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THINGS TO DO

Best things to do in R.I. this week: Sept. 29-Oct. 7

You'll have the best times! This week: Songwriting with Dar Williams, laughing with Amy Schumer, and celebrating Rhode Island's role in 'Hocus Pocus 2' on Disney+

By Lauren Daley Globe Correspondent, Updated September 30, 2022, 8:43 a.m.



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Dar Williams performs during the Club Passim 60th anniversary show at the Shubert Theatre on Nov. 14, 2019. BEN STAS FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Cue the Sanderson Sisters [GIFs](#). "Hocus Pocus 2"—starring Rhode Island herself—hits Disney+, Oktoberfests abound, and a fall burger night offers more seasonal fun. Plus, PPAC features "Mean Girls" and Amy Schumer, while The Vets hosts David Sedaris. Now let's make like a kid at a leaf pile and jump right in.

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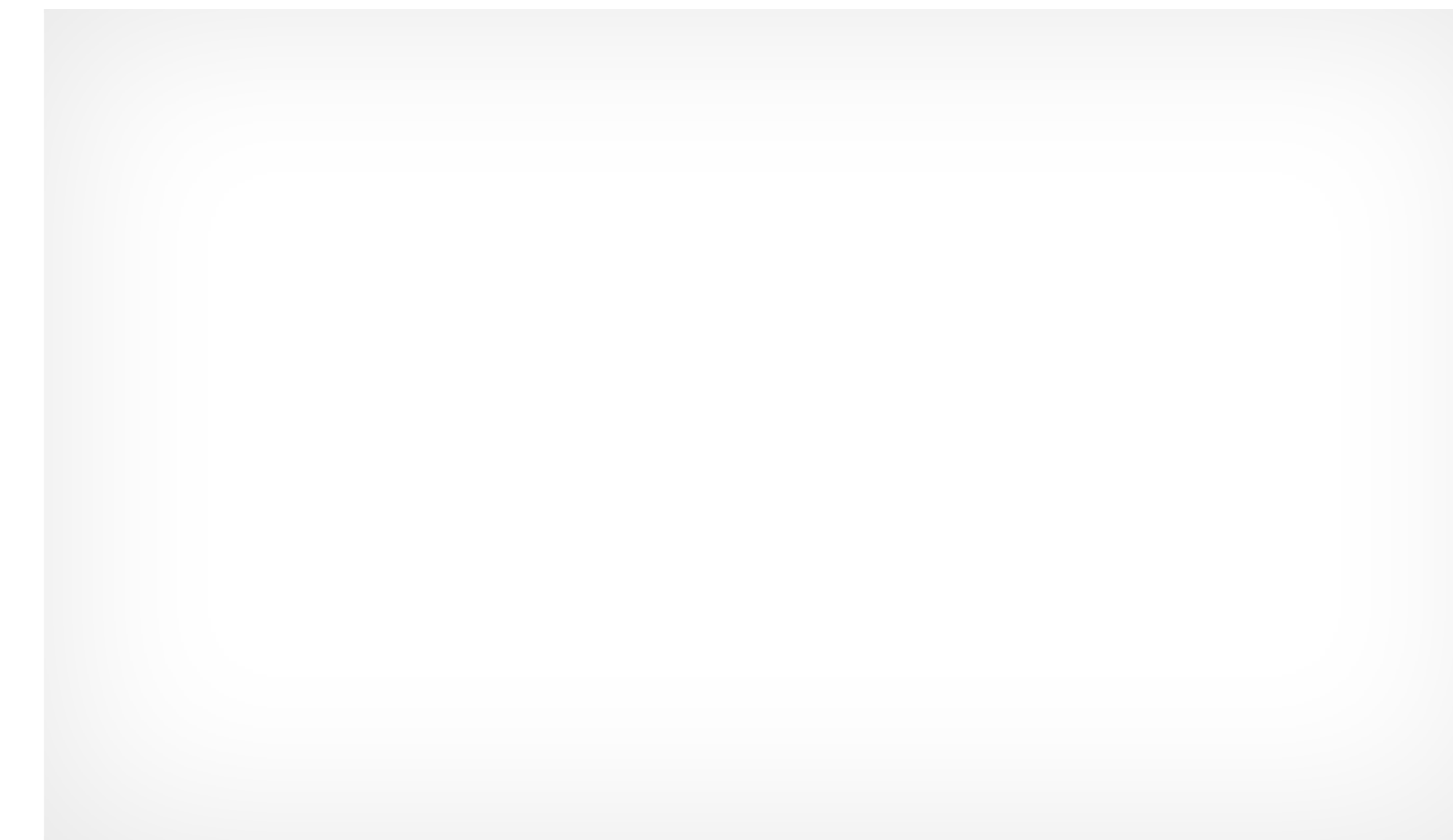
Founded by German immigrants in 1890, Narragansett Beer celebrates its roots with a three-day Oktoberfest Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Try celebratory brews including "Fest," a German-inspired Märzen lager and "Gourd Reaper," a pumpkin ale. Plus authentic German treats, live music from TubaFrau and Bavarian Bros, stein-holding competition and more. [Tickets from \\$25. 271 Tockwootton St., Providence. Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

