Nursing a grievance

By Linda Rosencrance

Employees of the Union Square Nursing Center (USNC) have voted to stage an informational picket to express displeasure with management’s failure to discuss overdue raises, according to a union official.

Last Friday, workers at the home voted 42-1 to approve the action, which will take place in front of the USNC on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

“The management of HCR (Healthcare Retirement Corp.), the home’s parent company, has failed to give us any answer on raises due us [union employees] in July,” said Ashley Adams, organizer for the Local 285 Service Employees International Union. “In fact, they said they weren’t even prepared to discuss those raises. We just don’t think they’re negotiating in good faith.”

Employees and management have been locking horns since last summer when workers voted to establish a union to protest allegedly poor working conditions at the home, located at 533 Cambridge St.

HCR officials appealed the results of the June vote to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), but when the NLRB dismissed the appeal without a hearing, the employer also appealed that decision to the full labor board in Washington.

“This appeal process could have really stalled things,” said union steward Ashley Adams.

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Orchard Rd. bldg. on block

By Linda Rosencrance

The foreclosure and subsequent auction of two of the three units of an Orchard Road building have state and city officials pondering the possibility of turning the condominiums into an owner-occupied three-family dwelling.

“I would like to see the building at 40 Orchard Road purchased as a single building, not condominiums, and sold to someone, preferably from the community, who will fix it up and live there,” said state Rep. Marc Draisen.

Recently Draisen had joined forces with officials from several city departments including the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services, Inspectional Services, and the Fire and Police Departments, to ensure that numerous health, safety and nuisance violations at that building, as well as at 42 Orchard Rd., were rectified.

Over the past year the two Orchard Road buildings have been written up for over 600 Code Enforcement violations, including an overflowing dumpster and trash piled up on the premises. Although some of the violations have been corrected, some remain outstanding because ownership of the buildings flips almost monthly.

After an Oct. 10 inspection uncovered more violations, the Mayor’s office and Draisen referred both buildings to State Banking Commissioner Michael Hanson to investigate the possibility that these buildings are part of alleged land flips in the area chronicled in the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald.

According to Draisen, who attended the auction to guard against such flips, unit two at 40 Orchard Rd., was purchased, at a loss, by the original mortgage holder, Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association), a private, federally chartered corporation, which purchases mortgages from banks — the secondary market — in order to encourage banks to give more mortgages.

Unit three was also purchased, at a loss, by its original mortgage holder, Commonwealth Mortgage. Both units, which were unoccupied, had been owned by Peter Sesen of Brookline.

Draisen said he would like to sit down with both mortgage holders as well as the owner of unit one, which is occupied by two college students, and work out an agreement that would benefit the community.

“Fannie Mae, at least, because it is publicly chartered, ought to have as one of its objectives the improvement of this neighborhood,” Draisen said.

Stephen Montgomery of Neighborhood Services said it is also important to determine whether the current mortgage holders are responsible for rectifying the code violations before the building is sold.

Draisen said the situation at 42 Orchard Rd. remains on hold until the building’s owner can be located. “Mr. O’Laughlin has disconnected his phone and has not been around to collect the rent in several months,” Draisen noted.

MWRA to cough up dough

Pressure from communities forces MWRA to open coffers for renovations of Chestnut Hill Pumping Station

By Linda Rosencrance

The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) has succumbed to pressure from state legislators as well as members of the Allston-Brighton, Newton and Brookline communities, and agreed to provide

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IN THE NEWS

Clubbing with Dapper O'Neil
City Councilor Albert O'Neil holds court at inaugural meeting of the Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church Men's Club

By Jamie Klayman

Boston City Councilor Albert “Dapper” O’Neil served as the inaugural speaker for the new Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church Men’s Club, Thursday evening. After a welcome from members of the group’s steering committee, Councilor O’Neil shared a variety of opinions and “interjections of humor” with the Men’s Club gathering. Subjects covered ranged from voter turnout, the current state of education, and prison overcrowding.

Not afraid to tackle the controversial, O’Neil held nothing back including his stance against affirmative action which he characterized as “the touchiest subject ever brought out.”

“Please hear me out,” he continued. “I’m controversial and I’m not gonna change. I’ll tell you why; I’m in love with this country.” O’Neil fielded questions, including a response to previous charges of racism leveled against him. “I’m not a racist,” he declared. “I’d be with anyone if I thought it was honest and on the line.”

O’Neil was successful in getting his message across.

Making a point: Dapper O’Neil waxes vehemently about one of his pet peeves while holding court at BECC Men’s Club.

Derek Szabo photo

“Id this country better stop playing Santa Claus to the whole world and take care of our own,” he said.

The message seemed to echo the sentiment behind the group’s cause and purpose. The Men’s Club is intended to provide the men of the parish and surrounding community an opportunity to share cultural and civic occasions.

The group plans to offer assistance and sponsor a variety of projects including the Parish Food Pantry and Annual Children’s Christmas party. Many issues have yet to be resolved including whether women will be allowed to participate in the group’s events. At least for now the women of the parish are left down in the basement to participate in an aerobics class that was reduced to a mummur in the night by O’Neil’s animated address.

Which shouldn’t bother the colorful councilor one iota.

“I could care less what people think of me. I know what I do — I top tickets,” said O’Neil, who indeed, yet again, topped the at-large City Council election ticket, only a few weeks ago.

HONORABLE AREA STUDENTS

Four students, from Brighton, who attend Catholic Memorial High School, have been named to the Honor Roll for the first marking period: Brian Coyle, Grade 9 (first honors); Donato Fabrizio, Grade 10 (first honors); Thomas Gallagher, Grade 10 (second honors); Teddy Kakridas, Grade 11 (second honors). Continued on page 13
Something's cookin'

Along with Great Scotts, long-time Grecian Yearning waitress Brenda Augustinos will make this Thanksgiving a more fulfilling one for area homeless

By Linda Rosencrance

Thanks to the efforts of one caring woman, Thanksgiving will be a special day for many area homeless and elderly.

Last week, Brighton resident Brenda Augustinos launched a campaign to provide a homemade dinner for the "alley people" and elderly who otherwise would be alone on this traditional American holiday.

"It all started when a group of us were sitting around at Great Scotts after work last week. The talk turned to Thanksgiving and the fact that the homeless and some elderly would be alone that day," Augustinos said.

I mentioned that some years ago I had done some cooking for the homeless and I would be willing to cook again this year," she said. "And before I knew it other people were volunteering to donate food or money to help feed these people who had no place else to go."

Augustino, a waitress at The Grecian Yearning restaurant, 174 Harvard Ave., said, "The only thing left was to find a place to have the dinner and the owner of Great Scott, Frank Stremk, said we could use his establishment to hold the dinner. Bobby Hess, one of the bartenders even volunteered to come in on his day off and help out," she said.

Augustino added that Barry Vogel, of Growers Fruit Inc., on Harvard Ave., agreed to donate all the fruits and vegetables and Nick Katsarikas, owner of The Grecian Yearning, was donating various pies and desserts.

