

Artery project facing major cost overruns

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Cost overruns on a single Big Dig construction contract near South Station could exceed \$100 million, an increase of more than 25 percent, according to sources familiar with claims submitted by the company doing the work.

If those claims for extra work are verified and paid at the rate the project has experienced so far, that alone would increase the total Central Artery-Ted Williams Tunnel costs by at least \$50 million. And there are also large claims by many of the scores of other contractors working on the mega-project.

Perini Kiewit Cashman — a team of companies building the northbound underground lanes of the new Central Artery under Atlantic Avenue — has submitted the more than \$100 million in monetary claims, sources familiar with the costs of the \$1.8 billion construction job said this week.

The claims, or “change orders,” are mostly tied to unexpected excavation and construction problems in the tight Atlantic Avenue corridor between South Station and the edge of the Leather District.

The company’s original bid, in early 1995, was \$378 million for construction of
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Big Board looks to offer stock in itself

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The world’s largest stock market is about to issue stock in itself.

Taking its cue from the longest bull market in US history and boffo initial public offerings, the New York Stock Exchange may become a publicly traded corporation in November.

NYSE Chairman Richard Grasso said yesterday that the 207-year-old Big Board needs to raise cash to buy an electronic trading network and invest in technology.

“I fully expect that you and I, at Thanksgiving, will be looking at the trading of a New York Stock Exchange stock,” Grasso told Bloomberg News, in an interview in Washington yesterday. “I’ve not heard any significant internal opposition.”

The shares would be sold simultaneously to the NYSE’s 1,366 members and to the public in an initial public offering on the Big Board itself, NYSE spokesmen said.

Competition from about a dozen electronic communication networks, or ECNs, which trade stocks electronically away
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‘So like his father’

Sen. Kennedy eulogizes JFK Jr. with poetic mix of humor and anguish

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NEW YORK — A nationwide week of mourning for John F. Kennedy Jr. came to a quiet end yesterday as 350 of his close friends and relatives assembled in a Manhattan church to say their formal farewells, while about 1,000 people stood solemnly outside under a broiling sun to pay their respects.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, the uncle who has served as a surrogate father to so many Kennedy children, eulogized John Jr. — the 38-year-old publisher, philanthropist, and man-about-town viewed by many as the heir to Camelot — in a 10-minute speech full of fond memories, anguish, and humor.

“He had a legacy, and he learned to treasure it,” the senator said at the memorial Mass, which also paid tribute to John Jr.’s wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy. “He accepted who he was, but he cared more about what he could and should become. . . . And he could laugh at the absurdity of too much pomp and circumstance.”

He remembered when John Jr. once was asked what he would do if he went into politics and was elected president, and he replied, “I guess the first thing is call up Uncle Teddy and gloat.”

“I loved that,” Kennedy said. “It was so like his father.”

He ended on a more solemn note, paraphrasing a Yeats poem about a man who died young. “We dared to think, in that other Irish phrase, that this John Kennedy would live to comb gray hair. . . . But like his father, he had every gift but length of years.”

After the eulogy, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg, John Jr.’s sister, stood and hugged the senator.

According to a spokesman for the family, Caroline
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Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg and her daughter, Tatiana, leave the Church of St. Thomas More after yesterday’s Mass.



Crash probe: The Navy has completed recovery of the wreckage of the A10.
Farewell: The complete text of Senator Edward M. Kennedy’s eulogy in New York. A12.

REAL ANGUISH FOR A LIFE MADE MYTHIC

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He was forced into valor before he could comprehend the word, a 3-year-old saluting his father’s casket in what had to be one of the saddest farewells in history. No one should have to be so brave so young, and, just as important, nobody’s young bravery should be subject to so much public scrutiny. But John F. Kennedy Jr.’s life had the makings and the lure of myth from the moment that tragic gesture of a child was captured on film

— giving us an image from Nov. 25, 1963, that came to signify not only the death of American idealism but the innocence that had to witness its demise.

Now, like Icarus descending, the boy has fallen from the sky. The hearts broken by a president’s assassination nearly 36 years ago

Commentary in Dallas have felt the tug of memory this week like an old soldier’s war wounds, and that return to sorrow explains some of the country’s current outpouring of grief. If John Fitzgerald Kennedy

had to die at the perilously early age of 46, how could the gods have let the son — still so young and unafraid — fly so close to the sun? There is a cruelty inherent in any child’s death, but when the loss of the father has already taken on the proportions of classical sacrifice, the loss of the child may simply seem too much to bear.

And yet many of the most private and wrenching aspects of the plane accident have been blurred or obscured from the moment the first camera began rolling and the first commentator started waxing eloquent. If in

1963 we were a nation unified by television — by its ability to bring us that unforgettable funeral cortege, that riderless black horse — we were also still enamored of the magical powers of a new, untarnished medium. Celebrity belonged to movie stars and stateliness to presidents, and movie stars hadn’t yet decided to *become* presidents. But one dark, unavoidable legacy of the Kennedy years was the mixing of fame and nobility, with the alchemy of TV confusing the two and suggesting that one ensured the other.

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Tern tide: N.H. sees a shorebird comeback

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SEAVEY ISLAND, N.H. — The first time he ventured among the nesting terns, Drew Trested looked like a victim from Alfred Hitchcock’s classic horror movie “The Birds.”

The second that the young biologist stepped into the grass where the birds were tending their young, the terns took to the air, screeching and pinwheeling around him in a blur of white feathers and sharp orange beaks. When he knelt to put metal identification bands on the fluffy little chicks, terns pecked him on the head so much that his hair was matted with blood.

Adding insult to injury, they bombed him with hot white droppings, too.

Yet, Trested, though sore, was happy. The terns, driven by gulls and human development from their home
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Biologists Dan Hayward (left) and Drew Trested walk on Seavey Island, N.H.

Marines drilled on fighting harassment, abuse of women

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WASHINGTON — When Gunnery Sergeant George Vukovich learned he had to attend a two-day seminar on sexual harassment, the Marine of 17 years shrugged and thought it was just more civilian interference in the military’s warrior ways.

But it didn’t take long to change his mind.

After course instructors asked Vukovich and other Marines to consider their response if they witnessed a woman being hit by a fellow member of the military or heard a friend insulted about the size of her breasts, the gunnery ser-

geant thought about his 14-year-old daughter.

“At first, I thought this was all crap,” he said. “I’m an infantry man. We don’t deal with those issues. But I changed my mind afterward. I thought: ‘This could be my daughter. And as a father, I’m going to use all means available to stop it.’”

Vukovich, 38, is one of thousands of Marines on at least 19 US military bases worldwide since 1996 to go through the Mentors in Violence Prevention program, which teaches men how to help prevent rape, battery, and sexual harassment.

Founded in 1993 at Northeastern
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World

Moroccan king dies
King Hassan II, who worked for Mideast peace, died yesterday of a heart attack at 70. A2.



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Charged
Two child care workers who were supervising a girl just before she was pulled unconscious from a pond in Milton have been accused of neglect.

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Mortgage break
Those who buy a home with less than a 20 percent down payment can expect to save on private mortgage insurance.

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New wave
Around Cape Cod, in large lakes, and on rivers where speedboats chalk the water, wakeboarding is catching on.

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American tour
For 11 straight days, US cyclist Lance Armstrong has held onto the leader’s jersey in the Tour de France.

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