

Area battles first snowstorm of winter season



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Bianca Carney (right), age three and Gabriela Carney, age two, get a free ride through Brighton Center last Saturday during the first snowstorm of the winter. The storm cancelled many events, including a planned visit to the Brighton Congregational Church from Representative Joseph Kennedy.

By Joseph M. McHugh

What do you get when you combine heavy snow fall and temperatures of 30-40 below zero with the wind-chill? Answer: Misery.

"I didn't go out for two days. I had plans for Sunday night and I had to cancel them," said Libby Wolfson, a resident of Brighton echoing complaints of residents throughout New England and beyond, about our first taste of winter.

"I think it's awful," complained Margaret MacGregor, a resident of senior citizen housing in Brighton. "It's hard to find a place to park. I grew up in Alaska, but even for me this is hard to take. Maybe I'm turning into a chicken," she mused.

Indeed public health officials say elderly in particular are at risk for injury in this tough winter weather. Dr. Brian Lisse of St. Elizabeth's Hospital said that the emergency room at the hospital has been seeing more than its usual share of elderly, who are suffering from injuries related to slipping on ice.

"My suggestion is that elderly people stay off the streets in this type of weather. I'm not suggesting that people stay in because that has negative effects as well, but they should get a younger relative or friend to help them around," he said.

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A Line tracks set for removal

By Chris Price

For the last 25 years, the A line trolley tracks that once serviced the MBTA sat dormant, causing numerous accidents and making a general nuisance of themselves. But according to the MBTA and the Massachusetts Highway Department, the final step in their removal will take place this spring with the removal of the tracks.

The tracks begin on Brighton Ave. in Allston, and wind down Brighton Ave. to Oak Square. They continue down Tremont St. to Newton, before ending on Galen St. in Watertown. Removal is expected to begin on Brighton Avenue, and is expected to take more than a year to finish.

"Action has finally replaced rhetoric," says Transportation Secretary and MBTA Chairman James Kerassiotis. "The Weld-Administration has heard the concerns of the people of Boston, Newton and Watertown and has followed through on a commitment to end 25 years of bureaucracy and government ineffectiveness."

The supporting poles and electric wires were removed last year by the MBTA, in preparation for the road work which is slated to begin this spring.

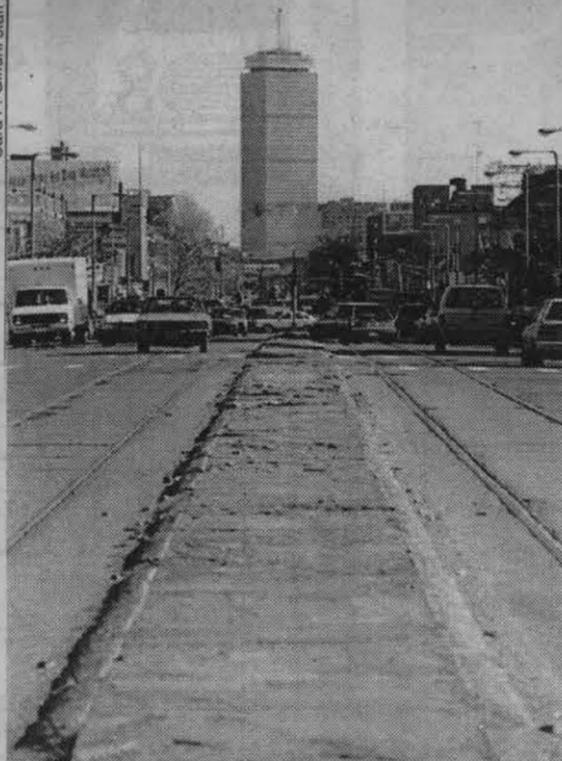
"[This spring], we will begin removing tracks in collaboration with the Massachusetts Highway Department to improve traffic flow and aesthetics in these communities," said MBTA General Manager John J. Haley, Jr. "Twenty-five years ago, buses replaced trolleys on the A Line to reduce operating costs, delays and accidents. We're here to finish what should have been taken care of a long time ago."

Many also see the action as an opportunity to upgrade a pockmarked and weathered Brighton Avenue.

"Brighton Avenue is in desperate need of repair," said Frank Tramontozzi, commissioner of the city's Transportation Department. "The mayor saw that street and asked us to expedite the project."

"It's definitely going to make a difference in appearance," says Theresa Hynes, co-president of the Brighton/

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The view of the A Line tracks on Brighton Avenue, looking towards the city of Boston. The tracks are scheduled for removal this spring.

Allston Improvement Association (BAIA). "For what I understand, a line of trees are going to be installed in the middle of Packard Square."

Once the tracks are removed, the Boston Department of Transportation will begin a two-year remodeling of what has been known as the "A line corridor." Beautification projects and reconstruction will highlight the two-year process.

CARE domestic project launched in Brighton

By Chris Price

Brighton's Mary Lyon Elementary School is one of four Boston schools that were recently selected to be part of the new pilot program launched by CARE.

"Boston is thrilled to be the city chosen to pilot CARE's first domestic project," Mayor Thomas Menino said at a press conference last week. "This initiative is very special to our community because it nurtures early childhood literacy - an issue close to our hearts that calls for books and family involvement outside the classroom."

CARE, widely regarded as the largest independent and development organization in the world, has chosen Boston as the site for their first domestic project. The project will entail distributing 30,000 books to the Mary Lyon School in Brighton, the Stone School in Dorchester, the Higginson School in Roxbury and the S. Greenwood School in Dorchester.

"Needless to say, we are very, very excited," said Principal Mary Nash.

The Mary Lyon Elementary School was chosen for several reasons, according to Dr. Art Steller, the Deputy Superintendent for the Boston School System.

"We selected the schools with the highest poverty rates," Steller said. "We also didn't want the four schools to be spread out across the city. They're all fairly close together, so distribution of materials would be easier."

Steller lauded the CARE organization for their response. "They could be the most responsive group we've ever dealt with," Steller said. "When we've talked with them, they have taken every one of our ideas into account."

On the occasion of CARE's 50th anniversary, president and CEO of CARE Phil Johnston felt that this was a good

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Newsreel

Allston's Ganong has chance to win big money

Allston resident **Rita Ganong** is one of ten semifinalists who will be present at the second annual TELEFILE drawing this week.

TELEFILE is a computerized telephone tax filing system which allows taxpayers to file their own taxes by touch-tone telephone.

