Drug addiction: a silent and deadly problem in A-B

This is the first in a series of occasional articles on the problem of drug addiction in Allston-Brighton.

By Scott Rolph

Workers started tearing up the center of Oak Square this week. They are constructing the Oak Square Common, which organizers say will signify the rejuvenation of the area. The common will be a welcoming sign to visitors, a positive statement about the community, an emblem of its unity.

But as workers dig into the soil they'll uncover the painful truth: The community, at least a part of the community, is not moving forward. Despite the good intentions of those behind the common, there is a deep-rooted drug problem in Oak Square and in the Allston-Brighton community.

In the 1970s the park in the center of Oak Square was called "Neddy Park." It was so named because it was where addicts would deposit their needles—dirty, bent, and rusted syringe needles they'd hide in the bushes. The bushes have since been pulled up and the new common should be an artistic and spiritual addition to the square, but drug addiction is as prevalent as ever. Walk into a barroom in the square. You'll find addicts, ex-addicts, relatives of addicts, those who know or knew addicts—all who will tell you tales of cocaine and heroin addiction, which are at the same time frighteningly similar and

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At-large candidates answer poll

This week, the at-large city council candidates answered the questions we've been asking over the past few weeks. The questions asked of them are: Do you think abortion should be made illegal? Do you think flag burning should be made illegal? Do you support a ban on semi-automatic weapons? Do you support the gay rights bill currently before the Mass. state legislature? Do you support the temporary increase in the Mass. income tax? Do you support the proposal for St. Margaret's Hospital in Allston-Brighton?

We understand that these issues are complex and that yes or no answers are often insufficient to define positions; we, therefore, provided the "no comment" option.

LOCAL INTERVIEW

Council Candidate Judy Bracken

Judy Bracken is a candidate for the district 9 city council seat currently held by Brian McLaughlin. She is the former liaison to Allston-Brighton for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and a lifelong resident of the community. "I am very excited to work with the community," Bracken said. "I am very passionate about issues that affect Allston-Brighton and I am very excited to be a part of that."
Police react to Yancey drug money proposal

Police Superintendent Joseph Saia, who oversees police investigation and drug enforcement, has come out strongly opposed to a city council proposal to give money seized in drug raids to local communities instead of police. The legislation, says Saia, "would cripple us. We couldn't function anymore."

Presently, money from drug raids is divided evenly between the police and district attorney's offices for continued use in the drug war. The Boston Forfeiture Ordinance, proposed by Councilor Charles Yancey, would reduce the police share to 20% of the money and redirect 65% of it into community programs for drug treatment, crime watch, and youth activities.

Saia recognizes the value of those organizations, saying, "They're all legitimate people; they're all legitimate groups." He insists, however, that their funding should come from some source other than drug raid money. "This is the money we use for the war on drugs. . . . If we lose this money," Saia says, "you put me out of business."

Currently, according to Saia, the $240,000 which are brought in each year from drug raids are used to pay informants, maintain equipment, and make drug buys. And that money, he says, is "the only source of revenue" for those actions. "There is a question," he adds, "whether we could even use tax dollars for informants."

City Councillor Brian McLaughlin thinks that Yancey's ordinance "has a lot of merit." He feels, though, that Yancey's proposed distribution spreads the money "too thin." McLaughlin would like to see the police share increased. Presently money from drug raids is divided evenly among the police and district attorney's offices for continued use in the drug war. The Boston Forfeiture Ordinance, proposed by Councilor Charles Yancey, would reduce the police share to 20% of the money and redirect 65% of it into community programs for drug treatment, crime watch, and youth activities.

McLaughlin thinks that at least 50% of all crime is drug-related and is proud of the "tremendous headway" the Boston Police Department has made on that front. "Do you give all of this up?" he asks. "I need this money to continue the war on drugs."

Wilson a no-show at budget hearing

School Superintendent Laval Wilson failed to appear at a City Council hearing on the school department budget Monday, much to the shock and dismay of the councilors present. Councilor McLaughlin, who sits on the Ways and Means Committee, said he "was very surprised" by Wilson's absence.

According to McLaughlin, despite the dramatic school closures announced last week, the school department remains $4 million dollars over budget. "They're still in the red; they've still got a gap, here, one month into the new fiscal year." The school department budget should have been completed by July 1.

McLaughlin, among others, believes that Wilson owes the council an accounting of what funds are presently being spent and what plans exist for future spending. He assumes that personnel, preferably administrators, will still need to be laid off to bring the budget into balance. Presently the council is issuing monthly budgets to the school department. McLaughlin says that Wilson has again been directed to appear before the Committee this Thursday, and expects that this time he will show.

Wilson was unavailable for comment. —By Daniel Hurewitz

Joe Kennedy to hold office hours

Congressman Joseph Kennedy will hold office hours next Thursday, August 10, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. at the Brighton Post Office in Brighton Center. This will be an opportunity for citizens to relay any concerns or opinions they have to the congressman.
Neighbors, BU reach compromise

After nearly two-and-a-half years of discussions and negotiations, Boston University and the Allston-Brighton community have finally reached tentative agreement on the proposed Armory development. According to Tom Cashman, B.U. Vice President of Public Affairs, the community task force voted 10-2 last week to approve the major portions of the B.U. proposal, which include the construction of new dormitories and a sports arena, and the establishment of new parking sites.

