

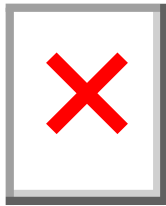
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By Ella Adams and Eric Convey

Keller: Marty Meehan's rescue plan



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The UMass Donahue Institute Retailers Survey provides insight on how to save Main Street Massachusetts: Reduce small business health insurance premiums, energy bills, payroll taxes, and credit card swipe fee costs, while giving consumers tax relief as well. The Retailers Association of Massachusetts urges Beacon Hill to make small business survival their #1 priority.

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Keller at Large

In the fat times, it's easy to be a university president.

You shake down wealthy alumni and pretend their donations aren't buying admission for their dim offspring. You learn to breathe through your mouth to endure the bad breath of senior faculty and poor student hygiene, and take their perpetual complaints under advisement, a process similar to what Black Earth Compost does with your table scraps after they pickup your little green barrel.

And as long as the bucks keep flowing and you manage to avoid antagonizing the board of trustees, you're golden.

But these are not the days of wine and roses for academia, public or private. Dozens of public or nonprofit colleges have folded or are on the brink of it since the pandemic hit. **The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia** forecasts another 80 could bite the dust this year as costs soar and enrollments drop.

And now, **Trump**, taking a chainsaw to the federal funding that's been the mother's milk of higher education around here for decades. What's a college president to do beyond waving goodbye as Mr. Chips cashes his chips in?

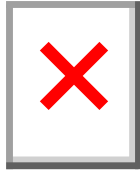
If you're **Marty Meehan**, arguably -- along with the late **Paul Tsongas** -- the most influential son of Lowell since **Jack Kerouac**, you do what you've always done: take Trump's broken eggs and make egg salad out of them.

Building on the work of Tsongas and others to build federal funding pipelines to Lowell and the **UMass** campus there, Meehan took over as UMass-Lowell chancellor in 2007 and went on a fundraising and spending binge that propelled the school to unheard-of regional and national rankings, with a special emphasis on technology and life sciences.

Now in his tenth year as president of the entire UMass system, Meehan has a new gambit he's touting: climate tech, the fast-growing universe of scientific and technological solutions to environmental and social issues raised by climate change...

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Happening Today

9:45 | Boston Mayor **Wu** hosts the Mission Hill Coffee Hour | 1497 Tremont Street, Boston

10:00 | Lt. Gov. **Driscoll**, AG **Campbell**, Senate Pres. **Spilka**, Sen. **Edwards** and advocates participate in a press conference to mark the start of eviction record sealing protections | In front of Eastern Housing Court, 24 New Chardon St., Boston

10:30 | Gov. **Healey** joins Rep. **Day**, Sen. **Lewis**, Stoneham Town Administrator **Sheehan**, Stoneham Select Board Chair **Waitkevitch** and others for a "Stoneham Business Tour" | Starts at Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St, Stoneham; ends at Ceramica Paint Studio, 380 Main St., Stoneham

12:30 | Gov. **Healey** joins Lt. Gov. **Driscoll**, Congresswoman **Trahan** and Sec. **Augustus** for "Littleton groundbreaking" | 550 King Street, Littleton

12:30 | **Boston Foundation**, **Massachusetts Nonprofit Network** and **MassINC Polling Group** release results from their "Massachusetts Nonprofits Federal Impacts Survey" | [Register](#)

4:30 | U.S. Sen. **Markey** holds a virtual press conference to discuss the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's** cancellation of many grants focused on environmental justice

6:00 | **Civil Rights Coalition** hosts the first fundraiser for its 2026 ballot initiative, which will aim to repeal gun laws passed in 2024. Sen. **Durant** is scheduled as a special guest | Massachusetts Firearms School, 100 Kuniholm Dr, Holliston

Rep. Vaughn on asking feds for support

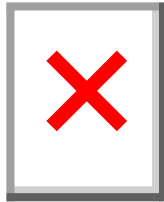
Wrentham Republican **Rep. Marcus Vaughn** said that he has been in contact with the **Trump administration** in an attempt to ask for more funding support in Massachusetts.

"We've had some good conversations with his administration and I've asked for some of the secretaries and undersecretaries to come here and speak to myself and members of the Republican caucus," Vaugh said in an interview that aired Sunday.

"They are slashing federal funding and it does affect the core of Bay Staters. So we have to get to a point where we mend those bridges and allow them to see what's happening as a result of those cuts," he continued.

Vaughn told hosts "On the Record" that he does not support cuts to **Medicaid**; that he's still against the Trump administration's allowance of **ICE** enforcement in or near schools and churches; and that he has mixed opinions about the House budget funding to the attorney general's office, which has been extensively fighting **President Trump** in court.