"TELEFILE has really taken off and it's a big hit among those who have already used it," according to Massachusetts Revenue Commissioner **Mitchell Adams**. "The best part is that you can also win big money with TELEFILE. Plus, the earlier you file by telephone, the better your chances of winning part of the \$15,000 in prizes."

Seton Manor awarded \$3,000 grant from 590

Seton Manor, a Brighton home for men and women in recovery living with HIV/AIDS, was recently awarded a \$3,000 grant from the 590 Fund.

Located on Allston Street, the home is also for adults who have had trouble with addiction, homelessness or medical and/or psychological problems.

The 590 Fund is designed in such a way that practically all contributions are distributed to those in need; not tied up in operational expenses. Therefore, the staff at Business 590, WBNW and The 590 Fund take great pride in awarding grants to 68 shelters throughout the Commonwealth.

Brighton's Cook promoted at Pilgrim Health Care

Randy Cook of Brighton has been promoted to corporate planner at Pilgrim Health Care.

Cook has been employed at Pilgrim for two years, where he had been an actuarial and underwriting analyst. Prior to joining Pilgrim, Cook held a variety of positions at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

He received his master's degree in business administra-



Randy Cook

tion from Suffolk University and his bachelor of science degree from the University of Florida.

BHS Students involved in Shakespeare Competition

Brighton High students **Reagan Francis** and **Jaime Astwood** were the BHS representatives in the Boston Shakespeare Competition that took place last weekend at Emerson College.

They were with nearly 30 other schools that were competing for an all-expenses-paid two week-study tour of Great Britain.

In the semifinals (held Saturday at the Rivers School in Weston), students performed a monologue from a Shakespeare play, and then would recite one of the Bard's sonnets. In the finals, each student read a sonnet and performed two monologues, one of which is given to the student at the competition.

The British Consul-General for Boston, **John Owen**, was on hand to honor the winners.

A/B students honored at Boston Latin

The following Allston/Brighton students at Boston Latin Academy received honor roll grades for the second term:

Seventh grade: **Denise Chan, Jackson Chang, Melissa Chin, Antonia Goodwin, Victor Lee** and **Kristina Wong**.

Eighth grade: **Alicia Chen, Li Ju Chen** and **Laura Wong**.

Ninth grade: **Buttra Sann, Joshua Freeman, Christopher Lawlor** and **Peter Paperno**.

Tenth grade: **Tanya Coppin, Duong Do, Aaron Leung** and **Judy Lui**.

Eleventh grade: **Anna Chernova, Nhat Dinh, Oanh Nguyen** and **Judith Wong**.

Twelfth grade: **Richard Chandler**.

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The elderly are not the only ones suffering, according to Lisse. Many people are coming into the hospital's emergency room in Brighton Center with injuries related to shoveling.

"People should work in little bites and keep their back straight. The problem is people want to get the whole job done quick and they overdo it," he said. "The result is back injuries."

"Also, people who know they have heart disease go out and shovel anyway," he continued. "The cold already makes demands on the heart and shoveling increases that demand."

Lisse also warns that the cold sometimes triggers attacks in asthma sufferers. "It doesn't happen with everyone, but if you suffer from asthma and you don't know your patterns you should avoid the cold," he said.

Fire, too, can be a problem in the cold weather. Indeed there was some speculation that an electrical heater caused a fire in Brighton on Sunday night, where several people were injured.

"The electrical devices are generally safe," said District Fire Chief Ted Maiorana of the Boston Fire Department. "But people put them too close to furniture or drapes or

other flammable objects." Maiorana said another cause of fires is that people do not maintain their oil burners, and the burners cannot stand the strain.

Despite all the difficulties, Allston-Brighton residents can be thankful for one thing. The City of Boston finally shoveled the sidewalks over the Massachusetts Turnpike bridge. Residents have long complained about the sidewalks, which many children use, because neither the Turnpike nor the city shovels them in the winter. Turnpike officials claim it's the city of Boston's responsibility, while the city maintains it is the Turnpike Authority's job.

"I understand that the city took responsibility for it and made sure

it was done," said Paul Berkeley, President of the Allston Civic Association, something he has long pushed for.

"My wife told me that she saw an old man crossing the bridge and she said that's the first time she's seen that in this type of weather in thirty years," he said.

And who benefited from all this bad weather? Video stores. "We had two thousand rentals on Saturday," James Thiede, a manager of the Videosmith in Allston said. "The average Saturday is eight hundred. We expect many busy days in the cold weather," he added.

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-James Thiede, Allston Videosmith



Philip Johnston (left), president of CARE and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino (second from right) help kick off CARE's first ever domestic project last week.

CARE comes to Boston

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work for a bright, literate future. Each book package contains ten Scholastic books, as well as parent instructions that were translated into 10 different languages, including Mandarin, Creole, Spanish and Vietnamese. The children can take the book home with them, and build a personal library at home.

According to CARE, the program is scheduled to be tested in Boston. If it goes well, then it will be spread across the country. However, Steller feels that the program is going to work so well, CARE will have a pleasant problem on their hands.

"We are delighted to be working with Boston on our literacy initiative," Johnston said. "The project is based on a very simple, yet fundamental concept - giving books to children in need. With these book packages, CARE aims to get children excited about reading and to encourage parents to read books with their children."

The program targets children between the ages of 1-6 throughout the four schools, as well as a network of social service organizations under United Way's "Success by Six." CARE says that this age group was chosen because early intervention programs foster school readiness and build the ground-

"I think the biggest problem that they'll face is how to deal with the success of the program," Steller said with a laugh. "I think this will really touch a nerve with a lot of people."

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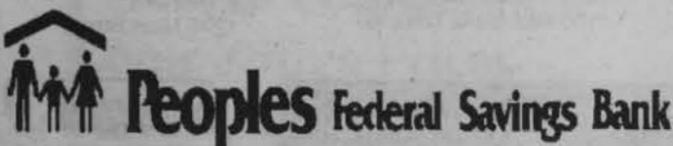
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News
Doherty meets with BAIA officials
 By Kurt Blumenau

Richard Doherty, St. Elizabeth's Hospital's new vice president for public affairs, vowed to "take on the responsibility of delivering on some of the hospital's promises" at the Brighton Allston Improvement Association's (BAIA) monthly meeting last Thursday.

Doherty, who spoke for about 15 minutes and answered questions from the 40-person audience, told the group the hospital will renew several community initiatives it began several years ago, including a job fair, area landscaping and community scholarship programs.

"We are committed to offering three scholarships a year for nursing school to Allston/Brighton residents," said Doherty, who said the scholarships would offer \$9,000 to \$10,000 a year for two years' study. "The first three women will graduate this spring, but we missed the second year."

