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BU, BC students arrested in drug "sting"

Three from Boston University, two from Boston College nabbed in two-day span

By Chris Price

Two Boston College students and three Boston University students were arrested last week on a variety of illegal drug charges.

Two Boston College students were arrested in Charlestown last Wednesday night after allegedly selling 10 bags of heroin to undercover State Police troopers. In addition, three Boston University students, along with two Allston/Brighton residents, were arrested late Tuesday night in an undercover sting operation that netted over 100 grams of cocaine and five pounds of high-grade marijuana.

According to Mass. Attorney General spokesman John LaMontagne, the events were not related in any way.

"We feel that there is no connection between the two investigations, the two activities and the two sets of arrests," said LaMontagne.

"[Nguyen and Huynh] are both very concerned about what's going on and the charges against them," said their attorney Cheryl Dennis, who appeared with them at the arraignment.

The BC students were both full-scholarship sophomores. Computer science major Quoc Hoang Nguyen, age 19, and biology major Truong Van Huynh, age 20, were arraigned early Friday morning. At their arraignment, each were charged with distribution of a Class A substance (heroin), selling drugs in a school zone and conspiracy to violate substance control laws.

At their arraignment on Friday morning in Charlestown District Court, both pleaded not guilty. They were released after posting bail (Huynh's bail was set at \$1,000 and Nguyen at \$500), and will return to District Court on February 21st for a hearing.

According to District Attorney spokesperson James Borghesani, they were disappointed at the low bail.

"We we're hoping for a higher bail, but it was denied,"

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1325 Comm. Ave. in Brighton, the site of one of the drug arrests this past week of Boston University and Boston College students, along with two A/B residents. Found inside this apartment was \$17,500 and 100 grams of cocaine.

Nieman benefit helps raise funds

By Joseph M. McHugh

In a tremendous outpouring of support and concern, over 300 people attended a benefit for Christopher Nieman Saturday night at the Elks Hall in Brighton. Nieman, a fourth grader at St. Columbkille's was diagnosed with brain cancer in June of last year.

The event, which was organized by Maureen McGrail and Colleen Salmon, included the humble and the mighty, the big and the small, as the community came out to honor and support one of its own. Proceeds from the event will go to the Nieman family.

Also in attendance, was the Nieman family itself, including Chris's father Phil, his mother Ruth Ann, and his siblings William, age 7, and Alyssa, age 4. Christopher was there too, happily playing with his classmates from St. Columbkille's.

Despite the circumstances, the mood of the event was upbeat as the Nieman family seemed overwhelmed by the enormous number of well-wishers. Phil Nieman remarked at one point that there were some people there he hadn't seen for 10 years.

On everyone's mind at the event was the death last year of Chris Sullivan, also a fourth grader at St. Columbkille's, who also was stricken with cancer. After the news of Nieman's illness, children at the school began to receive counseling Mary Battles, principal of the school said.

"There's been lots of praying," said Battles. "We have people from the Archdiocesan Rainbows program helping students with the grief and loss. The major questions the counselors are getting are about cancer itself. 'What is can-



Christopher Nieman (center) gathers with friends last Saturday in Brighton.

cer? Can it be cured?"

Mike Lydon, a fellow fourth grader of Christopher's at St. Columbkille's added: "We're all friends of Chris here. He looks good, but we've been worried."

Ruth Ann Nieman said Christopher's classmates have been very supportive. "Every night he gets 3 or 4 phone calls from classmates asking him how he's doing," she said. "The kid's have been great."

"The kids sending us over Chris's homework has helped a lot too," added Phil Nieman. "It gives Chris a sense of keeping up. They also sent over a big quilt with each kid doing a little patch. Everyone from St. Columbkille's has been fantastic."

Also in attendance Saturday night was Chet Gladchuk, athletic director of Boston College. Gladchuk was happy to let athletes from the BC program visit Christopher, a major fan of the Eagles sports teams.

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State of the City



Boston Mayor Thomas Menino delivered his annual "State of the City" address at Blackman Auditorium on the campus of Northeastern University last Tuesday. He said he wanted to be known as the "Mayor of New Partnerships," creating alliances with businesses, people and neighborhoods throughout the city of Boston.

Newsreel

Tolman to use his pay raise for scholarship fund

State senator Warren E. Tolman (D-Watertown) has announced that he will be using the new legislative pay raise to provide educational scholarships for students in his senate district.

Tolman, who voted against the pay raise, felt that it would be "hypocritical... to accept a pay raise so soon after having voted against it."

He hopes to create an organization which will review applications and grant scholarships to college-bound students from Allston/Brighton, Belmont, Cambridge, Waltham and Watertown who are in need of financial assistance. Tolman plans to have applications available this spring in the guidance offices of all local high schools.

Brighton's Baldwin School helps with HOP-N-ING

Youngsters at the Harriett A. Baldwin Elementary School in Brighton will learn about physical disabilities during the week of January 30 through a special Easter Seal program.

The Easter Seal HOP-N-ING teaches children about the causes of disabilities and their effects on people's everyday lives. The children will also find out how wheelchairs, crutches and other specialized equipment work.

The next part of HOP-N-ING gives the kids a chance to help. They hop as many times as they can in three minutes, earning money pledged for each hop by family and friends. Funds raised help provide Easter Seal service for men, women and children with disabilities.

Last year more than 16,000 children across Massachusetts learned about disabilities and hopped for Easter Seals, raising nearly \$217,000.

Honor A-B's "Unsung Heroes" this spring

Many people work behind the scenes in helping others in the Allston-Brighton community. These individuals never

look for special recognition, just the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped people or made a contribution to the quality of life in the neighborhood.

The Allston-Brighton Healthy Boston Coalition wants to honor these people, the "Unsung Heroes," for their dedication and unselfish efforts. That's the purpose of the second annual Unsung Heroes Awards Celebration.

The winner will be honored on June 1st with a special dinner at Boston College. For your nomination to be considered, it must be received no later than March 1st at 5:00 p.m. For questions as to how to pick up a nomination form, call 782-3886

EF concerned for neighborhood safety

EF International Language Schools has begun environmental abatement as a first step in its planned renovations at the former Cenacle Society Retreat Center and Convent at 200 Lake Street in Brighton. The renovations are scheduled to be completed by June 15, 1995.

Because this renovation project requires trucks that frequently come and go with heavy equipment, EF has become concerned about neighborhood safety. After consulting with neighborhood representatives and Brian DeLorey of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, EF has decided to ask neighbors to **not enter the property** as of January 15 until renovations are completed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the EF hotline at 1-800-456-2321. EF thanks the members of the Brighton neighborhood near the Cenacle for their understanding.

Hoy to open new offices in Chestnut Hill

Gilbert R. Hoy, Jr., an attorney and Brookline Advisory Committee and Town Meeting Member, will open the Law Offices of Gilbert R. Hoy, Jr. on February 1 at 850 Boylston Street, Suite 316A, Chestnut Hill. Mr. Hoy's trial practice will continue to concentrate in business litigation and plaintiffs' personal injury work. Mr. Hoy had practiced previously at two major downtown Boston law firms.



Gilbert R. Hoy, Jr.

He is a 1984 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law and received a Masters Degree in government from Georgetown University where he graduated first in his class. Prior to attending Georgetown, Mr. Hoy graduated magna cum laude from Boston University in 1978 and also attended Brookline public schools.

