



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

Councillor Grantofellow

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rec #1/28/97 @ 6:30pm. 5/5/97

Mary/Danna

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There was an article in
today's paper ^{Globe} about a new
product to combat graffiti -
can you draft an order
to ~~have~~ find out if we
use it, plan to use it,
ok otherwise learn
about it.

Bad news for graffiti artists

Public property getting protective coating

By Francie Latour
GLOBE STAFF

It sounds like some super-hero gadget, stuck in a caped crusader's utility belt between the grappling hooks and the smoke beads: "Holy vandalism, Robin! Grab my G-Pro anti-graffiti wax repellent!"

But the protective coating patented by Brandeis University scientist Daniel Perlman and a New York partner is saving the architecture and exposed surfaces of real-life metropolises, not Gotham City.

His most recent crime-fighting mission: in Roslindale, where last week Perlman helped restore a defaced statue of Macedonian conqueror Alexander the Great – a gift from the Athenian government to the city of Boston.

On April 7, vandals had painted the statue's hair blue and swirled its eyes in pink, less than 48 hours after a Greek-American throng witnessed the unveiling of the bronze bust in a Hellenic cele-



GLOBE PHOTO / CHITOSE SUZUKI

Brandeis University scientist Dr. Daniel Perlman, along with a partner, has invented a protective coating to save architecture from graffiti.

bration presided over by Mayor Thomas M. Menino and Athens Mayor Dimitri Avramopoulos.

The labor-intensive task of removing the graffiti by conventional methods – chemical solvents and sand-blasting –

couldn't be avoided.

But it should be the last time. After a gallon of G-Pro – G for graffiti, Pro for protectant – what had once been graffiti-prone became graffiti-proof.

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This has gone on for too long and if not completed, we will do it ourselves," he said yesterday after meetings with senior United Nations and European officials.

So far, aid workers have located only a few hundred refugees. Those refugees who fled the camps when Zairian villagers attacked with machetes, killing hundreds. Forces of Kabila's rebel alliance opened fire on at least one camp, aid workers say.

Kabila denied attacking the camps. Aid workers were only repeating what the Rwandan Hutu soldiers hiding at the camps told them to say, he insisted. Kabila said he would seek an apology from UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, who on Thursday described the fate of the refugees as "slow extermination."

The United Nations has made a promise it has not kept, and Kofi Annan must come here himself to apologize," he said.

Kabila said he had been assured by UN officials in Kisangani that nothing would be reported to their headquarters unless it had prompted Annan's robust response.

"We've been betrayed by the Americans," said Shako Omanyowbo, a local party leader. "Clinton wants to settle scores with Marshal Mobutu and impose a bandit like Kabila on us."

Mobutu, who has made only rare

after suppressing opposition and plundering the national coffers for decades, Mobutu's faction is now offering to hold multiparty elections if Kabila accepts a cease-fire. The rebel leader is demanding that Mobutu step down.

UN officials were not immediately available for comment.

Flying over the jungle yesterday, aid officials spotted heavy smoke at two sites west of the abandoned camps. Aid workers speculate that the smoke may be from the campfires of large concentrations of the refugees, too frightened to come out of the jungle, said Paul Stromberg, a spokesman in Kisangani for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "We don't know how many people," Stromberg said.

Aid workers hope to resume delivery of food and medicine to the Rwandan refugees, who had been dying at a rate of 60 a day even before the chaos that emptied the camps.

The refugees are among the more than 1 million Hutu who fled Rwanda in

1994, fearing reprisals for the country's state-orchestrated genocide that killed at least 500,000 people, mostly Tutsi and moderate Hutu. Most have since returned to Rwanda.

The rebels have overrun more than half of Zaire in their seven-month insurgency against President Mobutu Sese Seko. Mobutu and Kabila are expected to hold peace talks early this week, South African Deputy President Thabo Mbeki said Saturday.

Bill Richardson, US ambassador to the United Nations, was to travel to Zaire today to talk with Mobutu and Kabila about the war and the trapped Rwandan refugees.

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New protective coating for public property bad news for graffiti artists

■ GRAFFITI

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"It coats metal, it coats masonry, it goes on basically any architectural surface out there," Perlman said from his biochemical lab at Brandeis, the birthplace of his inventions. "We ought to start protecting a lot more of our surfaces that are being routinely destroyed by graffiti."

Once sprayed, Alexander the Great joined a growing list of urban graffiti targets nationwide that are just as vulnerable, if less distinguished. Interstate highway sound barriers, roll-down steel store guards, Amtrak trains, and even the

Brooklyn Bridge are covered with the invisible stuff, foiling would-be graffiti sprayers.

Then there's the question that would stump any mere mortal: How on earth does wax protect against graffiti?

