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**BC stadium  
a done deal?**Neighbors hold out little  
hope for BRA quashing  
stadium expansion

By Brian Donohue

Boston College's plan to expand Alumni Stadium moved headstrong last week toward its crucial hearing with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, while in its wake a swirling controversy continued to plague and perplex neighborhood opponents of the project.

The public hearing on the project was scheduled Wednesday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. in the BRA hearing room on the ninth floor of Boston City Hall (at press time, reports on the meeting were unavailable), but disgruntled opponents are already declaring the project a done deal and expect the BRA's approval to be "gift wrapped for Christmas."

"It seems like it's done, save for a few minor things," said neighborhood activist Theresa Hynes. "A lot of people spent a lot of time putting together the numbers, but it was always going to be a decision based on politics."

With the project now the focus of citywide media, the atmosphere of controversy was stepped up last week by several key developments:

- Boston College issued a supplement to its original Draft Project Impact Report (DPIR) outlining late design changes. The supplement was distributed Friday morning to neighborhood activists who said they are still confused over exactly what impact the project will have on the neighborhood or what it will look like. The supplementary information, they say was distributed too close to the hearing date for residents to gain an accurate understanding of the plan.

The transportation department had earlier written a letter to BC saying that the original DPIR did not provide enough information for the department to make a decision on the matter.

- In a meeting with the Newton Board of Aldermen last Thursday, BC gave its most specific explanation thus far of the proposed project's design, leaving both Newton and Allston-Brighton opponents flabbergasted by apparent discrepancies between earlier explanations of the project. Newton and A-B residents and officials said it was the first time they had been notified of the proposed demolition of 20,000 of the existing seats in the stadium, as well as significant increases in height of several parts of the stadium. Many of these details, residents say were unclear or indecipherable in the DPIR.

BC told the meeting they plan to proceed with construction before completing environmental studies required by the state's Environmental Affairs office. University officials argued that such a move is not uncommon for developers.

- Members of the Allston-Brighton Community Relations Task Force presented their case to members of the Boston City Council Monday, prompting the councilors in attendance — City Councilors at Large John Nucci, Albert "Dapper" O'Neil and District 9 Councilor Brian McLaughlin to request that the BRA postpone Wednesday's hearing until residents are able to gain an understanding of the project.

"We can't do this Wednesday," Nucci said.

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**Bad blood on Faneuil**Faneuil project scene to bloody knife fight between two sets  
of brothers

By John Dyer

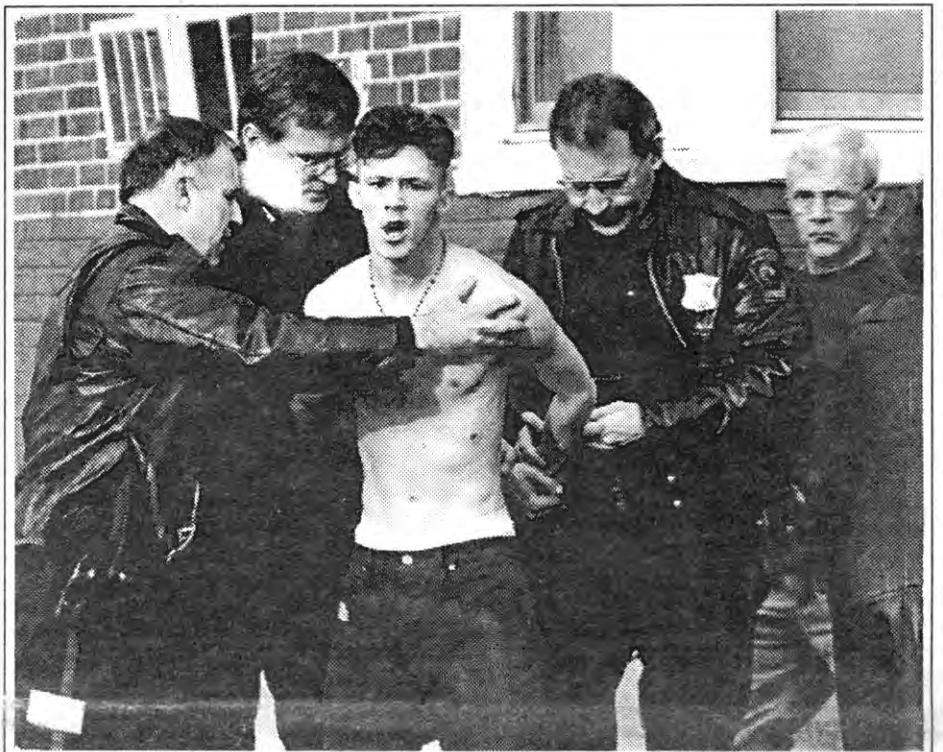
A conflict between two pairs of brothers Saturday morning resulted in two hospitalizations and two arrests for attempted murder.

At 9:08 a.m., police responded to a stabbing report at the 51 and 55 Faneuil Street housing development, where they found William and Sean O'Connor, twin 39-year-old brothers from Brighton.

A silver-colored, bloody 10-inch knife was found on William O'Connor, a police report states.

While police were conducting a threshold inquiry of the O'Connor brothers, Lazaro Ruidiaz, soaked with blood emanating from a shoulder gash which was so deep it exposed bone, emerged from 51 Faneuil St. Ruidiaz, age 16, was

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Book him: Angel Ruidiaz is handcuffed by police after bloody knife fight at Faneuil Housing Project left him with a stab wound under his ribs and arrested, his brother Lazaro hospitalized with a deep knife wound to the shoulder, and two other brothers, Sean and William O'Connor arrested for assault with intent to murder.

M.J. Maloney photo

**Lose the booze,  
says activist**ACA member calls for year-  
long moratorium on liquor  
licenses

By Brian Donohue

Calling the problems of rowdiness on weekend nights in the Harvard Avenue area, "out of control," Allston Civic Association Vice-President Paul Berkeley made the case for a proposed liquor license moratorium before the Brighton-Allston Improvement Association Thursday night.

Berkeley presented residents with the text of the moratorium, which would prohibit the issuance or transfer of all liquor licenses from other areas into Wards 21 and 22 for one year or until comprehensive plans for parking, traffic and policing of liquor and entertainment facilities in the area is developed.

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**From the frying  
pan into the *Briar***  
Green Briar owner rebuked  
on plans to expand eatery

By Brian Donohue

If timing is everything, then Austin O'Connor had nothing Thursday night.

