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In the news



Get up and glow

Monday: Sunny, mild; high 62-67, low 45-50.
Tuesday: Cloudy, rain late; high 65-70, low 46-51.
 High tide: 4:18 a.m.; 5 p.m.
 Sunrise: 5:54 Sunset: 7:32
 Complete report, **B11**

Evidence suggests that Russian military and intelligence forces make up many of the armed pro-Moscow separatists in eastern Ukraine, despite strenuous denials from the Kremlin. A3.

A lawsuit charged that a veteran Boston police detective was forced to retire early because of a hearing impairment that she suffered on the job 14 years ago and that never hindered her work. B1.

Radio transcripts showed confusion and indecision by crew members aboard a listing South Korean ferry before it sank last week. A5.

Boston Children's Hospital has joined with the startup Etiometry to develop a system that aims to forecast changes in a patient's condition before emergency alarms go off. B5.

The Bruins defeated the Red Wings, 4-1, to even their playoff series at one game apiece. C1.



Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a boxer who long fought to clear his name of murder charges, died at 76. He became an international cause célèbre while imprisoned for 19 years before charges were dismissed. B10.

The Red Sox topped the Orioles, 6-5, on a ninth-inning rally capped by a Baltimore throwing error. C1.

A Malaysian official discussed possible financial support for relatives of the 227 passengers aboard a long-missing jetliner. A4.

Tens of thousands gathered

RESOLUTE AND READY



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With 2013 much in mind, emotions high for today's Marathon

By Joshua Miller and Marcella Bombardieri
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At Old South Church, steps away from the Marathon finish line, dozens of runners tearfully accepted blessings and handmade blue-and-yellow scarves during Sunday's Easter services. Hundreds of people made pilgrimages to Boylston Street to take photos, to revel in the bril-

liant day, or to face memories from last year. And thousands of marathoners ended the day on City Hall Plaza, sharing a feast of pasta, meatballs, and beer.

On the day before the first Boston Marathon since the bombings, Boston was awash with sunshine and determination, even as memories of last year cast an occasional shadow on the city's festive spirit.

Easter coincided with the most emotional Boston Marathon eve in the 118-year history of the celebrated event, and

the Christian story of Jesus' resurrection mirrored a sense of resilience.

"Easter is God's tender, sweet, intimate whisper: 'Don't be afraid' . . ." the Rev. Nancy S. Taylor, senior minister of Old South, said to the hundreds of people — many sporting 2013 and 2014 Boston Marathon jackets — who packed into Old South Church for the first of two Easter services that included blessings for those running on Monday.

MARATHON, Page A8

Hopkinton tradition

Much will remain the same in the town that hosts the start of the race. **B1.**

Fastest field ever

Elite international runners will be out in force for the 118th Marathon. **C1.**

After the race is run

Actions in the first minutes and hours can help a marathoner recover well. **g13.**

Luxury condos soar in city

High costs bring concerns about a widening gulf

By Deirdre Fernandes
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The price of living in the heart of Boston is fast approaching an average of \$1 million, as condominium sales sizzle and values surge.

Condominium sales in downtown Boston and surrounding sections — including Beacon Hill, the Back Bay, and the South End — jumped more than 17 percent in the first three months of the year, compared with the same time last year, according to LINK, a company that tracks sales in a dozen central city neighborhoods.

The average sale price climbed to just under \$950,000.

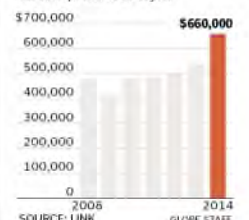
Luxury units, which usually take longer to sell, are flying off the market. In the first three months of 2014, they sold in an average of just 20 days, compared with 167 days in the same period last year.

With sleek new residential towers and seven-figure selling prices, the central city is attracting financiers, doctors, foreign investors, and well-heeled baby boomers looking to "downsize," taking on a tony character that many real estate specialists liken to Manhattan's. At the same time, the trend is raising concerns that Boston, like New York, is becoming a community of extremes, a city of rich and poor

CONDOMINIUMS, Page A11

Median selling price

For condos in central Boston during the first quarter of each year



3 in contest for governor

Hunt for a Hub schools chief accelerates