

## Five face charges after police sweep near Deering Oaks

A sweep of the neighborhood near Deering Oaks Park has netted five arrests on charges of engaging a prostitute, police said.

Lt. Russell J. Gauvin said police began efforts Friday night to rid the area of men who have been loitering.

Five men were charged with engaging a prostitute — an undercover city policewoman. The suspects, arrested in separate inci-

dents, are from Westbrook, Gorham, Saco, Yarmouth and Portland.

## 'No cruising' signs posted to deter sex solicitation

Police have begun posting "no cruising" signs on the Western Promenade, as provided for in a new city ordinance.

By the end of the week, police plan to begin enforcing the new rule, which subjects violators to minimum fines ranging from \$100 to \$500.

The new ordinance forbids motorists from driving more than three times in two hours by a point selected by police. City councilors

this year approved the ordinance, designed to stop blatant solicitation of sex partners.

The measure was adopted after Parkside and West End residents complained that motorists were soliciting.

## Police confiscate knife, charge two after fight

Two Portland men face multiple charges after a fight outside a Commercial Street nightspot.

Derrick Russo, 23, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon — a T-handled, serrated knife. Stephen Brichetto, 25, was charged with