The following is the agenda for the monthly BAIA meeting:
BRIGHTON/ALLSTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (BAIA)
 Monthly Meeting- Thurs. Feb.2, 7:30 p.m.
 Station 14, Brighton.

- AGENDA:**
1. Request for variance at 316 Summit Ave.
 2. Richard Doherty, new Vice President of Public Affairs at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, will discuss and answer questions on community initiatives.
 3. Discussion to form a Design Preview Committee.
 4. Other committee reports.
 5. Any community issue not on the agenda and of immediate concern may be brought up for discussion.

For further info, please call Theresa Hynes at 782-1718.

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News

Brighton's Rufo instrumental in passage of bill

Suffolk County Sheriff helps in passage of new warrants bill designed to streamline system

By Joseph M. McHugh

In early 1994 Boston Police Officer Berisford Wayne Anderson was allegedly shot in Dorchester by Dalton Simpson. Simpson had defaulted on a court appearance for another shooting. Similarly, when Boston Police Detective John Mulligan was killed in October 1993, the suspect was found to have outstanding warrants for not appearing in court. Last year Police estimated that there were 20,000 outstanding warrants in Boston alone.

No wonder Suffolk County Sheriff and Brighton resident Bob Rufo considered it a special Christmas gift last year when the Warrants Bill, which incorporates proposals he has long fought for, was signed into law by Governor Weld. At the signing ceremony Weld called Rufo "the intellectual Godfather of the bill."

Speaking of the bill Rufo said, "This fulfills a promise I made to myself. The warrant system definitely needed to be reformed."

Of the law Weld said, "It revolutionizes what everybody agrees has been an antiquated and dysfunctional warrants system here in this state."

The law will replace the old paper-driven warrant system by requiring court clerks to immediately enter warrants into a computer when a defendant defaults on a court appearance in a criminal case. Police can then check the system and make an arrest based on the electronic system, rather than having the specific paper warrant in hand. Courts will also be required to check the system for outstanding

warrants before freeing a defendant on bail.

Rufo described the present system as outdated and detrimental to public safety.

"If I'm facing a weapons charge in Brighton District Court and I don't show up for court the judge says 'warrant and issue' and my court papers are so marked with a rubber stamp," he says. "Then the papers are taken to an office in the courthouse and someone types up a warrant on an old Smith-Corona typewriter. The warrant is then mailed to the

standing warrants in one jurisdiction and is arrested on different charges in another jurisdiction, even if the police department arresting the individual knows about the outstanding warrants, they frequently have to let the suspect go, once they make bail. This happens because police departments often don't have the available personnel to transport prisoners across jurisdictional lines.

Under the new bill these jurisdictional boundaries will be collapsed and the defendant can be arraigned in any jurisdiction. Boston Police commissioner Paul Evans predicted the reform will save "thousands of manpower hours" that police use to transport defendants from one jurisdiction to another. In addition, the new law allows the judge in the area of arrest to enforce the warrant without having the original sealed document. Under the new law, a printout of the information in the computer will suffice.

Also, because of the outdated system, police are not able to know when warrants have expired and therefore are reluctant to arrest people on an outstanding warrant, fearing a civil suit.

Sheriff's department spokesman Gerard Lydon said that in 1992, when the sheriff started talking about this issue law enforcement officials didn't want to listen.

"Everyone he talked to said 'it's none of your business,'" he stated.

But Rufo, who made the issue a centerpiece of his 1993 mayoral campaign, eventually gained crucial support from crime fighting leaders, who were instrumental in getting the bill passed, Lydon said.

"This bill will bring to justice those who have thumbed their noses at the system, while we've allowed them to get away with it," Rufo said.

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-Governor Weld**

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-Bob Rufo
Suffolk County Sheriff**

Boston Police Warrants Unit in South Boston, where it is kept in a file. Meanwhile, I could get arrested on some other charge the next night in West Roxbury and the officers would have no way of knowing about the court default."

Under the new system the information will be typed into the computer system and be immediately available to law enforcement officials.

Another frustrating feature of today's system, according to police officials, is that when a defendant has out-



Brookline-Brighton Service Development Fund

Combined Jewish Philanthropies is pleased to announce the creation of a fund for program/service development in the Brookline-Brighton Jewish community. This fund contains \$125,000 to be allocated over a five-year period.

Any community-based synagogue/organization is invited to attend an open community meeting sponsored by the Brookline-Brighton Service Development Fund Committee.

Date: Sunday, February 5, 1995 at 2:00 p.m.

Location: Congregation Kehillath Israel
Landers Hall, 384 Harvard Street, Brookline

Purpose: discussion of application procedures and 1995-96 fund priorities

Funding Requirement: \$250-4,000/proposal

Application Deadline: March 3, 1995

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News

BC helps with Nieman benefit

• NIEMAN BENEFIT

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"Our goal is to keep a smile on Christopher's face," said Gladchuk, who at one point had the entire front line from the BC basketball team visit Christopher in his home.

Christopher also received signed photographs of BC football players Pete Mitchell and Steven Boyd.

But his personal idol is BC wide receiver Kenyatta Watson and, according to Phil Nieman, Watson agreed to spend Thanksgiving with the family at Christopher's invitation. "They played lots of Nintendo together," he said.

Phil Nieman described Gladchuk as a "truly wonderful man." Christopher's father also singled out the Boston Bruins for special praise.

"Cam Neely invited him to a charity game, and he met Ray Bourque. He also got autographed hockey sticks from Adam Oates and John Blue as well as Cam."

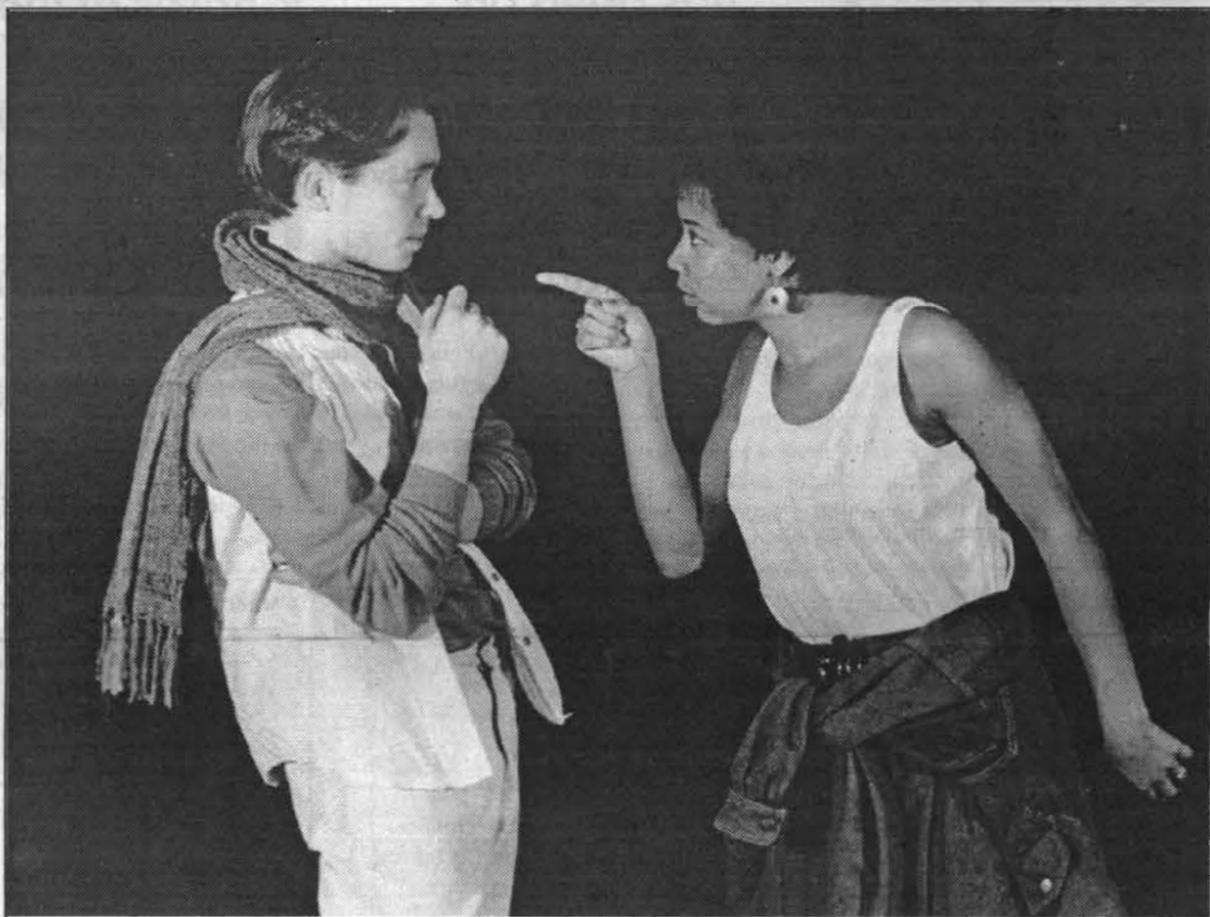
The highlight of the evening for Christopher was during the raffle. When the drawing took place for a football autographed by the entire Boston College football team, he held the winning ticket, and he claimed his prize to loud applause. His father confided that Christopher had bought thirty tickets in advance for the drawing.