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FALL BURGER & MUSIC NIGHT

Who says burger nights are just for summer? Let's make this a thing. [Pat's Pastured](#)—a family-run farm in East Greenwich raising grass-fed beef and pasture-raised chickens, ducks, turkeys and pigs—hosts a night of grass-fed burgers, music from Ryan Muir, plus "baby chicks to visit, and tons of other on-the-farm fun." Adult dinners will include choice of grass-fed burger, veggie burger, or two Pat's Pastured hot dogs, plus a seasonal side salad and seasonal vegetable. Kids can nosh on hot dogs or mac and cheese. [BYO blankets and chairs. Oct. 1, 4-7 p.m. 30 South Road, East Greenwich. Adults \\$25, kids \\$10. Full details \[here\]\(#\). Artist details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

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WATERFIRE

Light the pyres, friends: it's the first WaterFire of October on Oct. 1. You know the drill, but two highlights: the Kweku Jazz Trio starts at 7 p.m. on the Steeple Street Stage, and RISD opens its ISB Gallery doors to the public for "[Mahler Ryder](#)." According to WaterFire's billing: The late RISD Illustration professor [Ryder](#) was a civil rights pioneer and founding member and first secretary of the Studio Museum in Harlem, who had a solo show at the Whitney Museum, and works featured throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. [Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

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SHOP VINTAGE

Treasure hunters, we fly! Little City Thrifty Vintage Market, a curated gathering of some 85 vendors, offers 15,000 square feet of indoor treasure hunting at the Water Fire Arts Center. They made a splash last March (check out their [gallery](#)). Think vintage records, art, books, furniture, [antiques and home decor](#), vintage clothing, VHS tapes, cassettes, glassware, and so much more. Plus free drinks on Oct. 2 (drink tickets for Oct. 1 are already sold out.) Your Sunday ticket includes a free small beverage: perhaps a cocktail from Bully Boy Distillers, beer from Rejects Beer Co. or Trinity Brewhouse, coffee from New Harvest Coffee Roasters. [Available tickets as of this writing: Oct. 1 late entry, no beverage: \\$8. Oct. 2, with beverage noon to 6 p.m.: \\$8. WaterFire Arts Center, 475 Valley St., Providence. Details \[here\]\(#\) and \[here\]\(#\).](#)

HARVEST FAIR FOR THE BIRDS

The Norman Bird Sanctuary hosts its 45th annual Harvest Fair Oct. 1 and 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find live music, food and beverages, kids activities, crafter's tent, sack races, games Ragged Island beers for purchase in the Live Music and Beer Garden, and a "Home & Garden Competition," according to billing. [\\$12 adults, ages 3-18 \\$8; 3 and under free. 583 Third Beach Road, Middletown. Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

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DAR WILLIAMS

A longtime New England favorite, Dar Williams cut her teeth on the Boston folk scene of the '90s. With a new book out this month, "[How to Write a Song That Matters](#)," Williams had led songwriting workshops in person and online. Catch those writing chops live at the Greenwich Odeum Oct. 1. [Tickets from \\$39. Doors 7 p.m., show 8 p.m. 59 Main St., East Greenwich. 401-885-4000. Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

THEY SAY IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY

The great John Lennon would've turned 82 on Oct. 9, and the Greenwich Odeum is celebrating a week early on Oct. 2 with "In His Life: John Lennon — A Birthday Celebration." This looks fascinating for any Rhode Island Beatles fans. According to the billing, Beatles historian and WUMB's "Breakfast With The Beatles" radio host ChaChi Loprete, along with Beatles film archivist Erik Taros guide you through an "evening of rare and never-before-seen films and stories" from Lennon's childhood through to his years as activist and peacenik. [#WereGonnaHaveAGoodTime. \\$25. Doors 6 p.m., show 7 p.m. Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

AMY SCHUMER

"Inside Amy Schumer" fans, rejoice: Inside PPAC, Amy Schumer.