The dormitories will consist of three structures, seven, thirteen, and eighteen stories high. That 18-story figure is a compromise from an originally proposed height of 22 stories. Initially, the buildings will hold 1,300 beds, but ultimately 2,200 beds will be housed. They will be shared by students, faculty and staff.

A sports arena for intramural events will also be constructed on the site. It will have 5,500 fixed seats with a capacity for 1,500 additional seats to be used during special events.

The final issue discussed, according to Cashman, was parking. The university agreed to ensure enough parking for the new housing, using land already owned by the university east of the B.U. Bridge.

Cashman believes that “everybody is fairly pleased with how things came out.”

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office in the area. Many people in the district find it difficult to get to the downtown area to see the city council. The elderly, the handicapped and people who work 9 to 5 jobs find it very hard to communicate with the council. I would be there for them.

How has Brian McLaughlin failed as the city councilor for Allston-Brighton?

You’d have to ask him. Ask the people out there. That’s public record anyone could go in and look at that. For instance, I believe Brian has been the chairperson of the education committee and I look at the school system and that hasn’t changed. I look at the dealings with the universities and that hasn’t changed. I think that a city councillor who is effective and assertive and who is fighting for the neighborhood would make those kinds of things happen. That’s what I would do as a city councillor.

Why do you want to be city councilor?

I want to be a strong advocate for the community. I like being involved with people. I like doing things for Allston-Brighton. I want to make things better for the people. I want to enact legislation that would stop the crime and drugs from coming into this area. I see more of it everyday. I want to stop it if I can. I want to work with the other councilors and mayor. I want to change school system in some way. I want to provide quality education for all the kids that go to school out here, not just for one or two schools. We’re losing many of our good people who live here and then their kids get of school age and they leave because the schools are not good enough. That’s why the demographics are changing. We have more transient people here than we do families. I’d like to turn those numbers around. One way to do that is the Boston School System.

What committees would you like to serve on in the city council?

I would like to be on the housing committee. That’s always going to be an important issue in the Allston-Brighton area. I would like to be on the education committee. The third one, if I could pick three, would be the public safety committee. I could work on the crime and drug issues that I’d like to work on. That’s so important. I think it ties in with the education committee. Without the quality education in the schools and with a drug dealer on every corner, it’s just so easy for kids to buy the drugs and to want to be grown up. We have to offer them other things and give them other choices. They look at people driving around in these nice cars and nice clothes and you say ‘you should really go work at one of these stores and make $5 an hour and that’s a great life.’ There’s got to be other choices for these kids and I want to be part of showing them that there are other choices.

Housing

What do you propose to do on the city council to insure that people won’t be driven out of Allston-Brighton by high rents?

If I knew that I’d be President of the United States, I worked very hard to put mayor’s bill through. Organized the neighborhood people to work with the tenant’s organization to make sure that the mayor’s Neighborhood Stabilization Bill [Condo Conversion Bill] would be passed finally after a couple of trials and errors at the city council. It was passed. The people who are handicapped and elderly cannot be evicted. This bill was designed to save the unifs themselves.

Con Harley has said that the economy has slowed down and it has yet to be proved whether the Condo Conversion Bill is effective. How do you see that?

It’s effective because some units cannot be turned into condominiums without going through an extensive process at the Rent Equity Board. True, the economy has slowed down and the condos are not selling and not being built like they were before.

Was Brian McLaughlin effective as pushing through the Condo Conversion Bill?

Brian voted for the bill. I worked very hard to organize the neighborhood people to come into the council hearing. I call that effective. We had to do a lot of convincing.

Would you say that he wasn’t as influential as he says?

You’d have to ask him that.

Zoning

Is the PZAC [Planning and Zoning Advisory Commission] effective?

I think it’s extremely effective.

Some of the neighborhood people whom I have spoken to feel that their neighborhood isn’t being represented on the PZAC. They feel the politics of selecting that group has left them in the cold. Would you agree?

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**Police Report...**

**Man beaten and robbed while waiting for food**

A man, who was waiting for his food outside the Dragon City Restaurant at 1583 Commonwealth Avenue on July 23 at around 1:00 p.m., was attacked and robbed by three men. The victim told police that the three men beat him up and stole his gold chain, valued at $550. The suspects are still at large. The victim received a cut over his eye, for which he sought medical attention.

On Sunday, police arrested Ryan Stephen, age 21 of Allston, for stealing golf clubs and a golf bag from a car. They received a call from the Brookline police, stating that they observed a male steal the items from a Honda parked in the rear of 1186 Commonwealth Avenue. Two Brookline officers led police to Stephen who was placed under arrest. The golfing equipment was recovered.

Police have arrested Christopher Trustell, age 23 of Norwood, for assault and battery on a police officer. Trustell was one of several partygoers at a Haskell Street in Brighton who became unruly when police told them to disperse. Two officers were called to the scene of the party around 3:50 a.m. on Sunday and tried to break up the crowd to no avail. Trustell in particular shouted, “I’m going nowhere.” When police tried to arrest Trustell he became unruly, fighting with them. Finally, they were able to subdue him, but only after he repeatedly swung wildly at police. During the struggle, Trustell received a cut on the back of his head, for which he was treated.

An employee of Buy Sell Car on Commonwealth Avenue was able to scare off two men who were trying to rob the company. He told police that the men came in and asked to rent a car. When he told them that there were no cars available, one of the suspects pulled out what appeared to be a plastic gun and demanded money. He struggled with them until they fled. Police searched the area but the two suspects are still at large.

