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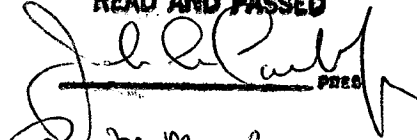

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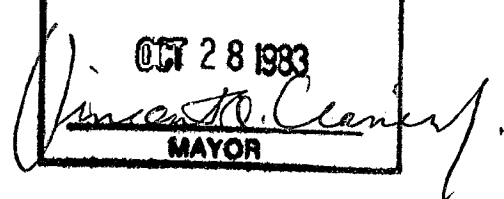
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Approved October 28, 1983

RESOLVED, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to give high priority to the repair and installation of new traffic signals within the Downtown Area.

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October 11, 1983

Mr. Frank Tibaldi  
Traffic Engineer  
Highway Department  
700 Allens Avenue  
Providence, R.I. 02905

Dear Frank:

I am writing in regard to a recent article that appeared in the Evening Bulletin of the Providence Journal. I understand your feelings where many of the traffic signals will be fixed through the Kennedy Plaza revitalization Project, but it bothers me that the condition of the other signals not included in the Kennedy Plaza are not a high priority from your department.

I represent part of the downtown area and many of my constituents and citizenry that travel through downtown are elderly and greatly depend on these traffic signals.

In order to keep retailing vibrant in the downtown area it is necessary for us as city officials to maintain city services at the level where they rightfully belong.

I am writing to you to let you know my concern in this situation, and at the next City Council meeting on October 20th., I will be introducing a Resolution that your department correct this problem.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Joseph R. Paolino, Jr.*  
JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
Council President

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ENCLOSURE

NO GO: Two-way or imperative "walk" signs, 50 pose a dilemma for pedestrians playing dodge

as this one on Exchange Street, with a traffic light for the car

# Don't depend on signals to help you cross the street

By WARD FINLEY

Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

**PROVIDENCE** — If you pedestrians depend on "walk-don't walk" signs to help you cross the busy intersections downtown, you're in trouble.

A recent *Journal-Bulletin* survey of key intersections at Kennedy Plaza and along Washington and Fountain Streets showed problems with the electronic signs at nearly every crosswalk.

Frank A. Tibaldi, city traffic engineer, said today that most of the signs will be replaced in the Kennedy Plaza project in about six months. The others, he said, are so old that it's not worth the money to find parts to fix them.

"THEY'RE JUST A courtesy thing," not essential like traffic lights, he said. "They aren't my top priority."

Three types of problems emerged in the survey: twisted signs that

pointed in the wrong direction, signs that didn't flash "walk" and "don't walk" instructions or poles at which signs were missing.

Here are the results of the survey by intersection:

● **Fountain and Dorrance Streets** — If you're crossing Fountain Street, heading south, you'll find the sign on the southwest corner has a broken visor, blocking most of the "don't walk" instruction. Also, the sign box is tilted at an angle.

If you're crossing Dorrance Street from the south side of Fountain Street, there's no sign telling you when to walk.

● **Washington and Eddy Streets** — Unless you're crossing Washington Street heading north, you're on your own. The signs do not work for those crossing Washington Street heading south, or for those crossing Eddy Street on either the north or south side of Washington Street.

● **Washington and Union Streets** — The sign on the southwest pole doesn't work. The signs on the three other corners work only for pedestrians crossing Washington Street.

● **Washington and Mathewson Streets** — If you walk fast and are crossing Washington Street, you're in luck. The signs on the northeast, northwest and southwest corners flash only "walk" for those crossing Washington Street. The screens are blank during the "don't walk" cycle, and no instructions are given for those crossing Mathewson Street. The sign on the southeast corner doesn't work.

● **Washington and Dorrance Streets** — The sign works but it's tilted 45 degrees to the left for pedestrians facing north, making it difficult to read.

● **Dorrance and Fulton Streets**

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## There's a squirrel in the house

Q. How do I get rid of a squirrel in the walls of my home?

M.M., Chepachet

A. First, try to find the point at which the squirrel enters the house, says Jay Cronan, chief of the Division of Fish and Wildlife of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. Then, spread some moth flakes between the walls to drive the squirrel out. While the squirrel is out, block the point of entry with a thick metal screen.

If it's a gray or red squirrel and you watch closely during the day, you should be able to spot the squirrel leaving the house in search of food. However, if it's a flying squirrel, which is a nocturnal creature, you would need the moth flakes to drive it out in the daytime.



## Action

Action Line answers questions, solves problems and cuts red tape. Write Action Line at the *Journal-Bulletin*, 75 Fountain St., Providence 02902, or call 277-7484. All inquiries are examined.

