

CITY CRIME WATCH

Men hit road after stealing bags of liquor

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The following reports were taken from the Boston Police Department's District 14 (Allston-Brighton) crime logs from the period of Jan. 24 to Jan. 31.

Two men broke into Blanchard's Liquors early last Thursday morning, carrying out two large garbage bags containing stolen liquor and tobacco to a red Chevy Blazer parked outside the store.

The perpetrators, dressed all in black, smashed the glass on the door with a carjack, then jumped into the car after setting off the alarm and made a U-turn onto Harvard Ave.

No reports of stolen vehicles were received.

OLIVER TWISTED

An unidentified male robbed an Exxon Gas station in Allston Saturday night, stealing \$300 in cash and holding a store clerk at gunpoint.

The perpetrator reportedly entered the store and asked to use a shovel. Before leaving, he turned to the clerk and said "look," pointing a small silver handgun at him.

After emptying \$170 in cash from the register, the perpetrator demanded more money and took an additional \$30 from a safe behind the counter.

Still unsatisfied, the perpetrator again demanded more money and took the clerk to a back room containing another \$95. The perpetrator told the clerk to remain in the back room, where he stayed until he heard the perpetrator leave.

BUG IN THE (LACK OF) RUG

A tenant at 43 Glenville St. reported a repeated noise disturbance late Thursday night.

According to the tenant, the woman living in the apartment above stomped on the floor, slammed doors and created a ruckus.

The downstairs tenant had made previous calls to the police, he said, and the woman above created made noise in retaliation.

The agitated neighbor offered to purchase a rug to muffle the upstairs noise, but the woman did not accept.

Police advised the downstairs man to notify the building management company and call again if any future disturbances occurred.

THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD SAVE HIM WAS HIMSELF

A local woman attacked her Emergency Medical Technician while he attempted to assist her Sunday, Jan. 23 at 1269 Commonwealth Ave.

As soon as the EMT approached, the woman became combative and kicked the EMT in the face, breaking his glasses.

The EMT was uninjured and later reported the incident to his supervisor, Lt. Philip McGovern.

EIGHT IDS WITH FAKE I.D.S

Two officers discovered eight underage drinkers late Friday while performing a routine license premise inspection at Roggie's.

Seven of the eight violators had fake driver's licenses, while the eighth, an employee of the restaurant, had a valid New York license, identifying her as 19.

Two other women attempted to leave the restaurant as the police approached the table and said they had only eaten and had not consumed any alcohol. The manager of the restaurant confirmed they drank no liquor.

Police issued premise violations for failing to check IDs and serving alcohol to minors.

Union kicks off semester

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At the first Student Union meeting of the semester, Vice President Aaron Thomas Green gives a heartfelt speech meant to rally those in attendance Monday night.

The Student Union kicked off the semester by establishing their new agenda concerning recycling, technology, guest services and convenience points issues at the Photonics Center Monday night.

Vice President Aaron Thomas Green started the meeting by encouraging the Union to "leave frustrations from last semester in the past if you didn't make the progress you wanted to [and] recreate the initiatives you want to get accomplished."

Green urged students to "accept a willingness to work for incremental change."

Only about two-thirds of the representatives were present to set the goals for the spring semester and form committees for central issues.

Rep. Tiffany Tribbitt (Danielson Hall) said the committee system implemented last semester is one of many internal changes the Union is still getting used to.

"With each consortia, college and residence hall represented, we get a very diversified idea of what students want," the College

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M.D.: Memories repressed in priest case

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The accuser in the rape trial of former priest Paul Shanley could have repressed the former priest's abuses in his mind and recalled them decades later, a psychiatrist told Middlesex Superior Court yesterday.

Dr. James Chu, psychiatrist and associate professor at Harvard Medical School, testified that Shanley's accuser may have repressed the memory of the abuses.

"At this point for the patient,

there is a barrier to remember something," he said.

Chu said there were many reasons why the accuser may have forgotten or repressed his memories of Shanley's alleged abuse.