According to Doherty, the hospital plans to form a board of managers whose departments, such as Human Resources, and Buildings and Grounds, have active community interests.

"We want to make sure they are cognizant of the human angle when they look at decisions," said Doherty, who noted St. Elizabeth's is the largest employer of Allston/Brighton residents located in the neighborhood.

Although no permanent plans were made at the meeting, Doherty and the board members discussed forming a community advisory committee to work with St. Elizabeth's, as well as having a hospital representative attend BAIA meetings regularly.

"We want to institute a community vehicle to work on things on a longterm basis," he explained. "If you don't put something in place, like an advisory committee, the months just slip by and there isn't much opportunity for dialogue."

In his speech, Doherty assured board members that St. Elizabeth's new acting president, Dr. Michael Collins, knows the community and feels very committed to work with it.

"He wants to be sure the people in Allston-Brighton feel comfortable and confident in coming to St. Elizabeth's," he said.

Following Doherty's speech, the BAIA briefly discussed the formation of a design preview committee to work with local businesses on the appearance of advertising signs.

"To put a sign up, businesses have to file with Inspectional Services," Bill Meehan, a representative from Mayor Thomas Menino's office, told the board. "But there's no real way for us to be warned for filings or permits requested."

BAIA chairwoman Theresa Hynes stressed the committee will seek to maintain good relations with local businessmen.

"We don't like to put businesspeople to any extra expense," she added. "We're only advisory, but we could talk about it."

Following a lengthy debate, the BAIA also voted to recommend the denial of a zoning variance for the construction of a basement apartment at 316 Summit Ave.

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News

Allston man arrested after early morning crash

By David R. Exum

Seun Kyun Han, 21, of Brookline was killed early Saturday morning when the car he was a passenger in struck a guardrail and skidded into the Charles River. Jeong W. Kim, 20, of Allston was arrested at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and charged with operating under the influence, vehicular homicide and numerous motor vehicle violations. Kim was arraigned Monday morning at Brighton District Court.

Han died when he could not escape from the vehicle, a BMW, as it sank into the Charles River within seconds after hitting the guardrail, state police officials said. According to police officials the car was heading west on Soldiers Field Road near Harvard Business School when it slammed

into a guardrail and then plunged into the river.

Police officials said the car was found a considerable distance from the shoreline. When rescue workers arrived at the scene the vehicle was nearly in the middle of the river, police officials said.

Three other passengers were transported to the hospital suffering from minor injuries, police officials said. Sung Chul Kim, 21, of Watertown; Jung Suk Lee, 28, of Watertown; and Chin Dae Jun, 26, of Arlington.

Han was a first-year student at Boston University and was studying English, a family friend said.

Police officials have not determined the cause of the crash and the accident is still under investigation.



The car involved in the early morning mishap.

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Editorial

“A” line track removal 25 years overdue

The removal of the ancient A line tracks is about 25 years overdue. With the increase in traffic along Brighton Avenue, the MBTA stopped train traffic in the early '70's, switching over to buses. Yet the tracks remained, like some ancient fossils from the Jurassic Era of transportation.

“Twenty-five years ago, buses replaced trolleys on the A line to reduce operating costs, delays and accidents,” said MBTA General Manager John J. Haley, Jr. “We're here to finish what should have been taken care of a long time ago.”

They have been a hazard and a menace to drivers trying to make their way along Brighton Avenue. Whenever there is rain or snow, it turns an already dangerous trip into the Boston equivalent of Mr. Toad's Wild Ride.

Most of the support poles and wires were removed by the MBTA this spring, and the Massachusetts Highway Department, working in conjunction with the T, will remove the tracks themselves later this year.

In addition to the obvious advantage of an easier ride down Brighton Avenue towards Watertown, it will allow the pockmarked road to be repaved, allowing the crater-like surface to be completely redone. In addition, the Brighton-Allston Improvement Association (BAIA) is talking about planting trees in the middle of the street.

It is an honorable idea, but it is about 25 years overdue.

CARE-ing for Brighton

CARE is an internationally-known organization that reaches into almost every area of need throughout the world. In their 50 years of service, they have helped all sorts of groups in places as far away as Rwanda, Haiti, Somalia and Bosnia. It began in 1945, when food packages marked “CARE” arrived in the French port of Le Havre to provide meals for the World War II soldiers.

CARE president Phil Johnston is a Bostonian who graduated from Northeastern University. So when it came time for CARE to launch their first-ever domestic program, Johnston wanted it to be launched here in Boston.

As a result, the students of the Mary Lyon Elementary School in Brighton, (along with the Stone School in Dorchester, the Higginson School in Roxbury and the S. Greenwood School in Dorchester), are going to be the recipient of nearly 30,000 books that will go to the children of the schools.

These books are much more important than their obvious value. They will provide the children with an incentive to read and an incentive to learn. The children will develop a library with the books that they take home, and will be learning at home as well as learning in the classroom.

Johnston says that if this program is successful, it will fan out across the country, and will be established in cities throughout the country.

We are not in the business of making predictions, but it is a proverbial no-brainer that this project will enjoy tremendous success. And when that's the case, we here in Boston will be able to point with pride that we were the first city to enjoy the fruits of the effort put forth by Phil Johnston and the men and women of CARE.

Phil Johnston and the rest of CARE should be commended for their efforts to improve Boston schools, and the future of children everywhere.

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The A/B community takes the bull by the horns and the removal of the “A” line tracks will soon be complete.

Bottom line

Councilor's conundrum

Brian McLaughlin said that the \$80K salary mentioned in the papers as recompense for the city clerk job won by Rosaria Salerno was wrong. The Allston/Brighton city councilor indicated that the pay could vary from \$70K to \$95K at the decision of the mayor. Brian also said that the assistant city clerk is salaried at \$63K.

Which reminds me that both Brian and Tom Keane voted to change the Wednesday council meeting time from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. as a favor to John Nucci. When I first heard Councilor O'Neill knocking Nucci for trying to hold onto four jobs to make ends meet it occurred to me that by voting for Nucci the council was abetting the long nurtured suspicion on the part of some voters that the job was a piece of cake and that the only people who did any work were aides who manned the office phones and directed people to the proper agencies.

If a man can hold three jobs besides his job as city councilor does it stand to reason that councilors who just attend to their own business have lots of time to spare? Not so, say most of the councilors, who regularly put in plenty of

overtime attending meetings and such. So, if counciling is a full time job then Nucci is a superworker and worth double, at least, whatever they're paying him. At any rate, the fact that the council voted 9-4 in favor of changing the meeting time for Nucci may be based on something that has no connection to the apparent cause.

