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Authorities investigate anti-Semitic graffiti at Wheaton College

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Authorities are investigating anti-Semitic graffiti found this morning on a residence for Jewish students at Wheaton College in Norton, according to a campus-wide e-mail from school President Ronald A. Crutcher.

“Crude and hateful graffiti” was found on the back door of the Jewish Life House at 17 Howard St., Crutcher wrote. Students at the house have reported being targeted before, including derogatory remarks shouted from the street as recently as Friday evening.

“I want to be clear: this will not be tolerated,” he said. “Wheaton is committed to appreciating, understanding and celebrating diversity. Every individual--student, faculty and staff member--has the right to feel welcomed and safe on our campus and in our community.”

Campus police and Norton police are investigating, Wheaton College spokesman Michael Graca said.

The college president said a campus meeting will be held to

discuss the incident further. Graca said the meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Wheaton Public Safety Department at 508-286-8213, Norton police at 508-285-3300 or the school's Dean of Students Office at 508-286-8218.

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Cardinal discussed archdiocese reorganization in first-ever live webchat

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Boston, on Friday called his new plan to reorganize the archdiocese a strategy for rebuilding rather than downsizing, and said he hoped it would rejuvenate the priesthood. "If we are going to evangelize well, parishes need to be grouped in a way that resources can be deployed toward outreach, welcoming, and the growth of the church in our archdiocese," O'Malley told readers in his first-ever live webchat on Boston.com.

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Beverly woman finds, returns lost bag with \$11,000 in cash

Cheryl Gavazzi went into a Swampscott department store Tuesday after work on a mission to get a birthday present for her daughter-in-law. Instead, she ended up hightailing it out of the store with a bag full of cash, frantically looking out for gun-toting drug dealers. In the bag was \$11,000 in cash belonging to a Lynn couple who told police it was money they had raised to build a church in Guatemala.

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Turkeys wear out their welcome in Newton

Frieda Dweck has taken her ongoing battle with the wild turkeys of Newton to a new level. Night after night, she arms herself with a tennis racket and balls before heading outside to shoo the big birds out of the trees surrounding her home. For Dweck and many of her neighbors, the novelty of seeing wildlife thriving in suburbia has worn off. At a recent forum on coyotes and turkeys, residents grouched about messy and aggressive turkeys and cat-killing coyotes.

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From bad to worse for a bitter Mitt Romney

Mitt Romney has found the secret to winning a presidential campaign: giveaways. Specifically, giveaways to the people of color and immigrants — groups that supported Barack Obama in droves. It's a strikingly bitter response from a man who isn't used to losing and doesn't seem to take it well. But shedding the goal of being a standard-bearer for an increasingly intolerant Republican Party doesn't have to be all bad for someone who struggled to adapt himself to its positions.

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Federal prosecutors say Whitey Bulger's claim of immunity is 'frivolous and absurd'

Prosecutors have asked a federal judge to determine before trial whether James "Whitey" Bulger has any standing to raise an immunity claim, arguing that the "frivolous" claim should not be brought before a jury in the high-profile case. "Otherwise, the trial of this matter will become unduly elongated and unmanageable," prosecutors said late Friday in court filings. Prosecutors said the notorious gangster's "pure fantasy" that he was granted immunity for his crimes should not continue to slow down the case.

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STORY 5 OF 15

Man indicted in high-speed chase that killed one

A Brockton man was indicted by a grand jury on second-degree murder, manslaughter, and numerous other charges on Friday after he fled from police and crashed into heavy traffic, killing a woman in October, said the Plymouth district attorney's office.

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STORY 6 OF 15

More than 100 brawl after talent show at Mount Ida College in Newton; one arrested

A brawl involving more than 100 people broke out after a talent show at Mount Ida College in Newton on Thursday night. One man was arrested and charged with assaulting an officer, city police said. Police arrived at the Dedham Street school at 10:40 p.m. and found people fighting outside of Carlson Hall, said Officer Eric Rosenbaum.

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Mass. state troopers help out in storm-wracked New Jersey

One house, swept by the sea, sits in the middle of an intersection a half-mile from its foundation; another is a pile of rubble mangled by Hurricane Sandy's powerful winds and waves. Those are some of the images seared into the memory of the leader of a group of Massachusetts state troopers sent to New Jersey to help with storm relief. "You cannot comprehend the amount of devastation that this storm caused. It's overwhelming," said Captain John Byrne.

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Three killed in small plane crash in Maine

A sheriff said three people died Friday in a small plane crash near the Knox County Regional Airport in Owls Head, Maine.

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Beverly woman charged with threat to kill police, bomb buildings

A Beverly woman who threatened to kill police officers and bomb a hospital this week in a series of emails

sent to public officials was arrested at the Beverly Public Library on Thursday. Beverly police said Ashley Galvin, 20, is facing a slew of charges including ten counts of threats to kill and one count each of threat to bomb a police station, threat to bomb a fire station, and threat to bomb a hospital.

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Robber targets convenience stores north of Boston

Police believe an armed man who has robbed multiple convenience stores north of Boston has struck again — this time in Reading. The suspect entered a gas station convenience store at 85 Main St. Thursday at 10:45 p.m. and showed the clerk a handgun, Reading police said, and took several hundred dollars from the cash register.

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Margaret Douglas McCarter, 86, a soft-spoken activist for many causes

An activist for half a century, Margaret Douglas McCarter served as president of the Massachusetts chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and was part of the group's national leadership. Her sons said she also participated in the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington, belonged to civil rights organizations, protested the arms race, and traveled to several countries on human rights fact-finding missions. "The diversity of the campaigns is just amazing," her son Brian said.

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Phone contract for inmates is up for bid

The state prisons department is putting its inmate calling service contract out to bid, and prisoner advocates are hoping for an improvement on the current system they say is too expensive and unreliable.

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Woman found dead in N.H. house fire

Firefighters say a woman has been found dead following a house fire in Tuftonboro, N.H.

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Maine inmates help care for abandoned horses

Inmates and officials at the Bolduc Correctional Facility in Warren say a program that allows prisoners to take care of abandoned horses at a nearby farm works wonders for man and animal alike.

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