"Everybody seems to be getting involved, even Patry Supreme and Eagerman's Bakery in Brookline are donating food items," Augustino said. "I'll do all the cooking at my house, with help from a lot of caring people. This is a great story of how community people come together to help each other."

The dinner is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day, at Great Scott, 1222 Commonwealth Ave.

"We're hoping to feed about 100-150 people — homeless and elderly, anyone who would otherwise be alone on Thanksgiving," Augustino said. "Thanksgiving isn't a religious holiday, it's a traditional American holiday and everyone should have someone to celebrate it with," she said.
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**CLASS PEOPLE**

Rif and read: Jackson Mann second graders read Joe Kennedy well

By Linda Rosencrance

Welcome to the first installment of CLASS People, a bi-weekly column devoted specifically to public and private school news. But, before beginning this week's column, I'd like to ask for some help in developing story ideas. Because I don't always have the time to find out what's happening in every Allston-Brighton school, I would appreciate any tips from you — parents, teachers, administrators and children. Let me know what's going on. Call me at 254-1442, fax me at 254-5081 or write me in care of this newspaper and tell me about your school's news.

Today, I'd like to tell you about Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy's visit to Janet Egan's second grade class at the Jackson Mann Community School. Kennedy's visit to the school was part of this year's Salute to RIF (Reading is Fundamental), a national non-profit organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C., dedicated to literacy in America.

Last year RIF commemorated the first anniversary of the New Age Role Models and Friends—a program that saw nearly 1,000 celebrity volunteers read to children in Massachusetts schools. Again this year celebrities, athletes and other professionals participated in the program by visiting.

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ON THE HILL

John Nucci's Boston
The newly elected city councilor talks of his past and the City's future

By Mae M. Cheng

Leaning back on the chair in his friend’s downtown office with his legs crossed and a confident air, one of Boston’s newest city councilors, John Nucci, began to reminisce about his lifelong role model, his father. “My dad was hard-working, decent, and tough. He was the perfect combination of toughness and compassion, and that’s what you need in politics,” he said.

Nucci was born in East Boston (and still resides there) to a middle-income family. Being the only child in the family, he developed a strong bond with his parents.

Nucci’s mother was a housewife and his father, who passed away five years ago, was a machinist at General Electric. Through his family and friends, Nucci has seen a lot of hardships.

“I’ve seen my friends and relatives out of work and struggling to survive. I try to remember the helping hand that government can provide. It sometimes means the difference between life and death,” he said.

“It’s rewarding to me to help people. I’ll probably never make it rich, but at least I’ll feel good,” Nucci said.

At the age of 39, Nucci already has accomplished much. A graduate of Boston Latin High School and Boston College, he later received a master’s degree in public administration from Suffolk University.

For the last 20 years, Nucci has been employed at ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development), Boston’s anti-poverty, human services agency, where he dealt with a wide range of issues, from those affecting low and moderate-income families to services for the elderly.

In 1983, Nucci was elected a District 1 school committee member, where he served two terms. And in 1987, he successfully ran for at-large school committee member. There, he served an unprecedented four consecutive terms.

Nucci has been involved with the Boston education system in other ways as well. His wife is a special education teacher at the Barnes School, and two of his three sons are attending Bradley, a public school.

In 1989, because of a computer glitch in tabulating the votes when he first ran for city council member, Nucci was announced the winner, only to be later told that he had lost the seat by 704 votes.

Although everyone is a distant second when compared to his father, Nucci admitted that politically, he admired Robert Kennedy most. “Robert Kennedy was the perfect blend of ruthlessness and compassion. And you need ruthlessness to help those in need,” he said.

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I promised the kids I’d put all of their names in this column so here goes: Tyra Andrews, Quantae Byrd, Barbara Diaz, Ulysses Fisher, Sotthea Hem, Rainshedd Hughes, Tracey Layton, Sibongile Mack-Williams, June Mendez, James Mendoua, April Moment, Gerald Perkins, Beaulah Russell, Ana Silva, Floyd Thompson, Angel Tirado, Alanna Wong.
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SCREEN PEAKS

Ma (Diane Ladd) and Pa (Robert Duval) share a chuckle in Rambling Rose. At the Copley Place.

Barton Fink *** ... The Coen brothers bore the brunt of Spike Lee's brickbats after the diminutive filmmaker's Jungle Fever was brushed off at Cannes by the Coens' Barton Fink, which walked away with the Cannes' spoils. The Spikeene might have had a point. There really isn't much to the Coen's Fink, which is mostly stylish and airiness, with little substance. Maybe, it's supposed to be. If so, the film's a trip. Go figure. What there is of it revolves around John Turturro, who plays a Big Apple playwright (Fink) with writer's block. Lured to Tinsel Town with the notion of regaining his quill, Turturro is instead confronted by flights of fancy and John Goodman, a beefy salesman who lives next door to Turturro in the hotel where he's holed up. O.K., so it's not Jungle Fever, but that doesn't mean it's not good. And it's certainly not boring despite and because of Fink's flights of fancy.
Rated R at the Copley Place.

The Butcher's Wife ** ... When Demi Moore isn't being The Butcher's Wife, she's just a homespun, country clairvoyant conjuring up spells that improve just about everyone's equal­ity of life. Except, that is, the neighborhood shrink (Jeff Daniels), who, despite a hankering for the psychic, is in more need of a place for the turbulent tummy he's gotten from her good-intentioned meddling with his girlfriend (Margaret Colin). Don't worry, though — you won't get an upset stomach if you see this film; then again, you won't get many laughs, either. It's simply a cute movie with a sexy, barefoot Demi Moore. And she's not pregnant in it.
Rated PG-13 at the Copley Place and suburban theaters.

Dead Again *** 1/2 ... Make no mistake about it, Dead Again is first and foremost an entertaining movie buoyed by thechar­ismtic performances of its ensemble cast. No one will ever ascribe to it the term "logical" simply because it is not. Try picking out all the dizzying loose ends and inconsistencies and you'll wind up stuck in the theater until Kevin Branagh (its star and director) decides to make another movie. This is his second movie; his first — Henry V — was made in 1989.
It really doesn't matter in this tale of a woman with amnesia (Emma Thompson) who turns to a Tinsel Town gumshoe Mike Church (Branagh) to help her find herself. It does get more than a tad convo­luated, at times, with notions of reincarna­tion and murder and parallel tales but it's all worth it, making Dead Again a must­see and helping it escape a fate of being called just another tale about reincarna­tion.
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Delicious** ... When he was on TV's wackiest and sharpest comedy-reper­atory
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show SCTV (with Marin Short, Rick Moranis et al), there was something about John Candy that stood out. And it wasn't his stomach. He filled up the screen — and it wasn't with his girth. The guy had presence. The quality, it seems, has been invented. It's a matter of style, and the style of the character will never wither. It's a matter of style, and the style of the character will never wither.

