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February 4, 2020

Adam Steinbaugh
Director, Individual Rights Defense Program
510 Walnut Street, Suite 1250
Philadelphia, PA 09106

Re: January 11, 2020 Request for Records Babson College/Asheen Phansey 1-4-20 to 1-11-20

Dear Mr. Steinbaugh,

The Department of State Police ("Department") has received your request for

1. Any messages (including emails, voicemails, faxes, social media messages, letters, or other messages) received by the Massachusetts State Police between January 4, 2020 and January 11, 2020 which relate to either Babson College or Asheen Phansey.
2. Any police reports, incident reports, or other reports generated by the Massachusetts State Police between January 4, 2020 and January 11, 2020, which relate to Babson College or Asheen Phansey.

The Department considers your request as a submission under G.L. c. 66, §10, the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

With respect to your request for item #1, the Department has conducted a diligent search of its records and was able to locate a series of emails. The emails are enclosed on a CD-R which contains fourteen separate PDF documents and one email document. The Department has redacted one of the emails labeled "Fwd_Mass State Police Mental Health App_Redacted." In that email, the Department has redacted the private email address and cell phone number of a Trooper and a cell phone number of a member of Babson College. These items have been redacted pursuant to G.L. c. 4, §7, cl. 26 (c), which exempts from public disclosure "personnel and medical files or information;

also any other materials or data relating to a specifically named individual, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The Department asserts that this information is personnel information and is data relating to a specific individual, the disclosure of which may constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The Department further asserts that the private email address and cell phone number of the Trooper are exempt from disclosure pursuant to G.L. c. 4, §7, cl. 26 (o), which applies to the home address, personal email address and home telephone number of an employee of... in the custody of a government agency which maintains records identifying persons as falling within those categories...”

With respect to your request for item #2, the Department has conducted a diligent search of its records and is unable to locate any records responsive to your request.

You have the right of administrative appeal to the Supervisor of Public Records set forth in 950 C.M.R. 32.08, a copy which is available at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/case-legal-res/law-lib/laws-by-source/cmr/>. You have the right to seek judicial review of an unfavorable decision from the Supervisor of Public Records in superior court in accordance with M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A.

Sincerely,



Keith A. Paquette

Legal Counsel

Massachusetts State Police

470 Worcester Road

Framingham, MA 01702

Tel: (508)-820-2348

Enclosures:

-CD-R

From: [Rick Sobey](#)
To: [Procopio, David \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Boston Herald inquiry
Date: Wednesday, January 08, 2020 1:16:31 PM

Good afternoon Dave,

I hope your year is off to a great start.

Today we're seeking a statement from the Massachusetts State Police about a post from Babson College Director of Sustainability Asheen Phansey.

Here's a statement from Babson College today: "Babson College condemns any type of threatening words and/or actions condoning violence and/or hate. This particular post from a staff member on his personal Facebook page clearly does not represent the values and culture of Babson College. While we understand he has deleted the posts, we have immediately suspended him, with pay, pending the completion of our investigation. In addition, we are cooperating with local, state and federal authorities."

Is the Massachusetts State Police looking into this situation?

Thank you,
Rick Sobey
Boston Herald

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From: noreply@formstack.com
To: [MSP RAO \(POL\)](#)
Subject: MSP Public Records Request
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020 3:53:15 PM



Formstack Submission For: **MSP Public Records Request**

Submitted at 01/11/20 3:53 PM

Name:	Adam Steinbaugh
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From: [MSP RAO \(POL\)](#)
To: [MSP Legal Section \(POL\)](#)
Subject: FW: MSP Public Records Request
Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020 3:53:18 PM

From: noreply@formstack.com
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2020 3:53:09 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: MSP RAO (POL)
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From: [Matt Hoss](#)
To: [Proulx, Kenneth \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Mass State Police Mental Health App
Date: Tuesday, January 07, 2020 1:28:31 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shankar, Ganesan" <gshankar@babson.edu>
Date: January 6, 2020 at 4:51:57 PM EST
To: Matt Hoss <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Mass State Police Mental Health App

Hi Matt:

Sounds good. We are all set for Wed at 1:00pm.

Here is the Google maps link to the office building in Babson

<https://goo.gl/maps/na6FgJMRho2gmPdS9>

Once you come into Babson campus, there is a parking lot called Knight which is at the end of the main road in campus called Babson College Drive. You can see this on the map. Please park there and give me a call at [REDACTED] (my cell) and I will come and find/get you. I am guessing you won't need a parking pass (depending on what car you drive ☺) but if you need one, please let me know and I will have one ready.

My office is in Babson Hall, Room 325. If you have any other questions about getting here, please let me know.

Best regards,

Shankar

G. Shankaranarayanan (Shankar) | Professor | Director, Honors Program | Babson College | Office: Babson Hall 325
Phone: 781 239 4470 | Email: gshankar@babson.edu | <https://tinyurl.com/y59lj7wo> |

From: Matt Hoss <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Shankar, Ganesan <gshankar@babson.edu>
Subject: Re: Mass State Police Mental Health App

Hi Shankar,

1 pm on Wednesday will be great. Where should we meet you? We have not been on the campus before so I was wondering if you could direct us to where we need to go to meet you? Thank you and we look forward to meeting you!

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2020, at 11:10 AM, Shankar, Ganesan
<gshankar@babson.edu> wrote:

Hi Matt:

Sorry for the late response. Yes, 1/8 is fine to meet. Could we do 1:00pm instead of 12 or 12:30p?

Let me know. I can make 12:30p work as well with a bit of work.

Best regards,

Shankar

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From: Matt Hoss <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, January 4, 2020 5:16 PM

To: Shankar, Ganesan <gshankar@babson.edu>

Subject: Re: Mass State Police Mental Health App

Shankar,

That sounds great for 1/8 Wednesday. How about 12 or 1230? Or do you need a little later?

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2020, at 10:31 AM, Shankar, Ganesan
<gshankar@babson.edu> wrote:

Happy New Year to you and yours as well Matt.

Sure, 1/8 Wed sounds good to me. I have a meeting between 10:30 and 11:30a in Babson.

Could we meet after, in Babson?

Best regards,

Shankar

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From: Matt Hoss <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 9:05 AM

To: Shankar, Ganesan <gshankar@babson.edu>

Subject: Re: Mass State Police Mental Health App

Good morning Shankar!

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like to see if you are available next Wednesday 1/8 to meet with me and my partner Ken Proulx? If not we are also available on Friday 1/10. What time of the day would you be available?

Sincerely,
Matt

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 22, 2019, at 9:36 AM, Shankar, Ganesan <gshankar@babson.edu> wrote:

Matt:

Of course. We can do this after New Year. I am quite open on and after 1/3. Enjoy the break and when you get a chance, please let me know a date and time that works for you. Wishing you and yours a very happy and healthy New Year and a wonderful Holiday season.

With regards,
Shankar

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From: Matt Hoss <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Saturday, December 21, 2019 2:03 PM

To: Shankar, Ganesan
<gshankar@babson.edu>

Subject: Re: Mass State Police Mental Health App

Shankar,

Thank you so much. I would love to sit down with you and discuss this in further detail. Unfortunately this week I am

actually off for Christmas vacation, but I will be working all the following week. Would you have availability on either 1/1, 1/2, 1/3 or the following week I am wide open? Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Matt

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 21, 2019, at 7:45 AM,
Shankar, Ganesan
<gshankar@babson.edu>
wrote:

Dear Matt:

I am thrilled to connect with you and I am happy to meet with you to help discuss your app. Please let me know when we can meet.

I have a commitment on the 23rd Monday. I am free on 24th Tuesday (except between 10 and 11 am), I am free on Thursday and Friday (26 and 27) as well.

Please let me know what might work for you.

With regards,
Shankar

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From: Matt Hoss

<[REDACTED]>

Sent: Wednesday, December 18,

2019 2:01 PM

To: Shankar, Ganesan

[<gshankar@babson.edu>](mailto:gshankar@babson.edu)

Subject: Mass State Police Mental Health App

Hello Shankar,

I just wanted to reach out to you and introduce myself. My name is Matthew Hoss and I am a Trooper with the Massachusetts State Police. I am currently assigned to the Employee Assistance Unit (EAU), where I work as a peer counselor for State Troopers, their families and civilian employees who are in crisis. Specifically, I help those employees receive resources like counselors, treatment programs, overall health resources; and I work directly with any officer involved shootings or critical incidents. Joanna Tse gave me your information and advised me that you could be someone that could give me some guidance in my endeavors.

My partner and I are trying to create a mental health and wellness app that can be downloaded on your phone by any employee of our agency that can be immediately used for anyone in crisis or someone looking for resources. I have researched the apps that are out there and there is nothing truly like this for Law Enforcement. There is already an app that we would love to model ours after, but its solely for veterans. So we would love to create something like theirs, but for our brothers and sisters. I would love to chat more with you either in person or over the

phone one day to gain some
advice from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Trooper Matthew Hoss #3612
Employee Assistance Unit
Massachusetts State Police

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Matthew Hoss



From: [Twitter](#)
To: [Bennett, Marcy \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Donald J. Trump Tweeted: All is well! Missiles launched from Iran...
Date: Thursday, January 09, 2020 6:29:38 PM



Your Highlights

President Trump Retweeted

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Donald J. Trump
@realDonaldTrump

All is well! Missiles launched from Iran at two military bases located in Iraq. Assessment of casualties & damages taking place now. So far, so good! We have the most powerful and well equipped military anywhere in the world, by far! I will be making a statement tomorrow morning.

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Howie Carr
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Babson College professor suspended after urging Iran to list American cultural targets ANYONE KNOW THIS BUM'S NAME?

Babson professor suspended after urging Iran to list American cultural targets

A Babson professor was suspended, with pay, Wednesday, after he posted a status on Facebook —... [more](#)

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Wayne Dupree

@WayneDupreeShow

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Melania Trump

@FLOTUS

.@POTUS and I had a great visit with the Prime Minister of Greece, @kmitsotakis and @MarevaGrabowski at the @WhiteHouse yesterday.



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From: ["MSN | Outlook, Office, Skype, Bing, Breaking News, and Latest Videos"](#)

To:

Date: 1/9/2020 12:53:06 AM

Subject: Babson College staff member suspended over Facebook post

A staff member at Babson College is apologizing for an inflammatory Facebook post about the tensions with Iran that got him suspended. According to the Boston Herald, Tuesday's post suggested that Iran should publish a list of 52 American cultural sites that could be targeted for military strikes. The newspaper said the staffer's post suggested the Mall of America and the Kardashian residence. Sign up for our Newsletters Asheen Phanse, Babson's...

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From: [Camp, Alexander \(GOV\)](#)
To: [Camp, Alexander \(GOV\)](#)
Subject: Governor's Office Press Clips - 1.9.20
Date: Thursday, January 09, 2020 8:59:51 AM

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SHNS: [Meeting Focused on Early Voting Mechanics, Funding](#)

SHNS: [Property Transfer Fees Eyed for Affordable Housing](#)

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CommonWealth: [Backers coalesce behind real estate tax bill](#)

Valley Advocate: [With majorities in both Houses, ROE Act could expand abortion rights in Mass](#)

SHNS: [House Leaders Looking to Extend Simulcasting Until December](#)

Bay State Banner: [Undocumented license legislation stalled in House](#)

Opioids

Boston Globe: [Federal database of addiction providers outdated, study finds](#)

Vaping

Boston Globe: [Fourth person dies in Massachusetts from vaping](#)

SHNS: [Fourth Massachusetts Vaping-Related Death Announced](#)

Boston Herald: [Fourth vaping-related death confirmed in Massachusetts](#)

AP: [4th Massachusetts resident dies from vaping-related illness](#)

WLNE: [Health officials confirm fourth vape-related death in Massachusetts](#)

WBZ: [Massachusetts Confirms 4th Vaping-Related Death](#)

MassLive: [Cardiologist warns of health risks from vaping](#)

BBJ: [State public health officials say fourth person has died in vaping outbreak](#)

The Hill: [Massachusetts reports fourth vaping-related death](#)

ABC 10: [MA vape shop owners blame governor for struggles](#)

WGBH: [In Wake Of 4th Massachusetts Vaping Death, BU Doctor Says State Failing To Properly Inform The Public On Cause Of Illness](#)

MassLive: [Mass. DPH reveals 4th death related to vaping; 70-year-old Middlesex County man's death linked to THC vaping](#)

Channel 25: [DPH: Man in his 70s becomes 4th fatality from vaping-related illness](#)

Marijuana

AP: [Maine governor pardons tribal attorney for 1968 pot charge](#)

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NY Times: [New York will legalize marijuana in 2020, Cuomo vows](#)

Berkshire Eagle: [Lee pot shop credits preorders for booming business, limited traffic](#)

Transportation

Boston Globe: [Walsh challenges state officials to act on transportation in annual State of the City speech](#)

CommonWealth: [Brownsberger: Take two on reducing congestion](#)

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TCI

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Boston Herald: [Connecticut governor knocks TCI gas fee compact in setback for Gov. Baker](#)

Sun Chronicle: [Letter to the editor: Baker should be getting roads fixed, not raising taxes](#)

Climate Change/Environment

SHNS: [Maine Commission Certifies Hydro Project Sought by Mass.](#)

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Gloucester Daily Times: [Communities weigh closing off gas hookups](#)

MBTA

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Boston Globe: [Commuter rail officials say it appears Verizon system was culprit in Tuesday’s delays, cancellations](#)

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Standard-Times: [Planners to seek ideas for train-station neighborhoods](#)

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Boston Globe: [MBTA Red Line trains delayed due to ‘mechanical problem’ at JFK/UMass](#)

Health Care

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MassLive: [Largest-ever one-year decline in U.S. cancer death rate reported; advancements in lung tumor treatments credited](#)

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Iran

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WSJ: [Trump Signals No Further Military Strikes After Iran's Attack](#)

NY Times: [Ukraine Airline Crash in Iran Prompts Conflicting Statements](#)

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Elections

Boston Globe: [Auchincloss, Khazai top fund-raising in race to succeed Joe Kennedy](#)

Other

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To: [Sullivan, Kristen \(POL\)](#)
Subject: How two Massachusetts colleges are facing the same existential threat
Date: Friday, January 10, 2020 6:31:43 AM

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Expect ICE to visit, MIT tells faculty and staff, urging cooperation with visa checks » *Boston Globe* MIT on Thursday alerted its faculty and administrators that they should expect visits from federal immigration officials to check the status of foreign postdoctoral students, researchers, and visiting...