Police arrested Jesus Rojas, age 27 of 66 Glenville Avenue, for possession of a class B substance. An officer observed Rojas on the corner of Hanover and Braintree Streets at 2:30 a.m. on July 26. When he saw the officer, he tossed a small white package over an adjacent fence. The officer found the package, which contained a white powder believed to be cocaine.

Also at the scene was Queen Evans, age 32 of Home Street, Brighton (at Lake Street). She is survived by two sons, Jermaine and Michael Evans. She was arrested for possession of a small bag containing a green herb. She was arrested for possession of a class D substance.

**Births**

CLIFFORD: Mr. and Mrs. James P. Clifford (Kathleen Lally) of Allston are pleased to announce the birth of their son, James Thomas, on June 30, 1989 at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. The maternal grandparents are Thomas and Patricia Lally of Allston.

**Obituaries**

BONNER: Sara Ori Bonner, of Brighton, died on July 31, 1989. She was survived by her parents, Stuart and Nadine Bonner, and is the sister of Simcha Chava, Shira Miriam and Matanaya Yehudit Bonner. A service for Sara was held at the Sanecky Memorial Chapel on Tuesday. Interment is in Philadelphia. Expressions of sympathy in her memory may be donated to ROEHI International, 1710 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02146 or the Jimmy Fund, c/o Dana Farber, 25 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02215.

CARROLL: Katherine L. (Weston) Carroll, of Brighton, died on July 29, 1989. She is the wife of the late Eugene W. Carroll. Mrs. Carroll is survived by her son William E. of Longmeadow and two sisters, Mabel Weston and Mrs. Louise Atkins both of Somerville. She is also survived by 2 grandchildren. A Funeral Mass for Mrs. Carroll was held on Tuesday at St. Columbkille Church. Interment is in Evergreen Cemetery.

DOWNES: Dorothy E. Downs, of Brighton, died on July 27, 1989. She is the sister of Josephine M. Fleming. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart Fund.

LAROSEE: Catherine A. (MacDonald) Larosee, formerly of Brighton, died on July 31, 1989. She is the wife of the late Albert E. Larosee. She is survived by two sons, Jeanette Fitzgibbon of Burlington, MA. Funeral will be held this morning at 9 a.m. from the McNamara Funeral Home, 460 Washington Street, Brighton (at Lake Street). A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Columbkille Church at 9 a.m. Interment is in Evergreen Cemetery.

MYERS: Bella (Golub) Myers, of Brighton, died on July 24, 1989. She is the wife of the late Marcus W. Myers, the mother Dorothy Fleischman and Stanley Myers, and the sister of Ben Golub. Mrs. Myers is also survived by 7 grandchildren: Judith Fleischman, Laura Purusha, Stephen Fleischman, Kathy Manjarrez, and Julia Sweet. She is also survived by 3 great-grandchildren. Services for Mrs. Myers will be held today at Levin Chapel, 470 Harvard Street, Brookline at 1:30.

SULLIVAN: Esther F. Sullivan, of Brighton, died on July 29, 1989. She is survived by her husband, Joseph A. Sullivan and 3 daughters, Mary E., Joanne H., and Kathleen M. Mrs. Sullivan is the granddaughter of Christine Esther Morris and the sister of Elizabeth E. Morrison, the late Sr. Marysora, R.S.M. and John V. Sullivan of Swampscott. A funeral service will be held for her on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Gerald W. Lehman Funeral Home, 569 Cambridge Street followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Columbkille Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment is in Ridgeview Cemetery.
Council Commission on Schools undemocratic

Two weeks ago the Special Commission on Public Education released its report on the Boston Public Schools. The commission, which was launched by the Boston City Council to study school problems, originally was to report to the council in one month. That changed when the short time frame allotted brought into question the city council’s motives. After all, problems as complex as the public school’s could not be studied in so short a time? Or could they?

Recently we had an opportunity to review the report. It took only a few pages worth of reading to realize that they began writing it the day the so-called “Special Commission on Public Education” was formed. In other words, this special commission business was a joke and those who supported its creation were, no doubt, the de facto authors of its report.

It is also no accident that the report reiterates a familiar theme: “Let the mayor appoint the School Committee.” That is not particularly surprising. It has been a longstanding goal of the mayor of the city of Boston to get control over the School Department. It is the one part of city government over which he has little control.

Although we are not admirers of the current school commission, which is overwhelmingly politicized, unwieldy and ineffective, it must be remembered that it is the product of a democratic system. Democracy is, in itself, a process prone to flaws. But the goals of democracy are best served if the system is modified and shaped by the electorate, not abandoned, abolished or replaced by an authoritarian system.

The voters of Boston should retain their democratic right to an elected and accountable school committee, one which is certainly smaller and most importantly, made up of persons whose primary interests are the schools and its students, but not one which is either made up of or appointed by self-serving politicians or their political friends.

Why does the City Council support an appointed school committee?

Because they say an elected school committee would always be unwieldy, inefficient, and filled with political hacks.

But the City Council is elected! Exactly their point.

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It’s unfortunate that we weren’t able to have more people on the PZAC. It’s too bad we had to stop at the number of people like Marion Allison should definitely be sitting on that group. There’s no one directly from her whole neighborhood -- Lake Street, Undine, Kelton Road -- on that group.

Do advisory boards [like the PZAC] give the neighborhood enough of a say?

I don’t know if the neighborhood people, not having the education and the expertise to look at a project as the way engineers and architects do, I think that’s why it is an advisory board. We’ll all like to see the neighborhoods have more say in what happens. One way to do that is the restructuring of the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA). I’d certainly like to work on that proposal.

