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For Romney, it's will-he-or-won't-he time

Ex-governor considering a run for US Senate in Utah

By Matt Viser
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WASHINGTON — Does a 70-year-old former presidential nominee really want to be the junior senator from Utah? To take office as one of the oldest first-time United States senators in history? Give up a life of water-skiing, ice cream, and grandkids for one of subcommittee hearings, roll-call votes, and partisan bickering? Well, yes. Maybe. Rumors persist over whether Mitt Romney

may run for US Senate next year in Utah, and some people close to the former Massachusetts governor and 2012 Republican presidential nominee say that he isn't ruling out a bid for the seat. "He has mixed feelings," said one Romney adviser who pegged the likelihood of a run at 30 percent or 40 percent.

There are a number of considerations Romney is mulling, and no one expects him to get into the race if Senator Orrin Hatch, the seven-term senator, decides to run for reelection. But if Hatch, who is 83, decides to retire, Romney is un-

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Mitt and Ann Romney, at a Capitol Hill event.

Secret donors, record penalty

Pro-charter school group fined for 2016 campaign

By Michael Levenson
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A wealthy New York organization that poured \$15 million into last year's unsuccessful ballot question to expand charter schools in Massachusetts was hit Monday with the largest fine in state campaign history after officials found the group was illegally hiding the identities of its donors.

Families for Excellent Schools-Advocacy, a nonprofit that was the single largest funder behind Question 2 in Massachusetts, was slapped with a \$426,466 fine, the largest in the 44-year history of the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

The group was also forced to reveal its donors — showing it was anonymously receiving major checks from two Baker administration officials and numerous wealthy contributors from the world of high finance in Massachusetts, New York, and other states.

The newly revealed donor list showed the group received checks from Amos B. Hostetter Jr., the former cable television

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An epic path of destruction

Hurricane Irma began lashing the beaches of Barbados late Tuesday. By the time the storm started to break apart across the Southeast of the United States late Monday, it had battered Florida and devastated several Caribbean islands, leveling much of St. Martin and Barbuda. Coverage: A2, A4, B3.



St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands



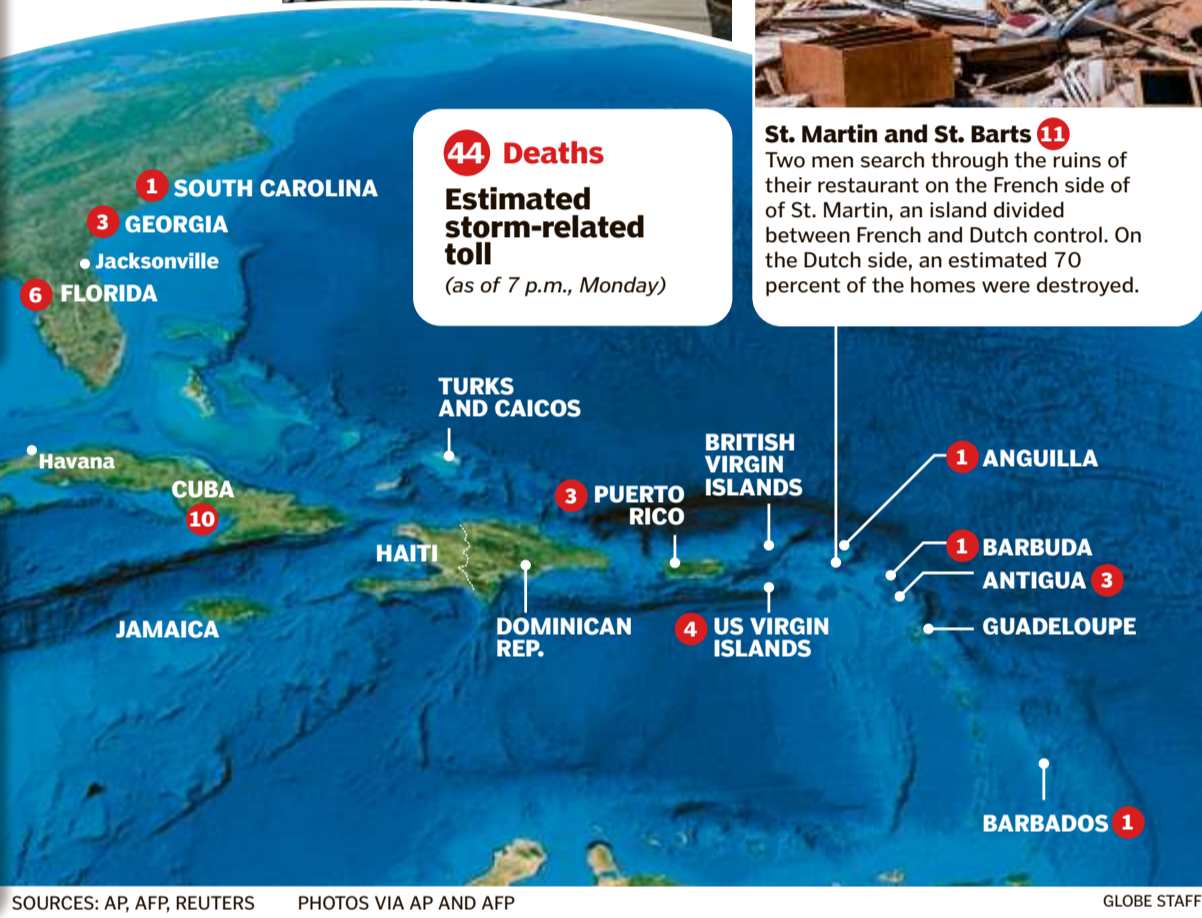
St. Martin and St. Barts 11
Two men search through the ruins of their restaurant on the French side of St. Martin, an island divided between French and Dutch control. On the Dutch side, an estimated 70 percent of the homes were destroyed.