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At Harvard Law, reluctance to apply for clerkships with Trump-appointed judges » *Boston Globe* Used to be that the promise of earning a sterling line on a resume and connections to stars of the legal profession was enough to lure Harvard law students to federal clerkships....

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State's First Muslim American Mayor Takes Negative Comments In Stride » *WBUR* Sumbul Siddiqui is so new to her job as mayor of Cambridge that her office door doesn't have a plaque with her name on it yet....

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Westminster awarded \$125,000 grant to install fiber optic network in municipal buildings » *Sentinel & Enterprise* Westminster will soon be the recipient of a major state grant to help build a state-of-the-art fiber optic network to connect several public buildings....

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Chuck Turner memorialized as advocate, revolutionary » *Boston Globe* They sang songs by Stevie Wonder, recited Buddhist poems and Chinese proverbs, and shared stories of their time with the late former city councilor Charles Henry Turner II, better known as Chuck....

4th Congressional District Money Race: How Much Candidates Raised » *Brookline Patch* During the last three months of 2019, the six candidates already vying for a chance to take the Massachusetts District 4 Congressional seat that Joe Kennedy gives up next year hit the campaign trail h...

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Boston resident diagnosed with measles; Officials list potential exposure locations » *WCVB* A Northeastern University student who lives in Boston was diagnosed with measles Wednesday, the Boston Public Health Commission confirmed....

Boston emergency rooms are overflowing with flu patients, doctors say » *Boston Herald* The flu is hitting Massachusetts hard, according to federal health authorities, and swamped emergency room doctors are asking influenza patients to see their own physicians before coming in....

5 Online Retailers Banned From Selling Flavored Vapes in Mass. » *NBC Boston* A Massachusetts judge has granted a motion from the state attorney general's office to bar five online e-cigarette retailers from selling their products to state residents while a lawsuit against the ...

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Sticker shock: Property tax bills stir controversy in Easthampton » *Gazette*

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TCI club appears to be shrinking » *Commonwealth Magazine* Governors of Vermont, Connecticut raising concerns...

Route 128 needs land use leadership » *Commonwealth Magazine* The current plan for growth is just not working...

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Vermont governor knocks TCI climate compact gas fee » *Boston Herald* The multistate climate compact backed by Gov. Charlie Baker appears to be on fumes, with Vermont's governor the latest New England state leader to knock the deal saying a gas fee will penalize belea...

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Trahan Statement on Passage of War Powers Resolution » *Office of Congresswoman Lori Trahan*

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Children Need Amazing Parents, Not Discrimination » *Childrens Defense Fund*

Trump Administration Puts Public Health, Community Participation at Risk » *Union of Concerned Scientists*

Standard Charitable Trust Generously Awards \$10,000 to Children's Friend » *Seven Hills Foundation*

How Consumers are Using the West Virginia Collection Agency Act to File Class Actions » *New England Collectors Association*

Senator Markey: Trump Caves to Fossil Fuels in Roll-Back of Bedrock Environmental Protection Law » *Office of Senator Ed Markey*

Scholarships Available through the North Central Massachusetts Chamber Foundation » *North Central Mass. Chamber of Commerce*

The BBA Welcomes Suffolk County District Attorney's Office as a New Sponsor Member » *Boston Bar Association*

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New CPR & First Aid In Youth Sports Kit Aims To Teach Lifesaving Skills » *American Heart Association*

\$1 Million MassWorks Grant For West Newbury » *Tarr Talk*

Operation House Call Shares Findings Of Broad Alumni Survey » *The Arc of Mass.*

Stricter Lead Standards Needed to Protect New Hampshire Children » *Conservation Law Foundation*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Partner with MBTA to Increase Access to CharlieCards » *MBTA*

Equal Justice Coalition recognizes four law firms and UMass Law for Support of Legal Aid » *Equal Justice Coalition*

New England PBA Fully Supports WEP Reform » *New England Police Benevolent Association*

The Architecture of Time Photography Exhibition » *Boston Society of Architects*

Kathleen McDaniel named Senior Vice President, Chief People

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Boston Herald Is it too late for me to apply for an entry-level job at the University of Massachusetts? After perusing the latest UMass payroll, I am willing to start at the absolute bottom of the academic totem po...

Babson College staff member who posted about Iran says he was terminated »

Boston Herald The Babson College staff member suspended after posting on Facebook that Iran should list 52 American cultural sites it would attack says he has now been terminated from the school....

UMass Boston, small colleges join forces »

Boston Globe The University of Massachusetts Boston and six small area colleges are joining together to offer students a more affordable pathway to earning a graduate degree, while at the same time shoring up thei...

Hellenic College Holy Cross in Brookline placed on probation »

Boston Globe Hellenic College Holy Cross in Brookline has been placed on probation following concerns about the school's financial resources and planning, according to the school and an accreditor....

ENVIRONMENT

Wendell residents argue merits of 'forest protection' bill »

The Recorder Should Massachusetts' state forests be off limits to commercial logging? The Wendell Selectboard says no, but many residents say yes....

Conservation Law Foundation sues Wynn Resorts over idling of shuttle buses at casino »

Boston Globe The Conservation Law Foundation has followed through on its threat to sue Wynn Resorts after observing excessive idling among the shuttle buses that serve Wynn's new Encore Boston Harbor casino in E...

GAMING

Thousands of Kids Have Tried to Get into the Encore with Fake IDs »

Boston Magazine It's a constant battle to keep underage gamblers off the floor, officials say....

Encore plans to replace some behind-the-scenes bartenders with

machines » *Boston Globe* Encore Boston Harbor plans to replace some of its bartenders with machines that make drinks at the push of a button, a move that is part of a growing trend in the casino industry toward automating ser...

HEALTH CARE

Can Emergency Rooms Hold Psychiatric Patients Longer Than 3 Days? The Mass. High Court Will Decide » *New England Public Radio* The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court waded into the debate over psychiatric patients in hospital emergency rooms Thursday....

HUMAN SERVICES

Editorial: Everybody who asks for SNAP should get it » *Gazette Net* How about this? Instead of taking away the measly \$1.38 per meal that recipients of the Supplemental Food Assistance Program (SNAP) receive from the federal government, let's open this program to all ...

IMMIGRATION

Expect ICE to visit, MIT tells faculty and staff, urging cooperation with visa checks » *Boston Globe* MIT on Thursday alerted its faculty and administrators that they should expect visits from federal immigration officials to check the status of foreign postdoctoral students, researchers, and visiting...

JUDICIARY

At Harvard Law, reluctance to apply for clerkships with Trump-appointed judges » *Boston Globe* Used to be that the promise of earning a sterling line on a resume and connections to stars of the legal profession was enough to lure Harvard law students to federal clerkships....

LEGISLATIVE

Sex ed, school breakfast bills on state Senate's plate » *Gloucester Times* After an eight-week recess, the state Senate will spring back to life next week when it plans to take up two pieces of legislation concerning school breakfast for low-income students and comprehensive...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Walsh's plans hinge on a big if: Beacon Hill cooperation » *Boston Globe* The broad policy agenda Mayor Martin J. Walsh laid out this week to address the city's urgent challenges relies heavily on the cooperation of Beacon Hill, a high-stakes gamble even for a former stat...

Councilor Avellaneda Takes Council President in Close Vote: New Councillors Join Incumbents for the 2020-21 Session » *Chelse Record* At Monday night's organizational meeting, the council voted 6-5 to elect At-Large Councilor Roy Avellaneda as the new president over fellow At-Large Councilor

Damali Vidot, who has led the body fo...

State's First Muslim American Mayor Takes Negative Comments In Stride » *WBUR* Sumbul Siddiqui is so new to her job as mayor of Cambridge that her office door doesn't have a plaque with her name on it yet....

Pepperell Board of Health member claims his own board violated Open Meeting Law » *Lowell Sun* Grover Pillsbury's concerns over mobile home park permits have lead him to filing an open meeting law against the board of which he is a member....

Mansfield receiving \$236,880 in state funds to improve rail trail, pedestrian bridge » *Wicked Local Mansfield* Mansfield is receiving \$236,880 in state funds for improvements to the World War II Veterans Memorial Trail and the Rt. 106 pedestrian bridge....

Westminster awarded \$125,000 grant to install fiber optic network in municipal buildings » *Sentinel & Enterprise* Westminster will soon be the recipient of a major state grant to help build a state-of-the-art fiber optic network to connect several public buildings....

POLITICS

Chuck Turner memorialized as advocate, revolutionary » *Boston Globe* They sang songs by Stevie Wonder, recited Buddhist poems and Chinese proverbs, and shared stories of their time with the late former city councilor Charles Henry Turner II, better known as Chuck....

4th Congressional District Money Race: How Much Candidates Raised » *Brookline Patch* During the last three months of 2019, the six candidates already vying for a chance to take the Massachusetts District 4 Congressional seat that Joe Kennedy gives up next year hit the campaign trail h...

PUBLIC HEALTH

Boston resident diagnosed with measles; Officials list potential exposure locations » *WCVB* A Northeastern University student who lives in Boston was diagnosed with measles Wednesday, the Boston Public Health Commission confirmed....

Boston emergency rooms are overflowing with flu patients, doctors say » *Boston Herald* The flu is hitting Massachusetts hard, according to federal health authorities, and swamped emergency room doctors are asking influenza patients to see their own physicians before coming in....

5 Online Retailers Banned From Selling Flavored Vapes in Mass. » *NBC Boston* A Massachusetts judge has granted a motion from the state attorney general's office to bar five online e-cigarette retailers from selling their products to state residents while a lawsuit against the ...

Northeastern Student Diagnosed With Measles » *WBUR* Boston public health officials say a Northeastern University student diagnosed with measles may have

exposed others to the disease around campus, at nearby businesses and at Logan International Airpor...

STATE GOVERNMENT

Where are the women on the state's list of highest-paid workers? »

Boston Globe Every year when the comptroller releases salaries of state employees, we kvetch over how many of them earn six figures....

TAXATION

Sticker shock: Property tax bills stir controversy in Easthampton » *Gazette*

Net For close to two decades, John and Melissa Knybel have lived in Easthampton, where they own six rental properties...

TRANSPORTATION

TCI club appears to be shrinking » *Commonwealth Magazine* Governors of Vermont, Connecticut raising concerns...

Route 128 needs land use leadership » *Commonwealth Magazine* The current plan for growth is just not working...

MassDOT East-West Rail Study Running Late » *WAMC* A much-anticipated feasibility study on east-west passenger rail service in Massachusetts has been delayed....

Vermont governor knocks TCI climate compact gas fee » *Boston Herald* The multistate climate compact backed by Gov. Charlie Baker appears to be on fumes, with Vermont's governor the latest New England state leader to knock the deal saying a gas fee will penalize belea...

Cape Air's plan to bring seaplanes to Long Wharf runs into some turbulence » *Boston Globe* Cape Air chief executive Dan Wolf is as close as he's ever been to bringing seaplane service to Boston Harbor....

Public raises concern about 4-way Deerfield intersection » *Gazette Net* The public has expressed concern about safety at the four-way intersection of Greenfield Road, North Main Street and Mill Village Road, and that anxiety is heightened by a developer's relentless battl...