Ernest Scared Stupid * ... A troll turns kids into these little wooden dolls and Ernest (Jim Varney) with the aid of Eartha Kitt goes about trying to rescue them. The movie has as much to do with humor as the Senate Judiciary Committee has to do with honor. Rated PG as the Copley Place and suburban theaters.

**Screen Peeks**

"Laverne and Shirley" Marshall, tries to get John Candy to look at Al Pacino (he's a short order cook) and Michelle Pfeiffer (she's a waitress) as the hungry-for-love duo. And sometimes it even works. More often than not, it doesn't and you find yourself imagining how Penny Marshall and Cindy Williams might have fared in the roles. Rated R at the Cheri and suburban theaters.

**Highlander 2:** The Quickening *1/2 ... Even the legendary charm of Sean Connery fails to revive this schlock-quel. In the original Highlander, released in '85, Connery played a Spanish conquistador (Ramirez), who was given the gift of immortality, while Christopher Lambert, in the lead, played MacLeod, a Scot who was also picked for immortality. Death could only come from decapitation. It was only as simple to prevent sequels of such films from being made. In a word, Highlander 2's a mess. Now, it seems Connery and Lambert's characters were really from another planet, Zeist, and they were exiled to Earth because of revolutionary inclinations. O.K. And, then, there's the matter of a little shield Lambert/MacLeod has invented to protect the Earth from a ravaged ozone layer. The shield, it seems, has been seized by an unsavory lot. Well, if all this sounds like it's to your taste, then go ahead and lose your head over this. If not, then at least your wisdom, if not your body, will never wither. Rated R at the Copley Place and suburban theaters.

**Homicide *** ... Anything with Joe Mantegna in it is usually worth watching. And David Mamet's Homicide, about an investigation into the murder of an old Jewish woman, is no exception. Mantegna's hard-edged, suave, Jewish cop characterization, while not his

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best work (due more to the way the character is drawn than the actor's effort), is still fascinating to look at. Rated R at the Nickleodeon, the Circle and suburban theaters.

Little Man Tate *** ... Jodie Foster's directorial debut (she also stars) — and the twenty something Hollywood vet acquires with a sweet, sometimes amusing, but ultimately unexceptional, tale of a young genius's loneliness. Adam Hamm-Byrd makes all the right moves as Fred Tate, the kid genius. Foster isn't as sure-footed as his tough-talking, but gold-hearted, street-wise mom. Maybe the Jerry Lewis syndrome (directing and starring) got to her. Imagine if she'd do-scripted. The always interesting Dianne Wiest is predictably interesting as a world-renowned child psychologist who engages in a tug-of-war with Foster for the boy genius's heart and mind. Rated PG at the Cheri and suburban theaters.

The Pope Must Die *** ... Pope Dave (Robbie Coltrane) gets to be the big cheese at the Vatican thanks to a clerical mistake in this so-so send-up of the Catholic hierarchy. What's an even bigger mistake is his stumbling on to the actor's effort), is still fascinating to look at. Rated R at the Circle and suburban theaters.

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Suburban Commando ***
... This is fun — albeit of the mindless variety. Starring the World Wrestling Federation champion Hulk Hogan as extraterrestrial chumpette/good guy/warrior Shep, this, which stops off at our little planet for some R & R. Posed as a rather large Frenchman, the Hulkster winds up having to fend off some nasty intergalactic bounty hunters (Mark Cusak) better known as The Undertaker to all the Saturday morning TV wrestling fans in one of them — as well as his arch-enemy General Suits (William Balf). Rated PG at the Copley Place, the Circle and suburban theaters.

The Terminator 2: Judgment Day *** 1/2 ... A kinder and gentler Arnold. Can you believe it? The muscle-bound Republican as a good Terminator? Well, believe it because if you do, you’ll be disappointed because all you get is a goofy Andrew McCarthy playing an American journalist, who becomes a target when he unwittingly gets mixed up with the Red Brigade while at work in Italy. His co-stars, including the irresistible Sharon Stone (Total Recall), don’t help with performances that couldn’t cut it in community theater. Rated R at the Charles, the Circle and suburban theaters.

Year of the Gun ** ... Don’t expect miracles with director John Frankenheimer’s latest. If you do, you’ll be disappointed because all you get is a goofy Andrew McCarthy playing an American journalist, who becomes a target when he unwittingly gets mixed up with the Red Brigade while at work in Italy. His co-stars, including the irresistible Sharon Stone (Total Recall), don’t help with performances that couldn’t cut it in community theater. Rated R at the Charles, the Circle and suburban theaters.

Kevin Costner dances with clues as attorney Jim Garrison investigating the JFK assassination in JFK. Opening soon

Toss of the movie, Arnie’s Terminator (You see, the kid who’s grown into a wise-guy/guy/good Terminator/Terminator 2: Judgment Day, the $80 million dollar sequel to his 1984 sci-fi classic and mega-hit, The Terminator, which cost just $56 mil and some change. What he doesn’t seem to serve up is a movie that’s as good as the original. Not even close. In the original, Arnold’s Terminator was out for blood. Human blood. Linda Hamilton’s blood. She played Sarah Connor, the mother-to-be of a son destined to lead a revolution against human-hating cyborgs out to destroy humanity in the year 2029. But Arnie failed thanks to Hamilton and visions of profit-dripping sequels. And now he’s back as a good guy/Terminator to protect Sarah’s kid who’s grown into a wise-guy/Terminator. By the end of the movie, Arnie’s Terminator has become Hymie the Robot (You see, the kid made the big guy promise he wouldn’t kill anyone). And the movie’s been reduced to just another slam-ham-thank you-special-effects-man-blur. What’s more, there are enough loopholes in the script to make scifi-fans re- treating to watch reruns of Last In Space for comfort. But why quibble over trifles when Hollywood’s already talking about Terminator 3. Maybe, next time, the producers might really stretch the film’s credibility by making Arnold a Democrat, Rated R for Republican as a good Terminator? Well, believe it because if you do, you’ll be disappointed because all you get is a goofy Andrew McCarthy playing an American journalist, who becomes a target when he unwittingly gets mixed up with the Red Brigade while at work in Italy. His co-stars, including the irresistible Sharon Stone (Total Recall), don’t help with performances that couldn’t cut it in community theater. Rated R at the Charles, the Circle and suburban theaters.

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By Deanna Gugel

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1-1/2 lbs. turkey, cut into about 1-inch-wide strips
16 oz. egg noodles
1 cup dry white wine

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Heat 2 T butter and 2 T vegetable oil in a large skillet. Add onions and cook until they are browned. Pour in wine and chicken broth, and bring to a boil over high heat for about five minutes. Spoon in flour and cream, and mix well. Sprinkle with dried mixed herbs and cook for about 15 minutes, or until the sauce is thick and the food is completely heated, at least 15 minutes. Turn down the heat to medium or low to prevent the sauce from burning. If you boiled off too much liquid to adequately cover the noodles and turkey, add more chicken broth and wine, in equal proportions, until the main ingredients are lightly covered.

