

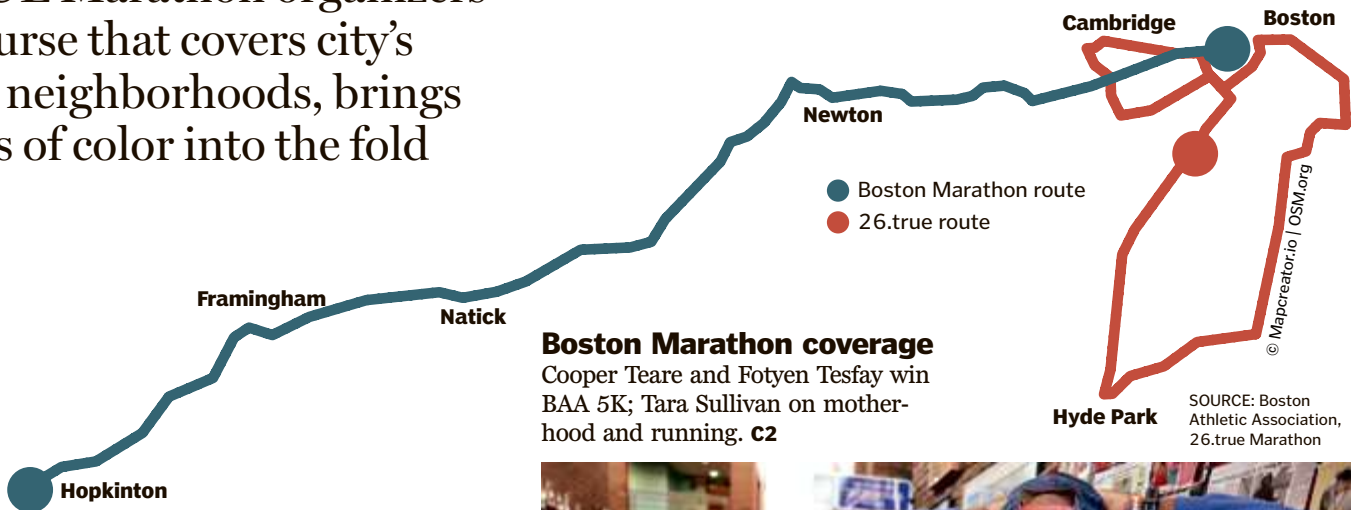


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Bertha Cross passed through the “Cheer Zone” in Dorchester’s Peabody Square during the 26.TRUE Marathon on Saturday.

Running Boston — all of it

26.TRUE Marathon organizers tout course that covers city’s diverse neighborhoods, brings runners of color into the fold



Boston Marathon coverage
Cooper Teare and Fotyen Tesfay win BAA 5K; Tara Sullivan on motherhood and running. **C2**

SOURCE: Boston Athletic Association, 26.true Marathon

By Tiana Woodard and Laura Crimaldi
GLOBE STAFF

When Jeremy Guevara ran the Boston Marathon in 2022, one thought got stuck in his head as he jogged through suburban towns: “I wasn’t even supposed to be there.”

Everything about Guevara, a first-generation Latino weighing 250 pounds, stood out amid the sea of mostly white, lanky athletes trekking through Hopkinton, Wellesley, Newton, and Brookline.

“You don’t want to feel that way, especially when you’re already doing something really hard,” Guevara said.

The unmissable fact that the Boston Marathon is overwhelmingly white helped fuel the creation of the race Guevara ran this weekend over the more historic one: 26.TRUE, a marathon course entirely within the city of Boston that organizers and advocates say is crucial to ensuring that people of color see long distance running as a viable and welcoming.

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Runner Mike Remy, of Boston, stretched out at the Shelburne Community Center before the start of Saturday’s race.

Israel says it foiled most of Iran attack

Tehran sends wave of missiles in retaliation for deadly Damascus airstrike

By Aaron Boxerman, Ronen Bergman, and Farnaz Fassihi
NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM — Iran launched more than 200 drones, cruise missiles and ballistic missiles toward Israel on Saturday evening, the Israeli military said, in retaliation for a deadly Israeli airstrike on the Iranian Embassy complex in the Syrian capital this month.

The attack, which is believed to be the first direct Iranian assault inside Israel, threatened to open a volatile chapter in the long-running shadow war between the two nations.

The Israeli military spokesperson, Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, said at a news briefing that the strikes had caused minor damage to an Israeli military base. The vast majority of Iran’s arsenal, he added, had been intercepted by Israel with “some assistance” from its allies.

“Only one little girl has been hurt,” he said, **IRAN, Page A2**

Rising tuition tightens vise on middle class

Penalized on aid front for having a good income

By Hilary Burns
GLOBE STAFF

Kari Strouth, a single mom of two living in Randolph, was disappointed that she did not qualify for more financial aid when her two children were in college at the same time. The tuition bills amounted to about \$50,000 a year, a huge chunk of her income, then in the low six figures, and she’d only saved about \$30,000 in 529 plans.

Her daughter is currently a student at Maine College of Art & Design, and her son graduated from Syracuse University, where she owed about \$60,000 for his senior year alone after he lost his merit scholarship. Strouth took out Parent PLUS loans, and drove Uber for extra cash, on top of her former day job in procurement at Harvard University.

“Gig work is a blessing to people like me,” Strouth said. Still, her son graduated with about **COLLEGE, Page A14**



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Karen Read is charged in the death of Officer John O’Keefe. Her supporters say she is the victim of a coverup.

Portraits of murder suspect stand in sharp contrast

By Sean Cotter
GLOBE STAFF

D EDHAM — The courthouse doors opened and a slight figure emerged, sending dozens of demonstrators assembled outside erupting into applause, whooping and waving signs and American flags.

Karen Read, the woman accused of murdering her Boston police officer boyfriend in Canton, grinned at the crowd of supporters who’d braved a chilly drizzle to show up for a mundane pretrial hearing at Norfolk Superior Court. “Free Karen Read,” said one sign. Another: “God Bless Karen Read.”

Driven by claims of a police coverup, the case has devolved into a frenzy, both in the media and on the sidewalks outside the courthouse. But as the fervor amps up ahead of a lengthy trial, people watching and talking about the case offer starkly different and competing images of the woman at its center.

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The MIT Museum aims to untangle the anxiety around artificial intelligence with its “AI: Mind the Gap” exhibition. **SundayArts, N1.**

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Pre-race warmup

Sunday: Clouds later. High: 57-62. Low: 46-51.

Monday: Sunny, warm. High: 61-66. Low: 45-50.

Sunrise: 6:04 Sunset: 7:25

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