The Emmy-winning comedian and "Trainwreck" star brings her stand-up to Rhode Island with "Whore Tour" Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. The Tony and Grammy nominee released a bestselling book, [filmed parts of "I Feel Pretty"](#) in Boston, and more recently, wrote/executive-produced/directed/starred in the Hulu comedy "[Life & Beth](#)." Her bread-and-butter is the premise that there's no such thing as TMI—but there is such a thing as too many phones. Note that the PPAC show is a "phone-free experience." [For details on that and more, see \[here\]\(#\). From \\$66. 220 Weybosset St. 401-421-2787.](#)

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MEAN GIRLS

You've seen the cult-favorite Lindsay Lohan movie. (Twice.) Now see the play. The hit musical—created by Tina Fey, composer Jeff Richmond ("Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"), lyricist Nell Benjamin (Legally Blonde) and director Casey Nicholaw ("The Book of Mormon")—hits PPAC Oct. 4-7. And don't worry—you can sit with us. [From \\$60. Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

DAVID SEDARIS

Enough said. I will see him read anytime, anywhere. A book-reading that hits like stand-up. Hear him at The Vets Oct. 6. Plus a Q&A and book signing. And stay tuned for our upcoming interview with the bestselling humorist. [From \\$35. 7:30 p.m. 1 Avenue of the Arts, Providence. Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

THE ZOO IS LIT

Literally. It's the first full week for The Roger Williams Park Zoo Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular, up now through Halloween. See thousands of pumpkins aglow with this year's theme: Celebrating 75 years of Television. [Open nightly 6-10:30 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.: \\$18 adult, \\$15 child. Fri.-Sun.: \\$21 adult, \\$18 child. 1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence. 401-785-3510. Details \[here\]\(#\).](#)

FUNNY FARMS

Nothing says fall in New England like cider donuts, hayrides and apple-picking. Rhody has all three.

- Cucumber Hill is full-on fall farmhouse: corn maze, hay rides, axe-throwing, nighttime flashlight maze, lantern-lit hayrides, pick-your-own pumpkins, pony rides, food trucks and more. [39 Cucumber Hill Road, Foster. 401-397-7500. Details, prices and hours \[here\]\(#\).](#)
- Escobar's Farm in Portsmouth offers an 8-acre corn maze, hayrides, pumpkin-picking, concessions and more. [GPS: 255 Middle Road, Portsmouth. 401-683-1444. Details, rates and hours \[here\]\(#\).](#)
- Clark Farms in Matunuck boasts a corn maze, petting zoo, hayrides, pumpkin patch and more. [2984 Commodore Perry Highway. 401-783-8844. Details, rates and hours \[here\]\(#\).](#)
- Adams Farm in Cumberland offers a weekend corn maze, farm food truck and hayrides, plus pumpkin patch, [farm animals](#), cornhole, "tire playground" and "hay mountain" for kids and more. [495 Sumner Brown Road. 401-714-4425. Details, rates and hours \[here\]\(#\).](#)
- At Johnston's Salisbury Farms, find pumpkins, popcorns, candy apples, a giant [corn maze](#) and more. [11 Peck Hill Road. 401-942-9741. Details, rates and hours \[here\]\(#\).](#)
- It's prime apple-picking time. Check out our list of spots to gather Galas [here](#).

SANDCASTLE ART

I don't know about you, but nothing stops me in my tracks on the beach like spotting a sand sculptor building something epic or seagulls fighting over Cheetos. (You crazy birds.) So I'm intrigued by this sand-sculpting competition, held under a tent on Misquamicut Beach, Oct. 7-10. "Atlantis Rising," billed as their "first annual international sand sculpture competition," will see "artists from all over the world" competing for a cash prize in an epic sand sculpture contest. Vote for your fave. We're getting into next week's column here, but winners will be announced Oct. 10. Plus food trucks, live music, photo opps, kids' activities and more. (Free idea: a "Hocus Pocus" themed Sand-erson Sisters sculpture. Gold, amiright?) [Details and musical line-up \[here\]\(#\).](#)

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Until next week, Rhody: Keep rockin'.

