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## In first year, few legislative wins for Cellucci

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The first thing Paul Cellucci did after taking the reins of state government one year ago this Wednesday was to file a bill to roll back the state's personal income tax rate to its previous level of 5.5 percent.

His first official act was orchestrated to show off his credentials as a fiscal conservative and aggressive tax cutter who, after serving 10 years as lieutenant governor and 14 years as a legislator, knew how to get things done on the Hill.

**Acting governor vows to keep pushing ideas**

Twelve months later, the tax-cut bill does indeed stand as a testament to the Cellucci administration, though not in the way the acting governor intended. Like most of the 86 other bills Cellucci filed over the last year, the tax-cut legislation is slated to committee with no chance of winning passage this year.

Asked to point to one significant legislative victory, Cellucci, during an interview with the Globe on Friday, said it is the \$770 million tax cut — authored by Democratic leaders — passed

by House and Senate as state officers were overfunding because of the booming economy. "I'm not really concerned about credit. I'm concerned about whether we're getting things done to benefit the people of this state," Cellucci said. "I signed the largest tax cut in history a few days ago. It wasn't everything I wanted, but it was a big down payment on what I was looking for."

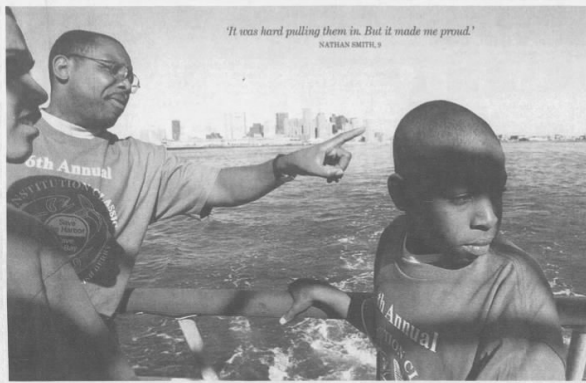
If Cellucci's first year in office can be used as an indicator of the type of governor he would be if elected in November, some political analysts conclude it would be low-key, unassuming, and tentative.

"I can't think of anything he pushed and got signed into law," said Michael Cusack, an independent media consultant who left the Republican party. "He is clearly banking on the strength of the economy and everybody being lulled into just a wonderful calm frame of mind because everything's going so well. I think that's a dangerous strategy. He hasn't pushed any major legislation for fear of upsetting the apple cart."

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**ACTING GOV. PAUL CELLECCI**  
Strength of economy a plus



*"It was hard pulling them in. But it made me proud."*  
NATHAN SMITH

**Alderman Smith (left), a chaperone during the Save the Harbor/Save the Bay fishing derby, enjoying the harbor view with his son Nathan (right), and Eli Carmean (right).**



**Youngsters from Boston-area community centers casting and reeling yesterday from a party boat whose owners donated its services for a fishing tournament.**

## Harbor opening to city youths

**Advocates say economics limit access**

By **Charles A. Hulin**  
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Nathan Smith's first striped bass went from the 8-year-old's hands. He hung on, wide-eyed, and helped for help.

"What do I do now? What do I do?" the Brookline fourth grader yelled as line whined from his reel and his reel bent in a pulling arc. Quickly, adult volunteers for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's sixth annual fishing derby were at his elbow, dispensing advice faster than Nike could construct it. But somehow he landed the fish.

The second fish was easier: the third got away. By the time the fourth came alongside the *Captain Mac* — a 66-foot party boat whose owners donated their services yesterday to taking urban youths out on Boston Harbor — young Nate had nearly forgotten his bait's wanted to come.

"It was hard pulling them in," he said softly. "But it made me proud."

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## Suspect in rapes is held overseas

**Nashua man waits in cell in Belgium**

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By his own admission, Steven E. Gordon was a one-man crime spree, responsible for three rapes in New Hampshire and a series of armed robberies in Massachusetts.

As police named him a suspect, Gordon was on the run in Europe, staying in youth hostels and accessing the Internet for coverage of his crimes back home. But the many young men in trouble, he stayed in touch with his mother.

New, Gordon's flight is at an end. Hungry, tired and broke, Gordon, a Quincy native and Nashua resident, turned himself in to authorities Friday night at the US Embassy in Brussels. Yesterday, he remained in the custody of Belgian police as an instructional matter in the suspect in the July 18 rapes in Portsmouth, N.H. of two women visiting from Ireland. He was also wanted in the July 7 rape of a Nashua real estate agent at a apartment in Manchester, N.H.

