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## Suspect bragged about beating



**TROOPER**  
**BRENDAN R. DOYLE**

James Proulx, a former correctional officer, is being held on \$1-million bail after being charged with reckless driving and felony assault on Rhode Island State Police Trooper Brendan Doyle, who remains hospitalized in critical condition.

**BY AMANDA MILKOVITS**  
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PROVIDENCE — He can hear his friends and his family tell him they love him, but he can't open his eyes. He can't speak to them, though he seems to try, despite the intubation tube in his throat.

Yesterday, state Trooper Brendan R. Doyle gave his family the "thumbs up" when asked to hold up two fingers, his father said. And he squeezed his mother's hand.

The 25-year-old marathon runner is now in the race of his life. With severe head injuries, his prognosis is uncertain. He has been in critical condition at Rhode Island Hospital since early Saturday morning, when the police said he was sucker-punched by a reckless driver he was trying to stop from hurting other people.

The man accused of punching Doyle to the pavement and leaving him to die in downtown Providence was being arraigned in District Court. James Proulx had allegedly called an ex-girlfriend as he sped away, leaving her an obscenity-laced message in which he bragged about giving "the beating of their [expletive] life."

As Chief Judge Albert DeRobbio was setting bail at \$1 million surety and sending Proulx back to jail, the trooper's family and friends were at his bedside, watching for the slightest signs of improvement.

Early Saturday morning, it looked as if the young state police trooper could die. The punch had crushed his face, and he'd hit the back of his head on the street so hard that it caused bleeding into his brain.

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Former correctional officer James Proulx, of Smithfield, left, is arraigned in District Court yesterday, charged with assaulting an off-duty state trooper. He is being held on \$1-million bail at the ACI.

## State jobs protected in budget plan

The Assembly appears poised to restrict privatization as part of the \$6.99-billion budget package.

**BY STEVE PEOPLES**  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — For the last 14 years, Rep. Charlene Lima, D-Cranston, has backed a bill to restrict the governor's ability to replace state workers with private employees.

Privatization, she has argued, isn't always a good thing for Rhode Island taxpayers. But the proposal has died in the committee process almost every year since 1993.

In the wee hours of Saturday morning, however, the House of Representatives bypassed the standard legislative process altogether and overwhelmingly approved Lima's plan as part of the fiscal 2008 budget.

The privatization vote came

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at 12:43 a.m., nearly 10 hours after legislators began their budget debate. And it came eight days after Governor Carcieri announced a sweeping plan to eliminate 1,000 state jobs and privatize "every state service that could possibly be performed more efficiently by the private sector."

Yesterday, Carcieri invited the media to the State House to blast House Democrats for essentially killing his reforms before he had even developed a plan. "It was an 11th-hour sell-out to the unions. It's shameful," Carcieri said. "It essentially turns over the keys of state government to the unions."

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## Expect to pay more for licenses, state services

Hundreds of licensed professionals, many motorists and the poor would pay more under the proposed budget.

**BY ELIZABETH GUDRAIS**  
JOURNAL STATE HOUSE BUREAU

PROVIDENCE — The state sales-tax and income-tax rates may not be increasing, but if the new state budget takes effect July 1 as proposed, Rhode Islanders will be hit with a slew of fee increases and other taxes.

Some, such as increased licensing fees for barbers and veterinarians, affect small categories of people; others, such as a new Registry of Motor Vehicles surcharge, just about everybody. No question about it, "Rhode

Islanders will be paying more in taxes and fees as a result of this budget proposal," Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council executive director Gary S. Sasse said yesterday.

Most of the increases came in the governor's budget proposal, and the House preserved them when it approved the budget Saturday. The Senate is scheduled to consider the budget in committee

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## Bar's fictional reputation may be close to the truth

The Green Bar is a trouble spot on the cable TV series *Brotherhood* and, Providence police say, in real life too.

**BY DANIEL BARBARISI**  
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PROVIDENCE — The creators of the Showtime crime drama *Brotherhood* thought The Green Bar at the end of Westminster Street had the right look to be the sometime hangout of the show's local crime boss, where he could meet associates and conduct business on "The Hill," the show's fictional neighborhood.

Turns out their art may be a

little too true-to-life — the bar may actually be a major hot spot in the city's real-world drug trade, and the bar has temporarily shut down as the city weighs whether it can keep its liquor license.

The police yesterday asked the city's Licensing Board to revoke The Green Bar's license unless major changes are made at the 1718 Westminster St. bar,

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The Green Bar on Westminster Street, in Providence, will be shut down until June 27, when the city's Licensing Board will hold a hearing.



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"We're stuck here. We have to make our neighborhood safe."

**GAIL CORVELLO**, Tiverton resident

## Trapped in Tiverton by pollution, politics

Residents in a polluted area of the town find themselves battling the firm they hold responsible and in the middle of a dispute over fees paid by DEM to a private law firm.

**BY MIKE STANTON**  
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TIVERTON — Imagine living in a place where you can't plant a flower, dig a garden, sell your house or let your children play outside, where hidden toxins darken the soil and a summer breeze carries the fear of airborne particles infiltrating your lungs.

This is Gail Corvello's nightmare, and it unfolds every day in a neighborhood that looks like any other to an outsider, with tidy homes and lawns sloping down to Mount Hope Bay.

Yesterday morning, Corvello stood outside her Bay Street house, which doubles as a daycare center, and ushered four young children, ages 2 through 5, outside into the brilliant sunshine.

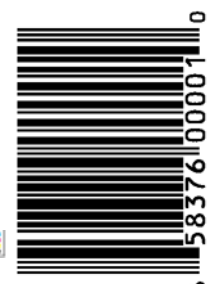
The first sign that something was amiss was the carpet of artificial grass that covers

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Gail Corvello watches as three of her four daycare charges run down to the artificial grass to play in her backyard on Bay Street in Tiverton.



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### SOME CLASSIC PERFORMANCES



While golfers Julie Inkster, far left, and Natalie Gulbis make up the first female team to participate in the CVS Caremark Charity Classic, it's Masters champion Zach Johnson and Brad Faxon who are tied for the first-round lead with J.J. Henry and Stewart Cink. **C1**

### COMPETITION IN CABLE

Verizon Communications launches its cable television service in the West Bay area, becoming the first new provider of cable TV in Rhode Island in more than 20 years. **E1**

### DIANA AND HER TIMES

Former magazine editor Tina Brown says she set out to write cultural history, not just celebrity biography, with her new book, *The Diana Chronicles*. **F1**

### NEW MOVE IN MIDEAST

The Bush administration lifts its economic and diplomatic embargo on the emergency government led by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. **A2**