"I understand the cause on the forefront because of the uneasiness and lack of control we have right now. But I also think it's part of our own doing, with the executive office fighting with our federal partners," Vaugh said, suggesting leaders could "sit down at the table" to get a "mutual understanding" about what's going on in Massachusetts and across the country. — **WCVB**



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The WBUR Festival at the end of May will be serious stuff...and wicked fun too. Among highlights: a live taping of On Point with Meghna Chakrabarti; a conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci, former chief medical advisor to the president; and a discussion with Gina McCarthy, former head of the Environmental Protection Agency. Tickets are going quickly, so snag yours today.

Tania Fernandes Anderson expected to plead guilty Monday

Boston City Councilor **Tania Fernandes Anderson** is set to make an appearance in court on Monday, where she's expected to plead guilty to federal corruption charges — one count of wire fraud and one count of theft involving public funds. Fernandes Anderson has not yet officially

resigned, but the hearing comes about one month after the councilor agreed to sign a plea deal and announced her undated resignation plans. — [NBC10](#)

Trump again threatens to remove Harvard's tax-exempt status

President Donald Trump wrote Friday that he will pull **Harvard University's** tax-exempt status — a move Harvard President **Alan Garber** [told](#) the *Wall Street Journal* Friday would be "highly illegal" and "destructive to Harvard." It isn't clear yet whether the IRS has already taken action to do so, but the Friday threat is the second time Trump has floated the idea. Harvard has been one of the first universities to stand against the **Trump administration** and its reach into institutions of higher education. — [Harvard Crimson](#)

Life of Molly McGovern honored Saturday in Worcester

Family, friends and community members packed St. Bernard's Catholic Church of Our Lady of Providence Parish on Saturday to honor the life of **Molly McGovern**, the daughter of **U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern**, who died in Italy in April. "Molly made the world a better place and she made us better," McGovern said Saturday to the crowd that included former President **Bill Clinton**, former House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi**, Democratic Whip **Katherine Clark** and U.S. Sens. **Elizabeth Warren** and **Ed Markey**. — [Telegram & Gazette](#)

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Pence receives award in Boston on Sunday

On Sunday at the JFK Library in Boston, **former Vice President Mike Pence** received the **John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award** for refusing to follow **President Trump's** efforts to remain in office after losing the 2020 election. Pence repeatedly pointed to the Constitution during his acceptance speech, suggesting it is the thing that "binds us all together." — [CBS](#)

Class of 2025 facing challenging job market, job search as federal impacts continue

How are the futures of recent and soon-to-be college graduates being upended and altered by hiring shutdowns, federal funding cuts and tariff policies? Stella Tannenbaum writes for the *Globe* about the job market and the ways in which grads are navigating the challenges. — [Boston Globe](#)

Truro zones for affordable housing

Truro voters Saturday approved zoning changes for 70 acres of town-owned land so it may be used for housing and conservation of drinking water, the Cape Cod Times's Mary Ann Bragg reports. The development of the property, known as the Walsh Property, will include affordable housing and housing for earners whose income slightly exceeds affordable classification. — [Cape Cod Times](#)

Amherst schools poised to avoid worst cuts

Amherst officials are scheduled to present the Town Council Monday night with a budget that comes close to fully funding the requests from local and regional school leaders, the Gazette's Scott Merzbach reports. The proposed \$103.3 million fiscal 2026 leaves one part-time and six full-time city positions vacant and public library positions unfilled. — [Daily Hampshire Gazette](#)

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Exporters fear trade war with China

Massachusetts exporters are among companies poised to suffer in a trade war with China, even amid popular attention to China's status as a major source of imports, the Globe's Omar Mohammed reports. China is the largest national market for Massachusetts exports, with \$4 billion worth of goods sold there in 2024. The figure represents about 11% of the state's exports. — [Boston Globe](#)

MGM head leaves future of Springfield casino open to discussion

The head of **MGM Resorts International** stopped short of saying "no" when recently asked by a stock analyst whether the company would consider "monetizing assets," or selling properties such as MGM Springfield, MassLive's Jim Kinney reports. To the question from **Morgan Stanley's Stephen Grambling, William Hornbuckle** said: "Remember, I suspect you do, that Northfield Park and Springfield are ongoing discussions. So those are assets that we've been talking about for a while." Bloomberg previously reported that MGM was exploring options for the properties. — [MassLive](#)

ICYMI...Immigrant advocates [say](#) ICE actions at courthouses are creating fear among immigrants. **The White House released** President Trump's proposed fiscal 2026 budget on Friday, which features \$163 billion in cuts to federal spending and has already seen widespread pushback from congressional Democrats like U.S. Rep. Richard [Neal](#) and Minority Whip Katherine [Clark](#). **And Berkshire residents** are [defending](#) a local fuel assistance program in anticipation of potential Trump administration cuts.

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