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Nucci's plan of attack

Nucci said, as city councilor, he would concentrate his efforts on three areas: issues concerning jobs and economic development, crime and public safety, and public education. He said that he wants to see the council help revitalize neighborhood business districts. "We need to help small businesses stay in business. That's where the focus has to begin," Nucci said.

On the issues of crime and public safety, Nucci said that he strongly supports the Boston Police Department. He said, "Crime is raging out of control in some neighborhoods and that has nothing to do with the police." He added that he would like to increase the number and visibility of police on the streets of Boston. Nucci also opposes having a civilian review board.

Nucci believes in the radical reform of public education in Boston. "I don't think we ask our schools to do enough," he said. He wants the schools to not only be sources of learning for the students but also centers providing social services to the kids. Nucci believes that schools should be able to provide health care, drug and family counseling, and nutritional services. "We have to get at the barriers to learning. Crime, drugs, poverty, and economic turmoil prevents students from learning," he said.

Nucci acknowledges that these issues are hard to combat, especially with the economic woes of both the city and the state. "We have to focus on eliminating every ounce of waste in the city budget, but realistically, that may not be enough," he said.

Two of Nucci's proposals for raising more revenues for Boston are eliminating the tax exempt privileges certain institutions currently have and initiating commuter taxes. "These are not preferable options, but we've got to start an intelligent approach to raise money," Nucci said.

Nucci said that he has no intention presently to run for mayor or governor in the near future, but he admitted that if the opportunity ever presented itself, he would consider it. "Being a councilman is something new, a new challenge," he said.

Nucci said that his biggest gripe with the council is that it hasn't been independent enough of the mayor.

If it weren't for the few strands of gray hair above his ears, one would never guess that Nucci was approaching his forties. He said "he tries to run or exercise daily. "It's good mental therapy," said Nucci, who also confessed to being a basketball enthusiast.

Nucci said he was unable to pinpoint one overriding achievement in his political career. Instead, he said, "Life is a collection of failures and achievements. We must try to repeat our achievements and learn from our failures."
Student Honors

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To attain first honors, a student must average 89.5 or better with no grade below 80. Second honors is achieved by averaging 84.5 to 89.4 with no grade below 75.

More honors for area students

Victor Ng, 75 Gordon St, Allston, and Philip J. Joyce, 43 Eima St, Brighton, were among 15 new members inducted into the Father Louis Rinaldi Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) at Don Bosco Technical High School in Boston. To be named to the society, students must maintain a cumulative average of 85, be involved in service to the school and community, volunteer 30 hours, have a school service project and display good leadership and character.

Current members of NHS include Kevin M . Beaton, 47 Waverly St., Brighton, James J. Cannichael, 15 Bayard St. and Keith T. Kearney, 28 Aldie St., both of Allston.

Just the two of them: Political foes Brian McLaughlin and Con Hurley strike a rare harmonious note with each other at recent St. Anthony's concert.

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Trolley track issue won’t go away

The tally to date has been overwhelming. Who would have thought the question of keeping or disposing of the trolley tracks, which stretch from Watertown Square to Packard Square in Allston would generate so much feedback? It has.

So far, in just three weeks since posing the question, we have received 102 letters from you, our readers, concerning the unused trolley tracks. Citing safety concerns, 71 readers have voted for the removal of the tracks, while 31 have voted to keep the tracks.

It’s an issue that refuses to die. And with good reason. The tracks, as they sit, are dangerous — dangerous to motorists, dangerous to bicyclists, dangerous to pedestrians. Simply put, the tracks just don’t sit well with us, and it would seem, by the count thus far, with you, our readers as well.

The tracks must go. There isn’t one good reason to keep them, unless you’d like to see more accidents resulting from their presence. The sooner the tracks go, the better off we’ll all be, and the healthier we’ll stay. Until, then, we will continue to tally your votes with periodic updates as to the count.

Remove the tracks

To the editor:

I wish to thank the Allston-Brighton community for the many kindnesses extended to me during my campaign for Boston City Council. For the thousands of citizens who heard and responded to our message and for those who did not, we can all agree that it is the public dialogue on issues of major concern that leads to progress.

To Councilor McLaughlin, my congratulations on his victory. The road ahead for the city and the state will not be an easy one. Our elected officials will need to draw upon their own strengths and resourcefulness and that of their constituents. I know the citizens of Allston-Brighton, regardless of the candidates for whom they cast their ballot, will be rooting for Councilor McLaughlin and his colleagues as they grapple with the difficult issues facing our city.

It is a privilege to have visited with you on your doorsteps and in your living rooms. I enjoy the remembrances of those visits and treasure the many friendships that have formed.

Con Hurley

McLaughlin thanks community for support

To the editor:

I want to thank the residents of Allston-Brighton for electing me as their city councilor on Nov. 5. I am grateful for your continuing support and will work during the next two years to promote and protect our community.

When I launched my campaign in June, I outlined an agenda of issues that I would highlight during the coming months, and I maintained this positive tone throughout the campaign. As always, the time and money donated by many local volunteers was a crucial element of my success.

Advancing on the issues of real concern to our neighborhood is not always easy, but I will continue to work with all residents to accomplish our goal of making Allston-Brighton a better community.

Again, thank you.

Brian McLaughlin
City Councilor

Remove the tracks II

To the editor:

I am adamantly opposed to the existing trolley car tracks. They are definitely not in keeping with the 1990s. I have ridden the MBTA trolley from Watertown Square to Allston and beyond. Taking the tracks down from Washington Street, for the past 35 years, I have looked out of my window (and have seen) a child thrown through a car, people on bicycles lying on the tracks, bleeding, broken arms and legs, smashed windows— not being my own.

I had also witnessed my son falling on the tracks while trying to cross the street. He was almost run over. I am a senior citizen and find the tracks hazardous for the pedestrians as well.

I remember when the old trolleys were running in Brighton. They were responsible for excess noise all during the day and night. Also, the trolley riders were subjected to many accidents from cars as they departed the trolley in the middle of the road.

As mentioned, I’m a senior citizen and don’t mind a bit if I have to change buses at Kenmore Square. Brighton ought to make more use of the 301 Tumpkine Bus; perhaps it could run more often.

I further wish to state that a vote was taken about 4 or 5 years ago regarding the removal of the tracks. I believe the vote at the time was 2 to 1 for the removal of the tracks. The figures should be on record. I followed this vote and know for a fact that the above is accurate.

In closing, if and when the car tracks will be removed, Brighton will rid itself of “Murderers Alley.”

Ruth Krauss
Brighton

Keeping track

To the editor:

A few points I would like to make regarding the trolley tracks in Brighton:

1. It seems to me that most of the accidents involving the trolley tracks are the result of multiple causes, including excessive speed, poor driving skills and habits, and extremely poor judgment on the part of some drivers.

