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# Antonucci announces retirement as president of Fitchburg State

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Fitchburg State University president Robert V. Antonucci announced Monday that he plans to retire next summer. Antonucci, the university's 10th president and a former Massachusetts education commissioner, took the post in 2003 and described his time leading the university as rewarding and an honor. He said he announced his intention to retire to allow time for a national search for his successor,

who would begin after Antonucci formally steps down at the end of the 2014-15 academic year. Carol T. Vittorioso, chairwoman of the university's trustees, said Antonucci had a profound impact on the institution. "He has advanced our stature, our academic position, and our interaction with communities near and far," she said.

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The school system's food services program has been shutting down the salad bars as it struggles with financial losses.



### Politicians, friends seek to save Sudanese wife of N.H. man

She faces 100 lashes for marrying a non-Muslim and death by hanging for refusing to recant her Christian faith.



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The construction at the Plainville racetrack may be the gambling industry's most potent political card to play to defend the state's casino law.

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## Massachusetts brothers lobby for pause to honor veterans

Two brothers from Weston are closer to seeing a national moment of silence to honor America's veterans become a reality.

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## A day to remember our fallen heroes

"May we remember the reason why we have Memorial Day," Boston's veteran services commissioner said in his remarks.

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## Man accused of attacking transit officers

MBTA Transit Police on Friday arrested a Marlborough man who is accused of punching two officers and spitting on one.

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## Knife-wielding passengers rob cabbie

Two men robbed a cab driver at knife-point near Boston University Saturday night, according to Boston police.

## **Police seeks public's help locating suspect in Brighton assault**

A man was left with life-threatening injuries after an attack early Friday morning on Chestnut Hill Avenue, authorities said.

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## **Baby flown to Boston hospital after 20-foot fall**

The 13-month-old girl was flown to Tufts Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries, authorities said.

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## **Death of man, 92, ruled a homicide**

The death of a 92-year-old Waterville man has been deemed a homicide, authorities said Sunday.

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## **Single-engine plane makes emergency landing in Maine**

The aircraft ran out of gas, and the two people aboard declined medical treatment, authorities said.

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## **Crashes in Canton, Springfield leave 2 dead**

A man died in a crash near Springfield in which the driver was charged with OUI, and a woman died in a rollover in Canton, officials said.

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## **Mattiello takes a sudden path to power as R.I. House speaker**

Cranston Democrat Nicholas Mattiello now holds arguably the most powerful position in Rhode Island government.

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## **Lawmakers question new hospital's cost**

The direct-care, staff-to-patient ratio at the Vt. Psychiatric Care Hospital in Berlin will be nearly twice that of the now-closed Vermont State Hospital.

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## **Attleboro man charged with indecently assaulting teen at party**

Another teenage girl had reported a similar incident involving the 32-year-old man days earlier, police said.

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## **What's open, closed on Memorial Day**

Municipal, state, and federal offices are closed while retail stores, supermarkets, and bars will remain open.

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## **The short, unhappy life of Jeremiah Oliver, failed by all**



He was a little boy lost, long before the state lost track of him, and then simply stopped looking.

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## After 32 years, video games return to Marshfield

The town banned arcade games in 1982, fearing they corrupted youth and contributed to drug use.

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## Sharon congregants take comfort in their small-town 'family'

Shocked by allegations surrounding a longtime rabbi, residents point to all the positives of their community.

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