Minutes after the end of an emotional discussion on the proposed liquor license moratorium — complete with the vivid retelling of several drunken student neighborhood exploits — O'Connor, owner of the Green Briar Restaurant at 298 Washington Street, went before the board seeking approval for his plan to purchase an adjoining business and expand his operations.

O'Connor's proposal to purchase the struggling Yelena's restaurant and increase its capacity from 170 to 250 was met with literal gasps from several

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# MAKING THE NEWS

This is the second part in a three-part series examining business trends in the Allston-Brighton community

## Minding their business

Former Brighton Center merchants speak out on business prospects for the area

By Brian Donohue

Former Brighton Center business owners last week provided insight on the forces working for and against the effort to maintain the area as a vibrant business and community center.

In interviews last week several small business owners who have left the area over the past several years cited factors both unique to Brighton Center, such as lack of parking, and more universal problems, such as market and economic fluctuations, which have made survival difficult for the local small business owner.

In some cases, such as the Woolworth's America's Value Store on Market St., location was not the issue. The closure of that store was prompted by an upper-level decision to restructure the corporation in response

to dwindling sales nationwide.

In other instances however, the forces behind business closures highlight problems which are more unique to the Brighton Center area.

Barry Jordan, whose father owned and operated the Ralph Jordan textile store at 332 Washington St. cited a number of issues which he said must be addressed in order to draw new businesses into the area.

"We certainly could've been helped by more parking," said Jordan from his store in Acton. "We started 21 years ago and at that time there was a parking problem, and it still is a problem."

"Even with the offices above the retail spaces — still where do you park? It seems to always come back to parking," he said.

Jordan added that a parking garage in the area would "absolutely help the situation."

There are also, Jordan said, just too many bars in the area. "It's probably the single largest concentration of bars in any area, right there on one small street. That would clearly discourage people from coming in and opening."

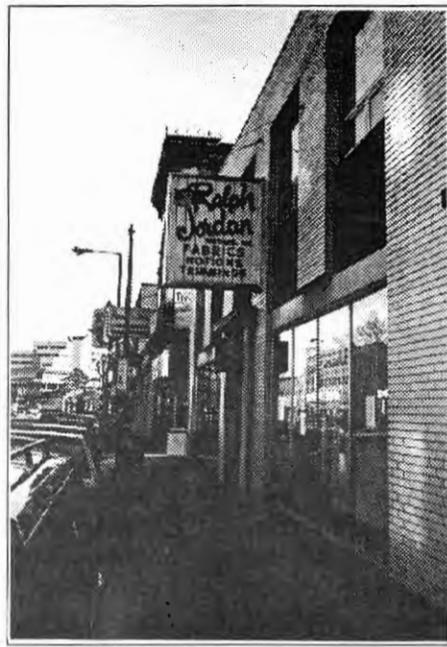
Perhaps most important, Jordan said, were factors independent of geography, such as market and demographic changes which also hurt business.

"Business has not been great in the textile business anyway. Brighton had

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Ralph Jordan Textiles, Inc. closed its doors in Brighton Center, says Barry Jordan son of the owner, due to factors including the lack of parking and the proliferation of bars in the area.

M.J. Maloney



## Picketers target Provident

By Tom Nugent

More than 90 workers plan to picket the Provident Nursing Home next Wednesday afternoon and make a decision about striking — despite a union election scheduled

two days later.

The reasons why the registered and practical nurses, mental health aides, cooks and dietary workers, housekeepers, secretaries and activity coordinators plan to march outside the home, at 1501 Commonwealth Ave., is because management allegedly stopped funding workers' injury compensation and broke agreements not to punish employees for union activity.

Telephone calls to Lee Carroll, the home's administrator, were not re-

turned by press time. The nursing home, a 112-bed facility, is owned by Hillyard Development Corporation.

The National Labor Relations Board's regional director scheduled the Dec. 17 election after ruling against a management attempt to remove RNs, about one-third of the home's staff, from the potential collective bargaining unit on the grounds that nurses are supervisors and not entitled to union representation.

The corporation is appealing the decision which means that the votes of next Friday's secret balloting at the nursing home will be counted only when a ruling on the appeal is made in Washington by the full NLRB.

"Classic anti-union stalling tactics," stated Ashley Adams, organizer for Local 285, Service Employees International Union. "Management went back on their promise not to delay." Adams also charged that the employer renegeed on a promise to agree to a date for discussing staffing shortages and other problems.

"A rash of write-ups has been issued in the past few days," the organizer said, alleging that Carroll had broken a promise not to punish employees for union activity. He said the union had filed unfair labor practice charges with the NLRB.

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# Police Bulletin

## Police issue warning of at-large rapist

District 14 police report there were two attempted rapes this weekend within the 1800 and 1900 block of Commonwealth Ave., during the hours of 3-4 a.m. Police offer this description of the suspect: WNM, 20s, 5'7-5'10, medium build, brown or dark blond hair. In one assault, the suspect

was reported to have worn a baseball cap, a dark loose sweater and moccasins. Anyone believing to have seen a person fitting this description should exercise caution and not approach the suspect, but should contact District 14 police as soon as possible at 343-4200 or call 911.

## From the frying pan into the Briar

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residents opposed to any increase in the number or capacity of establishments that serve liquor in the area. The addition would bring the total capacity of the two establishments to nearly 500.

The Washington Heights Civic Association had voted the previous week to oppose the Green Briar's request.

The ensuing discussion at the Brighton Allston Improvement Association meeting saw several residents accusing O'Connor, a long time and well-respected businessman, of trying to hoodwink the community in his attempt to gain approval for the license transfer.

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No one's expand-able: The Green Briar owner's plans to expand in space occupied by Yelena's was met with community displeasure.

M.J. Maloney photo

## Minding their business

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been very good for us all those years that the home textile business was good," he said.

Elizabeth McGurrin, former owner of McGurrin's Gift Shop at 373 Washington St., put a different spin on the situation, pointing to the changing consumer habits as the main impediment to keeping downtown areas strong.

"I don't think this has anything to do with parking," she said. "It's just people going to malls. They'd rather push a cart around in a big store."

"They say, 'we need clothes stores, book stores and things like that,' but even if they had something I'm not sure if they would patronize it," McGurrin said. "That area has changed a great deal."