"I wish this thing was a dream and would go away," said Gordon's mother, who lives in a Boston suburb and talked with her son by telephone throughout his flight. "It's killing me altogether. I wish I could talk to him and tell him it's all going to be right."

During their last conversation on Thursday, she offered to wire him money, but he refused, worried that she would get in trouble for helping him. "He had 80 cents when I talked to him," she said.

Feeling as a house buyer, Gordon allegedly raped a 48-year-old real estate agent whose picture he saw in a booklet. After she showed him a house for sale July 7, police say, Gordon attacked her, then forced her to

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## Church rises above protest

**Despite doubt, Orleans group builds place of worship**

By **Thomas Farragher**  
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ORLEANS — Passions have cooled, a court-room fight has been settled, and now in picturesque Hook Harbor, the sounds of protest have given way to the clatter of carpenters bringing a touch of old-world Europe to Cape Cod Bay.

Here, across from a charter fishing fleet and a popular venue for annual regattas, an 11,000-square-foot limestone church is taking shape, built by a non-denominational Christian group that is modeling its \$2 million home after the great stone cathedrals of Italy and France.

Mike Barwick is on vacation.

"Actually, it just kind of takes my breath away when I see the walls going up," said Chris Kanaga, the project manager and a member of the Community of Jesus for 15 years. "We're from all denominations here, so it's exciting for me to have a place where we can all worship together no matter what our backgrounds are."

As construction workers begin to place Minnesota limestone the color of sand around the church's concrete shell, their dusty work marks a turning point of sorts for a religious community that some opened with misjudged optimism when it started here in 1970 with 20 members.

In 1985, the sons of a Community of Jesus cofounder defected along with about 20 other people. The ex-members held shares of psychological harassment, charges denied by leaders of

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**NIGHT LIGHTS** — A ship gliding through Boston Harbor during the Parade of Lights last night. Thirty sail and power boats lit up the harbor in a salute to the USS Constitution.

# City pledges action against worst-offending landlords

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ter to the building after the landlord, David P. Kelley, didn't pay the bill, Puentes paid it himself.

Kelley and Brothers are two of the worst landlords in Boston, according to city inspectors - negligent owners whose properties are rife with housing, health, and fire code violations. Kelley's buildings, including a low-rented studio, exhibit rodent infestation.

The number of complaints, warrants, and paperwork on file at the Housing Court against them and a half dozen other landlords has risen in the last few years. Yet because misdemeanor warrants from Housing Court have not been a priority for police, those landlords have ignored court orders and trial dates, missing pen- alties.

Until now. In the wake of a recent fatal fire at an illegal rooming house in the South End caused by a negligent Housing Court landlord, Boston police have decided to take action, dividing about 800 outstanding warrants among various districts and conducting efforts to make arrests.



A wall light hangs from exposed wires in a common bathroom with no hot water on the first floor at 30 Morland St. in Roxbury. This photo was taken with a flash because the bathroom light was not working.

The case with which the landlord of that South End building, Philip Haines of Woburn, avoided arrest - despite having a lengthy record of housing violations and outstanding warrants dating to 1982 - has drawn attention to a system that has allowed safety violations to go unchecked.

Mayor Thomas M. Menino blamed greedy landlords and weak laws for hindering city efforts to protect renters, but acknowledged that the city needs to do more.

"There are a lot of cities in this state," he said.

John Ende, municipal services director, is frustrated by what he says are some landlords' "dilapidated law."

"They think it's a game," he said. "They love the system and they play the system."

She doesn't speak too kindly of city inspectors, either. "Then damn inspectors are rotten to the core," she said.

David P. Kelley. There are five outstanding warrants, some going back to 1995, against Kelley, who could not be found at either of his listed addresses in Roxbury or Boston.

Alan Feinstein, Kelley's tenant on Dexter Street in East Boston, is a 22-year-old Salvadoran immigrant who would move to a halfway if he only had the money to afford a better apartment.

The same sentiments were voiced by tenants in a Kelley-owned building on Putnam Street in East Boston who are unhappy with conditions there. "We can't find anything else to rent," said King Smith, whose family of six children in- cludes a child with cerebral palsy.

