Wrangling over Conrail relocation turning proposed Genzyme construction sour

Is Genzyme's honeymoon with Allston Landing over? Only the Turnpike Authority and Conrail know for sure.

Down for the count

The billboards of Union Sq. are history

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Use it or lose it

Area civic associations should get with it

And the beat goes on.

Because some leaders of various local civic associations still don't get it.

Take the leaders of the Brighton-Allston Improvement Association, for example.

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By Linda Rosencrance

Curiouser and curiouser.

Like the goings on in Lewis Carroll's classic Alice in Wonderland, the situation surrounding Genzyme Corporation's relocation to Allston Landing seems to get "curiouser and curiouser" by the minute.

Last December, city and state officials patted themselves, and each other, on the back as they announced the Cambridge-based biotechnology firm's decision to build a manufacturing plan and world headquarters at Allston Landing.

That decision, however, was based on the promise that Conrail, which has a permanent easement on a parcel of land at the site owned by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA), would relocate its freight terminal elsewhere. The move would allow for the future expansion of Allston Landing as a biotechnology center.

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By Linda Rosencrance

Finally.

After six long years, the billboards in Allston's Union Square are coming down.

Last week Paul Barrett, director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), wrote to Ackerley Communications of Stoneham, owner of the billboards located atop the single story building at 1-9 North Beacon St., requesting their removal.

Barrett first learned of the ongoing, widespread community concern about the billboards in a September meeting with the Journal. At that time he said he would

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$Ho, $Ho for Joe

Cashing in: Joseph Cummings of Allston (on right) gets ready to accept $50 G's he won in Holiday Bonus Instant Game from Executive Director of the Lottery, Eric Turner.

Joseph Cummings of Allston became the first $50,000 winner of the new $50,000 Holiday Bonus Instant Game. The winning ticket was purchased at the J & J Variety in Waltham. The store will receive a $5000 bonus for selling the winning ticket.

Holiday Bonus was introduced on Nov. 13 and so far has paid out $500,000 in prizes. The game features a chance to win $100,000 or $50,000 or $10,000 or $5,000 or $1,000 or $500 or $100 or $50 or $10 or $5 or $1. The game is on sale through Dec. 29 and has a $250,000 prize pool.

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THE SAVINGS COULD BE SUBSTANTIAL.
Talk is not cheap. And Peggy Davis-Mullen believes that if people refuse to talk about the problem of violence in the city, or even admit that it exists, then they will never be able to put an end to it.

"After a WZOU concert on City Hall Plaza on June 18, Jay Harvey, a South Boston youth, lay in a downtown hospital fighting for his life—the victim of a stabbing," said Davis-Mullen, an attorney and candidate for a citywide seat on the Boston City Council. "All hell broke loose that night. Two hundred kids—black kids versus black kids, white kids versus white—went on a rampage, terrorized the Tremont Street business district. But nobody from this city said a damn thing about it," she said.

"Where was the mayor and his administration? I'll tell you. They were hiding their heads in the sand," Davis-Mullen said. "Hoping the problem would just go away. No one wants to talk about the problem of violence, of kids killing kids, because of the racial overtones. People in this city have a tendency to run away from anything that has racial overtones," she said. "They think that if they talk about the problem, it will escalate."

While keeping vigil at Jay Harvey's bedside, Davis-Mullen, a South Boston native and former member of the elected School Committee, said she decided to re-enter the political arena, in order to address the problem of violence among young people in the city.

Davis-Mullen, who was unsuccessful in her first bid for a citywide council seat in 1991, said she has already enlisted the aid of District 7 City Councilor Anthony Dayton, in her attempt to "lessen and demystify" the problems in the black community.

"We have to realize that what happens in the black community affects the entire city," she said. "The problem is that the people in those communities have very little representation. But I don't believe that the concerns of a mother in Roxbury are any different than the concerns of a mother in South Boston."

Davis-Mullen, who lives in South Boston with her husband William Mullen and three children, said she is running for the Council in order to make Boston a better place to live for her children as well as all the children in the city.

"People should not have to live in fear," she said. "My mission is to take the anger and despair out of the city and replace it with hope and enthusiasm. Boston has the potential to become a great city, but not until it addresses the problem of violence," Davis-Mullen said. "We need to talk about our problems, not bury our heads in the sand and ignore them. And we can't find solutions until we first admit the problems exist."
Pharmacy Tips
by Charles P. Kelly
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FAMILY

SCHOOLS
Family affair
Parents/children come together at Jackson-Mann to help
each other learn

By Edward Wang

At the Jackson-Mann School, parents and teachers
together are planning a new program — Family
Education — that will give
parents the tools to actively
work with their children to
help them succeed in school.

“Each parent and child
are learning together,” said
Jean Murphy, the director of
after-school activities at the
Jackson-Mann Community
Center and the coordinator
of Family Literacy.

She said the multi-cultural
parents in Family Education
will learn basic
English, math, and parenting
skills, teaching them what
they need to help their children with their homework.

“The key to helping their child is educating themselves,”
Murphy said.

Family Education is targeted toward parents with chil-
dren in kindergarten up through second grade, and about
seven to 10 families are expected to participate, though no
one will be turned away, Murphy said.

She said all four of the institutions based at the Jackson-
Mann building are involved: the Andrew Jackson School,
the Jackson-Mann Community Center, the Horace Mann
Center for hearing-impaired students, and the North Zone
Early Learning Center.

This in fact the first time the four groups have come together,
said Diane Joyce, the director of the Jackson-Mann Community
Center. “It’s never happened before.”

“That’s what’s going to make it a success,” added Helen
Jones, the director for education of Boston’s community
centers.

The project is not scheduled to start until January, and so,
the curriculum being worked out by parents and teachers is
still being developed, Jones said. “Right now, it’s wide
open,” she said.

Though Family Education currently has five families
enrolled, the program still needs more parents to
establish the skills of the people involved and what
the program will need, she said.

Even so, in this early stage, getting parents to be more
responsive is more important than teaching skills, Jones
said. “Our major goal is to break down the barriers between
parents and institutions,” she said.