McGurrin said businesses such as hers are being squeezed out by discount outlets and home shopping television networks which sell goods "cheaper than we were selling wholesale."

"Escalating rents really were a big problem, because rents were going up, all of our costs were going up and the business died."

McGurrin provided advice for those who are working for the future of the neighborhood. "Putting so many food places in the center is not a good idea," she advised. "People will say, 'if we don't want to eat, then there's no sense in going to Brighton Center.'"

Nonetheless, McGurrin is both hopeful and optimistic about the prospects for the future of the area, saying she has seen some improvement in the situation.

"There aren't as many empty stores as there were about four years ago," she said.

McGurrin looks back dearly on her days in Brighton and says it should rely on its greatest resource — its people — to maintain the vibrant neighborhood.

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# NEIGHBORHOODS

## New, promising chapter for proposed Allston library

By John Dyer

Prospects for a new Allston branch of the Boston Public Library are looking up, if all goes well with a pending building needs study. The issue has been dormant for a number of years, but just recently the mantle has again been taken up by District 9 City Councilor Brian McLaughlin and Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

On Oct. 20 the City Council unanimously approved a \$3.5 million bond issue to finance construction of the new branch. That Saturday, the then acting mayor, Thomas Menino visited Allston and proclaimed his authorization of the \$3.5 million.

Now, the Capital Planning office is studying architectural schematics, demographics and assessing how a new branch would best serve the Allston community. While officials say any definite statement on the branch's location would be purely speculative, Howard Leibowitz, the mayor's press secretary, said city hall was absolutely behind the new branch.

A new Allston branch would greatly enhance the city's role in the area, said Worth Douglas, assistant superintendent of branches for the Boston Public Library.

"Far more people will take advantage of the services of the Boston Public Library than do presently," she said.

Douglas felt that since the population of Allston-Brighton changes by a third each year, many did not know about current libraries in the area: the Faneuil Library and the Brighton Branch Library, both located in Brighton.

As a result of increasing the library's presence in Allston, she said, more citizens could take full advantage of public services, especially the elderly and indigent who

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**Time on the range:** Mayor Thomas M. Menino (2nd from left) recently visited Allston after authorizing a \$3.5 million bond issue to finance construction of an Allston branch library. Also pictured (L-R) A-B City Councilor Brian McLaughlin, Lesley Loke, the BPL's assistant director for Community Library Services, and Anna Edmonston, who runs the children's library at the Allston Congregational Church.

M.J. Maloney photo

## Waves of life *Crossing the River* at Brighton Library

By Beverly Creasey

If you haven't been to your local library, you're missing out on more than books: on any given day you'll find poetry readings, plays, art exhibits, puppetry, computers, literacy classes and readings by international authors.

Last week at the Brighton Branch Library, British author

Caryl Phillips read from his latest novel, *Crossing the River*, which is already heralded in England for its elegant prose. Nominated for the Booker Award, the British equivalent of the National Book Award, *Crossing the River* will be published this month in the states by Knopf.

Phillips, who was born on St. Kitts, moved with his family to England before his first birthday, so in a way, water has figured "literally" all his life. *Crossing the River* is for Phillips a "journey rooted deeply in my soul." The memories of his, and all our collective journeys, are seen through myriad eyes in *Crossing the River*: a desperate father who sold his children into slavery; a smitten shopgirl in London and her American soldier; an officer aboard a

slaveship. Each character intertwines with the previous generation to reveal our common ancestry, from Europe and Africa across the ocean to the New World in the "triangle" trade. "There are no paths in water, no signposts, no return," Phillips tells us in *Crossing the River*. He has heard "250 years of voices" across that river of no return and each distinct voice cries out through Phillips, yearning to be heard.

Phillip's language is breathtaking; his images so moving they stay, embedded in your brain. In the discussion after the reading, Phillips asserts that "all writers write the same thing over and over again." Modesty aside, writers may have tackled this "historical imbalance" before, but never so eloquently.



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# IN THE NEWS

## Bad blood on Faneuil

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being helped by friends and family who identified the O'Connors as his assailants.

The O'Connors were arrested on the spot and later booked on a charge of assault with the intent to murder.

Police report that while the O'Connors were being placed in a police vehicle, Angel Ruidiaz, Lazaro's 19-year-old brother, came on the scene and attempted to assault the O'Connors. After repeated assault attempts he was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, the report states.

An ambulance was late in arriving, and Lazaro was transported to St. Elizabeth's Hospital by the police.

Police found four knives in the area, one of which was taped to resemble a gun.

A witness said the confrontation between the four brothers began inside 51 Faneuil, where Lazaro was cut. The O'Connors then at knife-point escorted Lazaro to 55 Faneuil, the witness said. Police reported that the witness confronted and struggled with Sean O'Connor on 55 Faneuil's first-floor steps.

Police report that Angel Ruidiaz was awakened by a loud

banging at his door, which he opened to see William O'Connor with a knife at his brother Lazaro's throat. Lazaro was bleeding, police report.

Angel stated to police that he struck William over the head with a crutch. Later at the station, Angel was found by police to have a puncture wound on the left side of his rib cage. He was taken to Brigham and Women's Hospital.

The O'connors fled outside and were then apprehended.

Sgt. Howard Donahue of Police Division 14 said the Boston Housing Authority had a no trespassing order on Sean O'Connor that barred him from entering the Faneuil housing area.

The O'Connors mother lives in the project, said Donahue.

Sources speculated that drugs were involved in the incident.

### Neighbors react

One woman who was waiting for the school bus to arrive Monday spoke about the community's response to the

stabbing. She knows Sean O'Connor as an acquaintance, and her 17-year-old son is familiar with the Ruidiaz brothers.

She did not witness the occurrence directly, but does have friends who saw what happened.

Sean was in an "angry kind of frame of mind against the world," she said.

In her previous encounters with Sean O'Connor, she said, he has been friendly and respectful.

Sgt. Donahue said Sean gave his mother's North Beacon Street address when being booked.

"I can imagine it was something of a chemical reaction to something because I've never known him to act that way," she said.

She said she can see sadness on both sides for what happened, but especially she feels for the Ruidiazes.

"Our children should not have to grow up in this kind of atmosphere," she said.

Others relaxing outside were not so sensitive.

"Jack the Ripper came back," said one.

## New, promising chapter for proposed Allston library

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cannot regularly visit the library's downtown or Brighton sites.