Institutions

Are the institutions dealing genuinely with the neighborhood?

I think after what’s happened in the last few weeks I would tend to have my doubts about that. I worked with Harvard University with the master plan. After all the time we talked about all the construction that they were going to do, it was very disappointing to see the story come out in the paper. We talked about all the construction that they were going to do, whether I not back on the street because they’ve posted bail and there’s no room for them in the jail. I would certainly work with Kevin Homan to get that type of bill through.

Also, Councilor Yancy has a proposal that a lot of the monies that are confiscated from drug raids (go to the neighborhoods). There are a lot of different suggestions on how that money should be used. Some of it should go to the police department and if it goes to hire more police officers that would be great. Some of it should be used for drug rehab programs. Some of it should be used for the Drop-A-Dime program. If it’s divided up and used to fight the drug problem, that’s a great idea and I would certainly like to work with Councilor Yancy on that.

Campaign

One of the criticisms of Brian Mclaughlin is that he’s just not a forceful enough person, that he hasn’t gone to bat for the community. Do you agree with that?

I can only speak for myself. I would be a very assertive person. I’m happier to be associated with a mayor who has a high favorability rating. I don’t see anything wrong with that. In one of the interviews you had with the incumbent councilor, it seems to me he votes 98 percent with the way the mayor votes. I don’t see what the difference is.

How would you respond to the assertion that you’re in the “mayor’s pocket” and that on the council you would represent first and foremost the mayor’s interests?

I’ve enjoyed working for Ray Flynn very much, but I am my own person. I like to set my own agenda, which is one of the reasons I resigned my post to run for city council.

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SPORTS...

**Pipers pick up B.N.B.L. title**

By John Hoffman

With only one week remaining in regular season play, the action is heating up as Rogers Park in Brighton, as teams jostle for final playoff spots in the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League.

This past week, Pipers Return downed the Faneuil Freeze 70-56, to capture their first regular season title. The Freeze came out strong, taking a 10-6 lead as Jonathan Ace nailed two jumpers and teammate David McClaren added two lay-ups. After a time-out however, the Pipers started to take advantage down low by feeding Matt Danely (a game high 28 points) and Calvin Jones (22 points) to regain the lead at 16-14. The Pipers then used defense to slow down the feared running game of the Freeze, as substitutes John Moloney and Sammy Som made two steals a piece in a 10-4 half ending run, which gave the Pipers a 26-18 lead at the break.

The Pipers then opened the second half impressively, as Chris Burke fed Danely inside for three consecutive lay-ups. Burke recorded 12 assists in the game to earn Journal B.N.B.L. player of the week honors. By the midway point of the second stanza, the Pipers had a 16 point (46-30) lead and basically maintained that cushion throughout the rest of the contest. Everyone the Freeze would make a run, the Pipers would answer back with a burst of their own.

"We played good solid basketball tonight," said Pipers head coach Kenny Bean. "Burke was making some great passes inside to Matt and Calvin, and then Moloney came up with some big steals, it was a good team effort." The win improved the Pipers record to 11-0 and secured them the top seed in the upcoming playoffs. Most observers feel that these two squads will meet in the finals, but one team, Northside, may still have some say in the matter.

That's because earlier in the week the Northside squad pulled off a stunning upset of the Freeze 60-59, as forward Steve Bell nailed a three-pointer with just four seconds remaining to cap off the comeback win. Northside trailed the Freeze by ten points at (55-45) with just over three minutes to go, but the team of Jock Pinckney, Chris Lewis, Anthony Neil, Jay Jackson and Bell buckled down on defense to start the furious rally.

Neil and Pinckney made two steals a piece in a 10-0 run which tied the contest at 55-55 with 51 seconds left on the clock. Both teams then added a pair of free throws, but Freeze's sensational point guard Ronnie Ware nailed a long jumper with 15 seconds left to give his squad a 59-57 lead. Surely Northside would play for the tie and go into overtime, right... wrong. Pinckney swung the ball around the perimeter to Bell, and he unselfishly fired the three-point shot, swish, nothing but net. Freeze failed to call time-out and never got a last shot off, as Northside chants echoed to Fidelis Way. The win improved Northside to 7-3 on the season; Freeze is now also at 7-3.

In other action this week, the Mohan Harps downed the Cuddy Squad 46-38, as Joe "Peach" DiPietro scored 20 points for the winners. Danny Cuddy scored 18 for the losers. The Pipers crushed the Brighton Knights 127-35 as Chris Wertz of Freeze drives hard to the basket in this week's Journal B.N.B.L. action. Derek Szabu photo.

**SPORTS ANALYSIS**

**It's "Anything Goes" as Sox stumble into pennant race**

By John Hoffman

Can you believe it? There seems as though there will be a pennant race in Boston this year after all. The Red Sox moved within three games of the slumping Baltimore Orioles with a 6-4 victory Monday evening. Furthermore, to show just how much of a joke the American League East has become this year, the Sox improved their lead at 16-14. The Pipers then used defense to slow down the feared running game of the Freeze, as substitutes John Moloney and Sammy Som made two steals a piece in a 10-4 half ending run, which gave the Pipers a 26-18 lead at the break.