Another goal is to have speakers come in to discuss
topics such as drug and alcohol abuse in the evenings for
parents who would like to participate but do not need to learn
basic skills, she said.

Jones said Family Education was being funded by a
$25,000 grant from the Department of Education.

The organizers of the program prefer “Family Educa-
tion” to the term usually used: “Family Literacy.”

“Sometimes, the word ‘literacy’ turns people off,” said
Murphy. “It scares them. Education doesn’t scare as much.”

Though Family Education has begun

by Edward Wang

Project Bread aided by Brighton Senior
Center and Winship elementary school

Family values: The Jackson-Mann Family Education program has a January kick-off
date

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**BUSINESS**

**Marquis R.E. welcomes O’Grady**

Norman O’Grady has joined Brighton’s Marquis Real Estate team as a sales associate, it was announced recently by Tom Marquis, president of Marquis Real Estate, located at 304 Washington St. in Brighton Center.

O’Grady brings several years of sales and management experience with him. A resident of Oak Square in Brighton, O’Grady and his wife Mary have two children.

Regional proxy tapped by BayBank

Grady B. Hedgespeth has been named regional president by BayBank Boston. In the position, Hedgespeth will oversee the company’s continued expansion into Boston’s neighborhoods and the implementation of its Neighborhood Banking program.

In addition, Hedgespeth will be responsible for developing and implementing business and community outreach programs intended to stimulate economic activity and serve the banking needs of Boston’s neighborhoods. He will report directly to Richard F. Pollard, chairman and president of BayBank Boston, N.A.

Hedgespeth has held notable positions in government affairs and financial services. Most recently, he was principal of Resolution Enterprises, a financial services and community affairs consulting firm. He also has served as the secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Affairs and was the deputy commissioner of Child Support Enforcement services for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. He served as director of government and community affairs at another Boston bank from 1989 to 1991.

“The election of Grady Hedgespeth to regional president strengthens BayBank’s commitment to neighborhoods in the City of Boston and is further evidence of our ongoing efforts to address the needs of consumers in these neighborhoods,” said Pollard.

Hedgespeth earned his bachelor of arts degree with honors in economics from the University of Virginia and a master’s degree in public policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Hedgespeth serves as a board member of the Roxbury Comprehensive Community Health Center and the Baystate Skills Corporation. He also is chairman of the finance committee and is a member of the board of Franciscan Children’s Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

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Street Talk

Shopping frenzy

Hey, it’s almost Christmas, you know, and with the economy starting to turn around, people have loosened up their purse strings.

By Suzanne Siegel

It’s December 10... Do you know where your holiday shopping list is? The Christmas lights are blinking, the Santa Clauses have taken their seats at the department stores, promising gifts for children can only hope their parents can deliver, and shopping season is in full force.

The Journal hit Brighton Center to see what people were buying their loved ones, or have already bought their loved ones, for Chanukah or Christmas.

Kathleen Georgopoulou, 30, said, “What do my kids want for Christmas? It’s easier to tell you what they don’t want. Because that’s nothing.”

Georgopoulou, whose five children range from four months to 20 years, three of whom are her stepchildren, said she only knows for sure what she is getting her seven-year-old, who has requested “Twin Dolls.” “They cry when they’re apart and laugh when they’re together,” explained Georgopoulou.

The manager of J&K Auto Body Shop in Oak Square, Mark Sideris, 35, has the same problem. His two-, three- and four-year-old want “everything that’s on television,” he said.

They all have lists this long,” Sideris said, extending his arms apart as far as they would go. “We just get them what they want the most.”

But added Sideris, “It’s worth it just to see their eyes light up on Christmas morning.”

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First I finish all my finals and then I go shopping. I usually shop around the twenty-third of December,” John McNamara, 54, a funeral director, said, “I haven’t even thought about it. It’s only December fourth. I cannot answer.”

Tim Robert, 32, answered, “Probably nothing. There’s a lot of people and that’s the problem. I have a huge family.”

“This year I’m going to make them all suffer,” Robert joked. “They will just have to live with my presence.”

But as Robert was about to go, he admitted that just before Christmas, it was possible he might just have a change of heart.
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Tracy speaks on Domestic Violence

State Rep. Susan M. Tracy (D-Brighton) testified, Monday, Nov. 30, at a Boston City Council Hearing on Domestic Violence. In support of a home rule petition sponsored by Councilor At Large, Rosaria Salemo, Tracy spoke about the number of Domestic incidents involving guns. Tracy pointed to an escalation in Domestic Violence in the Commonwealth.

"Here in Massachusetts, 41 women and children have been murdered this year alone, 17 of them killed by guns," Tracy noted. "In many cases, the gun owner had a restraining order outstanding, but was able to obtain a Firearms Identification Card (F.I.C.) and subsequently a gun."

Tracy said the legislation "will help to keep firearms out of the hands of batterers, and give the Boston Police Department the authority to remove firearms from the scene of a potentially violent situation."

The legislation, sponsored by Salemo, has the support of the Boston Police Department and the Mayor's office. Rep. Tracy, along with Sen. Michael Barrett and Rep. Marc Draisen, co-sponsored similar legislation that would make the provisions of the Home Rule Petition apply statewide.

International Fest at West End House

This smacks of can't miss fun and excitement. Why else but the International Holiday Festival, the festive celebration of the holidays, Saturday, Dec. 12, from 4-7 p.m., at the West End House Boys and Girls Club, 105 Allston St. It's sponsored by Boston Against Drugs (BAD) and features great food from Haiti, Central America, Russia, Cambodia and Brazil. There's folk dancing, door prizes and Pinatas. Admission is free, families are welcome, and if you want more info, call Mike at 787-4044. That's the number to the West End House.

A large spoon-ful of spirit

Thousands of these spoons were brought to the sixth annual Santa's Kitchen Kick-Off held Dec. 5 at Downtown Crossing, where they were placed on a giant Christmas tree painted by the local sidewalk artist Sidewalk Sam. For each spoon decorated, a donation of $10 was provided by an anonymous donor, up to a limit of $100,000. The money will be distributed among hundreds of soup kitchens, food pantries, and shelters this winter.

