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# Opioid overdose deaths by Mass. town in 2015

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The opioid crisis has hit Massachusetts hard, particularly in some communities.

The map below shows the number of opioid overdose deaths per capita in 2015 for each city and town across the state.

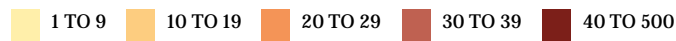
In some cases — New Bedford, Lynn, Haverhill, Brockton, Lowell, and Chelsea, for example — the high rates show the devastating toll of the epidemic.

In other cases, the high rates may be more of a mathematical quirk. The rates are high in the towns of New Ashford in Western Massachusetts and Aquinnah on Martha's Vineyard, for example, because of their small populations.

The problem is widespread: 221 of the state's 351 cities and towns had at least one overdose death in 2015.

## Opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 people, 2015

The statewide rate for Massachusetts was 20.7 opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 residents in 2015.



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**Kelly Ayotte faces uphill battle against N.H. history**



If the US senator loses reelection, she'll be able pinpoint when it happened: when she won her first term. [MORE...](#)

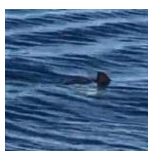
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## 14-year-old, 'a true friend to people,' killed by train

The ninth-grader was "a super-creative, super-smart kid," his family said as they continue grieving his death. [MORE...](#)

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## Cape Cod boaters spot great white off Sandy Neck Beach

The great white shark momentarily disappeared before jumping about 5 feet out of the water. [MORE...](#)

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## Firm with spotty past regains state's car inspection contract

Applus Technologies Inc. was selected to provide testing equipment to more than 1,900 Mass. inspection stations. [MORE...](#)

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## Man to be arraigned in fatal Newton restaurant crash

Bradford Casler, 55, was indicted on two counts of motor vehicle homicide after the March incident. [MORE...](#)

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## Beer, politics, and a whole lot of tech talk at HUBweek

HUBweek organizers are grappling with how to ensure the annual festival does not cater solely to the business and academic elite. [MORE...](#)

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## Needing support from communities, builders pay for it



Local backing for a development project often comes with a price tag, bought as easily as lumber or drywall. [MORE...](#)

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## Charmian Carr, 73; portrayed Liesl in ‘The Sound of Music’

Ms. Carr fully embraced audiences’ reverence for the musical, frequently appearing at sing-a-long performances. [MORE...](#)

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## Call an end to this insider game

Civic groups should not be able to take money from developers looking to buy support, much less solicit payment. [MORE...](#)

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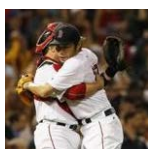


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## Counting your fish — and your blessings

Travis Roy got a chance to go ocean fishing, despite being attached to a 600-pound motorized wheelchair. [MORE...](#)

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## Fast Forward: Red Sox surge, Bridgegate trial starts

The Sox are three games up on Baltimore, France holds a day of tribute to victims of the recent terror attacks, and more of the news you need to start your day. [MORE...](#)

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## Allston shooting leaves victim fighting for life

A man was shot Sunday night on Linden Street, according to Boston police. [MORE...](#)

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## The great rabbit pardon of 2016



A Buddhist gardener felt sorry for rabbits being raised for slaughter at Codman Community Farms, so she bought them — 135 rabbits in all. [MORE...](#)

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## ‘Mermaid’ to go on display at Harvard museum — but she’s no Ariel

The Peabody Museum’s “FeeJee Mermaid” will be brought out to celebrate the institute’s 150th anniversary next month. [MORE...](#)

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## Parents of Justina Pelletier sue Boston Children’s Hospital

The teen spoke out at a press conference to announce a lawsuit against Boston Children’s Hospital over her care. [MORE...](#)

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## A medical collision with a child in the middle

Justina Pelletier has a metabolic disease. Or does she? With her parents and Children’s Hospital deadlocked, she was placed in state custody. [MORE...](#)

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## Milestone for Allston outreach: first student to attend Harvard

The university’s Ed Portal opened in 2008 as a conduit to the community. [MORE...](#)

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## Rejecting opioids, pain patients find relief with marijuana

But the world of medical marijuana bears little resemblance to usual medical care. [MORE...](#)

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## 1 dead, 2 injured in Boston shooting



Police haven't officially identified the victims. According to friends, the slain man was 21-year-old Phillip Woods. [MORE...](#)

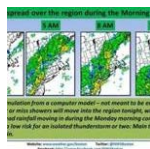
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## Two Mass. schools ranked among top 10 colleges in US