This article has been updated to remove details about an event that was sold out before publication.

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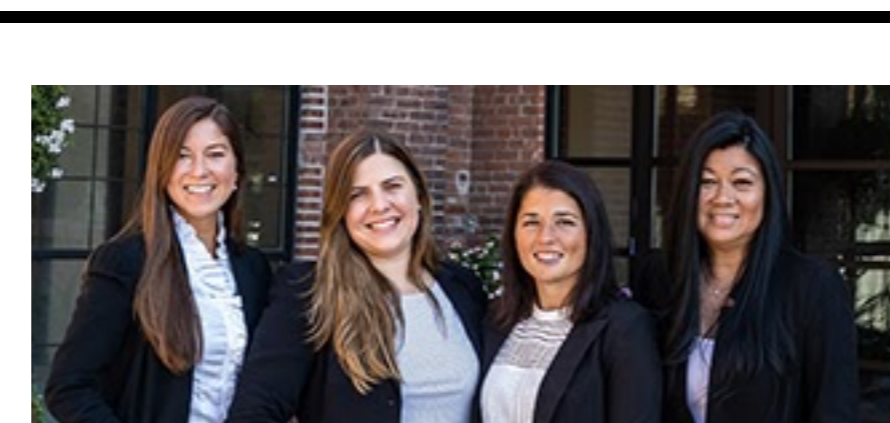
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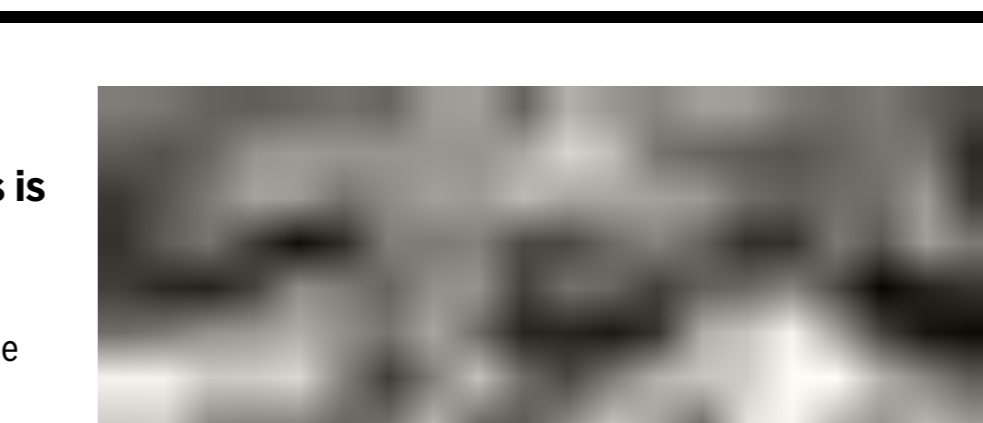
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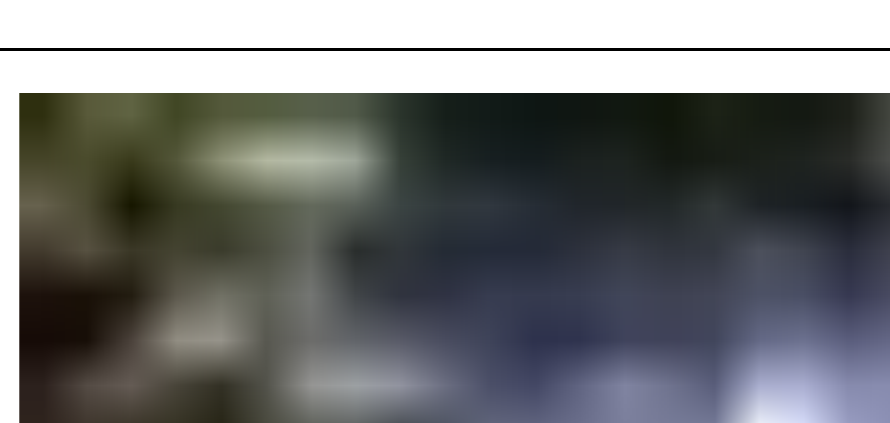
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I've been a journalist for more than 60 years. So what came naturally, if painfully. Write this story.



