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DRUG UNIT WOULD LOSE FUNDS

Councilor proposes to redirect seized drug money

By Scott Rolph

In the past four fiscal years the Boston Police Department has received \$240,000 from money seized in drug arrests, according to department officials.

The department's drug control unit uses the money to support efforts aimed at fighting drugs and drug-related crimes in the inner city. The money, department officials say, is vital to that effort; it is used to buy vehicles, pay overtime to undercover detectives, and pay-off informants.

A home-rule petition put forth by City Councilor Charles Yancy proposes to take away seventy percent of that money. The proposal has prompted criticism from some who say that the police anti-drug efforts are already limited by funding and praise from others who say the police are inefficiently using the money and it's time to redirect our resources in the war against drugs.

Yancy's proposal, which was co-sponsored by Councilors Scondras, Bolling, Salerno, Hennigan-Casey, and McCormack, would create a seven-member commission to distribute the money to groups such as neighborhood crime watch organizations, drug rehabilitation agencies, and youth programs designed to provide positive alternatives to drugs. Also, five percent of the money would be



Drugs and drug money. City Councilor Yancy has filed a home-rule petition to return 70 percent of the drug money seized by the police department back to neighborhood.

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Off-campus housing bill aimed at landlords

By Daniel Hurewitz

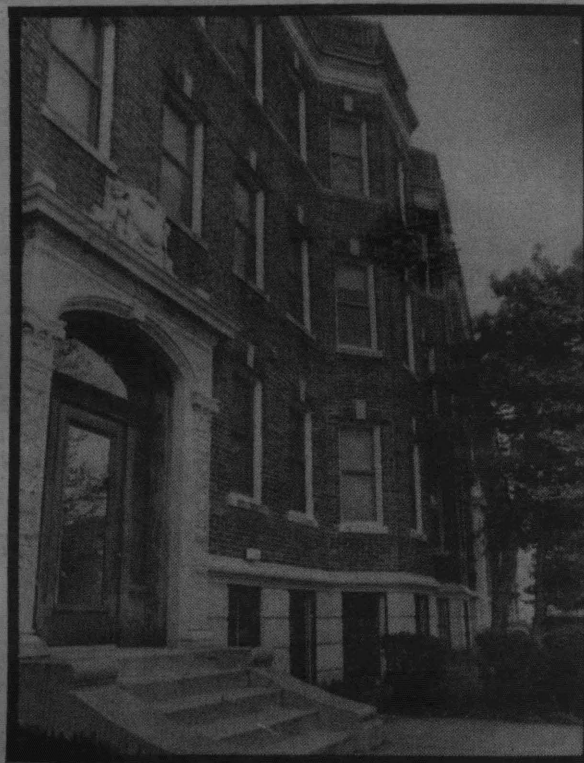
Landlords may no longer be able to rent to the majority of their units to students without first guaranteeing their supervision and compliance with health and safety codes.

Under a city ordinance proposed by Councilor David Scondras, any structure which is 50 percent occupied by full-time undergraduates would be deemed a "private dormitory" and require licensing from the City Licensing Board. Aside from requiring building, sanitary and zoning code compliance, the license would also require the presence of a resident advisor who would be responsible for emergencies, maintaining quiet, and receiving and reporting all community complaints.

The bill would essentially amend current legislation concerning university-owned dormitories to include "de-facto dormitories." "It's stupid to define a dormitory by who owns it," Scondras said. A dormitory, like a bar, he contends, should be defined by its use.

In large part, Scondras views the proposal as an effort to curb unruly and illegal student behavior. "There is altogether too much testimony from people about the behavior [of students] that is making life truly miserable." He points to numerous incidents of students harassing neighbors as well as violating noise and alcohol regulations.

Scondras also sees the ordinance as protecting off-



When the Licensing Board denied Harvard a dormitory license for this apartment building, the university encouraged students to rent the apartments independently. Scondras' ordinance would aim to close this loophole.

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campus students, who he sees as being "abandoned" by their families and the universities. Pointing to the poor conditions and over-crowding which is often characteristic

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CURRENT SYSTEM FLAWED

Report calls for smaller School Committee

By Scott Rolph

A report released last week by the Special Commission on Public Education proposes two alternative models to the current Boston School Committee, which the report describes as being ineffective at providing policy leadership for the school system.