Jacksonville
"This neighborhood has not flooded in at least 51 years"



Havana



Warren voices doubt on Army nominee

By Christopher Rowland
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WASHINGTON — Senator Elizabeth Warren is expressing doubts about President Trump's nominee to be secretary of the Army, a decorated veteran who has spent the last seven years as Raytheon's top lobbyist in Washington.



Mark Esper has been a top lobbyist for Raytheon.

Warren said in an interview that nominee Mark Esper's role attempting to influence policy for one of the nation's top five defense contractors raises questions about his suitability to lead the Army. As its top civilian, Esper would have broad authority over the Army's weapons purchases and budgets. Despite her public misgivings, Warren — who has established a mixed track record on Pentagon nominees from defense companies — said she is not prepared to oppose Esper. Her cautious approach is notable given her highly outspoken stances in the past against some Wall Street executives picked for government.

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RECALLING THE PAIN, 16 YEARS LATER



SUZANNE KREITER/GLOBE STAFF

Volunteers placed 3,000 flags on the Weston Town Green to commemorate those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The event, which included a tolling of a church bell for the victims, was one of hundreds around the nation. A8, B1.

A horrifying account of four murders

Suspect used bat to kill caretaker, kin, DA says

By Maria Cramer
GLOBE STAFF

GROTON — Orion Krause, the 22-year-old Oberlin College graduate accused of four counts of murder, apparently used a baseball bat to kill his mother, his grandparents, and their caretaker at a home here last week, prosecutors said Monday.

The victims in the quadruple homicide were identified by Middlesex District Attorney Marian T. Ryan as Krause's mother, Elizabeth Krause, 60; her parents, F. Danby Lackey III, 89, and his wife, Elizabeth Lackey, 85; and their caretaker, Bertha Mae Parker, 68, a health aide who had recently begun caring for the elderly couple.



Orion Krause is accused in the slayings in Groton.

Krause was ordered held without bail in the slayings and was committed to Bridgewater State Hospital, a psychiatric facility run by the Department of Corrections, so that doctors can evaluate whether he is competent to stand trial. Krause pleaded not guilty.

The killings have shaken this small town. SLAYINGS, Page A10

POINT OF VIEW:

RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON

'This tinderbox is too dangerous to ignore, or to address with one-sided bluster. The United States needs a sustained strategic and diplomatic effort to restrain Iranian adventurism.' A13.

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In the news

Running marathons has become an obsession in China, and sports officials are looking to Boston as a guide for holding such races. C1.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, in a temporary order, allowed the Trump administration to exclude most refugees from entering the United States. A11.

The United Nations again tightened sanctions against North Korea, but the compromise fell far short of the penalties the Trump administration had demanded. A3.

The state agrees to a contract for major work on the Tobin Bridge starting next year. B1.

Summer reruns

Tuesday: Warmer, sunny. High 83-88, low 60-65.
Wednesday: More clouds. High 79-84, low 63-68.
High tide: 4:16, 4:37.
Sunrise: 6:21. Sunset: 6:59.
Complete report, C6.

Dr. Daniel Federman died at 89. The longtime dean at Harvard Medical School was known for his eloquence. B7.

Suspect arraigned in Methuen hit and run that killed girl. B1.

Adults get set to go back-to-school shopping (for themselves)

By Janelle Nanos
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On Thursday morning, as children all over the region prepped for the new school year, John Fletcher was busy trying on his back-to-school outfit. He and his wife, Marybeth, admired the fit of his new blue blazer and Oxford shirt, and how well it paired with a new striped tie.

But as an 81-year retiree, he admitted that his ensemble had nothing to do with actually setting foot in a classroom.

"There has always been something special about the first day of school," said Fletcher, who spent more than 50 years as a teacher and

principal in the Dartmouth School District. "It is a new beginning, and the excitement of that first day of school demands a new look."

The onset of fall can prompt a variety of emotional responses among shoppers. For harried K-12 parents, it's a mad scavenger hunt to check all the items off the must-have list. For college students, it's the gleeful independence that comes with outfitting a dorm room. Fashion aficionados hail the arrival of New York Fashion Week, Vogue's Bible-thick September issue, and the appearance of the newest runway trends in stores.

And for a subset of the population who might be otherwise uninterested in shopping throughout

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