Josephine Loscano, a paraprofessional working at the Winship school who accompanied the students, said students from both the English third-grade class and the Spanish bilingual class were there.

"They were all looking forward to it," she said.

Some of the students were a little shy, but she hoped this visit would be the prelude to future activities at the senior center. Loscano added.

"They're cute," said 76-year-old Loretta McLean, a lifelong Brighton resident, of the spoons. "They're cute because they're all different."

"I think they have plenty of potential if they keep at it. They know how to do it from imagination," said Maurice Lomasney, a painter and member of the center for 11 years.

Lomasney said the children had an opportunity to explore art at an early age, whereas he had to wait 50 years before he had a chance to learn how to paint from a weekly art class held at the Smith center.

"The kids forget to put eyebrows on some of them," he added.

"It's good for both," said Pearl Stockman, a senior center member who helped organize the Winship visit.

"We benefit more from the children," Stern added.

"I wish I could come back to make some more," said Andy Townes, a 5-year-old Winship student who finished three spoons that day.

"When asked how he felt about the chance to help people, Townes answered, "Real good."

"Real, real, real good," piped in Townes' friend, 8-year-old Chris Auchterone, who also finished three spoons that day.
Union-ited front

The feud's over between Suffolk Constr. and Carpenters' Union

By Linda Rosencrance

All it took was Sister Roberta Marie Brown and a little divine intervention to finally end the 10-year battle between Suffolk Construction Co. and the state's Carpenters' Union.

"Several weeks ago we met with John Fish, president of Suffolk, the developers of Continental Wingate and Sister Roberta, of Mount St. Joseph, to discuss the possibility that Wingate might use Suffolk, then a non-union company, as the general contractor on the nursing home on North Beacon Street," said Mark Erlich, business agent of Local 40 of the Carpenters' Union. "That meeting was not very productive, and as we were all leaving Sister Roberta said, 'I'll pray for all of you.' I guess her prayers really worked," Erlich said.

"I'd have to say Sister Roberta was the deciding factor," said Andy Silins, president of the Boston District Council of Carpenters. "Actually there were a lot of pieces to this. First of all John Fish is a good businessman. And I don't really think his philosophy is all that different from the philosophy of the unions," Silins said. "I think he was concerned about signing a collective bargaining agreement that might negatively affect his company.

"It took years to convince him that wouldn't happen," Silins said. "Suffolk is one of our contractors now and we have to make sure that it can be competitive in New England and the New York area."

For some 10 years Suffolk Construction Company, one of the largest in the state, refused to sign a collective bargaining agreement with the carpenters or any union. In 1989, after going head-to-head with Suffolk for about seven years, all the building trade unions, under the umbrella group of the Massachusetts Building Trades Council, collectively decided to wage a corporate campaign against Suffolk until the company agreed to sign with all the unions.

According to Erlich, the campaign was successful until the bottom fell out of the economy. At that time a lot of unions needed work, so they caved in to Suffolk and Fish, who said he would agree to hire union labor in Boston. However, because Fish still refused to sign anything, the deal was sealed with a handshake.

The carpenters still refused to sign on with Suffolk, until Fish agreed to sign a collective bargaining agreement. "And this caused a lot of bad blood between the carpenters and the other building trades," Erlich said.

But last Friday, all that changed when Fish finally signed the collective bargaining agreement with the carpenters.

"Andy deserves a lot of credit for making this happen," Erlich said. "And Mayor Flynn and Paul Barrett (director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority), also deserve credit.

"The fact that we've preserved the sanctity of the collective bargaining agreement sends a powerful message to non-union contractors that the contractor [Suffolk] they looked to, to stand firm against the unions, couldn't do it," Erlich said. "It also sends a message to union contractors that we will fight for their employees and the unions. And it sends a message to the other unions in the building trades that we successfully defended our union, and tells them it's not worth it to cut a deal," Erlich added.


Fish could not be reached for comment.

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Additionally, monthly billing will increase your awareness of the amount of water you use, helping you to evaluate your water conservation efforts. The more frequent meter readings will allow you to more closely monitor and control your water usage.

If you require additional information, please call the Boston Water and Sewer Commission Customer service Division at 330–9084.

POLICE

Two hits at Store 24

This week, the Store 24 located at 509 Cambridge Street fell victim to a couple of robberies.

The first occurred last Wednesday shortly after 6 p.m. and no weapon was shown. The store clerk told police that while he was talking to another store employee who was off-duty, a white male walked behind the counter wearing a stocking over his face. He then ordered the clerk to stay still and motioned to him that he had a gun. However, the gun was never shown to the clerk. The suspect then took the money out of the register and fled on foot toward Binger Park in Allston.

The suspect in this robbery was described by employees as a white male, 5'10" and with a stocky build, and wearing a white jacket and pants with a white baseball cap.

The second robbery took place early the next morning a little before 1 a.m. This time the suspect was armed with a 9mm black handgun. He pushed the store clerk to the floor and said, "Don't move or I'll shoot."

The suspect took $60 in cash out of the register and ran out of the store in an unknown direction with the clerk still lying on the floor.

This suspect was described as a white male in his 20s, 6'1" and wearing black pants, a tan work jacket and a Halloween mask.

Police searched the area but were unable to locate either suspect.

The other suspect showed him a knife and ordered the clerk to stay still and motioned after being struck down with a baseball bat and robbed at knifepoint last Tuesday evening.

The victim told police that as he was crossing the street at 1430 Commonwealth Avenue last Tuesday afternoon.

The suspect then reached into the victim's jacket pocket and took $20 in cash out. The suspect fled inbound on Commonwealth Avenue.

The suspect was described as around 35, 6'1" and weighing about 175 pounds with a mustache and a medium build.

Batting around on Warren Street

A Brighton man refused medical attention after being struck down with a baseball bat and robbed at knifepoint last Tuesday evening.

The victim told police that as he was walking to the rear of 126 Warren Street at 7:10 p.m. two black males came up and one man threw him on the ground and hit him with a baseball bat on his right shoulder. The other suspect showed him a knife and took $7 in cash. Both suspects fled on foot from the location and police were unable to locate either suspect.