## Kept erring on stock statement

Q. I opened a money-market account with Paine Webber in Providence on March 2, 1982, and closed it out on Oct. 13, 1982. I thought this would be the end of any contact with the brokerage firm. However, I have since been plagued with statements in my name indicating that I'm buying and selling considerable amounts of stocks and bonds on a regular basis. The fact is I have absolutely no account with Paine Webber. Yet, I keep receiving statements, which are postmarked New York. I tried four times to put an end to the statements, but no one in the company's Providence office seems to be able to do anything about them. Last month, I spoke to Henry Doss, manager of the Providence office, and I was assured my name was being deleted from all files and I would never be annoyed again. Then, three weeks later, I received a Paine

Home, 152 Wood St., with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church. Wood St. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

## Rehoboth Police Hall

REHOBOTH, Mass. — The 14th annual Rehoboth Police Association Ball will be held at the Venus De Milo Restaurant in Swansea, Oct. 15, with a country and western dance theme — at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from any member of the Rehoboth Police Department.

COLLAGE IS SAID to be established in the cities of Rehoboth and Dartmouth. Lake Sunapee is a popular spot in those sections should peak by the weekend.

The Vermont State Police in the wake of the Massachusetts and the police are advised to expect elevations probably the end of the Lower New Hampshire should be its peak early next week.

Vacation Travel advised travelers to make overnight reservations for the weekend because many hotels and cabins are already booked.

## Signs

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— The flashing "walk" signal works, but the "don't walk" signal doesn't.

● **Fulton and Exchange Streets** — Just beyond the temporary walkway that runs into Fulton Street near the new Fleet Center skyscraper is the most confusing sign downtown. Pedestrians standing on the southwest corner of the intersection, hoping to cross Exchange Street, can see two directional signs — one on the southwest corner, which only flashes "walk," and one on the southeast corner, which only flashes "don't walk." At one point in the cycle, both signs are flashing simultaneously.

● **Washington and Exchange Streets** — Pedestrian signs are tilted and do not work.

**THE MOST CONFUSING** maze of streets greets you on Washington Street, as you approach City Hall. In what appears to be the middle of the block, three roadways intersect with Washington Street on your right.

The first road is called East Approach and is used by Rhode Island Public Transit Authority buses. There is no flashing signal to tell you when to cross.

The next road is Francis Street, split into two lanes by a traffic island. The island contains a flashing pedestrian signal that works, but the signal for those walking from the traffic island across the second lane is tilted almost 90 degrees, making it nearly impossible to read from the island.

## Guilty

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let him go, and tackled him as he struggled to reach their daughter, she said.

One policeman, she contended, hit her in the stomach and on the head with what she believes was a billy club, and the police dragged her by the hair down the front stairs. Her children, three and four years old, had to undergo counseling after seeing their father beaten up in the middle of the night, Mrs. Crossman said. The couple moved out of Providence after the episode, and they do not want to disclose their current Rhode Island address, she said.

MRS. CROSSMAN said her lawyer, Frederick G. Cass, is preparing to file a civil rights brutality suit in federal court.

Lambert, Wahl and three others were disciplined two years ago

after an episode outside the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge Oct. 19, 1980.

Lambert and Wahl, according to sources, argued about who had a better holster and thus could draw more quickly. Wahl drew his gun and accidentally shot Lambert in the chest, sources said.

The pair pleaded guilty to violating departmental rules and agreed to punishment imposed by then Police Chief Angelo P. Ricci. Ricci disclosed at the time. Departmental charges do not imply criminal guilt.

Wahl and Lambert each agreed to perform 100 hours extra duty without pay, Ricci said. That, he added, was the equivalent of \$1,400 in pay.

Lambert spent several days in a hospital after the shooting and went on medical leave for a time after the hospital discharged him.

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## Police

● Orlando V. Cabera, Sackett St., was arrested for allegedly selling cocaine street near his house. He arraigned in District Court a charge of possession with intent to deliver. They seized about \$150 in drug and \$250 in cash.

● Mark Harris, 25, Bridgman St., told police parked on Marlborough St. Providence at about 6 when two men approached. One began banging on the car, while the other rear and slashed Harris on with a sharp object. He managed to start the car away.

● Charles E. Warren, Gano St., told police that both armed with knife, their way into his Fox P ment about 3:30 p.m. Warren said one of the

## Hear

Mob enforcer Gerard in fair condition this morning in the coronary care unit of St. Joseph Hospital in Providence, after reportedly suffering a severe heart attack earlier this week.

Guimette, 43, of 639 Hortonville Rd., Swansea, Mass., was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday, according to a hospital spokesman. His doctor, Robert reached for comment on Guimette, according to authorities, is one of the stars in New England, as England trains three D