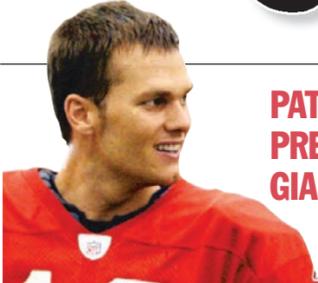


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## IT'S OBAMA'S PARTY



Sen. Barack Obama, right, and Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Biden in Denver on Wednesday.

First black to win Dem nomination takes stage tonight

Patriot Ledger staff and Associated Press reports

Barack Obama steps into history tonight when he takes the stage at Mile High Stadium as the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination after thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

His acceptance speech before a crowd of tens of thousands comes after a forceful endorsement by former President Bill Clinton and another rousing call for party unity by former rival Hillary Clinton the night before.

Long forgotten were the attacks by both Clintons during a lengthy and bitter primary battle that cast Obama as inexperienced and ill-prepared for the

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White House. "Republicans said I was too young and too inexperienced to be commander in chief."

"Sound familiar?" Bill Clinton said. "It didn't work in 1992, because we were on the right side of history. And it won't work in 2008, because Barack Obama is on the right side of history."

Obama's nomination was the main event of an evening that also included the installation of his choice of Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden as vice presidential running mate. Earlier in the day, Hillary Clinton released her delegates and called for Obama's approval by acclamation midway through the traditional roll call of the states — a request that delegates seemed happy to oblige.

## Weymouth father, 24, in line for promotion before fatal crash

He was training in N.H. to become restaurant manager

By JACK ENCARNACAO  
The Patriot Ledger

WEYMOUTH — Jason Gambon grew up in North Weymouth, graduated from Weymouth High School, and took a job at a restaurant in the same section of town where he was raised.

But the 24-year-old dad was ready to venture away from home. He excelled at his job to the point that he was asked to come

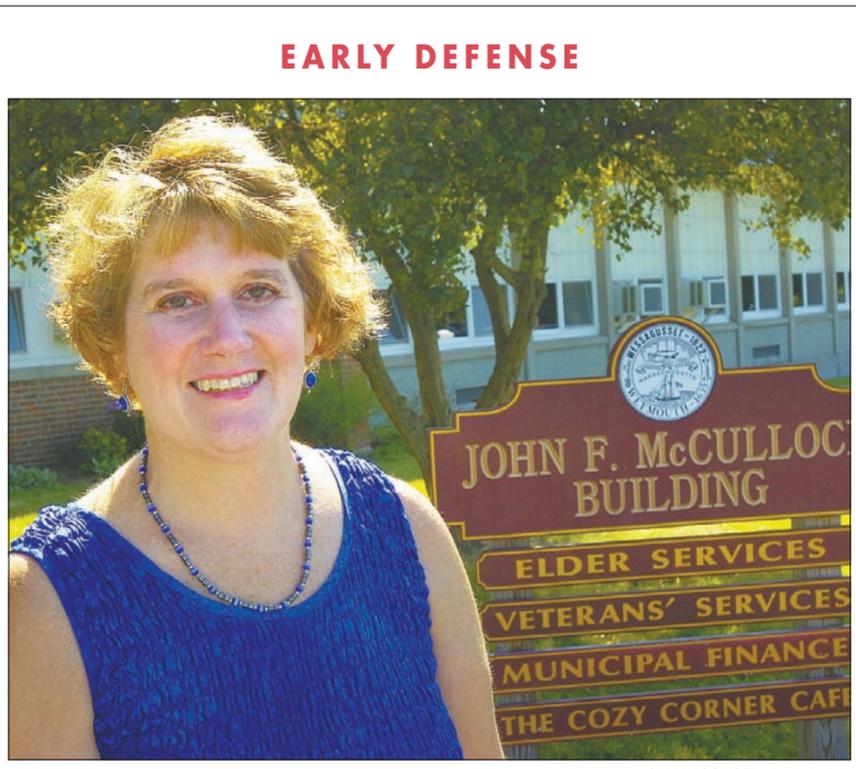
to the New Hampshire headquarters of the Margaritas restaurant chain to train for a promotion. Gambon was set to spend five weeks training there and then move to Connecticut with his fiancée and 1-year-old son, Aiden, to manage a Margaritas restaurant. Gambon's blossoming career was cut short, though, as the hard-working, generous family man was killed in a car crash Tuesday night in North Hampton, N.H.

"He was such a great person and he loved our son more than anything in the entire world," said his fiancée, Melissa MacDonald. "Everything he did was for (his son)."

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Gambon



Bernadette Graycar is helping organize a program in Weymouth for people with early stage Alzheimer's.

**EARLY DEFENSE**

## A winning fight vs. memory loss

Weymouth program provides Alzheimer's support

By SUE SCHEIBLE  
The Patriot Ledger

WEYMOUTH — The lapses in memory and the moments of confusion are often subtle when Alzheimer's disease first develops.

People become afraid to go out and socialize, says Bernadette Graycar, Weymouth elder outreach worker.

"They are scared they will get trapped, not remember things and not know what to say," she says.

**ON THE WEB**

- To see videos about healthy eating for a healthy brain, living with Alzheimer's and family respite, go to [PatriotLedger.com](http://PatriotLedger.com)
- Where to get help
- Alzheimer's facts

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Support from family members and doctors can help, but the biggest boost to self-confidence is knowing that others are in the same boat.

Next month, Weymouth Elder Services will host a new program for people living with the early stages of the progressive brain disease. Family members or care partners are also welcome.

The three-part series at the Whipple Senior Center is one of

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## Hospital death rates a click away

Now you can see how they compare

By STEPHANIE CHOATE  
The Patriot Ledger

There's a new way to see how local hospitals stacks up against hospitals nationwide.

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has released the mortality rates of every hospital in the United States for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia.

According to the data, hospitals on the South Shore have similar rates to the national average, and most had slightly lower rates.

"More and more hospitals are willing to be transparent in their quality," said Elizabeth Cadigan, vice president of patient care services at Quincy Medical Center.

"We all see it as very important for consumers to understand quality and make informed choices."

Quincy Medical Center's mortality rates were slightly lower than the national average.

"We have done well here, and we'll continue to do better. The data gives us a roadmap for improvement, and we're always looking to do better," said Cadigan.

South Shore Hospital's mortality rates were also similar to the national average.

"We're very happy to see that

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**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

## Play it again: Sox take wait-and-see position on instant replay

By JASON DACHMAN  
For The Patriot Ledger

NEW YORK — It may not be an entirely new era, but baseball will take on a whole new dimension tonight when instant-replay review of home runs is implemented in three Major League series.

By Friday, every single game will be using the high-tech review system, including the opener of the Red Sox-White Sox series at Fenway Park. Opinions in the

Boston locker room seem to be mixed, but most players have taken a wait-and-see position on instant replay. "Until we learn about and see how the whole thing is going to work, you have to have concerns about when it's going to happen and how it's going to happen," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Last November, 25 of the 30 major league general managers, including Red Sox GM Theo Epstein, voted to explore the use of

instant replay. Since then, Major League Baseball has developed a system that has been installed at every ballpark and will be run out of the Major League Baseball Advanced Media headquarters in New York.

Instant replay will be used strictly for home run calls. Whether or not a ball cleared the fence, whether there was fan interference and whether the ball

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Video monitors line the walls in the network operations center at MLB.com in New York.

Associated Press