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More knife play

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Woman mugged at home

A 55 year-old woman was beaten and robbed of her purse last Wednesday as she was opening the front door of her Colborne Road apartment building. As she started to walk into the building, the victim was struck from behind by two black males who then slashed her left hand and grabbed her pocketbook. The suspects then fled the scene toward Commonwealth Avenue.

The victim refused any medical attention and was unable to give a detailed description of the perpetrators to police.

Sean’s stuck up

Sean’s Variety Store at 172 Brighton Avenue fell victim to an armed robbery last Thursday evening. The masked suspect entered the store around 5 p.m. and came behind the counter, cut the phone cord with a knife and took $50 in cash from the register.

The suspect fled the store on foot down Brighton Avenue. The store clerk was unharmed in the robbery.

Stabbing result of roommates’ squabble

Police arrested an Allston man for stabbing his room-

mit Saturday evening.

Police arrived on the scene to find the victim on the floor of the kitchen with a knife wound to his lower left back area. An ambulance was called and he was transported to Beth Israel Hospital for treatment.

The suspect told police that the two had been in an argument in the rear hall off of the kitchen when the stabbing took place. No blood was found on the weapon because the suspect allegedly washed the knife before police arrived. However, blood was found on the rear hallway floor and the suspect also had blood on his clothing.

The other two roommates in the apartment told police that the victims were not any old acquaintances and were not injured or assaulted with a deadly weapon.

— compiled by Wendy Bonta

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Police Community Meeting Dec. 10

A police/community meeting will be held on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m., at the District 14 Police Station at 301 Washington Street. Lieutenant Kevin Foley of the Anti-Gang Violence Unit has been tapped as guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

ANALYSIS

Use it or lose it

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organization is doing just fine, thank you very much. So, there is no need for a meeting. "Why fix something that isn’t broken," they say.

But, something is broken. The spirit of the members who really want to do what’s best for the community. All they want is a chance to talk about the problems in the organization. Unfortunately, the leaders refuse to believe there are any problems. That’s their first mistake.

Their second mistake is deciding to hold an organizational meeting at the home of one of the leaders. Rumor has it that these three wise people don’t want the Journal at the meeting. Or, to be more precise, they don’t want me at the meeting. Imagine a community civic organization, formed to do what’s best for the general public, holding private meetings. Must be they’re afraid of the truth.

If they have nothing to hide, and if everything is as great as they say, then why don’t they want me to know about it? If they’re really as forthright and honest as they claim, then they shouldn’t have any secrets. And they definitely should allow reporters to cover the meeting. However, I won’t be waiting by my telephone for an invitation.

It’s kind of ironic that the leaders of these so-called community groups can dish it out and criticize everyone from the mayor to their own members, but cry foul when anybody has the audacity to criticize them. And it’s the same with the leaders of the LUCK Neighborhood Association. Always testing the benefits of a one-family neighborhood. No two or three family houses in our neighborhood, no sirree, bob. No convenience stores that serve muffins, no unwanted structures on city parkland.

But, lo and behold, when we checked with the city’s Inspectional Services Department, we discovered that one of LUCK’s leaders, has a petition to have her one-family house confirmed as a two-family. But, since 1959, the house has always been classified as a one-family with one electric meter and one gas meter. And it has always been taxed as a one-family house.

I guess I just don’t understand how someone can claim to stand up for the wishes of the neighborhood, while secretly maneuvering to cut a deal that would benefit only that person while violating the trust of an entire organization.

And lest you think that the leaders of the Allston Civic Association (ACA) can do no wrong, read on MacDuff. Seems that over the past several months, leadership and membership have disagreed on some pretty important issues. That’s not wrong in itself — that’s democracy.

However, in the past, when the ACA has supported various projects, leadership would send a letter, confirming that support, to the appropriate city agency. Again, a testament to good old fashioned democracy.

But, here’s the rub.

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The words are right on the tips of wagging tongues in the Allston-Brighton community: "Genzyme, we hardly knew ye."

And, judging from the seemingly interminable goings-on involving the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA), Conrail, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), Genzyme, and, yes, even former mayor of the City of Boston Kevin White’s son, Mark, to move, but no one has offered any alternative sites. In addition, Conrail is pressuring the state for "double-stack" clearance — the state would fund the cost of removing bridges that prevent double-stack containers from entering or leaving the city.

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Wessling also said she appreciated the BRA’s help in identifying possible locations for Conrail, but added that the

Westborough site identified by Barrett, had been talked about early on, but rejected by Conrail as inappropriate for its corporate headquarters.

Conrail spokesman Jack Barthwell has consistently said everyone should move, Mark, to move, but no one has offered any alternative sites. In addition, Conrail is pressuring the state for "double-stack" clearance — the state would fund the cost of removing bridges that prevent double-stack containers from entering or leaving the city.

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Down for the count

To the letter

On another front, Barrett said he has written to Boston College President, Father Donald J. Monan, requesting that the university pursue creative solutions to increase student housing opportunities.

Barrett said although the construction of dormitories on the college’s lower campus and the addition of 750 new student beds will decrease the number of students living in the A-B community, more needs to be done about the problem.

"Your long range plan suggests that the next dormitory project is scheduled until 1996 or 1997," Barrett told Monan. "But student housing is the primary community issue facing Boston’s universities, [and] your efforts [to develop more student housing] will benefit the entire Allston-Brighton community."

Barrett said one way for the college to get the students out of the community would be to purchase available buildings on B.C.’s side of Commonwealth Avenue (from Newton down to Cleveland Circle) and convert them to student dormitories.

"This plan would allow Boston College to bring its students into the controlled environment of university-owned residences and provide relief from the current density of off-campus student living within the core of the residential community," Barrett said. "I am looking forward to working with Boston College to develop such a plan."
Franciscan Hospital Xmas Toy Drive
Its the Second Annual Toy Drive to benefit the children at the Franciscan Children's Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, N.E.'s largest pediatric rehabilitation facility and sponsored by the Franciscan Hospital. The children range in age from several months to approximately 20 years old. Want details on acceptable toys for the children and need to know the drop-off center nearest you? Why, then, call 254-3800, ext. 5671. Toys may be donated through Dec. 21.