Former Northeastern employee arrested in bomb hoax incident on campus

A former Northeastern University employee who said he was injured when a pressurized storage case exploded in his office Sept. 13 was arrested Tuesday in Texas and will be brought back to Massachusetts to face federal criminal charges related to the alleged hoax, according to legal filings.



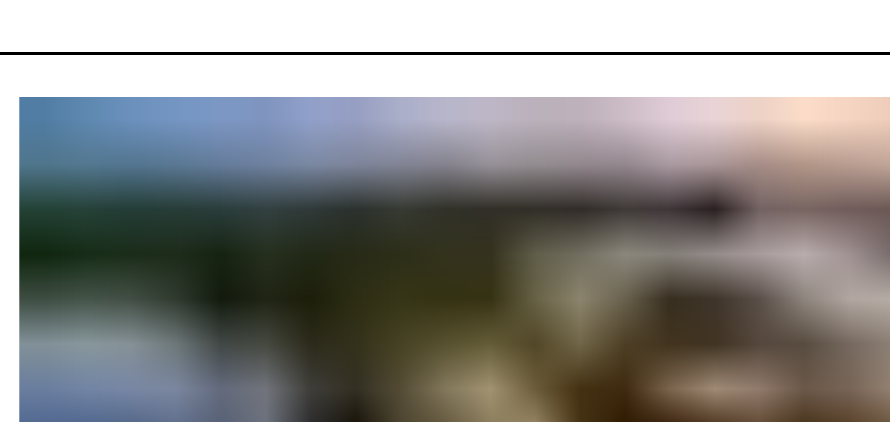
Details emerge about mystery woman who led migrants to Martha's Vineyard

After promising the Venezuelan migrant free passage to Boston, jobs, and refuge, the woman they knew as "Perla" disappeared. Now, the San Antonio sheriff's office appears to have identified her—and they're on her trail.



Take a look inside this \$15.9 million waterfront compound on Cape Cod

Marybeth and Stephen Bisson, owners of Wicked Craft in Boston, are selling the property on Red Brook Harbor that includes both a private beach and a tennis court.



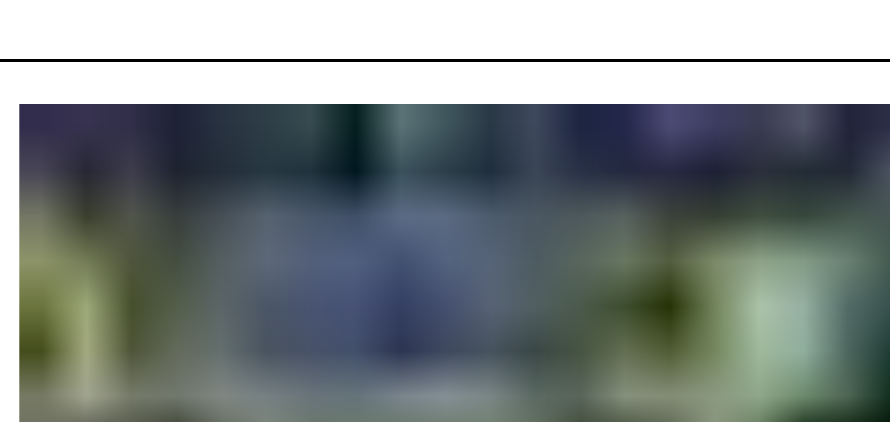
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"I just wish I could stay a little longer," Mr. Thomas wrote last year after learning he would soon die of cancer.



