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Middling grades in first climate report card

Long road remains to reach variety of benchmarks for Mass. in 2025, 2030

By Sabrina Shankman
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If Massachusetts is going to zero out its greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, as state law demands, it requires nothing short of a radical transformation — heat pumps instead of gas and oil furnaces; electric cars and buses quietly whirring down streets in place of gas-guzzlers; and electricity powered by wind and solar, rather than gas, oil, or coal.

So — how’s it going?

The state’s first-ever annual climate report card was released Friday morning, and it offered up a mixed review. While heat pumps and electric vehicles are on the rise and clean energy is increasingly coming online, there is a long, potholed road ahead to get to the state’s near-term targets for the years 2025 and 2030.

“There’s no way to sugarcoat it: We’ve got a lot of work to do, and some big hurdles to cross,” said Jeremy McDiarmid, managing director of the clean energy advocacy group Advanced Energy United. “What this report card shows is that the

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Israel warns, attacks regions of south Gaza

US ship parries drones targeting Red Sea vessels

By Vivian Yee and Iyad Abuheweila
NEW YORK TIMES

Amid a barrage of airstrikes, Israel sharply expanded its evacuation orders in the Gaza Strip on Sunday in preparation for an expected ground invasion in the southern part of the territory.

The new orders, coming three days after the collapse of a weeklong truce, sowed confusion and fear among residents of Gaza, some of whom have already been displaced at least once before.

Images from Gaza on Sunday showed plumes of dark smoke rising above a rubble-covered landscape and bloodied children wailing in dust-covered hospital wards. Mourners stood beside rows of bodies wrapped in white sheets.

Late Sunday, a military spokesperson, Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari, said Israel “continues and expands its ground operations against Hamas strongholds all across the Gaza Strip,” but did not elaborate.

Military officials declined to comment on

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DonJuan Moses, next to a projection of police cars in Mission Hill after the Stuart shooting. DonJuan was 11 when police burst into his Mission Hill home and arrested his cousin. Below, the initial detectives on the case: Robert Tinlin and Robert Ahearn.

This series was reported by Adrian Walker, Evan Allen, Elizabeth Koh, Andrew Ryan, Kristin Nelson, and Brendan McCarthy. This story was written by Allen.

Homicide Detective Robert Ahearn chugged bitter coffee out of a paper cup and squinted down at the police reports spread across his desk. Something about this case was bothering him.

It was Tuesday, Oct. 24, 1989, the morning after a seven-months pregnant woman and her husband were shot leaving a birthing class at a renowned Boston hospital. Now, Carol Stuart was dead. Doctors had managed to save Chuck, who was shot in the gut. Their baby, Christopher, had been born by caesarean section and was barely hanging on.

Ahearn and his partner, Robert Tinlin — “the two Bobbies” — had been up almost all night. First, at the crime scene in Mission Hill, where paramedics found Chuck and Carol Stuart in their blue Toyota Cressida. Then, at the district police station

where the mayor went on TV to announce he was ordering every available detective in the department to work the case.

That, right there, was part of what was bothering Ahearn: the publicity, the pressure. He could practically feel the mayor’s hot breath on the back of his neck.

This wasn’t just a homicide investigation, this was a task force. There was a hot line. Hundreds of cops and dozens of reporters were crawling all over Mission Hill, undoubtedly tromping on evidence and hassling witnesses.

Chuck had only managed to give the barest description of the shooter before he was rushed into surgery — Black man, late 20s or early 30s, wearing a black track suit with red stripes. Those few, simple details cas-

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In his death, a reminder of devastation in Cambodia



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Vesna Nuon is a city councilor in Lowell, the city with the second-biggest Cambodian American population in the country.

Some who escaped as refugees to Lowell blame Kissinger for generation of misery

By Mike Damiano
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He has been described since his death Wednesday as a “noted statesman,” a “scholar-turned-diplomat,” and a giant of American foreign policy who helped avert nuclear war.

But to some Cambodian Americans in Massachusetts and across the country, Henry Kissinger was something else entirely: the man who directed the secret US bombing of their home country and paved the way for the rise of a genocidal regime.

For many his death has resurrected painful stories of a homeland wracked by decades of civil war. And

the United States’ deadly legacy continues to this day as Cambodia labors to demine and clear the countryside of tons of unexploded ordnance.

“People are posting [on social media] that he’s evil or that they’re surprised he lived to 100 [considering] the acts he was involved with,” said Sovanna Pouy, who had been a long-time leader in the Cambodian American community in Lowell, the city with the second-biggest Cambodian American population in the country, after Long Beach, Calif.

Pouy, like so many Cambodian Americans, came to the United States

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Amid housing crisis, investors snap up one in five homes for sale

By Andrew Brinker
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One in five homes sold in Greater Boston from 2004 to 2018 went to private investors — particularly smaller local operators scooping up two-families and triple-deckers in hopes of making a profit on the region’s soaring housing market — driving up the cost of once relatively affordable housing, a new report found.

Investor home purchases have been on a steady rise, accounting for 23 percent of residential sales in 2018, up from 16 percent in 2004, a report released last week by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council found. Investors often bought homes in cash, winning bids over prospective homeowners needing mortgages. The practice also disproportionately drove up rent prices and forced out tenants in areas such as East Boston with high ratios of low-income families of color, the report found.

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In 2018, two-families represented more than **30%** of investor acquisitions, and three-families nearly **50%**

The Supreme Court is set to hear a bid to toss out Purdue Pharmaceutical’s settlement with victims of opioids misuse. **A2.**

The Patriots’ offense sputtered once more, as

the Los Angeles Chargers shut out New England, 6-0. **C1.**

Metco is seeking funding to slightly expand its program of educating Boston students of color in suburban schools. **B1.**

Regulators could still scuttle Amazon’s purchase of iRobot, 16 months after the retail titan agreed to buy the Bedford-based firm. **D1.**

You can dank on it Monday: Periods of showers. High 48-53, low 34-39.

Tuesday: Colder but clearer. Weather and comics, **D4-5.** Obituaries, **C12.**