Move over Crimson; the Tigers are No. 1 on US News & World Report's 2017 university rankings. [MORE...](#)

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## Humid and rainy day to start work week

Thunderstorms with lightning are possible in Greater Boston on Monday. [MORE...](#)

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## Second boater in high-speed crash in Taunton has died

Stephen Joy, 67, of Bangor, Maine, died Thursday in Providence, authorities said. [MORE...](#)

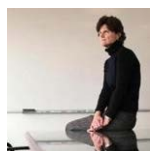
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## Columbus Day now Indigenous Peoples' Day in Cambridge

The City Council voted unanimously to change the holiday's name. [MORE...](#)

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## Former student forces R.I. prep school to confront its past

Decades after Anne Scott said she was abused by an athletic trainer at St. George's School, she demanded action — and others are now coming forward. [MORE...](#)

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## Frustration on all fronts in struggle over child's future



The Justina Pelletier case sheds light on the fact that there are few good paths to resolution once doctors are convinced that parents are harming their child. [MORE...](#)

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## In Colo., a look at life after marijuana legalization

In November, Massachusetts voters are likely to consider a ballot question legalizing recreational marijuana. [MORE...](#)

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## Pair in Snapchat sex assault get 4-5 years in prison

The two were convicted of assault to rape, indecent assault and battery, and kidnapping in the attack that was carried out in the woods and shared on Snapchat. [MORE...](#)

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## Supporters of recreational use of marijuana fill the Common

Massachusetts voters will decide in November whether to legalize marijuana for recreational use. [MORE...](#)

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## Let the debate begin, for candidates and cocktails

Three bars in Somerville are holding presidential debate events, complete with election-themed drinks. [MORE...](#)

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## Families of murder victims seek help moving

There is no formal program to assist families of homicide victims who want to move because they fear for their own safety. [MORE...](#)

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## Slowdowns reported on Boston-area highways

The ride into Boston is taking nearly 45 minutes on the Southeast Expressway. [MORE...](#)

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SPOTLIGHT REPORT

## Private schools, painful secrets

More than 200 victims. At least 90 legal claims. At least 67 private schools in New England. This is the story of hundreds of students sexually abused by staffers, and emerging from decades of silence today. [MORE...](#)

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## Howard E. Butt Jr., 89; left grocery empire for spiritual pursuits

Mr. Butt advocated a role for the laity in improving the world through personal renewal within the professions, the family, and the local church. [MORE...](#)

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## Families gather at 35th South Boston Vietnam Memorial ceremony

More than 200 people came, including the families of many who are honored at the monument. [MORE...](#)

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## This 19th-century trash is now modern treasure

A 7-foot-deep hole off Salem Street has unveiled day-to-day details of life in the North End of the 1800s like few discoveries before it. [MORE...](#)

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## Phillips Exeter sued over kicking out student who had sex

The N.H. school is being sued by the parents of a 15-year-old boy, saying it was wrong to withdraw their son after he had sex with another student. [MORE...](#)

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## Cambridge aims to take pets out of pet stores





A proposed city ordinance would stop breeders from supplying animals to shops. [MORE...](#)

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## Teen killed by train was 14-year-old boy from Newton

The teen was on the inbound track on Friday when he was hit by a Worcester/Framingham commuter rail train. [MORE...](#)

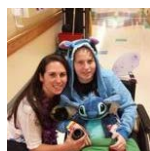
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## Make-or-break vote for a new Minuteman High School

Residents in 16 communities will decide at the polls Tuesday whether to support a new \$145 million vocational school. [MORE...](#)

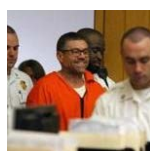
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## A difficult return to hospital for Justina Pelletier

The Conn. teen who returned home in June after a highly publicized legal battle in Mass. has been rehospitalized. [MORE...](#)

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## Father arraigned in New Bedford slaying

A prosecutor said Walter DaSilva was upset that his 19-year-old daughter did not visit him for Father's Day and that she was dating an older man. [MORE...](#)

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## Billerica parents plead for return to A-B-Cs

The school district is considering a hybrid grading model for the school system's youngest middle school students. [MORE...](#)

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## A cyclist's mecca, with lessons for Boston



By innovating ways for cars and bikes to share the road, the Dutch have set the safety standard.

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## **MBTA to subsidize Uber, Lyft rides for customers with disabilities**

The first-of-its-kind partnership reflects a growing relationship between public agencies and ride-for-hire firms. [MORE...](#)

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## **Baker orders new rules to reduce greenhouse emissions**

The order comes after a court ruling that the state has not done enough to meet its obligations.