"For example, when someone tries to remember something so hard, for so long ... sometimes he is not able to remember it at all," he said.

Shanley's accuser, now a 27-year-old Newton firefighter, said he was repeatedly sexually abused by the former priest between 1982 and 1990 while he attended Sunday religious classes

in the now closed St. Jean the Evangelist parish in Newton.

According to the accuser, he started remembering the abuses in early 2002 when he became aware of an article in which one of his former Sunday classmates accused Shanley of sexual abuse.

Chu said patients seemed to forget traumatic experiences more easily when they were recurring, as opposed to independent events.

Chu confirmed that the article may have been enough to trigger the accuser's memories.

"At this point," Chu said, "the

barriers [to remembering] start to crumble."

Symptoms of remembering repressed sexual abuse, according to Chu, are body pains, headaches, genital pain, insomnia and depression, many of which the accuser said he suffered.

"Generally, [patients] are not sleeping," Chu said. "They are anxious all the time, and they are afraid of people."

Chu added that patients generally remember precise details but often confuse the order of events.

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Church plans to shut school, but A-B residents resist sale

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With the closure of the Our Lady of the Presentation grammar school in Brighton five months away, the Presentation School Foundation, a local group of community members concerned with the fate of the school, have expressed continued determination to purchase the school from the Boston Archdiocese and prevent it from being converted into an office building.

The Foundation, formed in June 2004, spent more than six months meeting with community groups and developing a comprehensive proposal detailing its plan to buy the school.

Both Mayor Thomas Menino and Sen. Steven Tolman (D-Boston) have written letters in support of the proposal.

The archdiocese declined the proposal on Jan. 11, to the surprise of foundation members.

"The proposal we put forth to the archdiocese was very ambitious and we were stunned it was rejected," Foundation Chairman Ken Carragee said. "We have the support of so many from the community and we only need one more partner: the archdiocese."



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Allston's Our Lady of the Presentation School is fighting a movement to convert the building into office space.

case."

The archdiocese released a statement on Jan. 18 explaining that its decision to retain the school resulted from a deal to sell its old offices, the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese, to Boston College in 2006, creating a need for a new location.

According to the statement: "Archbishop O'Malley desired that the Tribunal be ... centrally located in the Archdiocese, and accessible by both automobile and public transportation. Our Lady of Presentation School fits all of these criteria."

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Cambridge cleaners claim abuse

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An employee of RNC Cleaners, a cleaning company in Cambridge, came before the Cambridge City Council Monday night to represent workers who claim they have had their rights habitually violated by their employer, Genzyme, a pharmaceutical corporation.

Workers reported RNC's "incredible abuses," including unjust termination and unpaid overtime hours forced upon employees already working both full-time and part-time.

Several Massachusetts Institute of Technology alumni founded Genzyme as a biotechnology and pharmaceutical company, primarily to focus upon enzyme research.

RNC Cleaners maintains four corporate headquarters in Boston. Genzyme is their sole employer, giving the company substantial influence over RNC workers, Service Employees International Union representative Charlie Noss said.

"Roberto Castillo, RNC Cleaners' president, has been cleaning Genzyme for over 20 years," she

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said. "The company has huge pull over him since he created RNC specifically for cleaning those buildings."

Other reported abuses included wages of between \$8.50 and \$8.75 an hour, \$2 below industry standards.

"Cambridge has had very high standards for how workers are paid here," Vice Mayor Marjorie Decker said. "Whether these people will be able to pay their rent and feed their children is at stake here."

All the city councilors in attendance condemned both Genzyme and RNC Cleaners for their actions, adding both created a burden on the city.

"When workers don't have health insurance, who ends up paying? We do," Councilor Brian Murphy said. "The workers are simply asking to be treated with respect."

Some councilors acknowledged that this pattern of exploitation is nothing new.

"Some of the most exploited workers are in the cleaning industry," Councilor Anthony Gallucio said.

Over the past year, individual workers filed lawsuits for being unfairly fired with moderate success.

