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### TAUNTON

# Fire forces residents in Taunton to flee building

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A three-alarm fire broke out in a 24-unit apartment building in Taunton on Sunday, officials said. No injuries were reported as of 11 p.m. as firefighters worked to extinguish the blaze, according to Jesse Correira of the Taunton Fire Department. The three-floor building at 103 Hart St. was safely evacuated shortly after 9 p.m., he said. The fire's cause had not been determined. American Red Cross officials said they sent volunteers to help people displaced by the fire.

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## 10-year-old girl hospitalized after Nashoba Valley snowtubing collision

A 10-year-old girl was taken to the hospital after colliding with another person while tubing at Nashoba Valley Ski Area late this morning, the ski area's general manager said. The girl collided with the other person at the bottom of the Littleton tubing facility and momentarily lost consciousness, said Al Fletcher, Nashoba's general manager.

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## Ex-Chelsea housing chief admits guilt in hiding big salary

Michael E. McLaughlin could face little, if any, prison time under Tuesday's plea agreement with federal prosecutors.

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## Author Patricia Cornwell awarded \$50.9m in suit

The mystery writer won her lawsuit against her former financial company after a trial that peered deeply into her personal life.

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## O'Malley mentioned as contender for pope

A number of Italian Vatican-watchers have begun to speculate that Cardinal Sean O'Malley may be a potential candidate.

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## Rediscovering nature, one 'lost' plant species at a time

After a nine-year quest, a group of citizen scientists have documented finding 105 plant species that had purportedly disappeared in the Middlesex Fells.

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## John Connolly considers a run for Boston mayor

The three-term city councilor would be the first significant candidate to oppose Mayor Menino.

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## Ex-teacher testifies in Wayland murder trial

Nathaniel Fujita had visited the isolated area where his ex-girlfriend's body was found as part of a school project, according to testimony from his former teacher.

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## Remembering the blast that rattled Mass. in 1954

The meteor in Russia has sparked memories of a local sonic boom, apparently caused by two jets breaking the sound barrier.

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## Man who fled scene of Mattapan slaying arraigned

A 22-year-old man was ordered held on \$100,000 cash bail on gun charges after he was arrested fleeing an area near the scene of a weekend shooting.

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## Roxbury health center gets 2d chance

A task force is being assembled to help the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center start over in the face of medical and financial woes and federal and state scrutiny.

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## Endangered whales seen off Nantucket

Mariners are being asked to slow down around Nantucket after eight endangered North Atlantic right whales were spotted near the island on Friday.

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## Feb. brings special deliveries for 2 zoos

Springtime at local zoos will not only bring blooming flowers, but also a bunch of bouncing baby animals, three of which were born this month.

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## Too much MCAS reliance, researchers say

More than 130 Massachusetts professors and researchers urged state education officials to stop relying on standardized test scores to judge school quality, teacher effectiveness, and eligibility for high school graduation.

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## R.I. board backs decision on paroling thrill killer

**The Rhode Island Parole Board has affirmed its decision to parole a Woonsocket man who was in prison for 13 years for a 1999 thrill killing.**

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## **Workers rescued from basket crane by brother of one**

**Three cellphone company workers made it safely down from a 125-foot tower after two of them got trapped in a basket crane, and one of their brothers came to the rescue**

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