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## **Sixteen stranded dolphins rescued in Wellfleet**

The pod was transported to deeper waters in Provincetown, where the animals swam away. [MORE...](#)

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## **There is still a group of students who need help with student loans**

In a region of top colleges, low-income, first-generation, and minority students struggle disproportionately to repay their debt. [MORE...](#)

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## **Rate of uninsured in Mass. reaches all-time low**

The US Census reports 2.8 percent of residents had no health insurance in 2015, down from 4.4 percent in 2010. [MORE...](#)

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## **Testimony of Brian R. Mahoney**

Brian R. Mahoney, a community newspaper columnist and longtime civic association leader, was a defendant in a defamation lawsuit in Suffolk Superior Court. [MORE...](#)

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## This day in history

Today is Monday, Sept. 19, the 263rd day of 2016. There are 103 days left in the year. [MORE...](#)

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### Judge orders city to allow 2-day marijuana rally

A judge granted an emergency order Friday that forced the city of Boston to grant a permit for this weekend's rally. [MORE...](#)

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### Diverse group of Boston officers chosen to wear body cameras

Training for the department's body camera trial run is set to begin Wednesday. [MORE...](#)

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## Somerville's innovative new school plan garners a \$10 million grant

The grant will help to open a new high school that won't have grade levels or traditional courses. [MORE...](#)

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### David Ortiz's image carved in to Sterling corn maze

Davis Mega Maze is honoring the retiring Red Sox legend as the theme of this year's puzzle. [MORE...](#)

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### 7 years after stroke, paralyzed woman awarded \$35m

A jury awarded Andrea Larkin, who was paralyzed from a stroke that she suffered after labor, \$35.4 million in a medical malpractice lawsuit. [MORE...](#)

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## Communities scramble to find emergency water sources

On Wednesday, Worcester activated a connection to draw water from the MWRA at a cost of \$1.7 million per month. [MORE...](#)

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## What those gantries on the Pike are secretly doing

The devices will replace tollbooths on the roadway as the state makes the transition to all-electronic tolling. [MORE...](#)

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## One killed, two injured, in Taunton boat crash

A 39-year-old New Hampshire man died Saturday in a boat crash while competing in a regatta at Watson Pond in Taunton. [MORE...](#)

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## These kids now have a life without homework

In a bold move sure to delight students and many parents, Essex Elementary School has stopped assigning homework. [MORE...](#)

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## Rain to give state a break from drought

Overnight showers are expected to give the state a very brief respite from the drought. [MORE...](#)

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STARTS & STOPS

## MBTA failed to spend enough on repairs, expansion

To improve your commute, the T desperately needs to tackle a \$7.3 billion backlog of repairs. [MORE...](#)

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## Objections raised as courtrooms go digital



Court reporters could become the latest American workers replaced by the inexorable advancement of technology. [MORE...](#)

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## Our winters are getting shorter — and warmer

Scientists say the impending changes — a result of human-caused global warming — are deeply troubling and will have major impacts on ecosystems and economies. [MORE...](#)

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## Historic Boston lighthouse still shines on after 300 years

The storied site still serves as a navigational aid in Boston Harbor even as it has become a travel destination. [MORE...](#)

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## In Ghana, he's royalty. In Worcester, he's just Harry.

Harry Danso, a middle-aged middle manager at an endoscopy company, is also known as Nana Awuah Panin III, a royal chief in his native country. [MORE...](#)

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## MBTA report faults worker abuse of Family Leave Act

Employees have figured out that they can use the law to avoid being disciplined for taking days off, a former MBTA bus superintendent said.. [MORE...](#)

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## Pope Francis accepts gift of potholder from Hingham child

"I cried. I absolutely cried," said the girl's mother Maura Naughton, who brought the gift to the Vatican. [MORE...](#)

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## Justina Pelletier heads home after judge ends state custody

Pelletier will be in the custody of her parents Wednesday, ending a 16-month battle with Mass. over



control of the teen. [MORE...](#)

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## Man charged in 1992 Lena Bruce murder case

Lena Bruce, 21, originally from Philadelphia, was a recent graduate of Tufts University when she was killed in the South End in 1992. [MORE...](#)

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## Gabriele Amorth, 91, prominent exorcist priest

The Rev. Amorth, who began serving as an exorcist for the Rome diocese in 1986, published several books exploring the theme of good and evil. [MORE...](#)

