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TODAY: Partly sunny, breezy.
High 59-64. Low 44-49.
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High 59-64. Low 45-50.
HIGH TIDE: 4:52 a.m. 5:34 p.m.
SUNRISE: 5:29 a.m. SUNSET: 7:53 p.m.
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In the news

The swollen Mississippi River forced hundreds from their homes in Memphis, while officials downstream in Louisiana opened floodgates to relieve pressure on levees. **A2.**

Syria's military detained hundreds of people across the country as the crackdown on protesters continued. **A3.**

Mayor Setti Warren of Newton announced his candidacy for US Senate, becoming the fourth Democrat to enter the race for the seat held by Republican Scott Brown. **B1.**

Hospital and community health center workers are stepping up efforts to enroll some 3,300 uninsured children under the state's universal health care law. **B1.**

Waltham-based biotech Alkermes Inc. will purchase Elan Drug Technologies of Ireland in a \$960 million transaction and move its headquarters to Dublin. **B5.**



Face transplant recipient Dallas Wiens had a poignant visit from his 4-year-old daughter, a milestone in his progress since his surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital. **B1.**

Republicans want trillions of dollars in spending cuts in return for backing an increase in the debt limit, House Speaker John A. Boehner said. **A6.**

Comcast Corp. defended its basic cable price for Boston, calling the market highly competitive, as Mayor Thomas M. Menino petitioned for the right to set the rate himself. **B5.**

Renewable energy could supply 80 percent of the world's needs by 2050 if governments overhaul their approach to power, a UN climate panel concluded. **A4.**

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THOMAS W. SIMONS JR.

"The Islamist era may hopefully be drawing to a close in the Islamic heartlands; Pakistan stands at the head of the tunnel. And since Pakistan remains central to so many American interests, the United States will need to stand with it in its travail." **A11.**

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JOSH REYNOLDS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Joyce and Bill Cummings of Winchester have signed the Giving Pledge to donate half their money.

Signing away half their fortune

Bill and Joyce Cummings are first in Bay State to take billionaires pledge

By Calvin Hennick
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Bill and Joyce Cummings don't live on a sprawling estate, own a jet, or otherwise flaunt their wealth, but the Winchester couple will soon start acting more like billionaires Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates.

Earlier this month, the Cummingses became the first people in Massachusetts to sign the Giving Pledge, promising to donate at least half of their fortune to charity. The pledge was established last year by Buffett and the Gateses to encourage the super-rich to share their wealth. Signing it "was a pretty easy thing for

us to do," Bill Cummings, 74, said in an interview. "It's what we've expected to do for a long time."

Indeed, the decision was in keeping with the couple's history of giving. Their Cummings Foundation, created in 1986, has grown to be one of the largest philanthropic foundations in the state.

"They've almost behaved as if the money really wasn't theirs from the very beginning," said Lawrence Bacow, president of Tufts University, whose institution has benefited from their generosity.

"They've been stewards for it."
David Leland, a friend and financial adviser to the Cummingses, said many of

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Among the top charitable foundations in Massachusetts

By assets (in millions)

Barr Foundation Dec. 2009	\$966
Cummings Foundation 2011	\$903
Boston Foundation 2011	\$796
Yawkey Foundation Dec. 2010	\$505
Edward C. Johnson Fund Nov. 2010	\$355

Note: Numbers represent the most recent available figures for each foundation.

SOURCE: The foundations GLOBE STAFF

Businesses pass along the price of fuel

Companies adding, increasing surcharge

By Erin Ailworth
GLOBE STAFF

Businesses of all sorts — from shippers to dry cleaners — are tacking on or raising surcharges to offset their high fuel costs, hitting consumers already squeezed between surging gas and food prices, and slow-growing wages.

Over the past several weeks, UPS and FedEx, which have longstanding surcharges that track fuel prices, have increased these fees for ground shipping to 8.5 percent from 6.5 percent. At Gentle Giant Moving Co. of Somerville, officials estimate the fuel surcharge, a flat fee charged per truck per day, adds about \$32 per day to the average move.

Peapod, Stop & Shop's grocery delivery service, institutes a 28 cent surcharge for fuel whenever gas rises above \$2.75 a gallon, and then increases it by 10 cents for each subsequent 10 cent increase in gas prices. The surcharge, added to delivery fees, is approaching \$1.50 locally.

"That really doesn't cover, necessarily, everything for us, but it helps us," said



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Daniel Tewflik of MyBike Online, which has added a \$5 "redelivery fee."

Peapod spokeswoman Elana Margolis. "Otherwise we're in the hole."

