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The day turned to dark at Lake Champlain in Burlington, Vt., rendering as a white speck the sun and as silhouettes those gathered to witness and wonder.



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Sixth-grader Sherrod Blount viewed the partial eclipse at the Conservatory Lab Charter Public School in Dorchester.

Let there be dark. And it was good.

The sun was resplendent. Then the moon did its dance and across New England, jaws dropped.

By Sabrina Shankman, Carlos Muñoz, and Hiawatha Bray
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After months of anticipation, a historic solar eclipse swept across the United States to New England on Monday afternoon, plunging a swath of the country into an eerie afternoon darkness and bringing millions together in shared awe and wonder. The moon's shadow moved from the Pacific coast of Mexico through Texas and across 11 states to New England along its path of totality, where huge crowds gathered to behold the celestial event, before exiting into the North Atlantic near Newfoundland. In New England, that ribbon of twilight cut across northern Vermont and New Hampshire, along with much of Maine under mostly clear skies, drawing a crush of travelers to communities along the route. The partial eclipse in Boston began at 2:16 p.m. and reached its peak at 3:29 p.m. As the

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Vermont residents had plenty of company for the spectacle

By Kevin Cullen
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STOWE, Vt. — As a businessman in northern Vermont, where totality and eclipse are pretty much the only things people have talked about in recent months, Dan Keene wasn't quite sure what he'd make of the actual moment. He and his wife, Karen, had invited to their home about a dozen people, mostly family.

In the middle of mud season, people's eyes — and hearts — were lifted

They lit a fire on the patio and waited. By their own admission, the Keenes are a loud clan. They talk loud. They live loud. And then came the surreal darkness and a sudden chill. In those three minutes, something extraordinary happened on the Keene patio: No

one spoke at all. Total silence. "I wish totality lasted longer," Karen Keene deadpanned. On a day of unexpected crystal skies, after months, even years of hype, about a rare celestial event, people across northern New Eng-

land experienced the total eclipse in vastly different and vastly personal ways, from blase to redemptive to wondrous. Even Dan Keene couldn't help marvel. "It was a great day for Vermonters, and for everybody that came to the state to experience it," he said. One thing was for sure. It brought crowds. Vermont had planned for hundreds of thou-

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A Trump dustup over abortion

Allies question his call for states to decide issue

By Lissandra Villa de Petrzelka
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WASHINGTON — In a room with ornate decorations and flanked by American flags, former president Donald Trump filmed a more than four-minute campaign video in which he declared abortion decisions should be left to the states. "My view is now that we have abortion where everybody wanted it from a legal standpoint, the states will determine by vote or legislation or perhaps both, and whatever they decide must be the law of the land. In this case, the law of the state," Trump said in the video, which he posted on Truth Social on Monday morning. Then, something unusual happened: Re-

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At BU, an education in hardship

Grad students labor to balance teaching, studying amid strike

By Katie Johnston
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In some ways, Boston University graduate students are typical college students. They don't have much money. They're trying to figure out what to do with their lives. And they tend to stay up late studying, and maybe ordering a pizza or two. But the BU grad students, who have been on strike since late March, are also university employees, which not only adds to their workload but complicates their relationship with the school. In addition to taking courses and writing dissertations, the students — some of whom are older and have children — are ex-



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pected to teach classes, advise students, and conduct research. "To be everywhere all at once," as PhD student Lauren Rains put it. In all, Boston is home to roughly 66,000 graduate students, according to 2022 city data. And as with many jobs, teaching and conducting research can be a relentless, thankless task. Yes, the BU grad workers are getting free tuition and eight-to-12-

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The University of Connecticut stuffed Purdue, 75-60, for the NCAA men's basketball title. **C1.**

For Red Sox, home opener is a way to honor Tim Wakefield and the team's improbable run to the Series title in 2004. **C1, C2.**

Root for home beam

Tuesday: Sunny, cool. High 52-57, low 39-44.

Wednesday: Spotty rain. High 51-56, low 43-48.

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