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WBUR News: As Earthquake Anniversary Approaches, Boston's Haitian Community Wrestles With Turmoil Back Home



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

NEW LAWS ENACTED THIS WEEK:

HB3961 - An Act amending the charter of the town of Oxford

MOST READ BILLS OF THE WEEK:

HB4285 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects

HD4740 - An Act relative to apprentice electricians

SB2399 - An Act relative to healthy youth

SB1924 - An Act to combat climate change

HB4000 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2020

HB4246 - An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2019 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects

HB2810 - An Act to promote green infrastructure and reduce carbon emissions

HB4134 - An Act to improve health care by investing in VALUE

SB2009 - An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

HB4012 - An Act relative to children's health and wellness

HOUSE ACTIONS THIS WEEK: 42

SENATE ACTIONS THIS WEEK: 27

PRESS RELEASES

Kinder Morgan Announces Sale of Pembina Shares » *Kinder Morgan*

Trahan Statement on Passage of War Powers Resolution » *Office of Congresswoman Lori Trahan*

Neal and Lewis Call for Appointment of Permanent National Taxpayer Advocate » *Office of Congressman Richard Neal*

Children Need Amazing Parents, Not Discrimination » *Childrens Defense Fund*

Trump Administration Puts Public Health, Community Participation at Risk » *Union of Concerned Scientists*

Standard Charitable Trust Generously Awards \$10,000 to Children's Friend » *Seven Hills Foundation*

How Consumers are Using the West Virginia Collection Agency Act to File Class Actions » *New England Collectors Association*

Senator Markey: Trump Caves to Fossil Fuels in Roll-Back of Bedrock Environmental Protection Law » *Office of Senator Ed Markey*

Scholarships Available through the North Central Massachusetts Chamber Foundation » *North Central Mass. Chamber of Commerce*

The BBA Welcomes Suffolk County District Attorney's Office as a New Sponsor Member » *Boston Bar Association*

In Quotes: Colorado's Lawmakers Have Plans For Addressing The Child Care Shortage » *Strategies for Children*

New CPR & First Aid In Youth Sports Kit Aims To Teach Lifesaving Skills » *American Heart Association*

\$1 Million MassWorks Grant For West Newbury » *Tarr Talk*

Operation House Call Shares Findings Of Broad Alumni Survey » *The Arc of Mass.*

Stricter Lead Standards Needed to Protect New Hampshire Children » *Conservation Law Foundation*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Partner with MBTA to Increase Access to CharlieCards » *MBTA*

Equal Justice Coalition recognizes four law firms and UMass Law for Support of Legal Aid » *Equal Justice Coalition*

New England PBA Fully Supports WEP Reform » *New England Police Benevolent Association*

The Architecture of Time Photography Exhibition » *Boston Society of Architects*

Kathleen McDaniel named Senior Vice President, Chief People

Officer at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute » *Dana-Farber Cancer Institute*

Ivanka Trump's Future of Work Isn't for Workers » *Mass. AFL-CIO*

Seven Hills Rhode Island Receives Grant for their Integrated Visual and Performing Arts Program » *Seven Hills Foundation*



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TODAY ON BEACON HILL

9:30am Mass. Gaming Commission Public Hearing, Mass. Gaming Commission, 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston

10:00am Department of Environmental Protection Public Hearing, MassDEP Headquarters, One Winter Street, Boston

11:00am Sen. Ed Markey on 89.7 Boston Public Radio, WGBH Studios, 1 Guest Street, Brighton

11:00am Senate Session, Informal Session

11:00am House Session, Informal Session

12:00pm House Clerk's Office LAWS Training, Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston

Birthdays: Rep. Bradley Jones, Jr.

MUST-READS

State moves to prevent surge in HIV infections among homeless drug users » *Boston Globe* State officials on Wednesday alerted Boston-area health care providers about a growing risk of HIV infections, asking for enhanced vigilance after seven new cases were identified recently among homele...

Property Transfer Fees Eyed for Affordable Housing » *State House News Service* Massachusetts cities and towns would have new options for funding

local affordable housing under a proposal rolled out Wednesday -- a fee of up to 2 percent on real estate sales above the statewide me...

Big Mass. employers join together to push for corporate tax switch

» *Boston Globe* A coalition of several major employers is pushing state lawmakers to spread the love. At issue is a wonky-sounding prize known as "single-sales factor" apportionment. The mutual funds and manufact...

Higher and More Tolls Should Be Part of Revenue Bill, Advocates Argue

» *State House News Service* In a WGBH panel discussion on transportation funding, A Better City CEO Rick Dimino said the state could raise more than half of the \$50 billion in new revenue his organization believes is needed for ...

Auchincloss, Khazei top fund-raising in race to succeed Joe

Kennedy » *Boston Globe* Jake Auchincloss, a Newton city councilor, said he raised \$609,000 in the last three months, and Alan Khazei, the City Year cofounder, said he raised nearly \$430,000 to push his total 2019 fund-raisin...

Dan Cence buys Solomon McCown & Company » *Boston Globe* Dan Cence, a veteran Democratic strategist who created Solomon McCown & Company's lobbyist division four years ago, bought the company effective Monday and is taking over as its chief executive, the...

The Electoral College: Maine and Nebraska's Crucial Battleground Votes

» *SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL* The Omaha-based NE-2 supported Republicans in the past two presidential elections, but by decreasing margins, and could feasibly vote blue in 2020. Maine's two districts, once political mirror image...

Lindsey Graham's Democratic Challenger Jaime Harrison Raises \$3.5 Million In 3 Months

» *The Root* South Carolina Democrat Jaime Harrison is running to oust Senator/human Muppet Lindsey Graham from the seat he's held for three terms. Recent fundraising numbers are showing he just might have a sho...

'He is our O.J.' » *Politico* POLITICO readers explain why they're standing with Trump during impeachment....

Editorial: Lawmakers should get on board housing plans

» *Boston Business Journal* The business community is willing to step up to help, and that is appropriate. Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce CEO Jim Rooney said he'd like to create more ways for the business community to help...

Marty Walsh hears the footsteps of the future » *Boston Globe* Boston's mayor is adjusting to the changing political landscape for old-school white male politicians....

Fox News Hosts Were Against A Ground War With Iran. Trump Listened. » *BuzzFeedNews* (Tucker) Carlson has become an increasingly

influential voice for anti-interventionism on the right and is very popular among the Trump base. And according to a source with knowledge of the conversati...

“We cannot wait for the state to approve each community’s request, one by one,” Curtatone said Wednesday. “Our residents are being priced out now, and we need action now. We need the ability to raise funds for affordable housing now and we need that flexibility that the compromise local option transfer fee legislation would give communities to make policy that works for them.”

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone

Speaking in support of the fee for cities and towns to impose on real estate sales above the median sales price.

NEWS BY CATEGORY

BELTWAY POLITICS

Senate Democrats break with Pelosi over impeachment trial » *Politico* "If it's serious and urgent, send them over. If it isn't, don't send it over," says Sen. Dianne Feinstein....

Note to Democrats, this is what leadership looks like » *Boston Herald* Following Iran's ballistic missile attacks on two Iraqi bases housing U.S. troops in retaliation for the killing of its Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani, the president acted with restraint....

Massachusetts delegation says 'all is not well' as Trump says Iran is 'standing down' » *Boston Herald* Members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation continued to slam President Trump on Wednesday, even as the commander in chief claimed victory, telling the nation Iran was "standing down" af...

Local experts, congressmen react to heightened US-Iran tensions » *Gazette Net* Will cooler heads prevail? That's what many hope in the wake of President Donald Trump's Wednesday speech in which he said there would be continued significant sanctions on Iran but no further militar...

BUSINESS

Metro Boston free paper closes after 19 years » *Boston Globe* The free Metro Boston paper is shutting down after 19 years in business. A memo from publisher Ed Abrams and associate publisher Susan Peiffer issued on Wednesday

said it didn't make sense to contin...

The other (bigger) privacy problem » *Boston Globe* In the new digital-age climate, influencers actually do not want to know your name or home address; they'd much rather know your behaviors and traits. The fact that you don't know you are in that ...

At this Walmart, humans and robots work together to fill your grocery orders » *Boston Globe* Walmart is betting that online grocery shopping will be so popular someday that its workforce will have a hard time keeping up with all the orders. So here come the robots....

In wake of drug trial fail, Newton firm cuts most staff, top scientist quits » *Boston Business Journal* A Newton biotech startup is making major changes after a late-stage drug trial failure, announcing this week that it has laid off 60% of its staff....

CANNABIS

Marijuana firm eyes Easthampton's Tasty Top for retail, research facility » *Gazette Net* The property that has been the home of iconic ice cream eatery Tasty Top could be selling a very different kind of treat in the future....

CIVIL RIGHTS

With majorities in both Houses, ROE Act could expand abortion rights in Mass » *The Valley Advocate* As the constitutional right to an abortion is threatened in various states and in the country as a whole, the Massachusetts Legislature may soon consider an expansion of abortion rights in the state....

EDUCATION

Suspended Babson College staff member apologizes after urging Iran to list American cultural targets » *Boston Herald* A Babson College staff member who was suspended, with pay, Wednesday after posting a status on Facebook — suggesting Iran list 52 American cultural sites that it would bomb — has apologized for hi...

Pittsfield schools chief responds to draft-related anxieties with note home to families » *Berkshire Eagle* The nation's conflict with Iran sparked confusion and fear over a draft this week, said Superintendent Jason McCandless, who sought to quell them with a note home to families....

Merrimac school official needed » *Newburyport News* The Pentucket Regional School District is seeking a Merrimac representative for the Whittier Regional School Committee....

ENVIRONMENT

Dennis bans herbicide on town property » *Cape Cod Times* Dennis has joined a handful of communities in the region that will no longer allow use of the

herbicide glyphosate on town-owned property....

FEDERAL

The media should spotlight a different kind of war expert: Those who voted 'no' on Iraq » *Washington Post* There she was: Judith Miller, the former New York Times reporter most closely identified with the paper's flawed reporting in the run-up to the Iraq War, chattering away on Fox News....

GAMING

Encore Boston Harbor is disputing a report about job cuts, but admits it has to do some 'right sizing' » *Boston.com* Encore Boston Harbor may have created 5,000 new jobs. But not all of them are set in stone....

HEALTH CARE

Cambridge Health Alliance names new CEO » *Boston Globe* The hospital system Cambridge Health Alliance on Wednesday appointed a longtime physician executive, Dr. Assaad Sayah, as its new chief executive....

Keenan: Salem State labs could alleviate nursing shortage » *The Salem News* "If any of you can speak to the governor today, please let him know that we need our science lab," Salem State University President John Keenan implored local business leaders Wednesday morning....

HOUSING

Marty Walsh wants half a billion for new housing. What would all that money buy? » *Boston Globe* When Mayor Martin J. Walsh during his State of the City speech Tuesday night vowed half a billion dollars in new funding for affordable housing in Boston over the next five years, he left out an impor...

Cloverleaf housing in Truro criticized for wastewater design » *Wicked Local Provincetown* The proposed 40-unit Cloverleaf affordable housing project in North Truro has been criticized by locals and officials for its potential impacts on groundwater and drainage....

Editorial: Lawmakers should get on board housing plans » *Boston Business Journal* Housing remains one of the biggest hurdles to the sustainability and growth of the Greater Boston economy, which is being hampered by a lack of affordable places for workers to live while remaining wi...

Massachusetts estimates \$350M needed to fix 2,000 homes with crumbling foundations » *The Republican* It could cost \$350 million to fully restore crumbling foundations of Massachusetts homes built with pyrrhotite-contaminated concrete....

Walsh's housing plans rest on still-uncertain real estate tax » *Boston Herald* The big bucks Mayor Martin Walsh is promising for housing remain far from certain as legislative leaders aren't saying whether Boston's tax proposal —

which Walsh says would pay for his ambitious...

Boston And Nantucket Join In Call For Real Estate Taxes To Boost Affordable Housing » *WBUR* Massachusetts communities including Boston, Somerville and Nantucket are joining forces to push the Legislature to allow them to tax some real estate deals and use the money to bolster affordable housing...

IMMIGRATION

Immigrant facing deportation cuts off monitor, flees » *Commonwealth Magazine* A BRAZILIAN IMMIGRANT who was expected to turn himself in for deportation on Tuesday cut off his electronic monitoring device and escaped....

Boston Public Schools won't share info with ICE, superintendent vows » *Boston Herald* Boston Public Schools' superintendent vowed that the days of sharing incident reports with ICE are over and done with....

LABOR

After court ruling, au pair host families struggle to comply with wage and worker protection rules » *The Republican* Robina Habib worked as a dentist internationally and is now a full-time student putting in long hours to get certified in Massachusetts. Her husband, a financial manager, works three days a week, work...