I ask myself, are they really out to undermine the president of the council? Is this a palace revolt? Are the young Turks trying to turn Jim Kelley out to pasture? Imagine voting against the guy who hands out the goodies. So I ask others and they say, “Naww. No way. Nobody gets everything his own way. It's no big deal. The only guy under surveillance is Nucci, and he's not complaining.”

So I think about how Rosaria moved in on Ed Kelley's late-inning chance for promotion and wonder how I would handle the situation. Number one I think I'd play my cards close to the vest and not be too overbearingly helpful. After 32 years of gung-ho attention to the job I'd be inclined to do what I had to do and little more. After all there comes a time in everyone's life when he has to stop and smell the flowers.

All, that is, except the roses.

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Letters

Daley discusses graffiti

Graffiti is a problem that greatly concerns the police of this district as well as local residents. In an effort to combat these senseless acts of vandalism, residents are to be aware that, with the cooperation of the Brighton District Court, the Community Service Office at District 14 has a program in place that, in addition to any other sentence received, those found guilty of vandalizing by graffiti are required to perform community service by removing graffiti from various locations around the district.

The Allston/Brighton Board of Trade offer a \$100 re-

ward for anonymous info leading to the arrest and conviction of any graffiti artist.

Also, the legislature, in an effort to fight graffiti, passed a new law effective July, 1994 that makes this a three-year felony.

Compiled by
Officer Dan Daley
District 14, Brighton

Rufo lauds *Citizen Journal* story on warrants legislation

I am writing to let you know how much I enjoyed reading your article, published on January 26, 1995, in the Allston/Brighton *Citizen Journal*, regarding the recently enacted warrants legislation. As you know, the warrants issue and the need for its reform, has been extremely important to me. "An Act Further Regulating the Warrants System" is something I worked hard and long on and was I was delighted with its passage. Also, I firmly believe it is extremely important that the citizens of Suffolk County be

afforded with the security of a safe living and working environment for themselves as well as for their families.

Thank you. The article was well written and informative.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Rufo
Sheriff
Suffolk County

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The *Citizen Journal* encourages readers to submit letters to the editor as well as opinion articles for the newspaper's editorial pages. Submission should be no longer than 1,000 words in length and should contain the author's name, address and phone number. Send submissions in care of Letters to the Editor, the *Citizen Journal*, P.O. Box 659, Boston, MA 02258. Facsimile transmissions are also welcomed; the number is 254-5081. While the *Citizen Journal* attempts to print all submissions, space constraints may prevent us from doing so. The *Citizen Journal* reserves the right to edit all submissions.

Around Town

Clyde takes you down memory lane with a tour of North Beacon

Text and photos by
Clyde
Whalen



New Balance Shoe on North Beacon Street is a good neighbor to Allston. When vandals used the face of their building as a base for graffiti markings, New Balance removed all the paint. The only sure way to save the area from visual destruction is to keep removing this nuisance whenever it appears.



This is how it looked on North Beacon Street, across from the *Journal* offices, before Wingate erected their rehabilitation center. Open space, green grass, flowers and trees. Here young athletes from Mount St. Joseph demonstrate grace and ability in the game of softball. Due to the environmental care exercised by Wingate much of the open space still remains and young athletes still practice the popular softball games in another section of the development.



I'm leavin' this town for the wide open spaces where men are men and a horse is a feller's best friend, but first, maam, since all this heavy imagining has made me mighty hongry, I think I'll go home and have a bowl full of oatmeal and skim milk iff'n you think it's fittin'.



Bob Rufo exchanges political pleasantries with Kevin Honan as lawyer Mike McCormack stares into the future. Kevin traded his single life for the more blessed virtues of a married one. Bob Rufo is still the most pleasant looking sheriff in the county, while smooth Mike McCormack is still handling business for VFW 669.



Here an pleasant young painter from a Boston art school captures the beauty of Quint Avenue's Congregational Church from a perspective on Glenville. Sometimes we get so used to looking at the seamy side of a view we need to be sparked into an appreciation of our surroundings by the special senses and observational talents of artists.



One child's t-shirt is another child's nightgown. This tiny charmer is modeling one of ex-Mayor Raymond Flynn's artifacts from the days when concerts in the park were part of the Flynn Administration's Roman Holiday period. If this cute little girl has grown into this t-shirt please model it again and send us a copy. We'd be glad to print it.

Calendar

Announcements

Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center

20 Chestnut Hill Ave.; 254-6100

• Weekly schedule:

Thursday—9 a.m. Exercise (YMCA); 10-4 p.m. fix-it shop; 11 a.m. Long-term care presentation; 10-12 Blood pressure; 10:30 a.m. Choral group; Noon Lunch; 1-3 p.m. Venus' Bingo; 1-4 p.m. Bridge

Friday—8:45 a.m. Conversation class; 9 a.m. Exercise; 10 a.m. Walking

Monday—9 a.m. ESL; 10 a.m. walking; Noon Lunch; 1-2 p.m. Line Dancing; 1-2 p.m. Senior swim (YMCA).

Tuesday—9 a.m. Exercise; 9:30 a.m. Crochet; 10 a.m. Bowling 12 p.m. Lunch; 1-3 p.m. Bingo; 9-2 p.m. Tax Assistance.

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. 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).

Every Tuesday from Feb. 14 through April 11, an AARP Tax Consultant will be available to help you file your taxes for 1994. Call 254-6100 for details and an appointment.

• Upcoming trips

Feb. 8 to Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut, \$18 prepaid.

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. 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.

Feb. 16: "To Sir with Love." An immigrant teacher in London tames his rambunctious students and gains their love.

Feb. 23: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." An interracial relationship and the reactions of their parents.

• **Children's Films**- Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. "The Boyhood of Martin Luther King, Jr." and "The Seven Wishes of Joanna Peabody."

• **Creative Drama for schoolchildren**— Tuesdays 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.

Boston Black Investment Club holds monthly study groups on learning how to evaluate companies using fundamental investment principles. Free. For more information, call 738-6051.

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.

The Advisory Board for the Institute, which is the citizens advisory committee to the Vinfen DMH programs in the Brighton area, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 14 at the St. Columbkille Institute, 333 Market St. in Brighton at 6:30 p.m. All interested residents are invited and encouraged to participate. The committee meets the second Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Tim Mize at 734-1300, ext. 358

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 JMCC. 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



This cute tandem is here to remind you that February is Dental Awareness Month for Pets. Don't forget to brush!

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 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 Tae 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.