2. From an environmental standpoint, wouldn’t the trolley be cleaner and more energy efficient and pollution free? Have you ever been trapped in traffic behind one of those noxious, fume-spewing gas-guzzling buses?

3. Wouldn’t it be common sense to at least have a limited number of tracks for those visits and treasure the many friendships that have formed.

Con Hurley

R.H. Murphy
Brighton

Letters to the Editor

Send to
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If you’d like to see the trolley tracks, extending from Watertown Square to Packard Square in Allston, removed, please check the box beside yes. If you feel the tracks should remain, check the box beside no. Then cut this out and send it and a brief note explaining the reasons for your choice to the Journal, 119 Braintree St., Allston, MA 02134.
Announcements

Ice skating classes
Registration for ice skating classes at MDC Ice Skating Rinks will be held the week of Nov. 10. Lessons for children and adults; beginner and intermediate levels; figure and hockey skates. Fee for children: $59; for adult: $70. Both fees include admission, lesson and practice. For rink location in your area and specific registration times, call Bay State Ice Skating School at 965-4460.

Area skating rinks open
The Brighton Daly MDC Rink and the Cleveland Circle Reilly MDC Rink are open for the season. Public skating hours at the Daly Rink are: Mon.-Fri., from 9 a.m. to noon; Mondays, 8-10 p.m.; Fridays, 7-9 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 2-5 p.m.; Sundays, 7-9 p.m. The hours at the Reilly Rink are: Mon.-Fri., from 9 a.m. to noon; Fridays, 7-9 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 2-4 p.m. Ice skating classes are taught by the Bay State Ice Skating School for boys and girls, ages 5 and up and adults. Lessons begin in late November. The 7-week series is $39 for children, $70 for adults. Call the Bay State Ice Skating School at 965-4460 for information.

Brighton-Allston Historical Society
The fall meeting of the Society has been rescheduled to Thursday (night), Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Brighton Congregational Church, 404 Washington St., Brighton Center. The program will feature "John Eliot: Apostle to the Indians" by Richard Heath.

Home for Little Wanderers' 1992 calendar
The New England Home for Little Wanderers' 1992 Calendar of Children's Art, a Boston tradition, is the perfect gift for friends, family, co-workers—anyone for that matter. Give a gift that really lasts year-round and one that helps hundreds of troubled children and families of The New England Home. Each month features a full-color work of art by a child at The New England Home. Calendars are $8 each (for orders of 10 or more, $5 each). For more information, call Zella at (617) 783-7070, ext. 227, or send your check, name and address to The New England Home for Little Wanderers, 20 Linden St., Boston, MA 02134.

Donate blood at St. Elizabeth's
The blood donor program at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 736 Cambridge St., Brighton, is seeking donors for its blood donor program. St. E.'s blood donor program follows all FDA guidelines and screening requirements. To make an appointment or for more information, call the donor program at 789-2590. The donor program is located on the ground floor of the Physician's Residence Building on the hospital campus.

Spaulding Child Care Center Food Program
The Center announces its participation in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals are available to participating children at no separate charge without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age or handicap.

What's happening at the Jackson/Mann Community Center
Fall classes: space is available for Wang Word Processing, Ceramics, Car parts, Gymnastics, and Karate. Sign-up: at Community Center's office, 500 Cambridge St., Allston or call 635-5157.

Pre-school: now accepting 3-year-olds. Fill out an application at the Community Center, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Bill Ronson at 635-5157.

Fanueil Afterschool Program: There's still time to enroll your child in the Fanueil Afterschool & Tutorial Program. Ages, 6-13. Call Shirley Hanna at 783-5537, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Girls Center: Jackson/Mann Girls' Center, 32 Rugg Rd. in Allston, is recruiting girls, 12-14, for a variety of activities after school and occasionally weekends. Contact Louise Sowers at 635-5157 for more info.

Scene from the weekend's fifth annual Rugg Road Arts District Open Studio

Oak Square Senior Club
Bus trip to Daytona Beach, Florida (options to Miami Beach): departure, Feb. 15, 1992; return, Feb. 29, 1992. For more information: contact Mary Fox, Oak Square Senior Club president at (617) 254-3638.

Senior Center issuing MIBTA passes
The Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center will be issuing MIBTA passes for those seniors 65 years or older on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Those applying need to bring proof of age (birth certificate driver's license, baptismal certificate, passport of citizenship papers) and proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill or library card). There will be a $5 charge.

Christmas Cambridge Christmas Fair
The Chrish Church Cambridge, in Harvard Square, is seeking artists for its Christmas Fair. If interested, please call 924-2183 and leave name, address, and type of artwork.

Auditions

Int'l Women's Day Video Festival
Women performers, musicians, dancers, performance artists, poets representing many cultures are needed for the 1992 International Women's Day Video Festival. Auditions will be held Sat., Nov. 23 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Allston Congregational Church, 41 Quint Ave., Allston and Sat., Dec. 7 from noon-6 p.m. at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, 42 Beattle St., Cambridge. The Festival is cablecast from Boston area cable TV stations and may be simulcast nationwide via deep dish TV. The Festival's theme, this year, is Women and Discovery.

Classes

Sign Language
The Mass. State Association of the Deaf will be offering beginner and intermediate levels of American Sign Language classes starting the week of Jan. 13. The classes will meet once a week at a location in Allston and Brighton from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The classes will run for 10 weeks. Further information may be obtained by calling 254-2776 (voice) or 254-2955 (TTY for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing).

YMCA of Greater Boston
• English as a Second Language classes are offered at the Huntington Ave. location. The next classes begin, Nov. 18. Registration is Nov. 12-14. There are five weeks of classes; four levels (beginner to advanced); morning, afternoon, evening and Saturday classes. Prices: 5 hours per week cost $60; 10 hours per week cost $120; Saturday class costs $45.

Location: YMCA Building at 316 Huntington Ave. near Northeastern University.
• Two computer classes start in November at the YMCA of Greater Boston. A Beginning Computer Class (no experience necessary) begins, Nov. 18. The class will deal with word processing, data bases and spreadsheets. The length of the course is 5 weeks; it will be held, Monday and Wednesday of the week, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Cost is $70. An Intermediate Computer Class dealing with the basics of Lotus 1-2-3 and Wordperfect begins, Nov. 23, running five weeks, Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is $110. Further information may be obtained by calling David R. Norman at 536-7800 x240.

Events

Victoria's Choice sponsors 'Toys for Tots'
Sunday, Dec. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Victoria's Choice, a unisex hair salon at 270 B Parsons St. in Brighton, will donate all proceeds from its $8 haircuts and $8 manicures to "Toys for Tots," a Marine Corp Reserve Program which reaches less fortunate children in the local area during the holidays. Help support the charity. For more information, call Victoria's Choice at 254-5833.

