

# Suspicious note found on Logan-bound flight



A suspicious note that mentioned a bomb was found on an international flight that landed in Boston tonight, prompting law enforcement officials to search the airplane, its 200 passengers and 16 crew members when they arrived at Logan Airport, State Police said.

The flight arrived in Boston without incident at around 6 p.m., and nothing was found by State Police with K-9 units and FBI agents who searched the aircraft, and airport security staff who screened the bags of the passengers and crew, Logan Airport spokesman Phil Orlandella said.

The note was found in the bathroom of Virgin Atlantic Airways Flight 11, which departed from Heathrow Airport in London, said Trooper Thomas Murphy, a spokesman for the Massachusetts State Police.

Murphy said that authorities did not believe the implied threat of a bomb to be credible, but added "they are investigating." He declined to further describe the note and what it said, other than that it mentioned a bomb.

The Associated Press reported the note was found by a flight attendant and also mentioned the date Nov. 11, details that Trooper Murphy and airport officials said they were unable to confirm.

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# Firefighters evacuate Chinatown building due to structural integrity concerns

Boston firefighters who responded to a false alarm at a 5-story brick apartment building in Chinatown today evacuated at least 20 residents after finding issues with the structure's integrity. Fire crews arrived at 25 Harrison Ave. around 3:25 p.m. but found no fire in the building, fire department spokesman Steve MacDonald said. While investigating the call, some firefighters raised concerns about "structural issues" with beams and framing, he said. Floors one and two were vacant, but fire personnel evacuated between 20 and 30 residents from the third, fourth and fifth floors, MacDonald said.

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### Ex-Newton teacher charged with assaulting girl he babysat

A former elementary teacher who is already facing child pornography charges is now being charged with sexually assaulting a child he was hired to babysit.

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### Woburn man charged with luring boys over Skype

A Woburn Little League coach allegedly contacted teenaged boys over the Internet and then engaged in mutual sexual activity using a webcam.

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## **DeLeo rejects Patrick's tax proposals**

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo will not support Governor Deval Patrick's proposal to raise \$260 million with various taxes and fees, including a tax on candy and soda.

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# Woburn man faces attempted murder charge after arrest in Wakefield

A Woburn man was arrested in Wakefield after he fled from the scene of an assault on Elm Street in Woburn. Thomas Ponte, 41, will face charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, attempted murder, and kidnapping while armed. Just after 4 p.m. Tuesday, Woburn police issued a "be on the lookout" alert for the suspect's car after receiving a call from a woman who said she was assaulted by the suspect. "We received information regarding a car the suspect may be in and a possible location he may be heading to," Woburn detective Ralph Coakley said.

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# Wayward dolphin rescued on Wellfleet beach; stranding total rises to 147

On the 28th day of the largest single-species stranding event on record in the northeastern United States, the International Fund for Animal Welfare said one more dolphin stranded itself in Wellfleet, bringing the total to 147 common dolphins. Michael Booth, spokesman for the animal welfare organization, said crews rescued the dolphin from the banks of Herring River in Wellfleet this morning. Two others were seen

swimming in the area and workers tried to herd them out of the area.

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#### Scott Brown pushes Irish immigration bill

US Senator Scott Brown, who hopes to garner reelection support from the state's large Irish-American population, has become a central player in a battle to allow more Irish workers to come to America. Brown's efforts to break a logjam in the Senate over a bill that would allow an additional 10,500 skilled Irish workers to gain work visas every year have attracted significant attention in the Irish press and are being watched closely by activists around the US.

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### Boston officer credited with breaking fall of woman who fell headfirst from Dorchester rooftop

A Boston police officer is winning praise for breaking the fall of a woman who fell headfirst from a rooftop in Dorchester early this morning, police said. Officers responded to a report at 3:45 a.m. of a distraught female threatening to jump from the roof of a Wilbert Road residence, police said in a statement.

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#### No say for some who would be casinos' neighbors

The new casino bill gives tremendous power to local residents to decide if a casino will be built in their community, but residents in neighboring towns are not so fortunate.

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#### Longfellow Bridge loses outbound car lane in new design

As part of a new design, the rebuilt Longfellow Bridge will shrink to a single lane bound for Cambridge and gain wider bike lanes and sidewalks.

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### Senator seeks Chelsea inquiry

Charles Grassley of Iowa wants an explanation for why the Chelsea Housing Authority permits managers to live in public housing almost rent-free.

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#### Giving voice to slain social worker

Stephanie Moulton's parents have been ensnared in a labyrinth of legal procedure and government bureaucracy in the year since a mental health patient killed their daughter.

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### Proposal would set standards for dementia care

A proposed law would require the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to establish minimum standards for facilities with dementia care units.

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#### 2 ex-state workers get probation in pool fatality

Two former state workers who oversaw a Fall River pool where a woman drowned last year were sentenced yesterday to a year of probation.

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### Residents turn to towns for help battling coyotes

In Brookline, Newton, and Belmont, where coyote sightings have become more frequent, residents are urging town officials to take steps to control the population.

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