The Commission, which was appointed by the mayor to study performance of the School Committee and to recommend a course of action, elicited testimony from 120 parents, education advocates, business leaders, service providers, and community leaders. The report notes that, of those testifying, only three supported the current system.

Report states that from the testimony common threads of dissatisfaction emerged. It states that the current School Committee:

- has failed to provide effective policy leadership in the school system, leaving an absence of "vision for public education;"
- is too large;
- does not guarantee participation of parents or under-represented interests such as special needs and bilingual parents;
- does not reflect racial and ethnic diversity;

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Next week: The Journal polls the at-large city council candidates. Don't miss it!

ALLSTON-BRIGHTON'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER—"GET RESULTS IN THE JOURNAL!"

JOURNALBRIEFS...

PZAC tackles St. Margaret's move

Representatives of St. Margaret's and St. Elizabeth's Hospitals appeared before PZAC (Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee) on Monday in the face of protestations from some PZAC members who said the meeting was premature and who charged the BRA with acceding to pressure from the hospitals.

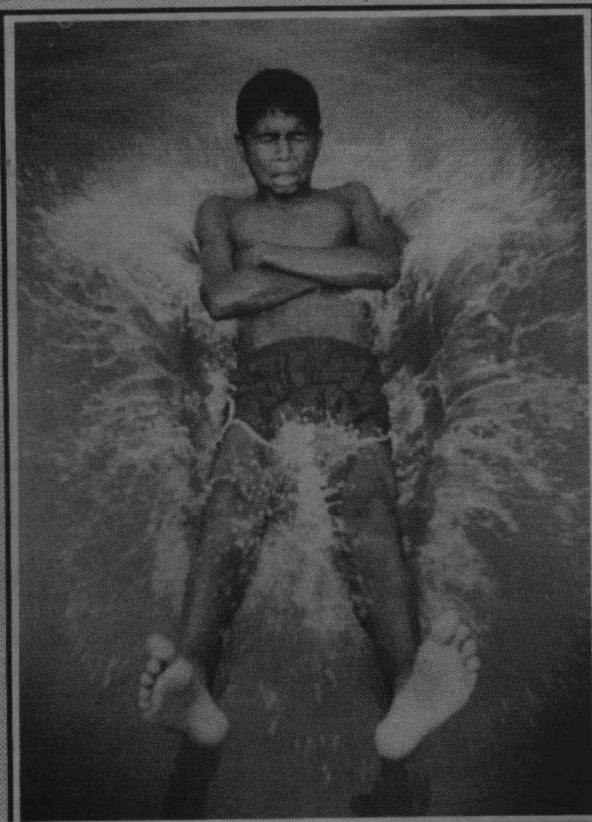
St. Margaret's Hospital of Dorchester is seeking approval from the city zoning review levels (which includes review by community groups, the PZAC, BRA, and the Zoning Commission) to move from their facility in Dorchester to the St. Elizabeth's grounds in Allston-Brighton. Representatives of the hospital say that it's impossible for the hospital, which performs regular and high risk births, to continue to exist in Dorchester because of financial and medical liabilities of its current status as a free-standing maternity hospital. Without aligning itself with a full-service hospital such as St. Elizabeth's, they say, the hospital would close.

Neighborhood groups in both Allston-Brighton and Dorchester have opposed the proposal, saying that St. Margaret's would abandon the women of Dorchester by moving to Allston-Brighton, which is not in need of more maternity services and is overwhelmed by the presence of too many institutions.