Local companies caught overscheduling and underpaying employees » *WCVB* For Harry Kumm, getting his first job at age 16 wasn't a problem. The local Domino's franchise needed workers....

Host Families, Au Pairs Gather At State House To Discuss Changes In Program With Legislators » *WGBH* Dozens of host families and au pairs gathered at the State House for what Au Pair Families of Massachusetts is calling an "advocacy day" to meet with officials after a federal court ruled in December t...

LOBBYING

Au Pair Families Getting Crash Course in Lobbying » *State House News Service* Families that rely on au pairs descended on the State House on Wednesday morning to voice their support for the au pair program and to meet with lawmakers to lobby for legislation that would keep thei...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Marty Walsh hears the footsteps of the future » *Boston Globe* In his annual State of the City speech Tuesday, Mayor Marty Walsh celebrated Boston's great economic success and presented an ambitious vision for sharing it with more Bostonians....

Sciarra named president of Northampton City Council » *Gazette Net* The

Northampton City Council unanimously elected At-large City councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra as council president at its meeting Tuesday....

Riccardi, city win in election trial » *The Salem News* Megan Riccardi will be sworn in as the Ward 6 city councilor at Salem's inaugural ceremonies Thursday night, following a judge's ruling Wednesday that effectively dismissed multiple claims from her op...

Analysis: A Subtext Inauguration Army Couldn't Be Held Back » *Western Mass Politics and Insight* Cities around the Pioneer Valley inaugurated their governments elected in last November's election. For many communities, it heralded a new start. On Monday, Chicopee and Westfield both took on new ...

Braintree councilor says he made made mistake on leadership vote » *Patriot Ledger* Newly elected District 2 Town Councilor Steven Sciascia says he made a mistake when, in his first vote on the council, he voted in favor of nominating Councilor Shannon Hume as council president....

Baker-Polito Administration Award Framingham \$3.4 Million MassWorks Grant For Nobscot Intersection » *Framingham Source* Today, January 8, Massachusetts Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy joined Senate President Karen Spilka, Framingham Mayor Yvonne Spicer, City Council Chair George P. King. Jr., R...

POLITICS

Warning light: A long, and likely expensive, ballot fight over the information spit out by your car is beginning » *Boston Globe* The shadowy figure, its features hidden by an expressionless mask, invites viewers to consider a question: "You wouldn't give your car keys to a stranger, why give up your data?"...

Baker to NYC on Fundraising Swing » *State House News Service* Gov. Charlie Baker was on his way to New York City on Thursday for fundraising business, and planned to attend a wake in Pennsylvania before returning home to Massachusetts in the evening, according t...

PUBLIC HEALTH

Federal database of addiction treatment providers outdated, study finds » *Boston Globe* There's a rallying cry heard often in the battle against opioid addiction: People with opioid dependence need immediate access to treatment, particularly the medications that stop cravings and preve...

Fourth Massachusetts Vaping-Related Death Announced » *WGBH* State officials reported Tuesday that a fourth Massachusetts person has died of a vaping-associated lung injury. The state Department of Public Health said the man, who was in his 70s and from Middles...

4th Death From Vaping-Related Illness Linked To Use Of THC Vape, Says Mass. DPH » *WBUR* A man in his 70s from Middlesex County has died from a

vaping-related lung injury, said the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Wednesday, making him the fourth person in the state to die from v...

PUBLIC SAFETY

Suicide prevention advocate calls for Boston parking garages to be proactive after deaths » *Boston Herald* A suicide prevention advocate is calling on Boston-area parking garages to be proactive in preventing further deaths by installing signage that encourages those in need to seek help rather than take t...

In court filing, former Massachusetts State Police lieutenant alleges 'bogus' sexual harassment investigation » *The Republican* In a civil lawsuit set to go to trial in March, a former female state police lieutenant suing her former male supervisor and the State Police claims the supervisor discussed intimate sexual details wi...

Lawyers Argue About Extent To Which Public Officials — Including Police — Can Be Secretly Recorded » *WBUR* The federal appeals court in Boston heard arguments Wednesday about the extent to which private citizens can secretly video and audio record police or other government officials in public spaces....

STATE GOVERNMENT

Meeting Focused on Early Voting Mechanics, Funding » *State House News Service* Auditor Suzanne Bump huddled privately with town clerks and voting rights advocates on Wednesday to discuss legislation she's worked on to create a permanent funding system for early voting....

TAXATION

Backers coalesce behind real estate tax bill » *Commonwealth Magazine* LAWMAKERS AND HOUSING ADVOCATES are starting to coalesce behind a new proposal that would allow municipalities the local option to assess a tax of up to 2 percent on real estate transactions above the...

Connecticut governor knocks TCI gas fee compact in setback for Gov. Baker » *Boston Herald* A 12-state climate compact backed by Gov. Charlie Baker to hit greenhouse gas emissions with a fee paid at the pump has suffered a major setback with the governor of Connecticut saying such a "gas t...

State tax structure impeding job growth, biz execs warn » *South Coast Today* Executives from some of the state's largest corporations wrote to key members of the state Legislature before the end of the year urging them to reform the way the state taxes profits and adopt a tax ...

Big Mass. employers join together to push for corporate tax switch » *Boston Globe* When it comes to corporate taxes, mutual fund managers and manufacturers enjoy a special status in Massachusetts....

TRANSPORTATION

Undocumented license legislation stalled in House » *The Bay State Banner*
Maybelline Perez, 21, remembers how complicated it was to move her belongings from her home in East Boston to her dorm on Northeastern University's campus without a family car....

Franklin County towns, Athol receive more road money from state » *The Recorder*
The state is providing \$20 million in additional funding for road and bridge construction to towns and cities across Massachusetts this year, and \$648,733 of it is coming to Athol and the 26 towns in ...

Letter to the editor: Baker should be getting roads fixed, not raising taxes » *The Sun Chronicle*
Gov. Charlie Baker's intention to lead a coalition of 10 other states seeking to institute a regional cap-and-trade program that would apply to emissions from cars and trucks, could add up to 17 cen...

West Newbury Receives \$1 Million MassWorks Grant to Reopen Plummer Spring Road Bridge » *WHAU*
West Newbury yesterday received a \$1 million MassWorks grant to reconstruct and reopen the Plummer Spring Road Bridge over the Artichoke Reservoir....

Patrick recounts bruising transportation funding battles » *Commonwealth Magazine*
DEVAL PATRICK WAS GOVERNOR the last time the Legislature grappled with providing new funding for transportation, and for him it's not a pleasant memory....

COLUMN: The joy of not commuting » *Wicked Local Swampscott*
While I get ready for work, the radio grimly announces: Due to signal failures, there are hour-long delays for the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail to Boston....

Brownsberger: Take two on reducing congestion » *Commonwealth Magazine*
Rush-hour focus with commuter rail is low-hanging fruit...

Orange You Happy About The New MBTA Subway Cars? These Riders Are » *WBUR*
As soon as you step on board a new Orange Line car, you can't help but notice how different this train is from the existing trains....

UTILITIES

Hydro Project Sought by Mass. Advances in Maine » *State House News Service*
Regulators responsible for the unorganized territories of Maine on Wednesday gave their approval to the plan to deliver clean power from Hydro-Québec to the Massachusetts and New England grid via the...

Cities, towns weigh banning gas hookups » *The Salem News*
More than a dozen cities and towns are writing plans to ban new natural gas hookups for homes and businesses, according to one environmental group, despite complaints that the efforts are illegal....

Fiber-optic era about to spring on Windsor » *Berkshire Eagle*
For years, the answer was a bleak "someday, maybe." The question in Windsor, and other

Berkshires towns, was whether a tool of modern life taken for granted by most would ever make it here....

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Local companies caught overscheduling, underpaying employees



CBS BOSTON

Families Fight Back Against New Au Pair Rules



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The Eldridge Files: Senator Eldridge is joined by Michael Cox



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The Horse Race: Deval In Good Time



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WBUR News: Rep. Clark Says War Powers Vote Is Meant To Check Presidential Power And Prevent Conflict



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10:00am Department of Environmental Protection Public Hearing, MassDEP Headquarters, One Winter Street, Boston

11:00am Sen. Ed Markey on 89.7 Boston Public Radio, WGBH Studios, 1 Guest Street, Brighton

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Birthdays: Rep. Bradley Jones, Jr.

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State moves to prevent surge in HIV infections among homeless drug users » *Boston Globe* State officials on Wednesday alerted Boston-area health care providers about a growing risk of HIV infections, asking for enhanced vigilance after seven new cases were identified recently among homele...

Property Transfer Fees Eyed for Affordable Housing » *State House News Service* Massachusetts cities and towns would have new options for funding

local affordable housing under a proposal rolled out Wednesday -- a fee of up to 2 percent on real estate sales above the statewide me...

Big Mass. employers join together to push for corporate tax switch

» *Boston Globe* A coalition of several major employers is pushing state lawmakers to spread the love. At issue is a wonky-sounding prize known as "single-sales factor" apportionment. The mutual funds and manufact...

Higher and More Tolls Should Be Part of Revenue Bill, Advocates Argue

» *State House News Service* In a WGBH panel discussion on transportation funding, A Better City CEO Rick Dimino said the state could raise more than half of the \$50 billion in new revenue his organization believes is needed for ...

Auchincloss, Khazei top fund-raising in race to succeed Joe

Kennedy » *Boston Globe* Jake Auchincloss, a Newton city councilor, said he raised \$609,000 in the last three months, and Alan Khazei, the City Year cofounder, said he raised nearly \$430,000 to push his total 2019 fund-raisin...

Dan Cence buys Solomon McCown & Company » *Boston Globe* Dan Cence, a veteran Democratic strategist who created Solomon McCown & Company's lobbyist division four years ago, bought the company effective Monday and is taking over as its chief executive, the...

The Electoral College: Maine and Nebraska's Crucial Battleground Votes

» *SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL* The Omaha-based NE-2 supported Republicans in the past two presidential elections, but by decreasing margins, and could feasibly vote blue in 2020. Maine's two districts, once political mirror image...

Lindsey Graham's Democratic Challenger Jaime Harrison Raises \$3.5 Million In 3 Months

» *The Root* South Carolina Democrat Jaime Harrison is running to oust Senator/human Muppet Lindsey Graham from the seat he's held for three terms. Recent fundraising numbers are showing he just might have a sho...

'He is our O.J.' » *Politico* POLITICO readers explain why they're standing with Trump during impeachment....

Editorial: Lawmakers should get on board housing plans

» *Boston Business Journal* The business community is willing to step up to help, and that is appropriate. Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce CEO Jim Rooney said he'd like to create more ways for the business community to help...

Marty Walsh hears the footsteps of the future » *Boston Globe* Boston's mayor is adjusting to the changing political landscape for old-school white male politicians....

Fox News Hosts Were Against A Ground War With Iran. Trump Listened. » *BuzzFeedNews* (Tucker) Carlson has become an increasingly

influential voice for anti-interventionism on the right and is very popular among the Trump base. And according to a source with knowledge of the conversati...

“We cannot wait for the state to approve each community’s request, one by one,” Curtatone said Wednesday. “Our residents are being priced out now, and we need action now. We need the ability to raise funds for affordable housing now and we need that flexibility that the compromise local option transfer fee legislation would give communities to make policy that works for them.”

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone

Speaking in support of the fee for cities and towns to impose on real estate sales above the median sales price.

NEWS BY CATEGORY

BELTWAY POLITICS

Senate Democrats break with Pelosi over impeachment trial » *Politico* "If it's serious and urgent, send them over. If it isn't, don't send it over," says Sen. Dianne Feinstein....

Note to Democrats, this is what leadership looks like » *Boston Herald* Following Iran's ballistic missile attacks on two Iraqi bases housing U.S. troops in retaliation for the killing of its Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani, the president acted with restraint....

Massachusetts delegation says 'all is not well' as Trump says Iran is 'standing down' » *Boston Herald* Members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation continued to slam President Trump on Wednesday, even as the commander in chief claimed victory, telling the nation Iran was "standing down" af...

Local experts, congressmen react to heightened US-Iran tensions » *Gazette Net* Will cooler heads prevail? That's what many hope in the wake of President Donald Trump's Wednesday speech in which he said there would be continued significant sanctions on Iran but no further militar...

BUSINESS

Metro Boston free paper closes after 19 years » *Boston Globe* The free Metro Boston paper is shutting down after 19 years in business. A memo from publisher Ed Abrams and associate publisher Susan Peiffer issued on Wednesday

said it didn't make sense to contin...

The other (bigger) privacy problem » *Boston Globe* In the new digital-age climate, influencers actually do not want to know your name or home address; they'd much rather know your behaviors and traits. The fact that you don't know you are in that ...