Franklin Zoo Festival of Lights
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And there will be dinner — something for every appetite. Plus there's a gift shop where you’ll be able to find something for even the hardiest to please.

Admission is $3 and kids 4-12 get in for just $2. An admission ticket also qualifies you to enter a holiday grand prize giveaway of a family trip for four to Orlando, Florida. Airfare for the trip has been donated by American Airlines.

All proceeds benefit The Home's children and families.

The festival runs nightly from 5-9 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 3. Call 442-2002 for info.

Harvest Co-op Recycling Center
The Harvest Co-operative Supermarket's Allston store, at 449 Cambridge St., is accepting HDPE #1 & #2 plastic jugs, clear, green and brown glass bottles or jars and metal food and beverage cans (tin, aluminum, bi-metal and steel) at the recycling center located in the rear parking lot of the store.

Plastic shopping bags with a 2 printed inside the recycling symbol and aseptic packages Guice boxes) may be recycled in the appropriate bins at the front of the store. Not in the parking lot, please.

Store and recycling hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 9 p.m. The recycling center is run by the Boston Public Works Department and is only one aspect of the store's effort to conserve resources and reduce solid waste.

N.E. Home for Little Wanderers “Winter Wonderland”
This holiday season, Marketplace Center (adjacent to Faneuil Hall downtown) will again host the New England Home for Little Wanderers’ skating rink. Nancy Kerrigan, 1992 Olympi- Fire Skate Medalist is the honorary chairperson for the rink and will attend the grand opening, Saturday, Nov. 28. All proceeds benefit The Home’s children and families. For rink hours and info, call The Home at 783-7070.

ALL BAD
Allston Brighton Against Drugs is sponsoring a teen theater program for all Allston-Brighton teens ages 13-16. The group meets every Thursday at 3 p.m. at the West End House, 105 Allston St. For more information call Michael Bourg at 782-6041.

Bay State Ice Skating School
Ice skating lessons for children, age 5 and older, and adults at local MDC rinks begin mid-November. Cost is $59 for children and $70 for adults, for a 7-week series. To register for fall classes, call Bay State Ice Skating School at 965-4460.

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The mainstay of Brighton Center, Minihane’s Flower Shop, at 425 Washington St, “has everything to decorate

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your home with and your Christmas tree,” said Janet Minihane.

For the creative, the store sells roping for railings, ribbons in all textures and patterns, boxwood trees to deco­rate, pine cones, and “other natural things people can decorate with,” said Minihane.

The store sells Christmas trees, wreaths ranging from 15 inches to 85 inches, mistletoe, and all the holiday flowering plants — including cyclamen, azaleas, gloxias, Christmas cactus, and pin cushion santas.

And, stressed Minihane, “it’s not just a flower shop.” The store sells cars, tree ornaments, children’s books, candles, and lots more.

Pure heaven at Daniel’s bakery

For desserts, breads, and all the rest of the mandatory holiday baked goods, Daniel’s at 395 Washington St., is an excellent choice.

Everything in the bakery is made from fresh ingredients, with no additives or preservatives. Everything is made from scratch and nothing is frozen.

“We use nothing but the best ingredients we can get,” said Daniel’s owner Marty Handalian.

Handalian recommends everything, of course, but he describes the German stollen, as the “ultimate coffee cake,” the English plum pudding, and his fruitcake, made from fruit imported from the Midwest, which he modestly describes as “the best in the world.”

 Asked how he knows it is, he quickly replied, “I just know it is.”

Daniel’s sells all kinds of holiday cookies, gingerbread sleighs and houses. “We play a lot here,” said Handalian.

Always a party at Marty’s

Marty’s Liquors on Harvard and Commonwealth Avenues in Allston will open at noon every Sunday from now until after the new year and there will be “well over one­ hundred fine champagnes on sale throughout December,” said owner Marty Siegal.

What he is most proud of is that the store, with its gourmet food section and deli counter, is a one-stop holiday gift center for the holidays,” said Gomes.

Blanchard’s is having a sale on Wednesday on fine wines, single malt liquors, scotches and cognacs and said Gomes, there are always sales on items across the board.

There are always weekly beer sales as well, said Gomes and the store has one of the largest selections of kegged beer. “It’s broken down to the store by hours and there are always sales on items across the board.”

But he didn’t forget his customers, to whom he said he wishes “happy holidays.”

A Good Reed on TV

Reed T.V. and Radio Company at 364 Washington St. has been selling and repairing televisions for 39 years, so they have gotten quite good at it by now.

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Reed owner Alan Rogovin wishes everyone a happy holiday.

Now, stressed Minihane, “it is.”

Good sports all at the Depot

Speaking of televisions, the Sports Depot at 353 Cambridge St. in Allston has 50 of them and three satellite dishes. The sports theme family restaurant has got “tons of stuff” planned for the holidays according to manager Tom Flood.

Sports Depot serves everything from sandwiches to prime rib and seafood while showing “multi-multi sporting events,” said Flood.

As always they serve brunch on Sundays from 9:30 to 12:30, all you can eat for $5.95 and there will be a special “recovery brunch” on New Year’s Day from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. where the hangover can catch the football and have brunch.

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Generally un-Distinguished

Toned down Eddie Murphy fails to spark The Distinguished Gentleman

By Suzanne Siegel

There's this small-time con artist, see? And he's got almost the same name as this Congressman, right? And the Congressman, Jeff Johnson, (James Gammon) drops dead while doing the wild thing on his desk with his administrative aide, just in time for re-election. In comes Thomas JEFF-ferson Johnson, (Eddie Murphy), who seizes his name onto the ballot and runs a campaign based purely on name recognition. And low (comedy) and behold, he lands a seat in the U.S. Congress.

No, Eddie Murphy's latest screen effort, The Distinguished Gentleman is not believable, but it's actually kind of creative — the idea of a street hustler from Florida using his wiles to get elected, and then once there, raking in loads of money from PACs and lobbyists — without doing anything illegal. So while the premise is fresh, and the movie isn't (the only flesh we see is in the aforementioned desk scene), Murphy's humor is getting a bit stale. It's become disappointingly easy to predict when he is going to flash that trademark Murphy silly smile and emit his signature ear-splitting laugh.