Last minute meeting irks PZAC members

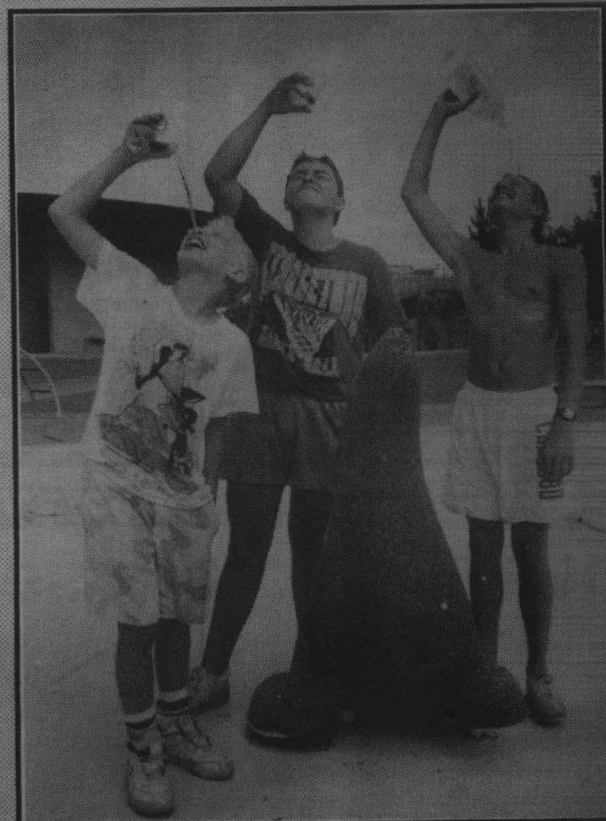
Much of the discussion on Monday was

SOME GET IT...SOME DON'T



Pedro Montanez (left) plunges into a local MDC pool, while Brian Cooper, Mike Vargas and Kevin Cooper savor every last drop of water at the empty wading pool at Herter Playground. The wading pool is one of several across the city that has been closed this summer because the MDC doesn't have the money to buy new filters, MDC officials report.

Derek Szabo photos



held in light of the protestation of some PZAC members. The BRA's decision to have St. Margaret's appear before PZAC was made at the last minute and pre-empted a full agenda. Some PZAC members charged that St. Elizabeth's had put pres-

sure on the BRA to bring the issue before their committee in this meeting, the last before PZAC takes a month recess.

"It did seem to us that St. Elizabeth's was putting pressure on the city to put this to us," said Lucy Tempesta, a PZAC member who has been vocal in her opposition to the move. "This discussion should have waited until the Department of Public Health rendered its decision [determination of need decision expected to be made public in early September]. I feel we're putting the cart before the horse."

PZAC chairman Raymond Mellone and BRA representative Jerry Kavanaugh tried to mollify those sentiments. Both maintained that the meeting was only informational and that the issue would not come to a vote for months.

"One of the reasons the meeting was scheduled is that we think it will take many months," said Kavanaugh.

Mellone said that this was not an abandonment of the process. "We intend to use the process the way it was set up. Time does not mean as much to the process as the issues," he said. "It [this meeting] should not be construed as a rubber stamp of the proposal; it will raise many questions."

Presentation of the proposal

The hospitals were in full force for the meeting. Manuel Davies, senior vice-president of St. Elizabeth's, Marie McGuinas, acting vice-president of St. Margaret's, Dr. Leonard Smith, director of the Arborway Practice at the hospital, and Gary Shaw, architect for the project, all made statements and answered questions. There were at least ten other representatives of the two hospitals on hand for the meeting.

Hospital spokespersons expressed a desire to work with both communities in addressing the negative impacts of the proposal but reiterated the need for St. Margaret's to move.

They stated the St. Margaret's desire to continue to serve the needs of the women of Dorchester by maintaining out-patient services and operating a shuttle service to the new Allston-Brighton campus; they also highlighted what they felt would be the benefits to Allston-Brighton.

On both fronts, PZAC members took them to task. Terry Cohen expressed concern that St. Margaret's had not considered options that would have less of an impact on

the amount of maternity services in Dorchester. "I fear you would leave a void in a community without any consideration of the Carney Hospital [in Dorchester]. I wonder how many women of Dorchester and Roxbury will want to avail themselves of the shuttle to come to Brighton"

McGuinas responded that the option of aligning with Carney had been explored but that it "just wasn't a good fit."

"[St. Margaret's] had looked at a variety of options to stay in Dorchester," said Davies. "They looked at the Carney for 12 months but that did not bear fruit; then the option [aligning with] the New England Medical Center proved unfeasible. It's not as though they haven't looked at other options to balance [the desire] to continue to serve Dorchester but to [need to] continue to survive."

"This is the only time that our patients will have to come to Brighton," noted McGuinas. "We may have to provide other services in Dorchester, whether an ambulance or a shuttle service. This community [Allston-Brighton] needs St. Margaret's as much as Dorchester."

With this last assertion, PZAC member Brian Gibbons took issue. "The only thing I hear that Allston-Brighton will get out of it is a great deal of pride. What are we going to get out of three years of construction? What are we going to get out of doctors taking over the houses on Washington Street for their practices?"

Allston-Brighton will benefit from the move by having increased neo-natal care, employment opportunities, a number of programs for women that the hospital will offer, according to Davies.

But some PZAC members were skeptical. Gibbons noted recent layoffs at St. Elizabeth's, and Cohen questioned whether there was a need for more maternity services in Brighton.

