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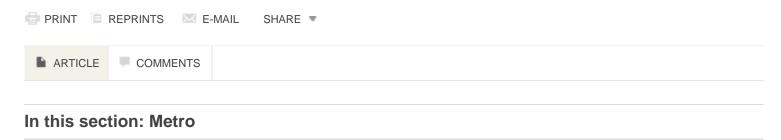
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# Allston man arrested in laptop thefts at BU



A 24-year-old Allston man was arrested in a series of laptop thefts from a library and student center at Boston University, campus officials said. Jesse Ritson of Allston was arrested Wednesday on charges that he stole two laptops from Mugar Memorial Library, according to the university's news website, BU Today. Ritson is not formally charged with additional crimes, but police told BU Today that they are continuing to investigate and believe he is responsible for the theft of five other laptops that have been reported stolen from the library and the George Sherman Union since early October. Ritson was scheduled to be arraigned on two counts of larceny Thursday in Roxbury District Court.

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#### Road closed after 6-foot icicle drops, smashes car window

A street in Chelsea was closed Sunday afternoon when a 6-foot icicle fell three stories from a house, smashing a car's back window, fire officials said. The icicle fell about 3 p.m. near 9 Second Street, forcing authorities to shut down the road for several hours from Broadway to Cherry Street while the owner was called to remove more icicles dangling from the house, Chelsea Fire Captain Mike Thompson said. Authorities also briefly closed sidewalks near Pembroke and Beacon streets Sunday afternoon because of icicles.

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#### Marathon security balances new rules, old ways

With two months to go before the Boston Marathon, officials are working at a feverish pace to lock in a comprehensive safety plan.

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### Conn. casinos employ hardball tactic to collect debts

Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun have placed dozens of liens on homes across Mass. since the early 2000s, according to a Globe review.

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### Pope softening tone, not stance, O'Malley says

Cardinal Sean O'Malley cautions that those expecting major changes in church teachings are likely to be disappointed.

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#### Walsh says Boston will hold gun buyback

Mayor Martin Walsh said the city will partner with the police department on a gun buyback program.

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#### Child welfare agency shows signs of panic

In the wake of Jeremiah Oliver's disappearance, the DCF has moved to take many children from their homes. Is this really what we want?

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#### With horror, hope, Ukrainians watch crisis from afar

Most of the emigres in Mass. are following the increasingly violent struggle against pro-Russian president Viktor Yanukovych.

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# State Senate president won't run for reelection

Therese Murray, the first woman to serve as the chamber's president, called her time in the Senate "the greatest honor."

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#### Air Force jet lands in Mass. after losing pressurization

The massive C-5, traveling to Delaware, was forced to divert to the Westover Air Reserve Base in

Chicopee.

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#### Protesters highlight Chinatown's affordable housing crisis

Marchers also walked to a nearby luxury condominium building to express concern over their plight.

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## Malden man in drug trafficking ring sentenced

Brendan Joyner, 21, was one of 11 people arrested in 2013 for moving 400 pounds of marijuana from California to Massachusetts.

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# R.I. man dead after powered paragliding crash off Plum Island

The 49-year-old was powered paragliding off the northern tip of the island, Newburyport police said.

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#### What's the deal with South Station's closed staircase?

Commuters are irked that they received little to no advance warning that their transfer between modes would require them to take the outdoor stairs from Feb. 1 to March 31.

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#### **Bird sightings**

#### Bird sightings by the Massachusetts Audubon Society

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#### Officials warn residents about displaced bears

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department is warning residents about displaced, agitated bears due to the fickle winter. A lack of snow exposes dens and winter rain can make bears uncomfortable and restless, both factors that can cause them to awaken and abandon their dens, said Bear Project Leader Forrest Hammond. The department said it has received reports of bears at bird feeders, in residential areas and in the back country. A bear is reported to have killed a hunter's beagle in Elmore. Disrupted bears sometimes produce nests of spruce boughs in dense evergreen thickets so hare and rabbit hunters should be extra wary of these areas, the department said.

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