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Bishop Stang center Jeff Borges is the hockey Player of the Year. **C1**



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More and more companies offer 1-800 hot lines for products. **B1**



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Game of fetch turns ugly



This X-ray shows the 9½-inch stick lodged vertically inside of Shultz, a 2-year-old German shepherd. Below, the stick is shown after it was removed from Shultz through surgery.

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Glen Grenier sits with Shultz after the German shepherd's surgery.

\$6,000 vet bill hard to swallow

By **STEVE URBON**
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DARTMOUTH — Glen Grenier's 2-year-old German shepherd Shultz takes his game of fetch so seriously that it took a veterinary surgeon to get a nearly foot-long stick back from him last week.

Nobody knows quite how he did it,

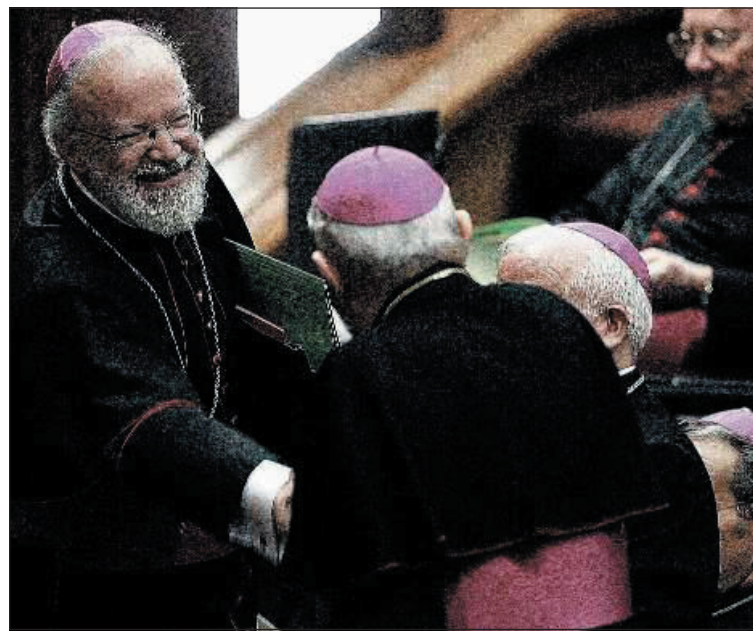
but Shultz managed to swallow the stick, 9½ inches long and an inch and a half in diameter, while out on his daily walk last week.

"I throw big sticks, and he chases them and brings them back," said Mr. Grenier. "We've done this every single day since he was little. This dog actually

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O'Malley's day arrives



PIER PAOLO CITO/The Associated Press

Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley, left, shakes hands with a bishop at the Synod Hall at the Vatican yesterday. He will be elevated to cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI today.

Pope meets with cardinals to discuss delicate issues

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**
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VATICAN CITY — Today is Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley's big day — the day he is elevated to cardinal.

But first there was business for the current cardinals with the pope.

Pope Benedict XVI convened the College of Cardinals for the first time since his election last year, asking them yesterday for advice on pressing issues facing the Catholic Church, including relations with Islam.

The cardinals met on the eve of a ceremony to formally elevate 15 new "princes" of the church — additions the pope has said reflected Catholicism's global reach. Among those being elevated to cardinal is O'Malley.

FROM THE VATICAN

Rev. Richard Wilson details the church's pilgrims as they arrive to greet the cardinals. **A7**



Benedict invited the cardinals to offer their thoughts yesterday on issues facing the church, including the split with the ultra-conservative group Society of St. Pius X, founded by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre.

The cardinals also were asked what to do with bishops and cardinals who must retire by 75 but are still able to work.

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Sheriff apprehends knife-wielding driver

By **ROB MARGETTA**
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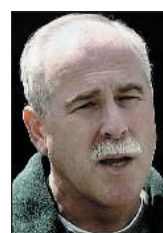
FALL RIVER — As head of the Bristol County House of Correction, Sheriff Thomas M. Hodgson is used to dealing with suspected criminals. But it's been a while since he busted one himself.

"It's not something that's usually in my job description," he said.

That changed yesterday afternoon as the sheriff was headed to the Fall River police station and, on the way, captured a man who had allegedly threatened a couple with a large knife.

"You can never take the cop out of the cop," said Mr. Hodgson, who served as a police officer in Ocean City, Md. "This is something you just remember."

The sheriff hadn't been expecting trouble as he drove along Plymouth Avenue on his way



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Sheriff **THOMAS M. HODGSON**

from a Massachusetts sheriffs' meeting to the police station. Then a pair of cars pulled out of a side street, one trying to make a left turn, the other "clearly trying to block it," Mr. Hodgson said.

He said he heard the drivers arguing.

"I thought it was road rage,"

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7-month-old baby ingested drugs

By **ROB MARGETTA**
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NEW BEDFORD — A lethargic 7-month-old baby who was admitted to St. Luke's Hospital this week had ingested heroin or another opiate drug at his New Bedford home, police said.

When doctors found traces of opiates in the baby's bloodstream, they transported the child to Hasbro Children's Hospital in Rhode Island, police spokesman Capt. Richard Spirlet said yesterday.

He said the baby responded well to treatment and is expected to make a full recovery.

Investigators believe it was an illegal substance, although they won't know exactly until tests come back.

After returning home from work Wednesday evening, the baby's mother noticed that he was "not acting right," Capt. Spirlet said. She brought the child to St. Luke's at approximately 9 p.m.

Police were contacted about the child early yesterday. Investigators began inter-

viewing the baby's relatives and sent out some of the items with which he had been in contact for drug testing.

The baby's mother and father were "very cooperative" with police, Capt. Spirlet said. Police are not releasing the names of the baby or any family members at this time.

The Department of Social Services is also investigating the case. DSS spokeswoman Denise Monteiro said that, as of now, the mother appears to be a fit parent.

"She hasn't left the baby since" arriving

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INSIDE TODAY

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A look at SouthCoast life in the second installment of the four-part Outlook series.



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The New Bedford Redevelopment Authority's agreement to sell tax-foreclosed property to Home Depot below the assessed value is not unusual, say experts in brownfields cleanups.

In fact, selling a contaminated property cheaply to a private sector concern that is willing to clean it up is more common

COUNCIL ACTION

City Council withholds unequivocal support for Mayor Scott W. Lang in the Home Depot dispute. **A4**

than waiting for a government cleanup, said representatives of the Conservation Law Foundation and the National Brownfields Association.

"By and large, that is the way things tend to happen," said James A. Hamilton, managing director for CLF Ventures.

CLF Ventures is a nonprofit arm of the Conservation Law Foundation and consults with private companies wishing to clean up and develop brownfield sites, as former industrial sites are known.

"The private sector tends to be a little more nimble than the

public sector," Mr. Hamilton said.

In addition to having easier access to capital, it can save money on the so-called "soft" costs of administrative work. It can also tailor a cleanup to the specific purposes of its development, he said.

"Home Depot should be able to do it for less than the public sector," he said.

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Low deal with Home Depot nothing new