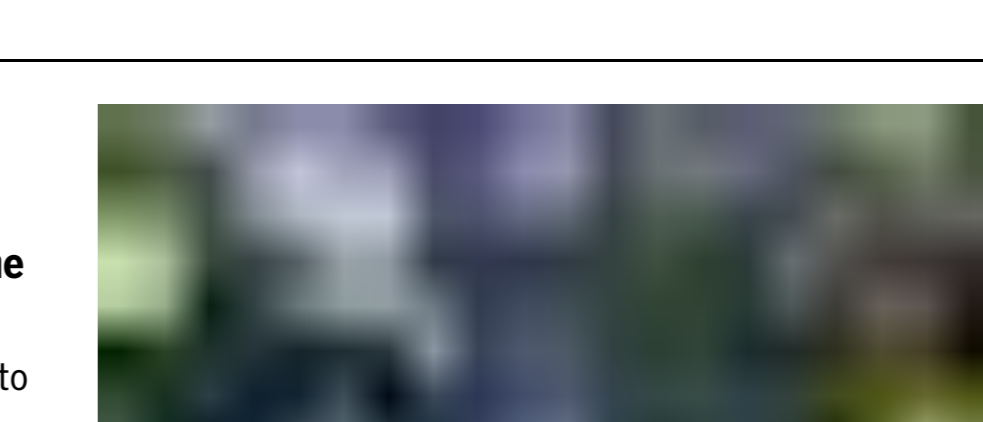
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'Worst teacher I ever had': Former Davisville Middle School student speaks out against former teacher
The woman is the latest former student from North Kingstown, R.I., to accuse school administrators of failing to deal with teachers who were behaving inappropriately with students.



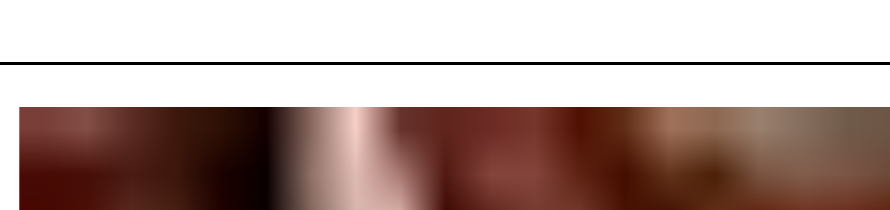
PATRIOTS

Five things to know about Bailey Zappe, the Patriots quarterback suddenly thrust into the spotlight
The rookie went from being buried on the depth chart to directing the Patriots offense on Sunday, and his performance drew the praise of his teammates.



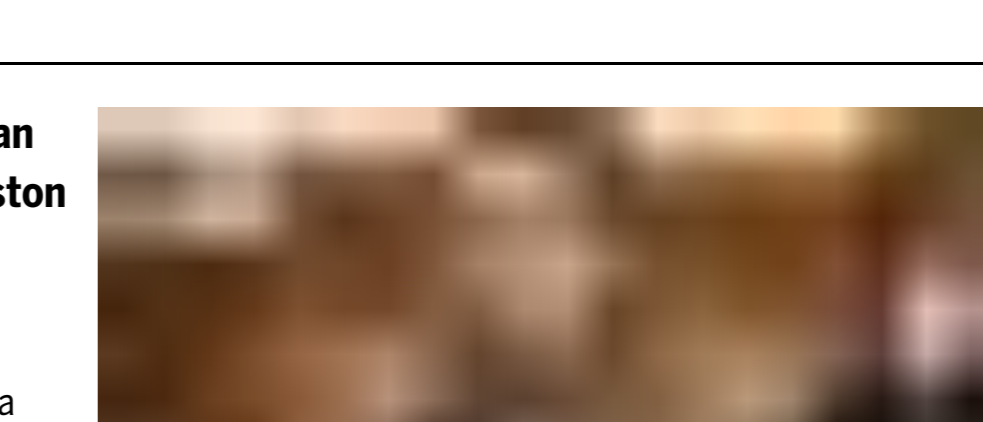
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In a statement provided to The Associated Press, Lynn's family said she died Tuesday at her home in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee.



Defense seeks to poke holes in case of woman charged with murdering her boyfriend, a Boston police officer, in Canton

Lawyers for Karen A. Road—the woman charged with murder and other counts for allegedly driving over her boyfriend, Boston Police Officer John O'Keefe, during a January blizzard in Canton—sought to poke holes in the prosecution's case at a pretrial hearing Monday.



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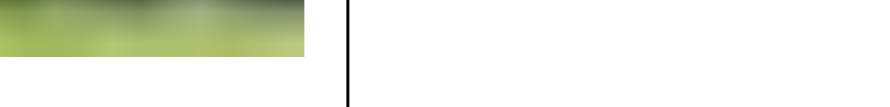
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