The jump in energy costs — already blamed in part for higher food prices — is

likely to slow the lackluster recovery. Consumer spending drives about 70 percent of US economic activity. Researchers

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Pakistan identifies top CIA officer

Leak angers US, escalates tension following raid

By Jane Perlez
NEW YORK TIMES

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — For the second time in five months, Pakistani officials have angered the CIA by tipping the news media to the identity of the US station chief in Islamabad, a deliberate effort to complicate the work of the spy agency in the aftermath of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, American officials said.

The leak demonstrated the tilt toward a near-adversarial relationship between the CIA and the Pakistani spy agency, the Inter Services Intelligence Directorate, or ISI, since the bin Laden raid. It appeared to be intended to show the leverage the Pakistanis retain over American interests in the country, both sides said.

In an address before Parliament yesterday, Prime Minister Yousaf Gilani made clear that Pakistani officials at the highest levels accepted little responsibility for the fact that bin Laden was able to hide in their country for years.

Instead, Gilani condemned the United States for a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and called the Al Qaeda leader's presence in Pakistan an intelligence failure of the "whole world."

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Gingrich joining race, staking turf

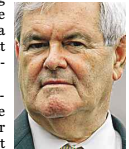
Will head to Iowa; N.H. appeal uncertain

By Matt Viser
GLOBE STAFF

WASHINGTON — Newt Gingrich signaled yesterday that he is running for president, giving the wide-open GOP field a conservative packing considerable name recognition but also a personal history that could hobble his candidacy in some states.

Gingrich, the former speaker of the House best known for his tiffs with President Clinton over budgets and personal foibles, will be the first high-profile GOP contender to officially enter the race. The announcement will come tomorrow, Gingrich said yesterday on social networking websites.

Some national polls have shown him near the front-runners among expected GOP candidates. But in the crucial first-in-



Gingrich will go on Fox News.

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In signing the Giving Pledge, the Cummings joined a group of 69 wealthy American individuals and couples, including such familiar names as Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City, filmmaker George Lucas, corporate raider Carl Icahn, and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

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See who else has billionaire status in Massachusetts at www.boston.com/business.

Bill Cummings said he was raised to be thrifty. The family's first home, in Medford, was a one-bedroom apartment over a liquor store.

"My dad was a house painter, and he worked hard for his money," he said.

Neighbors describe Bill and Joyce Cummings as well-known in Winchester, well-liked, and unassuming. "They do not live to show their money," Leland said. "Their goal for the last 25 years has been to see how much money they can make to give away to the causes they care about."

In about 1966, Bill Cummings paid \$10,000 for his first business, a company that supplied fruit punch to colleges and health care institutions. In the early 1970s, he sold it for just more than \$1 million.

Over the years he's been involved in other businesses — for example, he founded and was publisher of three community newspapers — but Cummings made his fortune in commercial real estate. By 2005, when he stepped down from the day-to-day management of his development company, Cummings Properties LLC in Woburn, it was taking in more than \$90 million a year in leasing fees from a combined 8 million square feet of commercial space, mostly along Route 128.



JOSH REYNOLDS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Bill and Joyce Cummings donate to causes and organizations through their foundation.

Although he no longer draws a salary, he still visits the company's headquarters in Woburn, where he sometimes sweeps the sidewalk out front.

Through the Cummings Foundation, the couple has made donations to various causes and organizations, including a \$50 million commitment to Tufts

'It's what we've expected to do for a long time.'

BILL CUMMINGS

University's veterinary school, which now bears their name.

They have donated much of their commercial real estate to the foundation. Today, it has about \$903 million in assets.

Once that total hits \$1 billion — probably within two years — the couple intends to cap its growth and use any surplus money to fund a second foundation, which will make grants to community groups. Bill Cummings said he doesn't know how much it will give or who will get those funds, but the money will proba-

bly stay close to home.

"It will be more local, more New England, than the rest of the world," he said. The goal, he said, is to eventually donate 90 percent of the family fortune to good causes.

Many of the causes the couple targeted are connected to their personal lives. For example, in 1989 they started the nonprofit New Horizons assisted living center in Woburn as a way to contribute to the town where they built their business success. They later started a similar facility in Marlborough, and over the years have invested about \$30 million in the two centers.

To honor a colleague who died at an early age, the couple set up a scholarship program that has given away \$1.9 million since 1997.

And inspired by a 2009 trip to Israel, they decided to commit \$10 million to fund Holocaust and genocide education programs at colleges and universities, including Tufts. During their visit, the Cummings heard Holocaust survivor Eliezer Ayalon speak at the Yad Vashem museum of the Holocaust in Jerusalem.