## Landlords facing actions

Landlord	Residence	Pending actions
David P. Kelley	Postoffice square, Roxbury	Has five outstanding warrants for 71 violations. 225 Essex St., East Boston, and has been 1995 cases in Housing Court, three from 1996.
Harriet "Harriet" Davis	Roxbury	Has warrants for 86 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Roxbury, 123 Essex St., Grove Hall. Currently has four outstanding warrants, two from 1997.
Willa Mae Brothers	Dorchester	Has warrants for 30 Morland St., Roxbury.
Wilson	Mattapan	Has four warrants for properties at 25 Orchard Ave., Jamaica Plain, 31 Crawford St., Dorchester, 45 Newmarket St., Jamaica Plain.
Alphina Loucasian	Dorchester	Has warrants for 33 East St., Dorchester, dating back to 1994.
Ronald DiGiuseppe	South Boston	Has warrants for 191 St., South Boston, dating back to 1996.
Shawn S. Corey	Weymouth	Has warrants for 43 Sevin Hill Ave., Weymouth.
Said Aze Mawani (Armed)	Boston	Has warrants for 133 Appleton St., South End.

Pauline Johnson, who lives with her family in a study house next door, said Wilson failed to repair the job for months and she repeatedly petitioned the city.

Johnson said she also spent months trying to get apartment out of Wilson's hands, which had no heating, running water. She has even tried to buy the house from him, but she said he wants more than \$200,000.

Boston Housing Court is the state's busiest, processing more generated by the city's 24 inspectors. It is a system designed to persuade rather than punish, one that views huge fines as jail time as not necessarily the best way to solve a problem.

"There's a philosophy that it's not a crime... that's over," said Chief Justice E. George Doherty. "You have to keep on addressing it. Sometimes it's inappropriate to hold somebody up, then there's nobody to do the work."

# Rape suspect awaits extradition

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drive him to Nashua, an action that will result in a kidnapping charge.

In the report of the young Irish woman July 15, Gordon said he had sex with her in Hampton Beach, N.H., and offered to drive them to a party. Instead, police say, he drove a van and forced them into his car.

They ended up in a rooming house in Portsmouth, where he allegedly beat and raped them. As he ran off, he crashed his rental car into a headstone, abandoned it and ran away.

Police said a friend drove Gordon to Logan International Airport, where he flew to New York, then boarded a flight to Amsterdam or a still earlier.

Chance meeting, tearful apology

At a supper meeting in Nashua Thursday morning, a middle-aged man and a young woman found each other and exchanged a copy of the Globe that contained the story about Steven M. Gordon and his confession to rape two women in New Hampshire.

The man recalled their conversation. "What story are you looking for?" he said.

"The rape story," she answered.

Later this week, prosecutors and New Hampshire police officials will meet to discuss extradition procedures and decide who will prosecute Gordon.

Gordon is no stranger to trouble. Thirteen months ago, the Nashua incident was reported and placed on probation after serving 24 years of a life in 15-year prison sentences for the 1982 rape of a New Hampshire Technical College teacher. After the crime, he said the victim's friend had tied her up and taken photographs.

Court documents obtained last week show that Gordon was early release after arguing that a prison-run sex-offender treatment program was supposed to attend for his parole only.

He was released on parole in 1997, documents show, as he had no other criminal record. He had no other employment meeting at a retail officers clinic in Tyngsborough, Mass. It is not known whether he ever participated in that program.

Gordon said he used a public gun he purchased at Wal-Mart to commit the robbery and rape, he also said he had read a Globe article about the rape in the newspaper's Web site last week. Gordon's mother was left to explain what went wrong with her son. With tears streaming down her face, she said Gordon had had mental illness since she was 12 years old, relying on a Billiken, which he used to treat manic depression, to control his moods.

But she said she's glad his ordeal is over - and that he will allow extradition. "I know it was a matter of time," she said. "He was tired from run-

ing for five years.

Lincoln Smith, a staffer for the City Council, Smith has been cited for maintenance violations on a Dorchester rental property. He failed to show up at his March trial in Housing Court, located across the street from City Hall, where he works. This week, after his name appeared on a priority list of 48 landlords with outstanding warrants, Smith showed up in court.