Everything for the benefit, including food, balloons and most importantly the raffled items were donated, McGrail said. "There's so many people to thank I don't know where to begin," she said.

Salmon added that they received many contributions from people who did not want to attend the benefit, but who just wanted to help. "The response has been overwhelming," she said.

And what did Christopher think of the whole event? "I think it's good," he said as he ran off with his classmates to dance to the disc jockey's music.

Arts



Liam Sullivan (Yaz) and Jacqui Parker (Queenie) light up the stage in "A Roadside Garden" by Adam Bock at The Nora Theatre Company, Quincy and Harvard Streets, Harvard Square, Cambridge.

Theater Worth The Waiting

By Beverly Creasey

The Nora Theatre Company in Harvard Square is doing something a lot of theaters don't have the courage to do: taking a chance on a new play with Providence playwright, Adam Bock's savvy tragicomedy about friends and lovers, called *A Roadside Garden* (because of the memorial garden planted by one of the characters).

Jamie (Jim O'Brien) hasn't really come to grips with the death of his lover when he meets the frenetic and seductive Yaz (Liam Sullivan) who travels with a pugnacious protector named Queenie (Jacqui Parker). Queenie is a bulimic who's so angry she could eat the world for breakfast. A good part of the fun in *Garden* is watching Queenie sizzle and Yaz strut his stuff. The last people Jamie wants to see are his sisters (Mimi Huntington and Faith Justice). They're a formidable matched set who invade his very public garden to remind him of a private pain.

Bock's dialogue is smart and sassy and although AIDS and bulimia figure into the exposition, they never focus the play away from the riot of characters who whimsically sally forth with a surprise in every scene. *Garden's* only flaws are the distracting voice overs (which seem tacked on and not part of the play), the peculiar ending (the actors giggle in embarrassment as if they hadn't realized they were on stage until the end) and the odd, transparent glass planes which dissect the raked triangular stage.

Jim O'Brien makes Jamie the strong backbone of the play while Sullivan and Parker add the fireworks. Sullivan's character is almost irresistible in his tony cowboy boots, tight pants and coquettish sashay. Parker practically stops the show with a hilarious riff on a donut. Director Eric

Engel gets great supporting work, too, from Deborah Anne Goss in two roles and Huntington and Justice as the sister/twins. Kudos as well to Eric Levenson for his inventive lighting, especially the rain, and to Donna May for her clever "character" costuming.

There's more theatrical gold across the Square at the American Repertory Theatre. *Waiting For Godot*, Samuel Beckett's masterpiece of absurdist drama, is getting the production of a lifetime. Vladimir and Estragon, the two nomad clowns who have been waiting for fifty years, are portrayed by A.R.T. veterans, Alvin Epstein and Jeremy Geidt, who seem to know what each is doing before he does it. They're each other's "contradiction": yin to the other's yang. As they search for something to give them "the impression" they exist, words and meanings are turned inside out to defend against "the void."

Geidt is coy seducer to Epstein's hapless accomplice. Welded together in despair (they're unable to separate even if their lives depended on it) the two invent visitors whose existence substantiates their own. Benjamin Evett is Lucky, enigmatic slave to Remo Airaldi's brutal Pozzo in David Wheeler's perfectly paced production. William Cryer plays the boy who may or may not bring word from Godot.

Derek McLane's barren moonscape of a set takes on eerie shape at night thanks to John Ambrosone's shadowy lighting. Catherine Zuber's costumes are strikingly bleak and Christopher Walker's whimsical taste in torch songs sets the mood for the searingly amusing antics in Beckett's miraculous end of the world comedy. This is the production which explains Beckett's genius: 1956 or 1995, *Waiting for Godot* is a white hot cautionary tale for the 20th century. What are you waiting for?

Pharmacy Tips



by Charles P. Kelly
B.S., R.PH.

THE BODY'S WAR WITH ITSELF

Systemic lupus erthematosus can probably best be summed up as the body's betrayal of its own self. This autoimmune disorder causes antibodies to be produced which attack connective tissue as if they were foreign invaders. As a result of the body's war against itself, such vital organs as the against itself, such vital organs as the kidneys, brains, and heart may be injured, or even destroyed. The disease is often suggested by a butterfly-shaped, red rash over the bridge of the nose and cheeks. Nearly all those afflicted experience aching joints and muscles, while 60 percent develop redness and swelling in their joints. Treatment relies heavily upon nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications for joint pain, anti-malarials for the skin rash, and corticosteroids to project major organs from inflammation.

HINT: Lupus sufferers whose symptoms are aggravated by sunlight should use sunscreens.

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News

BU, BC students arrested

• DRUG ARRESTS

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said Borghesani.

A Boston College spokesman said that they are dealing with the matter "internally, and will deal with them appropriately."

They were arrested at approximately 7:30 p.m. Wednesday after they sold 10 bags of heroin to an undercover trooper in the parking lot of the 99 Restaurant in Charlestown. The Clarence R. Edwards elementary school is nearby.

A third man, Vinh Dang, 19 years old, was arrested on a default charge after he arrived at the State Police station in East Boston to post bail for Nguyen and Huynh. Dang is in default from Dorchester District Court on a receiving stolen property charge. He later identified himself as a student at Boston University.

Troubles at Boston University

About \$700 in cash, along with 14 grams of cocaine and five pounds of high-grade marijuana, was found in a Boston University dorm room at 38 Buswell Road. Also nabbed in the State Police investigation was \$17,500 in cash and 100 grams of cocaine (found at 1325 Comm. Ave. in Brighton) and \$3,000 in cash (found at an apartment in Brookline).

