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# Man charged with beating pregnant fiancee

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A Carver man allegedly beat his pregnant fiancee, slamming her head into a kitchen table and floor and kicking and slapping her in the face in front of their 1-year-old child, police said in a statement Sunday. Robert Harris, 41, was ordered held without bail after Carver police arrested him shortly before 10 a.m. Sunday at a home on Cranberry Circle, while his fiancee was hospitalized, police said. The 28-year-old woman told officers that when she tried to call police, Harris took her cellphone from her and threw it, police said. The woman had visible injuries, which police said were not serious. She was treated and released from the hospital later Sunday, according to police. The 1-year-old was not injured, police said. Harris is expected to be arraigned Monday in Wareham District Court on charges including assault and

battery with a dangerous weapon — a shod foot and kitchen table — and intimidating a witness, the statement said.

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## Mayoral race brims with plans for Boston's schools

The candidates who want to be Boston's next mayor have plenty of ideas about how to bolster the city's schools, although they differ on how.

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## Former Concord Carlisle student alleges bullying in \$2-million lawsuit

A former Concord-Carlisle High School student who says she was mercilessly bullied for two years while administrators ignored her pleas for help filed a \$2 million federal civil rights lawsuit Monday against the towns of Concord and Carlisle, the Concord-Carlisle school district, the superintendent, and the high school principal and former vice principal.

Isabella "Belle" Hankey, now 18, alleges in the suit that the abuse — which she says included death threats, crude slurs carved into her car, and feces being smeared on her car — caused her to suffer a pulmonary embolism and finish out her senior year in an alternative school.

"This was not a single isolated incident," said Hankey's attorney, Timothy M. Burke of Needham. "This went on for years, literally, two years."

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## Marconi Beach on Cape Cod is closed after shark sighting

A shark was sighted off Marconi Beach in Wellfleet Monday, resulting in the closing of the beach and restrictions at other area beaches, officials said. A National Park Service lifeguard saw the shark at 1:05 p.m. while on duty at the beach, said Amy Mahler, a spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. Matthew Bielecki, a US park ranger confirmed the sighting. He was unable to say what species the shark was, but noted that the shark was 30 yards from the shoreline heading north, Mahler said. The beach was closed immediately, Mahler said.

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## North End dig hits archeological pay dirt

During two weeks of digging, tens of thousands of items from the 1700s were unearthed behind the 18th-century Clough House.

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## Amid immigration debate, a call to stay deportations

Advocates are voicing concern that officials are still targeting people for deportation who may benefit from a measure being debated in Congress.

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## Mayor William Lantigua gives \$1 gift to critic

Lawrence City Councilor Marc LaPlante was surprised to find a crisp dollar bill in a birthday card from the Lawrence mayor.

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## A passion for helping out ends in Africa

Bess Rosenzweig, a former Cambridge student, and her mother, Claire Clube, died in a plane crash near the end of a two-week vacation in Kenya.

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## Daniel Conley seeks city vote on casino plan

The mayoral candidate called again for a citywide referendum on a proposed East Boston casino and threatened a lawsuit to stop a proposed Everett casino.

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## Pair arrested after toddler found roaming in parking lot

A man and woman were arrested Friday after a 2-year-old boy they were baby-sitting was spotted running in traffic in the parking lot of a Cohasset strip mall, police said.

Rohn C. Hess, 33, of Scituate, and Jennifer Fiori, 26, of Weymouth were charged with reckless endangerment of a child, Cohasset police said in a statement. They are scheduled to be arraigned Monday in Quincy District Court.

They were arrested after a woman called police saying she had seen a man who appeared to be intoxicated roaming with a toddler around a strip mall parking lot on King Street, police said.

The child was not harmed and was returned to his father in Dorchester later in the day, police said. The father told officers he had hired Fiori to baby-sit while he worked.

Hess will also be charged with unlawful possession of high-capacity magazines after officers found five military-style magazines, without ammunition, inside a bag with a state health card with his name on it, police said.

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## Pembroke man charged with kidnapping, raping woman

The suspect allegedly drove a woman around in his vehicle for several hours against her will before raping her in a wooded area of Hanson, police said.

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## Funds aimed at restoring wetlands for waterfowl

The waterfowl protection group Ducks Unlimited is promoting grant money available from the state of Vermont for landowners in the Lake Champlain basin who are looking to restore wetlands.

The group is using a \$77,000 grant from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources to help with the work.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife, which is part of the agency, has designated the Lake Champlain basin as a North American Waterfowl Management Plan focus area.

The basin is important to staging and migration habitat for tens of thousands of waterfowl, including American black ducks, mallards, wood ducks, green-winged teal, common goldeneyes, ring-necked ducks, and common mergansers.

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## City to protect shoreline recreation from storms like Sandy

STAMFORD, Conn. — Stamford officials are looking at making shoreline recreation areas more resilient following the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy.

The city sustained \$2.5 million in damage to city parks and beaches following the late October storm, the Advocate of Stamford reported.

At Cove Island Park, the picnic area, concession stand, bathrooms and Soundwaters Educational Center were flooded and many areas were covered in two feet of sand. A sea wall also was partially damaged, causing \$270,000 in damage.

At Cummings Beach, the force of waves washed four feet of sand on the nearby parking lot that had to be bulldozed and returned to the waterfront.

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## Police capture inmate said to have fled work detail

LINCOLN, R.I. — Rhode Island State Police have arrested an inmate who they said escaped while on a work detail.

Authorities said Bryan D. Castillo, 22, formerly of Cranston, fled from an inmate work detail Friday on Route 95 in Providence. Acting on a tip, State Police and members of the Violent Fugitive Task Force arrested Castillo around 1:45 p.m. Saturday at a house in Providence where authorities say he was involved in a struggle with one of the residents.

He was taken to the State Police barracks in Lincoln and then returned to prison.

Castillo is serving a one-year sentence at the Adult Correctional Institution for breaking into a house. He was to be released on Feb. 26.

An arraignment on the escape charge is scheduled for Monday in Providence district court.

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## Belafonte to attend Yale dyslexia symposium

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Entertainer and political activist Harry Belafonte will be among those attending a symposium on dyslexia at Yale University.

The Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity will hold the conference Monday starting at 9 a.m. in Linsly Chittenden Hall, 63 High Street, New Haven.

Belafonte and others who are dyslexic, including entrepreneur Daymond John of ABC's "Shark Tank," will join experts, educators, legislators and policy makers at the symposium, called "Dyslexia: A Civil Rights Issue for Our Time."

They will discuss the challenges facing those with dyslexia and solutions and will launch an initiative to increase awareness of dyslexia among minorities.

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## Panel takes up bills inspired by Northern Pass

**CONCORD, N.H. — A House subcommittee is beginning work on three bills inspired by the proposed construction of a privately funded, 187-mile transmission line originating in northern New Hampshire.**

**The \$1.4 billion Northern Pass project entails building a line that would transmit 1,200 megawatts of Canadian hydroelectric power from Hydro-Quebec into New England — enough to serve 1.2 million homes.**

**It has faced intense criticism in the state's North Country where opponents argue towers carrying the electricity south would damage the environment, lower property values and hurt tourism.**

**Supporters counter that the power would reduce carbon emissions.**

**The House Science, Technology and Energy Committee held some bills related to the project to be voted on next year. A subcommittee begins work Tuesday on three that focus on transmission lines.**

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