

# Tap into your generous side

Restaurants raise money for safe drinking water

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**BOSTON.** Paying for tap water in a restaurant may seem like an odd act for many diners. But knowing that money can save a life makes much more sense. Nearly 80 local restaurants yesterday began participating in the Tap Project, offering customers the option of paying for tap water, with the proceeds aiding UNICEF's mission to provide clean and safe drinking water to developing areas worldwide.

The effort is part of World Water Week, designed to draw attention to a crisis that takes the lives of thousands each day, according to project organizers. Just a one dollar donation can provide a liter of clean water for a child for 40 days, or enough water for 40 children in one day. "One dollar in the developing world goes a long way," said area Tap Project volunteer Saran Kaba Jones. "If millions live on less than one dollar a day, you can imagine what one dollar can do to provide clean water."

The Tap Project began last year only in New York City, where roughly 300 area restaurants raised \$100,000. Over 2,000 restaurants in 16 cities have signed up nationwide this year and Jones said more than \$1 million should be raised. That's 40 million liters of clean, safe water. "It really does go a long way and it doesn't take a lot," Jones said. "You just go, eat in a restaurant and give a dollar." The event ends Saturday, which will be marked as the 16th annual World Water Day.



A man walks through the remains of a vacant three-story house on Sewell Avenue in Brookline which collapsed after being ravaged by a four-alarm fire early yesterday morning.

# Four-alarm fire rips through vacant home

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**BROOKLINE.** A four-alarm fire completely destroyed a vacant two-family home early yesterday morning on Sewell Avenue, and four firefighters were injured battling the intense blaze. It is unclear what caused the fire, which is under in-

vestigation, according to the Brookline Fire Department. The firefighters suffered minor injuries. The fire started around 3:45 a.m. at 109 Sewell Ave., a building that was being renovated. It then spread to two other neighboring structures — another vacant building and one with seven condominiums, the residents of which were evacuated. A

nearby housing complex with 120 elderly and disabled residents was also evacuated due to intense smoke in the area. But the two-and-a-half story Victorian home was a total loss, collapsing shortly after becoming engulfed in flames. "It was totally burnt to the ground," according to Veronica Roa, a Brookline fire alarm operator.

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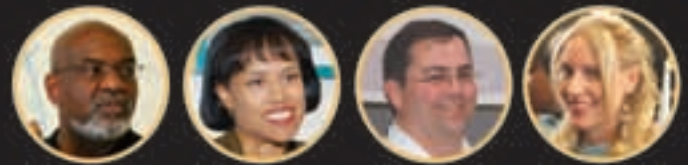
**SPRINGFIELD.** A search committee says Springfield's acting police commissioner and two police administrators with Connecticut ties are finalists for the permanent position. The committee's chairman says a fourth candidate chose to withdraw. Officials said closed-door interviews started Friday. **AP**

## Museum security director vows to pursue stolen art

**BOSTON.** The new security director at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum says he's not giving up on solving one of the biggest art heists in U.S. history. Anthony Amore tells the Boston Herald he's holding out hope the museum's \$5 million reward will

lead to the return of 13 priceless items including works by Rembrandt, Vermeer, De-gas and Manet. In 1990, two men disguised as Boston police officers walked into the museum and persuaded security guards to unlock the doors. **AP**

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