On the positive side, the political commentary portion of the movie actually makes the viewer think about what is wrong with the second pillar of our government. Though, of course, exaggerated, it points to governmental deficiencies by showing Murphy's character arrive from a place totally different to, yet in many ways similar to the place from which he left.

Oh, thy name is corruption. Murphy is attracted to Washington because it is corrupt and because it's where the money is, and for the first part of the movie, he's content just collecting pay-offs and fattening his bankroll. But it can't keep going like this, can it? Nope, we need an ethical conflict followed by an epiphany. The conflict comes in the form of a little girl with cancer possibly caused by the power lines running by her home in Jefferson's Florida district; and his moral turnaround is initiated by the adorable Celia Kirby (Victoria Rowell), a do-good political activist who serves as Murphy's conscience.

Hence, comes the conflict that is a part of any movie worth the celluloid. Ethical conflicts arise and the freshman congressman from Florida has got some choices to make. But pitted against him are the stodgy old powers-that-be in Congress, and his own desire for the cash flow.

You won't have to guess which path Murphy's character chose, because, of course, it's obvious, but still there is a bit more intellect to this movie than most of Murphy's films, and while that is a welcome change, the movie lacks a fair share of the typical Murphy edge. Either way, The Distinguished Gentleman isn't Oscar material, or even on the same level as some episodes of The Jeffersons, but it's not that bad a movie. Heck, you might even like it. But, be advised, this Eddie Murphy is not the one we knew and loved in 48 Hours.

Rated R at the Cinema 57 and suburban theaters.

Movie Ratings —

Grin and bear it: There's little of the charm of the old Eddie Murphy in The Distinguished Gentleman, but you'll still get an eyeful of his pearly whites.

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Not all it's Crack'ed up to be

Boston Ballet's *The Nutcracker* fails to inspire flights of fancy

By Linda Rosenrance

Wooden and lifeless. Boston Ballet's 29th season production of *The Nutcracker* is as wooden and as lifeless as young Clara's toy nutcracker (who comes to life in the person of Karl Connor).

There is no sparkle, no excitement, no magic. Not even when the 16 foot Christmas tree "magically" grows to its final 45 foot height, "right before our eyes." The only sparkle in the entire production comes from the hundreds of twinkling lights on the tree as well as the miniature bulbs hidden within *The Nutcracker's* shimmering fairytale scenery.

And it is only the breathtaking scenery combined with the Tchaikovsky's magnificent score, and Brooke's "Sarah Lamb (the plays Clara and provides some rare magic) that makes this production at least bearable. The dancers are flat, like one-dimensional cardboard cutouts. Their mechanical movements lack intensity. False smiles pasted on heavily made-up faces indicate the true labor of love — merely a laborious production. Not even the angels and polichinelles can save the otherwise lackluster *Nutcracker*. Their mechanical movements lack intensity. False smiles pasted on heavily made-up faces indicate the true labor of love — merely a laborious production. Not even the smiles pasted on heavily made-up faces indicate the true labor of love — merely a laborious production. Not even the shoes of a man seated somewhere in the orchestra section.

All in all, the 100th worldwide anniversary of *The Nutcracker* as represented in this performance is disappointing. My advice is to either wait for the Baryshnikoff version on the telly or light a fue (only if you have a fireplace, of course), pop *The Nutcracker* disc on the CD player, sit back, read E.T.A. Hoffman's tale, *The Nutcracker* and the Mouse King, and create your own fantasy.

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Be it in the '90s or the '70s — the 1770s, that is — men and women will always do battle. It comes with the territory, or lack of it. In Theresa Rebeck's fast paced roundelay, Loose Knit, five liberated ladies meet weekly, not as you might guess for consciousness raising but for sweater knitting, believe it or not...until their tightly woven "sisterly" bonds unravel—at the intrusion of, you guessed it: men.

In the 1777 masterpiece, The School For Scandal, men and women both plot to undo their neighbors' marriages.

In Loose Knit, playing at Brandeis' Spingold Theater in Waltham, Liz and Lily are sisters, like night is sister to day: Streetsmart Liz is sleeping with trenchy sweet Lily's husband, Bob. The other members of the clique, a therapist, a lawyer and a carefree, think Bob as "ideal" husband. Lily, the Laura Ashley-laces-and-pearls sister keeps fixing up her dateless friends with an obnoxious rich bachelor whom Lily thinks is divine. He's not. They hate him, to put it mildly. He writes everything they say down in a little notebook. And then tells it all to Lily.

The dialogue is saucy and smart. The characters karom into each other's lives like the chess theory scientists use to explain the Big Bang. Rebeck's writing is hip, acerbic and not a little unkind to the opposite sex.

A kiss is just a kiss; for Noel Bendersch and Karen Woodward in School for Scandal, it is since the duo are lovebirds. Tweet, tweet.

The lawyer who comes unglued, Edward Vassallo is frighteningly convincing as the cocksure bachelor and Wayne Bailey is deliciously sleazy as the two-time spineless husband.

Back to School...
Go back a few centuries to 1777 and Richard Brinsley Sheridan offers a note of warning in the battle of the sexes with The School for Scandal. Actually it's more like a college, according to Lady Teasle, as the character assassinations approach graduate level.

Sheridan's comedy of manners (all bad) allines Lady Sneerwell (never has a character been so aptly named) with the conning Joseph Surface (so the surface, he appears quite "moral"). They're teamed with a sniveling character named Snake and gossips like Mrs. Crabtree and Sir Benjamin Backbite: together they wreak havoc on the social set.

Slander and innuendo are their weapons and wrecked marriages, their reward.

In particular, the sinister Joseph Surface wants to cheat his brother out of an inheritance and a fiancée, and the foolish Sir Peter out of a wife. He's the master of manipulation...until his uncle, Sir Oliver, returns to England to "test" the two brothers and "expose hypocrisy."

Melissa Wentworth's enchanting production gives us the malicious wit for which Sheridan is famous and the fledgling Out of the Blue Theater Company offers up some remarkably sophisticated performances. Susan McConnell, as Lady Sneerwell, is as pursed as her lips in attitude. Michael McCarthy is a startlingly slimy Snake, with eyelids that match his character. Even his plush kilts. Vince D'Errico coozes charm from every pore as the two-faced Joseph Surface: he is he who has "the reputation of benevolence without ever incurring the expense."