Among the nine arrested were Boston University students Joseph A. Boucos, Kwadwo Tufuoh and Linden Mason, all age 21. In addition, Randall Arndt of 1325 Commonwealth Ave. in Brighton and James B. Lofton of Allston were charged with a variety of crimes, including conspiracy to distribute marijuana, distribution of marijuana and trafficking cocaine

over 14 grams.

"We are taking this matter very seriously," said Kevin Carlton, a Boston University spokesman. "The penalties are severe, and are not contingent on criminal proceedings. We are ready to take strong measures in this situation against the parties that are involved."

"When this case is ultimately heard, we feel that they will be exonerated," said attorney Bob Wheeler Tuesday morning after their appearance in Brighton District Court. Wheeler is the attorney for Boucos and Tufuoh.

"The way they were arrested was through a 'sting-type' of operation," said LaMontagne. "It involved the negotiation, purchase and sale of marijuana."

The seven that were arrested in Boston made an appearance in Brighton District Court on Tuesday for what the attorney general's office called a "status-type" conference that will set dates for a hearing. They are due back for another meeting on February 27th.

The two that were arrested in Brookline will be due back for a probable cause hearing on February 6th.

The arrests and seizures were made by the State Police assigned to the attorney general's office, with cooperation and assistance from the Suffolk County District Attorney's Drug Task Force, Boston Police, Brookline Police and the Boston University Police.

"Our office has a drug task force that keeps an eye on these things," said LaMontagne. "We kept an eye on this situation for a couple of months. When we caught wind of what was going down, we moved in."



Derek Szabo staff photo



Sara F. Giffuni staff photo

The top picture shows the Charlestown parking lot where two BC students were arrested for heroin last Wednesday night and the bottom photo shows the BU dorm where 14 grams of cocaine and five pounds of marijuana were confiscated last week.

You are 2 months old. Your lungs are this tiny. You spend day after day around second-hand cigarette smoke. You breathe it in. You cough. You hack. You wheeze. Your lungs clog up with sticky fluid and thick mucous. You get bronchitis. Or pneumonia. If you have asthma,

it will likely get worse. All together, up to 300,000 babies end up getting sick every year. 15,000 of them could end up hospitalized. Simply from being exposed to cigarette smoke. It's time we made smoking history. A message from The Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Letters

Thanks for Quinn and McClure

On Saturday afternoon, December 17, a community Christmas party, designed to reach the needy and senior citizens of the area, was held at the Kells Restaurant, in an atmosphere of fun, food and fellowship.

This event was made possible through the generous donations of messrs. Jerry Quinn and John McClure included a sumptuous dinner, with all the fixings, the singing of Christmas Carols, and a visit by a gentleman in a bright red

suit who stopped by to bring a lot of Christmas cheer to the many children who enjoyed the gifts he brought with him.

As an invited volunteer helper, I, with other volunteers, shared in the spirit of the occasion, as we fed some 600 folk. It reminded me that this was the real Christmas story, as young and old alike joined hands and hearts as one family, enjoying the blessings that this day brings to us all.

The colorful lights, the tinsel, and the songs of Christ-

mas all blended together with the above to make this a special day for me to enjoy, and I want to thank Jerry and Joe for their concerned interest in this outreach to the community.

Sincerely,
Stan Babcock
West Roxbury

Angry about Cromonic feature

I am writing about the Journal's front page article about Mr. Richard Cromonic who died last week in the fire on Tremont Street in Brighton. For several months during 1992, my brother and I lived at 72 Tremont Street (the vacant half of the duplex in which Mr. Cromonic died). Although we were not close friends with Rich, we did know him to be a pleasant, well-educated, decent man. After moving out of the apartment, my brother and I bumped into Rich many times. He always looked up from the book he was reading and made some wisecrack about still living in the "chicken-coop" where we once lived.

I read about Mr. Cromonic's death in the Boston *Globe* the day after the fire. The *Globe* did not try to comment on Rich's lifestyle, whether he had any friends, or any other irrelevant points. Rather, they told it like it was... "40-year old Brighton man dies in fire." A few days later, after doing some research, they published an article about the man

who died in that fire. That article spoke of a man who was hardly the friendless, unemployed loser your paper depicted.

The Journal's description of Mr. Cromonic and the way he died was an absolute disgrace. The references to half-empty pints of Jack Daniel's were not only unnecessary, but were downright irresponsible. How about commenting on the building itself? Could a firefighter taller than 5'10" even get inside? I doubt it. Was there a smoke detector? I doubt it.

The version of the Allston-Brighton *Citizen Journal* I read was marked "Complimentary Issue." I just hope you did not compliment Rich's parents by sending them a copy.

Sincerely,
Edward McAvinn
Allston

BSO benefit

On January 21, the Brookline Symphony Orchestra dedicated its musical program to the memory of the two young women slain, and all other victims of violence at the Brookline reproductive health clinics. The staff at Preterm Health Services would like to publicly express our deep appreciation to the Symphony for remembering our much-loved receptionist, Leeann Nichols, in this way.

No one can bring back Leeann, nor erase the memory of the horrible tragedy that happened. However, we are warmed by the concern that the community of Brookline and its great institutions like the Brookline Symphony have shown us.

We thank the Brookline Symphony's board of directors, musicians and members for honoring Leeann's memory with such a beautiful concert.

Sincerely,
Ann F. Osborne
Executive Director, Preterm Health Services
Brookline, MA

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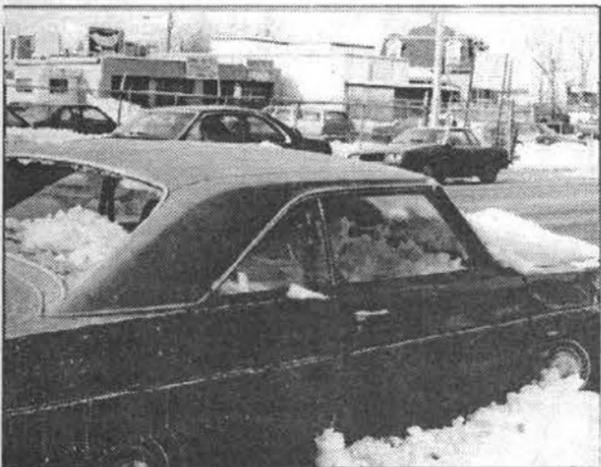
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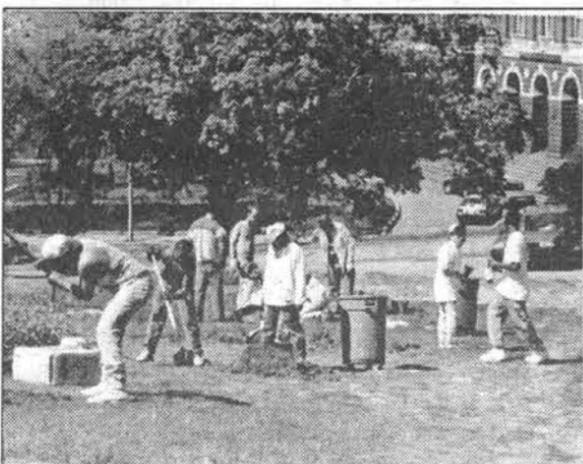
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The physical setup of Allston, Brighton streets hasn't changed since gasoline was five gallons for a dollar which means that with the increase in traffic those streets are pretty crowded. When there's a fire this crowded condition means hangup time for fire trucks. This hangup time always costs money. In some cases it could cost a life. Which is why, when parking your transportation, stay far enough away from the corners to leave clearance room for fire equipment.



