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Child found alive at scene of death in Brockton

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A child found inside a Brockton hotel room with a dead adult Sunday afternoon was hospitalized but was in good condition, according to Bridget Norton Middleton, a spokeswoman for the Plymouth County district attorney's office. She said authorities do not consider the death to be a criminal matter and declined to say more about the person who died and their relationship to the child, or the ages of the child and the deceased. Brockton police and State Police detectives assigned to the district attorney's office went to the Super 8 hotel at 385 Westgate

Drive shortly before 2 p.m. Sunday, she said. Just after 2 p.m., three marked cruisers, one unmarked cruiser, an ambulance, and fire truck were seen parked in the hotel parking lot. Brockton police and fire officials did not return calls requesting comment.

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Speakers at the rally warned that gun control measures would subvert the Constitution and lead to a police state.

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Robert Ullmann overcomes opposition to secure Superior Court judgeship

Former federal prosecutor Robert Ullmann won confirmation to the Superior Court on Wednesday in a close vote after fending off criticism about the US attorney's office's inability to capture and prosecute reputed mobster James "Whitey" Bulger in the 1990s and his decision to prosecute a well-known criminal defense lawyer that was thrown out of court.

The Governor's Council voted 5-3 to confirm Ullmann after several councilors expressed their objections and Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray took the rare step of publicly defending the administration's nominee before the vote.

Ullman spent 10 years as a federal prosecutor and is currently a lawyer in Boston at Nutter, McClennen & Fish. Councilors Robert Jubinville, Jennie Caissie, and Christopher Iannella voted against Ullmann's confirmation.

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Convicted rapist Gary Alan Irving faced additional charges when he fled in 1979

Late in the summer of 1978, 18-year-old Gary Alan Irving allegedly picked up two young women walking in Weymouth and tried to coerce them into having sex with him. Irving was charged with accosting and threatening them but was never tried. He was later convicted in 1979 of raping three other women and fled the state before he could be sentenced.

David Traub, spokesman for the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, declined to comment on whether Irving, who was captured in Gorham, Maine, last week after 34 years on the lam, would face a trial on the Weymouth charges now that he has been returned to Massachusetts.

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Store near Savin Hill stabbing gives away free ice cream

After a mother was stabbed as she pushed her baby in a stroller, business owners in the area banded together to commit a "random act of kindness."

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Residents voice support for embattled Ashland police chief

About 100 people crammed into Ashland's Town Hall Wednesday night to protest the ouster of a police chief who they see as a scapegoat for bigger problems in the department.

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Framingham police search for sex assault suspect

Authorities scoured Framingham on Wednesday afternoon looking for a suspect who sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl after she got off her school bus, Framingham police said.

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East Boston pedestrian dies in Cambridge crash

A 67-year-old East Boston man died after being hit by a vehicle while walking on Land Boulevard in Cambridge early Wednesday, authorities said.

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Mass. man trapped under overturned snowmobile

Maine game wardens said a Massachusetts man survived being trapped under an overturned snowmobile for 20 hours. Searchers found Paul Lessard, 64, of Milford, Mass., on Wednesday morning underneath his overturned snowmobile in a ditch with running water in St. John Plantation, near the Canadian border.

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Both sides rest in Rockefeller impostor's trial

The defense and prosecution have rested in the Los Angeles murder trial of the German con man who went by several phony names, including that of Clark Rockefeller in Boston. Defendant Christian Gerhartsreiter chose to not testify in his own defense against charges that he killed John Sohus, a suburban San Marino, Calif., man who vanished along with his wife in 1985.

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2-year-old in car in speeding accident

New Hampshire State Police said a 2-year-old girl was in the back seat of a car that crashed after traveling 90 miles per hour on an interstate in Manchester. The child suffered minor bruises. Investigators said a trooper clocked the car driving at the high speed on Interstate 93 south near Exit 6 at about 4:15 p.m. Tuesday.

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