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From left, Elsa Alexandrin, Suzanna Sylvain, and Tali Gasko harvested napa cabbage at Bumbleroot Farm in Windham, Maine.

## Farm to table pinch

When suppliers are stymied by extreme weather, restaurants scramble

By Sabrina Shankman

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Ten years ago when Jordan Rubin came to Portland among a wave of chefs drawn to the area's burgeoning restaurant scene, Maine shrimp were on every menu.

A regional delicacy, smaller and sweeter than what's typically sold, the shrimp had been a mainstay — popular, reliable, consistent. Until they weren't.

"One day, they were gone — you couldn't get them at all," said Rubin, chef and co-owner at Mr. Tuna and Bar Futo, and a co-owner of Crispy Gai.

Scientists would soon find the culprit: Longfin squid followed warmer waters into the Gulf of Maine migrating from farther south, which led to the collapse of the fishery. A decade later, as heating in the Gulf of Maine continues to outpace most bodies of water in the world, the shrimp fishery still hasn't recovered.

The shrimp were an early sign of how changes in the climate can decimate a food source, affecting a harvest and the restaurants that depend on it.

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Jake Stevens, owner and head chef at Leeward in Portland, said restaurant guests "want to eat local food."

## Trump and foes are ready for court

Both sides have learned from first-term battles

By Tal Kopan

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WASHINGTON — In Donald Trump's first term as president, the federal courts were a key battleground as judges blocked or slowed many of his administration's policies, playing an outsized role in whether or how they were implemented.

Now, Trump's supporters and opponents alike are readying for round two, and both say they've spent the past eight years preparing for a different policy landscape and a different judiciary.

"Trump may be better at this the second time around — but so will we be," said Lisa Graybill, vice president of law and policy at the National Immigration Law Center, which advocates for low-income immigrants.

During his first administration, the courts frustrated Trump on a number of policies, particularly in his most-favored topic of immigration. Those cases included his so-called Muslim ban — the first version of which was blocked in less than a week — efforts to restrict asylum, and his much-criticized family separations. Courts also prevented a Trump administration attempt to roll back school nutrition standards, blocked attempts to weaken climate protections, and reprimanded the Department of Education for delaying

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## State leaders weigh message from voters

Economic issues hit particularly hard in Mass.

By Emma Platoff and Samantha J. Gross

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As Democrats across the country work to understand last week's bruising election results, exit polls and dozens of voter interviews have sent a clear message: It's the economy. Voters ticked rightward all over the country, citing cost of living issues and the nation's overburdened immigration system as reasons to change leadership in Washington and beyond.

Those challenges are particularly acute in Massachusetts, one of the most expensive states in the country, and a place that has come under new strain as tens of thousands of newly arrived migrants settled here in recent years. Voters have made clear those issues motivated their choices — to the detriment of Democrats, who suffered defeats in the Legislature and saw Donald Trump eat into their margins across the state. Trump even won the once-blue bastion of Fall River, where many voters hurting from inflation and high housing costs said they believed he would make life more affordable.

Top Massachusetts Democrats said they hear MASSACHUSETTS, Page A6

## Advocates for disability rights concerned by return of the r-word

By Beth Teitell

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This is how far they'd come: After years of campaigning against the "r-word," advocates with Special Olympics decided they should avoid educating elementary school children about the slur because so many students had never heard it in the first place.

"Teachers told us we would have been introducing a word they don't already use," said Andrea Cahn, who leads Special Olympics school programming in the United States. "So we said, 'OK, let's not even go there.'"

That was about a decade ago, a period of landmark progress. In 2010, Governor Deval Patrick had banned the use of the word "retardation" from state laws, and

President Barack Obama signed a law removing "mental retardation" and "mentally retarded" from federal health, education, and labor policy and replacing those phrases with people-first language.

In the years that followed, as the movement gained momentum, the word became so unacceptable that when then-Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer used it to describe a home for children with intellectual disabilities, in 2021, he was loudly called out and issued an apology that was widely covered by the news media.

Now it appears the word is making a comeback amid a backlash against woke culture and the election of a president who used it as a disparagement on the cam-

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## Heroics from another time honored in Gloucester

By Jeremy C. Fox

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Winds whipped her skirts and snowflakes pelted her bonnet as Maria Herrick Bray trudged 300 yards through knee-high snowdrifts between the twin lighthouses of Thacher Island, pausing at the bottom to peer up at the 156 stairs to the lantern room.

For three days and nights in 1864, from her wedding anniversary to Christmas Eve, the 36-year-old West Gloucester native willed herself up each wrought-iron staircase every four hours to fill the tanks of whale oil, trim the wicks, and keep the lanterns burning as the snowstorm enveloped the 54-acre rocky outcropping just off the Rockport coast.

Woman kept lighthouses glowing amid storm and went on to shine in her community

Her husband, the head lighthouse keeper, had taken a boat to the mainland with a feverish assistant keeper seeking medical care. They didn't know the storm was bearing down on Cape Ann, blocking his return and leaving his formidable wife to tend both lamps with only her 14-year-old nephew, Sidney Haskell, for help.

It's a story that has inspired countless tributes to a woman who led a rich life as an activist, educator, and community leader, including a ceremony Friday morning at Herrick Bray's graveside in Gloucester honoring her heroism.

And it's more or less true.

As with many 160-year-old events, published accounts

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**President-elect Donald Trump's promised crack-down on immigration will target a decades-old program** providing temporary legal status to immigrants from dangerous and deeply troubled countries such as Haiti and Venezuela. **A2.**

**The Israeli military kept up its heavy bombardment** of a once densely populated area adjoining Beirut. **A4.**

**Some Boston city councilors are exploring the possibility of imposing a vacancy tax** on landlords with long-empty storefronts as one strategy to revitalize downtown and neighborhood retail areas. **B1.**



Gust deserts

**Saturday:** Windy, some sun. High: 58-63. Low: 39-44.

**Sunday:** Sunny, breezy. High: 57-62. Low: 40-45.

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