Lesley Loke, the BPL's assistant director for Community Library Services, explained that the original Allston library was closed in 1981 when Proposition 21/2 forced the city to cancel its rental agreements, one of which held the branch space.

The possibility of a new library in Allston rose and fell with the city's economic health since that time. Presently, Loke says, it seems as if there is a window of opportunity.

She feels the \$3.5 million bond issue is a "very wonderful and long overdue step."

"I felt...this fall that it was ripe to go," said Councilor McLaughlin, who sponsored the bond issue.

McLaughlin said the Flynn administration spent vast sums on physical improvements to the city but failed to consider the Allston Library question. Menino freed up approximately \$15,000 put in escrow by the former

mayor for the building study now underway.

McLaughlin said he will convene a public meeting upon the study's completion in order to sound out Allston's feeling on the matter, and he anticipates quick action subsequently.

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# EDITORIAL

## Kudos to Dist. 14 police

Quick response by District 14 police to a call at the Faneuil Housing Project, last Saturday, prevented an already ugly affair from escalating into an even more precarious situation that could have jeopardized additional individuals besides the four involved.

Two sets of brothers — one, identical twins, 39 years old, and the other, a 16 and 19 year old — engaged in a bloody knife fight that police sources speculate allegedly involved drugs. The twin brothers were busted for attempted murder — knives being the weapons of choice — while the older of the other brothers was hauled down to the station for disorderly conduct and the younger to the hospital for treatment of an ugly knife wound all the way down to the shoulder bone.

Those who live in the Allston-Brighton community who sadly have been victims of crime, or know those who have, should not be surprised at the quick action of the local cops. Due to a host of factors, big city streets are not the safest to travel — even here in Allston-Brighton — and while the war against crime is a slow, agonizing one, it would be even slower and more agonizing were it not for our local blue knights, who risk their lives every day, even if it is to make the streets only a tad safer for the rest of us. They deserve our respect and support.

### No end to stadium expansion?

Anyone who thinks BC is going to be satisfied with 44,500 seats *when* (only those who were born yesterday think it's not a done deal) the school's plan is approved, also probably thought Germany was going to be satisfied with just Poland and Liz with just one hubby. Believe us — not long after BC gets the extra 12,000 seats, they'll be waltzing back to the negotiating table crying, "Can we have some more," to the neighborhood, while cozying up and making palsy walsy to the pols downtown. We've said it before, and we'll say it again: no, BC, you've got to play by the rules like everyone else. If this were a football game, the Eagles would be penalized so many yards, they'd have to be out of state to receive a kickoff at Alumni Stadium.

*Bill Kelly is the Journal editor.*

# LETTERS

## Fahey's 'name-calling' offensive

To the editor:

This letter is written in response to a recent column by Michael Fahey. Mr. Fahey attempts to address the problem of low voter turnout but falls short of his mark but quickly degenerating into name-calling. He suggests that politicians are liars, treacherous and conniving, due to the fact that most of them are lawyers.

Because I am a lawyer and because I have recently completed my first foray into the political arena, but more importantly because I am concerned with the issue of voter apathy, I find these remarks offensive.

No optimistic voter will be brought to the polls by the kind of journalism practiced by Mr. Fahey, and others of his ilk like Howie Carr and Jerry Williams, who fall into the easy negative cliché rather than engaging in serious analysis. In order for democracy to operate at its highest levels voters must have something to hope for and vote "for"

rather than something to vote against.

During the course of the District City Council campaign this summer I knew that focusing on the issues and the experience and qualifications of the candidates resulted in an effort of which I continue to be very proud and in which truth was a valuable commodity. Furthermore, I know many attorneys in Allston/Brighton who are involved in politics, and respect them as honest and upstanding citizens and practitioners.

As concerned citizens we must all go beyond negativism and search for serious answers to these perplexing questions. One cannot counter the perception of mistruth with more mistruth disguised as trite generalization. To address voter apathy and delivery of city services in such a way does grave disservice to Allston/Brighton.

Will Luzier  
Brighton

## Draisen to editor: Three A-B reps., not two, turkey

To the editor:

I read with some chagrin the item about "our two local state reps" in this week's issue of the Journal.

Like most politicians, I have no desire to be placed in any category of folks who are, allegedly, keeping a "low profile."

Nonetheless, I want to make sure that you remember that Allston/Brighton has a delegation of three reps, not two. It is my sense that all three of us have been keeping our usual high profiles throughout the neighborhood lately — although not always at meetings where a *Journal* reporter is in attendance.

The legislative leadership may have sliced and diced my

district into oblivion, but I will continue to represent Ward 21, Precincts 12-14 until the first Wednesday in January, 1995, after which I hope to be moving boxes to another office in the State House — hopefully one where I can offer my guests a real chair, as opposed to the radiator which constitutes the only "furniture" in my office currently.

Just a reminder! In good humor, I remain sincerely yours.

Marc D. Draisen  
11th Suffolk District

## Stadium expansion will have positive impact

To the editor:

Having recently moved to Brighton, I was confused by all the debate going on over the Boston College stadium expansion. Community impact is cited time and time again by its opponents. Yet I have yet to hear anyone mention the most significant impact that the expansion will have on the community: money. By the time the average football fan has paid for a ticket, parking, lunch, and a new BC pennant, \$50

has entered the community. Multiply that by 12,500 people six times a year and you're looking at \$3,750,000! Translated into jobs, that money could support about 100 full time workers in this community. That's what I call community impact.

Don Hoying  
Brighton

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# OPINION

## City Roots must be kept viable for benefit of youth

By Tom Nugent

Asked to describe "a happy childhood memory" on the essay portion of a high school GED exam, many of the drop-outs trying to earn their equivalency diplomas could not do so. One described watching "The Brady Bunch" on TV.

Most of the high school dropouts, ages 16-21, in the City Roots Alternative High School Program, didn't have much of a chance at success in a regular public high school because of the turmoil in their lives at home.

City Roots operates programs in Allston-Brighton, Dorchester, Roslindale, East and South Boston.

It has been a tough year for the program. Its teachers earn about \$10,000 a year less than their colleagues who teach in public schools. The city's early retirement program created

teaching openings and some City Roots teachers moved up to the higher-paying jobs. The early retirement program also resulted in guidance counselor changes at many public high schools, eliminating referral sources for City Roots.