As if prompted by Gotham City's Commissioner Gordon, Perlman explains.

"Waxes are essentially transparent, and form a protective barrier on surfaces," he begins. "Once it's sprayed on, if the surface gets hit by graffiti, washing it with hot water melts part of the wax, and with it, carries away the graffiti."

While other efforts have tried to make the graffiti itself easier to erase, G-Pro reacts with the paint, and both the paint and wax wash off. Then G-Pro is re-applied.

But couldn't the wax melt away altogether, on a hot day, for example? What then?

He thought you would ask that.

"It's not your ordinary wax," he goes on. "It's soft enough to melt with a special, pressurized hot-water washing, but it won't melt on a sweltering, summer day."

The combination of wax and water, Perlman said, cuts in half the time needed to remove graffiti, and

cuts out the financial and environmental costs of chemical solvents.

"The wax we're using is edible," Perlman said. Comforting, though he admits, "Not that a lot of people go around eating wax."

Like a plot out of a 1970s Batman episode, Perlman's invention began with a partner, a hunch, and a lab.

The partner was Robert Black, a New York high school science teacher who first developed the crime-busting formula in 1994. It got Perlman thinking.

"I read about this fellow in New York, and I was very curious as to what such coatings might have in

them," he said. "I had a hunch it was a wax, and my hunch was correct. I know a lot about wax, so I called him, and we started improving the coating."

Now, the duo have patents pending on water- and fire-resistant formulas of G-Pro, and a new spot remover that allows the small guy — the bodega owner, the landlord — to remove graffiti with a garden hose, not the more costly power-washer.

In New York, where graffiti vandals abound, those improvements have corporations and cities seeking multimillion-dollar deals for the secret wax mix, from paint companies

to the New York City Housing Authority to the Salvation Army.

As for Boston, police say they have not made any arrests in the case of Alexander the Great. But Perlman's wax potion may frustrate graffiti artists more than any arrest or arraignment. That's because, Perlman said, the coating robs them of the one thing they live for — the indelible signature tag.

"The graffiti artist gets his satisfaction from putting it on," he said. "But then, it comes right off. Of course, they want to make a permanent mark, but, well, you can't have everything."

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Conference Room 2 on the 21st floor of the McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA. Copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the General Counsel's Office, Executive Office for Administration and Finance, State House Room 373, Boston, MA 02133. Written comments must be submitted at the hearing on or before 5:00 P.M. on May 12, 1997, to the General Counsel at the State House address.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE—By virtue of the security interest granted under the referenced loan and rights granted by the Department of Motor Vehicles and/or the Uniform Commercial Code, NationsCredit has possession of the collateral described below: Collateral: One (1) 1993 Freightliner FLD12064ST, Serial Number: 1FUPD-SYB3PP479528. You are hereby notified that NationsCredit intends to dispose of this collateral by Public Sale to take place at: Harwood & Associates, 116 Rear Washington St., Plainville, MA 02762. Time of sale will be Wednesday, April 30, 1997 at 4:00pm. Nations Credit reserves the right to bid on all collateral available for sale.

Bidders are hereby notified that the Official shall cancel the contract if funds are not appropriated in any fiscal year. Sealed bids shall be publicly opened by the Official at 12:00 p.m., on May 7, 1997, at the Office of the Corporation Counsel, City of Boston Law Department, Room 615, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201. The maximum time for bid acceptance by the City after the opening of bids shall be ninety (90) days. The City and the Official reserve the right to reject any or all bids, or any items thereof.
By: Mark Sweeney
Asst. Corporation Counsel

Date: 4/9/97

THE ANNUAL REPORT of the Indochina Surgical Educational Exchange for 1996 is available for inspection during regular business hours at the principal office located on the 20th floor at One Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, (617) 573-0100; by any citizen who requests it within 180 days from the date of publication of this notice. The principal manager is John D. Constable, M.D., Trustee.

THE PUBLIC FACILITIES DEPARTMENT of the City of Boston will hold a second Public Meeting to present the proposed design and the Transportation Study for the Congress Street Pedestrian Bridge on Wednesday, April 30, at 5:00pm in the BRA Board Room, Room 900, Boston City Hall. Enter City Hall through the Congress Street entrance.

PUBLIC NOTICE - The annual return for the Bruyette Family Foundation is available at the address noted below, for inspection during normal business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days of the publication of this notice of its availability. Sharon A. & Brian T. Bruyette Foundation, d/b/a Bruyette Family Foundation, 12 Coolidge Drive, Acton MA 01720. Principal Manager: Gene T. Bruyette

THE ANNUAL REPORT for 1996 of the Massachusetts Bankers Association Charitable Foundation, Inc.; a private foundation, is available at its principal office for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereafter. The principal office is located at 73 Tremont Street, Suite 306, Boston, Massachusetts.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
AERONAUTICS COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR RESPONSE (RFR)**

AGENCY: Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission (MAC)
10 Park Plaza, Room 6620
Boston, MA 02116-a3966

CONTACT: Robert J. Mallard, P.E.
Manager of Airport Engineering

PHONE: (617) 973-8881

PROJECT: Statewide Airport Pavement Marking

Region I - Western Massachusetts
Region II - Eastern Massachusetts

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Request for Responses will be available from the MAC on April 28, 1997.

