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More data held online means more breaches

In Mass., nearly 7 million accounts were hit in 2023

By Scooty Nickerson
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The Uber ride to Boston was already booked when Denise Micale, 69, of Westport noticed a \$990 charge on her bank statement late last summer for a livestock feeding machine that she, a retired nurse, doesn't remember buying.

Then she remembered an invoice she got in her email that she ignored. "Sometimes you get these emails from people and they're bogus," she said.

Micale remembered another email that summer: one from Southcoast Health, her health care provider, that her personal data had been part of a data breach of their systems.

Micale said she quickly called up her bank and put a freeze on her account. But that put her trip to Boston with her husband, the first after over a year of long COVID, on hold.

"It was really stressful," she said. "I had to cancel all my reservations and start over from scratch."

Micale is far from the only Massachusetts resident to be impacted by a data breach in recent years.

A new Globe analysis of state data shows just how off-the-charts the problem has become. In 2022, 1.9 million Massachusetts resident accounts were impacted by data breaches. The following year, that number spiked to more than 6.9 million accounts, fueled in part by large-scale breaches, including one that affected more than 2 million Harvard Pilgrim Health Care accounts.

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Hogan trying New England tack in Md.

Centrist Republicans watching for his success

By Sam Brodey
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BALTIMORE — As he weaved his way through hundreds of fans at a raucous tailgate on a recent Sunday — taking countless photos, greeting well-wishers, clutching an orange crush cocktail — Larry Hogan's long-shot path to claiming this deep blue state's Senate seat in November took shape in the form of Victor Aldana.

"People say, 'Yo, he's a Republican,'" Aldana, a Democrat from Rockville, Md., told the Globe, after taking a picture with Hogan. But, he said, "I think that's the balance we need."

A centrist Republican who never embraced Donald Trump, Hogan ended his two terms as Maryland governor in 2023 with remarkably high approval ratings across the board — most notably among Democrats, who on average liked him more than Republicans did. He's counting on that popularity transferring in order to pull off an upset that could alter the balance of power in Washington.

"The reason I'm running is because I wanted to bring some moderation, some bipartisan, you know, common sense ideas," Hogan told the Globe outside a firefighters union hall turned game-day bar near the Baltimore Ravens' M&T Bank Stadium.

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Day of memory and hope

Lewiston marks a year since mass shooting shook — and united — town



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A young girl held up a blue heart, symbolizing the community's strength, at Friday's memorial at the Colisée in Lewiston.

By Sean Cotter
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LEWISTON, Maine — At 6:56 p.m. Friday, the crowd gathered in the Colisée recreational facility went silent, holding candles aloft for two long minutes. At 7:08 p.m., the hundreds assembled did so again, some bowing their heads in memory and grief.

The first pause was exactly a year removed from the minute the worst mass shooting in Maine's history began at the Just-In-Time Recreation bowling alley. The latter corresponded with the time when the gunman continued his rampage at Schemengees Bar & Grille on the other side of this small city.

The evening ceremony observed the tragedy, which left 18 dead, 13 wounded, and a city bereft. Survivors sat together in the Colisée, united in tears and prayers. A still-aching community paused to remember those taken too soon.

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TOM CARON
Master of ceremonies at memorial

"Here, tonight, there is light," said master of ceremonies Tom Caron, a well-known NESN sports broadcaster who is from Lewiston. "We have come together to help each other lift the burden of sorrow, opening our hearts to one another and sharing in grief — and in hope."

The event focused on memories of those killed by Robert R. Card II, an Army Reservist who for months had been descending into paranoid delusions before heading to Just-In-Time Recreation with a gun.

Eighteen small brown chairs lined the front of the stage, facing the crowd, each empty but for a small cluster of white flowers and a candle. On the back of each chair, a large blue-and-white heart held the name of a person killed in the attack.

Danielle Parent, director of the Maine Resiliency Center, read the names of those who

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Election likely to set the agenda on homelessness

Trump's plan for bans and arrests sharply splits from Harris's 'housing first' approach

By Adam Piore
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On April 18, 2023, the Donald Trump campaign posted a video to its website unveiling a new strategy to deal with the homeless encampments that have proliferated in cities around the nation and across Massachusetts.

Working with states, Trump said, he would ban urban camping

whenever possible and sweep away the encampments. Then he would arrest those who violate the bans and relocate them to government-run tent cities built on "large parcels of inexpensive land," staffed with doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, and drug rehab specialists.

"Our once-great cities have become unlivable, unsanitary night-

mares, surrendered to the homeless, the drug addicted, and the violent and dangerously deranged," Trump said in the video. Those sent to the tent cities, Trump said, will be given the option of treatment and services "if they are willing to be rehabilitated."

"Many of them don't want that," he added. "But we will give them the option."

The proposal, which some advocates for the homeless have compared to internment camps where Japanese Americans were held

against their will during World War II, is an extreme reflection of a larger trend. Across the nation, a growing number of communities are electing to criminalize homelessness, a choice likely to grow more common in the months ahead. In June, the US Supreme Court issued a decision upholding the rights of Grants Pass, Ore., to fine and jail homeless individuals who violate an ordinance against camping on public property, even when there is no shelter space

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In Salem, whither the wand?



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Dylan Hall, 7, of Louisville, Ky., tried to decide between two different wands inside Wynott's Wands in Salem.

By Billy Baker
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SALEM — When Joe Romasco goes for a walk in the forest, he's hunting for a particular sensation, which he calls "the reveal." He'll find himself attracted to a particular piece of wood, and then he'll get hit with an image of a hand grasping that wood and using it to perform magic.

That's when he knows it's not just a piece of wood; it's a wand.

At least that's his take. There are many others in Salem, where October brings a boom of tourists, as well as questions about the commercialization of witchcraft, which is a serious religion for many practitioners in the city.

You'll find loads of brooms, robes, and pointy hats for sale, but perhaps the most controversial are wands, which remain a sacred instrument for witches.

Romasco, who hawks his wands on the street under the name "Raven the Wandmaker,"

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Overdose deaths across the US decreased by more than 12 percent between May 2023 and May 2024, according to federal data. **A2.**

Phil Lesh, bassist and founding member of the Grateful Dead, has died at the age of 84. **C10.**

Over two dozen Harvard faculty members have been suspended from the main library on campus, a week after they staged a demonstration criticizing the college's decision to ban Palestinian students from the Widener library for holding a nonviolent protest. **B1.**

A Roxbury family can build a six-story apartment building in place of their home after a years-long neighborhood battle. **D1.**



Winding up

Saturday: Partly sunny, windy. High: 62-67. Low: 40-45.

Sunday: Sunny, chilly breeze. High: 55-60. Low: 35-40.

Sunrise: 7:10 Sunset: 5:45

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