When winter finally dumps on us the question of what to do with the snow will arise. Some shovel the sidewalk and throw the snow into the street. Others shovel their cars out on the street and throw the snow on the sidewalk. Here's one where everybody wins. This abandoned car has been filled with snow.



When you think of kids in high school you imagine that they're never involved in anything more community minded than having a good time. Here's the other side of the high school kid, working to better things around Brighton High. This picture was taken a few years ago so the kids involved are probably in college by now.



Here a woman on Quint Avenue takes her rabbit for a walk. True, you don't see many people walking rabbits these days, but that doesn't mean it's not a good idea. All that's missing from this shot is a large looking glass and a watch for the rabbit.



Taxi drivers are supposed to be a notch or two above the average automobile jockey tooling the teeming streets of our fair town. Here one fails the test by engaging in a mid-day convenience stop. Notice the way he manages to block both pedestrian crossings at the same time. Such expertise should not go unrewarded. Maybe we should designate Harvard Avenue a creative parking zone?



No, it's not a hallucination. That's Kevin Honan on the shovel and Brian McLaughlin holding the bag. The picture was taken back in the days when members of our political intelligencia used to spend their warm spring and summer Saturdays helping to tidy up the area. Does anyone remember Judy Bracken who used to organize the effort?

Calendar

Announcements

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center

736 Cambridge St. Brighton; 789-2316

• **Relaxation and Stress Management.** Wednesdays beginning January 18. This six session program, running from 7-8:30 p.m., teaches participants how to cope effectively with stress, increase energy levels and improve concentration. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$65.

Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center

20 Chestnut Hill Ave.; 254-6100

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• Weekly schedule:

Thursday— 9 a.m. Exercise; 10-4 p.m. fix-it shop; 10-12 Blood pressure; 10:30 a.m. Choral group; Noon Lunch; 1-3 p.m. Venus' Bingo; 1-4 p.m. Bridge

Friday— 9 a.m. Exercise; 9 a.m. ESL class; 10 a.m. Walking

Monday— Closed.

Tuesday— 9 a.m. Exercise; 9:30 a.m. Crochet; 10 a.m. Bowling 12 p.m. Lunch; 1-3 p.m. Bingo

Wednesday— 8:30-11:30 a.m. Art Class; 9 a.m. ESL; 12 p.m. Lunch; 1 p.m. Senior Swim (YMCA); 1-3 p.m. Oak Square Seniors.

• Free Presentations

Feb. 2. at 11 a.m. Keep Boston Moving Safely (with a complimentary gift to participants).

Feb. 8 at 11 a.m. Speaker of the Month - Senior roles and needs in the Allston/Brighton Community (refreshments will be served).

Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. Long-Term Care (refreshments will be served).

Boston Public Library

Brighton Branch

40 Academy Hill Rd.; 789-6032

• **"Sidney Poitier: Hero for an Integrationist Age" Black History Month Film Festival-** Thursdays in February at 6 p.m. Feb. 2: "Cry the Beloved Country." Two men, two cities, two races and Sidney Poitier as a priest.

Feb. 9: "A Raisin in the Sun." The dreams and frustrations of a Chicago family come to the fore as each decides how best to use the insurance money.

• **"Living History" Performance-** Feb. 4 at 2:30 p.m. Company A, 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Reenactors give a "living history" performance, with dramatic readings and audience participation in a company drill, depicting the first black regiment raised in the north during the Civil War. **Not recommended for children under 10 years old.**

• **Creative Drama for schoolchildren—** Tuesdays in January at 4 p.m. Schoolchildren will work with dramatics teacher Meredith Harron.

Faneuil Branch

419 Faneuil St.; 782-6705

Toddler Storytime— Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. For children 2 and 3 years old accompanied by an adult. Theme-based stories followed by a craft.

Preschool storytime— Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Theme-based stories followed by a craft. Pre-registration required for these programs.

Kiwanis International of Allston/Brighton meets Thursdays at noon at the Charles Grill (Days Inn) 1234 Soldiers Field Road, Brighton. For info, call John McSherry at 254-0334 or Bill Margolin at 782-6041.

Jackson/Mann Community Center

500 Cambridge St., Allston. 635-5153.

Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Membership is \$5 for individuals and families. If there is a specific program you would like to see or are interested in teaching a course, call Jimmy Smith at 635-5153.

• **Preschool Gymnastics.** Ages 3-5. Begins Monday, January 23 (8 weeks). From 3:30-4:15 p.m. at the JMMC. cost:\$25.

• **Beginner Gymnastics.** Ages: 6-9. begins Monday, January 23 (8 weeks) 4:15-5 p.m. at the JMCC Gym. Cost: \$25

• **"Act It Out."** Theatre Workshop will help you to use acting and screen writing techniques for creative problem solving. Begins Monday, January 23 (10 weeks) 7-8:30 p.m. at the JMCC studio. Cost: \$35.

• **Guitar Class.** Introduces students to several different styles of guitar playing, including jazz, folk blues and funk. Guitar needed. Begins Monday, Jan. 23 (8 weeks). 6:30-8

Derek Szabo staff photo



Kevin Honan (right) and Steven Tolman flank the Reverend John T. Eller at his retirement party last week.

p.m. Cost: \$30.

• **Tai Chi Chung.** A healthy supplement to any exercise program that teaches you simple yet effective way to deal with the stresses we face every day. Begins, Saturday, Jan. 28 (8 weeks). 10-11:30 p.m. Cost: \$85. **Pre-registration** is required, and can be done by calling 635-5153.

• **"Super Seniors."** An Asian Fitness Program for the Forever Young, it features movements based on tai chi, yoga, chi gong and Asian acupressure that will help seniors begin improve their physical and mental well-being. Begins Saturday, Feb. 7 (4 weeks). 1-2 p.m. Cost: \$45.

• **Open Gym Basketball.** Ages 17 and under meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Ages 18 and older meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

• **Tae Kwon Do Program.** Ages 6 to 10 meet Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m. Ages 11 to 17 meet Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per month.

• **Winter Enrichment Programs** will start the second week of January. Classes will include Gymnastics, Women's Self Defense, Guitar Lessons, Hatha Yoga, Tai Chi, Women's Tai Kwon Do, and an Adult Acting Class. Call 635-5153 for info.

Allston-Brighton Against Drugs. The neighborhood All-BAD team meets the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson/Mann Community Center. Call 635-3283 for more information.

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Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church

404 Washington St., Brighton; 254-4046

- **Worship service** every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Community Supper** — Wednesdays at 6 p.m. No cost.
- **Thrift Shop** - Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Teen Group** - Fridays at 7 p.m.
- **Thrift Shop and Food Pantry** - Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Boston University

The following programs are free and open to the public.

- **School for the Arts Faculty Concert:** Beethoven's Sonatas for Piano and Violin. Monday, January 30, 8 p.m. Tsai Performance Center, 685 Commonwealth Ave.
- **Longing for Home Lecture Series.** Jürgen Moltmann,

professor of theology at the University of Tübingen, presents "Shekinah: The Home of the Homeless God" beginning at 8:15 p.m. in the School of Education auditorium, room 130, 605 Commonwealth Ave., Boston.