At this Walmart, humans and robots work together to fill your grocery orders » *Boston Globe* Walmart is betting that online grocery shopping will be so popular someday that its workforce will have a hard time keeping up with all the orders. So here come the robots....

In wake of drug trial fail, Newton firm cuts most staff, top scientist quits » *Boston Business Journal* A Newton biotech startup is making major changes after a late-stage drug trial failure, announcing this week that it has laid off 60% of its staff....

CANNABIS

Marijuana firm eyes Easthampton's Tasty Top for retail, research facility » *Gazette Net* The property that has been the home of iconic ice cream eatery Tasty Top could be selling a very different kind of treat in the future....

CIVIL RIGHTS

With majorities in both Houses, ROE Act could expand abortion rights in Mass » *The Valley Advocate* As the constitutional right to an abortion is threatened in various states and in the country as a whole, the Massachusetts Legislature may soon consider an expansion of abortion rights in the state....

EDUCATION

Suspended Babson College staff member apologizes after urging Iran to list American cultural targets » *Boston Herald* A Babson College staff member who was suspended, with pay, Wednesday after posting a status on Facebook — suggesting Iran list 52 American cultural sites that it would bomb — has apologized for hi...

Pittsfield schools chief responds to draft-related anxieties with note home to families » *Berkshire Eagle* The nation's conflict with Iran sparked confusion and fear over a draft this week, said Superintendent Jason McCandless, who sought to quell them with a note home to families....

Merrimac school official needed » *Newburyport News* The Pentucket Regional School District is seeking a Merrimac representative for the Whittier Regional School Committee....

ENVIRONMENT

Dennis bans herbicide on town property » *Cape Cod Times* Dennis has joined a handful of communities in the region that will no longer allow use of the

herbicide glyphosate on town-owned property....

FEDERAL

The media should spotlight a different kind of war expert: Those who voted 'no' on Iraq » *Washington Post* There she was: Judith Miller, the former New York Times reporter most closely identified with the paper's flawed reporting in the run-up to the Iraq War, chattering away on Fox News....

GAMING

Encore Boston Harbor is disputing a report about job cuts, but admits it has to do some 'right sizing' » *Boston.com* Encore Boston Harbor may have created 5,000 new jobs. But not all of them are set in stone....

HEALTH CARE

Cambridge Health Alliance names new CEO » *Boston Globe* The hospital system Cambridge Health Alliance on Wednesday appointed a longtime physician executive, Dr. Assaad Sayah, as its new chief executive....

Keenan: Salem State labs could alleviate nursing shortage » *The Salem News* "If any of you can speak to the governor today, please let him know that we need our science lab," Salem State University President John Keenan implored local business leaders Wednesday morning....

HOUSING

Marty Walsh wants half a billion for new housing. What would all that money buy? » *Boston Globe* When Mayor Martin J. Walsh during his State of the City speech Tuesday night vowed half a billion dollars in new funding for affordable housing in Boston over the next five years, he left out an impor...

Cloverleaf housing in Truro criticized for wastewater design » *Wicked Local Provincetown* The proposed 40-unit Cloverleaf affordable housing project in North Truro has been criticized by locals and officials for its potential impacts on groundwater and drainage....

Editorial: Lawmakers should get on board housing plans » *Boston Business Journal* Housing remains one of the biggest hurdles to the sustainability and growth of the Greater Boston economy, which is being hampered by a lack of affordable places for workers to live while remaining wi...

Massachusetts estimates \$350M needed to fix 2,000 homes with crumbling foundations » *The Republican* It could cost \$350 million to fully restore crumbling foundations of Massachusetts homes built with pyrrhotite-contaminated concrete....

Walsh's housing plans rest on still-uncertain real estate tax » *Boston Herald* The big bucks Mayor Martin Walsh is promising for housing remain far from certain as legislative leaders aren't saying whether Boston's tax proposal —

which Walsh says would pay for his ambitious...

Boston And Nantucket Join In Call For Real Estate Taxes To Boost Affordable Housing » *WBUR* Massachusetts communities including Boston, Somerville and Nantucket are joining forces to push the Legislature to allow them to tax some real estate deals and use the money to bolster affordable housing...

IMMIGRATION

Immigrant facing deportation cuts off monitor, flees » *Commonwealth Magazine* A BRAZILIAN IMMIGRANT who was expected to turn himself in for deportation on Tuesday cut off his electronic monitoring device and escaped....

Boston Public Schools won't share info with ICE, superintendent vows » *Boston Herald* Boston Public Schools' superintendent vowed that the days of sharing incident reports with ICE are over and done with....

LABOR

After court ruling, au pair host families struggle to comply with wage and worker protection rules » *The Republican* Robina Habib worked as a dentist internationally and is now a full-time student putting in long hours to get certified in Massachusetts. Her husband, a financial manager, works three days a week, work...

Local companies caught overscheduling and underpaying employees » *WCVB* For Harry Kumm, getting his first job at age 16 wasn't a problem. The local Domino's franchise needed workers....

Host Families, Au Pairs Gather At State House To Discuss Changes In Program With Legislators » *WGBH* Dozens of host families and au pairs gathered at the State House for what Au Pair Families of Massachusetts is calling an "advocacy day" to meet with officials after a federal court ruled in December t...

LOBBYING

Au Pair Families Getting Crash Course in Lobbying » *State House News Service* Families that rely on au pairs descended on the State House on Wednesday morning to voice their support for the au pair program and to meet with lawmakers to lobby for legislation that would keep thei...

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Marty Walsh hears the footsteps of the future » *Boston Globe* In his annual State of the City speech Tuesday, Mayor Marty Walsh celebrated Boston's great economic success and presented an ambitious vision for sharing it with more Bostonians....

Sciarra named president of Northampton City Council » *Gazette Net* The

Northampton City Council unanimously elected At-large City councilor Gina-Louise Sciarra as council president at its meeting Tuesday....

Riccardi, city win in election trial » *The Salem News* Megan Riccardi will be sworn in as the Ward 6 city councilor at Salem's inaugural ceremonies Thursday night, following a judge's ruling Wednesday that effectively dismissed multiple claims from her op...

Analysis: A Subtext Inauguration Army Couldn't Be Held Back » *Western Mass Politics and Insight* Cities around the Pioneer Valley inaugurated their governments elected in last November's election. For many communities, it heralded a new start. On Monday, Chicopee and Westfield both took on new ...

Braintree councilor says he made made mistake on leadership vote » *Patriot Ledger* Newly elected District 2 Town Councilor Steven Sciascia says he made a mistake when, in his first vote on the council, he voted in favor of nominating Councilor Shannon Hume as council president....

Baker-Polito Administration Award Framingham \$3.4 Million MassWorks Grant For Nobscot Intersection » *Framingham Source* Today, January 8, Massachusetts Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy joined Senate President Karen Spilka, Framingham Mayor Yvonne Spicer, City Council Chair George P. King. Jr., R...

POLITICS

Warning light: A long, and likely expensive, ballot fight over the information spit out by your car is beginning » *Boston Globe* The shadowy figure, its features hidden by an expressionless mask, invites viewers to consider a question: "You wouldn't give your car keys to a stranger, why give up your data?"...

Baker to NYC on Fundraising Swing » *State House News Service* Gov. Charlie Baker was on his way to New York City on Thursday for fundraising business, and planned to attend a wake in Pennsylvania before returning home to Massachusetts in the evening, according t...

PUBLIC HEALTH

Federal database of addiction treatment providers outdated, study finds » *Boston Globe* There's a rallying cry heard often in the battle against opioid addiction: People with opioid dependence need immediate access to treatment, particularly the medications that stop cravings and preve...

Fourth Massachusetts Vaping-Related Death Announced » *WGBH* State officials reported Tuesday that a fourth Massachusetts person has died of a vaping-associated lung injury. The state Department of Public Health said the man, who was in his 70s and from Middles...

4th Death From Vaping-Related Illness Linked To Use Of THC Vape, Says Mass. DPH » *WBUR* A man in his 70s from Middlesex County has died from a

vaping-related lung injury, said the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Wednesday, making him the fourth person in the state to die from v...

PUBLIC SAFETY

Suicide prevention advocate calls for Boston parking garages to be proactive after deaths » *Boston Herald* A suicide prevention advocate is calling on Boston-area parking garages to be proactive in preventing further deaths by installing signage that encourages those in need to seek help rather than take t...

In court filing, former Massachusetts State Police lieutenant alleges 'bogus' sexual harassment investigation » *The Republican* In a civil lawsuit set to go to trial in March, a former female state police lieutenant suing her former male supervisor and the State Police claims the supervisor discussed intimate sexual details wi...

Lawyers Argue About Extent To Which Public Officials — Including Police — Can Be Secretly Recorded » *WBUR* The federal appeals court in Boston heard arguments Wednesday about the extent to which private citizens can secretly video and audio record police or other government officials in public spaces....

STATE GOVERNMENT

Meeting Focused on Early Voting Mechanics, Funding » *State House News Service* Auditor Suzanne Bump huddled privately with town clerks and voting rights advocates on Wednesday to discuss legislation she's worked on to create a permanent funding system for early voting....

TAXATION

Backers coalesce behind real estate tax bill » *Commonwealth Magazine* LAWMAKERS AND HOUSING ADVOCATES are starting to coalesce behind a new proposal that would allow municipalities the local option to assess a tax of up to 2 percent on real estate transactions above the...

Connecticut governor knocks TCI gas fee compact in setback for Gov. Baker » *Boston Herald* A 12-state climate compact backed by Gov. Charlie Baker to hit greenhouse gas emissions with a fee paid at the pump has suffered a major setback with the governor of Connecticut saying such a "gas t...

State tax structure impeding job growth, biz execs warn » *South Coast Today* Executives from some of the state's largest corporations wrote to key members of the state Legislature before the end of the year urging them to reform the way the state taxes profits and adopt a tax ...

Big Mass. employers join together to push for corporate tax switch » *Boston Globe* When it comes to corporate taxes, mutual fund managers and manufacturers enjoy a special status in Massachusetts....

TRANSPORTATION

Undocumented license legislation stalled in House » *The Bay State Banner*
Maybelline Perez, 21, remembers how complicated it was to move her belongings from her home in East Boston to her dorm on Northeastern University's campus without a family car....

Franklin County towns, Athol receive more road money from state » *The Recorder*
The state is providing \$20 million in additional funding for road and bridge construction to towns and cities across Massachusetts this year, and \$648,733 of it is coming to Athol and the 26 towns in ...

Letter to the editor: Baker should be getting roads fixed, not raising taxes » *The Sun Chronicle*
Gov. Charlie Baker's intention to lead a coalition of 10 other states seeking to institute a regional cap-and-trade program that would apply to emissions from cars and trucks, could add up to 17 cen...

West Newbury Receives \$1 Million MassWorks Grant to Reopen Plummer Spring Road Bridge » *WHAU*
West Newbury yesterday received a \$1 million MassWorks grant to reconstruct and reopen the Plummer Spring Road Bridge over the Artichoke Reservoir....

Patrick recounts bruising transportation funding battles » *Commonwealth Magazine*
DEVAL PATRICK WAS GOVERNOR the last time the Legislature grappled with providing new funding for transportation, and for him it's not a pleasant memory....

COLUMN: The joy of not commuting » *Wicked Local Swampscott*
While I get ready for work, the radio grimly announces: Due to signal failures, there are hour-long delays for the Newburyport/Rockport Commuter Rail to Boston....

Brownsberger: Take two on reducing congestion » *Commonwealth Magazine*
Rush-hour focus with commuter rail is low-hanging fruit...

Orange You Happy About The New MBTA Subway Cars? These Riders Are » *WBUR*
As soon as you step on board a new Orange Line car, you can't help but notice how different this train is from the existing trains....

UTILITIES

Hydro Project Sought by Mass. Advances in Maine » *State House News Service*
Regulators responsible for the unorganized territories of Maine on Wednesday gave their approval to the plan to deliver clean power from Hydro-Québec to the Massachusetts and New England grid via the...

Cities, towns weigh banning gas hookups » *The Salem News*
More than a dozen cities and towns are writing plans to ban new natural gas hookups for homes and businesses, according to one environmental group, despite complaints that the efforts are illegal....

Fiber-optic era about to spring on Windsor » *Berkshire Eagle*
For years, the answer was a bleak "someday, maybe." The question in Windsor, and other

Berkshires towns, was whether a tool of modern life taken for granted by most would ever make it here....

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Happening Today

Board of Higher Education, Markey on Iran, Congressional Black Caucus

- **Supreme Judicial Court** hears oral arguments for four cases, John Adams Courthouse, Courtroom One, Pemberton Square, Boston, 9 a.m.
- **Board of Higher Education** meets, One Ashburton Place, 21st floor, Boston, 10 a.m.
- U.S. Sen. **Edward Markey** holds press conference with peace activists and veterans' rights leaders to call on President Trump to prevent war with Iran, JFK Federal Building, 9th floor, 15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, 10 a.m.

