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## Levy blasts Duke on local-aid veto

By Robert H. Bliss  
Staff Reporter

Mayor Jordan Levy yesterday charged that Gov. Michael S. Dukakis had taken a "punitive and irresponsible" step when he vetoed \$210 million in local aid last month.

The veto was designed to coerce local officials to support an increase in state taxes, Levy asserted at a City Hall press conference.

Later in the day, Levy himself took some shots from state Rep. William J. Glodis, D-Worcester,

**'T**he governor has injured 351 cities and towns and all the people of Massachusetts.'

MAYOR JORDAN LEVY

and the governor's office.

Levy blasted Dukakis for failing to show leadership during the state's fiscal crisis, and he called on the governor to bring the Legislature back into emergency ses-

sion to review the state budget line by line.

He said Dukakis was voting to propose new taxes before attempting to control spending by cutting the state budget.

**'I** think Levy has his hands full running the city of Worcester and his other full-time jobs.'

JOHN SPENCER DAUGHETEY

And he said \$6 million has already been to back a local vote of Proposition 1 1/2 limits on the property tax.

Glodis said later that "I think Levy has his hands full running the

city of Worcester and his other full-time job, entering in Levy's position as executive vice president of Parker Millstead Co.

A Dukakis spokesman, James Kaplan said that "Levy has not

any suggestions as to how to raise \$210 million in the state budget" he would give them in 1996.

Levy predicted the veto of about \$7 million in local aid for the city would mean a loss of 175 jobs. He said the city had received the state's share of the state-aid vote of the voters.

The governor's veto of the state aid package was the most sweeping move that could happen if the veto passed. It would mean that the state would not be able to fund the state-aid vote of the voters.

Levy is 31,000th place in the state.

## Victim possibly knew his killer

By Dianne Williamson  
Staff Reporter

John Riley was stabbed to death Saturday with his own kitchen knife by someone he probably adored into his apartment, police said.

Lt. John J. McKiernan said police have suspects in the killing of Riley, 71, whose body was found in his room at 16 Millbury St. about 5 p.m. by a neighbor who had brought him some ice cream. Riley had been stabbed numerous times and was killed about two hours before his body was discovered.

Yesterday, McKiernan said police "have not ruled out robbery as a possible motive" in the killing, but he would not say if police have determined what, if anything, was stolen. He also said Riley may have known his killer.

He said the murder weapon, which he described as a "kitchen-type knife," was found somewhere in the building.

"We're in the process of reinterviewing people and we're continuing to gather physical evidence from other locations in the building," McKiernan said.

He said the 10 tenants of the four-story apartment building have been interviewed. The building, which consists of one-room apartments, is kept locked and a key is needed to enter.

## I-290 head-on crash injures 4



DAN GOULD

An emergency crew works to free the driver of one of the cars.

## 4 hurt, traffic snarled after collision on I-290

By Dianne Williamson  
Staff Reporter

**AUBURN** — An 82-year-old woman driving east in a westbound lane on Interstate 290 slammed head-on into a westbound car, injuring herself and three people in the other car about 8:15 yesterday afternoon.

Traffic was backed up for 40 minutes while rescue workers used the jaws of life to extricate the people in both cars, all

of whom have been hospitalized, according to state Trooper James Ellis of the Holden barracks.

Ellis said Agnes Worley, 82, of Bridges Avenue in Newtonville, had just exited the Massachusetts Turnpike when she apparently became confused and headed east on westbound I-290 near the Route 12 exit.

Her car collided head-on with a car driven by Ralph Besaw Sr., 44, of 275 Manchaug Road, Sut-

ton, who was driving 50 to 55 mph, police said. Besaw had two passengers in his car — Diana Senecal, 16, of 19 Main St. in Manchaug, and Miranda Judson, 9, of 275 Manchaug Road in Sutton. Besaw lives with Miranda's parents, police said.

Miranda was in serious condition in the intensive care unit at the University of Massachusetts Hospital, a nursing supervisor said last night. Besaw was in

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## Mrs. Higgins backs Bush on hostages

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wife of Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins said she is certain that her husband would support President Bush's decision to release the hostages.

Mrs. Higgins said she and her husband, a major, told reporters that she still had reason to tell her husband "we love him and miss him."

"Rich went to Lebanon in the service of the United Nations because he believed he could be useful, that he could help, that he was needed," Mrs. Higgins said.

"He wrote in his high school yearbook that his goal was always to 'make my family proud of me,'" Mrs. Higgins said. "He succeeded."

Bush, in an interview published in today's Boston Globe, said he would continue negotiating for the release of American hostages held in the Middle East but was optimistic they'd soon go free.

"I have no problem with that... if I can talk to somebody and get the release of an American hostage and do it without, in my view or in the view of the experts, putting

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Robin Higgins

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- The U.S. won't link frozen Iranian assets to fate of hostages.
- Should President Bush be prepared to take cold-blooded steps to end the taking of hostages? Analysis.

## Bells, sirens mark National Night Out

The Associated Press

Toiling bells, sirens, flashing search lights and block parties marked the sixth annual National Night Out as people sat under porch lights and chatted with neighbors yesterday in an effort to

In Washington, FBI Director Williams Sessions turned a huge switch, lighting a giant light bulb to kick off the event, which he called a "symbol of solidarity and determination."

In Boston thousands danced in the streets and grilled hot dogs at

block parties. Boston officials spent six months planning the celebrations across the city and police said this year's celebration of street safety may have been the best.

Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn opened the event with a proclamation and the schedule included an early afternoon version of the rally at a senior citizens' center. Police and city officials visited celebrations in eight other neighborhoods before moving to the final

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## Robbery suspect plotted to kill Bush, police say

DETROIT (AP) — A suspect in eight bank robberies around the country has told investigators he plotted to kill President Bush and attended several of his appearances, including one in Michigan, authorities said yesterday.

John Spencer Daughete, 34, was arrested Friday in Oakland, Calif., during a bank robbery. He told investigators he had robbed at

least seven other banks and plotted to assassinate Bush, said Sgt. Sam Maddux, an Oakland robbery investigator.

"He admitted that at some point he started hearing voices and that he has been following the president around the U.S. in an effort to get close enough to kill him," Maddux

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**Pleasant Trend:** Mostly sunny and quite pleasant, highs around 80. Clear tonight with lows in the 50s. Sunny and pleasant tomorrow, the high 75 to 80.

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Westbound traffic backs up on Interstate 290 after the crash.