The alternative school students enroll because they find that they cannot gain a decent job, qualify for the armed forces, or have any chance of going to college without a high school diploma.

The program receives federal (70 to 80 percent of the costs), state (about 20 percent) and city (10 percent) funds. Because of the low pay, City Roots suffers from a 30 to 40 percent teacher turnover every year. The program's teachers also have no benefits because the city hasn't offered them a contract for the past five years. This creates instability, when exactly the opposite is what's required to

deal with students for whom everything else in their life is unstable.

The key to success is motivating these students to keep showing up for classes to prepare for their GED exams. That requires counselors and teachers who will be working with them long enough to know their problems and to create trust.

The city should bring the salaries and benefits of the City Roots' staff to a level comparable to that of the public schools. The social costs of not stabilizing this program are too high not to do so. Let's not be penny-wise and dollar-foolish, as the old saying goes. If enough of these drop-outs have a chance at decent jobs or an education, they'll be taxpayers and society will be repaid many times over for its investment now.

## IN THE NEWS

# BC stadium a done deal?

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"I'm hearing two different pieces of information, there are too many differences to do it Wednesday."

"I don't know who is telling the truth or who is not, but I do know that 48 hours is too short to make a decision. BC as an institution will survive if this thing is postponed until the first of the year. To try to sift through that in the middle of Chanukah and Christmas season is a disservice to everybody," Nucci said.

O'Neil pledged his support for McLaughlin's recommendation to defer the hearing until BC and the Task Force have discussed the plan. "When Brian writes a recommendation for deferment, I will go along with that," he said.

Despite the imminent request, BRA Director Paul Barrett reportedly said the hearing would take place as scheduled on Wednesday.

Tensions flared at the meeting when architect K. Edward Alexander, who was making a presentation of the plans to the councilors, was confronted by Boston Building and Trade Commission Head Joe Nigro.

Nigro supports the project for its potential to create jobs and attacked Alexander for what he said were a manipulation of the facts during his presentation.

"He's lying, he's outright lying," Nigro said. "He's about as professional as my [bleep]."

Nigro accused the neighborhood activists of blocking

economic development and job creation. Nigro and Task Force President Steve Costello then became engaged in a nasty exchange of words and insults before leaving the room.

• As of Monday, with the BRA hearing two days away, Boston College and the BC/A-B Community Relations Task Force, had not met to clear up the continued miscommunication going on between the two parties, and each new clarification of the plan by BC brought forth gasps of surprise from residents who say they are baffled by complex drawings, plans and technical details.

• The *Boston Globe* reported that Mayor Thomas M. Menino had expressed the possibility that he could grant his approval to the project pending certain provisions to minimize the impact on the neighborhood. During the campaign Menino had said he would work with area residents to block the expansion.

Menino spokesman Howard Leibowitz told the *Journal* that the mayor "could not approve the project as it stands now. The mayor is not prepared to support this proposal, but he doesn't want to foreclose on his options," Leibowitz said.

### Is 45,000 still too small?

Activists and politicians at Monday's meeting with the

city councilors continued to press their claim that the best interests of both sides would best be served by a bigger stadium somewhere else.

In his presentation, Alexander stressed that BC's own comparisons to other major college football powers render even an expanded stadium obsolete in its drive to compete.

Alexander compared the campuses and facilities of BC and its rival Notre Dame, which devotes an area nearly the size of BC's entire campus solely to athletics.

State Rep. Kevin Honan reiterated Alexander's concerns, saying, "A 45,000 seat stadium is not going to accommodate BC's needs. They need 60,000 and I think everybody agrees 60,000 is too much. This will be obsolete the minute the ribbon is cut."

Rep. Susan Tracy also placed the controversy in a larger, longer term perspective, saying, "The startling piece isn't the height of the stadium, it's when I look at Notre Dame."

Tracy said BC should accept its role as an urban institution and not try to mimic its rural rivals who have vast stretches of land at their disposal.

"With their great location comes a downside, and the downside is that you have to respect your neighbors, and I don't think BC respects its neighbors," Tracy said.

Several Boston College officials did not return calls and were unavailable for comment over the past several days.

# Lose the booze, says activist

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Such a committee would consist of one appointee each by the mayor, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, the police commissioner, the city council, the licensing board and the traffic and parking commission.

"What this is saying is, 'nobody gets a license until a comprehensive plan is worked out,'" Berkeley said. "For one year, while a plan is being developed, no new licenses will be issued."

The BAIA did not take an official vote on the measure, but the majority of those in attendance indicated that they were in favor of the moratorium.

Berkeley recounted the course of events which had driven local citizens and politicians to call for the moratorium, including a failed effort to get local bars and businesses to control their own customers.

Several years ago, local residents fed up with the late night rowdiness of bar patrons in the area, requested that the parking lot on Harvard Avenue behind Blanchards' liquors — an area from which many of the complaints had stemmed — be closed down.

When that plan was rejected by local businesses, a series of meetings were held to address the problems and, upon the recommendation of the District 14 police, an association of local business owners was formed. As members of the association, businesses were to pool their

resources to hire private police details to patrol the area late at night.

That effort fell through this past May when several establishments failed to pay their share of the detail fees. The owners still owe several thousand dollars to the private details.

The result of these failures to control the situation, the moratorium plan states, is "serious problems with regard to vandalism, noise, neighborhood disturbances, traffic and the need for increased police presence in the area."

During his presentation, Berkeley pointed to a stack of papers documenting 13,000 police calls made to the a one quarter square mile area between Packards Corner and Union Square. "The problems in this area are pretty out of control," Berkeley said.

Concern was raised over what effect the moratorium would have on local businesses, especially the numerous smaller ethnic restaurants in the area.

Over the past several years, Allston has developed a reputation for its wealth of small yet highly regarded ethnic restaurants, and many people fear the moratorium would be detrimental to this resource.

BAIA member Theresa Hynes said she supported the moratorium, but would like to see a provision added which would protect "the small restaurant that wants a wine license."

Brighton attorney Joe Hogan reiterated Hynes' concerns, saying, "For a lot of these ethnic restaurants, a glass of wine or beer is very important to business."

"Are we sending the wrong signal to business? I think we are getting some very fine ethnic restaurants — for some of them it is their culture, their custom to have a glass of wine with their meal," Hogan said.