Proposals are due no later than 2:00 P.M. on Monday, May 19, 1997.

PUBLIC NOTICE - The Quincy Housing Authority will cease taking applications for FAMILY Low Rent Public Housing, including emergency cases, priority cases, and standard applicants, for all bedroom sizes (1BR, 2BR, 3BR, 4BR, and 5BR) as of close of business, May 30, 1997. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. EGUALDAD DE OPORTUNIDAD DE VIVIENDA. DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

PUBLIC NOTICE - The annual return of the Paul and Jill Kaneb Family Charitable Foundation is available, at the address noted below, for inspection during normal business hours, by any citizen who so requests within 180 days after publication of this notice of its availability. The Paul and Jill Kaneb Charitable Foundation, c/o Warner & Stackpole, Attn: Robert W. Holmes, Jr., 75 State Street, Boston, MA 02109. The principal manager is Robert W. Holmes, Jr. Esquire. Telephone 1-617-951-9000.

Opportunity guidelines. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the site, John Eliot Square (adjacent to Putnam Street), Roxbury, MA, on Monday, May 5, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. One copy of the project manual and set of contract documents shall be available for each contractor at the meeting (for a \$50 refundable deposit), or can be ordered directly from Benjamin Franklin Smith Printers at 282 Congress Street, Boston, MA (at the contractor's expense). Bids shall be evaluated on the basis of price, previous experience with similar types of construction projects, ability to perform the work in a timely manner, history of commitment to the Roxbury community, and references. All bids must be delivered to the offices of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, 110 Arlington Street, Boston, MA 02116 (ATTN: Adele Gormley) by 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 1997 to be eligible for consideration, and work must commence prior to July 1, 1997.

**TOWN OF WINTHROP
and CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
CRITIQUE OF TOWN PERMITTING PROCESSES**

The Town of Winthrop's Chamber of Commerce invites proposals for a consultant to analyze all town permitting processes and procedures, and make recommendations for streamlining in accordance with the Request for Proposals as prepared by the Chamber of Commerce. Funding provided by the Massachusetts Small Cities Resource Fund.

Ten (10) copies of all proposals are to be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on May 22, 1997 to:

**BARBARA McNEIL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
WINTHROP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
207 HAGMAN RD.
WINTHROP, MA 02152**

The request for proposals may be obtained at the above address. Information may be obtained by calling 617-846-9898.

The Town reserves the right to waive any informalities in or reject any or all proposals as may be in the best interest of the Town.

**WINTHROP
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**
Richard J. Boyd, President
Barbara McNeil, Executive Director

FIELD CHECK, THE BOUNCES OF CASHIER'S CHECK issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS/NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. No other form of bid security will be accepted. The amount of the Bid deposits shall be One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Bidders may obtain Contract Document from North Shore Community College, Office of Facilities Management, 1 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923 on any weekday (holidays excluded) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. A mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held on Thursday, May 8, 1997. North Shore Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities in bidding if it be in the public interest to do so.

**WANTED TO LEASE SPACE IN HYDE PARK,
ROSLINDALE OR WEST ROXBURY**

On behalf of the Suffolk County Mosquito Control Project, the Massachusetts Division of Capital Planning and Operations is requesting proposals to lease approximately 3,900 usable square feet of space (440 usable square feet of office and administrative space and 3,460 usable square of garage and storage space) in Hyde Park, Roslindale, or West Roxbury for a term of five years.

Proposals must be submitted to:
Division of Capital Planning and Operations
Office of Leasing and State Office Planning
100 Cambridge Street, Room 1611
Boston, Massachusetts 02202

Proposals must be submitted before the deadline of May 14, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. Proposals will be opened at that time.

To obtain a Request for Proposals (RFP), which includes instructions, specifications and a Proposal Form, please call (617) 727-8000 x355 during business hours or send a request to the Office of Leasing and State Office Planning at the above address. Please include your name, address, telephone and fax number or a business card, and cite the name of the agency seeking space and the RFP Project Number 970050.1. This Request for Proposals (RFP) can also be obtained through the Internet at <http://www.comm-pass.com>. For further information, please call (617) 727-8000 x300 during business hours.



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In City Council May 7, 1997

ORDER ADOPTED