The YMCA, Allston-Brighton Family Branch

470 Washington St., Brighton; 782-3535

Open Monday through Friday, 5:45 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Fitness for New Moms**. This class is for you and your newborn. During your pregnancy, your body has been put to the test. Not only have you nurtured a growing child, but in order to do so, your body has been stretched, grown and changed. Fortunately it's not that tough to get back in shape. Join our group of new moms and make some new friends. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-1 p.m. (Members: \$25, Non-members: \$45).

• **Fitness Testing**. Sat. Feb 11 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A trained staff assesses your cardiovascular endurance and body composition. Free information, consultation and refreshments. For more information, contact Maura at 782-3535.

• **Shock, Scream and Run** is a two-hour program designed to teach women how to avoid potentially dangerous situations, how to avoid physical contact and how to handle a confrontation where self-defense is necessary. Two certified instructors will meet with you in February 11 from 1-3:30 p.m. (Members: \$35, Non-members \$40). Come in or call to register at 782-3535.

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• Feb. 14. 12-1 p.m. A Surprise Speaker discusses the literary scene today.

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.

Brighton Emblem Club #398

326 Washington St., Brighton

• **Country Store** sponsored by the Brighton Emblem Club, Wednesday, February 8 at the Brighton Elks Club. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the starting time of 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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Franciscan Children's Hospital & Rehabilitation Center

30 Warren St., Brighton. 254-3800

• The hospital is dedicated to the care and medical treatment of children, particularly children with special needs, and is asking volunteers to assist with activities for the children, including being a patient friend, day care, teacher's aide or clerical worker. For more information, call the volunteer office at 254-3800, ext. 1520.

Naranon— A support group for friends and relatives of drug addicts meets every Monday night 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Higginson House, McLean Hospital, Mill Street in Belmont.

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Police

Monday fire leaves little damage

An early morning fire last Monday has left three men treated for smoke inhalation at St. Elizabeth's.

The Fanueil Development Building, located at 81 Fanueil St. in Brighton, was the scene of a small blaze that started at approximately 4:25 a.m. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Upon arrival, police officers entered the building and were able to gain entry to the burning apartment by kicking the door down. They removed a semi-conscious male, William Shinkwin, age 73, from the premises. In addition, they evacuated six other families living in the apartment complex, and placed them in police cruisers to stay warm.

Fortunately, the fire was contained to the back bedroom in apartment 232, and quickly extinguished.

Shinkwin, along with Robert Shinkwin and Daniel Mariano, were taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation. The fire damage was limited to apartment 232, but the apartment below did suffer some water damage.

Arbuckles cited for violations

Arbuckles Bar at 1249 Commonwealth Ave. was cited for license premise violations late Wednesday night.

Upon arrival, officers observed a large capacity of patrons, blocking a safe egress to the exits. Random identification checks were made, and nine underage suspects were found to be consuming alcoholic beverages.

During this procedure, many customers fled from the premises, using both exits. Original estimation upon arrival was 135 people. Upon completing checks, just 20-25 people remained. The listed capacity for establishment is 99 patrons.

All nine arrested stated that no employee of the establishment ever asked for identification.

Armed robbery at Video Depot on Comm. Ave.

A robbery occurred at Video Depot on 1620 Common-



The early Monday morning fire left (second floor, center window) apartment 232 with minor fire damage in the back bedroom.

wealth Ave. last Sunday night.

Two male suspects entered the store separately at approximately 9:25 p.m., one of them carrying a knife. They then "teamed" up, and approached the clerk's desk. They went behind the desk, removing about \$400 in cash, as well as the store telephone. Both fled down Comm. Ave towards Boston on foot.

One of them left a glass soda bottle on the counter, which has been printed by police. The suspects have been charged with armed robbery.

Purloined parrot leads to larceny in Allston

A purloined parrot has led to a charge of larceny. Late Thursday afternoon, Jimmy Gentile, the owner of The Pet Shop at 165 Harvard Ave., noticed that a six-week old Senegal parrot was missing from the store. The parrot, who has a charcoal-colored head, green body and yellow front, was worth approximately \$700.

Gentile can remember just two customers in the store that afternoon. A police search of the area turned up nothing.

nations made be made in Ellen's memory to Rev. Joseph K. Coleman, c/o St. John's of God Hospital, 296 Allston St., Brighton, MA. 02146

FLAHERTY - Formerly of Brighton, in Mansfield, Feb. 2, Raymond F. Father of Maureen Flaherty of Charlestown. Son of Sarah "Sally" (McLellan) of Brighton and Leo Flaherty of Amherst. Brother of Steven of Brockton, Timothy Gayle and William, all of Brighton. Funeral was from the Lehman and Reen Funeral Home and St. Gabriel Church last Tuesday. Internment at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

MURPHY - Of Brighton, Feb. 3, William J. Beloved son of the late John William and Kathleen Murphy of Pt. of Pines, Revere. Loving husband of Josephine (Cugini) of Brighton, Beloved father of Elaine Molino of Milbury, Loreta Lamberti of Revere, Jean Furness of Andover, and John William Murphy of Rockford, Iowa. Loving grandfather of Richard, Matthew and Paul Furness and Fiorello Lamberti. Brother of June Colella of Revere, stepson of Ruth Cole Murphy of Warwick, RI. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA.

SHERRING - In Brighton, formerly of Punjab, India, Jan. 30, Shirin. Beloved daughter of Alfred and Catherine Sherring. Sister of George Sherring. Funeral services were held from the Lehman and Reen Funeral Home.

Obituaries

When Mrs. Patricia (Hagen) White of Back Bay, mother of former Boston Mayor Kevin H. White, died on Thursday, January 26th, at the North End Nursing home at the age of 93, the reverberations were felt in Allston/Brighton.

On Mother's Day, 1979, a ceremony was held at the Patricia H. White Housing Development, 250 units located at 20 Washington Street, Brighton and named after Mrs. White in her honor by the Boston Housing Authority's Board, in response to a petition presented to them by elderly development residents.

She was escorted by her son, the Mayor, her daughters and grandchildren. Her father, Henry E. Hagen had served as president of the Boston City Council; her husband Joseph C. White, had also served as president of the Boston City Council, as one-time state senator and representative and as chairman of the Boston School Committee.

Her son Kevin, four-term mayor of Boston, was extremely pleased for his mother whose immediate family had served in over 75 years of elected office in the city and she was the first of the Hagen-White clan to have a Public Building named after them.