Berkeley responded that despite such a possible negative effect, the moratorium is necessary because the problems in the area have become so severe. Berkeley added that after the one year moratorium is over, such restaurants, when they seek licenses, will once again be judged according to their own merits.

"There may be a price to pay by somebody after this, but we've been paying for a long time," Berkeley said. "These places can apply as restaurants, then — if they come back, we will support them, if we feel they are good places with good reputations."

Berkeley warned that exceptions to the rule could allow businesses to take advantage of loopholes and gradually change their identities by first applying for a beer and wine license, then eventually applying for increased capacity until they become a virtual bar.

"People are going to take all sorts of paths to get there," he said, pointing out that many of the most troublesome establishments are officially registered as restaurants.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Announcements

### Pastor departing Baptist church

• Rev. Charlotte Davis, the pastor the past nine years at the Brighton Ave. Baptist Church, departs this month to serve another church. A reception for Davis will be held, Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. at the church (30 Gordon St., Allston). A collation follows. RSVP to 782-8120 or 254-1674.

### St. Col's Fair/Wreath Sale

• Saturday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at St. Columbkille School, 25 Arlington St. in Brighton. Free admission; table rentals, \$20. Proceeds to St. Col's Elementary School.

## Events

### A-B Xmas lightings

- Thursday, Dec. 9 — 6 p.m. at Oak Square
- Friday, Dec. 10 — noon at Brighton

### A-B City Roots (30 Gordon St., Phone: 635-5233)

• Complete your high school GED. Job development and career counseling. Extracurricular activities. Ages 16-21. No fee. Call for information.

### Jackson/Mann Community School (500 Cambridge St., Allston; Tel. 635-5153)

- **Wednesdays & Fridays: Tae Kwon Do classes.** \$35 per month. 4-5 p.m. for ages 6-10; 5:30-6:30 p.m. for ages 11-17.
- **Wednesday Evenings: "Dancing with Evelyn"** at 6 p.m. in the Jackson/Mann Theatre. Cost: \$25. Learn the Charleston, the Hully Gully, Electric Slide, Achey Breaky.
- **Gymnastics Classes** for pre-school, beginner and intermediate. Fees from \$20-\$25. Call for info.
- **Adult Aerobics Classes** Tuesdays and Thursdays for beginners 6-7 p.m. and intermediates 7-8 p.m. \$25.

### Brighton Branch Library (40 Academy Hill Road; Tel. 782-6032)

- Tuesdays — Films and Stories for Young Children. 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 21 films: "Benjamin and the Miracle of Hanukkah" and "The Cow on the Moon."
- Dec. 21-Creative Dramatics for all school age children. 4 p.m. Improvise and create with Pamela Bailey Powers, drama teacher.

### Faneuil Branch Library (419 Faneuil St.; Tel.782-6705)

- **Dec. 16—Children's Holiday Films.** 3:30 p.m. "Mickey's Christmas Carol," "Max's Christmas," "Morris' Disappearing Bag," and "The Mole and the Christmas Tree."
- **Dec. 9 — Holiday Open House.** 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to the Christmas Open House. The Puppet Scene will present a puppet show and there will be festivities. Co-sponsored by the Friends and Staff of the Faneuil Branch Library.

### Thomas Gardner School

- **Family Clothing & Food Bank**-Now open as part of the Healthy Kids Program in the school's Parents' Center. Hours: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Congregation Kadimah-Toras Moshe (113 Washington St.; Tel. 254-1333)

- Dec. 12 — Annual Chanukah Seudah & Party. 1 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- Dec. 13 — Sisterhood Kadimah-Toras Moshe will hold its Chanukah Supper Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. Invocation by Katherine Massias. Rebbetzin Sylvia Halfinger will light the Chanukah candles. Musical program by Elie Massias. Door prizes and Simcha cake.

### Bay State Ice Skating School (Tel. 965-4460)

- MDC ice skating lessons for boys and girls, ages 5 and up and adults. Learn beginner, intermediate and advanced skills. Use figure or hockey skates. Classes are held at Cleveland Circle, Brighton, and other rinks.

### Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior (29 Chestnut Hill Ave., Brighton; Tel. 254-6100)

- **Thurs., Dec. 9** — 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Al's Fix-it Shop; 10 a.m., Needlework; 10:30 a.m., Choral Group; 11 a.m., Good Samaritan Hospice Presentation; noon, Lunch; 1 p.m., Wellness, 1-4 p.m., Bridge.
- **Fri., Dec. 10** — 10 a.m.-Walking Club; 11 a.m.-Cribbage; 1-1:45 p.m.-Senior Swim.
- **Mon., Dec. 13** — 10 a.m.-Walking Club; noon-Lunch; 12:30-3 p.m.-Scrabble; 1 p.m.-Line Dancing; 1-1:45 p.m.-



Lighting up their day: There was a good old-fashioned Christmas tree lighting at the Jackson Mann School, the other day, and hundreds of children and adults alike, with Santa ho, ho, ho-ing them on, got into the holiday spirit as visions of sugarplums — and video games, no doubt — danced in their heads.

M.J. Maloney photo

### Senior Swim; 2 p.m.-Tap Dancing.

- **Tues., Dec. 14** — 9:30 a.m.-Crochet; 10 a.m.-Flu Shots & Diabetes Screening; 10 a.m.-Bowling; noon-Lunch; 1-3 p.m.-Bingo. *Appointments needed for flu shots.*
- **Wed., Dec. 15** — 8:45-11:45 a.m.-Art Class; 10:30 a.m.-Card Club; noon-Lunch; 1-1:45 p.m.-Senior Swim; 1-3 p.m.-Bingo at Oak Square.

### Toys for Tots at Carlson Travel

• Carlson Travel Network/Brighton Travel is an official drop off location for the Toys for Tots program. Brighton Travel is accepting toys from now until Xmas at its office, at 360 Washington St. in Brighton Center. Office hours are: Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Info about Toys for Tots program: call Steve Wasserman at 787-1000.

### West End House Boys & Girls Club (Tel. 787-4044)

• Sat., Dec. 11 — **2nd Annual International Holiday Festival** from 2-6 p.m. Sponsored by Allston/Brighton Against Drugs. Free international food, entertainment, dancing, games and T-shirts for the whole family. Call Mike or Valerie for information.

### St. Elizabeth's Medical Center (736 Cambridge St.; Tel. 789-2330)

- **Wed., Dec. 15** — Free Prostate Cancer Support Group from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Elizabeth's Seton Auditorium. Speaker: Dr. Daniel Pollets, Psychologist. All family members and loved ones welcome.