"It took them going to the Attorney General's office and filing suit for 15 of his coworkers, eventually they all got \$3,000 in overtime paychecks," Noss said.

Decker recognized other workers who risked their jobs by filing more lawsuits.

"Thank you to the workers who had the guts to come here tonight, I thank you for your courage," she said.

In addition to low wages, several complaints of sexual harassment originated from the company, Noss said.

"I wouldn't want my mother, my father, my brother or my sister to work under such conditions," Mayor Michael A. Sullivan said.

RNC cleaners also used pressure techniques to harass workers in response to their attempts to organize unions, Noss said.

"These retaliatory and illegal actions included making them sign a poll whether they were for or against the union," she said.

Councilor Murphy went further to criticize the National Labor Board, responsible for regulating such abuses, for not identifying and solving these problems in the past.

"This is the dark side of devolution," he said. "The National Labor Board should just be called the 'large corporation representative'."

The Council repeatedly asked RNC Cleaners and Genzyme to make an appearance before the body to discuss the accusations but the company never responded, leading to calls for a "responsible employer" ordinance by Decker, in addition to a "strongly worded letter to Genzyme telling them we know what they're doing."

Church: School's location sought after

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Yet, some community members are not buying it.

"We don't intend to lose," Carragee said. "We deserve a meeting given the nature of our proposal and given its substance. We don't understand why they couldn't put their tribunal somewhere else."

Carragee said the specifics of the proposal should have made it attractive to the church.

"We offered both market value for the property and plans for preschool, grammar school, summer school, after school and adult education programs," Carragee

said. "All of these are consistent with the very best values and traditions of Catholicism, yet they still say 'no.'"

The school is located near a Boston public library and a YMCA, all three of which work together to create a community atmosphere for the kids, Carragee said.

Jennifer Doyle, president of the foundation described the relationship between the YMCA, the library and the school as "paramount."

"The [students] walk next door to the library; the after-school kids play on the school's playground and then heading over to the Y's

pool," Doyle wrote in an email, describing the school's place in the community.

For these reasons, the Foundation is not considering the relocation of the school as a viable compromise with the Archdiocese, Doyle said.

"Relocating the school would lose the very essence of the partnership," she said.

To raise awareness, the foundation holds public demonstrations, including a rally held last Tuesday and a candlelight vigil several weeks ago, both drawing crowds of about 100, despite frigid temperatures.

Expo: Student groups showcased at fair

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think that we are Asian exclusive," the College of General Studies sophomore said. "We welcome anyone who is interested."

BU's chapter of UNICEF was one of the political organizations present at the event, and according to the group's president, College of Arts and Sciences junior Anna Segelman, the internationally oriented group prides itself in helping others. Segelman said her group was primarily looking for students looking to help others and willing to volunteer some of their spare time.

Religious organizations of many different affiliations, including the Asian Baptist Student Koinonia and the Buddhist Association of Boston University, were also at the exposi-

tion.

Koinonia member Hyan Kim, a CAS sophomore, said she hoped to get more members, since the group has a one-on-one emphasis.

"There's a smaller turnout because many students have already settled and found their niche," she said.

Undergraduate Religion Association Vice President Michael Moran, a CAS student, said the organization hosts lecture and film series about religion.

"We are looking for people looking to add to the intellectual quality of the Boston University community and to take over for graduating members," he said.

BU's Dance Dance Revolution club performed for students browsing the different organizations.

For students looking for an

opportunity to really get out and stretch themselves, the Marathon club was among sports and recreation organizations open to any student interested in joining a team.

CAS and College of Communication senior Adrienne Pereira, who runs with the Marathon Club, said the members train to run in the Boston Marathon and hoped to repeat last fall's recruitment of 30 to 40 people.

CAS sophomore Colpan Angun, who said he plans to join the Ad Club and International Student Consortium, praised the smoothly run event, with exception to the lack of representatives at some of the tables.

"Some organizations did not show up, and some of those were clubs I would have joined," she said.



