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Chafee foresees large role for R.I. in offshore wind

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PROVIDENCE — Rhode Island will have a major role to play in the offshore wind industry, even though a developer chose to use a Massachusetts port to build a large wind farm, Governor Lincoln Chafee said Monday.

Rhode Island officials had hoped that Cape Wind would use New Bedford and Rhode Island's Quonset Point for the staging and construction of a proposed 130-turbine wind farm off the coast of Cape Cod, bringing jobs and economic activity to both states. Cape Wind announced Friday that it had signed a lease agreement with Massachusetts.

Chafee said Cape Wind would probably need support in Rhode Island for its projects. Company spokesman Mark Rodgers said Monday that Cape Wind is keeping its one-year option to lease about 14 acres at Quonset in case it needs to use both ports.

And as projects for Rhode Island energy developer Deepwater Wind move forward, Chafee said, Rhode Island will become a leader in the industry.

Deepwater Wind plans to build five

turbines off the coast of Block Island and a wind farm of at least 200 turbines for 1,000 or more megawatts between Block Island and Martha's Vineyard.



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7 Determining cause of death for 3 Blackstone infants a difficult task The company has an option to lease 47 acres at Quonset and has said it would probably establish logistics hubs, assembly facilities, and long-term operations centers at Quonset and the Port of Providence.

Deepwater Wind's chief executive, Jeffrey Grybowski, said the smaller wind farm could create 200 jobs locally during the construction phase, and the larger wind farm could create more than 1,000 jobs.



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Finding cause of death for 3 Blackstone infants difficult

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Blackstone father in 'complete shock,' friend says

Ramon Rivera III was apparently unaware of the conditions in the home and that he was the father of two small children living there.



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Shots fired into Dorchester house

No one was injured after a bullet passed through a child's room and became lodged in a hallway.



Hernandez felt 'helpless' during police questioning

Aaron Hernandez's sworn statement appears to be the first time his voice has been heard in the Odin Lloyd murder case.

Woman details assault by Weare police chief

The woman said her boss, Weare Police Chief John Velleca, came to her home and pushed her several times.

Woman arrested in Framingham with credit card stash

Rosemarie Jiminez-Torres, 20, was found with more than 70 credit cards, none of which were in her name, police said.

N.H. bill would force offenders to be at sentencing hearings

The bill was spurred by a dispute that arose in the case of a man convicted of raping and killing a 19-year-old college student.

Medford man arrested in East Boston robbery attempt

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The 22-year-old Medford man allegedly punched the victim as he attempted to call police.

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A freight train that struck a pole early Tuesday in Maryland caused significant disruptions along the Northeast Corridor.



Vermont father, sons indicted in Canobie Lake Park brawl

The three family members are accused of attacking police at the N.H. amusement park in June.

WPI student dies in fall from parking garage

Patrick Theron Degenhardt of Marriotsville, Md., was taken to UMass Memorial Medical Center after the fall, where he was pronounced dead.

Mailings targeting Mass. House Democrats cause a stir

A conservative advocacy group is creating headaches for many incumbent House lawmakers.

Three arraigned in disappearance of Fitchburg boy, 5

Three people from Fitchburg were arraigned Tuesday in Worcester Superior Court on charges related to the disappearance of Jeremiah Oliver.

Attleboro man apprehended following foot chase

An Attleboro man was arrested Tuesday after leading

police on a three-hour chase that began when he

allegedly tried to strike his wife in the head with a baseball bat.

Fitchburg man charged with stabbing neighbor's dog

A Fitchburg man used a steak knife to stab a neighbor's pit bull 10 times, injuring the dog so severely it had to be euthanized, police said.

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