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In any event, Morgan's magic made appearance on Monday. With the Sox in front 6-4, the Orioles had the bases loaded and only one out. To the un-delight of the Fenway Faithful in came "Boo Hoo" from the bullpen. The crowd of 33,826 boated Stanley, and had he blown the game, probably would have been calling for Morgan's dismissal too. But Stanley got Mickey Tettleton to ground to first as a run scored (6-5 Boston) and retired Keith Moreland on a soft liner to second base.

By the time Stanley's stint was over the Red Sox were ahead 9-6, but the game might have been closer had the Orioles not committed four errors. Stanley's numbers after the game looked like this: three and two thirds innings, one walk and three strikeouts. He was the losing pitcher. Lee Smith came on to record his 14th save of the season. Now that the Sox have crept, crawled or stumbled back into third place in the East, the question remains, what do they have to do to stay in the race?

Well for starters, they can keep Jim Rice on the bench. Rice was 0 for 5 against the Orioles in game one. He has a "lofty" .227 batting average this year. However, in the rematch the Curtjorses prevailed 49-45 as Derek Randall and Francis Kilgallon had 14 points a piece. In 15 and under action, the top team remains T.C. Juice. The "Juice" cake-walked to wins over the Magics 64-46, and the Bulldogs 82-27. Atwood Brown was the high scorer in both contests with 27 against the Magics, and 25 versus the Bulldogs. Bowen is considered one of the top 15 and under players in the city of Boston and is the main reason the squad has a shot at a city title. The Jayhawks won a pair of games by downs the Hoopers 51-50, and stuffing the Magics 44-41. Joe Rufo and Joey Moran led the Jayhawks in both victories. All games are at Rogers Park in Brighton Mon. through Fri. from 9:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m.

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Marc Jordan led all scorers with 27 points, Billy Wertz scored 12 points for the Knights who are now 1-10 on the year. The Cuddy Squad and the Courjertises split two games this week, as the Cuddy's won the first battle 56-48 behind Darin Gentile's 20 points. However, in the rematch the Courjertises prevailed 49-45 as Derek Randall and Francis Kilgallon had 14 points a piece.

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**Pipers Return forward Chris Burke was named B.N.B.L. Player of the Week for his performance against the Freeze. Burke had 10 points, 12 assists, 7 rebounds, and 5 steals in the Pipers 70-56 win. Derek Szabu photo.
HOFFMAN'S SPORTS ROUND UP

Street hockey league should score big in A-B

By John Hoffman

The time is right to announce plans for the new Allston-Brighton Street Hockey League, which will hopefully have its first face off this upcoming fall. An organizer of the proposed league says he has received the backing from the Parks and Recreation Department and interest in the sport in the area is widespread.

For years, the youth of Allston-Brighton have participated in programs such as All-Brite Youth Ice Hockey. The teams from the A-B area are always very competitive and well coached; the new league is hoping to follow in the footsteps left by the Youth Hockey program. Street Hockey pick-up games in this area go back decades, when Brighton used to travel down to Hooker Park to play Allston, or when Somerville used to come up and play Fidelein Way.

The league hopes to have two age divisions, which have not been decided upon at this point. The first priority is to find quality officials to referee the games. Games will take place at both McKinney Playground and Smith Field in Allston. The league hopes to start early in September. There will be a meeting for all interested in forming a team, sponsoring a team, or anyone who wants to referee games this Friday, August 4th at McKinney Street Hockey Court at 5:30 p.m.

Steeper falls to qualify

Chris Sleeper of Brighton and the Newton Commonwealth Golf Course shot a 88 and failed to qualify for the next round in the MGA Junior Championships at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, MA on Monday. Chris had a fine season however, and should be proud of his accomplishments. Chris also participates in charity tournaments with members of the Boston Bruins hockey team.

B.N.B.L. all-stars

The Brighton Boston Neighborhood Basketball League would like to announce its 15 and 19 and under all-stars for the upcoming city-wide all-star games. Three players were selected from each division. In the 15 and under division, Atiba Bowen of J.C. Juice. Bowen leads the local B.N.B.L. in scoring with a 23 points per game average. Also selected was Bowen's teammate Shawn Dickerson who averages 12 points per game with 10 assists per contest. The third player chosen was Joe "Pino" Rufo of the Jayhawks. Rufo leads the Jayhawks in scoring and rebounding.

In the 19 and under division, from Pipers Return is center Matt Danehy. He is leading the Pipers with 20 points per contest. Also from the Pipers is the leading rebounder, Reed Fran. He is currently grabbing 15 boards per contest. Selected from the Fanueil Freeze was point guard David McLaren, who averages 16 points and 10 assists per game. Congratulations to all of these B.N.B.L. all-stars.

Ballots will soon be passed out for the local B.N.B.L. all-star team, which the league hopes to take on the Mayor's squad some time in the near future. Details will be announced in The Journal.

Quiz answer

Answer to last week's quiz question: The all-time B.N.B.L. leader in personal fouls (backs) was a tie between Hobart Harps players Mel Reed and John Tapley.

Dodgers secure 2nd in Junior Park League standings

By John Hoffman

The C&M Sports Brighton Dodgers geared up for the upcoming Junior Park League Playoffs by downing Henry's 6-3, at Rogers Park in Brighton on Monday evening. The win improved the Dodgers record to 15-6 on the season and kept them in second place, behind the Al Thomas Club of Milton, in the J.P.L. standings.

The Dodgers jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Vanise Gilardo walked and came home on a single by Bobby Scanlon. The C&M squad increased the lead to 2-0 in the second inning, as Steven Kennedy walked and Glenn Considine doubled. Meanwhile Dodgers Ace Pitcher Mike McCormack was his usual self on the mound, blowing strikes past the Henry's lineup through the first three innings.