--Clyde Whalen

CONNOLLY - Of Brighton, Feb. 5, Ellen T. (Connors). Beloved wife of Joseph P. Connolly. Mother of Michael A. and his wife Donna J. of Brighton. Funeral was held from the Sullivan Funeral Home and the Our Lady of Presentation Church. Internment at the St. Joseph's Cemetery. Do-

Births, Birthdays

Meaghan Kelly

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene and Jeannie Kelly of Brighton proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Meaghan Anne Kelly, born on January 9 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton. The new arrival weighed six pounds, eight ounces, measured 20 inches and will be joining her sister, Siobhan, aged two. Proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Mahoney of Brighton and Mrs. Benedict Kelly of Kildare, County Kildare, Ireland.



Hi! My name is James Paul Mitchell. I was born on Dec. 29, 1993. I live in Brighton with my parents Steven and Bettyanne Mitchell. I have two older brothers, Ali, who is 15 years old, and Matthew, who is six years. My grandmother is Marie Babbini of Dorchester. Also my grandparents are Phil and Patricia Mitchell of Billerica. My parents had a big party for me with all my friends and family. As you can see, I love to go to the park!

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Parking Problem Cited

Arena Foes Fight Choice Of Cleveland Circle Site

According to speakers at the state house hearings last Thursday concerning the construction of a track arena at Cleveland Circle, a new "untouchable" has been added to the American litany of motherhood, the flag and apple: recreational facilities for youth.

Speakers at the overflow hearing on the \$1 1/2 million sports palace who voiced opposition to the facility deplored the fact that they were put in a position of being against the youngsters. Nevertheless, they felt strongly enough about the subject to put themselves emphatically on record to this effect: "We don't want the arena if you won't write an iron-clad parking provision into the bill."

Proponents, on the other hand, stood on the argument that the facility was so sorely needed and the proposed location so perfect, that the state would be derelict in its obligation to the youth if the measure were not immediately put into effect.

Rep. Charles R. Doyle, whose proposed bill (H-2688) specifies Cleveland Circle as the site for the arena, told the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, which was hearing the five bills concerning the matter, that parking congestion argument was "a red herring." He declared that he was "confident" the arena would be approved by the end of this week, adding that he would "speak out strongly" if the bill were pigeon-holed.

Also appearing in favor was Rep. John T. Tynan of South Boston, who called it "a disgrace" that the city of Boston has no track facility at this time. "We represent the people of the Commonwealth, not the private interests," he asserted.

Joseph McKenney of Brighton, a physical education director for the Boston School Department and a member of the committee which recommended the Cleveland Circle site, said the 101st Army had been turned over to the

Department of Mental Health and the Irvington Street Armory fell before the Massachusetts Turnpike Extension, leaving high school runners with no place to compete or practice beside the Commonwealth Armory in Brighton, which is limited in space and unavailable many times because of conventions and shows.

Because of the lack of space in which to compete, he declared, the Junior High School track program had to be curtailed, forcing 1,800 boys to give up the sport.

McKenney said he was "shocked" to learn that the \$1 1/2 million in last year's MDC bond issue intended (but not specifically designated) for the arena had been spent already. "Time is now of the essence. Action must be taken this legislative session so that we will be ready for the next track season," he said.

Further support for the measure was voiced by Tom

Yonker, representing the Metropolitan Track League; Rep. Walter Burke of Natick and Charles Downs, executive director of the Massachusetts Secondary School Principals' Association.

Local legislators Rep. Arnold Epstein, Norman Weinberg and Charles Long also appeared in favor of the arena. Yet all had the same qualification: make sure there is parking written into the bill.

Rep. Epstein said that the "red herring" of parking should be removed, because although the facility is sorely

needed, the same problem occurred with the MDC swimming pool and skating rink which are now in operation at Cleveland Circle.

"I remember what happened with the swimming pool and skating rink."

'Visitors' for Thompson

House Election Hope Dims Here

Despite pressure from local officials and civic leaders, there appeared to be little hope this week that a special election would be called to fill the vacant seat of Representative Vincent J. Shanley, who resigned more than two months ago to take a post as legislative lobbyist for the MTA.

Power to call the Ward 22 election rests with House Speaker John Thompson, whose office told The Citizen yesterday that "no action was planned at this time." Most leaders have urged that the election should be held to coincide with the runoff to fill the seat of the late Sen. Michael Galvin, in order to save on election costs and to pull out more voters.

However some hope for action lies in a visit to the Speaker next Tuesday at 1 p.m. by a delegation of Ward 22 residents, led by Rep. Robert Q. Crane, and including Rev. Gerald Bucke of St. Anthony's Church and officers of the Allston Civic Association.

Since the deadline for filing papers for this election with local registrars of voters is Feb. 25, time is fast running out for calling the Ward 22 race.

Nomination papers must be filed with the Secretary of State's office for this election by March 3, with the primary following on March 24 and the runoff election on April 14.

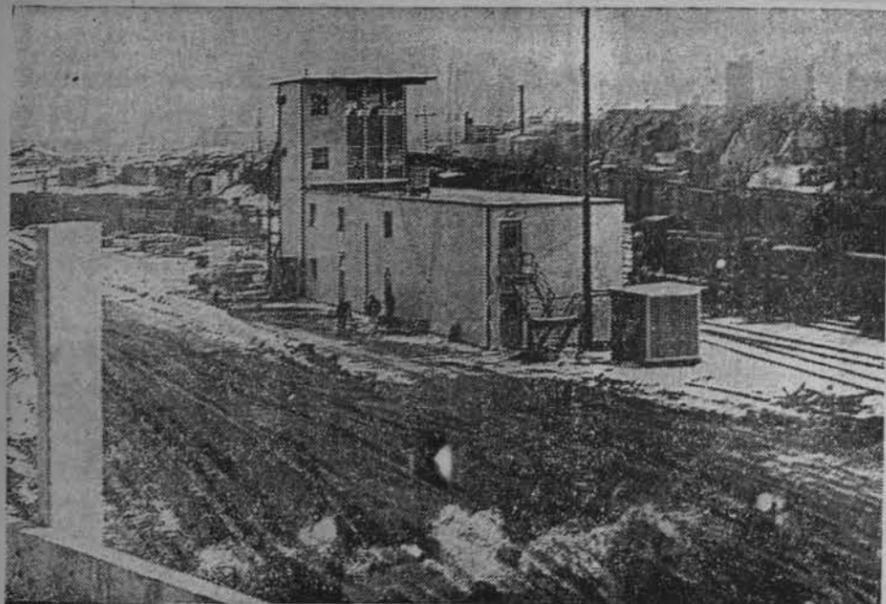
Three weeks ago, the 200-member Allston Civic Association scored the failure to call the election, citing the fact that the Ward 22 representation had been cut from three to one in the general court with the resignation of Shanley and the death of Sen. Galvin. Only remaining lawmaker in the ward is Rep. Robert Q. Crane.