Poor Clare Nuns Christmas Festival Bazaar
The Monastery of St. Clare, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, will hold its annual bazaar, Nov. 23-24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Besides hand-crafted articles, visitors will have their pick of ceramics, beautifully dressed dolls, baked goods, vestments, afghans, baby sets, ornaments, and the recently received stock (all of it) from the recently closed Antique/Curiosity Shop. Plus a line of new brass items. That's not all. Take a chance. Six for $5 or $1 each, items will be displayed during the bazaar and the drawing will take place, Dec. 8, at the Monastery. Prizes: Daniury MintCollectors Doll, Robin Woods Collectors Doll, Floral Cross-Stitch Picture, Afghan, Large Ceramic Christmas tree with lights and music. (The last three items made by Poor Clare Nuns)

Harvard Square holiday
The day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29, Harvard Sq. will celebrate the advent of the 1991 Holiday Season with its traditional Holiday Light Procesion and Tree-Lighting Ceremony. Join the public procession at 5 p.m. in front of the new Inn at Harvard (at the corner of Mass. Avenue and Quincy St.) and take a stroll through the newly decorated Harvard Square to Charles Square's gala tree-lighting ceremony in its courtyard on Bennett St. For more information about seasonal events in Harvard Sq., contact the Harvard Square Business Association at 491-3434, a non-profit organization that sponsors the Holiday Light Procesion and decorates the Square with light banners and holiday lights.

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wreaths. Proceeds from Santa Claus photo sessions and canned goods collected at the Charles Square Tree-Light ing will be donated to Cambridge Food Pantry’s Food for Free Campaign.

West End House Goings-On

• It’s Bo Knows Challenge time at the West End House. "Bo Knows" — or BKC for short — is described as a fun, new learning experience for kids which is sponsored nation­ally by Nike, Inc. and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. The Bo Knows Challenge is the first of the year-long, five-part "Nike Cross-Training Challenge" series of athletic and academic competitions for Boys & Girls Club members. Winners will receive special awards and every participant will receive a certificate. BKC participants will also be eligible for a national sweepstakes where they can win Nike jackets, backpacks and other prizes. BKC practice activities began yesterday at the West End House Boys & Girls Club, 105 Allston St., Allston, and end with the Challenge on Dec. 6. Club hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Saturday hours are from Noon-6 p.m. Call 787-4044 about the Bo Knows Chal­lenge and other school pro­grams.

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Gints Grinsberg’s Studio at 119 Braintree St.

Derek Szabo photo
Community Calendar

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are welcome. Space: $10. Table rentals: $5. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, call Coppys at 391-5195 or Mary at 254-2267.

Fanueil Branch Library
• Popcorn Poets — Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. The Popcorn Poets is a club dedicated to reading, writing, sharing and enjoying poetry. Popcorn and juice are served during the meetings. Poetry written by club members will be displayed. Final session is Nov. 21.
• "Hooked on Books" Reading Club — This club is for all children who read books or have books read to them. To join, stop by the library, sign up and begin recording the books read. The club will end on Nov. 18 with a party for those members who’ve read at least 15 books.
• Thanksgiving Celebration! — Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. Thanksgiving stories, food and crafts. This special storyhour is for children 5 to 11 years old.
The library is located at 419 Fanueil St., Brighton. Telephone: 782-6705.

YMCA of Greater Boston
International Dinner
The Greater Boston YMCA’s 7th Annual International Dinner will be held at the Howard Johnson, 777 Memorial drive, Thursday, Nov. 21, from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Japanese cuisine will be served; there will be entertainment, too. Cost is $40 per person; $360 for a table of 10. To make reservations, call YMCA International Services at 336-7800, ext. 244.

Fairs
Christmas Market at the Church of the Redeemer
The Annual Christmas Market at the Church of the Redeemer, 379 Hammond St., Chestnut Hill, MA, will be held Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Seventeen boutiques, baked goods, crafts, table, greens, quality used children’s clothing and used books, Christmas trees and collectibles will be on display. Santa Claus will make an appearance on Saturday. Lunch is available, both days. Admission: $1.00; all proceeds donated to local charities. Telephone: 566-7679.

St. Anthony’s Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show
The Annual St. Anthony’s Christmas Bazaar and Crafts Show will be held, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission, plenty of parking, quality vendors and a food festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plus a scrumptious spaghetti supper from 4:30 p.m. until closing. Santa will be there all day taking pictures. Drawing and chances on over 25 prizes. For further information, call Pat Bakarian at any of the following numbers: 782-9158 (home); 783-5607 (answering machine); 926-7962 (work — between 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Mon.-Fri.).

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A CLOUDED ISSUE
Parents of newborns are urged to keep the can of baby powder out of the reach of their babies’ hands during diaper changes. Failure to do so sets up the possibility that the infant may inhale himself in an unhealthy cloud of talc. For that matter, diaper-changers are advised to keep their powder use cloud-free. Otherwise, babies’ air passages may be unduly subjected to asphyxia. In one recent year, U.S. poison centers reported 2,457 cases of exposure to talcum powder which caused wheezing, coughing, and choking among infants. In a few isolated cases, the infant’s inhalation of talc was so extensive as to be life-threatening. In most cases, diaper cream does a better job of preventing diaper rash.

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Police are looking for a male suspect, approximately 20 years old, in connection with the unreported robbery of a Glenville Avenue apartment on Nov. 15. According to police, the victim was walking on Quartz Avenue when an Asian male punched him in the back. The suspect told the victim, "Don’t move and take out your money." The suspect then took the victim’s wallet out of his back pocket and removed $100 in cash. The suspect then fled on Quartz Avenue towards Boston.

If at first you don’t succeed...

Police have arrested Jorge I. Benitez of Allston and charged him with assault with intent to murder stemming from an incident that occurred on Nov. 12. According to police, Benitez threatened a 22 year old Allston man at 6 a.m. on Nov. 12. Later that day, Benitez and three other men returned and attempted to hit the victim with a guide club and a tire iron. The victim then filed a restraining order at Brighton District Court. When he returned to his home he found the suspect waiting for him with a handgun. The suspect fired one shot from the gun and fled in a 1974, brown Plymouth. A 380 caliber shell, found in the street, was forwarded to ballistics.

The cruelest cut of all

Police have arrested Vincent Mitchell of Commonwealth Avenue and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon after he allegedly pulled a knife on two men leaving Mary Ann’s in Cleveland Circle on Nov. 11. According to the police, Mitchell pulled out a Swiss Army knife, lifted his shirt and cut himself in the abdomen, then pointed the knife at the victims and chased them down Beacon Street towards Chestnut Hill Avenue. The suspect was taken to St. Elizabeth’s and treated for cuts to the abdomen.

The Brady punch

Police have arrested James Brady and charged him with being a disorderly person after he was allegedly involved in a verbal confrontation with another patron at Play It Again Sam’s on Commonwealth Avenue on Nov. 17.

