

... company to the campaign chest of Cianci's predecessor, Joseph Paolino. When Corrente demanded \$5,000, association members met and agreed to pay \$3,000 apiece, Rocha said.

## City eyes new telecommunications fees

By Scott S. Greenberger

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Companies that run fiber-optic cables in Boston would have to pay the city for the privilege under a proposal Mayor Thomas M. Menino presented to the City Council yesterday.

Under the plan telecommunications companies using public rights-of-way would have to give Boston 5 percent of their total take from doing business in the city. Boston officials estimate the fee, which has been adopted by cities such as New York and Chicago,

Rhode Island campaign finance laws changed in 1992, banning corporate donations and reducing the maximum contribution from \$2,000 to \$1,000. As a result, Rocha said, he used "straws" — his wife, book-

go, would bring in about \$9 million annually.

"We have a public asset out there, and the city is the holder of the public asset. Now that we have our public asset being used for private industry, it's time to charge rent," said Merita A. Hopkins, the city's top lawyer.

Firms that have strung fiber lines along city-owned poles or buried them under Boston's streets include AT&T, Level 3 Communications, Mctromedia Fiber Network, Sprint, Qwest, Verizon, Williams Communications

and WorldCom. Their licenses to operate in the city include language saying they might be liable for future right-of-way payments.

Hopkins said telecommunications companies have mounted legal challenges against such charges in other cities, but they have ended up paying at least some money "in every case."

Verizon spokesman Jack Hoey warned yesterday that the new fees "could ultimately affect the monthly phone bills of consumers and businesses."

## AG cites student for Internet threats

### INJUNCTION

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kill you in public with an officer watching; the hatchet slicing through your body... your house is so close to mine you should bolt in windows and doors so I can't advance..."

The girl and her family live some 600 feet from the boy's house. Prosecutors want a judge to order him to stay at least 500 feet away from the girls and the mother.

They are also asking that a guardian ad litem be named to investigate the boy's home life and that he be ordered to undergo a psychological assessment.

In court papers, prosecutors said the five girls and the mother have become so fearful of the boy and his friends that they do not walk alone or go out in public by themselves.

Globe is not identifying the boy because he is a juvenile.

One of the girls printed out the boy's alleged threats and contacted the North Reading police in January. Department spokesman Detective Thomas Romeo said yesterday that police obtained criminal charges of threats against the teenager in Woburn District Court. Romeo said those charges were resolved this week through pretrial probation.

Romeo said threats among adolescents at the high school are common and usually do not warrant intervention by law officials.

"This one was unique because it was via the computer" and because the boy had "reduced to writing" some "very disturbing comments," he said. "It had a lot more weight than just idle words."

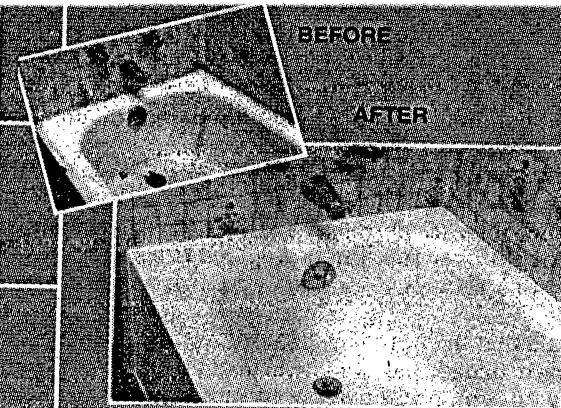
Assistant Attorney General Al-

"The comments here... were of such a sexually explicit, violent nature, that it caused us concern," she said. "We are always concerned when there are threats of this nature, and we're certainly even more on guard in a school setting."

Moore said the use of the instant messaging system could have made it difficult for law enforcement to become involved because messages are not automatically stored after they are read.

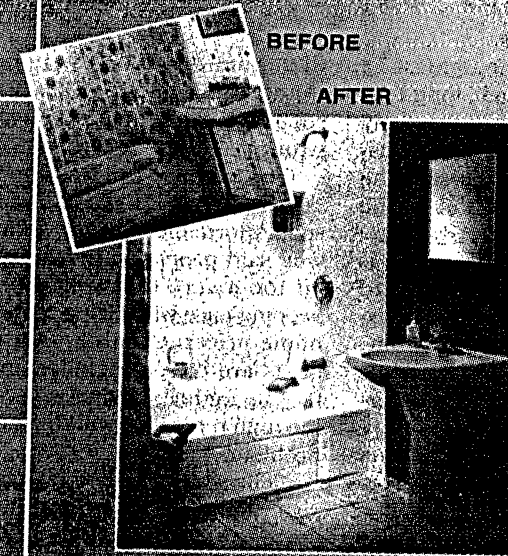
In the North Reading case, however, one of the girls printed out the alleged "rap," which gave investigators the evidence they needed to proceed against the boy in criminal and civil courts.

The instant messaging system "doesn't capture forever the



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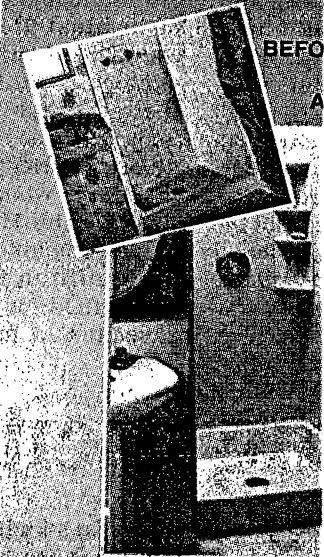
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ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council the possibility of Cambridge charging telecommunication companies a fee for using the city's public right-of-way-for running their fiber-optic cables; and be it further

ORDERED: That this report be referred to Cable TV, Telecommunications and Public Utilities Committee.

In City Council May 20, 2002.  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.  
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

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**Vice Mayor Davis**

**In City Council May 20, 2002**

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