The talented Jennifer Jones as the acid tongued Mrs. Candour loved the prating put of n'er-do-wells, including Diane McCarthy and Ed Yantis. Catherine Gibson gave a gem of a performance as the flirtatious young wife of the persnickety Sir Peter (Jack Wickwire). Of the good

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guys, Glen Doyle excelled as Rowley and Noel Boulanger made a dashing Charles Surface. Richard McKenzie acted a wry Sir Oliver and Jim Loutzenhiser was hilarious as the hangdog servant, William. From Karen Woodward to Kevin LaVeille, the cast was a delight.

Bard news at Hasty Pudding
No one is more quoted on the subject of love than William Shakespeare and no one is more gifted in conveying the Bard's poetic language than Brian Bedford. The Lunatic, The Lover and The Poet is an evening of sonnets, speeches and history compiled and performed by Bedford himself at the Hasty Pudding Theater. He performed Jacques' Seven Ages of Man from As You Like It with great warmth and dignity; the uproarious "bad acting" of Bottom and Flute in A Midsummer Night's Dream with the skill of a master comedian and the exquisite pleasure of Romeo gazing at Juliet's window with the wonder of a moonstruck boy. Shakespeare's majestic language seemed to shine all the more taken out of context — perhaps because you hear the speeches without the burden of plot — like Hamlet's hilarious instructions to the actors in the "play within the play." Bedford just beamed.

But the evening's best moment was the snippet from Twelfth Night, when the door Malvolio falls prey to Sir Toby's prank and finds a counterfeit love letter astonishingly, addressed to him. Having seen Bedford as the cross-gartered, teddy-bear totin' steward once before, in Stratford, Ontario, it was doubly delightful to hear him chortle and see him strut, once again, as the pompous Malvolio. When he announced as Prospero, that "our revels now are ended," it was too soon.

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BANANA PANCAKES (4 servings)
1 1/3 cups whole-wheat flour
1/2 cup mashed bananas
2 egg whites
2 tablespoons real maple syrup
2 tablespoons all-fruit preserves
1/2 cup mashed bananas
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

In a medium bowl, sift together the flour and baking powder. Stir in the banana. In a small bowl, whisk together the milk, bananas, egg whites and maple syrup. Pour the milk mixture into the flour. Stir to combine, but do not overmix. Coat a well-seasoned cast-iron or non-stick frying pan with non-stick spray. Heat over medium-high heat. Add half of the oil. Spoon in 1/4 cup of the batter for each pancake. Cook until bubbles form on the top. Then flip and cook the other side for another minute. Transfer to a platter and keep warm.

Repeat with the remaining oil and butter. Transfer to the platter. Add the preserves to the frying pan. Stir to melt. Add the bananas and oranges. Heat for 2 minutes to 3 minutes, occasionally flipping the pieces with a spatula. Serve over the pancakes.

BANANA ICE MILK (4 servings)

In a blender, combine the bananas, yogurt, egg substitute and vanilla. Process until smooth. Add the remaining milk. Process until smooth. In a 1-qt saucepan, combine the water and apricots. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until the apricots are tender. Let cool. In a blender, combine the bananas, yogurt, egg substitute, egg whites and vanilla. Process until smooth. Add the apricots and process on medium speed until smooth. Pour into four goblets. Serve immediately or chill.

In a blender, puree the bananas with 1/2 cup of the milk, the honey, vanilla and cinnamon. With the motor running, slowly add the remaining milk. Process in an ice-cream maker or, if you don't have one, freeze the mixture in a shallow bowl. For the first 2 hours, stir or beat the mixture every 15 minutes to 20 minutes to break up ice crystals and to prevent it from freezing solid too fast. Then allow the mixture to set to the desired texture.

Under pressure

Although there is an yet no single diet to prevent or treat high blood pressure, studies have proven one very important point: Nutrition plays an integral role in controlling this very serious (but usually symptomless) disease. In fact, in one study, 29 percent of people with high blood pressure who changed their diet found they could control their hypertension without taking drugs.

The methods used in the study included a low-sodium diet, weight reduction, control of high blood pressure—some being controlled by eating less salt and drinking more fluids. That shouldn't be all that surprising since over 30 percent of people with high blood pressure who changed their diet found they could control their hypertension without taking drugs.

In a 1-quart saucepan, combine the water and apricots. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes or until the apricots are tender. Let cool. In a blender, combine the bananas, yogurt, egg substitute, egg whites and vanilla. Process until smooth. Add the apricots and process on medium speed until smooth. Pour into four goblets. Serve immediately or chill.

BANANA ICE MILK (4 servings)
1 banana, sliced
1 1/2 cups skim milk
2 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a blender, puree the bananas with 1/2 cup of the milk, the honey, vanilla and cinnamon. With the motor running, slowly add the remaining milk. Process in an ice-cream maker or, if you don't have one, freeze the mixture in a shallow bowl. For the first 2 hours, stir or beat the mixture every 15 minutes to 20 minutes to break up ice crystals and to prevent it from freezing solid too fast. Then allow the mixture to set to the desired texture.

But the dietary measures to help control high blood pressure — a leading risk factor in heart disease and stroke — are not just a list of have-nots. Studies have shown that certain nutrients can be beneficial. High on the list is potassium.

A number of studies have linked low intake of potassium with high blood pressure. In fact, one study, from Temple University School of Medicine, found that when potassium was reduced in the diets of people with normal potassium, their blood pressure went up. Researchers speculate that low potassium intake may somehow prompt the body to hoard sodium.

Perhaps even more important, research shows, is the ratio of sodium to potassium in the body. Obviously, you want less of the first and more of the second. And you can achieve that naturally by eating more fresh foods.

High intakes of calcium are also linked to lower blood pressure. A study of 8,000 men found that those who drank milk were almost twice as likely to have high blood pressure as those who drank a quart or more a day.