-- Boston Mayor **Marty Walsh** is a guest on 'Boston Public Radio,' WGBH-FM 89.7, 12 p.m.

-- U.S. Rep. **Ayanna Pressley** hosts press conference ahead of a visit to her district from members of the **Congressional Black Caucus** delegation, as part of the CBCs 'State of Black America' series, John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute, Northeastern University, 40 Leon St, Boston 6 p.m.

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Today's News

PAC launches \$2M ad blitz for Patrick in New Hampshire

We're not sure it will help, but we know it can't hurt. From the Herald's Lisa Kashinsky: "Deval Patrick is hitting the New Hampshire airwaves again with a \$2 million ad buy funded by a political action committee, the announcement coming hours after a new poll showed the former Massachusetts governor still struggling to gain traction among Granite State voters."

[Boston Herald](#)

Is it really coming down to Biden vs. Sanders (and not Warren)?

More bad news for U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. [CBS News reports](#) that a new Monmouth University poll shows that Warren is losing ground in New Hampshire, where she's now running fourth in the Granite State's Democratic

presidential primary contest. Still, caution is advised: It remains a tight race.

The [Globe's Liz Goodwin](#) inserts caution into her story about the fluid nature of the Democratic presidential race. Nevertheless, she reports that it sure looks like the Democratic contest could be coming down to Joe Biden versus Bernie Sanders. The [Herald's Joe Battenfeld](#) writes that it may not matter who Democrats nominate. Trump is looking mighty strong these days, after the Soleimani-assassination affair, he says.

For Warren, former rivals make for the best allies

One more presidential-race item: What do the Democrats who have already quit the 2020 race have in common? They've all gotten post-dropout visits or calls from Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who Annie Linksy at the Washington Post reports has poured significant resources into courting those candidates and their supporters -- all in service of the idea that she is the best candidate to unite the party writ large.

[Washington Post](#)



Group home horror: Fight clubs, sexual assault, physical abuse

Shira Schoenberg at MassLive has the disturbing details of fights clubs, stabbings and other acts of abuse that took place at group-home settings for the developmentally disabled. Actually, the word 'disturbing' isn't adequate. More like 'sickening.' The Republican/MassLive obtained previously undisclosed complaint details against a group home provider via a records request to the Disabled Persons Protection Commission. And it isn't pretty reading.

[MassLive](#)

How do you report that a city councilor's brother was just charged with kidnapping and raping a woman?

First, the brutal and terrible news, as [reported by the Globe](#), that a "man posing as a ride service driver kidnapped a woman leaving a Boston nightclub last month and drove her to a Rhode Island home where he raped her, Suffolk County prosecutors alleged Thursday."

But who is the “man” now suspected of other rapes as well? Turns out, in the third graf of the Globe story, that he’s Alvin R. Campbell Jr., the older brother of City Councilor Andrea Campbell. There’s still a lot of questions about this case, but, right now, we happen to think the Globe handled the identification of Alvin Campbell well. And if you disagree, read [Adrian Walker’s Globe column](#) this morning that makes clear Andrea Campbell is not Alivn Campbell – and yet she carries the burden of her obviously troubled sibling.

And another New England governor backs off TCI ...

The Herald is going full Herald on this one, splashing this story across its [front page](#), to wit: Now Vermont Gov. Phil Scott is signaling his opposition to a proposed regional Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI) tax/fee that Gov. Charlie Baker supports, making him the third New England governor to either voice opposition or strong reservations about burdening motorists with extra costs in order to fight carbon pollution. SHNS’s [Matt Murphy](#) (pay wall) has more.

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Yet more expensive tales from the ‘super commuters’ road

Speaking of transportation costs, Tanner Stening at MassLive has yet more stories about “super commuters” in western Massachusetts traveling long distances to get to and from work. One of the people he profiles spends roughly \$230 a week in tolls and gas.

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Even though the joke was in extremely poor taste, we question whether this punishment goes too far, i.e. Babson College’s decision to fire, and not just suspend, a staff member who suggested ‘cultural’ sites that Iran might bomb in the U.S., including the Mall of America and the Kardashian residence. WCVB has the details.

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Taking on idling buses and scheming minors at casinos ...

Encore Boston Harbor was warned – and now the Conservation Law Foundation is suing the Everett casino for continuing to allow nearby shuttle buses to idle for more than the state-allowed five minutes, reports Universal Hub. The CLF even dispatched observers to monitor the idling scofflaws.

In other casino-related news, [SHNS’s Colin Young](#) (pay wall) reports on casinos’ never-ending battle against minors trying to get into betting establishments with sometimes “very, very good fake IDs.”

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She’s on a mission. Hingham resident Samantha Bevins is leading a push to convince lawmakers to allow 17-year-olds who will be 18 before the November general election to cast ballots in presidential primaries. Anastasia E. Lennon at the Patriot Ledger reports Bevins started her Beacon Hill lobbying spree shortly after meeting U.S. Sen. Kristen Gillibrand on the campaign trail. But the bottom line: Her bill faces dim prospects with Super Tuesday now less than two months

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Board of Higher Education, Markey on Iran, Congressional Black Caucus

- **Supreme Judicial Court** hears oral arguments for four cases, John Adams Courthouse, Courtroom One, Pemberton Square, Boston, 9 a.m.
- **Board of Higher Education** meets, One Ashburton Place, 21st floor, Boston, 10 a.m.
- U.S. Sen. **Edward Markey** holds press conference with peace activists and veterans' rights leaders to call on President Trump to prevent war with Iran, JFK Federal Building, 9th floor, 15 New Sudbury Street, Boston, 10 a.m.

-- Boston Mayor **Marty Walsh** is a guest on 'Boston Public Radio,' WGBH-FM 89.7, 12 p.m.

-- U.S. Rep. **Ayanna Pressley** hosts press conference ahead of a visit to her district from members of the **Congressional Black Caucus** delegation, as part of the CBCs 'State of Black America' series, John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute, Northeastern University, 40 Leon St, Boston 6 p.m.

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Today's News

PAC launches \$2M ad blitz for Patrick in New Hampshire

We're not sure it will help, but we know it can't hurt. From the Herald's Lisa Kashinsky: "Deval Patrick is hitting the New Hampshire airwaves again with a \$2 million ad buy funded by a political action committee, the announcement coming hours after a new poll showed the former Massachusetts governor still struggling to gain traction among Granite State voters."

[Boston Herald](#)

Is it really coming down to Biden vs. Sanders (and not Warren)?

More bad news for U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. [CBS News reports](#) that a new Monmouth University poll shows that Warren is losing ground in New Hampshire, where she's now running fourth in the Granite State's Democratic

presidential primary contest. Still, caution is advised: It remains a tight race.

The [Globe's Liz Goodwin](#) inserts caution into her story about the fluid nature of the Democratic presidential race. Nevertheless, she reports that it sure looks like the Democratic contest could be coming down to Joe Biden versus Bernie Sanders. The [Herald's Joe Battenfeld](#) writes that it may not matter who Democrats nominate. Trump is looking mighty strong these days, after the Soleimani-assassination affair, he says.

For Warren, former rivals make for the best allies

One more presidential-race item: What do the Democrats who have already quit the 2020 race have in common? They've all gotten post-dropout visits or calls from Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who Annie Linksy at the Washington Post reports has poured significant resources into courting those candidates and their supporters -- all in service of the idea that she is the best candidate to unite the party writ large.

[Washington Post](#)



Group home horror: Fight clubs, sexual assault, physical abuse

Shira Schoenberg at MassLive has the disturbing details of fights clubs, stabbings and other acts of abuse that took place at group-home settings for the developmentally disabled. Actually, the word 'disturbing' isn't adequate. More like 'sickening.' The Republican/MassLive obtained previously undisclosed complaint details against a group home provider via a records request to the Disabled Persons Protection Commission. And it isn't pretty reading.

[MassLive](#)

How do you report that a city councilor's brother was just charged with kidnapping and raping a woman?

First, the brutal and terrible news, as [reported by the Globe](#), that a "man posing as a ride service driver kidnapped a woman leaving a Boston nightclub last month and drove her to a Rhode Island home where he raped her, Suffolk County prosecutors alleged Thursday."

But who is the “man” now suspected of other rapes as well? Turns out, in the third graf of the Globe story, that he’s Alvin R. Campbell Jr., the older brother of City Councilor Andrea Campbell. There’s still a lot of questions about this case, but, right now, we happen to think the Globe handled the identification of Alvin Campbell well. And if you disagree, read [Adrian Walker’s Globe column](#) this morning that makes clear Andrea Campbell is not Alivn Campbell – and yet she carries the burden of her obviously troubled sibling.

And another New England governor backs off TCI ...

The Herald is going full Herald on this one, splashing this story across its [front page](#), to wit: Now Vermont Gov. Phil Scott is signaling his opposition to a proposed regional Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI) tax/fee that Gov. Charlie Baker supports, making him the third New England governor to either voice opposition or strong reservations about burdening motorists with extra costs in order to fight carbon pollution. SHNS’s [Matt Murphy](#) (pay wall) has more.

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Yet more expensive tales from the ‘super commuters’ road

Speaking of transportation costs, Tanner Stening at MassLive has yet more stories about “super commuters” in western Massachusetts traveling long distances to get to and from work. One of the people he profiles spends roughly \$230 a week in tolls and gas.

[MassLive](#)

Oh, that kind of free: Worcester councilor wants state to pony up funds for city's fare-free buses

One more transportation item: A day after the Worcester City Council voted to support fare-free bus service, one councilor wants the city to ask the state to pony up \$10 million to make a three-year pilot of the program possible, Thomas Grillo reports at the Worcester Business Journal.

[WBJ](#)

Can Dan Wolf's latest seaplane idea take off amid intense political and legal flak?

A Long Wharf Oceanic Airport update from the Globe's Jon Chesto, who reports that Cape Air's latest plan for seaplane service in Boston Harbor – with passenger planes taxiing right up to Long Wharf – is catching flak from, among others, Boston Harbor Cruises and one formidable attorney who's annoying the hell out of Cape Air owner Dan Wolf, the former state senator. Chesto explains.

[Boston Globe](#)



Baker expresses concerns about Galvin's new broker-dealer rules

We're surprised there's been no reports of a volcanic eruption coming out a certain statewide elected official's offices this morning. Anyway, SHNS's Katie Lannan reports that Gov. Charlie Baker has sent a letter to Secretary of State Bill Galvin expressing concerns about the latter's new standards of conduct for financial broker-dealers in Massachusetts, saying the "draft regulation may create more confusion rather than more clarity in the industry and for investors."

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At Harvard Law, they can't give prestigious clerkships away

Harvard Law School has resorted to cajoling, urging and enticing students to please apply for prestigious clerkships with certain federal judges. But students aren't biting if the clerkships are with judges appointed by President Trump. The Globe's Deirdre Fernandes has more.

[Boston Globe](#)

And now Kahzei flexes his fundraising muscles ...

Newton City Councilor Jake Auchincloss isn't the only Fourth Congressional District candidate flexing his fundraising muscles these days. Brookline Democrat Alan Khazei raised nearly \$800,000 last year in his bid to succeed U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III, who's running for U.S. Senate. [SHNS's Matt Murphy](#) (pay wall) has the latest fundraising data for the crowded Fourth race.

Speaking of campaign finances, Republican Gov. Charlie Baker was on his way yesterday to New York City for his own undisclosed fundraising reasons, which we assume have nothing to do with the Fourth race. [SHNS's Murphy](#) (pay wall) has that report too.

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About the state's new payroll data: Did you notice what's missing?

The Globe's Shirley Leung isn't scanning the state's latest payroll data in your typical media way, i.e. counting the number of six-figure salaried state employees, marveling at the pay of UMass and State Police personnel, etc. Instead, she's scanned the payroll for what's not there in great numbers: Women among the top 100 highest-paid state workers. "By my count, women accounted for only a quarter of the list in 2019, and no woman cracked the top 10," she writes. And it gets worse, as she notes.

[Boston Globe](#)

Somerville's ActBlue is on a billion-dollar roll

The Washington Post has an update on Somerville fundraising extraordinaire ActBlue. Its latest achievement: Funneling \$1 billion in small-dollar donations to Democratic candidates last year. "Of the 6 million donors who gave to Democratic candidates and organizations in 2019, half were first-time donors, officials said."

[Washington Post](#)

MIT to faculty and staff: Please cooperate with ICE

Might it have something to do with all those government research grants and contracts at MIT? Just a thought. The [Globe's Deirdre Fernandes](#) reports that MIT, bucking the non-cooperative trend of others, is asking its faculty and staff to cooperate with federal immigration officials "checking the status of foreign postdoctoral students, researchers, and visiting scholars working in the sciences."

