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TODAY: Windy, some sun, then cloudy.
High 63-68. Low 40-45.
TOMORROW: Cooler, clearing.
High 49-54. Low 28-33.
HIGH TIDE: 10:53 a.m. 11:17 p.m.
SUNRISE: 6:08 a.m. SUNSET: 5:43 p.m.
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In the news

Massachusetts communities are not responsible for off-setting state cuts in police education benefits, the Supreme Judicial Court ruled. The decision could save municipalities millions of dollars. **B1.**

Satellite images of Iran indicated a cleanup of radioactive traces that could have been left from testing of a nuclear weapon trigger, diplomats reported. **A3.**

Hamas fighters would hold fire in the event of an Israeli strike on Iran's nuclear sites, a senior leader said. **A4.**

President Obama called on Congress to provide \$1 billion to encourage greater use of fuel-efficient technologies as he appealed for the nation to wean itself from oil. **A2.**

Pentagon leaders acknowledged that President Obama asked for military options for stemming the fighting in Syria but said the administration still wants a diplomatic and economic solution. **A4.**



Many area snow removal companies are suffering from a season of record losses one year after a winter that gave them record profits. **B1.**

US officials have overhauled Medicare billing statements, making the language clearer, in an effort to encourage seniors to help detect fraud. **A8.**

TJX Cos. will establish a new headquarters complex in two buildings being vacated by Fidelity Investments in Marlborough, giving a lift to the Interstate 495 office market. **B5.**

Representatives of Steve Wynn courted Foxborough residents in hopes of winning support for his casino plan. **B1.**

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POINT OF VIEW:

JOAN VENNOCHI

"Romney fervently pledges to repeal national health care reform. With that pledge, he's also promising to deny millions of average Americans the same access to medical care his wife has, simply because she married a man who came to be worth \$250 million." **A13.**

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Privacy software, criminal use

Unintended consequence of Walpole firm's technology

By Jenifer B. McKim
GLOBE STAFF

A Walpole nonprofit company, largely funded by the federal government, is inadvertently providing child pornographers, drug dealers, and other criminals around the world with software that allows them to remain anonymous on the Internet.

The little-known organization, Tor Project Inc., says its free program is designed to help people protect themselves from Internet surveillance. Users include those speaking out against oppressive political regimes in other countries, corporate whistleblowers, law enforcement officials, and domestic abuse victims.

But the software, which can easily be downloaded from the Tor Project website, also is attracting a growing number of people who trade illegal pornographic material and buy and sell drugs on a part of the Web known as the "darknet," according to federal authorities, advocates for children, and Internet specialists.

Its use for illicit purposes creates new challenges for law enforcement officials hunting increasingly technologically savvy criminals, and highlights the sometimes unwanted consequences of protecting free speech online.

The darknet is "a secret Internet," said Chester Wisniewski, senior adviser at Burlington computer security company Sophos Inc. "It's free speech to the extreme. It's really tragic there are some sickos using this same technology for their purposes."

The Tor Project is widely considered the largest service in the world that allows users to navigate the Internet anonymously. Andrew Lewman, the organization's executive director, said he is approached regularly by law

ANONYMOUS, Page A8

Silk Road
anonymous marketplace

messages(0) | orders(0) | account(0)

Shop by category:
[Drugs\(1819\)](#)
[Benzos\(176\)](#)
[Cannabis\(417\)](#)
[Dissociatives\(49\)](#)
[Ecstasy\(187\)](#)
[Opioids\(162\)](#)
[Other\(242\)](#)
[Psychedelics\(232\)](#)
[Stimulants\(216\)](#)
[Apparel\(5\)](#)
[Books\(188\)](#)
[Collectibles\(2\)](#)
[Computer equipment\(3\)](#)
[Digital goods\(147\)](#)
[Drug paraphernalia\(62\)](#)
[Electronics\(9\)](#)
[Fireworks\(2\)](#)
[Food\(11\)](#)
[Forgeries\(51\)](#)
[Home & Garden\(1\)](#)
[Jewelry\(1\)](#)
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[Medical\(13\)](#)
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Ibogaïne HCL 2 grams
\$146.45

Barcode Manipulation scam keeping...
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\$18.08

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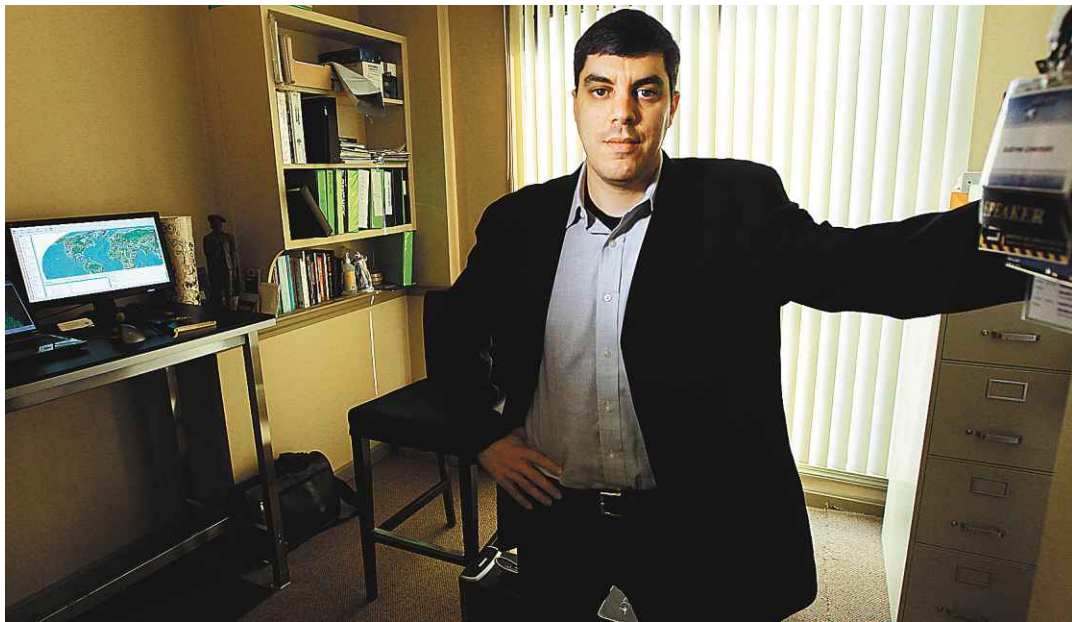
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\$19.83