The decision to get involved in educating students about the

Holocaust was made on the flight home from Israel, said Joyce Cummings. "We looked at each other and said, 'We have to do something. We can't just go back home to our happy-go-lucky life,'" she said.

Dennis Clarke, chief executive of Cummings Properties, said the couple has never sought to call attention to their charitable efforts. "They do it because they want to, and I think it genuinely makes them very happy to do good work," he said.

Take the Beacon Grille, a restaurant established by the couple in Trade Center 128, a Cummings Properties development in Woburn.

All of the restaurant's profits are donated to charity; it supported a group of 20 students from New England who traveled to study at a community for orphaned youth in rural Rwanda, for example.

"There's a point at which it doesn't make any difference to earn more money. We are much more interested in doing things in the community," said Bill Cummings. "It's very satisfying to do good things with what you have."

Johnny Diaz of the Globe Staff contributed to this report.



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at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston estimate that each \$20 rise in the cost of a barrel of oil pushes the US unemployment rate two-tenths of a point higher than it otherwise would have been. The national jobless rate was 9 percent in April.

"To the extent that these service providers do raise fuel surcharges," said Chris Lafakis, an economist with Moody's Analytics in West Chester, Pa., "it will pass higher costs to consumers and discourage consumption."

While businesses may have included fuel surcharges on bills for some time, many consumers are only beginning to notice them as rising gas prices make consumers more attuned to increased costs elsewhere.

Wendy Goldstein Pierce, a Boston public relations consultant, said she started following gas prices about a month ago, when it took \$60 to fill her 2004 Toyota Highlander. About a week ago, she began noticing fuel surcharges tacked to bills, including a \$1.25 "energy charge" when her dry cleaning was delivered.

Pierce said she doesn't like the surcharges, but in light of high gas prices, "I can see how, as a business owner, that could cause an issue."

Though gasoline represents a small portion of household spending — about 5 percent — rising prices worry consumers, who react by spending cautiously. According to recent surveys, drivers have been buying less gas for months and are using public transit more.

Many consumers fear that whenever gas goes up, so will the costs of other goods and services, said Chris G. Christopher Jr., senior economist at Lexington forecasting firm IHS Global Insight. Fuel surcharges on a variety of bills can add to that concern.

"Higher gas prices, other than taking money out of people's pockets, also affect how they think about the economy," Christopher said. "It's not a good thing for the consumer. They are still plowing ahead, but not as fast as they would have been. [And



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LeRoy Watkins III, president of MyBike Online, said he added a "redelivery fee" because of gas prices.

now) they're scared that the price of clothing will go up."

Yesterday, crude closed at \$102.55 a barrel, up 5.5 percent since Friday, and nearly 22 percent since mid-February.

The average retail price of gas currently tops \$4 a gallon in more than a dozen states, according to AAA, and diesel is more costly. This week, a gallon of gas in Massachusetts is averaging nearly \$3.95, according to AAA of Southern New England. Diesel is nearly \$4.20.

Some businesses have been reluctant to impose a fuel surcharge. For example, Domino's Pizza Inc. says it hasn't done so because the "pizza industry is extremely competitive and consumers are price-sensitive."

But many businesses routinely tack on surcharges to cover fuel costs, including trucking companies, airlines, and Internet vendors. Some firms, however, are imposing fuel-related surcharges for the first time.

MyBike Online, a South Boston bike rental and repair shop, offers pick-up and drop-off services. It recently added a \$5 "redelivery fee" if employees show up and customers aren't home.

"We were giving up all this gas," said the company president, LeRoy J. Watkins III. Customers now get this warning: "Miss your delivery and there is a \$5 redelivery fee purely because of gas."

Whether to charge extra for fuel is a complicated business decision — especially for smaller

firms in competitive markets, said Christopher. Many business owners see such fees as a way to protect profit margins without raising base prices.

Surcharges are also likely to be accepted by consumers, who tend to view them as temporary, economists said. Nonetheless, customers still have to pay more, and firms run the risk that the added costs will send customers to competitors.

"Businesses, they struggle with this type of thing. They're getting squeezed [and] they're going to have to increase their prices to cover their costs," Christopher said. "But they have to make sure they're not the first one to do it or they'll see a loss in business."

At Gentle Giant, chief financial officer Ronald Zahn estimates the mover's diesel costs will jump 33 percent this year to \$1 million. He said he constantly reevaluates the company's fuel surcharge with its sales team, but as with most businesses, the surcharges don't cover all of the increased costs — especially when prices rise quickly. Diesel has jumped more than \$1 a gallon in recent weeks.

"We're probably recouping about 75 percent of the increase," said Zahn. "In general, the vast majority of customers understand it. They don't like it, but they understand it."

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