The haves and the have-nots of the state's cannabis industry

First, the have-nots. The BBJ's Jessica Bartlett reports that protestors upset with the slow pace of issuing pot licenses to mostly minority applicants disrupted a Cannabis Control Commission meeting yesterday, the second time in the last month that a meeting has been sidelined over the issue.

As for the haves, Pittsfield couldn't be happier with the state's new marijuana industry, as the city pulls in hundreds of thousands of dollars in retail pot-tax revenue, allowing it to stash away money in a new rainy day fund, reports [SHNS's Chris Lisinski](#) (pay wall).

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BY STEPHANIE MURRAY

GOOD MORNING, MASSACHUSETTS. TGIF!

MOULTON WEIGHS IN ON IRAN — It has been a tumultuous week for the United States. Iranian commander Maj. Gen. Qassem Soleimani was killed by an American drone strike last Friday, and Iran retaliated this week with a missile strike on U.S. forces in Iraq. By Thursday night, the House had [voted to halt military action](#) against Iran, a nonbinding resolution aimed at curbing President Donald Trump's military powers.

I caught up with Rep. Seth Moulton, a Marine veteran who served four tours in Iraq, to talk about Iran after he delivered a speech at the Atlantic Council on Thursday. This interview was edited for length and clarity.

Q: What is the next step in this ongoing saga between Iran and the US? You said in your speech today that Iran is a sophisticated adversary. What should we expect them to do next?

A: They could do absolutely anything . And they're going to choose the time and place of their further attacks, further retaliation on the United States and our allies. About the only thing I trust that Iran says is that there will be retaliation And I think anyone who believes that these failed ballistic missile attacks are the end of it doesn't understand Iran.

Q: What was your takeaway from the briefing on Iran from Trump administration officials earlier this week?

A: I was incredibly dissatisfied with their justifications. And the briefing confirmed all my fears that the administration does not have a strategy to deal with Iran. That its maximum pressure campaign is a maximum failure and that

by their actions they have weakened our national security and put America at greater risk.

Q: I was interested in the line from your speech where you said that memes and tweets about World War III won't work here. Do you feel like we've been desensitized to the news by social media and the fast pace of the new cycle?

A: I do, but I also just think it's time for this rising generation of leaders to recognize that simply tweeting about problems and even exaggerating them is not going to provide the leadership for the country that we so desperately need. That's why I've worked hard to bring more veterans into Congress on the Democratic side of the aisle, because they're providing real leadership, not leadership by tweet, but leadership by action.

Q: Many have drawn parallels between what's happening now with Iran and the build up to the war in Iraq in 2003. There are several members of the Massachusetts delegation who voted for the war in Iraq. Should those members be addressing that right now or talking about it?

A: We should always learn from our mistakes as individuals, as a Congress, as American people, and the mistakes that led us into Iraq, including false and trumped up intelligence are at the forefront of my mind. That episode should be on the minds of all Americans. That's why I've called for declassifying the president's report to Congress so that every American can understand exactly what the threat was, and what it was not.

Q: Do you think Nancy Pelosi is waiting too long to hand over the articles of impeachment to the Senate?

A: No. It's critical that we have a fair trial, And I don't see any other option to get it, given where we are today.

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TODAY — Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito speaks at the Merrimack Valley Mayors and Managers breakfast forum in Andover. **Boston Mayor Marty Walsh** speaks at Liberty Mutual Insurance's "Conversations with Liberty" event. **Walsh** is a

guest on WGBH's "Boston Public Radio." **Sen. Ed Markey** holds a press conference in Boston to call on President Donald Trump to prevent war with Iran.

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- **"Youth arrests plummet in wake of reforms,"** by **Christian M. Wade, The Salem News:** "Arrests and jail sentences for young offenders have plummeted since an overhaul of the state's juvenile justice laws two years ago, but advocates say minority youth are still more likely to be caught in the system. A new report by a state commission looking at the impact of the reforms found

that arrests of suspects age 18 and under dropped 43% between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019, while delinquency filings for offenses such as [school disturbances and underage drinking dropped 33%](#)."

- **"Boston And Nantucket Join In Call For Real Estate Taxes To Boost Affordable Housing,"** by **Simón Rios, WBUR:** "Massachusetts communities including Boston, Somerville and Nantucket are joining forces to push the Legislature to allow them to tax some real estate deals and use the money to bolster affordable housing. The cities and towns each have different home rule petitions before lawmakers. At the same time, a proposal [would allow communities to assess a tax of up to 2% without needing approval from lawmakers](#)."

- **"Department of Correction not providing inmates with timely health care, audit finds,"** by **Shira Schoenberg, Springfield Republican:** "The Department of Correction is not providing inmates with health care in a timely manner, according to an audit released Thursday by state Auditor Suzanne Bump. The audit found that the lapse in health care services creates a risk that inmates' health care conditions will worsen, and puts the [department at risk of legal liability](#)."

FROM THE HUB

- **"Andrea Campbell broke her family's cycle of troubles, but now comes another challenge,"** by **Adrian Walker, Boston Globe:** "City Councilor Andrea Campbell sat among the dignitaries at Roxbury Community College Thursday morning, celebrating the life of Chuck Turner, the former councilor and community activist. Across town, at Boston Municipal Court, her older brother Alvin R. Campbell Jr. was living a very different experience. For the [city councilor, the contrast between her life and that of those close to her is nothing new](#)."

- **"With Mass. Flu Season In Full Swing, Emergency Department Reports Crowding,"** by **Carey Goldberg, WBUR:** "High flu season has most definitely hit here in Massachusetts and nationally. The lines on the graphs showing flu-related doctor's visits are rising steeply, and the states on the national map are heating up to orange and red, meaning flu activity is high. Every flu season is bad. In the 2017-18 flu season, a particularly bad one, more than 45 million

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WARREN REPORT

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TRUMPACHUSETTS

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EYE ON 2020

ENDORSEMENT WATCH - State Rep. Tommy Vitolo endorses Sen. Elizabeth Warren for president. [Link](#).

- State Rep. Mike Connolly endorses Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders for president. [Link](#).

FROM THE 413

- "Pittsfield schools chief responds to draft-related anxieties with note home to families," by Amanda Drane, *The Berkshire Eagle*: "The nation's conflict with Iran sparked confusion and fear over a draft this week, said Superintendent Jason McCandless, who sought to quell them with a note home to families. The email, sent Wednesday afternoon, outlines the difference between registering for draft eligibility and the draft itself. McCandless [referred to misinformation shared via social media that described the draft as imminent.](#)"

THE LOCAL ANGLE

- "Trahan, officials urge public to support the Spinners," by Luke O'Roark, *The Lowell Sun*: "The Lowell Spinners need more than just politicians and city officials to save the longtime franchise, U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan said Tuesday afternoon to a full gathering at LeLacheur Park. The franchise needs fans, residents and businesses to step up and speak out against a recent Major League Baseball proposal that would [eliminate the Spinners and 41 other Minor League teams across the nation, Trahan said.](#)"

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- **"Warning light: A long, and likely expensive, ballot fight over the information spit out by your car is beginning,"** by Matt Stout, **Boston Globe:** "The shadowy figure, its features hidden by an expressionless mask, invites viewers to consider a question: "You wouldn't give your car keys to a stranger, why give up your data?" It's a cryptic advertisement, with a reference to "RTR" and the generically named Coalition for Safe and Secure Data. It also means something you might not expect: the beginning of a long, and [likely expensive, debate over the information spit out each day by your car.](#)"

- **"Cities, towns weigh banning gas hookups,"** by Christian M. Wade, **The Salem News:** "More than a dozen cities and towns are writing plans to ban new natural gas hookups for homes and businesses, according to one environmental group, despite complaints that the efforts are illegal. In November, Brookline became the first community in the state to ban new gas hookups. Its bylaw, approved at Town Meeting, prohibits the installation of oil and gas heating systems in new construction beginning in 2021. [Other communities - including Cambridge, Newton, Arlington and Lexington - are weighing similar bans.](#)"

- **"After court ruling, au pair host families struggle to comply with wage and worker protection rules,** by Shira Schoenberg, **Springfield Republican:** "Robina Habib worked as a dentist internationally and is now a full-time student putting in long hours to get certified in Massachusetts. Her husband, a financial manager, works three days a week, working nearly 12-hour days. They rely on an au pair to care for their 8- and 9-year-old children. The au pair came from South Africa, where she got a master's degree in tourism, to experience American culture. Habib's relationship with her au pair became more complicated — and more expensive — after the U.S. Appeals

Court ruled in December that au pairs [are subject to Massachusetts' Domestic Worker Bill of Rights](#)."

FROM THE HUB

- **"Marty Walsh hears the footsteps of the future," by Joan Vennoch, Boston Globe:** "In his annual State of the City speech Tuesday, Mayor Marty Walsh celebrated Boston's great economic success and presented an ambitious vision for sharing it with more Bostonians. Walsh delivered his "Believe in Boston" agenda with passion — and a keen awareness of a city undergoing dramatic change, not just to its skyline but to its politics. He clearly believes in Boston and the inspirational citizens he showcased during the Symphony Hall event. But it's also true that incumbency does not seem as invincible as it once was — especially for an old-school, white male politician in a city growing [younger and more diverse. Walsh, now in his second term, surely hears the footsteps behind him.](#)"

- **"Fourth person dies in Massachusetts from vaping," by Felicia Gans, Boston Globe:** "A fourth person has died in Massachusetts from a vaping-related illness, state health officials announced Wednesday. The person was a man in his 70s from Middlesex County who reported vaping THC, the compound of marijuana that makes consumers high. His case is one of 36 confirmed vaping-related illnesses that the state has reported to federal health officials at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention since Sept. 11, 2019. There are [73 other cases that are considered probable that have also been reported to the federal agency.](#)"

- **"Encore Boston Harbor is disputing a report about job cuts, but admits it has to do some 'right sizing,'" by Nikolas DeCosta-Klipa, Boston.com:** "Encore Boston Harbor may have created 5,000 new jobs. But not all of them are set in stone. Amid lower-than-expected revenue in its opening months, the Everett casino is in the process of "right sizing" its business operations. According to a Boston 25 report Tuesday, Encore officials told 70 bartenders, apprentices, and casino workers last Friday that their jobs were being cut — and at least some were being replaced by automated drink dispensers. [The casino, however, is disputing those figures.](#)"

- **"Marty Walsh wants half a billion for new housing. What would all that**

money buy?" by Tim Logan, Boston Globe: "When Mayor Martin J. Walsh during his State of the City speech Tuesday night vowed half a billion dollars in new funding for affordable housing in Boston over the next five years, he left out an important detail: What, exactly, all that money would buy. Calling housing "the biggest economic challenge" facing Boston residents, Walsh pledged a "bold" and "progressive" effort to develop new affordable housing and preserve more of what already exists. While the speech was light on specifics, the mayor's [aides this week outlined a grab bag of programs they envision the \\$500 million paying for.](#)"

- **"Suspended Babson College staff member apologizes after urging Iran to list American cultural targets," by Rick Sobey and Alexi lafrato, Boston Herald:** "A Babson College staff member who was suspended, with pay, Wednesday after posting a status on Facebook — suggesting Iran list 52 American cultural sites that it would bomb — has apologized for his "bad attempt at humor." In a Facebook post Tuesday, which has since been removed, but is circulating widely on social media, Babson's director of sustainability Asheen Phansey wrote, "In retaliation, Ayatollah Khomeini should tweet a list of 52 sites of beloved American cultural heritage that he would bomb. Um... [Mall of America? Kardashian residence?](#)" [Turtleboysports.com reported on a screen shot of the post on Tuesday.](#)"

DAY IN COURT

- **"Lawyers Argue About Extent To Which Public Officials — Including Police — Can Be Secretly Recorded," by Quincy Walters, WBUR:** "The federal appeals court in Boston heard arguments Wednesday about the extent to which private citizens can secretly video and audio record police or other government officials in public spaces. In 2018, a judge ruled private citizens do have that right, but the Suffolk County District Attorney's office appealed that ruling in 2019. The office argued on Wednesday for a clearer definition of what "government officials" and "public spaces" are. For instance, if a person confides to a uniformed officer that they've been sexually assaulted, would a [secret recording of that interaction be constitutionally protected?](#)"

- **"A Wayfair Employee Says She Was Harassed by a Coworker, and Now She's Suing," by Spencer Buell, Boston Magazine:** "Wayfair, the Boston-based online furniture retailer that employs a small army's worth of this city's

20- and 30-somethings, is now the subject of a lawsuit alleging the gargantuan company overlooked a manager's harassment complaints and then retaliated against her. According to a lawsuit filed on January 3, Emily Forsythe, 33, alleges that she was harassed over several months by a [man she oversaw in her role as an associate director of industrial engineering at Wayfair in 2019.](#)"