### Watertown Mall (Phone 926-4968)

- Through Dec. — Sand Sculptor Kevin Crawford's 25-ton replicas of the Swan Boats, Boston's Public Gardens and historic buildings. In weekly drawings, the mall will give away 300 tickets for free rides on the Swan Boats next spring.
- Free Christmas entertainment featuring local performers and school chorus groups:
  - Sat., Dec. 11 — New Bostonians at 1 p.m.
  - Tues., Dec. 14 — St. Jukes School at 4 p.m.
  - Wed., Dec. 15 — Fessenden School at 1 p.m., Belmont High Madrigal Singers at 7 p.m.
  - Thurs., Dec. 16 — Watertown Boy Scouts #221 at 7 p.m.
  - Fri., Dec. 17 — Watertown Public Schools
  - Sat., Dec. 18 — Neighborhood Children's Theatre

### Radcliffe Ceramic Studio (219 Western Ave.; Tel. 495-8680 or 354-8705)

- Thurs., Dec. 9-Sun., Dec. 12 — Work by Allston and Boston artists will be displayed at the Annual Holiday Show & Sale from 3-9 p.m. on Thurs. and 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri.-Sun. Studio is handicapped accessible.

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# POLICE

# SPORTS

## Plank talk

James Badolato, 32, of Revere, was arrested Saturday after he allegedly used a 2" X 4" plank to attack several persons at the Harpers Ferry Paradise bar.

According to the police report, Badolato had previously been ejected from the establishment. Witnesses said they managed to restrain him when he returned and began swinging the plank.

## Skating the law

Ann McKenna, owner of the Boston Skate shop, 1240 Soldiers Field Road, reported that burglars stole four sets of skating bags with an estimated value of \$2,208.

Entry was through a side window which triggered an alarm. District 14 detectives are investigating.

## Woman attacked entering home

An Allston woman reported that three men grabbed her from behind as she was entering her apartment and stole her pocketbook.

She said they escaped with no money, only her social security, Medicaid and immigration cards.

## Store mgr. not fooled by fake i.d.

A woman presented a driver's license with her photo embossed on it as I.D. when she attempted to pay by check at Snyder's Leather on Western Avenue.

The store manager telephoned the Tewksbury woman whose name was on the license and discovered that it and her checkbook had been stolen. While she was calling police, the suspect fled, leaving the license with her photo on it and the checks behind.

## BHS hoopsters look to rebound

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chance. "We've got to run the ball to be successful," said Philip. He added that this year's game plan will require every player's participation.

"At our level every kid has to be able to at least start the break. We will try to run at every opportunity," said Philip.

The Bengal defense will employ a number of defensive looks to keep their opponents off balance. "We'll use a man-to-man but we'll also have a combination defense using zone traps," the Bengal coach said. "We're going to try to press the full length of the court, but the man-to-man will be our main defense."

The Bengal coach believes the biggest difference between last year's squad and this year's will be experience. "This year we have a lack of experience. We have a lot of juniors up from junior varsity," Philip said.

This should make the performances of the veterans all the more crucial. The team has four returning seniors with Reggie Carter and David Shearion as returning starters.

Philip also believes he has some much needed height this year in 6'3 sophomore Bill Whorms and 6'4 freshman Q. Randall. Philip will need this height to battle the likes of East Boston, Charlestown and Latin Academy in the tough Boston South division, where the Bengals compete.

### Bengals lady hoopsters bank on better 'D'

After a slight hesitation, he finally got the words out but it was obvious it was far from easy. "Our record last year? We were 5-7," said Kevin Foley, coach Brighton High's

girl's basketball team. It is obvious he hates remembering last year's record which is why he will be trying his best to improve on that record this year. Foley likes his chances.

"We're definitely looking to improve," said Foley. "If we stopped a few more teams last year [defensively] we could have won a few more games. This year we need to shut down the other team." There are two reasons for Foley's optimism. One is his offense. The Bengal coach believes he has a powerful front court that will allow his team to run the ball at every opportunity although his team might have to pick its spots. "It's easier to teach them [to fast break] but if you run the whole game by the time they get the ball, they're tired," explained Foley.

"As a last resort we'll go to a half-court set but mostly we'll look to run," he said. But, again, Foley warned it all comes back to defense. "If we take care of our team defense, rebounding and controlling both boards, then the offense will take care of itself," said Foley.

The Bengal coach also believes the number of returning players will be a powerful asset. He has 11 returning players but said that does not necessarily mean that all 11 have a roster spot. "Anybody's a possibility; just because you were here last year does not mean you're on the team," he said.

Foley's goals this year are simple. "I'm hoping for an 8-4 record and a spot in the city-playoffs," he said. The Bengals three returning starters are the squad's tri-captains and include Letasha Moses, Lashandie King and Lisa McCarthy.

The team opens its season Dec. 15 against Burke at home.

## OBITUARIES

### Pinia Fine

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Husband of Zina (Kaplan) Fine. Father of Sandra Bullitt of Watertown. Grandfather of Jeffrey and David and great grandfather of Jennifer and Gabriella. Services were Dec. 2 at the Levine Chapel, Brookline followed by Shiva at his family's residence. Remembrances may be made to Temple B'Nai, Moshe, 1845 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton 02135. Survivor of the Treblinka Concentration Camp.

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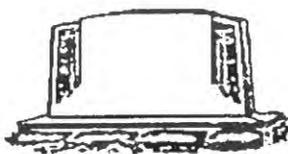
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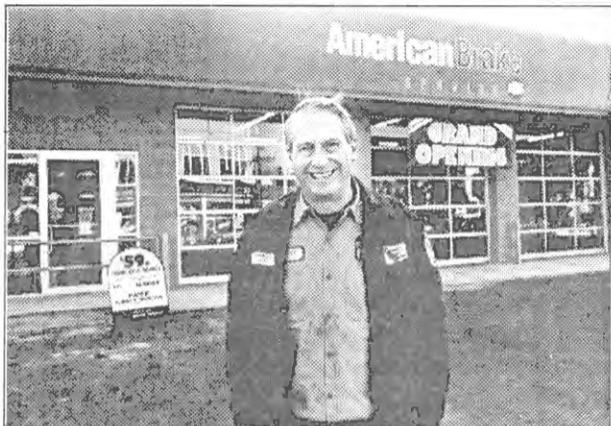
By John Dyer

A new blue banner adorns Brighton Avenue, and under its canopy is everything your jalopy needs.