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Police

Brighton man killed underneath car

Brighton's John Pappenheimer was found dead underneath his car late Friday afternoon, an apparent victim of a faulty automobile jack.

Mr. Pappenheimer's fiancée, Patricia King, told police that she came home from work at approximately 6:30 p.m., and found Pappenheimer underneath the car. When she found him unresponsive, she then began screaming, and the neighbors called 911.

Police say that upon arrival, they found the victim underneath the car with the vehicle resting on his chest area and an automobile jack underneath the car laying in its side.

Mrs. Lori Sorbrinho, a tenant of Mr. Pappenheimer's, said that she last saw him in his car at approximately 1:30 that same afternoon.

After further investigation, it was found that there was a large, brown cash register of the same description missing from Lucky Johnny's. It was also confirmed that two men matching the cabdrivers description were seen drinking there that same evening.

A search of the area revealed the Russell Bishop, age 21, and Joseph Wesolaski, age 19, in possession of the register. Upon seeing the officers, the suspects began to flee, dropping the cash register. The officers gave chase on foot, and apprehended the pair, who, according to police reports, were heavily intoxicated.

Convenience store theft early last Friday

An early morning convenience store robbery last Friday has left the police looking for a suspect who is charged with armed robbery.

At approximately 12:50 a.m., a man wearing a blue jacket and blue pants walked into Store 24 at 241 Market St. He then told the clerk "open the drawer or I'll shoot you!" The suspect kept his right hand in his pocket as if to conceal a weapon, and made off with \$80.

Before leaving, he told the clerk that he would return to the store and shoot the victim if police were summoned. He then fled on foot.

Thieves try to cash in at Lucky Johnny's

A cash register's wild ride through Allston early last Wednesday resulted in the arrest of two men for larceny and stolen goods.

At about 1:50 a.m., police received a call from a cabdriver who said that he had just dropped off two men in the area of Comm. Ave and Chestnut Hill Ave. who were carrying a large, brown cash register. The cabdriver also told police he had picked them up near 1098 Comm. Ave., in the vicinity of Lucky Johnny's.

Obituaries

Cromonic "loved music," said his mother

A journalist and a musician, Richard Cromonic will be remembered for his contribution to the local music scene and passion for reading.

"Richard was a tremendous reader," said his mother, Helen Cromonic, of Bound Brook, New Jersey. "And he loved music. He even started his own band in college."

"Even if we bumped into him in a bar, he was reading," said Ed McAvinn, who lived next to Cromonic for five months.

Cromonic, 40, died of carbon monoxide and smoke poisoning in a fire at his home in the Oak Square section of Tremont Street in Brighton last Monday. Cromonic lived alone. The half of the duplex once occupied by McAvinn was vacant.

"We thought of him as a loner and a nice guy," said McAvinn.

Born in Easton, PA., Cromonic started playing the guitar when he was eight-years old and the piano a few years later, said his mother. She said he was a high school honor student who showed an early interest in journalism.

After graduating from Penn State in three years with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Cromonic moved to Boston. He worked as editor for music magazines "What's New" and "Sweet Potato." He also did music and record reviews for the Boston *Globe* and the Boston *Phoenix* as a free lance writer.

Cromonic left Sweet Potato in 1987 and started translating text into braille at the Braille Press. After leaving Braille Press he worked editing documentaries for television, said his mother.

A memorial service will be held for Cromonic in Old Cambridge Baptist Church in Cambridge, Jan 25 at 7 p.m. --E.J. McCormack.

BREEN - On Thursday, January 19, Dorothy M. of Brighton. Beloved wife of the late Edgar. Sister of the late Samuel, Malcolm and Gordon MacDonald. Aunt of Peter

MacDonald, Gordon, Richard, William, Robert MacDonald, Judith Colleran and the late Paul MacDonald. Funeral services were at the McNamara Funeral Home in Brighton last Saturday morning. Interment at the Newton Cemetery.

COYLE - On January 20, Grace R. of Brighton. Beloved daughter of the late Patrick and Anne (Timmons) Coyle. Loving sister of the late Helen C. Thomas and Dorothy Fitzgerald. Devoted aunt of Robert Fitzgerald of Melrose, Richard Fitzgerald of Lowell, Mary Jane Rei of Boxford, Lorraine LeCalir of Plymouth, Audrey Valley of GA, Ed Adonis of FL and the late Norman Coyle. Also survived by several grand nieces and nephews. Funeral was from the Stanton Funeral Home and the Sacred Heart Church in Watertown. Interment at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

MERTEN - On Tuesday, January 17, Minnie of Brighton, age 100 years. Beloved sister of the late Haddie Merten. Dear cousin of Mr. & Mrs. James McGee of Walpole, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Nessel of Brookline and Charlotte Salinger of Brookline. Private graveside services were last Thursday in West Roxbury.

ZELESKA - On Tuesday, January 18, Robin R. of Brighton. Daughter of Winifred K. Zeleska of Ashburnham, MA and sister of Gary T. Zeleska of Lunenburg, MA. Funeral Mass was held last Monday at St. Anne's Church in Ashburnham. Memorial donations may be made to the Gordon Erickson Memorial Fire-Rescue Fund, 3 Central Street, Ashburnham, MA. 01430.

BOB MATTSON of East Boston, a member of the Veterans Council, would like to inform anyone who had a member of their family honorably discharged from the service, and since deceased, to contact him at 569-5232 for a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

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- Wed., January 18: 1, 12, 18, 20, 31, 38
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- Mon., January 16: 7, 12, 18, 20, 31
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'FOR RENT' — A COMMON SIGN — Empty stores are common sight along Harvard Avenue, Allston. At last count, there were 14 vacant shops along the section of the avenue between

Brighton and Commonwealth avenues. A food market expected to take over an empty super-market could give the area a needed boost. (Citizen Staff Photo by Ira Marcus)

Food Mart Moving In

A Boost for Harvard Ave.

Action was expected this week on a transaction which would bring a new food market to Harvard Avenue, Allston, a move which could play a leading role in the revival of the area.

The market, which has not been identified except for the fact that it is an Independent Grocers' Association member, would occupy the long-vacant First National store at the Commonwealth Avenue end of Harvard.

There are 14 empty stores on the avenue, as of today.

Despite the fact that many merchants maintain their business is good in the area, it is generally admitted that business can only suffer if any more stores close, and if steps are not taken to check the trend.

Many opinions have been given to explain the closing of shops on the avenue, but survey of 16 merchants conducted several months ago by The Citizen revealed the commonly-held reason is the lack of a major food store which would bring shoppers to the area in greater numbers. Another reason was "excessive rentals" being asked by landlords for some of the vacant shops.

One large food chain was forced to move when their store was razed for a parking lot. Another moved to new quarters at the location of the old Capitol Theater on Commonwealth Avenue.

News that the new food market was due to open on the avenue was greeted as an encouraging sign for the area's future. Smaller shops along the avenue could only gain, since more shoppers would be drawn to the new market, it was agreed.

Another straw in the wind which may indicate a new lease on life for the avenue was the report that the Boston Planning Department has been asked to study the feasibility of tearing down a business block on the street for a

municipal parking area.