The Dodgers scored two more runs in the fourth inning to go up 4-0, as Kennedy walked leading off, and Considine, David Murray and David Reardon all singled to boost the lead. Henry's finally got on the board with an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth inning to cut the C&M lead to 4-1, but Dodgers catcher Mark "Yackey" Mcbrady picked a runner off of second base to end the threat. In fact, Mcbrady picked off three runners in the game, one off of each base.

McCormack breezed through the fifth, striking out the side, but Henry's got two more unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth to trim the Dodgers lead to a shaky 4-3. McCormack was his usual self on the mound, striking out 11 hitters and finishing the game 5-3. It might have been worse if Dodgers Mitch Nash hadn't come up with a fine play in leftfield, as he fielded a single and threw to third base, nailing the runner. Entering the final frame the Dodgers were determined not to let the game slip away, coming up with two runs in the top of the seventh.

The inning started when Robert Najarian (3 for 3) tripled to deep leftfield. Mcbrady singled scoring Najarian to make it 5-3, and Murray then singled home Mcbrady to make it 6-3. It turned out to be all the runs McCormack would need as he struck out two of the final three hitters in the seventh. McCormack finished the game with 11 strikeouts, and none of the three runs he allowed were earned. After the game C&M Head Coach Billy Noonan talked about his team's chances in the upcoming playoffs.

"We're playing alright right now," said Noonan. "Nothing spectacular though, we have to play better defensively in the playoffs no question about it." This is the first season in the past four years that the Dodgers won't be playing the role of favorites going into the post-season. Usually the Dodgers are ahead of the pack in sole possession of first place at this point, but according to at least one Dodger, being the underdog could be an asset.

"Al Thomas has to be the favorite this season," says C&M first baseman Bobby Scanlon. "But I think being on top in the regular season puts a lot more pressure on you in the playoffs, because you're expected to win, maybe we will play better this year in this type of situation." For the Dodgers to contend for the J.P.L. championship, one thing they'll need according to coach Noonan, is pitching.

"We need to get Mike into at least two games in a five game series," said Noonan. In order to do that, Noonan explained the Dodgers have to extend each of the series to at least four games, and with pitchers such as Jimmy Laferello, David Costello and Mike Lyons, it's a good bet the Dodgers can to just that. The Journal will continue to provide coverage of the Dodgers throughout the playoffs.

C&M Sports first baseman Bobby Scanlon could help lead the Dodgers to the J.P.L. title this year.

C&M Sports Brighton Dodgers ace Mike McCormack was brilliant in the 6-3 victory over Henry's with 11 strike outs.

Derek Grado photo
Accidental Tourist - a subtle saga that's worth the trip

By F.X. Mahoney

When originally released, The Accidental Tourist quickly became the sort of film that polarized both critics and moviegoers alike. Its meandering pace and introspective style was clearly not just everyone’s cup of tea. But whether lovers or haters with few votes cast between. Whatever the case may be, none can sincerely deny this film’s warmth and singularity.

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Based on Anne Tyler's popular novel of the same title, it is essentially a one-theme story with a rambling plot that "literally" bristles with eccentric and memorable characters. It contains a performance by William Hurt so finely observed and tenderly acted that it borders on the preternatural.

Hurt plays the central character Macon Leary, a writer whose specialty is in compiling travel books for Americans with a horror for travel. He roam the world in search of soft bedspreads and adequate plumbing and considers it a major victory to have "muffied" his wife. And so the movie makes us tremble .... Unable to cope with Macon's "muffled-ness" any longer, we meet Sarah and Kathleen Turner as "accidental" divorcee-with-child who inexplicably sets her cap for Macon, who just doesn't understand any of it.

As Macon and Muriel become increasingly attracted, Director Lawrence Kasdan thoughtfully spares us of sticky movie shorthand: swoony walks along the ocean and a pirenette-with-dozens-of-balloons montage are replaced with infinitely more sublime imagery. Even Macon vacuuming up dog hairs for Muriel's hypo-allergic son suddenly becomes a bit sweeter symbol of his growing love for her and her son.

Preciosely, some time after Macon and Muriel have begun to cobitate, his estranged wife Sarah decides to reconnect. And even as we root for the Macon-Muriel liaison we recognize that new bonds are being formed: a Spirituality between Sarah and Kathleen Turner's character. And even as we root for the Macon-Muriel liaison we recognize that new bonds are being formed.

Directed by Lawrence Kasdan and costarring Kathleen Turner, drone-walking in what T.V. reporters delight in calling a "senseless murder.

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playwright makes American history his Patriotic Duty

By Anna Casey

Vets for Peace organization is holding an event in Boston next week and one of the events will be a new play by veteran Barry Brodsky.

Brodsky's plays are often political and always complex, and NPR is also planning a segment for the show. "I wanted to do something that was relevant to the current political climate," Brodsky said.

The play, "Patriotic Duty," is about the life of Smedley Butler, a former Marine who was a critic of the U.S. government and its policies. The play opens on August 3rd at the Alliance for the Arts in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

The cast includes Kevin Belanger, Charles Stein, Jonathan Niles, and Normal. The show runs for three weekends at Performance Place in Ridgewood, New Jersey. The cast of "Patriotic Duty" is phenomenal. Talented actors like Kevin Belanger, Charles Stein, Jonathan Niles, and Normal have collaborated with director Bill Brodsky to create this benefit run. Also in the cast are Battaglia, Wendi Stein, Shei Len Corman, and Brodsky's daughter Robin.