Ephedrine Hcl 48mg - 100 Tablets
\$17.72

Party Time 110mg...
\$3.14

One Kilogram Crystal Methylone
\$435.22

Andrew Lewman said he is often approached by law enforcement officials investigating illegal activity on sites like Silk Road, which use Tor technology to protect users' identities.



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WENDY MAEDA/GLOBE STAFF

Marcus Hurd, paralyzed in a Mattapan robbery in which four people died, said he survived by playing dead.

Sole survivor testifies about Mattapan killings

By Maria Cramer
GLOBE STAFF

Naked but for his socks, Marcus Hurd obeyed the orders of the tall, thin gunman.

Hurd walked to Woolson Street with four others, including a mother and her 2-year-old boy, who had been with him in a Mattapan home while three gunmen stole cash and drugs.

The tall man told him to stop and lie face down in the bushes. "I figured the robbery was over, that they wanted us to count to 30 or 60 and then get up after they left," Hurd said.

Instead, the gunman shot him in the head.

Hurd, the sole survivor of the Sept. 28, 2010, shootings, testified Wednesday in Suffolk Superior Court, corroborating much of the testimony from the key prosecution witness, whose credibility has been under attack by the defense.

In a chilling account, Hurd recalled how he had gone to a house on Sutton Street, about a block from Woolson, to buy a bag of marijuana from his friend, Simba Martin.

MATTAPAN, Page A9

Syrup makers toil in milder winter

Tree cycles disrupted, some consider sitting this year out

By Sarah Schweitzer
GLOBE STAFF

Across the region, record winter temperatures are wreaking havoc with maple tree systems, forcing syrup producers to tap trunks early in the hope of catching the best, most sugary sap before it disappears with spring.

At least one producer in Massachusetts, Turtle Lane Maple Farm in North Andover, has decided not to tap its trees because the unusual weather has

affected the trees' sugar, making the production of syrup too onerous and costly.

"With the energy cost and labor, it just wasn't worth tapping 500 trees and gathering the sap and boiling it down," said Paul Boulanger, who owns the farm with his wife.

Normally, he said, sap content in his trees is 4 percent sugar; this year it is 1 percent, meaning that he would need to boil down 90 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of maple syrup, rather than the average 43 gallons.

Scott Soares, commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, said warm weather has made the maple season difficult to predict. Last year proved to be a record year, with 62,000 gallons of maple syrup produced in the state. But the year before, Massachusetts produced just 29,000.

"This year we could see a real big impact, but we don't know, because we've never seen anything like this," he said, referring to the warm temperatures.

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Turtle Lane Maple Farm will not tap trees this year.

Romney lead big, but win is far off

Still needs to fight determined rivals for every delegate

By Matt Viser
GLOBE STAFF

Mitt Romney and his top advisers sought on Wednesday to project the candidate as the inevitable Republican nominee, but political observers and some party officials acknowledge that his inability to secure more decisive wins Tuesday night increases the chance of a bitter fight that could stretch as far as the Republican National Convention in August.

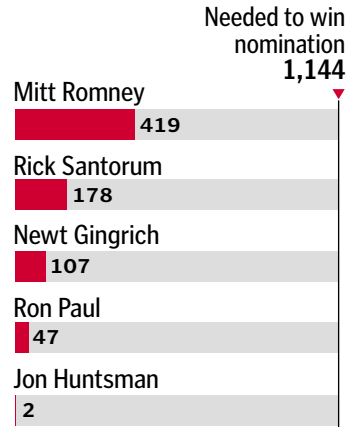
Romney's campaign is now waging a district-by-district battle, trying to secure individual delegates even if he loses the state's popular vote. Such an incremental effort, combined with the paucity of winner-take-all contests, ensures that the race to the 1,144 delegates needed to secure the nomination will be a marathon, by anyone's estimate.

Even if Romney wins every delegate from now on, it is mathematically impossible to achieve that number until mid-May.

The numbers are no more clear-cut on the fund-raising front. Romney's camp said Wednesday he had raised a robust \$11.5 million in February, **ROMNEY, Page A7**

DELEGATE COUNT

Includes preferences of superdelegates, who are free to support any candidate.



SOURCE: Associated Press

GLOBE STAFF

Santorum's faith isn't driving vote of Catholics

By Shira Schoenberg
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Republican presidential candidate Rick Santorum is a proud traditional Catholic. But so far that is not helping him with Catholic voters.

Santorum has not had a significant victory among Catholic voters in any of the 10 states in which exit polls have been taken, nor has Newt Gingrich, who is also Catholic. While Santorum outpolled Mitt Romney among born-again or evangelical voters, Romney does better among Catholics, evidence that Catholics are not rallying around Santorum's faith-based opposition to abortion and birth control.

Catholics, analysts say, are making their choices much like the Republican electorate at large — focusing on economic issues and electability. In several cases, Santorum's support among Catholic voters, **CATHOLICS, Page A7**