Resident at Strathmore less four dollars

Police are looking for a suspect in connection with the Nov. 16 unarmed robbery of a Strathmore Street resident. The victim told police that while he was walking in the vicinity of Chiswick and Englandwood, the suspect knocked him to the ground and took a brown leather wallet containing $4.

Here’s the kicker

Police have arrested Anthony Dipietro of Waltham and Jason Kosmijanski and charged them with assaulting a Glenville Avenue man on Nov. 15. According to police, the suspects assaulted the victim, punched him, knocked him to the ground and kicked him repeatedly. The victim was cut around the mouth and nose and treated by an ambulance crew.

Scam artists on prowl warn police

District 14 police have issued a warning to community residents that two men, in their 40s or 50s, posing as utility men, have been operating a scam in Allston-Brighton. According to police, the duo has been preying on the elderly, and in the past week has successfully pulled off two house robberies. Here’s how the scam works, say police: After pulling up to a target house in their black van, one of the scam artists will walk up to the house and while he gains the confidence of the owner, his partner gains entry to the home and ransacks it. Police advise homeowners to be on their guard.

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BOSTON, November 14, 1991

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**OBITUARIES**

Antonette (Pellegrini) Caruso
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Antonette (Pellegrini) Caruso, of Brighton, Nov. 16. Wife of the late Nicholas F. Caruso. Mother of Ross M., Nicholas M. and of Framingham, Lucy E. Paulino of Brighton and Nicholas F. Jr. of Brighton. Sister of the late Gerarda (Pellegrini) Mazzola. Funeral from the McNamara Funeral Home, 460 Washington St. at Lake St., Brighton on Tues-

**BIRTHS**

Christopher James McGrath
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November 1, 1991

Mr. and Mrs. John C. McGrath (Lauren A. Minihan) of
Brighton, proudly announce the birth of their son, Christo-
pher James McGrath, born Nov. 1, 1991, at St. Elizabeth's
Hospital in Brighton. The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 15
1/2 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches. Proud grandpar-
ents include Mr. and Mrs. Dennis and Janet Minihan of
Brighton and Ms. Lynda K. McGrath of Bridgewater.

Creasey’s Choice

To Lenny with love

ALEA III, the contemporary music ensemble in residence at Boston University, is presenting a concert of The ALEA
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soprano Joan Heller and pianist Thomas Chen. For more information, call 353-3340.

**THEATRE**

The West of the story

From minority casting to Sam Shepard's True West and Cole Porter music, the Boston theater scene's attracting attention

By Beverly Creasey

Stage source, the alliance of theater artists and producers, recently hosted Clifton Turner Davis, noted director and
co-founder of the Non-Traditional Cast-
ing Project, in a seminar on the subject of
"casting older actors, actors of color and
actors with differing abilities." The
NTCP's 1986 study discovered that 90
percent of the plays presented profession-
ally in the U.S. were performed with all
white casts. And matters have fared hardly
better in the last few years. Headlines
across a discriminating country clubs
where Blacks and women are excluded, yet theater companies continue to present
all white productions without it raising
any hackles.

Helen Parnon of Emerson College says
things will not improve until the "white male
dominated industry is willing to give up
some of its power." Sadly, in Boston, with its
louly public record on treatment of minori-
ties in general, never mind in the theater,
theatricals make any efforts to break these barriers are often
ridiculed by the critics. Director Pete Franko
met with acorn when she cast a woman as one
of the brothers in Sam Shepard's True West.
Just this season the Huntington Theatre Com-
pany was scolded for casting a "token" Black
in Moliere's Tartuffe and thereby "jarring"
the "classical tone" of the play. If that critic
thinks actors of color can't manage the clas-
ics, he ought to tell that to James Earl Jones ...
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West of the story

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Not only does this discrimination exclude a significant portion of the community from participating in the ARTS, it limits that creative expression which could be enhanced by including multi-ethnic participation. Clinton Turner Davis, who became a director partly because he was excluded so often from acting roles, has staged a brilliant "non-traditional" production of Sam Shepard's True West at the New Rep, an approach which affords the play a greater resonance. In point of fact, Shepard's dialogue fits this intensely focused production definitely has the rate: Niels Miller as the smarmy Hollywood agent and

Shepard's hilariously horrifying "Cain and Abel" myth gets a near perfect production at New Rep. Brent Blair plays Lee with a riveting rawness of emotion. He's a time bomb ticking in front of us. Rochel Coleman is all control as he warily sidesteps his psychotic brother. His50ing restlessness leads to one of the truly fascinating role reversals in modern theater. The supporting cast, too, is first rate: Niels Miller as the smarmy Hollywood agent and Nancy Roberts as the brothers' hooker deadpan mother. This intensely focused production definitely has the "ring of truth."

Cole's by Lyric

Across town, the Lyric Stage opens its new season in its gorgeous new theater at the YWCA with Kevin Fennessey's production of Cole. The sumptuous space looks like it could seat four times the people who crowded into the old Lyric on Charles Street. This musical tribute is a long slow drink of melancholy Porter. It does a few of the wild standards like a Porter salute. The cast does the glorious sad songs like sold out on this phenomenon. It's a historical revue with lots of tidbits about Porter's life and times and some fancy dancing (fabulous choreography by Julia Boynton) thrown in for good measure. The cast is a talented bunch of actors who performed the parquet in Anything Goes and turned out a mean Charleston in You're Too Busy. I loved hearing the more obscure Porter songs but I missed the natty, saucy lyrics of Let's Fall in Love or You're the Top. Fennessey's cast includes the remarkable Michael Silvestri who can tap like nobody's business, the silver tongued Merle Perkins and the coquettish Stacey Hudler. A smooth Jack Bresnahan acts as narrator and Chip Phillips adds the dash. Margaret Ann Brady sounded like she could have belted out an Ethel Merman number if this hadn't been such a stylized, elegantly subdued production. Still it was great hearing that incomparable syncopation and those heavenly rhymes: Do do that voodoo that you do so well. Need one say more?

Up town

Just up the street from the Lyric at the Triangle Theater, there's Michael Christopher's The Shadow Box. Fifteen years ago, Christopher's play about death and dying created a small revolution in the theater. It spoke openly and frankly about homosexuality, intimacy and the emotional ravages of cancer; Christopher garnered a Pulitzer for dramatizing the transitional stages of going ungently into that good night. In 1991, however, the play seems dated. Its unseen interviewer, innovative in 1977, now seems contrived and its depiction of sexual abandon seems callous in light of the dire consequences we face today with the threat of AIDS.

These concerns notwithstanding, the Triangle Theatre has assembled a cast of talented actors to bring Christopher's drama to life. The strength of the play is the remarkable manner in which three separate stories are dramatized without ever overlapping or getting in each other's way. Each slice of life pulls its own weight and has its own individual resolution.

We care about these characters and their past. The "average" Joe whose wife denies the diagnosis to the invalid mother who bargains with death to stay alive to the writer who has accepted his terminal condition.