Brodsky himself was born and raised in Boston. He attended Emerson College and after serving in the Army, he returned to UMass Boston. He has worked as a community organizer for ten years. Brodsky says he "was politically engaged in the war but never felt comfortable with the organizations he was involved with. I met the Smedley Butler people. Their basic premise is non-intervention and they have helped me increase my awareness of current involvement in Central America."

"I feel his play is timely because it has already made a movie of "Oliver!" and a song that shredded the Constitution,... I want to do something about Smedley Butler who to his dying breath was trying to preserve the Constitution," Brodsky said.

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Jill Hayes hits the lucky number with "Lottery Live"

Dawn Hayes works six days a week from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Her job as a host of "Lottery Live" on WNEV-TV in Massachusetts is her full-time lottery lady. And it was a long time in coming.

Delivered in New York City and raised in Ridgewood, New Jersey, Hayes attended Emerson College in 1984 after winning a scholarship to the school. She's one of the few women in the lottery business, and she's the only one on the East Coast.

Hayes' job involves interviewing guests and reading the latest lottery numbers. She's not just a host, but also a," she says. "I want to participate in the adventures myself, to show people how they can do it too, with the help of professionals."

In the meantime, Hayes is happy doing "Lottery Live." She says the show has given her a great deal of appreciation for what TV personalities and news anchors do. "Every day, they have a bad day once in a while, but you have to do it for a living," she says.

For Hayes, the job is challenging and rewarding. "It's a great way to meet people and learn about different cultures," she says. "And it's fun to travel around the world and see what's happening in different countries."

Dawn Hayes has been host of "Lottery Live" for ten years. She says the job is a dream come true. "I never thought I'd be doing something like this, but it's been a great experience," she says.

For more information, visit WNEV-TV's website at www.wnev.com. The station is located at 750 Cambridge Street in Boston. The "Lottery Live" show airs weekdays from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. on WNEV. You can also watch it online at www.wnev.com/live.
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Publick Theatre
The theatre is located at Christian A. Herter Park on Soldier’s Field Road in Brighton. For more information about tickets or the theatre, call 720-1007.

HAPPENINGS

Brighton High Class of ’37 Reunion
On Wednesday, September 13, 1989 Brighton High Class of ’37 will hold its 52nd reunion at “Lantana” in Randolph, MA. There will be a luncheon and a get-together that will begin at 12:00 p.m. All who are interested, please call by August 16 Garmin Long (782-2413) or Bill Mahoney (332-3730).

C.P.R. Class
St. Elizabeth’s Hospital is offering a C.P.R. course on August 9 & 16 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Non-medical personnel need only attend the first class; medical personnel must attend both sessions to receive American Heart Association certification. Cost of the class is $15 and pre-registration is required. Call 789-2430 for more info.

Farmers Market
There are fresh fruit and vegetables every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the farmers market behind the Greater Boston Bank, 15 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton.

Lunar Eclipse
Boston University’s Astronomy Department invites the public to join them on August 16 to see a total lunar eclipse. In addition to the 11:36-minute long eclipse, which starts becoming visible at 9:21 p.m. and becomes total at 10:20 p.m., the Astronomy staff will point out interesting eclipse features, such as the umbra (Earth’s shadow), occultations and color hue. This program begins at 8:30 p.m. at 705 Commonwealth Avenue, (fifth floor). For more information, call 353-2650 after 5:30 on Wednesdays.

LIBRARIES

Brighton Branch Library
On Thursdays, August 1 at 10:30 a.m. there will be children’s films: Free to be You and Me. On Wednesday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a summer reading program for children. On Thursday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. the classic thriller movie, The Lady From Shanghai; at 7:30 p.m. there will be an adult book discussion: A Small Good Thing by Raymond Carver. All children are encouraged to sign up for the Summer Reading Program anytime the Brighton Branch is open.

Faneuil Branch Library
The Faneuil Branch Library offers after-school films for children every Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Preschool Story Hour is held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. There is a call with each monthly hour. Pre-registration is required. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 782-6705.

Alcott Civic Association
The Alcott Civic Association holds its monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Call 782-1857 for more information.

Brighton-Alston Improvement Association
The BAIA’s regular meeting occurs on the first Thursday each month at 8:00 p.m. at Station 14. The public is welcome.

Senior Lunch
The St. John of God Hospital’s Senior Lunch Program at 297 Alston Street in Brighton (behind the Stop & Shop), serves hot and cold lunches seven days per week at 11:30 a.m. in their private dining room. Call 277-5750 for more information. The hospital also offers seniors a free movie every Thursday, monthly birthday parties and holiday celebrations.

VA Outpatient Clinic Relocation
Veterans are reminded that the staff and services of the VA Outpatient Clinic, 14 Court Street, are being transferred to the Boston VA Medical Center, 150 South Huntington Street, Jamaica Plain on June 26. The Outpatient Dental Clinic program will be located at the Forsyth Dental Center, 140 The Fenway. These relocations are temporary. The VA expects to move the clinic into a new downtown facility in December. A shuttle service is available for those in need of transportation, running from the Court Street VA VA Outpatient Clinic to the two temporary sites. For additional information, please call the medical center at 232-9500, ext. 3913 or the dental center at 262-7457.