"I am concerned about the future of St. Margaret's in Brighton. I don't believe 100 percent of the women will travel from Dorchester and Roxbury. Do we need it here in Brighton? I recognize the need to expand and align, but what will happen in three years?"

Hospital officials maintained that there was a need and emphasized that the hospital was a regional center for high-risk pregnancies in addition to operating regular maternity services.

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Protest, counter-protest at abortion clinic

Police held over 500 Pro-Life and Pro-Choice demonstrators at bay on Saturday in front of a Boston abortion clinic until about 10:30 when they began making arrests. Thirty-six demonstrators were arrested. The demonstration was prompted by an operation rescue decision to target Gynecare on Tremont Street as a 'Rescue Site.'

With Bibles, Rosaries, and graphic photos of aborted fetuses, some 150-200 Pro-Life demonstrators blockaded the clinic doors, keeping the clinic shut for most of the morning. As one Pro-lifer explained, "The 'rescuers' are here to save lives. ...That's human life that's being killed."

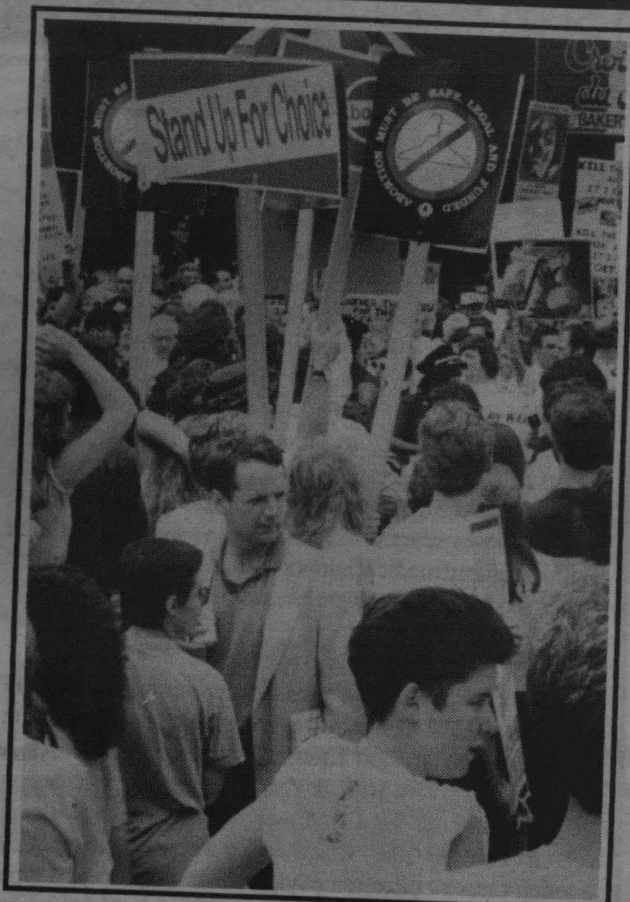
The 'rescuers' were surrounded on three sides by some 300 Pro-Choice demonstrators waving signs and shouting chants such as "Just Say Roe" and "Right To Life, Your Name's A Lie: You Don't Care If Women Die." Jim Gilbert, a Pro-Choice organizer explained that "I'm here to make sure people can exercise their right to choice."

Pro-Choice demonstrators expressed strong outrage that the police delayed in establishing an access route to the clinic doors. Grace Caner explained, "I'm shocked that the police of Boston would allow the closing of a private clinic. They're allowing the the doors to remain closed. They're taking a side." Until 10:30 a.m., the police kept the two groups apart.