Director Steve O'Donnell has elicited some fine performances from his actors although some of the character combinations are a bit peculiar. We wonder, for instance, how a savvy swinger like Beverly could ever have been married to a nerd like Brian; or how a tart-tongued Felicity could have spawned such a sweet daughter. Individually, the characterizations ring true, but together they're puzzling. Standout work came from Dick Rosenfield as Joe and Alcida M.M. Zipp as his long-suffering wife; Barbara Doonhefie Haas as the cantankerous Felicity and Cyndi Freeman as the boisterous Beverly. Tony Siracusa's set is sensitively and the stories are moving. The Shadow Box is a glimpse into man's eternal struggle with death.

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Brighten your day with the Chevy Lumina

By Bob Sikorsky

Chevrolet's many-splendored family car, the Lumina, takes "family" driving into another dimension with the introduction of the new 1992 Lumina Euro 3.4 sedan. Some kind of "family" car, this. More like a NASCAR champion driver Dale Earnhardt was so enthusiastic about it.

Although the Lumina remains virtually unchanged on the outside for 1992, the Euro 3.4 sedan is aimed at a family that likes to go places — at least as far as the Euro 3.4 sedan is concerned. The 3.4 designates the size in liters of the V6 engine found under the hood.

Although the Lumina 5.0-liter Twin Turbo engine, it's one of the more responsive powerplants. The engine earns most about the Lumina Euro 3.4 was its zest for the road and is a superbly responsive powerplant. The engine carries a solid 200 horsepower rating at 5,000 rpm and has a torque output of 215 foot pounds at 4,000 engine rpm.

Touch the accelerator lightly and the car takes off spiritedly in a gurgle of rich dual exhaust notes. The tuned exhaust lets its presence be heard.

most about the Lumina Euro 3.4 was its zest for the road under all driving conditions. The 3.4-liter Twin Dual Cam V6 is fed by multipoint fuel injection (probably the most accurate and efficient way to deliver gasoline to an engine) and is a superbly responsive powerplant. The engine carries a solid 200 horsepower rating at 5,000 rpm and has a torque output of 215 foot pounds at 4,000 engine rpm.

Drive the Euro 3.4 sedan and you'll discover that's not true of the inside - at least as far as the Euro 3.4 sedan is concerned. The 3.4 designates the size in liters of the DOHC V6 engine found under the hood.

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known, especially under hard acceleration. EPA estimated fuel economy is 17 mpg/city and 26 mpg/highway. Our 10 days with the Euro 3.4 netted us just audge over 18 mpg in, as is the rule most of the time, mostly city driving. Not bad considering the prices I personally put the car through.

Outfitted with four-wheel independent suspension, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock feature and superior tires (see below) the Euro 3.4 makes one feel as if he were driving a Corvette, only at about half the price — and with a heck of a lot more room. The suspension is superb: solid, yet with enough give so as not to burn your butt, it’s as much at home on tight turns as it is on the open road. Indeed, the independent rear suspension is Corvette inspired. It’s nice size storage area in the center console because the glove box is so small and hard to get to as to be virtually useless.

The Euro 3.4 is offered only as a four-door sedan. The cloth, carpeting and instrumentation are just as good as those you wish you could spend more time with. We had a yard filled with prestigious, big-buck sedans and, frankly, the home-grown Lumina compared at almost half the price.

Although it doesn’t have exotic wood trim, the interior is thoroughly modern, comfortable and attractive. The trunk is large, a must for a family sedan. And I thought the seats just right, not too hard or squishy.

What makes the Lumina Euro 3.4 different from the Lumina Euro is the $1,885 option package that includes the more powerful 3.4-liter engine (the Lumina Euro comes with a 3.1-liter, 140 horsepower, V6), four-speed automatic transmission, larger and more aggressive 225/50R16 GT-plus-4 radials, 16-inch aluminum wheels, custom cloth sports bucket seats, dual rich tone exhaust, transmission oil cooler and a monochromatic body treatment.

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EPA estimated mileage: 17 mpg city/26 mpg highway
Fuel system: multipoint fuel injection
Transmission: four-speed automatic
Steering: power rack and pinion Brakes: power four-wheel discs with anti-lock braking system
Curb weight: 3,520 pounds
Length/wheelbase: 199.3 inches/107.5 inches
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Adams said. “But, when the workers found out this process could take up to a year, they began to agitate within the home — they began talking of demonstrations against management.”

According to Adams, sometime in September, HCR officials decided to drop the appeal and enter into negotiations with the union. The first negotiating session was held Oct. 15, followed by a second session on Oct. 26.

“We came to the table with our proposals, but management didn’t,” said Ira Stoddard, a nurse at the home. “At the first session we presented them with our proposals for union rights and grievance procedures, but we couldn’t talk about a financial package then because the company didn’t give us the information we needed to prepare it until two days before the November session.”

Stoddard said although the union did present HCR with its financial proposal at the second meeting, the company did not come to the table with any proposals.

“All management did was listen to workers’ statements about problems at the home and our proposals,” Stoddard said. “They said nothing about our raises or anything else.”

According to Adams the nursing home has been the subject of many outstanding complaints filed by the NLRB — complaints, Adams says, management has continually promised to address.

“But, that far HCR has not responded to those complaints, nor to our July raises,” Adams said. “Management has affected negotiations without the substance of negotiations, which is very disappointing considering how long the employees have waited to get them to the table in the first place,” he said.

MWRA to cough up some dough for Chestnut Hill Pumping Station renovations

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vide funding for renovations and maintenance to the high service building at the Chestnut Hill Pumping Station. According to state Rep. Marc Draisen, the MWRA has agreed to earmark $200,000 specifically for the rehabilitation and upkeep of this historic building.

For the past month the communities have been negotiating with the MWRA to ensure funding for renovations and maintenance to the high service building to the surrounding communities as well as ratepayers.

Draisen said an MWRA decision to develop to develop a mutually acceptable MOU could do much to dispel the perception that the authority has a difficult time working with the communities.

“At a time when the legislature is considering legislation to dismantle the authority and severely weaken its power, the MWRA would do well to give us a sign that it wants to be a good neighbor,” Draisen said.

Last week Draisen, Rep. Susan Tracy and Pat Otis, of the Chestnut Hill Neighborhood Association, spokesperson for the community, met with officials to express their displeasure at the MWRA’s decision not to include the high service or “red” building in the planned rehabilitation of the Beacon Street facility. According to Draisen the building is in a serious state of disrepair.

“Under the MWRA’s modified build plan, the red building, which is the most historic of the site’s buildings, would not be used — and therefore would not be rehabilitated,” Draisen said. “The authority had planned to declare the building surplus property and turn it over to the MDC (Metropolitan District Commission), which has absolutely no money to maintain it,” Draisen said.

“We feel, however, the MWRA should keep the building and at least provide funding to close the building to elements (the roof leaks) and maintain it while we pursue money and a more permanent owner for a proposed museum at the site,” Draisen said.
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