

‘You can . . . locate a facility in a high-quality location around Raleigh-Durham and almost every major factor is going to be less expensive than Boston.’

MARK M. SWEENEY, *a site selection expert*

## A rival in drug making is looming in the South

Lower costs, more land may spur N.C. to outpace Boston

By Catherine Carlock

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MORRISVILLE, N.C. — Ten minutes from the Raleigh airport, the future of biotech is under construction.

On either side of a new stretch of four-lane highway sit two \$1 billion biomanufacturing campuses, which will bring a combined 2.5 million square feet of research and development and advanced manufacturing space to a region that has become the No. 1 place where North America makes prescription drugs.

One campus, called Pathway Triangle, is being built by a developer from Boston, King Street Properties. King Street — which has projects in Cambridge, Waltham, Allston, and Lexington — is building a similarly vast biomanufacturing campus in Devens. But these days it also sees a land of opportunity 700 miles to the south, in North Carolina.

And King Street isn’t alone. Most of the major real estate players in Greater Boston’s life-science

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## On Harvard campus, angst over invitation

Palestinian academic’s views defending Hamas stir anger

By Hilary Burns and Mike Damiano

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First came the invitation to speak at Harvard. Then critics publicized her tweets.

On Oct. 7, Dalal Iriqat said the Hamas attack on Israel, which included rape, beheadings, and massacres of civilians, was just “a normal human struggle 4 #Freedom.” She later added: “We will never forgive the Israeli right wing extreme government for making us take their children and elderly as hostages. . . . Justice shall prevail.”

Iriqat, a Palestinian academic, is scheduled to participate in a dialogue series at the Harvard Kennedy School next month. That invitation has drawn condemnations from a Democratic senator, a Republican congresswoman, and the Anti-Defamation League. But some Harvard professors have defended Iriqat’s participation, arguing that controversial, even repugnant, views should be openly discussed and interrogated at a university.

The dustup over the invitation, extended by Harvard professor Tarek Masoud, who studies Middle East politics, can be seen as a test case for a burgeoning movement among some Harvard pro-

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## Waits longer than ever in area ERs

Hospitals cite shortages in staff, inpatient beds

By Liz Kowalczyk

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As frustrating delays in hospital emergency departments worsen, even patients with less serious health problems are spending 12 to 24 hours and longer at certain hospitals to get care, sometimes amid chaotic circumstances.

Boston’s largest and most profitable hospitals are among those with the longest delays, and the crowded conditions at many institutions are putting patients at risk, according to data, safety reports, and investigation records analyzed by the Globe.

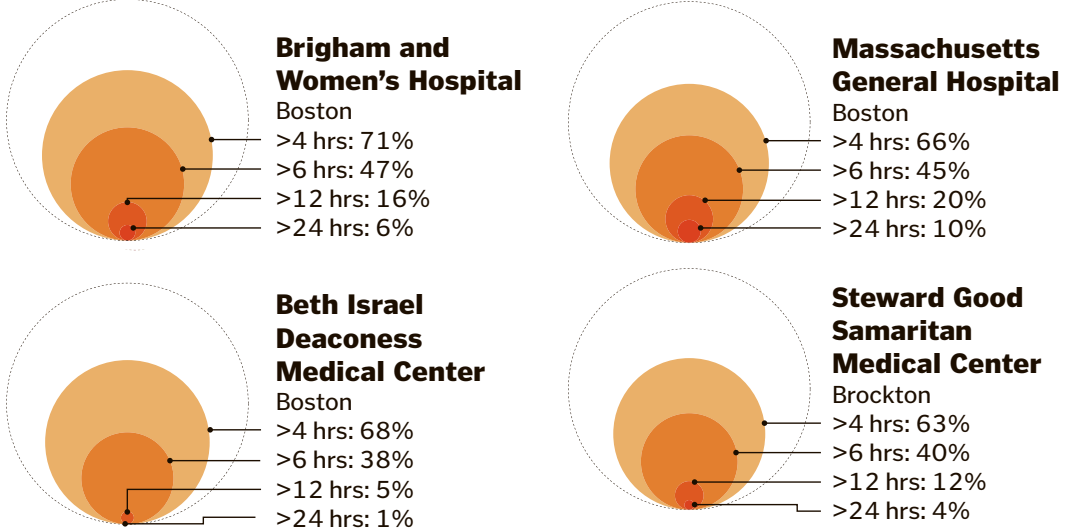
At Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, 20 percent of the 84,000 patients who were treated and sent home in 2022 were in the emergency department more than 12 hours. At Brigham and Women’s Hospital, also in Boston, it was 16 percent.

The Globe obtained data on excessive

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**Patients spend hours in emergency departments**

The percentage of patients who spent more than 4, 6, 12, or 24 hours in emergency departments varies by hospital. The data include only patients who are eventually discharged from the emergency department and are not sick enough to be admitted to the hospital.



SOURCE: The Center for Health Information and Analysis, 2022 data

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First-grader Izzy Fink returned to Lincoln-Eliot Elementary School in Newton on Monday with flowers for his teachers.

## In Newton, mayor’s role questioned

Fuller is viewed as being largely absent from talks during long teachers strike

By Deanna Pan

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NEWTON — As the state’s longest teachers strike in three decades raged, keeping students out of school

►Students return to class. **B1.**

for 11 days, many in Newton were left wondering: Where was the mayor?

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller was mostly absent from the tense and protracted contract negotiations be-

tween the Newton Teachers Association and School Committee. In fact, according to the NTA, she met with teachers at the bargaining table just once during the two-week saga, incensing many educators and community members who have threatened to take out their frustration at the ballot box.

During that time, Fuller made regular visits to the city’s education administration building — where bargaining teams on both sides were

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**11 days** of illegal work stoppage  
**\$53 million** new contract’s cost to district  
**over 2,000** striking educators

**TEACHERS GET:**  
**12.6%** cost of living increase  
**20 days** minimum fully paid parental leave  
**\$625,000** in fines to the state and/or district

## CALIFORNIA DELUGE



ETHAN SWOPE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeffrey Raines cleared debris from a mudslide at his parent’s home during relentless rains on Monday in Los Angeles. California has coped with flooding and outages — and meteorologists say more rain is on the way. **A2.**

## N.Y. election may hinge on immigration politics

Faceoff to fill seat left by Santos seen as a bellwether

By Lissandra Villa de Petrzelka

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WASHINGTON — An upcoming special election in New York to replace former Republican Representative George Santos is shaping up as a referendum on what is likely to be one of the biggest issues of the year: immigration.

A razor-thin House majority and a congressional seat that is considered politically purple have fueled a surge of millions of dollars

into New York’s third congressional district, located in part of Queens and Nassau County ahead of the Feb. 13 special election. Democrats and Republicans have seized on the rare opportunity to road-test their 2024 messages, with immigration taking an outsized role as bluer cities and states, including New York City and Massachusetts, are struggling to respond to an influx of migrants.

For Democrats, the special election presents an opportunity to not only take a key congressional seat, but to run offensively on an issue that has increasingly been a weak spot politically.

“This race gives us the real op-

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Policies with significant implications for Massachusetts are included in the Senate border deal as the state struggles with a surge of migrants. **A2.**

**Northeastern and Boston University will meet in the men’s Beanpot final next week.**

The Huskies came from behind to beat the Harvard Crimson 3-2 in overtime, while the Terriers outlasted the Boston College Eagles 4-3. **C1.**



Sun anyone?

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny. High 33-38, low 29-34.  
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