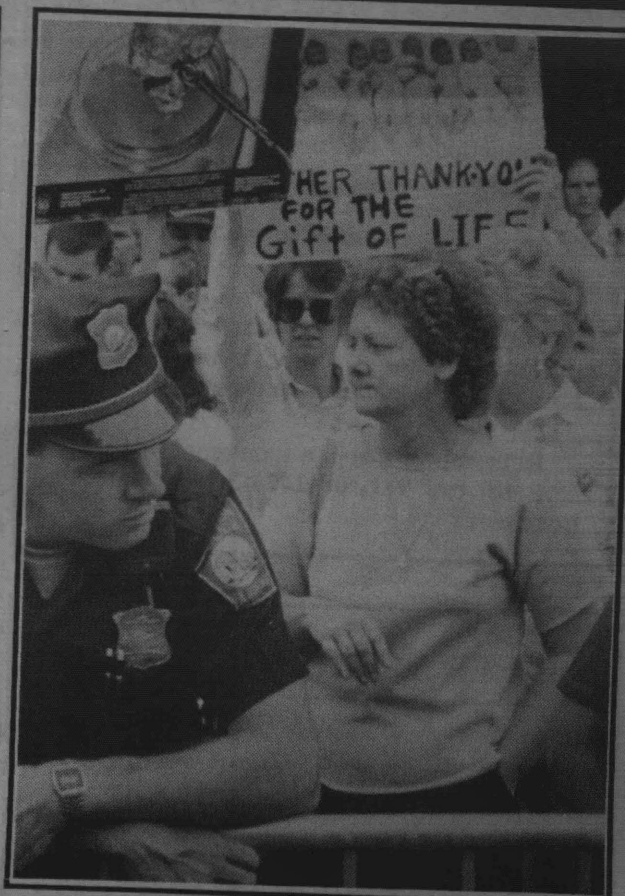
At 10:30 six police transport wagons arrived and some 30 police reinforcements began making arrests. By 11:00 a.m. the clinic doors had been opened and a doctor and some staff were able to enter.

Women who had been scheduled for care at the clinic on Saturday were re-directed to other clinics, according to Pro-Choice organizers. However, one distraught client was taken inside once the doors were accessible.

—By Daniel Hurewitz



The recent Supreme Court decision concerning abortion has spawned several demonstrations by groups from both sides of the issue. Last Saturday, a Pro-life 'rescue' at an abortion clinic downtown prompted a counter-demonstration from Pro-choice groups.



Daniel Hurewitz photo

911 busy! Why?

It was the 29th of June, 3:00 a.m. A call for help broke the early morning quiet. A woman had been robbed. Neighbors awoke; rushed to their phones; and, almost reflexively, dialed 911...but the line was busy.

A number of residents around Raymond Street who called the police concerning a robbery in progress were frustrated and disturbed by the busy signal; but police officials say that while the neighbor's concerns are understandable, they are unwarranted.

Linda Doherty, deputy superintendent of operations for the Boston Police, explains that while a few of the neighbors were unable to get through to police operators, most of them were able to reach one of the several operators on duty who immediately informed local police units.

"The chances of that happening are very infrequent," said Doherty. "There were 16 people who called after the incident was over. There were more calls than operators assigned, but the police were on the scene."

She notes that this type of situation happens maybe once every two days and usually when a number of people call concerning a particular incident. Even when such a situation occurs the operators are aware of it, according to Doherty, explaining that they have recently acquired a device that indicates how many calls are coming in.

In instances like the one on Raymond Street, where there is a robbery in progress or a high potential for violence, police operators dispatch the call within one minute, said Doherty.

Endorsements for Bracken, Hurley

The Gay and Lesbian Political Alliance endorsed Judy Bracken in the district 9 city council race this week. The endorsement is of particular interest because the group has endorsed incumbent Brian McLaughlin in the three previous elections.

Also, Lewis H. Weinstein, former assistant to General Eisenhower and liaison to General DeGaulle during World War II, recently endorsed Con Hurley in the District 9 City Council race.

In announcing the endorsement, Weinstein highlighted Hurley's record of service in government, law, and business. Of Hurley Weinstein said, "He understands people's needs and how to get things done. Con will bring the same degree of excellence to the Boston City Council."

This is the second noteworthy endorsement Hurley has received. Late last month, he was endorsed by Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neil, former speaker of the U.S. House.



Pharmacy Tips

by Charles P. Kelly
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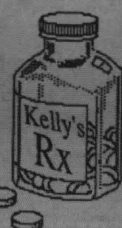
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By dialing 247-4286, you can leave a message on a tape recorder which is operated 24 hours a day. You can remain anonymous if you care to do so.

Remember, if it is a true emergency you can still call 911, or 247-4260 for routine business.

