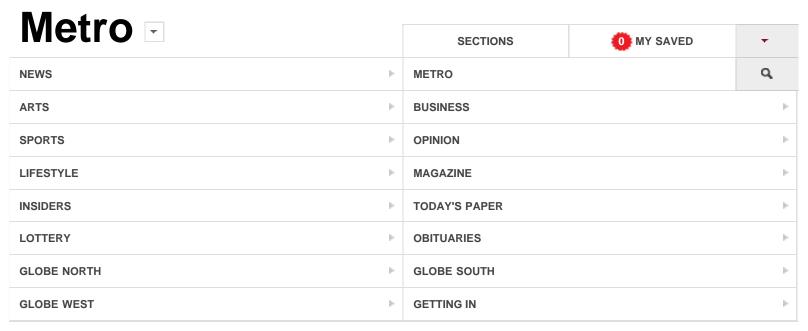
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Officer hospitalized after being dragged by car

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A Boston police officer was hospitalized Sunday after being dragged by a car driven by a man trying to escape police. Just before noon, undercover officers saw a man pull over the silver car he was driving and watched as he allegedly bought drugs in the area of Devon Street and Vaughan Avenue in Dorchester, Boston police said in a statement. Other officers driving a marked cruiser stopped the car on Columbia Road. As they walked up to the car, it sped away, dragging one of the officers. Exact details were not available. The officer, whose name was not released, was hospitalized at Boston Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries, the statement said. Officers later arrested Eric Nelson, 46, of Weymouth on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, failure to stop for an officer, resisting arrest, and possession of heroin, the statement said.

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Three titans contending for Boston-area casino license

The battle for casino development rights in Greater Boston has all the elements of can't-miss public theater.

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Tossed-out Christmas trees' tales only half over

More than 100 tons of trees are gathered from curbs around Boston and brought to the city's composting site, where they wait to be chopped up by a giant grinder.

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Sounds of progress at English High

Halfway through a make-or-break school year for the embattled school there is a promising sign: Boston's English High School has a drumline.

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Boston heeds President Obama's call for service

Hundreds of volunteers turned out for the National Day of Service, serving at soup kitchens and helping clean neighborhood parks.

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Gun rights advocates decry proposed laws

Some 700 gun rights advocates rallied at the Massachusetts State House against proposed new restrictions.

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Rape survivors, allies gather for day of empowerment

More than 100 people gathered for a day of workshops to help survivors of sexual violence and prevent future assaults.

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Three BU students robbed separately near campus

One of the students was robbed at gunpoint, and a Boston University spokesman said "this is a very concerning series of events."

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Director of Nature Conservancy branch to retire

Rob Klein, the head of the Nature Conservancy's Vermont chapter, announced Friday that he will retire in April after 34 years on the job.

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Maine woman's death ruled a homicide

Police say the death of a woman whose body was found in a car parked at a Maine hotel has been ruled a homicide.

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Several families displaced by fires

The American Red Cross says it's helped find temporary shelter twice in a day for Vermont residents who lost their homes to fires.

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Warm weather forces delay in Winter Carnival

The Winter Carnival, scheduled for Saturday at White Part in Concord, has been postponed until Feb. 2.

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Fans flock to Bruins' season opener

Fans piled into bars, restaurants, and TD Garden to enjoy the start to a season some thought would not happen.

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Robots that identify endangered whales tested

The Outer Fall area in the central Gulf of Maine is believed to be a mating ground for the endangered North Atlantic right whale, but it's not always hospitable to humans. On a recent trip, steep swells jostled the research boat Endeavor.

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Today in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2013. There are 345 days left in the year.

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Tax breaks proposed for elimination

The tax plan Governor Deval Patrick proposed this week would eliminate a flurry of personal tax breaks. Take a look at the proposed eliminations and the financial impact.

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