According to Max Lefkowitz, president of the Allston Board of Trade, the Allston Civic Association made the request to the city for the study, saying it would be to the advantage of the citizens, the merchants and the landlords of the area for such a park-

Tenant Needs Protection, Lawmaker Tells Hearing

Rep. Norman Weinberg of Ward 21 last week appeared before the House Committee on Mercantile Affairs to testify in favor of several bills he is co-sponsoring with Rep. Arnold Epstein to correct inequities in the landlord-tenant relationship. Rep. Epstein was present in his role as a member of the committee.

Rep. Weinberg first argued in favor of a measure which would impose rent control with local option in the city of Boston, saying that the high rentals asked for by many landlords in the Brighton-Allston area is causing a shortage of suitable housing for many families.

He pointed out that there is now a shortage of apartments for the middle income person with a family earning \$4,000 a year who can only afford the \$80 range of housing.

Another factor in favor of rent control, he argued, is the fact that a shortage of low income apartments is evident for the senior citizens of 65 and over who live on a fixed income. Rep. Weinberg added that many retired people are only bringing in \$80 to \$90 per month and can hardly afford the current rental rates.

Speaking in opposition to the rent control bill was Clarence Roberts, who represents the Massachusetts Association of Real Estate Boards and the Greater Boston Association of Real Estate Boards. Roberts asserted that you can't roll back rents without affecting other businesses.

ing lot.

In regard to the new food market coming to Harvard Avenue, Lefkowitz said "The Allston Board of Trade is very encouraged that steps are being taken to fill the need for such a store. We will take any steps necessary to help bring about this move."

He said all other costs are up just as high as rentals, which merely reflect the inflation which has taken place over the past few years. He added that rent controls themselves lend to the creation of slum areas and discourage real estate investment.

A petition which would require landlords to file with city or town clerks copies of notices terminating tenancy, Rep. Weinberg said, would cause very little inconvenience. He pointed out that in most eviction cases in court, the tenant denies ever receiving the notice, so this measure would be as helpful to the landlord as it would be to the tenant.

In arguing for legislation requiring landlords to keep premises in a safe condition, Rep. Weinberg declared that enforcement of building codes in the city of Boston is very poor. Citing his finding that in many cases ceilings are falling and plumbing and heating are in very bad condition, the representative asked for an investigation of code enforcement.

A measure which would impose a fine on landlords who fail to provide certain services — if they have contracted to provide them — was defended by Weinberg as correcting severe injustices. He pointed out that there is already a law which makes willful failure to provide light, heat, hot and cold water a criminal offense, and that the bill he and Rep. Epstein advocate would



The Fathers' Club of Mt. St. Joseph's Academy will hear fellow club member Tom Dowd, travelling secretary of the Boston Red Sox, on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the monthly meeting in the school auditorium, 615 Cambridge St., Brighton.

Sunday will also find six Catholic High school boys facing the moment of truth as the finals are held in the 32nd annual Catholic Boys Oratorical Contest at Fulton Hall, Boston College, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Among the six who survived the preliminaries and will be competing for the coveted Cardinal Cushing trophies is Robert Larkin of St. Columbkille's High School. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Larkin of 77 Fairbanks St.

Miss Anne M. Connolly of 78 Perthshire Rd., Brighton was praised in "The City Record" of Jan. 18 in an item about her retirement from the Boston Public Library, after 30 years, as typifying "The True public servant at her best." Miss Connolly, the "Record" said, knew her job, understood and liked the people she served, and went out of her way to help.

Vermont's Gov. Philip H. Hoff, first Democrat to hold that post in Vermont in 109 years, will be the featured speaker at a "Friendship Dinner" for Lt. Gov. Francis X. Bellotti at the Commonwealth Armory here in Brighton on Feb. 2.

only add cooking and refrigerating equipment and window screens to the vital services.

For a tenant whose stove is out of order because of the willful failure of his landlord to repair or replace it, the only recourse is a breach of contract suit. Weinberg explained. This type of court action is unsuitable for fast action and is also difficult to prove.

A measure which would place on the landlord the responsibility to keep carpeting, wallpaper, paint and ceiling paint in a sanitary condition, Weinberg described as a copy of the New York Tenement Law.

The measure works fine in New York, Weinberg said, and would not cause an undue hardship for the landlord, since he would not be required to do any more than keep the premises in a sanitary condition. The bill, he pointed out, provides just as much penalty for the tenant who abuses the property, as it does for the landlord who fails to provide the basic sanitary conditions.

The committee took the measures under advisement.

Scene of Zoning Battle

Int'l. Shoe Buys No. Brighton Site

Papers are being passed this week for the sale of land owned by the Madden Construction Co. in North Brighton, bringing to an end a year-long battle concerning the site. The International Shoe Machinery Co. which has offices on Soldiers' Field Road in Brighton is paying close to \$50,000 for the property on Lawrence, Bronson and Waverly streets.

The Madden property for the past year has been the subject of complaints and injunctions on part of the residents and the city. Area Residents entered a complaint that Madden was using the property and adjoining lot on 15 Lawrence St. for the storage of heavy construction equipment in spite of the fact that the area is residentially zoned.

An injunction was sought by the city to restrain Madden from operating at 6 Bronson St. since he was conducting a contractor's business and storing contractor's materials and equipment in a residential neighborhood.

Several months ago, International Shoe purchased the Visco property, adjacent to the Madden land and was permitted by the Board of Appeals to build an addition to the Visco Shop on 50 Lawrence St. to house a production plant for polyimide resins. Conditions the Company must fulfill to keep their variance are: the installation of four storage tanks for raw materials; the erection of a rustic, six-foot fence to protect the view of abutters; the stationary closing of all windows; the erection of only one identification sign, non-illuminated, on Fletcher street; business hours to be confined to Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and to maintain an internal sprinkler system. Building renovation is still in process at the Visco lot.

Ernest O. Sayfarth, general counselor for the shoe company, told The Citizen the firm has "no plans" for the Madden property.

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All-Bright Mites head to Quebec

By Jeff Przech

A group of youngsters from Allston-Brighton will have the chance of a lifetime next weekend. The All-Bright Mites, a local hockey team, will be travelling to Quebec to take part in a tournament with other teams from across North America.

The team, coached by Dick Sullivan and Gordie Joyce, departs this Thursday and will return on Sunday. In between, the team will face the best competition it has ever seen. Sullivan noted: "The competition will be very, very good. The kids up there live and sleep hockey. But the kids will get a lot of good experience out of it."

But things like this don't come for free. The team and coaches had to work hard to raise funds for the trip. They passed around cans for donations at Boston College athletic events and eventually came up with enough money to finance the voyage. While in Quebec, rather than have to pay for hotel accommodations, the players will be paired off and each pair will stay with a different host family.

The team, ages 6-9, is guaranteed to play at least three games in the tournament. If they win one, they could play as many as five games. All of the excitement had the team buzzing. Gregory O'Brien, age 8, said that he felt "awesome" about the trip and was looking forward to playing different teams.

O'Brien's emotions mirrored those of the rest of the team, as well as the coaches and parents. In addition to the 14 players and 2 coaches, most of the parents will travel to Quebec to watch their sons.

The team is ready and raring to go, all for one reason or another. Thomas Bletzer, age 8, was excited because "we get to play the big guys and we'll have to work hard to beat them." Dave Sullivan, age 9, was happy that "we get to get away from school."

Everyone involved with the All-Bright program is understandably excited. The chance to play such stiff competition is rare. But the team knows why it's going and why it is so thrilled at the chance. Danny Leone, age 8, summed it up in one word: "Hockey."