Crane himself has deplored the failure to fill the seat, saying that the people of the ward deserve full representation.

One of the reported candidates for the seat, if an election is held, is contractor John Melia, who also has blasted the inaction. It is also reported that Gov. Peabody and Democratic State Committee Chairman Rep. Gerard Doherty want the election held.

On the Republican side of the aisle, Howard Phillips of Radnor road, campaign manager in the startling ward 21 victory of 23 year old Charles Long over Peter Cloherty, has indicated displeasure with the failure of Thompson to fill the seat. Phillips, leader in the GOP "New Boston" project, is reported to be after the ward 22 seat.

One of the several reasons said to be causing Thompson's reluctance is the fear that the Republicans may repeat the stunning upset they pulled in the ward 21 special election Dec. 17.



POSSIBLE NASA CENTER SITE — Above: View from the new Cambridge Street Bridge over Massachusetts Turnpike Extension in Allston shows vast railroad yard complex, with new control house in center. This area is said to be leading possibility for location of \$56

million NASA research center. Below, workers lay cement for sidewalk on east-bound lane of the bridge, which may be ready in a month. This is the "pressure point" for the turnpike extension, since the road will be opened to Cambridge street interchange in October.



Jean LeCompte Enters Race For Committee

Mrs. Jean S. LeCompte of Newton announced this week that she is a candidate for election to the Democratic State Committee from the Norfolk and Suffolk senatorial district which includes all of Brookline, Ward 22 of Boston (Brighton) and Wards 1, 6, and 7 of Newton.

Mrs. LeCompte has served both as secretary and chairman of the Newton Democratic City Committee and is currently a member of the Ward 6 Democratic Committee. During the past ten years, she has been a delegate to both state and national Democratic conventions.

Long active in Newton civic affairs, Mrs. LeCompte is also a former Chairman of the Massachusetts Chapter, Americans for Democratic Action. She is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke College (cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and holds a master's degree from Smith College.

Setting forth her reasons for seeking the post of Democratic Committeewoman Mrs. LeCompte stated, "I am primarily interested in the formulation of a comprehensive, constructive Democratic Party platform and the election of public officials of ability and integrity who will support and implement the program of the Democratic Party. I believe members of the State Committee have both the opportunity and responsibility to work for these ends — with the voters of their districts, with their local committees, with their legislators, and with the constitutional officers of the Commonwealth."

Cambridge Street Lights 'In Program' — No Date Set

Word came this week from the Boston Public Works Department that Cambridge street, from Union Square to Washington street would receive new street lighting under the 1964 DPW program.



The action came in the wake of last Thursday's accident on Cambridge street, near the Taft School, at the corner of Warren street, in which one woman was killed and another

er injured as they alighted from a streetcar.

Contacted by The Citizen, Robert Mehegan, executive secretary of the DPW, said the city has been aware for some time of the need for new lighting on the street. However, he pointed out that streets undergoing reconstruction have priority for new lights. Further, Mehegan said, the lights on Cambridge street have underground connections, and therefore take longer to replace.

Rep. Arnold Epstein of Ward 21 said he had met with Mehegan last Friday and was assured that the street would be included in the 1964 street-lighting program. He said Mehegan would not commit the DPW to a definite starting date because of the weather and the problem of available construction crews.

Rep. Norman Weinberg, who has also been working on the lighting program, said he has learned the program will start this spring.

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Arts

A wealth of theater for every taste

By Beverly Creasey

Two delightful "family" shows open this week: *Winnie-The-Pooh* at the Wheelock Family Theatre, which is geared for the little ones and *Once On This Island* at the Boston Center for the Arts (presented by Speakeasy Stage), which is sophisticated enough to engage the adults and lively enough to enthrall the children.

Speakeasy's fearless director, Paul Dagnault, has given Boston audiences the opportunity to see several nationally acclaimed plays like the charming Maltby/Shire cabaret, *Closer Than Ever*. *Once On This Island* is one of those, a Broadway musical which played to critical acclaim but never came to Boston.

Imagine a happy cross between *Les Miserables* and *The Wizard of Oz* and you have *Once On This Island*. Inspired by *The Little Mermaid*, this musical about an enchanted girl is set on an island in the French Antilles and serenaded with an infectious Caribbean beat (Book & lyrics by Lynn Aherns, music by Steven Flaherty). In addition to the compelling tale of starcrossed lovers and heroic sacrifice, you're treated to ten sparkling performances.

At the top of the list is Keesha Ulrika Fleth as the story's heroine. Fleth is a find with her big voice and powerful presence on stage. Her ingenuous performance as Ti Moune is simply breathtaking. Ti Moune is the little girl who is the favorite of the gods: Mother Earth (Alexandra Desuze), the Goddess of Love (Amy Yarbrough), the God of Water (John-Andrew Morrison) and the Demon of Death (Craig Parker) who would like nothing better than to possess her soul.

Special mention, too, to Dawn-Lisa Callender who dances up a storm, John L. Rolle as Ti Moune's adoptive father and Laura Johnson as Ti Moune's rival for the affections of Mark Christian Rocheteau. Rabiah Harris is the little Ti Moune in Paul Dagnault's spirited, sensual production. Kudos to Kristen McKinney for the ecstatic African rhythms in her choreography, to Jeffrey Burrows for his evocative "island" costumes and to Matthew Levesque for his simple, elegant set design.

Winnie-The-Pooh at the Wheelock Family Theatre animates the beloved A.A. Milne characters in a clever children's play about Pooh's predilection for honey and a certain run-in with the formidable Kanga. Pooh-Bear acquits himself heroically and all the animals, including thirty rabbits, live happily ever after.

Director Susan Kosoff manages to corral all thirty bunnies (portrayed by schoolchildren from Hyde Park to West Roxbury) on and off stage with the greatest of ease. My theater companion, a discerning two year old named Joshua, couldn't get enough of the rabbits. Personally, I favor the big, fuzzy Pooh-Bear, portrayed with relish by Mansur (it's worth the price of admission to see him airborne) and Elyse Garfinkel's somewhat hysterical Piglet; And I mustn't neglect John Bay's eager Christopher Robbin; Kevin Belanger's obsessive-compulsive owl and Sally Kindelberger's down-in-the-mouth donkey, not to mention Valerie Stevens' empowered Kanga, her little Roo (Yvonne Murphy) and Mimi Jo Katano's grumpy Rabbit (Well, it's hard to amuse thirty little rabbits all day.) This is a show which will remind you of the joys of being three again and why not, for an afternoon?

