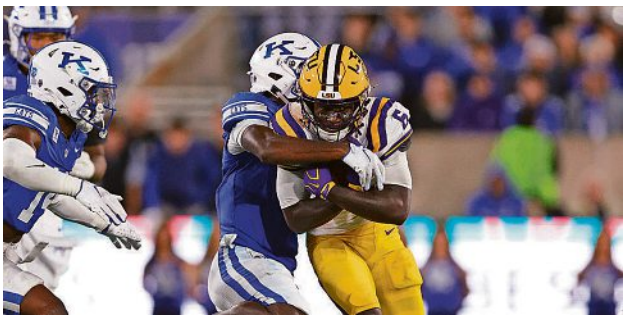




College football: Oregon, LSU, Michigan lead the worst

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HALLOWEEN TREAT



▲ Mila Davalos, 7, is dressed as a witch, and her brother, Callum, 5, as the character Jack Skillington. The two are shown at the city of Framingham Spooktacular trick or treating event at the Memorial Building on Oct. 13.

◀ Ester Oliveira, 9, dressed as a police officer, is at the Framingham Police booth with Officer Jose Diaz, at the Framingham Spooktacular.

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Gov. Healey demands immediate utility refunds

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Gov. Maura Healey is demanding that investor-owned utilities doing business in Massachusetts immediately pay up for overcharging ratepayers. Healey believes the utilities have had more than enough time to refund Massachusetts customers a portion of the estimated \$1.5 billion that utility companies overcharged for equipment investments to deliver electricity across New England. In an Oct.13 letter to Eversource, National Grid and Unitol, Healey called for immediate payment. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ruled in March that customers were due refunds for excessive profits paid by customers for more than a decade. “Massachusetts families have been paying too much for too long, and they shouldn’t have to wait another winter to get their money back,” said Healey in a prepared statement. “I’m calling on these companies to stop the delays and return every cent owed to our residents. We’re going to keep standing up for customers and fighting to lower their energy bills.” National Grid, Worcester’s electricity provider,

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3 colleges named ‘hidden gems’ in Massachusetts

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Massachusetts is known for its academic institutions, and for good reason. The region is home to some of top-ranked such as Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. But beyond these institutions too, there are many that provide quality education at a much more affordable price tag, better student-to-faculty ratios, and good returns after graduation. These are the colleges ranked in the latest ‘Hidden Gem Colleges’ rankings by College Raptor, a college planning platform by Citizens Bank. “New England is home to some of the nation’s most recognized colleges, but many exceptional schools fly under the radar. The Hidden Gems list helps families discover those opportunities while providing a clearer picture of potential outcomes,” said Bill Staib, head of College Raptor, in a written statement. The criteria for these colleges include having

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