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Fire in dorm at Harvard University's Allston campus displaces several students

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Several Harvard University students were displaced when a fire in a fourth floor apartment-style dormitory on the Ivy League school's Allston campus broke out this evening, the evacuation of the seven-story building.

The room where the fire started because of an electrical short circuit in an outlet was damaged. Other rooms on lower floors were damaged when water used to extinguish the blaze leaked down to the first floor, Boston Fire Department spokesman Steve MacDonald said.

"The water was coming through all the ceilings and floors," he said.

There were no injuries, MacDonald said. Damage was estimated at about \$150,000. Fire investigators did not release further details about what caused the electrical outlet to short circuit and spark the one-alarm fire.

The school will provide on-campus housing for those displaced, according to MacDonald.

Fire fighters responded shortly before 7 p.m. to the alarm at Building No. 6 in the Soldiers Field Park dormitory complex located on the university's business school campus, officials said.

This apartment complex, built in 1976, contains 478 apartments, according to the Harvard website.

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Car strikes pedestrian in Quincy

A pedestrian was struck on Quincy Avenue in Quincy this afternoon, police said. The pedestrian was transported to Boston Medical Center, a Quincy police dispatcher said. No further information was immediately available.

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State closes drug testing lab amid probe of chemist

State Police are concerned that a chemist's mishandling of evidence in drug cases may have led to wrongful convictions.

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Springfield casino consultant a gambling lobbyist

The expert hired to help Springfield assess casino proposals is a registered lobbyist for two of the firms competing in the Western Mass. town.

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Letter from Harvard dean to students on cheating investigation

Read the letter sent by Harvard Dean Jay Harris on the investigation into allegations of cheating by 125 undergraduate students.

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Whitman man killed in single-vehicle crash in East Bridgewater

A driver was killed in East Bridgewater today after his truck crashed into a tree on Washington Street, police said. Timothy Murphy, 46, of Whitman hit several mailboxes, a telephone pole, and a tree, before his black 1993 Ford F-150 swerved into another tree at 1591 Washington St., said East Bridgewater Lieutenant Keith McCartney.

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Harvard investigates 125 students for cheating on final exam

About 125 undergraduates are accused of jointly submitting responses, some word-for-word identical, in violation of an explicit no-collaboration policy.

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Boston Teachers Union offers major concessions toward

contract deal

After a contract stalemate that has lasted more than two years, the Boston Teachers Union said it would accept concessions on wages and a teacher evaluation system.

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Lynn man charged in sex assault on bus

A 24-year-old Lynn man is facing charges that he sexually assaulted a woman on an MBTA bus, authorities said. Bobby Deleveaux was arrested after a “visibly upset” female victim told police of his alleged assault on her. The assault happened while she was standing on a crowded bus en route to Bellingham Square in Chelsea around 7:15 p.m., according to a transit police report.

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State officials revoke former speaker DiMasi's pension

The annual pension of \$60,142, which was suspended last September, was revoked Thursday by state pension officials.

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Chatham beaches are closed to swimming due to shark concerns

Chatham’s eastern ocean-facing beaches have been closed to swimming until further notice after multiple reports of increased great white shark activity in the area, the town’s Department of Parks and Recreation says. Several fishermen have reported white sharks in their nets off-shore. The Division of Marine Fisheries has also spotted numerous white sharks close to shore in the vicinity of swimmers, Dan Tobin, director of parks and recreation, said in a statement.

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Higher temps expected today and Friday

Boston got a taste of autumn weather Wednesday, but temperatures will heat up today, according to the National Weather Service. Today will be sunny with a high of 84. Friday will bring lots of sun, and temperatures will climb into the 90s across the Bay State.

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MBTA ridership dips only 0.1% after fare increase

Average weekday ridership in July was 1.285 million, down from 1.286 million the same month last year.

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Worker dies in fall from Springfield highway

State police are investigating the death of a construction worker who fell about 60 feet from an Interstate 91 overpass.

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Senator Scott Brown gets GOP 'Choice PAC' endorsement one week after 'Citizens for Life' nod

US Senator Scott Brown, who last week received the backing of Massachusetts' major antiabortion group, was endorsed Thursday by a group on the other side of the abortion debate. The Republican Majority for Choice PAC announced it was endorsing the Republican senator, who says he supports legalized abortion.

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Fire disrupts MBTA Blue Line service

Blue Line service was disrupted this afternoon at the Revere Beach Station due to a fire at Wonderland Station. Shortly after 4 p.m., firefighters had knocked down the fire, a dispatcher said. Normal service is

resuming, the MBTA announced, after a period of shuttle bus service between the Revere Beach and Wonderland Stations.

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