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## Natural gas plan worries Weymouth

Weymouth unites in opposition to a natural gas compressor station proposed by Spectra Energy for the Fore River. [MORE...](#)

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## South Coast rail could cost \$1b more than estimated

Consultants for the MBTA have raised their cost estimates for the project to extend commuter rail service to New Bedford and Fall River. [MORE...](#)

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## James E. Guilford Jr., 104; was Boston Latin's oldest living graduate

Mr. Guilford, who also was involved in art and real estate, styled the hair of many jazz stars who performed here. [MORE...](#)

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## No surprise: Wynn isn't happy about a Revere slots parlor



“It’s not fair to Wynn Resorts,” an executive said, noting it would run counter to the 2011 casino law that called for a single slots parlor in Massachusetts. [MORE...](#)

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## Remembering the Pendleton rescue

The Coast Guard commemorated “the greatest rescue by small boat in its history,” which was accomplished without a compass or a windshield 60 years ago yesterday. [MORE...](#)

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## A town-by-town look at the opioid epidemic’s toll in Mass.

Some communities have been hit particularly hard by the epidemic. [MORE...](#)

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## Walsh hires in-house Olympics analyst

Walsh has hired a former Goldman Sachs real estate investment associate as Boston’s first director of Olympic planning. [MORE...](#)

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## Man sentenced to 20 years in prison for Westborough rapes

A former Framingham man will serve at least 20 years in state prison for raping two women in Westborough 13 years ago. [MORE...](#)

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## Wheelchair icon revamped by guerrilla art project

What began as a statement by a Cambridge artist and a Gordon College assistant professor has become a global movement. [MORE...](#)

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## Yale’s most popular course is a Harvard class





The computer programming course CS50 has cemented its legacy at Harvard. Now, it has now crept into the blue-and-white's territory. [MORE...](#)

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## Obama grants federal protection to section of Atlantic

President Obama will designate a section off the Cape as a national monument, the first such classification in the Atlantic Ocean. [MORE...](#)

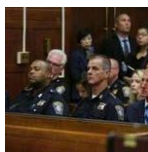
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## T debuts revamped map, real-time tracking info

Re-designed maps of the T system — the result of a map-making contest last year — were installed on 40 Green Line trolleys last week. [MORE...](#)

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## Judge grants police commissioner authority for 100 body cameras

The judge ruled that Commissioner Evans has the authority to order 100 Boston police officers to wear body cameras as part of a pilot program. [MORE...](#)

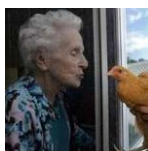
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## Decision to hire Bella Wong detailed

Two of the three finalists for the interim superintendent/principal job at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School withdrew. [MORE...](#)

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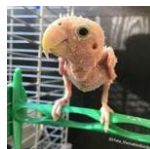
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## Chickens provide new form of animal therapy for memory loss patients

Unlike the more common animal-therapy programs, the chickens are not expected to interact in any particular way with patients. [MORE...](#)

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## Instagram's next rising star: A 'naked' lovebird from Boston

She might be featherless and flightless, but that hasn't stopped Rhea the lovebird from capturing the hearts of tens of thousands of people. [MORE...](#)

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## A tale of two inns, three centuries of history

The Wayside in Sudbury and the Colonial in Concord honor the past and look to the future. [MORE...](#)

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## Brown University unveils 3D virtual-reality room

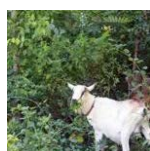
Its creators see the Yurt as a key site for exploration of not just school subjects, but also the potential of the medium itself. [MORE...](#)

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## Fall River doctor among top tranquilizer prescribers in US

Doctors wrote nearly 40 million prescriptions for tranquilizers such as Ativan and Xanax to Medicare patients in 2013. [MORE...](#)

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## Goats will be eating their way through the Arnold Arboretum

Four goats that will be moved around to different areas of the property to eat and remove any unwanted plants. [MORE...](#)

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## It's time for Elizabeth Warren to take a stand

Eventually, Warren will be required to be a more straightforward, and more nimble, stateswoman. [MORE...](#)

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## Victims of the Boston Strangler

Thirteen victims of the Boston Strangler were found in Eastern Massachusetts between 1962 and 1964. [MORE...](#)

## A town-by-town look at Lyme disease in Massachusetts

Between 2010 and 2014, the municipalities with the highest proportion of reported confirmed and probable cases were Chilmark and Nantucket. [MORE...](#)



## Baker calls for change in treating mentally ill inmates

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