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NATION

COURT'S RULING GIVES EX-FBI AGENT CONNOLLY A CHANCE AT FREEDOM

A divided appeals court on Wednesday threw out the murder conviction and lengthy prison sentence for a former FBI agent in the decades-old mob-style killing of a gambling executive, one of numerous slayings linked to jailed Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger.

Florida's 3rd District Court of Appeal ruled 2-1 that former agent John Connolly was improperly convicted and sentenced to 40 years for his role in the 1982 slaying of World Jai-Alai President John Callahan. **PAGE 2**

LOCAL

EX-QUINCY COUPLE RETIRE AFTER LONG CAREERS AS MISSIONARIES

David and Rhoda Restrick have retired after long careers as missionaries in Africa with the Church of the Nazarene. The Restricks have three children and lived in Quincy for short times during their missionary work. The couple have been honored by the Church of the Nazarene for their missionary work in three African countries — Swaziland, Mozambique and South Africa. They will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday at a service at the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene on the Eastern Nazarene College campus in Quincy. **PAGE 13**

REGIONAL

MASS. TO GET \$14.5M IN FISHING DISASTER AID

Gov. Deval Patrick on Wednesday announced that the state will receive more than \$14.5 million of the \$32.8 million allocated for New England following the federal disaster declaration for ground fishermen. The Massachusetts groundfish industry makes up approximately 90 percent of the New England fishing industry. **PAGE 2**

WEATHER



Tonight
Partly cloudy
Low: 49



Tomorrow
Chance of rain
High: 65
Low: 52

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Ledger UPDATE

NO EASY FIX FOR SEA WALLS



GREG DERR/THE PATRIOT LEDGER

■ Homeowner Hans Muller of Oceanside Drive in Scituate looks at the crumbling sea wall in front of his home.

Repair costs have soared after decades of neglect

Pros of sea walls

- Protect homes, utilities and infrastructure
- Maintain property values
- Stabilize the upland
- Less expensive than property buyouts and other flood mitigation
- In fair condition in many locations

Cons of sea walls

- Increase coastal erosion of the fronting and adjacent beaches
- Limit lateral beach access
- Impact marine habitat
- Often omitted as flood mitigation on FEMA flood maps
- Expensive to build and maintain

By Jessica Trufant
THE PATRIOT LEDGER

Despite some cracks and missing chunks of concrete, the sea wall protecting Hans Muller's oceanfront home in Scituate is in fairly good shape — especially since it dates back to the days before sunscreen, Polaroid cameras and the polio vaccine.

"The quality of workmanship was pretty damn good, considering they were built in the 1930s," said Hans, who lives on Oceanside Drive. "They held up good, but they need maintenance over time. It would be nice to see them get patched up."

The story is the same all along the South Shore. From Quincy to Plymouth, sea walls are the last, and sometimes the only, line of defense for coastal neighborhoods. But sea wall maintenance has often been low on the priority list, leaving communities with millions of dollars in catching up to do.

SEA WALL/PAGE 4

Broken elevator worries elderly in Quincy

City councilor says Pagnano Towers residents at risk

By Chris Burrell
THE PATRIOT LEDGER

QUINCY— A broken elevator at a 14-story apartment building for the elderly has gone un-repaired since February, putting more than 150 residents who live there at risk, a Quincy official said.

Pagnano Towers, which is owned and managed by the Quincy Housing Authority, still has one functioning elevator, but Ward 2 City Councilor Brad Croall is concerned about what would happen in an emergency.

"Any time you have that dense of a population in a building and you have access to only one elevator, that certainly has some potential danger," Croall said Wednesday. "That's not prudent public safety."

Some residents and family members of elderly residents at Pagnano are also upset that almost four months have gone by without any repairs to the elevator.

But James Lydon, the executive director of the housing authority, said his agency didn't have the money and has been waiting for months for an insurance claim to settle.

"We're looking at repairs just shy of \$200,000," he said. "And I didn't have that lying around."

Lydon said the elevator was damaged by water after someone left a window open in a common room, causing a sprinkler pipe to freeze and then burst.

An elevator in another public housing

ELEVATOR/PAGE 5

“These people can't use the stairs. ... It's a scary situation.”

“PAULA POULOS
Pagnano resident's daughter

Jury: Doctor didn't cause man's death

Widow claimed opioids were over-prescribed

By Jake Saltzman
THE PATRIOT LEDGER

BROCKTON — Christopher Coakley ducked out of the courtroom with nothing more than a half smile and a handshake for his attorney.

Coakley, a doctor, had been sued in connection

with the 2007 death of 44-year-old Todd Adams of Plymouth, whom he had been treating.

Adams' widow contended in the suit that Coakley had over-prescribed opioid painkillers and that it led to Adams' death.

Jurors in Plymouth County Superior Court in Brockton on Wednesday found

DOCTOR/PAGE 5

A Weymouth mile marker mystery

By Christian Schiavone
THE PATRIOT LEDGER

WEYMOUTH — The stone marker being stored behind the Department of Public Works building on Winter Street used to stand 16 miles from Boston and 29 miles from Plymouth, but exactly where remains something of a mystery.

It's also unclear why the marker was moved from its home, likely somewhere near Jackson Square, or ex-



GARY HIGGINS/THE PATRIOT LEDGER

■ An old stone mile marker sits in the Weymouth DPW yard Wednesday.

actly how long its been in the public works yard.

Now the town's historical commission is trying to find those answers so the marker can be returned to its original spot.

"It's all a big mystery," said Jodi Purdy-Quinlan, a member of the commission. "I guess it was just forgotten about. It's a historic marker and it's im-

MARKER/PAGE 4

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