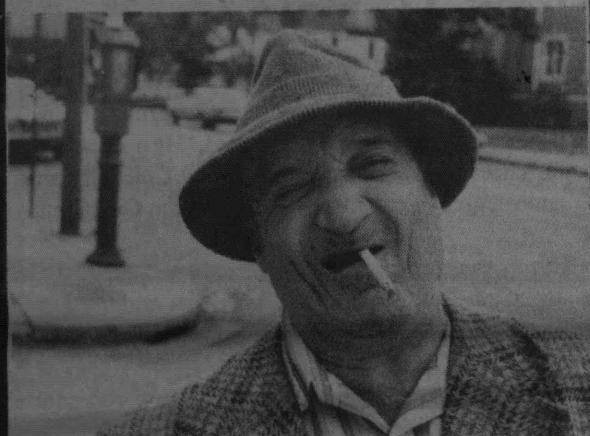
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by Gerald W. Lehman
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How does a widow "fit in" socially?

When a widow (or widower) begins to renew her social life, she must look for group activities; those which do not involve couples or pairs of people ... singing groups, school classes, arts & crafts, etc. In this way, the widow is not placing herself in the awkward position of being a "fifth wheel."

She will wish to find pursuits which will return to her a feeling of accomplishment which quickly leads to one of confidence ... the more creative the better. Realizing one's own individuality and capabilities helps build up personal courage and makes a widow's social re-entry more rewarding.

Often during a happy marriage one mate may enjoy an activity not shared by the other. As a widow, she may pursue such an activity she once enjoyed. Sometimes she doesn't because she feels guilty ... as if enjoying it would be unfair to her deceased husband. Rather, she should seize on this activity to express herself and bring out her total personality.

Your questions and comments on this and other subjects are welcome - in private or publicly, through this column.

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POLICE REPORT...

Store owner, son thwart burglar

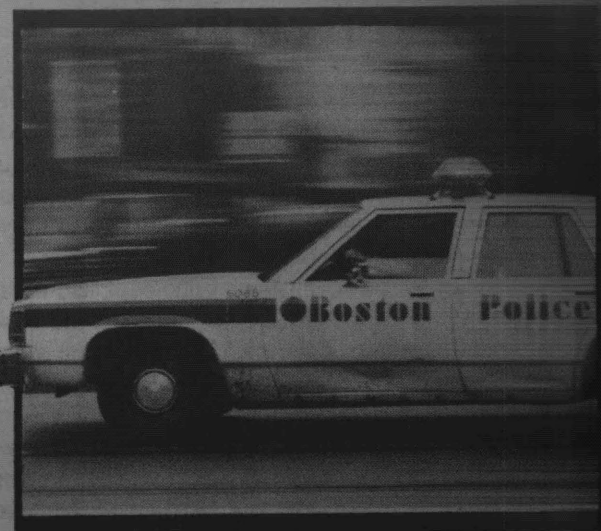
The owner of Melvin Pharmacy, on Commonwealth Avenue in Brighton, and his son stopped a man from robbing their store. The suspect, who is still at large, entered the store at around 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, held a screwdriver to the clerk's chest, and demanded money. At that time, the owner and his son came to the front of the store. The suspect then tried to grab the cash register, but the owner and his son wrestled him to the ground. The suspect stabbed both the owner and his son before he fled the store, knocking over several store displays as he fled. Both the victims refused medical attention. The suspect is described as being white, in his twenties, around 5'10".

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After responding to a call concerning a robbery in progress at 1377 Commonwealth Avenue at 4:50 a.m. on July 17, police arrested Thomas Zwicker, age 27 of Newton. When they first arrived on the scene, police noticed an open window on the first floor of the building. After a search of the area, they found Zwicker carrying a box with a video cassette player, a compact disc player and a tape cassette player. He said that he was helping a friend move but could not provide his friend's name. Police arrested him on charges of breaking and entering.

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On July 17, police were called to St. Elizabeth's Hospital where a stab victim was being treated. When they arrived on the scene, police spoke to the victim who told them that while walking on Brighton Avenue, he was ap-



proached by a man wielding a knife. The man demanded money from him. When he refused they struggled and the man stabbed the knife through his palm. The suspect is described as being black, in his early twenties, around 5'10". He is still at large.

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Two individuals told police that they were robbed on Market Street on 4:00 in the afternoon on Friday. The victims stated that they were approached by two males in their late teens. While one of the suspects threatened them with a sharp object, the other robbed them of their money. The suspects are still at large.

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There were 35 houses and 18 motor vehicles broken into and robbed. One operator was arrested for operating under the influence.

BIRTHS

ABDUL-MALAK: Mohamad Abdul-Malak and Roula Abdul-Malak Taleb of Allston proudly announce the birth of their daughter Carla born on July 11, 1989 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The new arrival weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20 inches long. The proud grandparents include Ahmad 7 Asma Taleb of Beirut, Lebanon and Jamil & Tamam Abdul-Malak of Beirut, Lebanon.