Thomas McElhinney of Law, Renner, McElhinney and Law, a former Boston housing inspector, McElhinney surrendered on warrants stemming from seven cases, court officials said. After a brief jail term, he was charged with failing to remove lead paint from an apartment where a child younger than 6 was living, despite a previous court order to do so. He has been ordered to pay \$30,000 in fines.

Clifford Davis. He is the owner of several houses in the city, and has five outstanding warrants for a rooming house that is not legal, records show.

Last fall, Davis opened a spring water commission stand on the street, supplied by ground water from the well he dug in the cellar of a Dorchester apartment. Each closed the operation immediately when one of his houses was found to contain dry cleaning fluid.

Jane E. Wilson. On Crawford Street in Dorchester, where residents report their shacks and fans over their roof bushes, Wilson's property at No. 11 is an enforcer.

The small of sewage still figures in the air around the property, the result of a pipe that was not broken in the order. The roof bushes, the porch is rotting, and windows are broken or boarded.

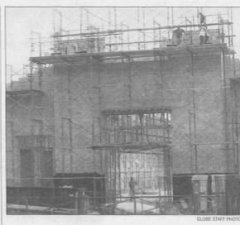
had landlords eventually get their due.

"Sometime later," said Harvey J. Chapp, statewide housing court administrator, "if a landlord is in the city we'll get him."

But how long an action when he can. He jabs landlords about five times a year. In the early 1980s, he ordered more officers, to watch housing with their tenants for a year.

But landlords who are repeat offenders face the law, and know when inspectors who threaten arrest penalties are bluffing.

In addition, the system depends on tenants to complain, but it is often hard for tenants to make a case against the landlord. On the instant moment, the court case is dropped and the city has to wait until another tenant is willing to file a complaint.



The limestone church under construction at Back Harbor in Orleans for the Community of Jesus will cost \$40 million. The work marks a turning point in a religious community that some viewed with suspicion when it started here in 1970 with 29 members. The church has since grown to a public relations initiative that has won over some local officials.

# Church goes up as protests wane

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They say, "There wasn't much interaction with our neighbors. I think we were a little more self-contained, focused on who we were, and not so much on the involvement of the people around us. But now I think we have a very good working relationship with our neighbors."

The community reached out by putting on herbivore fests, Fourth July fireworks, dinner concerts, and theatrical productions at its landscaped campus of single-family homes and white-washed, shanty-style buildings. At the same time, church planners found a new architect and design that ultimately passed muster before a host of local and regional agencies.

"Six or seven years ago, there was a contention and feeling on the part of a fair number of non-people that the visual impact of what they were proposing would not look good," said Orleans Selectman Paul Soto. "But over time they have modified their plans and realized their back, and at the same time, being within the town laws modification."

In 1983, the Community of Jesus and the Cape Cod Commission settled a lawsuit over the commission's rejection of the earlier design. Under the agreement, the Community of Jesus pulled back and relocated its project, and the commission, the Cape's regulatory land-use agency, withdrew its objections, which were based primarily on its visual impact.

"It's going to be an unusual mix of modern where it is because it's a large building," said Margie Fenn, deputy director of the Cape Cod Commission. "But it is a much lower and less obtrusive building than a

would have been if they hadn't changed the plans."

The result is the Church of the Transfiguration, whose building might have been limited to its feet, and whose five-story bell tower will rise 70 feet. The rectangular structure is partially shrouded by other, more traditional buildings on the community's 10-acre grounds.

Construction began in a rain storm last Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day - as expected to coincide in the church's dedication into next year.

Robert L. Wilkinson, a longtime Orleans resident, said he believes the large church is incompatible with its setting on Back Harbor, an area he called a "gem" to be guarded.

"Personally, I wish they were building such a large structure down there," said Wilkinson. "I think there was too intensive for the last. On the other hand, they've gotten their permit and have approved."

Wilkinson said some Orleans residents remain "opinionated" about the church, but he said that suspicion has diminished.

William Barn, the church's architect whose design for the St. Charles Hall at Langford was his national acclaim, said he was sensitive to the church's location as a village harbor with a 200-year history as a maritime center. "There's a stability of life in Cape Cod and we wanted this building, even as it's a mix of stone and even as it's larger than most Cape Cod buildings, to have that simplicity," he said. "We thought that was important. We chose a limestone that is very much the character of the sand."