Strictly for the adults, the Triangle Theatre Company is presenting the British comedy *Straight and Narrow*, by Jimmy Chinn, which is grand fun for several reasons: it's a sweet, sentimental and quite funny story and it's got a terrific cast. Bob (Victor Dupuis) and Jeff (Neil McGarry) are a normal, humdrum couple who live together, work together and even vacation together. Jeff is beginning to feel stagnant. Every relationship needs a little excitement and this one lights up like Bastille Day when a young woman takes a fancy to Jeff and he forgets to tell her he's gay.

Bob is peeved, as you might imagine, and all of Bob's relatives have something to say about it. The amusement comes from watching the various characters spout off and try their level best to help. While all the performances are a pleasure, three are extraordinary: Neil McGarry gives a perfectly understated performance as Jeff, who yearns for a

family of his own; Maeve McGrath as Bob's perennially pregnant sister is so warm and witty, you want her to adopt you; and Ken Avery as her droll, work-a-day husband, has just the right amount of bluster and reserve to make him hilarious even when hidden behind a newspaper.

Peggy Malloy is the formidable mother-from-hell, Maura O'Brien is Bob's hyper-hysterical sister and Matthew Bernstein is the hysteric's very strange estranged husband. Troy Siegfried's direction keeps the play zipping along and Paul DiLeo's set of a modest, homey British flat is remarkably inviting. Susan Santonian's costumes are wonderfully "British" right down to Arthur's pointy Manchester boots.

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Sports

Athlete of the Week - Reggie Carter

By Des Moines

Reggie Carter confessed. The Brighton High basketball standout admitted he plays sports for the same reason the male species has since ancient times.

"If you're an athlete, you get the girls," Carter said.

Carter made this revelation after an unsettling, 46-32 loss at Charlestown High last Thursday. The *Citizen Journal* Athlete of the Week added that being a member of the Bengals is a privilege.

"Only 12 people in the entire school get to play for the basketball team," Carter said. "People look up to you if you're an athlete."

Carter's teammates are among those who hold the senior in such high esteem, according to Bengals' head coach James Philip.

"He (Carter) is the heart and soul of our team," Philip said. "He is an outstanding team leader and captain."

Carter displayed his leadership qualities against Charlestown. With 6:24 left in the game, Carter attempted a blocked shot and came down awkwardly, injuring his right ankle. The muscular forward limped to the sideline, looking both disgusted and frustrated.

However, with the Bengals' chances for victory quickly deteriorating, Carter hobbled back on the court in an attempt to spark his teammates. While Brighton's rally fell short, Carter's perseverance earned him the respect and admiration of his peers.

"Reggie is the hardest worker on the team," Philip said. "He usually scores 17-18 points a game with 16-17 rebounds."

Before the ankle injury, Carter showed great agility in his defensive game. He made a spectacular play by running with an opponent from sideline to sideline before forcing the exhausted player to turn the ball over. Carter also collected several rebounds.

"Reggie's strong points are his rebounding, ballhandling and his basketball instincts," Philip said. "He's a good outside shooter who slashes to the hoop."

Despite Philip's compliments, Carter feels that he has not met his expectations.

"My performance hasn't been up to par," Carter said. "Other teams are putting a lot more pressure on me this year. They're forcing me to shoot before I'm ready to."

Carter's "sub-par" performance has not deterred college recruiters. Philip said several local schools have contacted him, including University of Massachusetts-Boston.

"He (Reggie) is one of the three best players in the Boston area," Philip said. "Unfortunately, not a lot of people know about him because he plays for a team with a losing record."

Carter hopes to attend a local college and major in accounting, with an English minor. The Hyde Park native listed Kentucky and Indiana as the two out-of-state schools he would consider.

"I like Bobby Knight as a motivator," Carter said of the sometimes cantankerous Indiana coach. "I like to have a

coach who can motivate me."

Carter said his relationship with Philip is strong, although the two did not exactly begin on an encouraging note.

"I've never had any problems with the coach — especially freshman year because I didn't make the team," Carter said with a cynical smile.

Carter was a sophomore when the Bengals suffered a humiliating, 45-point loss to Latin Academy. Last year's rematch is at the front of Carter's scrapbook.

"We got them (Latin Academy) into overtime," Carter explained. "I've never been known as a great free throw shooter, but I sunk two free throws to win the game."

Carter does not shape his game after a particular NBA superstar, but acknowledged that he emulates the styles of many of the game's current and past greats.

"I try to take a little from each player," Carter said. "The way (Larry) Bird could sink shot after shot... (Michael) Jordan's penetration... Dominique Wilkins' power dunks... (Dennis) Rodman's rebounding..."

Carter said he enjoys watching collegiate games more than the pros and laments the current state of the NBA.

"The (NBA) game is not like it used to be," he said. "No one has stepped up to take the place of all the great players who have retired. It used to be easy to vote for the all-star team, but now you can't even recognize these guys."

Besides basketball, Carter also plays for the Brighton High football team. The versatile Carter competes at quarterback, running back and safety positions, but do not look for him on the gridiron in the near future.

"Those guys are just too big," Carter said.

BU, BC advance in final Boston Garden Beanpot

By Chris Price

The 43rd annual Beanpot final next Monday will have a distinct Allston/Brighton flavor, with Boston University and Boston College advancing to the finals of the 43rd annual tournament, the final one played in the creaky old barn known as Boston Garden.

The Terriers advanced to the championships by taking a relatively easy 6-2 win over Northeastern in the first contest.

In that one, NU took an early 1-0 lead, but BU came storming back, scoring four unanswered goals over the next 20 minutes before a dazed Northeastern team could answer. A single Husky goal gave the NU fans cause for hope, but it was quickly dashed moments later when BU countered with another to make the score 5-2. A single BU goal in the third period finished matters.

In the second contest, it looked like it was going to all Boston College, as the Eagles jumped to an early 4-0 edge. In a game that had more ebb and flow than a tidal pool,

Harvard stormed back into the contest with three second period goals, cutting the BC lead to 5-3.

In the final stanza, BC pushed to a 7-4 mark, and looked to have the game safely in hand at 16:30. That was when the Crimson Tide began to pull back towards Harvard. They scored two quick goals, and were looking to even things when time ran out.

So it's BU and BC meeting for all the beans on the second Monday in February. What else is new?

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