

Climate report notes Earth's grim milestones

Sea levels, gas emissions shatter earlier records

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From sea levels to heat to greenhouse gas emissions, the Earth again “shattered” record highs in 2023, according to a closely watched scientific assessment of global climate trends released Thursday.

In New England, the global trends were felt on myriad fronts, scientists said of the annual report by the American Meteorological Society. Vermont and Leominster were rocked by catastrophic flash flooding. The region's air filled with smoke from raging Canadian wildfires up north. And a heat wave prompted heat emergency alerts in Boston as schools opened in September.

“Almost every variable you look at [in the report] there's a record broken, and it's not a surprise,” said Sarah Das, a climate scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute who also serves on Massachusetts' climate science advisory panel. “We continue to pump planet-heating gases into the atmosphere at unprecedented rates, year after year, and that has consequences.”

The primary cause of climate change is burning fossil fuels, which adds heat-trapping gases to the atmosphere. The worst impacts of climate change could still be avoided with strong international action to dramatically cut greenhouse gas emissions, climate scientists say.

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School chief grateful for a fresh start

Ousted in Everett infighting, Tahiliani takes over in Brockton

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BROCKTON — When Priya Tahiliani left Everett Public Schools earlier this year in the midst of a bruising legal battle with the mayor and School Committee, the former superintendent wondered briefly if she'd ever lead another school district, or if she even wanted to.

Her time in Everett had been fraught from the start: Tahiliani was on the job less than two weeks before the coronavirus pandemic began, and she steered the district through an unprecedented crisis. Soon, she was locked in a turbulent public feud with Mayor Carlo DeMaria, alleging he had discriminated against her and installed hidden cameras in her office.

Tahiliani was the first person of color in Everett's history to assume the role. And like many superintendents in Massachusetts, especially school chiefs of color, she cycled in and out of office quickly. In an age where cultural and political wars are being waged at schools across the country, it was natural she would ask

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Priya Tahiliani, shown with Brockton High principal Kevin McCaskill, is the interim superintendent.

It's Harris's party as Democrats prepare for battle

On a night of celebration, they stress time is short and much needs to be done



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On Thursday, Vice President Kamala Harris officially became the first woman of color to be a major party nominee for president.

‘A precious, fleeting opportunity to move past the bitterness’

By Zeke Miller, Will Weissert, and Darlene Superville
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CHICAGO — Vice President Kamala Harris called on Americans to join her to “chart a new way forward” as she accepted the Democratic nomination on Thursday, arguing that her personal story and prosecutorial background make her uniquely qualified to protect their interests and beat Republican Donald Trump.

Taking the stage to a thunderous standing ovation at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Harris sought to introduce herself to the American public and outline her vision for leading the country for the next four years.

“Our nation with this election has a precious, fleeting opportunity to move past the bitterness, cyni-

cism, and divisive battles of the past,” Harris said. “A chance to chart a new way forward. Not as members of any one party or faction, but as Americans.”

Harris's address in Chicago caps a whirlwind eight weeks in American politics and manifests the stunning reversal of Democratic fortunes just 75 days until Election Day. Party leaders who had publicly despaired over President Biden's candidacy after his disastrous debate against Trump were jubilant both at the historic nature of Harris's candidacy and their buoyed hopes for this November.

The daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants, Harris became the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to accept a major party's presidential nomination.

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Prime timers

The women who lead Massachusetts got prestigious speaking slots. **A5.**

Early risers

Up-and-coming Democrats harboring presidential ambitions make the rounds at DNC breakfasts. **B1.**

By Tal Kopan
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CHICAGO — Michelle Obama led the chant. Steph Curry echoed it. Kerry Washington drove it home. They were there for Kamala Harris's history-making nomination, but they were also there to make sure that after the delegates at the Democratic National Convention emerged from the balloons with their souvenirs and swag, they knew the slogan:

Do something.

The convention featured a party atmosphere, brimming with optimism that peaked Thursday night as Harris accepted her historic nomination for president.

But for all the glitz of the celebrities and DJ-spun tunes, there was an unmistakable message that the next 2½ months will be full of the unglamorous work of grinding through a still-close election.

As she often does in her speeches, Harris drew on her mother's example in making the same case.

“She taught Maya and me a lesson

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‘This momentum is a movement and not a moment, and we must lean into it full throttle.’

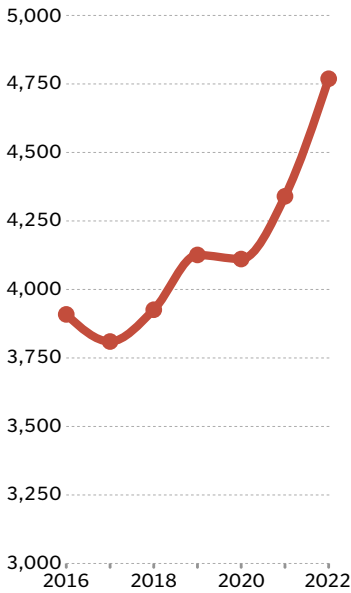
CHARLOTTE GULLAP-MOORE, a California delegate

Speakers raise the profile of fertility treatments

Births involving fertility treatments are increasingly common in Mass.

The treatments include in vitro fertilization and fertility drugs.

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Fertility treatments were thrust into the nation's public discourse this week when some of the most prominent speakers at the Democratic National Convention opened up about their personal struggles to have children.

“If you've never experienced the hell that is infertility, I guarantee you know somebody who has,” Tim Walz, the vice presidential nominee, said in an emotional recounting of his family's fertility experience during his acceptance speech Wednesday night.

Walz and his wife, Gwen, have a

daughter who was conceived by intrauterine insemination or IUI.

And in her speech the night before, Michelle Obama mentioned she underwent in vitro fertilization, a procedure known as IVF, to conceive, as she spoke in support of Walz.

Nowhere in the country are fertility treatments so successfully used as in Massachusetts, which almost four decades ago became the first state to require that insurers cover them.

Indeed, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, who has discussed her own use of assisted reproductive technology, told the Globe that she “felt lucky to live in Massachusetts.”

Massachusetts reported the highest percentage of births involving fer-

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The FDA approved the latest slate of annual COVID-19 vaccines, clearing the way for Americans 6 months and older to get updated shots in the midst of a prolonged summer surge. **A2.**

The window for Drake Maye to be the Patriots starting quarterback in the opener appears to be open, with coach Jerod Mayo now saying it's an open competition for the job. **C1.**

A French destroyer rescued 29 mariners from an oil tanker that came under repeated attack in the Red Sea by Yemen's Houthi rebels. **A3.**

A company that sent a robocall spoofing President Biden's voice will pay a \$1 million fine. **B1.**

Rich Hill may be getting another shot with the Red Sox, and Tara Sullivan traces his journey. **C1.**



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