YOUTH

Youth Movement Carnival
On August 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Mayor’s Youth Movement will sponsor a carnival at Rogers Park for area kids. There will be entertainment and free refreshments will be served. All local youths are welcome. Also, volunteers are needed in assisting with the event. If you are interested in helping out, please call either Susan Tracy at 725-3870 or Connie Dodie at 725-3653.
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Drugs
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It distinctly unique.
To many former drug users, the future Oak Square Commons is still "Needle Park." While community leaders launch beautification projects to infuse community pride, they ignore the fact that each year the community loses a portion of its young to drugs, either through overdoses or drug-related deaths. They ignore the problem, some ex-addicts suggest, because the community as a whole—not many parents who have struggled for years with children who cannot shake the pleasurable and destructive hold of a heroin or cocaine buzz—doesn't know what to do.

Life as an addict
"A cocaine high is like nothing you've ever had before," says one former addict. "I'd rank it first, in front of heroin and then sex."

"If you are shooting coke," says another ex-addict, "it's like a wicked minute-rush. Your heart starts pounding out of your chest and you crave more.

Most kids, he continues, don't start out shooting cocaine. "It starts with a few beers and a couple joints; then in time he's snorting cocaine and if he's unlucky he's shooting heroin or cocaine." It's the old tale of peer pressure, former addicts say. It's the same thing to do. If your friends are doing it, you will.

"If you're bringing a kid up in this neighborhood," says one ex-addict, "no matter how much you shelter them there's a good chance that kid is going to be exposed to drugs."

A portion of those kids, he adds, are going to become addicts. "There are some who can shoot once or twice and put it down, but there are others who, once they try it, cannot stop."

In the '70s heroin was the drug of choice in Allston-Brighton. Now cocaine has taken over. This scares some ex-junkies. Cocaine, they say, is dangerous—deadly dangerous.

"It's instant gratification. You shoot some cocaine and you need more.... Cocaine takes control of you and makes you do things you wouldn't ordinarily do. Most of the serious crimes in the area are done by people on cocaine," said one ex-addict.

Some addicts are able to hold down a job or jump from one job to job another. But many don't work. "They survive each day by conning or stealing money to get their fix," one former addict estimates that 95 percent of the crimes in Allston-Brighton are drug-related. He used to spend between $400 and $500 per day on cocaine (about a quarter ounce) and while he was able to work, others aren't.

"When an addict gets up in the morning he has to find some way to buy his drugs. He either has to sell drugs or steal the money to buy them. That's his life.... An addict will go out all night shooting cocaine and in the morning swear they'll never do it again. But they're right back into it."

Addicts will do anything it takes to get the money. Many of them steal from their families because it's easier; they know what they can get and their families won't tell the police.

Unimpeded, this vicious daily cycle continues until the addict "dies, goes to jail or gets into a treatment center," one ex-addict noted.

Denial and enabling
For a lot of junkies, much of the problem is denial. "Everybody denies it," said one ex-junkie. "They see a kid die and they say that will never happen to me. Everybody justifies it and it's bullshit. They think it's not going to happen to them."

In the past couple years, he has had seven friends die because of drugs, and not all of them were shooting cocaine. Some were snorting it.

Many of his friends had been doing drugs consistently for ten or fifteen years. They started in their adolescence and, while many of their friends stopped, they just continued in their twenties and early thirties. It's a prolonged adolescence, said one ex-junkie. They're doing the same things they did when they were fifteen. And they're allowed to get away with it, he adds.

Some addicts live at home well into their twenties. Faced with a son or daughter who is in and out of trouble, parents have a painful dilemma: whether to stop supporting their child and hope that faced with the reality, he/she will seek help or to continue to support them and try to get them into a program.

Some parents face this dilemma. Others don't, denying that a problem exists while their son or daughter continues to take advantage of them—stealing and living and taking drugs. "For those that do face the question, it's the toughest one a parent could have to resolve. It's question of what takes more love: stick with them or let them go."

"A parent should definitely kick the kid out of the house," says one ex-addict. "The first thing you have to do is 'detach.' Let them go. It's very hard to do when it's your own child. Parents say 'I can't put them out in the street, but if they don't they're killing them.'"

Death, in one ex-junkie notes, is a very real possibility. "As far as dying, drugs are like coming across the Mass Turnpike everyday. One of these days you're going to get hit."

Impasse
While there are some addicts as young as fifteen and others as old as forty-five, the majority are in their late twenties/early thirties, notes one ex-addict. These, he says, are at an impasse.

"When you reach a certain age, say thirty, you either get serious about stopping or you die. If someone is still shooting up after their early thirties, they're going to do it until they die."

Many of these addicts never face their problem. They rush headlong and high to their deaths. Ex-addicts can list their friends who have died from drugs, many of whom never faced their problem, still sustained by an adolescent attitude of invincibility. Still others died having tried. At some point they came to recognize their problem but for one reason or another could not escape. In and out of jail and treatment centers, these addicts couldn't harness what it takes to help themselves.

This inability, says one ex-addict, is understandable. He explains that when a thirty-year-old has been taking drugs for fifteen years, they have been stuck in adolescence. Their life has been drugs. Even if they tried to stop, it is often just too traumatic to suddenly stop and face adulthood without having completed the cycle of adolescence.

"One of the reasons why people don't recover is because they project into the future," he explains. "They look at the big picture of life and it overwhelms them. It's like being a little kid the first day of school: you're afraid. All they have to do is look back and they see what they know, what is familiar drugs.

Next: What it takes to stop and available programs.