About two blocks away from the bustling Harvard Street intersection, American Brake Service is a brand new business in Allston, at 84-100 Brighton Ave.

"Every car out there has brakes in it and the brakes wear out," says Joe Golden, owner and manager of the franchise.

And Joe should know. He's been in the business for 30 years! He's worked as a mechanic in gas stations, as a



Golden touch: Joe Golden guarantees everyone a fair shake and even break at his American Brake Service at 84-100 Brighton Avenue in Allston.

M.J. Maloney

service manager at a Chevrolet car dealership, he taught for five years at South Eastern Regional Vocational High School, and for nine years he ran Golden Automotive Repair in Easton.

He feels that nowadays automobiles have become so advanced technologically a responsible auto-buff needs to focus his energies into becoming a master at one trade. Golden's chosen brakes, and in that specialized area, he's found plenty to be busy with. With a particular specialization come exact problems, he says.

"Anything with wheels on it, as long as we can get it in the building and get it up in the air with the lifts we can work on it," Golden says. Golden opened his shop for business on Nov. 8, so as a newcomer, he's eager to please.

American Brake services domestic and imported cars and small trucks.

Especially in the city, says Golden, brakes get a real beating. They've got to be nurtured, cherished.

"I personally recommend to everybody to have their brakes checked once a year," Golden says, adding that in one hour American Brake can give your wheels a complete once-over.

"The inspection that we

do is bumper to bumper on the brake system," he says.

"Our guarantees are pretty much better than anyone else out there," Golden says, referring to American Brake's lifetime warranty on its parts.

If you come on down, Golden will remove your wheels, measure specifications and talk to you, explaining in detail his precise brake analysis. He'll explain what is wrong, how it works when it's right and give a free estimate. No detail goes unchecked in Golden's world of brakes.

In the end, says Golden, of the all-important customer, "The decision is basically theirs."

Today, says Golden, city traffic is very hectic. Pulsation problems are especially on the rise. He wants to keep cars rolling and stopping.

With American Brake, it's the convenience of knowing you're in the right hands, Golden stresses.

"If people have problems with brakes, I think they would be more comfortable going to a specialist," he says.

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# From the frying pan into the Briar

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Residents complained that the scheduled date for the licensing board hearing on the liquor license transfer, Dec. 22, was far too busy a time of year for many people who may be concerned to attend the hearing.

In response to their concerns, O'Connor agreed to ask the licensing board to postpone the hearing until after the new year.

The often heated encounter between O'Connor's attorney, Paul Rufo and the residents in attendance typified the speed at which relationships between residents and even reputable establishments serving liquor can deteriorate in a neighborhood which feels it is overrun by liquor establishments.

Even after O'Connor had agreed to postpone the hearing until January or February and said he didn't really care when the hearing was, the squabbling continued.

BAIA member Sylvia Crystal said, "I get the feeling this community is being taken for a ride. We're being railroaded, essentially into the situation."

BAIA President Joan Nolan, told Rufo, "We celebrate Christmas, in case you were unaware."

Rufo responded, saying, "I feel like we're being accused of trying to slip something by you. The licensing board picked the date for the hearing, we didn't pick the date."

Rufo said his client's plans call for an establishment similar to, yet separate from the Green Briar to open on the Yelena's site.

Rufo cited two reasons motivating O'Connor: the first being a new business venture, and the second "to see that no one else gets" Yelena's.

O'Connor said "there are two other people waiting for me to drop out so they can buy it," adding that other buyers may be less responsive to community's concerns over rowdiness.

"If you could close [Yelena's] up, if some white knight would come and buy it and take the license out, I would be happy with that," he said. "I'm offering you the devil you know as opposed to the devil you don't know."

The BAIA took no vote on the issue but requested that the applicants return with a more detailed proposal before they make a decision on whether to support the license.

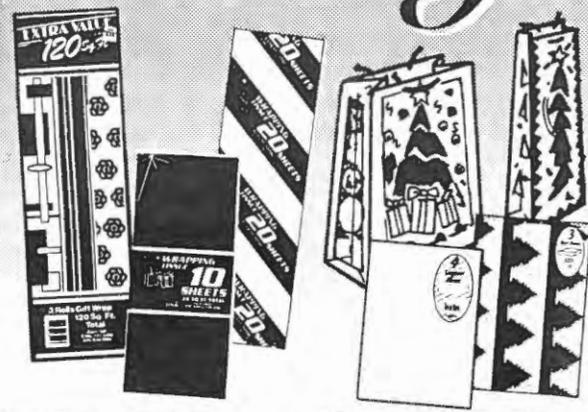
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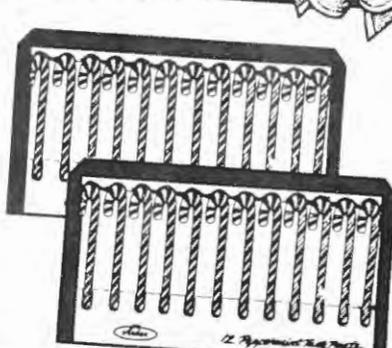
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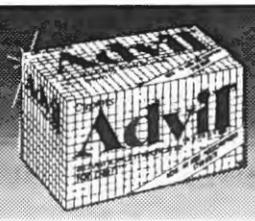
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The game also marked Coach Erwin Lehrer's 31st year leading the Tigers. Lehrer has a 442-96 win-loss record. Jason Wright led scoring for the Tigers by racking up 18 points over the course of the game.

Rounding out the starting squad was Valery Aristil, with 16 points; Chad Franklin and Jermain Smallwood, both with 14 points; and Jason Rankins, with 10 points.

Other team members include Deion Puckering, Tari Thomas, Sarik Chea, Wanza Adell, Jeff Fitzgerald and William Watkins.

## Brighton High School Sports Schedules

### Indoor Track

- Dec. 20: Against Madison O'Bryant
- Dec. 22: Against Latin Academy & English
- Jan. 6: Against Dorchester & Hyde Park
- Jan. 10: Against Charlestown, Burke, East Boston, Latin Academy, Madison O'Bryant, South Boston

### Girls' Basketball

- Dec. 17: Dorchester (home)
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