- "Immigrant facing deportation cuts off monitor, flees," by Sarah Betancourt, **CommonWealth Magazine**: "A BRAZILIAN IMMIGRANT who was expected to turn himself in for deportation on Tuesday cut off his electronic monitoring device and escaped. According to a filing by the Department of Justice, federal agents found Romilson Batista Ferreira's ankle bracelet in a box outside of an undisclosed church in Massachusetts, along with a note reading, "I'm not going back to Brazil." Todd Pomerleau, an attorney who presents Ferreira, said he learned his client went missing from [Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, and doesn't know where he is.](#)"

- "In court filing, former Massachusetts State Police lieutenant alleges 'bogus' sexual harassment investigation," by Shira Schoenberg, **Springfield Republican**: "In a civil lawsuit set to go to trial in March, a former female state police lieutenant suing her former male supervisor and the State Police claims the supervisor discussed intimate sexual details with her, then retaliated when she reported his conduct. In 2016, then-Sgt. Daralyn Heywood, a 23-year veteran of the state police, filed a lawsuit against Lt. Kevin Buckley and [the agency in Suffolk Superior Court, asking a judge to award her \\$1 million.](#)"

WARREN REPORT

- "How Elizabeth Warren Is Being Squeezed by 2 Democratic Factions," by **Astead W. Herndon, The New York Times**: "The voter asked Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts the question on many Iowans' minds: What did she have to offer besides her litany of policy proposals? At first, Ms. Warren responded with a story about her working-class upbringing, saying she intimately understood a family's day-to-day financial struggles. [Then she gave a second answer, a more direct argument for her ability to beat President Trump.](#)"

PATRICK PRIMARY

- **"For Deval Patrick, Campaigning on Hope Just Won't Cut It Anymore,"** by **David Bernstein, Boston Magazine:** "By the time Democratic presidential hopeful Deval Patrick took the stage at a campaign event in Paradise, Nevada, following a procession of speeches delivered by his rivals, the audience had already mostly cleared out, leaving only a few dozen stragglers behind. For Patrick, still in the early days of his candidacy, it was actually a healthy crowd. Only a few days later, by comparison, he was forced to cancel a speaking engagement at Atlanta's Morehouse College when only two people showed up, [both of whom just happened to be walking by when organizers lured them in.](#)"

TRUMPACHUSETTS

- **"Elizabeth Warren, Ed Markey slam Trump's threats on Iranian cultural sites,"** by **Lisa Kashinsky, Boston Herald:** "U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey are denouncing President Trump's threats to attack Iranian cultural sites, filing a new resolution Wednesday even as the president said Iran was "standing down" after a flurry of attacks between the two countries. Trump addressed the nation late Wednesday morning after Iran fired more than a dozen missiles at two bases in Iraq housing United States troops, a retaliatory [strike for the Trump administration's killing of Qassem Soleimani, a top Iranian military general.](#)"

ABOVE THE FOLD

— [Herald](#): "HOLDING HIS OWN," "FOR THE WIN," — [Globe](#): "Fight over car repair rules arises - again," "Confrontation appears to ease."

ALL'S WELD THAT ENDS WELD

- **"Weld Says He Encouraged Chafee To Join Presidential Race As A Libertarian,"** by **Phillip Martin, WGBH News:** "Former Massachusetts Gov. William Weld said he urged his friend Lincoln Chafee, a former Rhode Island governor and U.S. senator, to run for president on the 2020 Libertarian ticket. Weld ran for vice president on the Libertarian Party ticket in 2016, and this election year is challenging President Donald Trump for the Republican nomination for president. Weld told WGBH News he met with Chafee, who

filed to run for [president on Sunday, in his Boston office in December to discuss the prospect of Chafee running.](#)"

EYE ON 2020

ENDORSEMENT WATCH - State Rep. Tommy Vitolo endorses Sen. Elizabeth Warren for president. [Link](#).

- State Rep. Mike Connolly endorses Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders for president. [Link](#).

FROM THE 413

- "Pittsfield schools chief responds to draft-related anxieties with note home to families," by Amanda Drane, *The Berkshire Eagle*: "The nation's conflict with Iran sparked confusion and fear over a draft this week, said Superintendent Jason McCandless, who sought to quell them with a note home to families. The email, sent Wednesday afternoon, outlines the difference between registering for draft eligibility and the draft itself. McCandless [referred to misinformation shared via social media that described the draft as imminent.](#)"

THE LOCAL ANGLE

- "Trahan, officials urge public to support the Spinners," by Luke O'Roark, *The Lowell Sun*: "The Lowell Spinners need more than just politicians and city officials to save the longtime franchise, U.S. Rep. Lori Trahan said Tuesday afternoon to a full gathering at LeLacheur Park. The franchise needs fans, residents and businesses to step up and speak out against a recent Major League Baseball proposal that would [eliminate the Spinners and 41 other Minor League teams across the nation, Trahan said.](#)"

MEDIA MATTERS

- "Free commuter newspaper Metro Boston shuts down after 19 years," by Don Seiffert, *Boston Business Journal*: "Metro Boston, the free daily newspaper launched in 2001, has shut down. Last week, the New York Post reported that the newspaper's two sister publications — Metro New York and

Metro Philadelphia — were sold to New York-based Schneps Media, and this week, Metro New York was merged with another free daily to form amNewYork Metro. Reached by phone today, [Schneps COO Bob Bennett said he didn't know what the plan was for the Boston Metro.](#)"

NEW: The **Harvard Institute of Politics** announces its spring 2020 resident fellows today. The fellows are:

- **Tiffany Cross** - co-founder and managing editor of The Beat DC.
- **Lord Kim Darroch** - former British Ambassador to the United States.
- **Mark Harvey** - special assistant to the president and senior director for resilience policy at the National Security Council.
- **Rohini Kosoglu** - former chief of staff to California Sen. Kamala Harris, who also held a senior role on Harris' presidential campaign.
- **Tara Setmayer** - political commentator on CNN and ABC, and GOP congressional communications director.
- **Gov. Bill Walker** - former governor of Alaska from 2014 to 2018.

TRANSITIONS - **Travis McCready** is leaving the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center to join a health care startup. **Timothy McGourthy**, deputy secretary of Gov. Charlie Baker's Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, has been appointed as the center's acting president and CEO. [Link](#).

- **Daniel F. Cence** was named CEO and managing partner of Solomon McCown & Company. Moving forward, the agency will be known as Solomon McCown & Cence.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY - to **Jay Gonzalez**, Democratic gubernatorial candidate in 2018, who celebrated Wednesday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - to former **Rep. Mike Capuano**, who is 68, state **Rep. Brad Jones**; **Dan Black**, press secretary for Rep. Joe Kennedy III; **Amy Mahler**, director of SPARK Boston; **Sasha Goodfriend**, president of Mass NOW; **Shanice Wallace**, client engagement coordinator at TSNE; **Kevin Walther**, brand manager at FIRST; **Gustavo Quiroga** and **Marjorie Nesin**.

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Bowling

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January 18, 2020	Ryans Family Amusements - Millis	11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
January 18	Kens Bowl - Pittsfield	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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Basketball

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January 27, 2020
February 2
February 8
February 9
March 1
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Rivers School - Weston
Weston High School
Bridgewater Raynham High School
Babson College - Wellesley
Fay School - Southborough
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Approximately 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at all basketball locations.

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Rookie Braintree councilor says history-making vote was made in error

Cut him some slack. He's new at this. Braintree Town Council member Steven Sciascia says a vote he cast to make Shannon Hume the community's first-ever female council president was cast in error, Fred Hanson reports at the Patriot Ledger. Sciascia says he misunderstood the process unfolding ahead of his first-ever vote on the council, but officials say it is now too late for the decision to be changed.

[Patriot Ledger](#)

Councilors explain why they vote against the state paying its

bills

The world has been waiting to know and now SHNS's Chris Lisinski has an answer as to why two members of the Governor's Council have regularly voted against routine warrants allowing the state to pay bills. Answer (basically): Because they don't know what they're voting on. Lisinski has details on the apparent/alleged non-details provided to councilors.

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Life Sciences Center CEO departing for local startup

Travis McCready, the head of the quasi-public and influential Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, is leaving, apparently to join a local startup. The BBJ's [Allison DeAngelis](#) and SHNS's [Michael Norton](#) (pay wall) have more on McCready's departure and the appointment of Timothy McGourthy, a deputy secretary within the Baker administration, as acting chief.

'How could my wife have Alzheimers? She was only 56'

Both the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald have sad and poignant stories about spouses losing spouses to either Alzheimers or dementia. Long-time [Globe writer Tom Keane](#) describes his shock and disbelief after learning about – and then dealing with – his wife's Alzheimers, first diagnosed when she was only 56.

Meanwhile, the [Herald's Jessica Heslam](#) writes of former Herald political cartoonist Jerry Holbert's battle with a rare form of dementia. He's only 61, and his wife, Cheryl, frankly needs all the help she can get. They're both very sad – and moving – stories.



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SJC, Gaming Commission, and more

-- **Supreme Judicial Court** hears oral arguments for seven cases, John Adams Courthouse, Courtroom One, Pemberton Square, Boston, 9 a.m.

-- **Gaming Commission** holds a public hearing to gather comments on proposed amendments to gaming regulations, then the commission meets again to begin the process of looking for a new executive director, 101 Federal St., 11th Floor, Boston, 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., respectively.

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-- U.S. Sen. **Ed Markey** discuss tensions with Iran and his 2020 re-election campaign on 'Boston Public Radio,' followed later by U.S. Rep. **Bill Keating** who also talks about tensions with Iran, WGBH-FM 89.7, 11 a.m. and 1:20 p.m., respectively.

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The real estate transfer tax: Is it time?

From Sarah Betancourt at CommonWealth magazine: "Lawmakers and housing advocates are starting to coalesce behind a new proposal that would allow municipalities the local option to assess a tax of up to 2 percent on real estate transactions above the statewide median sales price and up to 6 percent on more speculative property sales."

SHNS's [Katie Lannan](#) (pay wall) has more on the suddenly trendy transfer tax idea. The Herald's [Sean Philip Cotter](#) reports how Mayor Marty Walsh's ambitious new housing program rests on passage of the still-uncertain real estate tax. Meanwhile, the [Globe's Tim Logan](#) looks at how Walsh plans to spend \$500 million on his proposed new housing programs, assuming he ever gets transfer-tax revenues to pay for them. Finally, the [Globe's Joan Vennoch](#)

takes a look at all of Walsh's recent big-ticket proposals – and concludes he's hearing the footsteps of history behind him.

[CommonWealth](#)

Baker's TCI plan takes another New England hit

Speaking of new taxes and/or fees, add Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont to the regional list of those opposing (or at least having serious reservations about) a proposed Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI) tax/fee on gasoline. The Herald's Joe Dwinell has the details on Lamont's non-embrace of the TCI idea supported by Gov. Charlie Baker and openly opposed by New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu.

Meanwhile, [SHNS's Chris Lisinski](#) (pay wall) reports that transportation advocates say that expansion of the number toll roadways in Massachusetts should be part of any transportation-revenue solution.

[Boston Herald](#)

Employers to lawmakers: Can we have a tax break too?

One more tax-related item: The Globe's Jon Chesto reports that major employers – including BJ's Wholesale, TJX, State Street and Eaton Vance, among others – have written lawmakers asking if they can get the same corporate tax breaks that mutual fund companies and manufacturers now get. Yes, we're talking about the wonky-sounding tax measure that every journalist deep-down dreads trying to explain: "The single-sales factor apportionment."

We didn't know other states have switched to the "single-sales factor" system, so this request may have long-term legs. We'll see.

[Boston Globe](#)



The Big Squeeze

The NYT's Astead Herndon joined U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren on the campaign trail in Iowa and traces her recent polling malaise to her efforts to appeal simultaneously to both the hard-core left-wing and the moderate center of the

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Meanwhile, from the [Wall Street Journal](#) (pay wall): “Elizabeth Warren’s base is getting anxious.” They’re apparently anxious about her not connecting with moderate Dems.

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So anti-Trump folks, far and wide, left and right, can now blame Bill Weld if former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee runs for president on the Libertarian ticket and siphons away critical anti-Trump votes in a general election. Weld, the former Massachusetts governor now running for president as an anti-Trump Republican, says yes indeed he urged Chafee to run as a Libertarian.

[WGBH](#)

Judge upholds one-vote victory in Salem council race

It’s over. After nine days of testimony, a Superior Court judge has ruled in favor of the city of Salem and affirmed the one-vote win in November’s election for new Ward 6 City Councilor Megan Riccardi. Dustin Luca at the Salem News reports a key finding from the judge was that the city did not infringe upon the voting rights of a Spanish-speaking resident.

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