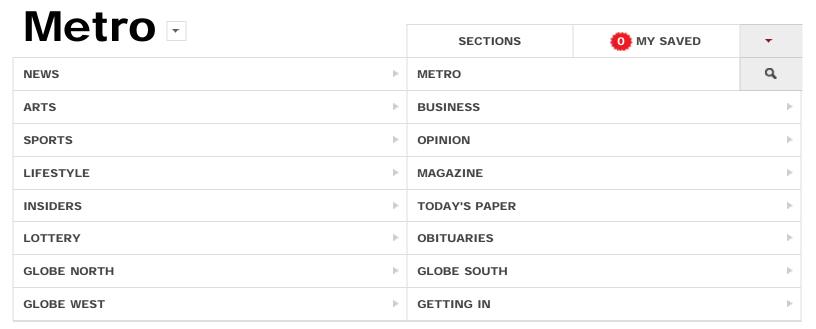
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Man robbed of cellphone near Boston Common; police arrest suspect on armed robbery charge

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A man was robbed of his cellphone near the Boston Common Saturday morning by three men who said they had a gun, police said Sunday.

Around 3:30 a.m. the victim told Suffolk University police officers that he was robbed by two black men and a white man in the area of 150 Tremont Street. The victim did not see a gun, but said the men ran into the Common after taking his phone. The Suffolk University officers flagged down Boston Police officers, who broadcast a description of the robbers.

A short time later, police picked up a man matching one the descriptions. The victim identified him as one of the robbers.

Police arrested Sharmake Ibrahim, 24, and charged him with armed robbery, according to the police department.

Suffolk University spokesman Greg Gatlin said the victim has no affiliation with the university.

Early Friday morning, a man was shot nearby in the Boston Public Garden. He was hospitalized but is expected to recover, police said. No arrests have been made.

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More than 100 brawl after talent show at Mount Ida College in Newton; one arrested

A brawl involving more than 100 people broke out after a talent show at Mount Ida College in Newton on Thursday night. One man was arrested and charged with assaulting an officer, city police said. Police arrived at the Dedham Street school at 10:40 p.m. and found people fighting outside of Carlson Hall, said Officer Eric Rosenbaum.

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Mass. state troopers help out in storm-wracked New Jersey

One house, swept by the sea, sits in the middle of an intersection a half-mile from its foundation; another is a pile of rubble mangled by Hurricane Sandy's powerful winds and waves. Those are some of the images seared into the memory of the leader of a group of Massachusetts state troopers sent to New Jersey to help with storm relief. "You cannot comprehend the amount of devastation that this storm caused. It's overwhelming," said Captain John Byrne.

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Brookline High employee faces child porn charges

There is no evidence suggesting the paraprofessional had improper contact with special education students he worked with.

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Woman charged with assaulting dog in South Station

Transit Police arrested a Nevada woman after she allegedly punched and kicked a Yorkshire terrier in a South Station bathroom.

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Demand for food rising in Mass., but donations fall

In the days leading up to Thanksgiving individuals and families are lining up for meals in record numbers, even as donations have declined.

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O'Malley OK's reorganization plan

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley approved a reorganization that will group the 288 parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston into about 135 clusters.

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Plea deal outrages Salem drunken driving victim's family

The family of a 19-year-old Danvers man killed in a car crash lashed, calling the driver's plea deal of two years behind bars a "slap on the wrist."

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New trial ordered in 2006 Roxbury murder

The state's highest court ordered a new trial for an alleged member of a street gang convicted of killing Herman Taylor III.

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A health code blitz in Downtown Crossing

This holiday shopping season, Boston officials hope to shoo away three groups of bargain hunters: rodents, pigeons, and cockroaches.

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Sandy flung birds far from home

Swept up by Hurricane Sandy, a lucky few migratory birds landed, against long odds, on the East Coast.

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Lawrence Marine's death a mystery

Nearly 44 years after a Lawrence Marine was reported missing from a Philadelphia hospital, private investigators and Pennsylvania State Police have reopened the case into how the man died.

Just before 8 a.m. on Nov. 18, 1968, 20-year-old Corporal Robert Daniel Corriveau was reported missing from the Philadelphia Naval Hospital, where he was receiving psychiatric treatment for a combat-related condition. State Police said.

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Man faces charges over heated Hanson meeting

A Hanson resident who allegedly threatened a town official and flipped over a table during a heated public meeting is facing criminal charges. Steven Cappellini, 59, is scheduled to be arraigned Dec. 5 in Plymouth District Court on charges of disturbing a public assembly, assault and battery on a public official, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a person over 60, according to the Plymouth District Court clerk's office.

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DA says Lynn police shooting was justified

The fatal shooting of a 23-year-old Lynn resident in July by police has been justified as an act that protected the Lynn police officers involved, Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett said. Blodgett announced Thursday that his investigation into the July 22 shooting of Brandon Payne was complete.

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State sued for pay discrimination

The Vermont Human Rights Commission has filed suit against the state over alleged gender discrimination it said showed up in a female Department of Corrections employee being paid significantly less than a man in the same job.

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FEMA to open three disaster centers

US Senator Jack Reed said the Federal Emergency Management Agency is opening three disaster recovery centers in Rhode Island to help people affected by Hurricane Sandy.

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