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# Hope fades to a stark conclusion: No survivors from Kennedy crash



From her perch on Moshup Beach yesterday, Katherine Batty, 20, peered out at the surf off Aquinnah, where some debris from the plane crash has washed up.

## Searchers shift focus to wreckage recovery

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Forty-eight hours after John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane plunged into the ocean off Martha's Vineyard, federal officials last night ended their search for survivors, effectively declaring Kennedy, his wife, and her sister the victims of a fatal crash.

The move came in the form of an announcement by Coast Guard officials that the intensive, multiagency mission had shifted from "search and rescue" to "search and recovery," a bureaucratic way of saying hope had ended of finding them alive.

"This is not the result that we were looking for. This is not the result we were hoping for," said Coast Guard Rear Admiral Richard Larrabee. "We did everything we possibly could to find survivors from this incident."

Meanwhile, Larrabee said divers from the Massachusetts State Police would begin work today investigating two "potential targets" identified by sophisticated sonar as unusual objects on the ocean floor.

He cautioned that, based on the information available last night, the targets "don't in any way represent the location of an aircraft or parts of it." He said the objects were in 60 to 80 feet of water.

Larrabee said the decision to end the rescue efforts was made in consultation with the National Transportation Safety Board and had been communicated to Kennedy's family and the family of his passengers: his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her sister, Lauren Bessette.

"I've spent some very painful moments with the family," Larrabee said. SEARCH, Page A9

## JFK Jr.'s decisions

# Second-guessing along flight route

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Just after dusk on Friday, John F. Kennedy Jr., hobbled by a broken foot, limped to the flight line of a small airport in Fairfield, N.J., to inspect his Piper Saratoga HP plane.

Satisfied with the plane's condition, Kennedy eased himself into the left pilot's seat and prepared for the routine 125-mile flight to Martha's Vineyard. His wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, and her older sister, Lauren Bessette, climbed aboard the six-seat plane.

The engine turned. The instruments came to life. Within minutes, the powerful single-engine plane roared down Runway 22 and climbed into the hazy evening sky. No one has seen it since.

Although his trip to Massachusetts was routine, the series of decisions Kennedy made that night — flying a complex aircraft without a flight plan, choosing not to have his flight instructor accompany him in marginal FLIGHT, Page A10

## In the aftermath

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**Nation's reaction:** At sacred sites and secular byways around the country, Americans again are transfixed by a tragedy in the Kennedy family. A11. Coverage, A8-12.

## Lasting images

# To younger generation, a regular-guy icon

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He was young, handsome, athletic, always seen with a gorgeous woman at his side. He lived in the hippest quarter of Manhattan, chased by insatiable paparazzi as he rollerbladed his way through a fantasy life.

"They had a really beautiful life," said Andrina Williams, 26, of Boston. "It's a bit of a fantasy for everyone."

For a generation of Americans now entering their golden years, President John F. Kennedy was a defining figure, an icon who embodied the idealism of public service and the tragedy of hopes cruelly dashed.

To a new generation of Americans, born long after Camelot and Dallas 1963, the initials JFK are no less potent. But to these younger men and women, the slain president's son endured as a different kind of icon. To them, he was less of an epic hero and more a lifestyle star. Where many saw President Kennedy as a transcendent national leader, people in their 20s interviewed in Boston yesterday described John Jr. with few of the Olympian adjectives still used wistfully by their parents.

Indeed, some members of a generation often derided as shiftless and underachieving seemed to appreciate John Jr.'s life of career angst and blithe city living. Winthrop resident John Munson, 26, compared Kennedy to actor Matthew Per- GENERATION, Page A12

# It took more than luck to win homebuyer's lottery in Easton

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EASTON — In 1995, Mark Clark got every homebuyer's dream deal: He paid just \$80,500 for a handsome new colonial home on a secluded cul-de-sac even though its market value was \$180,000.

Clark was one of 14 winners drawn by lottery from a pool of more than 100 would-be homeowners in a program designed to help families earning less than \$33,000 a year break into the housing market.

But unlike other winners, Clark apparently had more than good luck going for him. The rules of the lottery were al-

tered several times to make him a winner, according to a Globe review of lottery documents and the sworn statement of the consultant hired to run the lottery.

Clark bought his house from Matthew A. Welch, Easton's largest homebuilder, whose building proposals have long enjoyed the unwavering support from Clark's father, Selectman Frederick W. Clark.

It was Welch who allowed Mark Clark to alter his application months after the lottery in a way that would guarantee Clark a house, according to consultant Mark C. O'Hagan. O'Hagan also said in a sworn statement that Selectman Clark interceded on behalf of his son. And Selectman Clark, in an interview, acknowledged SPOTLIGHT, Page B4



**Perfect game:** The Yankees' David Cone (exulting at center) pitches a 6-0 gem against the Expos.  
**Red Sox win slugfest:** Boston beats Florida, 11-9, despite Pedro Martinez' worst outing of the year.  
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**Paul Lawrie wins British Open:** Jean Van de Velde and Justin Leonard fall in a four-hole playoff. Stories, D1.

# Taipei's move on 'one China' reflects changed party, public

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TAIPEI — For 50 years, the leaders of mainland China and Taiwan have agreed on one thing, and one thing only: that the island of Taiwan is an inalienable part of China.

But as years have passed, the governments of Beijing and Taipei have followed radically divergent paths, making the notion of one nation little more than a fiction. Communist China has mushroomed in global power and influence and slowly liberalized its economy, but retained a repressive, one-party rule. Tiny Taiwan emerged as a capitalist success story and a spirited democracy, leaving behind its authoritarian past. Along the way, the

"one China" line that both sides have toed came to mask an ever-expanding divide across the 100-mile wide Taiwan Strait.

Half a century after a civil war between Communists and Nationalists drove the losers to the island of Taiwan, many Taiwanese feel profoundly alienated from the place mainland China has become. Even those who long for reunification do not want to live under communism, and Taiwanese who visit the mainland often return disillusioned with China and disparaging of mainlanders as poor, unsophisticated, and uncouth.

For over 40 years, the United States has been Taiwan's number one trade partner and the major influence on Taiwanese society, and in countless ways, TAIWAN, Page A6

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