Living in Malden is dangerous...



New England middleweight champion and Malden native "Dangerous" Dana Rosenblatt (center) signed autographs and posed for pictures before speaking to a brunch in Brighton last weekend.

BU women's hoop droops to 10-4

By Eliot Schickler

The Boston University women's basketball team started the week on January 10, by beating Hofstra at home, 76-53. Sophomore forward Nicole Gourdet led the way to victory with 16 points, 10 rebounds and seven blocked shots in just 19 minutes of play.

"I just felt that I had to help the team," said Gourdet, who was playing in place of an injured Jill Sosnak. "I'm

just glad that I got the job done."

Although the Terriers did well at home, they were trapped by land mines during a weekend road trip. Despite an outstanding performance by Julie Schmidt, Boston University lost 55-42 at Delaware on January 20. Schmidt had 18 points, 12 rebounds and eight steals. They were also dropped by Drexel two days later, 69-56, bringing their overall record to 10-4 and their North Atlantic Conference record to 3-2.

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Letters

Thanks for Quinn and McClure

On Saturday afternoon, December 17, a community Christmas party, designed to reach the needy and senior citizens of the area, was held at the Kells Restaurant, in an atmosphere of fun, food and fellowship.

This event was made possible through the generous donations of messrs. Jerry Quinn and John McClure included a sumptuous dinner, with all the fixings, the singing of Christmas Carols, and a visit by a gentleman in a bright red

suit who stopped by to bring a lot of Christmas cheer to the many children who enjoyed the gifts he brought with him.

As an invited volunteer helper, I, with other volunteers, shared in the spirit of the occasion, as we fed some 600 folk. It reminded me that this was the real Christmas story, as young and old alike joined hands and hearts as one family, enjoying the blessings that this day brings to us all.

The colorful lights, the tinsel, and the songs of Christ-

mas all blended together with the above to make this a special day for me to enjoy, and I want to thank Jerry and Joe for their concerned interest in this outreach to the community.

Sincerely,
Stan Babcock
West Roxbury

Angry about Cromonic feature

I am writing about the Journal's front page article about Mr. Richard Cromonic who died last week in the fire on Tremont Street in Brighton. For several months during 1992, my brother and I lived at 72 Tremont Street (the vacant half of the duplex in which Mr. Cromonic died). Although we were not close friends with Rich, we did know him to be a pleasant, well-educated, decent man. After moving out of the apartment, my brother and I bumped into Rich many times. He always looked up from the book he was reading and made some wisecrack about still living in the "chicken-coop" where we once lived.

I read about Mr. Cromonic's death in the Boston Globe the day after the fire. The Globe did not try to comment on Rich's lifestyle, whether he had any friends, or any other irrelevant points. Rather, they told it like it was... "40-year old Brighton man dies in fire." A few days later, after doing some research, they published an article about the man

who died in that fire. That article spoke of a man who was hardly the friendless, unemployed loser your paper depicted.

The Journal's description of Mr. Cromonic and the way he died was an absolute disgrace. The references to half-empty pints of Jack Daniel's were not only unnecessary, but were downright irresponsible. How about commenting on the building itself? Could a firefighter taller than 5'10" even get inside? I doubt it. Was there a smoke detector? I doubt it.

The version of the Allston-Brighton Citizen Journal I read was marked "Complimentary Issue." I just hope you did not compliment Rich's parents by sending them a copy.

Sincerely,
Edward McAvinn
Allston

BSO benefit

On January 21, the Brookline Symphony Orchestra dedicated its musical program to the memory of the two young women slain, and all other victims of violence at the Brookline reproductive health clinics. The staff at Preterm Health Services would like to publicly express our deep appreciation to the Symphony for remembering our much-loved receptionist, Leeann Nichols, in this way.

No one can bring back Leeann, nor erase the memory of the horrible tragedy that happened. However, we are warmed by the concern that the community of Brookline and its great institutions like the Brookline Symphony have shown us.

We thank the Brookline Symphony's board of directors, musicians and members for honoring Leeann's memory with such a beautiful concert.

Sincerely,
Ann F. Osborne
Executive Director, Preterm Health Services
Brookline, MA

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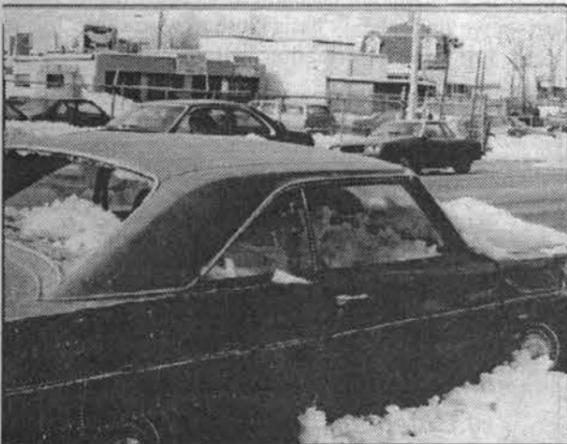
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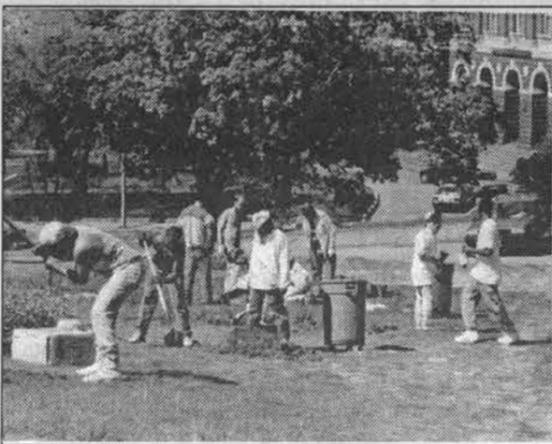
Text and photos by
Clyde Whalen



The physical setup of Allston, Brighton streets hasn't changed since gasoline was five gallons for a dollar which means that with the increase in traffic those streets are pretty crowded. When there's a fire this crowded condition means hangup time for fire trucks. This hangup time always costs money. In some cases it could cost a life. Which is why, when parking your transportation, stay far enough away from the corners to leave clearance room for fire equipment.



When winter finally dumps on us the question of what to do with the snow will arise. Some shovel the sidewalk and throw the snow into the street. Others shovel their cars out on the street and throw the snow on the sidewalk. Here's one where everybody wins. This abandoned car has been filled with snow.



When you think of kids in high school you imagine that they're never involved in anything more community minded than having a good time. Here's the other side of the high school kid, working to better things around Brighton High. This picture was taken a few years ago so the kids involved are probably in college by now.



Here a woman on Quint Avenue takes her rabbit for a walk. True, you don't see many people walking rabbits these days, but that doesn't mean it's not a good idea. All that's missing from this shot is a large looking glass and a watch for the rabbit.



Taxi drivers are supposed to be a notch or two above the average automobile jockey tooling the teeming streets of our fair town. Here one fails the test by engaging in a mid-day convenience stop. Notice the way he manages to block both pedestrian crossings at the same time. Such expertise should not go unrewarded. Maybe we should designate Harvard Avenue a creative parking zone?



No, it's not a hallucination. That's Kevin Honan on the shovel and Brian McLaughlin holding the bag. The picture was taken back in the days when members of our political intelligencia used to spend their warm spring and summer Saturdays helping to tidy up the area. Does anyone remember Judy Bracken who used to organize the effort?