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Apartment buildings in Brookline (top left and right) and Mission Hill (above), as well as in other student-centric neighborhoods, have many vacancies this year.

By Andrew Brinker and Diti Kohli
GLOBE STAFF

Longtime Cambridge real estate agent Dino Confalone manages a rental property north of Kendall Square, where housing demand is typically sky-high. Near MIT and the Red Line, it's furnished with a leather sectional, an extra-wide fridge, and a manicured backyard.

And despite rent of \$6,250 a month, it's usually a breeze to lease to visiting scholars who are only here for shorter periods and do not want to live out of a hotel.

"I've never, ever had an issue getting people in there," said Confalone, a realtor with Gibson Sotheby's International Realty. "But this is the first time it's just crickets."

Vacancies like this one are popping up all around the city this fall, suggesting that a long-feared downturn of students and scholars has finally arrived.

Colleges do not release annual enrollment data until later in the fall, but signs are emerging that there may be fewer international and graduate students in the Boston area this academic year. Amid broad cuts to federal research funding, some master's and PhD candidates

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Trump threatens crackdown on liberals

White House links some leftist groups to violence against conservatives

By Katie Rogers and Zolan Kanno-Youngs
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Trump and his top advisers threatened on Monday to unleash the power of the federal government to punish what they alleged was a left-wing network that funds and incites violence, seizing on Charlie Kirk's killing to make broad and unsubstantiated claims about their political opponents.

Investigators were still working to identify a motive in the death of Kirk, a prominent conservative activist who was shot last week in Utah. The Republican governor of Utah, Spencer Cox, has said that the suspect had a "leftist ideology" and that he acted alone.

But Trump and his top allies suggested the suspect was part of a coordinated movement that was fomenting violence against conservatives, without presenting evidence such a network existed. America has seen a wave of violence across the political spectrum, targeting Democrats and Republicans.

Trump, who has downplayed violence from right-wing or other supporters, said that he would like to designate a range of groups, including the loosely affiliated group of far-left antifascism activists, known as "antifa," as domestic terrorists and bring racketeering cases against people funding protests.

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Norfolk sheriff must repay campaign cash, regulators say

Officials assert McDermott used funds to help business

By Matt Stout
GLOBE STAFF

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott, who promotes himself online as a public speaker and "mentor" to real estate investors, unlawfully used tens of thousands of dollars from his campaign money to further his business interests, including paying for consultants and "teleprompter software," state regulators said Monday.

McDermott will pay the state more than \$36,300 from his personal and campaign accounts under an agreement released by the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

State regulators said McDermott, a Quincy Democrat, spent \$31,705 out of his campaign to bolster his "personal business future" between August 2022 and the end of the last year, violating state campaign finance law. He also spent another \$5,400 to pay for a 2024 fund-raiser for a nonprofit he created, Norfolk Sheriff's Office Cares, which

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'IT'S JUST CRICKETS'

Amid expected decline in international and graduate students, vacancy rates have ticked up near major universities

Even a 10-percent decline in the number of international students in Massachusetts would reduce revenue from rental housing by

\$16.5 million

'It makes sense that if fewer people come here for whatever reason — maybe reduced visa availability or changes in procedures or delays in visas — the cumulative effect of that on the housing market would be noticeable.'

KYLE RIVERS, a broker at Coldwell Banker Realty in Chestnut Hill

Only man on death row in N.E. gets another chance

N.H. Supreme Court to hear appeal of the sentence given killer of police officer

By Steven Porter
GLOBE STAFF

CONCORD, N.H. — For years, Michael K. Addison, the only person on death row in New England, has been asking the New Hampshire Supreme Court to take another look at his case.

In 2024 alone, the court twice declined to even hear his arguments

on appeal. But that changed Monday, when the justices granted him another opportunity to plead for his life.

The 45-year-old, who has spent more than one third of his life waiting to be executed, killed a Manchester police officer in 2006 and was sentenced to death in 2008. His fate seemed to be sealed in 2015,

when the New Hampshire Supreme Court reaffirmed his execution as an appropriate punishment.

Addison has raised a series of procedural arguments since then, but the Supreme Court's one-page order on Monday accepting his petition marks perhaps his biggest step toward securing a revision of his death sentence, as his attorneys ar-

gue the state should not be allowed to execute him after state lawmakers abolished capital punishment in 2019 for all future crimes.

The acceptance of Addison's petition doesn't necessarily mean the justices will reassess the appropriateness of his sentence, but it does mean they will at least consider the

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Family agonizes as US steps up dragnet

Milford teen presents himself to ICE; parents are also told to report

By Marcela Rodrigues
and Giulia McDonnell Nieto del Rio
GLOBE STAFF

On Monday morning, Gustavo Henrique Reis Oliveira should have been in class, starting his third full week of his sophomore year at Milford High School. Instead, the 16-year-old was slouched in the passenger seat of a family friend's car near the Immigration and Customs Enforcement field office building in Burlington.

He fidgeted with his hands. Just a few days earlier, ICE agents had clamped handcuffs onto his wrists, etching red marks into his skin.

"There's a possibility they could hold you here in this facility," said his attorney, Jill Seeber, who stood just outside the car. A Milford community member translated for the boy, who is Brazilian, in Portuguese.

Oliveira, nodded, his eyes downcast. On the phone, Gustavo's father pleaded with Seeber in Portuguese, asking multiple times: Are you sure he has to go in?

"If he doesn't go, I'm worried they'll show up at your house," Seeber said to the father on the phone.

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Gustavo Henrique Reis Oliveira looked back as he walked into his ICE check-in in Burlington Monday. He later emerged from the meeting.



Made of the mist

Tuesday: Fog early, then sun. High 67-72, low 54-59.

Wednesday: Sun, cloud mix. High 68-73, low 59-64.

Sunrise: 6:25. Sunset: 6:52.

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Retired Apple executive Daniel Riccio, a Revere native, is giving UMass Amherst its largest donation: \$50 million over 10 years to bolster its engineering school. **D1.**

A murder trial began for the only British soldier to be prosecuted in the 1972 Bloody Sunday massacre in Northern Ireland. **A4.**

After falling 20 votes short in last week's preliminary election, District 7 candidate Mavrick Afonso requested a recount. **B1.**

The United States struck another Venezuelan boat allegedly carrying drugs, President Trump said. **A5.**

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