’t really that close. Brady threw two interceptions that day, including a pick-6.

“We played really, really bad,” Clyde Christensen, the Buccaneers’ quarterback backs coach, said by telephone this past week. “And he gets on the bus, and the first thing he says to me is, ‘I know exactly what we’ve got to do.’”

What they had to do wouldn’t be easy. It took Brady and the Buccaneers about 12 games to start clicking on offense. Even then, Christensen thinks Brady still needs another four to six
There is good news and potentially bad news about JetBlue's pandemic-delayed trans-Atlantic service from Boston to London.

First the good news: When the Boston-to-London route debuts later this year, JetBlue’s popular Mint class, the airline's version of business class, is expanding and getting an extensive makeover. Since its debut in 2016, Mint has consisted of 16 seats at the front of the plane. Fear of those seats are referred to as suites. Those coveted suites are individual seats with a low door. Naturally these solo seats always get booked first.

The remainder of the front cabin has two side-by-side seats that are ideal for people traveling together. Otherwise you’re sitting next to a stranger. That means asking to scoot by to use the lavatory if you’re in the window seat.

On the new Boston-to-London route, the Mint section grows to 24 seats, and all of them are single-seat suites with lie-flat seats and sliding doors (two larger seats are called studios). To answer the question before you ask, JetBlue executives said it’s too early for pricing. They also have yet to release designs for the main cabin of the new A321LR narrow body aircraft they’ll be flying.

“When you think about the Mint suites that are currently flying, those literally sell out in minutes,” said Joanna Geraghty, president and chief operating officer of the airline. “Clearly people are looking for more privacy, or they enjoy having room to spread out.”

Before dispensing more posh details about the airline’s business class upgrade, it’s time to get the potentially bad news out of the way. According to Geraghty, when JetBlue launches trans-Atlantic service later this year, it will either debut out of New York or Boston, but not both.

That’s different from the original plan, which was to launch service out of both cities simultaneously this year. She said the final decision will be announced soon.

“We’re getting three aircraft this year, which means we’ll launch one city out of the United States,” she said. “We have not decided whether that’s Boston or JFK. If it comes to Boston this year, it will be JFK next year, and if it comes to JFK this year, it will be Boston next year.”

Both airports are major hubs for the airline. The addition of service to London was announced two years ago with a promise of lower prices to undercut competitors such as British Airways and American Airlines.

TOP: Each Mint suite offers a sliding door for privacy, a seat that lies flat for sleeping, and a 17-inch TV. ABOVE: The Mint studio has seating for a guest and a 25-inch TV.
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TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Airbnb is ‘unable’ to support her account. What did she do?

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I was looking for a cabin in upstate New York for a weekend getaway months ago. I discovered I had been locked out of my Airbnb account. I received a notification that my account was “under review” by Airbnb, after no calls and several e-mails to the company, I received an email that said that they will be “not able to support my account moving forward” and have exercised their Terms of Service to disable access. This decision was “irreversible” and unclear if a person examined the evidence provided before deciding to ban you forever. But based on what I showed them — and the predictable conditions under which you would say that you absolutely didn’t do anything to violate any Airbnb terms. Apparently, looking for a little cabin in upstate New York was your “crime.”

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