



City of Cambridge

R-48.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 10, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: Violence has struck the family of a Cambridge police officer; and

WHEREAS: On July 4, 2001, Matt Nagle, son of Ellen and Cambridge Police Detective Patrick Nagle, was stabbed in the neck at Wessagusset Beach as he tried to break up a fight; and

WHEREAS: Matt suffered serious injuries that will require rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS: When God closes one door He opens another; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its best wishes and its prayers to Matt Nagle and his family in their time of great trial and tribulation and go on record extending its sympathy that such acts occur in our world; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Nagle family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council September 10, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Councillor Sullivan

Councillor Toomey

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BRIAN MCGRORY

Family, town fighting on



He has knelt on blood-spattered sidewalks peering into the vacant eyes of the recently dead and stood awkwardly on dimly lit doorsteps telling another mother that her son has been killed.

Patrick Nagle is the head homicide detective in the Cambridge Police Department, and, as such, he has a nightly routine.

As he gets ready for bed, he places his pager on the dresser on the other side of the room. He keeps the nearest telephone downstairs, so that he's had a few minutes to knock the sleep from his head before returning the call. That way, there's no chance he'll accidentally roll over and fall back to sleep in his Weymouth home as a corpse cools at a murder scene.

It was like that in the early morning hours on the Fourth of July, a time of revelry for most, but a night when murder would be no more unusual for a city cop than another blast of firecrackers at the end of a suburban cul-de-sac.

Just after midnight, the pager penetrated the dark with the piercing toll of another victim. Nagle struggled to his feet, retrieved the number, and staggered downstairs to the phone.

And then his world changed.

"Instead of Sergeant Nagle, he calls me Mr. Nagle," he said. "I said, 'Yeah,' and he said: 'There was a fight down at the beach. Mattie got hurt.'"

Matt is Nagle's 20-year-old son, a former all-scholastic football player and an extraordinarily popular kid in town.

"Hurt? How bad? Is he dead?"

The young man on the other end of the line replied, "Mr. Nagle, you have to get to the hospital."

Once there, in the brightly lit corridors, nurses figured he was on another case and cheerily called out his name. When they saw his face, they knew that this one was different.

A doctor intercepted him and his wife before they got into the emergency room. He remembers a crowded conference room, words like "stabbing" and "total paralysis." His son would never breathe again on his own; he'd never eat. "I'm so, so sorry," the doctor told the crying couple.

And Patrick Nagle, who spends his time staring into the dark abyss of human nature, was suddenly looking up from within.

Down at Wessagusset Beach a fight flared into a brawl. Matt Nagle came to the aid of friends, possibly, police said yesterday, as a peacekeeper. In a pile of angry young men with flailing fists, someone shoved a knife into the side of his neck.

That someone is alleged to be Nicholas Cirignano, 21, who was given a suspended sentence less than a year ago for assault with a knife and a fireplace poker and walked out of Quincy District Court.

Ross Tortora, a great high school football coach and a better teacher, described Nagle as one of the best athletes he's ever had, but, more to the point, "What we're talking about here is a quality kid with a great heart."

Streams of friends, 20 or 30 a day, came through the hospital to visit Nagle. They packed Cirignano's arraignment, hung get-well banners around town, and offered their endless prayers.

Two weeks ago, as Matt Nagle emerged from his haze, his father sat alone with him in the hospital and explained the grim facts of his future.

"He could see the tear in my eyes, and he said: 'I'm going to beat this. I'm going to fight real hard.' I told him, 'If you want to fight, we're going to fight with you.'"

That's what they're doing now. Matt Nagle left this week for rehabilitation at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, one of the nation's best facilities of its kind. Patrick and his wife, Ellen, fly down today for a four- to six-week crash course on how to care for their paralyzed son.

It's not supposed to be like this, not for a homicide cop, not for his athletic son, not in a town like Weymouth.

But they fight on, ordinary people facing the most extraordinary circumstances. Small solace, but the thoughts and hopes of a community are with them.

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B O S T O N

I-93 commuters face rerouting

Traffic on Interstate 93 entering Boston from the north will be shifted onto a new, temporary roadway starting tomorrow morning, Big Dig officials said yesterday. Just south of the merge with the restricted, high-occupancy vehicle lane, cars will bear to the right, rejoining I-93 in about half a mile.

B O S T O N

Live music acts to play at Logan

Passengers waiting to board planes at Logan International Airport will have a new stress reducer in the form of live music, under plans announced yesterday by the Massachusetts Port Authority. The yearlong pilot program started yesterday, Massport Executive Director Virginia Buckingham said. Between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. every Thursday music is scheduled to be performed.

B A R N S T A B L E

Tests show victim was legally drunk

An Irish woman who drowned after falling off a Cape Cod charter boat last month was legally drunk at the time, according to authorities. Catherine Kinsella, 20, of Dublin, had a blood alcohol limit of .128 percent at the time of her death, Cape and Island's First Assistant District Attorney Michael O'Keefe told the Cape Cod Times. The legal limit for driving is .08 percent. Kinsella was below 21, the legal drinking age in Massachusetts. O'Keefe wouldn't say how Kinsella's blood alcohol level will factor into possible criminal charges. A grand jury is investigating. Passengers on the boat, Sea Genie II, told police that beer and vodka were available to minors as part of the admission price. (AP)

B O S T O N

Guilty is plea in fraud scheme

BOSTON — A Boston woman has pleaded guilty to participating in an identity fraud scheme, while a Registry of Motor Vehicles employee was charged for with taking part in the same scheme, federal authorities say. Nicole S. Bell, 29, of Boston, pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to using another person's name and personal information to obtain a driver's license and then credit cards in that person's name, federal prosecutors said. Margot Evelyn, 35, of Boston, was a Registry employee who issued a duplicate driver's license to Bell in someone else's name, prosecutors said. (AP)

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Best wishes and prayers to the
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Councillors Sullivan and Toomey

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