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Milk is a leading source of calcium. Increasing calcium in the diet, however, has had mixed results when it comes to helping to reduce high blood pressure. Some speculate that calcium works best for those who are salt sensitive. There is also some evidence that the fatty acids found in fish, which is believed to harden the heart, may also have an effect on blood pressure in some people.

Because hypertension is so closely related to heart disease, doctors advise those with high blood pressure to follow the diet guidelines established for a healthy heart — namely a low-fat, low-sodium diet.

In addition, those with high blood pressure should eat plenty of the high-potassium, low-sodium and high-calcium foods listed below:

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That's when things started to change. Medfield, usually a high scoring team, shut three of the All-Bright pipes, the third hitting the net with 18 seconds to go in the game, which ended in a 3-3 tie.

That last shot was a desperate, and "we didn't even see it go by," said coach Joe Parisi. "All of our defense was

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Katherine Gibbs School (126 Newbury St., Boston) will host a Holiday Reception and invites graduates to join in the festivities. The celebration will conclude the school's 75th Anniversary Year. Info: 578-7150.

Oak Square Senior Club
The club will meet the first and third Wednesdays, Sept., 1992 through June, 1993, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Brighton, at 1 p.m.

• More info: Call the Oak Square Senior Club president, Mary Fox, at 254-3638.

Boston Public Library News
Faneuil Branch (419 Faneuil St.; tel. 782-6705) • Countdown to 1993 Reading Club—From Nov. on. All children are invited to stop by, join the club, log the books they read, and add items to a colorful display.
• Annual Holiday Open House—Patrons and friends of the Faneuil Branch are invited to the annual "Faneuil Holiday Open House," Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. The fun includes a special program for children and all will enjoy the holiday music and yummy treats. The Friends of the Faneuil Branch Library fund the Open House and everyone is welcome.

Hahnenmann Hospital Eating Disorders Service
A free support and discussion group offered monthly for those with anorexia or bulimia, their friends and family members. The group meets in the Hahnenmann Hospital (1515 Comm. Ave., Brighton) Conference Room. Info: contact Marilyn Weller at (617) 254-1100, ext. 606.

Lessons
Aerobics at 'Y' Learn to teach aerobics and step aerobics at the West Suburban YMCA, 276 Church St., Newton. Eight-week comprehensive certification training course to learn to teach aerobics and step aerobics. Registration begins Dec. 16; classes start, Jan. 7. More info: 244-6606.

Bay State Ice Skating School Don't let a skate go to waste this holiday season and learn to enjoy the ice to its fullest. At the Bay State Ice Skating School, lessons taught by professional instructors are available for children, 5 and older, as well as adults. Fee of $59 for children; $70 for adults—includes admission for 7-week series. For details and/or to register, call the school at 965-4460.

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• Compiled by the Journal staff
Excellence from Chevy, but of Corsica

By Bob Sikorsky

The 1993 Chevrolet Corsica LT four-door sedan was my companion for part of a recent media promotion tour I did through Portions of the South.

Although this was a rental car, I thought it would be a good choice for a review.

The Corsica, with nearly 7,000 miles, proved very comfortable, quiet and efficient transportation on the500 or so miles I drove it through Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

An interesting comparison exists between the '92 and '93 Corsica; I was able to detect a distinct difference in the quietness of the new model. Wind noise around the windows has been reduced substantially with the addition of improved front- and rear-door seals, modifications to the outside rearview mirrors and reshaped windshield moldings.

Another noise modification on all '93 Coriscas is the use of larger mufflers.

A new feature on the '93 Corsica I'm sure the rental-car companies enjoy is the inclusion of standard Scotchguard fabric protection on the floor carpeting and floor mats. In past years only the seats and door panels received this treatment. Good idea; there is no part of the vehicle more likely to be soiled than the carpeting.

The base price of the LT or entry-level model is $11,395. Although this was a rental car, I thought it would be a good choice for a review.

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It's one of the most powerful engines in its class and although I found it a bit on the noisier side under strong acceleration, for the most part it was quiet at cruising speeds with only moderately noticeable ticking at idle.

Add shipping and handling ($475) and the grand as-tested total comes to $13,823.

For those interested in more performance and handling, the Corsica is also available with the optional 252 Sport Handling Package consisting of accented body-side moldings, 15-inch aluminum wheels with larger P205/60R15 touring Radials, a sport suspension and a sport steering wheel.

Although the Corsica is rated a compact car by the EPA, it is a very roomy compact. Seems more like a midsize to me. There is good room here for five passengers and I personally had plenty of headroom and legroom in the driver's seat.

The fold-down feature of the backseat provides access into the moderately large (13.5 cubic foot) trunk and allows for hauling long items such as skis. The trunk held my two large suitcase with much room to spare.

And although it's a minor feature, I liked the dual cup holder that pulls out of the passenger's side of the dash. It holds styrofoam cups and 12-ounce cans perfectly.

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EPA rates the optional 3.1-liter engine, when fitted with the automatic transmission, at 20 mpg city and 28 mpg highway with a combined fuel economy of 23 mpg. I filled up twice and my fuel economy for mostly highway driving averaged 24.1 mpg.

Although the V6 has substantially more power than the standard L4 engine, its fuel economy isn’t much less than the standard 4-cylinder engine that rates 23 mpg/city and 31 mpg/highway with a combined average of 26 mpg.

About the only complaint I had about the Corsica was with the automatic transmission. The shift points were smooth enough, but the tranny whined and whirred a little too much and was just plain too noisy, especially when shifting from first to second gear.

Standard on all Corsicas is a driver’s-side air bag and four-wheel anti-lock brakes. A brake-transmission shift interlock requires the driver to apply the brake pedal before the car can be shifted out of "Park." New for ’93:

Seats are on the large side, solid and covered with a sturdy cloth fabric. The dash, highlighted by a large separate instrument binnacle that sits on top of the dash, is handsome.

After being bold enough to drive across the country in the V6-powered ‘92 analog in late August, I won’t be surprised in the least if the new one would have fared. Not much, I’ll bet.

The true test of a rental car is how well it can be driven across the country. The new Corsica is a solid-value, roomy family sedan that should continue to attract a substantial share of buyers in this market segment.
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