GOODWIN: Mr. and Mrs. William Goodwin (Kathleen) of Allston proudly announce the birth of their daughter Heather Marie born on June 27, 1989 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. The new arrival weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 20 inches long. She will be joining her brother Matthew (age 4) at home. The proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lane of Allston and Mrs. Hilda Goodwin of Allston.

RENZI: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Renzi (Sharon Thomas) announce the birth of their son Daniel Richard born on June 20 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 21 inches long. He will be joining his brother Joey (age 2) at home. The proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walsh of Brighton and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Renzi of Cambridge.

SIDERIS: Mr. and Mrs. David J. Sideris (Maureen Bergstrom) of Brighton proudly announce the birth of their son David Jonathan Sideris, Jr. born on June 23, 1989 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long. The proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bergstrom of Worcester and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sideris of Newton.

OBITUARIES

COLLUCCI: Theresa (Spelladora) Collucci, of Brighton, died on July 23, 1989. She is the wife of the late Ralph Collucci. Mrs. Collucci is survived by a son and a daughter: Mrs. Jane Griffin of Arlington and Anthony of Brighton. She is also survived by her sister, Mary Malta of Winthrop, and 3 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A Funeral Mass for Mrs. Collucci was held on Tuesday in St. Columbkille Church.

GIBBONS: John R. Gibbons, of Brighton, died suddenly on July 20, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Katherine (Boylan) Gibbons, and six children. They are John R. of Milton, Thomas W. of W. Roxbury, Marie A. of Framingham, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lorernson of Littleton, Janet of Brighton, and Mrs. Katherine Ferreira of Sturbridge. Mr. Gibbons is also survived by two sisters and a brother: Alice F. Gibbons of Brighton, Mrs. Dorothy F. White of Natick, and Thomas R. Gibbons of NY. He is also a grandfather of 5. If you wish to make a donation in Mr. Gibbon's memory, the family requests it be sent to the American Cancer Society, 247 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02116. Interment is in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

MAHONEY: Mary L. (Hickey) Mahoney, of Brighton, died on July 22, 1989. She is the wife of the late Richard G. Mahoney. Mrs. Mahoney is survived by her two sons, Richard G. Jr. of Marlboro and Donald J. of Randolph. She is also survived by 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday at St. Gabriel's Church. Interment is in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

ROSSI: Nicola Rossi, of Brighton, died on July 21, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Maria (Persechini) Rossi, two children, Chrestine Tieri and Antoinette Rossi, and a brother, Philomena Persechini. All are residents of

Brighton. Mr. Rossi is also the grandfather of Dominic, Ann, and Robert Tieri. A Funeral Mass was held for Mr. Rossi on Tuesday at St. Columbkille Church. He was buried in Newton Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be sent to St. John of God Hospital, 296 Allston Street, Brighton, MA 02146.

SAVITZ: Samuel Savitz, of Brighton, died on Saturday, July 22, 1989. He is the husband of the late Gertrude Savitz. He is survived by two sons: Rabbi Herman Savitz of West Caldwell, NJ and Joseph A. Savitz of Boston. Mr. Savitz is also survived by two brothers and a sister: Dr. Harry A. Savitz of Brookline, Dr. Maurice Savitz of Framingham, and Gertrude Jacobs of Brookline. He is also the grandfather of 6. Services were held for Mr. Savitz at the Temple Bnai Moshe, 1845 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton on Sunday. Donations in his memory may be made to Temple Bnai Moshe or to the charity of your choice.

WHITNEY: Helen W. Whitney, of 15 Melton Road in Brighton, died on Friday, July 14, 1989 at the Anchorage Nursing Home in Sherborn. She was 80. Helen was born to Thomas and Annie (Revene) Whitney on September 23, 1908 in Hardwick, MA. She is survived by two older sisters, Anna Whitney and Cecelia M. Whitney, and also several cousins. Helen worked for over twenty years for the Army Corps. of Engineers in Boston Office. She was also a member of St. Gabriel's Church in Brighton. Her sisters say Helen loved to read and was excellent at sewing and cooking. "She was a good person; she didn't have any pretense about her," said her sister Anna. A liturgy and Christian burial was held on Monday, July 17 at the St. Aloysius Church in Gilbertville, MA. The burial was in the parish cemetery in Gilbertville.